

# AMERICANS DROWN

## REPORT IS HORSE SHIP WAS SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

### LANSING INVESTIGATING

#### Germany Asked to Give All Information Regarding Sinking of Two Ships—Romania Admits Trying to Escape—Six Americans Were Lost on Ill-Fated Marina.

Germany has been asked to furnish the United States any information the imperial government may have concerning the sinking by submarines of the British steamers Marina and Rowanmore. The request was forwarded, it became known Tuesday night, through the American embassy at Berlin.

It is understood the state department took this step without waiting for full reports from British sources and survivors of the ships because it was considered desirable to assemble at the earliest possible moment complete information, particularly regarding the Marina, on which several American horse tenders apparently lost their lives. The request is informal and is intended in no sense as an intimation that German submarines have violated international law or the pledges of the German government to the United States.

While the Marina is the first vessel on which American lives have been lost in the war zone since the Sussex, and all reports so far have said she was attacked without warning, there was no evident tension over the case in government circles.

Officials continued to be optimistic, apparently in the belief that final accounts would show that the steamer lost her immunity as a merchantman by flight or by attempting a counter attack. As to the Rowanmore, which admittedly sought desperately to escape, there seemed to be but one point to clear up—whether the submarine actually fired upon boats leaving the ship, as alleged by survivors.

Practically no information about either case was given out during the day. Secretary Lansing, who is handling the situation personally, declined to say anything other than that his information still was very incomplete, that some reports had come from London during the day, and that the affidavits of survivors would be cabled to the department as soon as they could be taken.

So far as could be learned the department thus far has not cleared up the discrepancy between Consul Frost's "provisional" report that the Marina had been sunk without warning by gun fire and the later unofficial advice from England quoting the consul and others as saying the ship was torpedoed.

It may be a week or more before the German reply is received, as the submarine or submarines which made the attacks probably would not return to their bases and report under several days. Unless there is an unreasonable delay at Berlin, no serious action will be taken pending the reply, even though complete information from other sources should make it evident that there must be action.

Discussion of the Marina and Rowanmore cases developed the fact that the state department never has been instructed some time ago to make inquiries on the subject. A department official said this was one of the subjects that would be taken up with the ambassador when he trips to Berlin after his vacation.

After receiving unofficial information that six Americans had lost their lives by the sinking of the British steamship Marina, President Wilson communicated with Secretary Lansing and directed that all possible haste be taken in obtaining the facts concerning the sinking of the vessel.

Secretary Lansing informed the president that in addition to asking the American embassy in London for information, informal inquiries had been sent to the German government.

While it was made clear that no action would be taken pending the collection of the facts, it was indicated that the view was taken that the situation contained grave possibilities.

Secretary Lansing stated that he was not in possession of sufficient facts on which to base a judgment of the case. While preliminary reports have indicated that the Marina was sunk without warning, additional information on that point is desired.

When President Wilson left Long Branch Tuesday night he gave directions that he be kept thoroughly in touch with the situation during his trip to Buffalo and New York City.

Six Americans were killed in the sinking of the British steamer Marina, according to a telegram received by American Consul Frost at Queenstown, says the Press Association. The telegram declared that fifty-one Americans had been saved.

The Americans reported killed, the press association says, were two men named Brown, two named Thomas and one named Middleton and one named Robertson. Men named Miller and Davis, it is added, were injured.

Consul Frost has arranged to take the depositions of twenty-eight American survivors who have proceeded to Dublin. Thirty-four more survivors, are expected to arrive at Cork.

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Skibbereen, where some of the survivors of the Marina have arrived, says that the steamer was attacked by two submarines.

The British steamship Marina was torpedoed without warning, according to a statement made by American survivors of the vessel who arrived in Dublin, Ire., Tuesday night from Bearhaven. The survivors said the Marina, and that the submarine watched the boats containing the survivors for half an hour without offering assistance, in a statement to the Associated Press.

## BIDS ON SHIPS OPENED

#### Congress May Have to Pay More for Scout Cruisers.

Authority from congress to raise the cost limit may have to be sought by the navy department before it can award contracts for construction of the four thirty-five knot scout cruisers in the 1917 building program. Bids for the vessels were opened Wednesday with the result that only one bidder, the Seattle Construction and Dry Dock Company, offered a direct proposal. This company bid within the limit of five million dollars for hull and machinery, but it proposed to construct at only one boat.

Two other bidders, the Union Iron Works of San Francisco, and the Fore River Company of Quincy, Mass., submitted proposals based on a sliding scale arrangement, which would take into account possible variations of material and labor prices. The New York Ship Building Company gave notice that it could not get its estimates within the limit of cost.

It was indicated that the department might delay awarding contracts until congress could be asked to increase the limit of cost ten per cent, or more. To undertake construction of the cruisers in government yards, it was said, would mean even greater delay while the yards were being equipped.

Bids for twenty-seven coast submarines and two light hundred ton type fleet submarines also were received Wednesday. It is practically assured that all of these vessels can be built by private contract. Awards will be made only after a detailed study of all the plans and proposals.

## PRaises BRITISH EFFICIENCY

#### England Will Reach Arms of Preparation Next Spring.

The Holland-America liner Noordam arrived this week from Rotterdam, Falmouth and Kirkwall, with 863 passengers. Frederic R. Couder returned from a nine week's visit to the front in France, where he was the guest of Gen. Sir Douglas Haig and Gen. Foch. He said that the wonderful organization of the British army impressed him more than anything else on his French tour.

"Never before in the history of the world," Mr. Couder said, "has there been such speedy preparation. The aviation, artillery, ammunition and commissary supplies of the British forces in France are miraculous when it is considered how they started with nothing when hostilities began."

"England will reach the same of her preparation for war next spring, when she will have five guns for every one she has in the field now. There are fifteen hundred thousand troops in France now and three million more training in England."

## VILLA TAKES PARRAL

#### Town in Chihuahua Reported Captured by Bandit Forces.

Parral, Chihuahua State, has been taken by Villa troops, according to a message received Thursday by Americans from Chihuahua City. The report also was received by the United States government agents and forwarded to Washington. There has been confirmation of the message from Mexican sources.

Mining men and ore freighters, who are familiar with the country in the vicinity of Parral, said that the report of Villa's capture of Parral verified another report that Villa and his command had been in possession of Santa Rosalia as it was announced that he would move on Parral from Santa Rosalia.

Villa is said to bear a grudge against Gen. Luis Herrera, the Carranza commander in Parral, and to have declared that when he captured Parral he intended to kill Herrera with his own hands.

## BREAKS TWO RECORDS

#### But Aviator Falls in Non-Stop Chicago-New York Flight.

Victor Carlstrom, flying in the New York Times' mail carrying airplane, failed Thursday in his attempt to fly from Chicago to New York without a stop but broke the American cross country non-stop record when he flew from Chicago to Erie, Pa., a distance of 480 miles, in 257 1/2 minutes. Carlstrom also broke the speed record for distance flying, his average time being about 112 miles an hour.

A defective joint in the gasoline States. Here at there it has shown feed connection forced the aviator to descend at Erie for repairs and a fresh supply. After resuming flight he found it impossible to reach New York before night and came down at Hammondport, thus adding 155 miles to his day's flight, making a total of about 635 miles.

## U-53 REACHES HOME PORT

#### Whereabouts Unknown After Raid Off American Coast.

The German submarine U-53 has returned safely to a German port, according to the official announcement at Berlin.

The German submarine U-53, in command of Lieut. Capt. Hans Rose, arrived at Newport, R. I., from Wilhelmshaven on October 7, and departed after a stay of three hours. In the course of the next day the U-53 sank five ships off the American coast.

Various reports have been current regarding the submarine, and it was uncertain whether the craft was returning to Germany or had remained on this side of the Atlantic. There were various rumors also that she had been sunk. A search by American warships for a German secret base along the northeast coast for supplying submarines proved fruitless, according to naval officers.

## SUB HAD NARROW ESCAPE

#### Deutschland Almost Rammed by Dredge—Unloading Begun.

When the German undersea freighter Deutschland approached New London harbor about midnight Tuesday night, the United States government dredger Atlantic narrowly escaped running her down, it was learned Thursday night.

According to the Atlantic's skipper, the near accident was due to a mistake in reading the code signal lights. The dredger, which was off Eastern Point, made out the lights of the submersible, which was coming nearly head on.

The Atlantic kept on its course, expecting the Deutschland to steer outside. When she did not the Atlantic swerved to one side and slowed her engines down, passing the Deutschland with about one hundred yards to spare.

The manifest of the Deutschland's cargo was filed at the custom house but it will not be made public for some time, officials of the Eastern Forwarding Company said. Unloading began Thursday afternoon, one hundred selected negro stevedores wheeling out hundreds of small boxes and piling them in the warehouses on the wharf. Eighty of the freight handlers came to New London from Baltimore, where they helped discharge the boat's cargo after her maiden trip.

The boxes were of various sizes, the smallest being a cubic foot and the largest eight and ten cubic feet. The cargo proper, exclusive of the precious stones, is said to be worth fifteen hundred thousand dollars. The dyestuffs will be shipped to commercial houses in New York, Boston and Philadelphia. The remainder of the freight will be stored at New London temporarily.

## OUT FOR WILSON

#### Many Former Supporters of Teddy Want President Elected.

Sixteen of the nineteen members of the resolutions committee of the first Progressive party convention, which framed the platform on which Theodore Roosevelt was nominated for the presidency in 1912, endorsed a statement issued by the Democratic national committee commending "the legislative achievements of President Wilson." Eleven of the number signed the statement, which also urged the re-election of the president.

Those who signed the statement were John M. Parker of Louisiana, vice-presidential candidate on the present Progressive ticket; Former Gov. Lucius F. C. Garvin of Rhode Island; Former Gov. Joseph M. Carey of Wyoming; one of the seven governors who came out for Roosevelt in 1912; Judge Albert D. Norton of Missouri and Hugh T. Talbot of Minnesota, who were Progressive candidates, respectively, for United States senator and governor in their states; Frank N. Howard of Vermont, M. C. de Baca of New Mexico, James H. Ingersoll of Idaho, Arthur G. Wray of Nebraska, Clarence B. Strouse of Virginia, and J. W. McCormick of Texas.

Those who, it was announced, endorsed the statement were George B. Hynson of Delaware, Andrew J. Stone of West Virginia, and William R. Fairley of Alabama.

## TO PREVENT BREAK

#### Sweden and Denmark to Conciliate Germany and Norway.

Sweden and Denmark, it was learned, have been exercising their good offices to prevent a break between Norway and Germany over the submarine issue.

It was stated on excellent authority that the three Scandinavian countries entered into an agreement at the beginning of the war which amounts almost to an alliance. Norway departed from this common policy when she promulgated rules respecting belligerent-owned submarines different from those of other nations and held by Germany to be unfriendly to her.

## THE DEUTSCHLAND RETURNS

Capt. Paul Koenig is in America again! For the second time he has piloted his merchant submarine across the Atlantic under the noses of the Allied blockading squadron. He avoided suspicious ships seven times by diving under them and was battered around by a storm which was so heavy that at times his ship averaged a speed of about one knot an hour.

He denies the loss of the America, reported captured, saying that it never existed, but he admits that a sister submarine, the Bremen, left Germany on September 26, and has not been heard from. He thinks that this boat has been destroyed through a mine or an accident.

The German embassy has proposed that this merchant ship carry 300 pounds of first class mail with her when she returns to Germany and the post office department has announced its willingness to accept the proposition. This would be the first uncensored mail to Germany since the beginning of the war and might help the exchange of securities between the countries.

The cargo of the Deutschland is said to contain ten million dollars worth of dyestuffs and drugs, with possible stocks and bonds. On her return trip she will carry \$500,000 worth of rubber and nickel, although its value will be much more in Germany. Capt. Koenig hopes to return before the New Year and declares that there may be other such merchant ships by that time.

## LOST IN CHANNEL RAID

#### Six British Vessels Added to Those Already Reported.

The loss of six drift net boats, in addition to the sinking of the transport Queen and the torpedo boat destroyer Flirt, in the recent raid by German submarines in the English Channel was admitted by A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, in the House of Commons Tuesday.

In answering questions in regard to the raid on the channel transport service, the first lord said that while the raiders had all the advantages in choosing the moment for attack, in this case it certainly failed.

The only cross channel steamer to be attacked, Mr. Balfour said, was the empty passenger vessel Queen and she would have been saved, he added, had the captain realized that she would float six hours after the attack.

The torpedo boat destroyer Flirt, he said, was surprised in the darkness by German destroyers which fired on her at close range and sank her. The destroyer Nubian, torpedoed while attacking the German squadron, should have been brought to harbor, the first lord asserted, but for the gale. He believed that the Nubian can be salvaged. He then admitted that six drift net boats had been lost.

"There is ground for thinking," Mr. Balfour declared, "that two German torpedo boat destroyers, after being hit during the action, struck mines and were blown up and probably sunk."

The above is the first intimation from British sources that any ships except the Queen, Flirt and Nubian were damaged in the German raid during the night of October 26-27. The British official statement said that two of the ten German destroyers had been sunk and the remainder driven off. The statement admitted the loss of the Queen, said the Flirt was missing and declared that the Nubian had grounded after being disabled by a torpedo.

The German official statement on the raid declared that at least eleven outpost steamers and two or three torpedo boat destroyers or torpedo boats were sunk or damaged by the German squadron. The statement added that the German ships had returned safely to their base.

## REBELLION IN GREECE

#### Venizelos Adherents are Attacking Loyal Greek Troops.

After months of strife between the adherents of former Premier Venizelos and the staunch adherents of King Constantine over the question of Greece's stand in the war, a revolution of considerable proportions has broken out in the region southwest of Saloniki.

Only meagre details are at hand, but these show that six hundred Venizelos, probably followers of Venizelos, forced one hundred and fifty royalist troops to evacuate Katerina, near the Gulf of Saloniki, and retreat upon Larissa, forty miles southwest. In Thessaly, where they are expected to receive reinforcements.

King Constantine has issued orders to the royalist troops to prevent the advance of the revolutionist forces at all costs. One hundred and fifty loyal troops had previously evacuated Katerina before six hundred insurgents armed with machine guns, withdrawing to Larissa, to join reinforcements. The evacuation of Katerina is confirmed by the general staff.

## WILSON GAINS STRENGTH

#### Health Officer Says He Will Win Next Week.

James A. Hayne, M. D., State health officer, has returned to Columbia after attending the annual meeting of the American Public Health association at Cincinnati. He was re-elected director of the association for South Carolina.

"Wilson is gaining strength in Ohio," said Dr. Hayne. "A majority of the members of the health association, coming from the Northern States, are normally Republicans, yet a majority of them will vote for the re-election of President Wilson. I talked with some Germans in Ohio and they said that they would vote for Mr. Wilson."

## MADE TRIP IN STORM

#### U-58 Had Very Rough Passage Home, Says Berlin.

Berlin, by wireless: Capt. Hans Rose of the German submarine U-53, whose safe return to a German port after its visit to Newport and operations off the American coast was announced, reports that he had an exceedingly stormy return passage.

The seas were so high that the crew of the submarine were at no time able to get air on the deck or to take the air except in little groups on the conning tower. Even this was impossible during one period off the Newfoundland banks and again to marine submerged entirely to escape the unbearable buffeting by the tempest. The officers and crew nevertheless returned in splendid condition. The entire voyage lasted forty-one and a half days.

## BANDITS LOOT TRAIN

#### Villistas Kill Guards and Take Clothing of Female Passengers.

After shooting the twenty-nine Carranza military guards, which the southbound passenger train which left Juarez Monday, Villa bandits looted the train, robbed the passengers and even took the clothing from the women passengers.

Dr. Haffner, a German passenger, who was mistaken for an American, was struck on the head with a gun. The bandits, who were in command of Murga brothers and Silvestre Quenda, then abandoned the train, carrying the loot and the male draws wagon.

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## DEUTSCHLAND BACH

#### Capt. Koenig Returns to America in Famous Submarine.

The German submarine Deutschland arrived in the harbor at New London, Conn., early Wednesday morning.

Capt. Koenig said the Deutschland left Bremen on October 10 and made the trip here without special incentive men. The Deutschland appeared in the outer harbor shortly after midnight and proceeded to the dock of the Eastern Forwarding company.

Capt. Hinch of the forwarding company, accompanied by Dr. R. E. Black, health officer, and other officials, met the submersible on a tug. The usual quarantine regulations were waived, and the Deutschland tied up at the dock near the North German Lloyd steamer Willard. The Deutschland was said to have a cargo of chemicals.

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