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Gerard and Others Held As Hostages

Washington Confirms News of Detention of Americans

RESTRICTIONS ON AMBASSADOR It is Said He is Not Permitted to Send Code Telegrams

Washington, Feb. 8.—Ambassador Gerard, American consul and the American sailors brought in on the prize ship Yarrowdale, are being held in Germany until assurances have been received from here as to the safe departure of Count Von Bernstorff and the German consul, and the safety of German war-bound ships in this country.

It was said at the state department today that sensational reports have been current in Germany that the German ships here have been confiscated and their crews seized. Pending confirmation Germany has detained the Americans.

Officials here are inclined to minimize the importance of the detention, because they believe it largely has arisen from a misunderstanding and soon will be straightened out.

It has been officially announced that there is no intention of taking the German ships. Moreover, dispatches have been conveyed to Germany through the Spanish embassy as to the courtesies granted to former German officials in this country and their receipt is expected to clarify greatly any misconception in Germany as to America's attitude.

That Ambassador Gerard is still in Berlin and not at Bern as it was thought possible yesterday, is shown in a dispatch received today from Ambassador Willard at Madrid.

Washington, Feb. 8.—France has formally granted safe passage through Allied blockade for Count Von Bernstorff and his suite. Similar action is being awaited from Great Britain.

London, Feb. 8.—The German government will require guarantees that Von Bernstorff and the men on German ships in American ports will be permitted to leave the United States before allowing Ambassador Gerard and other Americans in Germany to depart from that country, according to the Copenhagen politician quoted by Reuters.

This information, the politician says, is contained in a telegram sent by Ambassador Gerard to the American legation at Copenhagen. All Americans in Germany, including those captured by the German raider in the South Atlantic and taken to Germany on the Yarrowdale, are said to have been detained as hostages.

An Exchange telegraph despatch from Copenhagen gives the same report regarding the detention of Americans in Germany, and adds that Ambassador Gerard is not permitted to send telegrams in code.

POLICE COURT William Leonard was arraigned in police court this morning on charge of being drunk in the Station House, Police road. He was arrested last night about 11.30 o'clock by Policemen Jones and Benoit. This is the second time this month that Leonard has been before the court.

On the last occasion he was charged with begging. The court made clear that the city was not going to support such a class of men. He was sent below.

Three others were before the court charged with drunkenness. They were fined the usual amount.

FROM PTE. W. F. BROWN. Mr. James Brown, of 8 Sheriff street, has received word from her son, Pte. William Foster Brown, who is in Base Company No. 1, Old London road, Sussex, England. In his letter he thanks the ladies of Dominion Lodge, L. O. B. for Christmas boxes. Pte. Brown has been wounded and writes that he is coming around fine and expects to be "back in the harness" soon again. The boxes were in good condition and the contents were just the things that a soldier boy wanted.

GERMAN VESSELS AT BOSTON CRIPPLED It Would Take Six to Nine Months to Make Them Ready for Sea

Boston, Feb. 7.—Evidence that most, if not all, the vessels of the refugee German fleet of this port have been rendered useless by damage to engines, boiler heads and valves, is understood to have been found by Captain John B. Coyle, of the coast guard service, who is making a special examination of the vessels for the customs service.

CANADIANS ARE AMONG MISSING

Forty-one People on California Unaccounted For

THERE WAS NO WARNING

Official Word Comes to Anchor Line—Further News of Deaths Work at Sea—Evestone Boats Shelled by Submarine

Washington, Feb. 8.—The latest report on the destruction of the California received this morning at the state department from Consul Frost at Queenstown, puts the number of survivors at 162 and the missing at forty-one. It says that the ship apparently was torpedoed about ten o'clock on Wednesday morning.

The names of thirteen persons listed as missing were received as follows—Second surgeon Mrs. E. Smith, Edna Smith and Mrs. Kidd, Calgary, Alberta; J. W. Alderson and son, Vancouver, B. C.; Mrs. Alderson was saved; Mrs. W. C. O'Donnell and two children, of Philadelphia, (three O'Donnell children appear on the ship's passenger list); Nellie Gillies, New York city; Miss Madge Roberts, Toronto.

Storage—Mrs. Margaret Little and one child, New York city (three other little children apparently saved); Miss Annie Forbes, Toronto.

New York, Feb. 8.—Official cable advices that the British steamer California was torpedoed without warning were received here today by the Anchor line.

But One Saved. London, Feb. 8.—The chief engineer and sole survivor of the Belgian relief steamer Las Cruz, has arrived at Copenhagen, according to a Reuter dispatch from that city.

The Reuter dispatch says that the engineer confirmed the report that the steamer was sunk without warning about 10 o'clock in the morning.

London, Feb. 8.—Survivors of the torpedoed British steamer Evestone are reported as being—last they were only two ships lengths away from the submarine when the latter shelled the vessel.

They assert that there was no justification for the firing, as everybody on the ship was in the water. The steamer was sunk while a hundred miles from land, and the crew spent nine hours in the water before being rescued.

Queenstown, Feb. 8.—The British steamer Turino has been sunk by a submarine. The Turino was of 299 tons net. She was last reported at Norfolk, whence she sailed on January 19 for Liverpool.

Paris, Feb. 8.—Six men of the crew of the British vessel Dauntless were picked up after she was torpedoed by a German submarine. Two members of the crew were killed and the captain seriously wounded.

London, Feb. 8.—Lloyd's reports that the sinking of the British steamer Hollis, a vessel of 2,608 tons gross, has been reported.

London, Feb. 8.—The sinking of the British steamer Dauntless, of Newcastle, has been reported. The crew of twenty-three have landed; two of them have died and the other four are in a hospital.

FOUR THOUSAND MORE FROM CANADA REACH ENGLAND IN SAFETY

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—It is officially announced through the chief press censor's office that the following troops have arrived safely in England—2800 Forestry Battalion, infantry; drafts from St. Catharines, Halifax, London, Winnipeg, British Columbia and Yukon territory; draft for French-Canadian battalion and five Irish battalions.

The draft for the Forestry Battalion, Garry Horse, for artillery, engineers, medical corps, army service corps, signaller corps, drafts from St. Catharines, Halifax, London, Winnipeg, British Columbia and Yukon territory; draft for French-Canadian battalion and five Irish battalions.

On Tuesday night an aviator threw down six bombs on the military establishments at Lehr, Grand Ducy of Boulogne. One of the bombs exploded, and a fire was started. The aviator was seen to be in the air for some time before he was shot down by anti-aircraft fire.

The mayor said that, although he was sorry to bring up the matter in the absence of the harbor commissioner, he felt that action must be taken to reduce the number of wharf watchmen by strong on south coast.

German-Americans Pledge Loyalty to the States in Case of War

Philadelphia, Feb. 8.—Pledges of loyalty to the United States in the event of war with Germany were made today by the German-American National Alliance.

The members of the organization, numbering 3,000,000 at a meeting of delegates from twenty-eight states, pledged their loyalty to the United States and its president.

It was two hours after midnight when the meeting adjourned. In a statement, Dr. Hexamer said the alliance had adopted resolutions endorsing President Wilson's action in severing diplomatic relations with Germany.

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Stanley Kelly Drowned in Bay

Pilot Apprentice Thrown into Sea as Boat Capsize

ONE OF CREW OF THE LYNCH

He and Another Had Placed Pilot on Steamer and Had Returned to Pilot Boat, When Wave Upran Small Craft

Stanley Kelly, an apprentice pilot, son of Edward Kelly, of St. James street, was drowned last night about 10.30 o'clock in the waters of the Bay of Fundy, between Negro Head and Musquash. He was one of the crew of the pilot boat David Lynch.

The news was brought to the city by members of the crew who witnessed the fatality. It was the effect that the pilot boat was outdied last evening to take Pilot James Miller down the bay, which is to be bound in an ocean liner that was coming up.

About 10 o'clock Pilot Miller left the Lynch via small boat, accompanied by Kelly and another apprentice named Miller. They made the trip to the steamer, but Miller abandoned sea and was blown overboard, when a large wave struck the Lynch, when a wave sprang up, accompanied by a heavy sea and snow squalls. They, however, made the trip to the pilot boat, when they stepped from the small boat to the deck of the Lynch, but had no sooner landed that the Lynch was struck by a small wave which threw Kelly into the sea.

One brother, Martin, in this city, and one sister, Jean, also of this city.

This is the first mishap that has happened to the crew of the David Lynch, and the captain, Pilot Thomas Traynor, feels the accident very keenly.

SHERRIDAN NOW REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT TWO MEN ATTACKED HIM

It is understood upon good authority that Sheridan was picked up last evening near Long Wharf, and returned to the local detective department today, that he was attacked last evening by two persons, but outside of this he could remember nothing.

His cap was found underneath the bridge today at noon. This afternoon at the hospital he was reported to be resting much easier.

WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis—The disturbance which was over northern Ontario yesterday is now centered in the Lower St. Lawrence Valley. There is a difference of twenty-five cents a yard and so far the weather has spread into the western provinces. The weather has been mild from the Great Lakes eastward, with local snow falls in Ontario and Quebec.

Ottawa, Valley—Written to northwesterly winds, local snowfalls, heavy much colder tonight and Friday, decidedly cold.

Unsettled; Colder. Martime—Strong southwest winds, with local snow or rain. Friday, strong winds and gales, still unsettled and turning colder.

New England—Probably snow and much colder tonight and Friday. In western and northwest winds, becoming strong on south coast.

BREACH BETWEEN STATES AND GERMANY WIDENING

Officials See a Certainty Ere Long

NO "OVERT ACT" YET

Washington, Feb. 8.—On the basis of reports received on the destruction of the California and other ships so far, it is said authoritatively that none of the cases constitutes the overtact which will lead to war with Germany. Officials openly express the belief, however, that the overtact is merely a question of time.

The Breach Widens. Washington, Feb. 8.—The breach between the United States and Germany is growing wider hourly and hope that hostilities can be averted has been almost swept away.

Germany's submarine campaign of ruthlessness is developing with a fury which many officials here believe soon must confirm the worst fears that had been held for it, and produce the overt act which President Wilson has said would be the signal for war.

The president himself, holding from the first the hope that, after all, the German threat of unrestricted warfare on the seas would be tempered in execution, awoke today to find that a continuous onslaught of submarine attacks had reached a climax in the destruction of a great British transatlantic liner without warning.

Counsel Frost's report that the Anchor line steamer California had been sunk in violation of international law, did not reach the capital last night until the president had retired, and it was the first thing to come to his attention today.

Until all the facts are established beyond question, the president is not expected to indicate whether he considers that the California case presents an issue demanding action.

In his address to Congress on Saturday the president said he would come again before the body to ask authority to take further steps.

More Details Wanted. Washington, Feb. 8.—President Wilson read the latest official reports on the sinking of the California before breakfast and decided that nothing definite could be determined until more details were received.

A WELLINGTON GOLDING DEAD

The death of A. Wellington Golding occurred at five o'clock this morning after a brief illness. Mr. Golding was born in Wickham, Queens county, son of the late Thomas and Phoebe Golding, and was of Loyalist descent. He came to St. John as a young man and spent the remainder of his life in this city.

For many years he conducted a large literary business and was well known throughout the city. He retired from active business several years ago. Mr. Golding is survived by one daughter, Mrs. J. B. Gillespie, and one son, Harry Golding, both of this city. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon, 2.30 o'clock from his late residence, 111 Hassen street.

BOMB ON STEPS OF THE DUTCH STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Feb. 8.—The Amsterdam Handelsblad today announces that a powerful bomb, loaded with nails and broken glass, exploded on the steps of the stock exchange there at eleven o'clock last night. No damage was done and no casualties reached.

FRENCH LINER REACHES NEW YORK WITH PASSENGERS

New York, Feb. 8.—The French liner steanhip Espagne arrived here today with 167 passengers, including Americans. She left Bordeaux on January 28, and passed through the submarine zone before the new German naval policy was put into effect.

STREET WORK PLANS

The laying of asphalt will be commenced on March 1, according to plans prepared by Commissioner Fisher. The first work he has decided on is a stretch of asphalt Macadam pavement in Union street, West St. John, between Rodney and King streets. The stone crusher will be started in Lancaster street, West St. John, on March 10, to provide stone for street repairs.

POSTS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FOUGHT

There is a persistent rumor that there is to be a change in connection with the training staff of New Brunswick. The officers now held by men that have not been overseas are to be filled with returned officers. This change will not affect the higher offices. Names of several returned men from the 26th Battalion are mentioned.

GERMANY WANTS TO INVESTIGATE THE DISMISSAL OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Resent Reflections on Mr. Winchester's Honesty

HARBOR MATTERS UP AGAIN

Number of Watchmen Must be Cut in Two, Mayor Says—Where Did Wharfage Go?—Threaten Street Railway—Mr. Fisher Wants Recall Made Easier