

BERLIN POSTED BY SPIES.

U-BOATS SET MINES FOR U. S. DESTROYERS.

Four Days Before Flotilla Arrived at Queenstown Harbor Entrance Was Mined.

Washington, May 25.—Four days before the American destroyer flotilla arrived abroad Berlin knew it was on the way and to what port it was going and the day before the little vessels steamed into Queenstown German submarines had strewn mines about the harbor entrance.

This startling information, revealing that German spies not only still are at their work in this country, but that they have a swift and sure means of communicating America's war secrets to the Fatherland, came to the Navy Department today in a cablegram from Rear Admiral Sims at London.

Positive Information.

The admiral said his information was positive. His dispatch was not made public and for obvious reasons nothing will be given out concerning how the news came into his possession nor about the precautions which defeated the German plans and enabled the flotilla to speed safely through the mine fields.

Immediate publicity was given the salient fact, however, the department making clear that its purpose was to let the people know of the activity and success of Teutonic spies and to emphasize the necessity for absolute secrecy in connection with naval operations or shipping movements.

The destroyers aiding in the hunt for submarines in European waters under the direction of Admiral Sims, put into port at Queenstown on May 4. How long they were in crossing the Atlantic or from what port they sailed never has been announced and until word of their arrival came by cable only a few people in the United States even knew of the government's decision to send warships to Europe.

Officials Silent.

No official would comment tonight on the possible means by which the news was conveyed to Germany. If it did not go from a secret wireless plant, it must have been carried in some code dispatch that the Allied cable censors passed as innocent.

The result will be to redouble the vigilance both of the censors and of every agency of the government engaged in rooting out the spy system. Every German known to have been connected with the espionage work or his government already is under arrest or under surveillance. Other arrests may follow at any time and now that the country is at war and the revelation of its secrets may mean death to its sailors and soldiers swift punishment undoubtedly would be dealt out to any convicted spy.

Different Now.

Men already in custody operated when the United States was a neutral. Spying now is a very different thing and is likely to lead to the gallows instead of to comfortable detention quarters.

In announcing Admiral Sims's dispatch, the Navy Department, through the committee on public information, said:

"The department calls attention to this fact as proof that the German spy system is at work in this country making imperative the need of secrecy in connection with our naval operations. The premature publication of such movements is particularly a source of danger."

MANY KILLED IN AIR RAID.

Aeronauts Drop Bombs In Busy Street—At Least 175 Perish.

A Town on the Southeast Coast of England, May 25.—Women and children, who had stood in a long line in the busiest street here waiting to purchase potatoes were the principal victims of the German aeroplane raid last evening. Intent only on not losing their places in the line, the women and children had little warning of the raid and were easy victims of the air vultures who dropped their deadly bombs indiscriminately.

The raid, which claimed the lives of seventy-six persons and caused injury to 175 others, proved more deadly than any raid which the Zeppelins have made on England since the beginning of the war.

Looked Like Ducks.

Flying so high that they looked like a flock of ducks, the raiders rained a dozen bombs on the busiest block of the main thoroughfare which was choked with shoppers of every age and sex.

A correspondent of the Associated Press visited the destroyed district today. He found a grocery store that had collapsed and was told by the grocer, who lost two members of his family, that ten dead persons were found in the debris of the building. A dozen more were killed and three score or more were injured by flying glass and bricks and shrapnel-like fragments scattered forcibly by the bursting bombs.

MYSTERY OF HIBERNATION.

How Some Creatures Sleep Through the Winter.

If you were to dig out of their burrows any of the millions of hedgehogs, dormice, marmots or woodchucks, or take out from the mud at the bottom of ponds any of the lizards, turtles or frogs; or take from the crevices of rocks any of the toads or snakes; or pick from the roots of caves a bat or two of all those clinging there, you would find each one sound asleep, and no ordinary thing you could do would awaken it, for this is its long winter sleep.

This sleep is one of the greatest mysteries of nature. None of the scientists can explain it. They have been studying it lately, in different parts of the world, with more than usual attention, and they have discovered some new things about it. It has always been known that in the few weeks before the hibernating period is to begin those animals which are to sleep through the winter begin to put on fat. Why is that you may ask. No one can answer why. By spring fat is gone and the animal is lean and scrawny, so it is supposed the fat supplies energy to keep the heart beating, although the process of feeding and exertion are suspended throughout the long sleep.

In the Ozark hills of Missouri is a huge cave wherein millions of bats hibernate each winter. In the fall they come flying in clouds from all directions and they attach themselves to the rock roof and hang in great clusters until spring, when they go forth again to their summer haunts to feed and nest and multiply.

When the woodchuck crawls into his hole for his winter's sleep he stops breathing, but his heart beats on, feebly, and his blood circulates, slowly. You may pull him out when he is thus hibernating and hold him under water for a long time and he will not drown, because he is not breathing and his lungs will not fill with water. You may remove his brain and his entire spinal cord, and his heart will beat for 12 hours. You may cut off his head and his heart will beat three hours.

But it is possible to freeze the warm-blooded, hibernating animal to death. If it gets too cold the animal will begin to stir, and if it stays too cold for a long time he will die; but frogs have been known to have their blood frozen to ice and yet they lived. Mosquitoes and spiders may be frozen so they are as brittle as snow flakes and break to pieces when touched, and yet they revive with warm weather. But each freezing and thawing their vitality lessens, and after a certain number of them they fail to revive.

When warm weather comes the hibernating animals begin to stir and soon come out. What strange instincts or impulse it is that urges the hibernating animal to put on fat for his long sleep; that suspends breathing but keeps the heart pulsating that wakes him when the weather drops to the danger point or when it is warm enough to come in the spring? That is one of the mysteries.

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But deep in the walled-up woman's heart—

Of a woman that would not yield, But bravely, silently bore her part— So, there is that battlefield!

No marshaling troops, no bivouac song,

No banner to gleam and wave; But, oh, these battles, they last so long—

From babyhood to the grave.

Yet, faithful still as a bridge of stars, She fights in her walled-up town— Fights on and on in the endless wars, Then, silent, unseen, goes down.

O ye with banners and battle shot, And soldiers to shout and praise, I tell you the kingliest victories fought

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