

SUBMARINES SINK

LONDON REPORTS LOSS OF TWO GERMAN SHIPS

NO CHANGES IN THE WAR

Russians Continue Their Offensive in East Prussia While Austrians Assault Their Trenches in Galicia and Bukovina—Fleet Battering Dardanelles

London reports on Friday an admiral's statement confirmed the sinking of a German submarine by destroyers and said another rammed by the British corvette *Thordis*, probably also had been destroyed.

The text of the statement follows: "The steamship *Thordis* has been examined in dry dock and injuries to her keel and to her propeller confirm the evidence of Captain Bell and the crew that on the 28th of February the vessel rammed and sank in all vicinity a German submarine which had fired a torpedo at her.

"Thursday afternoon the German submarine U-5 was sunk in the channel off Dover by destroyers. The vessel and crew were taken prisoners."

Even though no decisive battle develops from the present Russian offensive, the allies claim the Austro-German spring campaign plans in the east have been measurably interfered with.

A few weeks ago Field Marshal von Hindenburg was sweeping victoriously through northern Poland, while in the south the Austrians were pressing forward in both Galicia and Bukovina. Now Russian troops are attacking from the Niemen to the Vistula and although the Germans are clinging tenaciously to their positions before Osowiec and at other points north of the Vistula, their thrust toward Warsaw has been brought to a standstill and they are being forced slowly back to their starting lines.

News dispatches say that in the south the Austrians continue to fling themselves with great bravery against the Russian lines. These onslaughts are costing the Austrians enormous losses, but the Russian general staff declare they have brought no gains. The German contingent in the Carpathians has been reduced to three army corps, according to reports, leaving the Austrians to bear the brunt of the fighting.

Meantime, the allied fleets are battering their way slowly up the Dardanelles without, so far as is known, a single serious loss among the ships. The Sultan of Turkey, says an Athens general dispatch, has given orders to a Turkish fleet to remain in readiness, but that has not been confirmed. He deprecates the seriousness of the Dardanelles bombardment and insists that the real defenses of the straits have not been affected.

It was said that from the British viewpoint, the situation, wherever fighting is going on, is taken as favorable. The South African rebellion has been crushed; the Turkish force of Egypt is now being abandoned; reports from the east are encouraging, no adverse news regarding the operations against the Dardanelles yet has been received, and the blockade on foodstuffs into Germany is about to be enforced.

In the west the Germans are fighting to recover the ground lost during the last fortnight. Near Arras they have forged ahead somewhat, but the allied report progress, both in the Champagne and the Argonne.

JOHNSON SELECTED

President Determines to Appoint Legislator a Federal Judge

Representative Joseph T. Johnson of Spartanburg has been selected by President Wilson, according to a Washington dispatch, for the new federal judgeship in South Carolina created by Congress shortly before adjournment. He was endorsed by members of the South Carolina congressional delegation. Former Gov. John Gary Evans also has been suggested.

152 MINERS BURIED

Terrific Explosion Causes Entombment of Many Foreigners

After nearly twelve hours' work rescuers early Tuesday night had brought out alive only six of the 152 miners entombed by the New River and Pocahontas Consolidated Coal company, near Quinnimont, W. Va. The force of the explosion was terrific. The stone arch over the main entrance of the workings was destroyed; windows and 300-yard radiating pipe were broken and the shock was felt for miles around.

A. B. Cooper, who was delivering groceries to a house within seventy-five yards of the mine entrance, was blown against a telegraph pole and killed. Guard lines had been established about the workings and the United States company officials refuse to give out any information.

FRENCH OPPOSED TO PLANS

Press Declares Embargo on Food to Germany Must Stand

The French press is unanimous in declaring Great Britain can not accept the informal proposals said to have been made by the United States that an embargo on foodstuffs for Germany be raised, provided Germany abandons her intention of destroying merchant ships. The papers express appreciation of the spirit in which the proposals were made but maintain that such a step would be carrying altruism altogether too far.

TO DO NOTHING NOW

U. S. MAKES NO MOVE IN DIPLOMATIC TANGLE

CONGRESS IS OVER

AFTER BEING IN SESSION FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS

MANY PATHETIC SCENES

Speaker Clark overwhelmed by expressions of regard—Mann and Underwood Receive Laudatory Encomiums—Much Business Rushed Through on Last Day

After two years of almost continuous session, the 63rd congress, which revised the tariff and the currency systems of the nation, supplemented the trust laws, created an income tax and demonstrated the first popular election of United States senators, ended at noon Thursday.

When gavel fell in the House and Senate, signaling the adjournment, they signalled the close of half of President Wilson's administration, the first under domination of the Democratic party since 1895. Strenuous scenes enlivened the fading hours devoted chiefly to completing the appropriations for subsistence of the government.

Two important measures, the post office and Indian supply bills, failed in the final legislative rush, after desperate efforts had been made to have them. In the emergency occasioned by their failure joint resolutions were passed and signed by the president continuing in force appropriations of the present year.

While tired senators and representatives were devoting their energies to final essentials, President Wilson spent more than an hour in his room at the capitol, surrounded by his cabinet, signing the last fruits of legislation. The president found time in the midst of this task to greet the press and the senators and he made the occasion entirely one of congratulation, making no reference to projects which had failed.

Scores of members of both houses joined in an exodus from Washington, taking with them assurances that they will pass on to the president's desk, at least before fall. Despite the fact that many important bills failed of consideration because of the long filibuster against the ship purchase bill, it was generally understood congress would give a rest to the nation.

Other important measures, which will pass on to the president's desk, are the Philippine enlarged self-government bill, rural credits legislation, the bill to prohibit interstate commerce in goods manufactured by child labor, and the conservation bills. A resolution which would suspend the investigation into senatorial campaigns in Pennsylvania, Illinois and other states, which had been recommended by a Senate committee, also failed.

Little general legislation was carried over into the next session. The post office bill, which failed to pass, contained more new legislation than any other measure.

Before adjournment congress provided for several important investigations to be carried on during recess. A committee will continue the inquiry into alleged lobbying connections with the ship purchase bill; a commission will study rural credits legislation, and Democrats of the Senate appointed a special committee to recommend revision of Senate rules with a view to establishing a censure of debate for filibusters.

A number of miscellaneous legislative bills hurried through in the last days included claim bills, public buildings, fish cultural stations, bridge bills and minor amendments to various federal statutes.

The appropriations committee began tabulating the amounts of the various bills which "took money out of the treasury" during the session. It will be several days before an accurate tabulation is made, but the total appropriations are estimated at about \$1,120,000,000.

The annual appropriation bills which failed, had a considerable amount of trouble. After the Indian bill had made its devious way through the Senate it reached the House just ten minutes before final adjournment. A filibuster was immediately instituted by the Republicans, who were not without the aid of the conference report on the bill.

The joint resolution which continued the current post office appropriation bills brought forth a protest from Representative Moon of Tennessee, chairman of the post office committee. He declared his committee had not been consulted regarding the abandonment of the bill and that the joint resolution had been put through the House in his absence.

"Representatives of railroad interests and railroad attorneys," he said, "have been active at both ends of the capitol in an effort to prevent the passage of this bill."

Representative Fitzgerald declared the decision to abandon the measure had been reached only after it became apparent that it could not pass, and that Representative Moon was fully cognizant of the circumstances.

"I was permitted to say," said the vice-president in closing the session, "that when I came here two years ago it was the first time I ever set my foot inside of a legislative hall. I know that I have made mistakes, errors, sometimes of the head, but, thank God, I can look you in the face and say to you that there never has been an error of the heart."

In the House Speaker Clark delivered a formal farewell to the members and resolutions were adopted thanking the speaker.

Luther Means, colored, of Greenville, was run over and instantly killed Tuesday night by an automobile driven by W. C. Gresham.

Steamer *Royanova* Torpedoed.

The steamer *Royanova* was sunk off East Point, England, Wednesday. It is believed that she was torpedoed. The crew was saved.

German Admiral Removed.

Admiral von Ingenohl, commander of the German high sea fleet, has been removed from his post and sent from Kiel to Berlin.

PUSH COAL INQUIRY

TILLMAN CHARGES SENT TO COMMERCE COMMISSION

TEXT GIVEN OUT

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHES FULL REPLY OF THE GERMANS

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Conforms in Main Details to Early Summary Already Published—Government Appears to be Ready to Aid in Ameliorating Conditions Dangerous to Neutrals

The official text of Germany's reply to the American note suggesting that Germany and Great Britain agree on a plan to lessen danger to neutral shipping in the war zone was made public at Washington Thursday. It follows:

"The Imperial German government has taken note with greatest interest of the suggestion of the American government for certain principles for the conduct of maritime war on the part of Germany and England by agreement upon the protection of neutral shipping. They see therein new evidence of the friendly feelings of the American government toward the German government, which are fully appreciated by Germany.

"It is in accordance with Germany's wishes also to have maritime war conducted according to rules which without discriminatingly restricting one or the other of the belligerent powers in the use of their means of warfare are equally considerate of the interests of neutrals and the safety of humanity. Consequently it was intimated in the German note of the 16th instant that observation of the declaration of London in the part of Germany's adversaries would create a new situation from which the German government would gladly draw the proper conclusions.

"Proceeding from this view the German government has carefully examined the suggestion of the American government and believe that they can actually see in it a suitable basis for the practical solution of the questions which have arisen.

"With regard to the various points of the American note they beg to make the following remarks:

"First. With regard to the sowing of mines the German government would be willing to agree as suggested not to use floating mines and to have anchored mines constructed as indicated. Moreover, they agreed to have the German government on all mines to be planted. On the other hand, it does not appear to be feasible for the belligerent powers wholly to forego the use of anchored mines for offensive purposes.

"Second. The German government would not object to a restriction of the use of submarines in the part of the German government on all mines to be planted. On the other hand, it does not appear to be feasible for the belligerent powers wholly to forego the use of anchored mines for offensive purposes.

"Third. The German government would not object to a restriction of the use of submarines in the part of the German government on all mines to be planted. On the other hand, it does not appear to be feasible for the belligerent powers wholly to forego the use of anchored mines for offensive purposes.

"Fourth. The regulation of legitimate importations of food into Germany appears to be in general acceptable. Such regulation would, of course, be confined to importations by sea, but this would, on the other hand, be indirect importations by way of neutral ports.

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