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## GIVEN 15 MINUTES TO QUIT

### Steamer Berkelstroom Attacked by Two Submarines—Ship Was Shelled For Four Hours—Was a Small Vessel of 700 Tons Owned in Amsterdam

LONDON, April 25.—The steamer "Berkelstroom," bound from Amsterdam with a general cargo, was sunk on Sunday by two German submarines. The crew were given 15 minutes to leave the ship. The submarines then shelled it with their guns for four hours. The captain and crew consisting of 22 men were picked up. The "Berkelstroom" was a small vessel of 700 tons, built in 1915 and owned in Amsterdam. The destination of the steamer was not given in the above despatch.

## Germany Willing to Appear U.S.

### Indications Point to Powerful Influences Being Opposed to Any Action Which May Lead to Severance of Diplomatic Relations Between Two Countries

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Indications of powerful influences in German politics opposed to any action by the Berlin Government, which might lead to severance of diplomatic relations with the United States, is understood to be continued in confidential despatches to-day by the State Department from Ambassador Gerrard. Socialist and Labor leaders are represented as being particularly adverse to any such move. Other despatches from Gerrard were said to contain strong intimations that the Berlin Government would make some concessions to the United States in reply to the American note demanding an immediate abandonment of the present methods of submarine warfare. It is still uncertain, however, whether these concessions will be sufficiently broad in their scope to meet the American Government's demands. Officials allowed it to become known that Gerrard's despatches indicated that Germany would go to greater lengths to preserve her friendly relations with the United States. Gerrard is understood to have gained his views during conversations with Berlin officials including Foreign Minister von Jagow.

## Economic Commercial Conference

### Delegates From Entente Powers Will Meet on Thursday For Economic Conference—Premier Hughes of Australia to Take Prominent Part in Deliberations

PARIS, April 24.—The conference of the Entente Allies for discussion of economic and commercial questions will assemble in Paris on April 27. It will be attended by many distinguished delegates, including a number of Cabinet ministers from the various countries.

The sessions will extend over four days. President Poincaré will preside at the opening. The principal topic of discussion will be mutual exchange of commodities under a tariff system favorable to the Allied nations. Premier Hughes of Australia, who will be a delegate, is expected to take an advanced position for a joint tariff rates among the Allies and their colonies, reasonable rates for neutrals and strong discrimination against all dealings with hostile countries.

Other subjects to be taken up are:

1. An understanding concerning all legislation intended to regulate commercial relations among the belligerents, such as the execution of contracts, the recovery of credits, sequestration of goods and the subject of patents.
2. Precautionary measures to be taken against invasion of Allied countries by German products after the passage from the state of war to the state of peace.
3. Reparation of war damages.
4. Reduction of postal telegraphic and telephone rates among the Allied countries.
5. Agreements relative to the international transport of goods.
6. Creation of an international patent office.
7. The commercial regime of the colonies of the Allied countries.
8. Internationalization of laws concerning stock companies.
9. Measures intended to reduce metallic circulation through an international chamber of compensation and postal check system.
10. Uniform principles to be inscribed in the laws relative to false designation of merchandise.
11. Failures.
12. Legislation regarding the loss and theft of bonds payable to bearer.

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JOHN BILL (to young married man): "Good-bye, my boy. I am proud of you."  
YOUNG MARRIED MAN: "Then prove it, John, by shouldering my responsibilities while I am away."—London Opinion

## GETTING PRESSED FOR MEN

PARIS, April 25.—German forces around Salonika were greatly reduced during March owing to the operations at Verdun and on the Russian front, according to a Bucharest despatch to the Havas Agency, there remaining only two German divisions defending the Vardar gorges. The Bulgars number 25,000 men. There is also a small force of Austrian infantry with Austrian artillery.

## Kut el Amara

LONDON, April 24.—The British forces in Mesopotamia are maintaining steadily their efforts to relieve Kut-el-Amara, notwithstanding the check sustained at the hands of the Turks.

## Anniversary of Gallipoli Landing

LONDON, April 25.—The anniversary of the landing of the Australians and New Zealanders on the Gallipoli Peninsula will be celebrated to-morrow by a march of two thousand Australians to service at Westminster Abbey. Similar services will be held throughout the Empire.

## More Russian Troops Arrive at Marseilles

MARSEILLES, April 25.—Another contingent of Russian troops arrived here this morning.

## Little News From Either War Front

### Le Mort Homme and Argonne Forest Scenes of Great Activity—No Important Changes on Either Front—Turkish Claims Not Confirmed by Petrograd

LONDON, April 25.—Artillery bombardments alone are taking place on the French and Belgian fronts, the scenes of the greatest activity being in the region of Le Mort Homme and in the Argonne forest, with the Germans as aggressors in the former, and the French in the latter sector. French aviators, in squadron formation, have dropped a large number of shells on German positions at Lengyoin, St. Nay and Dune, near Montfacon.

Fighting between the Russians and the German and Austrians along the Eastern front continues at various points, but no important changes in positions are reported. The same is true in the Austro-Italian zone. A defeat of the Russians in the centre of the Turk line in the Caucasus region is recorded by Constantinople, but the Russian War Office announces that Turkish attempts to advance towards Trebizond were frustrated and the Turkish offensive in the direction of Kharput checked.

## Labor Party Won't Stand For Policy

Under no Circumstances Will They Assist a Government Policy of General Conscription—Threaten Industrial Strife and Other Privations After the War

NEW YORK, April 24.—A news agency despatch from Newcastle, England, to-day, says:—

The radical wing of the Labor Party under no circumstances will assist a government policy of general conscription. President Jowett declared at the annual conference of the Independent Labour Party, held to-day.

Such an adventure was bound to be disastrous to the country, regardless of the military outcome," said Jowett. "If we find at the end of the

## OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

### NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

Captain George T. Cary, St. John's. Admitted to 3rd. London General Hospital, Wandsworth; jaundice and debility.

267 Private Peter Samson, Fox Hr. Admitted to 3rd. London General Hospital, Wandsworth; sick.

### PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

158 C. Q. M. Sergt Norman A. McLeod 149 Gower Street. Previously reported with bullet wound in chest, Abbassia, Jan. 22. Now reported admitted to 3rd. London General Hospital, Wandsworth; phlebitis.

845 Sergt John G. Bethune, Edmonton, Canada. Previously reported with disordered action of the heart, slight; Malta, Jan. 21. Now reported admitted to 3rd. London General Hospital, Wandsworth; debility.

155 Corporal Michael Vail, St. Mary's. Previously reported with dysentery, Malta, Dec. 10. Now reported admitted to 3rd. London General Hospital, Wandsworth; enteric.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

## OFFICIAL BRITISH

### To Governor, Newfoundland:

LONDON, April 24.—No important changes on the British and French front.

The Russians have gained a great success in the capture of Trebizond by the combined efforts of fleet and army.

Attempts to relieve Kut are seriously hampered by bad weather.

Operations in East Africa are proceeding favourably.

BOSAR LAW.

### LONDON, April 25.—A British official communication issued to-night says:

"There has been mining activity about the Loos salient and Neuve Chapelle. Artillery on both sides have been active about Neuville St. Vaast, Angres, the Ypres-Comines Canal and Hooge. A hostile aeroplane was brought down by anti-aircraft guns near Ploegsteert. The pilot and observer were killed. One of our machines is missing.

LONDON, April 25.—Three Zeppelins visited the Eastern counties last night and dropped incendiary bombs, according to official announcement.

LONDON, April 25.—Conditions were ideal for Zeppelin raiders. The night was dark, and the atmosphere clear. There was a light south-west wind which had generally been unfavorable for Zeppelins, but it was little more than a mild breeze, and any threat of a storm, which might ordinarily have been presaged, was lessened by a favorable barometer.

The raiders appeared about their customary hour and seemed a little uncertain as to location, as early reports showed that only incendiary bombs were being dropped.

## Good Work

LONDON, April 25.—Telegraphing on Sunday, General Smuts reports our troops under General Vandevanter, after defeating the enemy before Kondoa Igrang on April 19, occupied that place. Prisoners were taken and a considerable number of casualties inflicted on the German forces which retired in the direction of the central railway.

war that the military is responsible for a situation where skilled workers are brought down to the level of unskilled; where women labour is cheaper than men's; where a capitalistic war and privateering has enriched the employing classes, and consolidated their power, then the war will be followed by industrial strife and more privations."

## ALL HUN ATTACKS FAILED

### German Launch Three Successive Attacks on New French Positions in Region of Dead Man's Hill—Officially Announced Assaults Have Completely Failed

PARIS, April 25.—Three successive attacks were made by the Germans last night on the new French positions in the region of Dead Man's Hill, on the Verdun front. The War Office announcement of this afternoon, says the first two assaults failed completely and that the third attack, although assisted by the use of gas, also broke down, the Germans sustaining heavy losses.

German troops also attempted last night to carry an advanced post at the redoubt of Avocourt, but were unable to achieve their object. On the Verdun front east of the Meuse there was less activity. Fighting with grenades occurred this morning in Apremont Forest.

## Gerrard Talks With Hollweg

### American Ambassador in Response to Phone Call Visits Imperial Chancellor's Palace—Refused to Give Any Information as to Nature of Discussion

BERLIN, April 25.—The American ambassador called by telephone to the Imperial Chancellor's palace this morning and went immediately after had a conference with Dr. Von Bethmann Hollweg which lasted one hour and ten minutes, but when he came from the conference Ambassador Gerrard declined to give any information as to the nature of the discussion. He would not answer the question as to whether anyone else was present. It is understood the German reply to the American note will not be delivered before the Imperial Chancellor has another opportunity of conferring with Emperor William.

## Passengers and Ship's Papers Are Searched

### Steamer Chalmette From New Orleans To Havana Is Held Up By Cruiser "Sydney"—No Explanation Given for Search

HAVANA, April 25.—The Southern Pacific steamer Chalmette which arrived here to-day from New Orleans reports that on Sunday morning about 150 miles out she met the Australian cruiser "Sydney" which stopped her by a shot across her bows. The cruiser sent an officer on board who examined the ship's papers and passengers, and then permitted the steamer to proceed without offering any explanation for the search.

## Turk Garrison Revolted

LONDON, April 25.—The Turkish garrison revolted and slew all its German officers before the Russians captured Trebizond, says the Daily Mail's Odessa correspondent.

## RUMOURS OF POSSIBLE TROUBLE

### Arrangements Made For Secret Session of Parliament—House Will Meet Under Ordinary Rules—Trouble is Expected From Group of Unionists

LONDON, April 25.—Arrangements for the secret session of Parliament to take place this afternoon are complete. The House of Commons will meet under the ordinary rules. Questions will be answered as usual, whereupon Premier Asquith will make a motion for a secret session.

## Huns Attempt Land Arms In Ireland

LONDON, April 25.—During the period between the afternoon of April 20 and the afternoon of April 21, an attempt to land arms and ammunition in Ireland was made by a vessel under the guise of a neutral merchant ship, but which really was a German auxiliary, in conjunction with a German submarine. The auxiliary was sunk. A number of prisoners were made, among them being Sir Roger Casement.

Sir Roger Casement before the outbreak of the European War was in the British Consular Service, having held posts in Portuguese West Africa, Congo Free State, Haiti, San Domingo and Brazil. In November, 1914, it was reported that Sir Roger, who was leader of the Separatist faction in Ireland had gone to Berlin, and conferred with the German Imperial authorities, his intention, it was said, being to open negotiations between the German Government and the anti-British party in Ireland. Assurances were said to have been given Sir Roger that should German troops land in Ireland, all native institutions would be respected by them. Sir Roger's followers in Ireland were, according to this report, to give every aid to the Germans.

The report of his activities in Germany created a sensation in England. Sir Edward Grey announced in the House of Commons that Sir Roger's pension as a former member of the Consular Corps had been suspended, pending investigation of charges of disloyalty against him.

Sir Roger was created a Knight in 1911. He is 52 years old.

LONDON, April 25.—It is announced officially that Sir Roger Casement was brought to London on Sunday for trial.

## Hostile Raider Is Driven off by Guns

LONDON, April 24.—A hostile aeroplane appeared over Dover this morning and was attacked by British guns; it was driven off and dropped no bombs.

## "Something Doing"

LONDON, April 25.—Immediately upon the return to London this morning of Premier Asquith from his Easter outing, Augustine Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland called on him.



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