

FOOD SITUATION IN TURKEY IS CRITICAL

BERLIN DENIES SINKING OF THE SUSSEX

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course of commercial vessels, but kept in the middle of the channel, on a course about in the direction of Le Havre.

"Consequently we attacked the vessel at 3.55 in the afternoon, middle European time, one and one-half miles southeast of Bull Rock (Hallock Bank), the submarine being submerged. The torpedo struck and caused such a violent explosion in the forward part of the ship that the entire forward part was torn away to the bridge.

"The particularly violent explosion warrants the certain conclusion that great amounts of munitions were aboard.

"The German commander made a sketch of the vessel attacked by him, two drawings of which are enclosed. The picture of the steamer Sussex, reproduced photographically from the English paper, the Daily Graphic, of the 7th ultimo.

"A comparison of the sketch and the picture shows that the craft attacked is not identical with the Sussex; the difference in the position of the stack and shape of the stern is particularly striking.

"No other attacks whatever by German submarines at the time in question for the Sussex upon the route between Folkestone and Dieppe occurred. The German government must therefore assume that the injury to the Sussex is attributable to another cause than an attack by a German submarine.

"For an explanation of the case

the fact may perhaps be serviceable that no less than twenty-six English mines were exploded by shots by German naval forces in the channel on the first and second of April alone. The entire sea in that vicinity is, in fact, endangered by floating mines and by torpedoes that have not sunk off the English coast it is further endangered in an increasing degree through German mines which have been laid against enemy naval forces.

"Should the American government have at its disposal further material for a conclusion upon the case of the Sussex, the German government would ask that it be communicated, in order to subject this material also to an investigation.

"In the event that differences of opinion should develop here by between the two governments, the German government now declares itself ready to have the facts of the case established through mixed commissions of investigation, in accordance with the third article of the Hague agreement for the peaceful settlement of international conflicts—November 18, 1907.

"The undersigned, while requesting that you communicate the above to the government of the United States, takes occasion to renew to the ambassador the assurance of his distinguished esteem.

(Sgd.) "JAGOW."

Paris, April 12 (5.12 p. m.)—Fragments of the missile which damaged the cross-channel steamer Sussex, which have been handed the American naval attaché, will be forwarded to Washington in a pouch, leaving France next Saturday. The pouch will not reach Washington before April 22.

A report indicating the character of the fragments already has been called the state department, but the actual evidence furnished by the fragments is considered of such importance that they are being forwarded to the United States.

The American embassy is guarding the fragments from inspection, but it is understood that several of the pieces are not merely shattered bits of metal, but bear certain inscriptions which it is believed constitute damaging evidence of the character of the missile, and where it originated.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of Mrs. William J. Ferris, Autumn street, took place yesterday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Hodges conducted the services. Interment in the Church of England burying ground.

REWARD OFFERED

Anyone finding main-room, mainsail and staff of pilot boat Howard D. Troop, notify pilots' office, Reed's Point, and receive reward. Property lost between The Wolves and Grand Mannan. Mainsail marked No. 1.

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OPTIMISTIC WORDS FROM HON. MR. ROGERS

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And Little Hope Entertained of Securing Concessions from Allies for Shipment of Supplies.

Washington, April 12.—The government has official information that the food situation in Turkey is serious. Little hope is entertained of securing concessions from the Entente Allies for shipment of supplies, although measures to increase Red Cross work are being discussed.

Mr. Pugsley then moved to strike out \$250,000 from an item for Ottawa and Toronto public buildings but the motion was declared lost on division. Mr. Rogers himself, however, moved to strike out an item of \$100,000 for an addition to the parliament buildings and another for work on the Pictou customs house.

Mr. J. G. Turfitt said the minister of public works evidently did not realize the position the country would be in if the war continued for another year. The war debt would be a billion and if the government took over the Canadian Northern and G. T. P. another billion would be added which would mean the country would have to meet an annual interest charge of \$100,000,000. Four out of five of the public buildings proposed were absolutely unnecessary. He thought the cost of public buildings should be standardized as in the United States. Mr. Rogers informed him