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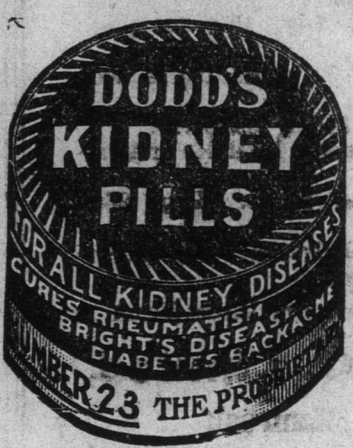
LONDON, March 9. The British transport Mendi, carrying South African native laborers, was sunk after collision on Feb. 21st and 625 persons lost their lives. The Mendi was a British steamer of 4,230 tons gross, and was built at Glasgow in 1905. She was owned by the Elder Dempster line. Ten of the persons lost were Europeans, according to an announcement made to-day in the South African Parliament by General Louis Botha, Premier. The collision occurred off the Isle of Wight. Premier Botha stated that the Mendi was carrying one batch of the South African Laborers' contingent. The rest of them landed safely in France. She collided with another vessel on Feb. 21st. Her escort's searchlight could not penetrate the fog, but the survivors were rescued by passing vessels. Twelve European officers and 19 natives were saved; 10 Europeans and 615 natives were lost. The difficulty of obtaining authentic information caused the delay in making the announcement public.

SECRET WIRELESS FOUND ON APPAM.

NORFOLK, Va., March 9. When United States Marshal Saunders took possession of the liner Appam after the break with Germany he found installed there a secret wireless apparatus by which all wireless messages sent to this section of the country were read. A fine wire was found strung beneath the pipe leading to the whistle and smokestack of the Appam, and extending above it, as do a regular antennae of wireless. The wire led to the interior of the vessel where dynamo were kept running to make current for lighting the ship. Investigation, it is said, led to the discovery of a wire which finally ran to the room occupied by Lieut. Hans Berg where the messages were recorded by flash, by the electric light bulb. Later investigation developed that a dynamo in the boiler room had been used to take the place of that of the wireless room, which was put out of commission when the United States Court took charge. Messages could be sent and also received.

THAT EXTRA SESSION.

WASHINGTON, March 9. President Wilson to-day decided to call an extra session of Congress for



April 16th and also decided he had power to arm American merchant ships against German submarines operating in violation of international law. The President is expected to exercise his authority and arm American merchantmen forthwith. The President in a formal statement announced that he is free to exercise at once the power to arm America's merchant ships. The proclamation for the extra session was issued at the White House this p.m. President Wilson said he was calling Congress because so much necessary legislation was pressing for consideration, and as he was convinced it is for the best interest of the country to have an early session of the sixty-first Congress whose support he will also need in all matters for the collateral defence of our merchant marine.

ASSISTS BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, March 9. Nizam Hyderabad, ruler of the largest and most populous of the internal states of India, has sent the Government 100,000 pounds for use in the anti-submarine campaign.

DUTCH-BELGIAN FRONTIERS CLOSED.

LONDON, March 9. The closing of the Dutch-Belgian frontiers by the German military authorities is reported in a despatch from Amsterdam.

NURSE DIED OF WOUNDS.

LONDON, March 9. Mrs. Harley, sister of Field Marshal Viscount French, Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces, is dead of wounds received at Monastir, Serbia. She was in the town with an ambulance, of which she was in charge, when a shell burst near the ambulance. A fragment of shell struck Mrs. Harley in the head, killing her instantly, according to a Reuter despatch from Salonika. The despatch adds that Mrs. Harley was the victim of one of the several and often furious outbursts of shelling to which Monastir has been subjected

by the German and Bulgarian forces during the past few days. On this occasion 88 shells fell in the town; 25 houses were destroyed and several civilians killed. Mrs. Harley's two daughters, who were attached to the same hospital as the mother, will continue their work.

NOT PERMITTED TO ENTER.

BERLIN, March 9. (Associated Press.)—The British merchant steamer Princess Melita, was refused permission to enter the harbour of Rotterdam on Tuesday, says the Overseas Agency (official German news bureau). She left in the evening and returned to Rotterdam next day after throwing overboard her gun and its mountings.

EXCLUDED FROM CIRCULATION.

OTTAWA, March 9. Four more publications printed in the United States have been excluded from circulation in Canada, under the Consolidated Censorship Regulations. They are, 'World's War Chronicle,' of Philadelphia; 'New York Untitled,' North Star' of Pittsburgh, Mass., and the 'Viereck's American Weekly,' of New York.

INVESTIGATION INTO CAUSE OF FIRE.

DETROIT, Mich., March 9. An investigation into the cause of a spectacular fire which destroyed a million bushel grain elevator of the Detroit Elevator Company to-day, with the loss of 700,000 bushels of wheat, corn and rye, mostly for export, has begun. Rumors are current that the elevator was fired.

PAPAL COUNTESS.

CHICAGO, March 9. Mrs. Catherine Cudahy, widow of Michael Cudahy, meat packer, has been made Papal Countess by Pope Benedict XV. It was announced officially here to-day. The only other woman in the States with this distinction is Countess Leary, of New York, on whom the honor was conferred by Pope Leo XIII.

GERMAN ATTACK REFUSED.

PETROGRAD, March 9. The repulse of a small German attack on the northern end of the Russian front was reported in to-day's official. The Germans captured hill positions on the Roumanian front.

Russian activities in Turkish Armenia, northwest of Erzing are reported in to-day's war official, recounting a successful reconnoitering operation. Russian advance is also in progress toward the Mesopotamian border from Sakkin, in Persia, about 150 miles northwest of Hamadan and 25 miles from the Mesopotamian frontier.

ZIMMERMANN DON'T KNOW.

LONDON, March 9. Being asked by a representative of a Budapest paper whether war between the United States and Germany was expected, the German Foreign Secretary, Zimmermann, as quoted by an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen, replied, "I don't know; it depends on President Wilson. Since the severance of diplomatic relations we have been without official information from America, but I can say this much, we shall pursue our submarine warfare with all the means at our disposal." Zimmermann said he believed there would be no change in Germany's relations with the neutral nations of Europe during the war.

CONSISTORY MARCH 22.

ROME, March 9. The date of the new Consistory, fixed by Pope Benedict for March 22nd, will be held only for the appointment of Bishops. No new Cardinals will be named. Thus far the Pope has not decided to mention the international situation in his allocution. It is generally believed, however, that at the last moment he will insert a passage setting forth his ideas in regard to the situation resulting from the war.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.

LOS ANGELES, March 9. Captain Alfred Frizen, German naval officer, was arrested near here last night by an agent of the department of justice and held in the city jail on suspicion of felony.

STILL UNDER COVER.

WASHINGTON, March 9. The President is still confined to his bed. All engagements have been cancelled.

STEFFANSON HEARD FROM.

DAWSON, Y.T., March 9. Vilhjalmur Steffanson, arctic explorer, is wintering with his gasolene schooner Polar Bear in Prince of Wales Strait according to news brought here to-day by the northwest police expedition from Fort Macpherson. The information was brought from Herschel Island by a native who made a trip of two hundred miles alone with dogs. Steffanson who preceded the summer exploring new land and discovered north Prince Patrick Island is hopeful the ice will break early this spring and permit

him to make the way north and east. After accomplishing the northeast passage he will sail up St. Lawrence River to Montreal.

SIGHTED SUBMARINE.

BOSTON, March 9. Capt. Nickerson, of the steamer Indian, which arrived here to-day from Philadelphia, reported that while passing twenty-five miles south west of Fire Island, N.Y., yesterday, he sighted an unidentified submarine heading toward the American coast. The under sea craft was described as being 150 feet long, painted black and carrying a small superstructure on deck which appeared to contain two periscopes. The officers of the steamer called to the bridge agreed that the craft did not look like an American vessel.

ARABS ASSIST.

NEW YORK, March 9.

The Associated Press to-night sends out the following: The British advance in Mesopotamia which covered more ground in a short period than almost any other movement of the war has been assisted materially by an extensive defection of native tribes from Turkish rule, according to private mail advices received in New York from Asiatic Turkey. Last month the Turks apparently were entrenched securely on the Tigris below Kut-el-Amara where they had held the British since the capture of General Townshend's army at Kut. The new offensive on the Tigris developed with such speed that since the re-capture of Kut on February 28th, the British have advanced nearly one hundred miles and are now within a few miles of Bagdad. This has been made possible, it is now reported, by the fact that the Turks were menaced not only by the British, but by a strong force of Arabs, organized by the British as their allies who are also harassing the fleeing Turks. A communication from Iraq states that as a result of the action of the Grand Sheriff of Mecca several months ago, declaring independence from Ottoman rule, various bedouin tribes have put away their old enmities and united. Peace has been made between Emir Arabor Rowleh, from near Damascus, and Hakim Ibn Bahid Hakim Emir, the great Anzeh tribe, in the vicinity of Aleppo. These two great men have issued a proclamation to their followers, calling for men and equipment in preparation for actual warfare. They were supplied with drill masters, presumably British, who effected the organization of an Arab fighting unit. They are possessed with a great quantity of army ammunition of the latest type. Their marching orders were sent from a convenient central base somewhere in Mesopotamia. The example of these two emirs, this communication

says, has further been followed by lesser tribes, which are extending the live-coal movement from the borders of Syria to Egypt.

CONDITIONS IN PRUSSIA.

LONDON, March 9.

Thus far only fragmentary reports of a remarkable debate in the Prussian Diet on the food crisis have been printed in the German papers, says a despatch from Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent. The Vorwaerts received to-day contains the following passage from a speech by Herr Hofer, a Socialist member in the Prussian Diet: Mortality among elderly people is increasing at a terrible rate, while epidemics are spreading everywhere owing to decreased sowers of resistance. The situation is much more serious than has been admitted. There are many suicides and parents are killing their children owing to their inability to obtain food for them. Yet the price of potatoes which long ago became generally scarce is being increased.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, March 9.

A British official this morning says: Yesterday evening after a heavy bombardment the enemy launched five raids against our trenches north of Wulverghem and repeated the attack with four parties early this morning. In each case only one party effected an entrance into our trenches. Others were successfully repulsed. The enemy left some prisoners in our hands. We have between twenty and thirty men missing. South of Biacques we again succeeded in entering the enemy front line after damaging his dugouts and inflicting many casualties. Our party withdrew, bringing back some prisoners and two machine guns. Our artillery continued bombardment of enemy positions in the neighborhood of LaBasse.

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