

SUB. SINKS PASSENGER SHIP.

NO WARNING GIVEN WHEN CALIFORNIA WAS TORPEDOED.

Liner Sent Down Off Irish Coast—Women and Children Among Those Still Missing.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Consul Frost at Queenstown cabled the state department tonight that the British passenger liner California had been torpedoed without warning off the Irish coast and that the one American known to have been on board was saved. Some of the passengers and crew still were missing, including two women and several children.

The captain of the ship was quoted as saying the submarine did not hail or give any warning before firing two torpedoes from a distance of 300 yards and sending the California down.

The American survivor was John A. Lee of Montgomery, Ala., who is supposed to have been a member of the crew.

"Anchor line California has been sunk; bound Glasgow, presumably from New York; 200 persons on board, one death, 30 hospital cases; survivors reach here late tonight.

NO AMERICAN CITIZENS.

New York, Feb. 7.—No American citizens were among the 31 passengers on the California according to officials of the Anchor line in this city. Records filed in accordance with neutrality regulations when applications were made for passage, showed that while many of the persons who sailed on the liner lived in the United States they were subjects of Great Britain. The crew numbered 184.

The cable message received at the Anchor line officers here announcing the sinking of the California said that 160 survivors out of the total of 215 persons aboard the vessel had been landed. Nothing was said of the remaining 55.

Consul Frost's report to the State department that there were "30 hospital cases" was construed to mean that the survivors suffered from exposure in the open boats, or injuries received in leaving the sinking vessel.

The California, which sailed from New York for Glasgow, January 29 was armed with a defense gun mounted aft. She was due in Glasgow today or tomorrow and in the absence of details as to her exact position when she was believed there she must have been off the north of Ireland.

The vessel, of 8,602 tons, carried a full cargo believed to consist, in part at least, of war supplies. Under a recent ruling of Collector Dudley Field Malone, details of cargo on board departing ships are withheld and the agents of the Anchor line decline to divulge the nature of the shipment.

The loss of the California leaves the Adriatic, Baltic and Crete, also British passenger vessels, now at sea to be heard from, the Baltic being due to arrive in Liverpool today.

The California was one of four large twin crew passenger vessels built in 1907 for the Anchor line fleet the others being the Cameronia, Caldonia and Columbia. She was 476 feet long, and was fitted with all modern conveniences for the comfort of sea travelers.

Mr. Clark has resigned his position as farm demonstrator of Clarendon county, and accepted a like position in Richland county. Mr. Clark made many friends while here, and we are all sorry he decided to leave. At the same time we are glad of his promotion.—Manning Times.

"Clean Up the Bowels and Keep Them Clean"

There are many remedies to be had for constipation, but the difficulty is to procure one that acts without violence. A remedy that does not perform by force what should be accomplished by persuasion is Dr. Miles' Laxative Tablets. After using them, Mr. N. A. Waddell, 315 Washington St., Waco, Tex., says:

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VESSELS POSTPONE SAILINGS.

AMERICAN LINERS REMAIN TEMPORARILY IN PORT.

United States Action Not Determined on and State Department Resuses to Advise Private Parties on Matter of Sailings.

New York, Feb. 7.—Sailings of the American line steamships St. Louis and St. Paul, now in the port of New York, has been indefinitely postponed, it was announced here tonight by P. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine.

The announcement followed an official statement received by telephone from the state department at Washington declining to advise private persons as to whether or not their ships should start on voyages which would take them within the war zones laid down by Germany. The state department pointed out, however, that neutral vessels may arm themselves for defense if the owners so elect and that it is the right of an American vessel to traverse any part of the high seas.

After receiving the message from Washington Mr. Franklin issued the following statement:

"The American line announces that the sailing dates of the steamers St. Louis and St. Paul, now in the port of New York, have been indefinitely postponed. The following message was received today by telephone from Secretary of State Lansing:

"The government can not give advice to private persons as to whether or not their merchant vessels should sail on a voyage to European ports by which they would be compelled to pass through the waters delineated in the declaration issued by the German government on January 31, 1917.

"This declaration, however, asserts that the rights of American vessels to traverse all parts of the high seas are the same now as they were prior to the issuance of the German declaration and that a neutral vessel may if its owners believe that it is liable to be unlawfully attacked, take any necessary measures to prevent or resent attack."

"The American line officers now have taken under consideration whether to sail their steamers within prohibited waters or whether it is their duty to provide guns and gunners on their own account."

Negotiations to establish for Norwegian, Swedish and Danish passenger ships a British port of call which would enable them to avoid Kirkwall with its attendant dangers from mines and submarines were reported here today to be progressing between Great Britain and representatives of the Scandinavian lines. It has been suggested, according to the agent of one of the lines, that Halifax or Bermuda be substituted for Kirkwall as a British port where ships may stop for inspection of cargo and passengers.

If such arrangement can be made the steamship representatives said it might possibly result in early resumption of sailings, now suspended as a result of the German note.

RETURNING TO PORT.

Ryndam Recalled From Voyage by Owner.

New York, Feb. 7.—The Holland-American liner Ryndam, which sailed from New York January 29, is returning to this port, a cable message from the Holland-American lines officers abroad informed the local offices today.

RATING BILL PASSED.

House Sends Two More of The Insurance Bills to Senate.

Columbia, Feb. 8.—The rating insurance bill and the measure providing for a building code for incorporated municipalities were given their final reading in the house of representatives this morning and were ordered sent to the senate, without debate, as, also, was the bill licensing insurance agencies temporarily. The five insurance bills passed by the senate are on the house calendar as second reading measures.

The house made the general appropriation bill a special order for tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Following considerable debate of the Berry and Carter amendment providing for the establishment of a highway commission, the two measures and all like measures were referred to a select committee composed of five members.

BATTLE NEAR CHIHUAHUA.

Heavy Fighting Between Villa and Carranza Forces.

El Paso, Feb. 5.—Heavy fighting is going on between Mexican government forces and Villa bandits, thirty miles west of Chihuahua City, according to passengers from Chihuahua City who arrived tonight in Juarez.

The passengers said 150 Carranza wounded had been taken into Chihuahua. Gen. Francisco Gonzalez, late commander of the Juarez garrison, was reported killed.

UP TO THE SENATE.

RICHEY BONE DRY BILL PASSED BY HOUSE AND SENT TO SENATE.

Fight on Drastic Prohibition Measure Concluded in House With Prohibition Victory—The Liquor Issue is Now Squarely up to The Senate and No one Can Foretell the Result.

Columbia, Feb. 8.—The Richey "air tight" "bone dry" prohibition bill, with all its stringent provisions unimpaired, was given its final passage in the house of representatives this morning and ordered sent to the senate by a vote of 64 to 49.

The Richey measure, which prohibits the importation into and storing of any intoxicants in South Carolina, except for medicinal, sacramental or scientific purposes, has had a freakish career. It was passed from second to third reading by a tremendous majority, but its opponents a few days later, mustered enough strength to recommit it to the committee on police regulations, which refused to be the "goat" and sent it back to the house last night with a majority recommendation for its passage.

The opponents of the bill filibustered for two hours last night, but did not renew their dilatory tactics this morning.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS TODAY.

Bill Ordering Investigation of Penitentiary Shortage Passed.

Columbia, Feb. 8.—The senate today adopted the house resolution asking the attorney general to investigate a shortage of \$20,537 at the state penitentiary, caused by the failure of the Lexington Savings Bank. The shortage has been carried since 1913.

A bill was passed empowering the governor to transfer convicts from county chaingangs and jails to the State penitentiary on account of inhuman treatment.

The jurisdiction of constables was made State-wide by another bill.

The bill to empower the governor to appoint the State game warden, without consideration of the Audubon Society recommendation was advanced to third reading.

THE SUMTER COUNTY FAIR.

Not All of Stock Yet Subscribed, but Steps Will be Taken to Form Association.

Chairman J. F. Williams of the committee on the capital stock of the Sumter County Fair Association has instructed the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce to call a meeting of the stockholders of this corporation for the purpose of applying for a charter and forming a permanent organization, as soon as the committee now soliciting stock turns in its report.

Sufficient stock has been subscribed, though not all that is necessary, of the \$10,000 capital stock, to warrant Chairman Williams in believing that the entire sum will be subscribed with a little more work on the part of the committee.

A gratifying feature is the amount of stock taken by the farmers of Sumter county and the interest displayed in the fair association by the farmers generally. It is about time to get busy buying a fair ground site and erecting necessary buildings, getting out premium lists, etc. These matters will have to be attended to, however, by the board of directors to be elected.

The Sumter County Farmers' Union, the Retail Dealers' Association, the Chamber of Commerce, manufacturers, Sumter County Poultry Association, the Sumter Horse Show Association, the women's home demonstration clubs, girls' canning and tomato clubs, boys' pig and corn clubs, the rural and the city schools, the retail and wholesale dealers of Sumter, and the Sumter Civic League will be banded together, if possible, for a bang up and big county fair in its own permanent home for 1917.

Sumter county will not go backward, European war, boll weevil, or war with Germany to the contrary notwithstanding. The bluer things look the harder Sumter county men and women work together to overcome obstacles.

A big county fair will do a lot towards getting ready for the boll weevil. The oftener the people get together and discuss matters of the greatest good to the greatest number the better times will be. After a while we will not count a threatened disaster as anything but a stimulator for progress.

Columbia, Feb. 8.—Gov. Manning has received no further information as to when the Second regiment and other South Carolina units will be returned from the border.

Rev. R. T. Gillespie of Florence is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Rose Jenkins Warren street. Mr. Gillespie recently resigned from the Florence Presbyterian church to accept a call to Lexington, Ky.

FAREWELL TO MISSIONARY.

Black River Missionary Union Holds Service in Honor of Rev. Henry Lide Reaves.

Salem, Black River, Feb. 5.—Farewell services at New Harmony church were held Sunday in honor of Rev. Henry Lide Reaves, who will sail for China some time this month, if war news does not interfere. He expects to sail from Vancouver. There were two services, a sermon at 11 a. m. by Mr. Reaves. Intermission of an hour and a-half for lunch, that was served on the grounds by the ladies of the Black River Missionary Union of Harmony Presbytery. At 2 p. m. the meeting was called to order by Mr. E. R. Plowden, president of the Missionary Union, when prayers and short farewell talks were made by Rev. J. W. McCord, pastor of the church; E. W. Dabbs, deacon and treasurer of Salem Black River church and Dr. Robert Lide, pastor of the Alcolu Baptist church. There were several appropriate hymns. Then the celebration of the Lord's Supper conducted by Revs. McCord and Reaves, participated in by elders of the visiting churches brought to a close a very interesting and solemn occasion.

Mr. Reaves' sermon was a plea for earnest intercessory prayers daily of the friends who are sending him out and pledging his support.

Mr. McCord's address was to show the world-wide opportunity now opened for missions and how we may through this brother have a personal part.

Mr. Dabbs' remarks were directed to the imminence of the breaking up of world forces when the Christ shall come to chain the devil for a thousand years while He reigns supreme on earth.

Dr. Lide's was a most affectionate farewell to the young brother made very tender by the fact that Dr. Lide has two daughters in that far-off land and a niece who is first cousin to Mr. Reaves.

All regretted that Rev. L. L. Legters of Bishopville could not come and that Rev. Mr. Grier of Mayesville was too late in the afternoon to take part in the services.

This is the second meeting of the Black River Missionary Union which is calculated to do much for the social, spiritual and community development of this section. Its membership is confined to the members of the six churches of this section, Concord, New Harmony, Brewington on the west and Midway, Sardinia and Salem on the east side of Black River. It is probable that Salem will have the honor to have the next representative on the foreign field in the person of Jas. McBride Dabbs, now at Clark University, Worcester, Mass., taking a post graduate course in psychology and education before going to the seminary for his theological training.

Saturday was the coldest day since the first week in February 1899. The thermometer went to 10 degrees above zero. Sunday it was 26 degrees in the morning and rose to 50 in the afternoon. At 10 p. m. a shower of rain fell and this morning there is about an inch of snow with the temperature down to 14 degrees above.

BLOCKADE TO STAND.

Slight Hopes for Peaceful Relations to Continue.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—(via London).—Peaceful continuance of German-American relations after the departure of the respective embassies at Washington and Berlin in the sense indicated by President Wilson in his address to congress, appears to be very slight, judging by all the information, some of the highest authenticity, gathered by the Associated Press.

It was stated positively in high political circles that the German orders for the conduct of a submarine war could not, and would not be modified; that in Germany the determination to enforce the prohibited zone order was absolute and final and that the only security for shipping was avoidance of the prohibited zone.

Germany, so the Associated Press was informed, resorted to this measure after the "shameful" rejection by the entente powers of peace overtures, and only after the fullest deliberation of the imperative weapon in defense of its threatened interests; Germany cannot relinquish this weapon—the only one promising a speedy end to the war—reluctant as Germany was to take this step.

The government had hoped that the United States would see it in this light, and was, and is, actuated by no animosity to the United States in its determination. Germany, therefore, so the high informant of the Associated Press continued, is very keenly disappointed and grieved by the terms of Mr. Wilson's message, but the government cannot alter or modify the course upon which it has determined. This official adds:

"We can only hope and trust that American ships and American citizens will avoid the danger zone laid down in the German memorandum."



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SAM NICHOLLS WINS.

Traxler Removed as Postmaster at Greenville—Thomas H. Pope to Succeed Him.

Greenville, Feb. 5.—The postoffice department has asked the resignation of David B. Traxler, postmaster at Greenville, says a dispatch from Washington tonight. Congressman Nicholls has recommended the appointment of Thomas H. Pope. Mr. Traxler is in Washington, having left here Sunday, it is understood, in response to a telegram from one of South Carolina's representatives. According to the Washington dispatch, the postoffice department will not yet make a statement concerning the matter except that the request for resignation was made for "cause based on report of postoffice inspectors." The message says that the South Carolina

senators will support Pope for confirmation. The local office it is stated will remain in the hands of the assistant postmaster, Mr. Easley, until Mr. Pope is nominated and confirmed.

The appointment of a postmaster to succeed Traxler is the climax to a peculiar situation created when Traxler was reinstated as postmaster after he announced that he had resigned to run for congress in the Fourth district, opposing Nicholls. He was overwhelmingly defeated and shortly after the election he succeeded in regaining the postmastership.

Mr. Pope is well known throughout South and North Carolina. He is South Carolina State secretary of the Travelers' Protective association and is United Commercial Travelers' junior counselor for North and South Carolina. He travels from Greenville for a firm of wholesale grocers of New York.

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