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BRITISH

London, Aug. 19.—The White Star liner Arabic has been sunk by a submarine off the Irish coast.

FRENCH

Paris, Aug. 19.—The French War Office this afternoon gave out the following statement.

Germans Sink British Cruiser And Destroyer

Berlin, Aug. 19 (By wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.)—On Aug. 17 at two o'clock, five boats of one of our torpedo boat flotillas attacked a small modern British cruiser and eight torpedo boats near Harnsgriff light-ship on the west coast of Jutland and sank the cruiser and one destroyer with torpedoes.

Attempt to Kill Governor at Shanghai

Shanghai, Aug. 19.—An unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Admiral Tsing Jai Cheng, military governor of Shanghai, and director of the Kiang Nan arsenal by means of a bomb was made last night.

Aftermath Of Texas Storm

Beaumont, Texas, Aug. 19.—Reports of twenty deaths at Anahuac in Chambers County, during the storm were brought here to-day.

Finds No Ground For Any Action

Washington, Aug. 19.—States Attorney General Gregory reported to President Wilson to-day that investigation into the charges of activities by German agents in this country had so far disclosed nothing to lead to action by the Department of Justice.

Destruction Waited on Liner Off Irish Coast

STEAMER DUNSLEY

Standing by Survivors Also Reported to Have Been Torpedoed

Several cables have been received concerning the sinking of the White Star liner Arabic. These are summarized below. The Arabic was built in 1903. Her registered tonnage was 15,801.

London, Aug. 19.—The White Star line issued the following statement to-night:—"The Arabic left Liverpool at p.m. yesterday, and was torpedoed at 9.15 a.m. to-day in latitude 5.50 N., longitude 8.32 W. She had aboard 423 passengers and crew; so far as can be ascertained, there are 375 survivors. It is understood that only 6 passengers are unaccounted for."

The Arabic sunk in 11 minutes. Amongst those landed was Mr. Delmorrimon, of Canada, said to be a son-in-law of the Canadian Minister of Marine, Hon. Mr. Brodeur.

A message from Queenstown states that 396 persons were landed there; and it was reported that 50 lives were lost.

A despatch to the Press Association from Liverpool stated that the White Star line reported that there were 26 Americans aboard the Arabic. The American embassy has learned that the number was 15.

A Queenstown despatch to Lloyds says that the crew and passengers put off in 11 boats, and were picked up by a sloop which was proceeding to Queenstown, that the Arabic was torpedoed without warning and sank in 11 minutes.

Capt. Finch, Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Reserve was in command. He is a veteran skipper, having sailed in the Pacific for years out of San Francisco.

A report from the British steamer Magnolia said that the British steamer Dunsley, had also been torpedoed, but some time after the Arabic went down she was still afloat, and picking up survivors. The Dunsley is 5,000 tons gross and left Liverpool yesterday for Boston.

The Arabic was bound for New York. On her last eastward trip the Arabic arrived in Liverpool on August 6 from New York. Following the receipt of a cablegram announcing her safe arrival, the bureau of combustibles of New York City, allowed the fact to become known that sticks of dynamite had been discovered on board the liner on July 27, the night before she sailed from New York for Liverpool.

The warship towing the Arabic to Queenstown says that there were 22 Americans in second cabin and 3 in steerage.

According to survivors the Arabic was torpedoed without warning. Excellent discipline prevailed. Twenty-one boats were lowered. Apparently all, except those that were empty were picked up.

In later announcements the White Star office gives the list of lives lost as 6 passengers and 26 of the crew, adding that it is impossible to state definitely whether any Americans are among the lost.

Military Leaders Kitchener-Millerand Visit the Front

Paris, Aug. 19.—A joint inspection of parts of the Western battle line was made on Monday by Kitchener and M. Millerand, French War Minister. They were accompanied part of the time by General Joffre and Sir John French.

The military leaders paid particular attention to conditions in Champagne and Woivre. An official note which gives details of the trip, says that Kitchener and Millerand were greatly pleased by the splendid appearance of the troops and their high morale.

Several conferences were held, but the nature of these is not disclosed.

THE GERMANS STILL CONTINUE THEIR ADVANCE AGAINST THE RUSSIAN POSITIONS IN POLAND

Fall of Kovno Compels Grand Duke to Withdraw from Kalwarya and Sulwalki—Only in Baltic Provinces Can Russians Hold Their Own

Novo Georgievsk and Brest-Litovsk Defenses in German Hands—French Make Some Advances in the Vosges and Improve Their Position—Turkey's Sky is Looming Dark—Italy Now Threatens Ottoman Empire

London, August 20.—The sinking of the White Star liner Arabic with the loss, it is feared, of some fifty lives and valuable cargo, completely overshadowed all other news of the war, in spite of the continued German advance on the eastern front, seriously endangering a portion of the Russian army, and which must have an effect on the other fronts.

Berlin reports to-day claim the fortress of Kovno has fallen, compelling the Russians in Kalwarya and Suwalki districts on the east Prussian frontier to fall back, in fact the Russians now appear to be able to hold their own only in the Baltic Provinces, where they are preventing the Germans from advancing.

Besides the capture of Kovno the Germans have taken in addition Novo Georgievsk forts, and according to

Latest Details Of the Sinking The Liner Arabic

Moderate Weather and Smooth Water Accounts For That

ONLY SIX LIVES LOST

Torpedo Struck the Ship Well Aft and She Sank in Ten Minutes

London, Aug. 20.—The big White Star line steamer Arabic, formerly a favorite ship in the Liverpool-Boston service, but which on the present trip was on her way to New York, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine at 9.15 o'clock, Thursday morning, S.E. of the Fastnet.

The steamer, according to the statement of the White Star line, was attacked without warning, and went down in ten minutes. Of the 423 persons on board, 181 passengers and 242 members of the crew, 32 are missing. They are believed to have perished. Most of those who have not been accounted for belong to the crew. Only six passengers are reported missing.

Whether any of those not accounted for are Americans has not yet been determined, but there were only 26 citizens of the United States on board, 22 being in the second cabin and four in the steerage. The Arabic carried no first-class passengers, having lately been turned into a second-class liner.

Survivors who left the stamer in the ship's boats, were picked up later by passing vessels and arrived in Queenstown to-night, they being accommodated by the White Star line in hotels and boarding houses in the little town, which so short a time ago cared for the survivors and dead of the Lusitania.

Details of the sinking of the Arabic are lacking, but that the loss of life was not greater is doubtless, due to the fact that the weather was fine and that steamers plying in the German submarine zone now keep their boats swung out and otherwise prepared for emergencies.

The torpedo which sank the Arabic struck her on the starboard side, one

hundred feet from her stern.

The vessel had left Liverpool Wednesday afternoon and taken a southerly course well off the Irish coast, doubtless with a view of avoiding the submarines, which frequent the waters nearer the shore. When some fifty miles west of where the Lusitania was sunk in May, the German underwater boat rose to the surface and launched the torpedo. The marksmanship of the Germans, as in the case of the Lusitania, was deadly accurate and like the Lusitania, the big liner quickly settled and shortly disappeared from view. Some survivors, according to reports received here, say that they had just witnessed the torpedoing of a British steamer, presumably the Dunsley, and that this caused great alarm on board the Arabic.

In their fright, the passengers had to rush for life preservers and had barely adjusted them when the German submarine had turned its torpedo against the vessel's side.

Ten life boats and a number of life rafts were quickly got over the side of the steamer. Into these a large number of passengers and members of the crew scrambled, many passengers however, fell into the water, but they got hold of the rafts and clung to them and later were rescued.

One woman fell into the sea and screamed pitifully for help, the weather and tidal conditions being favorable, some sailors swam to her assistance and succeeded in lifting her upon a raft. Among those who were rescued were Capt. Will Finch, commander of the Arabic, all the deck officers, chief engineer, surgeon, purser, assistant purser, chief steward and third class steward. The third engineer, Lugon, is among the missing. One passenger on board was Kenneth Douglas, the well known English actor. Douglas was on the Lusitania when she was sent to the bottom, his good luck followed him again to-day for he is among the survivors.

When the news of the sinking reached London, late this afternoon, it caused a tremendous sensation. First reports stated it was feared a large number of passengers had been lost. Crowds soon gathered at the White Star office, making inquiries for friends and relatives who had taken passage on board. Reassuring news came shortly by wireless, however. It was to the effect that some 15 or 16 boats and life rafts had left the steamer safely and had been picked up and were being towed into Queenstown. Later, a private telegram brought the news from most of the passengers that they were safe, although some of them were injured. Capt. Finch was formerly in the Pacific Mail service, but for some years has been com-

mander of the Arabic. The steamer is the largest yet sunk by the Germans, with the exception of the Lusitania.

There is no evidence yet of the Grand Duke Nicholas' intentions, but military writers are of the opinion that the swiftness of the German advance rendered it impossible for him to make a stand on the Brest-Litovsk line, which had already virtually been turned by field marshal Von Mackensen, south, and by his colleagues, north.

The French have scored two successes in the west, taking a portion of a German trench at Artois, after heavy all-day bombardment and making further advance on the Linge summit of the Vosges. On both of these sectors there have been heavy and continuous fighting, in which the French claim to have greatly improved their positions by the capturing of

Allies Determined On Supreme Effort Take Dardanelles

Suvla Expedition Meets Heavy Losses

For Violation States' Neutrality

Germans Apply Torpedo Precipitant

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Serbia Accepts Allies Proposals

Paris, August 20.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Berne says, according to information from semi-official Serbian sources here, Serbia has accepted the conditions of the Allies and will consent to the occupation of Macedonia by the Allies in exchange for a section of the Dalmatian coast and adjacent lands and participation of Albania with Greece, except Avlona, which will remain Italian. When this is accomplished the Allies will transfer Macedonia to Bulgaria. The plan only waits the decision of Italy.

Swiss Factories Get Big Orders For Munitions

Geneva, Aug. 20.—The "Luzzone Gazette" says the the British Government has recently placed a large order for ammunition, especially shells, with Swiss factories, supplying the raw material to the Swiss through France.

Eight Only Not Accounted For

London, Aug. 20.—The local office of the White Star line announces that all but eight passengers of the Arabic have been safely landed at Queenstown. Four of the eight are Americans.

Italian Squadron Ready To Sail Against the Turk

Taranto, Italy, Aug. 19.—A strong squadron of fast cruisers is being held in readiness to sail from here at a moment's notice.

It is expected the warships will be sent against Turkey if that country declines to satisfy Italy's demand for the release of Italian subjects held by the Ottoman empire.

Young Russians Called to Colors No Exemptions

Paris, Aug. 19.—The Russian Embassy announces that by decree of the Emperor the young men of class 1916 have been called to the colors, dating from 20th August.

No exemption whatever, by reason of family connection or study abroad will be allowed, the announcement adds.

Round Up Parties To Lynching Bee

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 19.—Governor Harris planned to confer with the members of the State prison commission here to-day relative to steps to be taken for the arrest and conviction of members of the mob which hanged Leo Frank.

Allies Agreed Cotton Contraband

Washington, Aug. 19.—The allied governments have agreed on the principle that cotton is contraband of war. The exact date when this announcement shall be made is still under consideration.

No Canadians On "Royal Edward"

Ottawa, Aug. 19.—The following message has been received from the British admiralty:

"As far as we know there were no Canadians on board the Royal Edward at the time she was torpedoed."

Italy Concentrates Five Army Corps Destination Unknown

Brindisi, Italy, Aug. 19.—Five army Corps, concentrated at Apulia, have been ordered to prepare to leave for an unknown destination.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. H. B. Robinson, of Robinson & Fox, arrived here last night, having come down the S. W. coast in the Glencoe.

The Durango sailed for Liverpool at 1 p.m. to-day taking Dr. J. J. Murphy and wife, E. W. Morris and H. G. Wisdom as passengers.

We hear to-day that Mr. Chas. Parsons, has sold his photographic business to Mr. F. E. Outerbridge, and that he goes to the United States to take a lucrative position with a large photographic company.

The fire which occurred on Patrick Street this morning, though quickly quenched, damaged the roof of Messrs Skanes and Carew's house, a hole being burned in the roof.

Mr. Thomas Stirling of the R. N. Co's General Freight Office, left by Tuesday's express on a vacation. Rumour has it that he will return with a life partner. Congratulations, West-on.

There were no prisoners before Judge Hutchings in the Police Court to-day. Fourteen cases of civil business came up including one of a contentious nature between Joseph Judge and a Pk. Neville as to the ownership of a dog valued at \$20. Mr. C. J. Fox for Plaintiff and Mr. Higgins for Defendant.

Fishery Report

Twillingate.—S.S.W., fresh, fine, clear and warm; traps 1/2 to 2 blbs.; hook and line 1/2 bbl. of codfish.

Sound Island.—Jigged 200 to 500 per dory last evening; prospects good.

Lawson.—About 200 squid per man jigged last evening. Thersa Maud and Mina baited and sailed yesterday morning.

Mr. Grace.—Plenty of bait; codfish scarce.

Bonavista.—Fair sign of fish, but no bait; only a sign of squid.

Mr. Breton.—Skiffs and dories not out; squid very scarce and uncertain; none last night or to-day.

Bonne Bay.—Wind west, fine; few squid coming; jigged codfish still scarce.

Tilt Cove.—Sign of squid; fishing very poor for traps; hook averaging quintal.

Petrograd May Be Abandoned For Moscow

London, Aug. 20.—The possibility of the removal of the Russian seat of Government to Moscow is discussed by the Post's Petrograd correspondent who says the Russians are calmly considering the enormous advantages to the permanent well-being of the empire if forthcoming events should compel the removal of the capital inland to Moscow. The premier capital still is the nerve centre of the empire, upon which all railways converge.

Two Steamers Sent to Bottom

London, Aug. 20.—Two small British steamers, the Restormal and Baron Erskine have been sunk by German submarines. The crews were saved.

Novo Georgievsk Has Surrendered

Berlin, Aug. 20.—An official announcement is made here to-day of the capture of the important Russian fortress of Novo Georgievsk, with more than twenty thousand men.

A veteran car conductor in Boston recently lost his job and was obliged to take the next best thing he could find, the position of sexton in a church.

He presented the collection box to a pillar of the church one Sunday and in fishing out some change from his vest pocket, the man brought to light two cigars.

The exconductor leaned over him and in the most solemn of tones said: "Smokin' permitted in four rear seats only."

But a mother in-law can lay down the law to a lawyer.