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German Commerce Raider Sunk in North Sea Fight

British Auxiliary Cruiser Also Went to the Bottom---Fight Occurred on February 29-British Captured 5 Officers And 115 Men -- Official Statement.

LONDON, March 25.- A German raider has been sunk in the North Sea. Five German officers and 115 men out of a total of 300 were captured. that powerful influences are at work The British lost 74 men. The British armed merchantman Alcantara, the spreading of alarming rumors, ad which sank the German raider, the Greif, was herself sunk. The fight oc- what steps shall be taken to bring the curred in the North Sea on February 29. The Greif was sunk by gun fire and the Alcantara by a torpedo. The British losses were made up of five define defort is being made by interofficers and 69 men. The Alcantara was a large liner belonging to the Royal Mail Packet Company of Belfast. She had been in the service of the United States and in Mexico to 2 the British government for some time. Her gross tonnage was 15,300, she countries would be inevitable. was 570 feet long and was built in Glasgow in 1913.

The following official statement was issued: "An engagement occurred on Feb. 29 in the North Sea between the armed German raider Greif. The Hague, via London, Murch 25.disguised as a Norwegian merchant vessel, and the British armed cruiser shipping companies of its intention to Alcantara, Captain T. R. Wardle. It resulted in the loss of both vessels, the German raider being sunk by gunfire and the Alcantara apparently by a torpedo.

The Official Statement Says That the

Raider Fired Over the Norwegian Colors

GERMAN "Five German officers and 115 men were picked up and taken prisoners out of the total complement, believed to have been over 300. The British losses amounted to five officers and 69 men. It should be noted that during the whole engagement the enemy fired over the Norwegian colors painted on the side of the ship. This news is now published as it is made clear by the receipt of a German wireless message that the cnemy has learned that the Greif, a similar ship to the Moewe had been destroyed before she succeeded in passing our patrols.

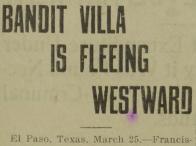
Three German steamships are listed under the name Greif. The largest, a vessel of 1,165 tons gross, is 235 feet long, was built in 1912 and is owned in Bremen.

Russians Drove the Germans From

Positions Looked Upon as Impregnable

Woevre region. The text of the statement follows: LONDON, March 25.-German official reports of the aclivity south of Dvnsk lay stress on the heavy Russian losses. enemy at Courtes Chausses resulted in our taking some prison-

This is an old trick, resorted to time after time when the enemy has suffered a reverse. Naturally, when positions such as the Germans have been strengthening all winter are taken in ly both to the west and to the east of the river Meuse. the course of a few hours, losss are inevitable, but I have ground for stating that the Russian casualties are by no means heavy.



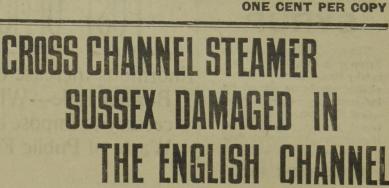
o Villa was reported early today to be eeing west in the San Miguel coun ry, having successfully eluded the ling ring that was being drawn ound him by American and Carranza troops. News of the outlaw's retreat westward was brought here from El Valle, but could not be confirmed at Fort Bliss or in Mexican official cir-

Washington, March 25 .- Convinced that powerful influences are at work gitation to an end.

Many officials believe that a wellests owning property in northern Mex point where war between the two

TO ORGANIZE SERVICE

OF MINE SWEEPERS The Hague, via London, Murch 25 .less near the Northinder lightship and organize a service of mine sweepers to precede ships btween Northinder and English territorial waters.



Was Struck Amidships When Near the French Coast---Twenty-Five Americans on Board---Some Lives May Have Been Lost---Towed Into Boulogne.

LONDON, March 25 .--- Information obtained from passengers on the channel steamer Sussex, damaged by an explosion ico to inflame the minds of people in lyesterday afternon, on the way from Folkestone to Dieppe, indicates there may have been a considerable loss of life.

> One American is missing and is supposed to have been lost. Another man was injured seriously. Several Americans were rescued. Opinion of passengers of the Sussex is divided as to whether the vessel was sunk by a mine or a torpedo. The explosion was terrific. It occurred just ahead of the captain's bridge, and tore the front part of the steamer to pieces, killing on injuring a number of persons.

Many were wounded severely by flying splinters.

The Admiralty states that 250 survivors have been landed in France and between 90 and 100 at Dover. As there were 386 passengers and about 50 men in the crew, 75 or more persons are still missing.

LIVES MAY HAVE BEEN LOST.

LONDON, March 25 .- The cross-channel steamer Sussex, SAYS VERDUN IS IN FLAMES which was seriously damaged yesterday afternoon near the French coast, was towed into Boulogne early this morning, according to a despatch to the Central News. Information re-French Official Statement Says All is Quiet in the ceived at Dover states that it is now regarded as certain that some lives were lost on the vessel, probably by the explosion Verdun Region-Artillery Duels Near Mouwhich caused the damage to her. A few of the rescued passentainville—British Steamer Salybia Has Been gers are being brought to Dover, but the majority of those who were taken off the steamer by the rescuing vessels will be landed in France. There were twenty-five Americans aboard the Sussex, which left Folkestone vesterday shortly after noon in clear weather. and the second in the Barris of the State

WAS STRUCK AMIDSHIPS.

The vessel proceeded without incident until 4.30 p.m. when she was struck amidships as she was approaching the coast of France. A terrific crash followed and several hands in the engine room were badly injured.

Wireless messages brought help from both sides of the ers and inflicting losses on the enemy. The night passed quiet- Channel and it was thought all the passengers were rescued,

Fear of mines and torpedoes has caused special precautions o be taken by Channel boats during the past few da Moutainville. There have been no important developments to their light draught it had been generally thought they were safe from torpedoes. These boats make the trip from Folkestone to Dieppe in four hours and ten minutes, but for the past fortnight they have been sailing with the tide in order to increase their speed. The Folkestone-Dieppe route is one of two routes still open to travellers going to Paris and points beyond,

In any case the Germans, who retreated before the onrush of the Russian troops, shelled by artillery which is now amply provided with ammunition, could know very little about them. A force advancing can form a fair estimate of their opponents losses, but the force compelled to retire can only guess.

The fact that at several places the Russians drove the Germans out of the trenches and occupied strongly fortified positions, such as Veleekie and Selo, gives the best possible ground for confidence in the future. All that the German engineers could devise had been done through the winter to make the front impregnable.

Wire defences, concrete parapets, armored blockhouses. ingeniously laid mines, reservoirs of poison gases, and numberless machine guns might have led them to suppose that they were secure against attack. Yet at the first determined effort the whole elaborate system of defence crumbled.

Of course they retired to position equally strong, possibly tronger, but the Russian troops are now full of confidence in London. their ability to drive back the enemy.

In one district where the Germans were hoist with their Galician Girl Held own petard and treated with liberal doses of their own flame. throwers and gas, they cursed the day their leaders adopted these means of warfare. Here the Russians captured all who were not unconscious or dead. Hundreds surrendered, including officers, machine guns, searchlights, bomb-throwerseverything fell into Russian hands.

German Official Report Admits That

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BERLIN, March 24 (via London) .--- Military activity on the Dr. Hudson, of Mamioto, swore that was a Greek volunteer, Albert Mis- has arrived at Boulogne. northern sector of the eastern battle front continues despite death resulted from a succession of down at a height of 8,000 feet, falling alternating rain and snow. Russian drumfire was heavy on the A son of the deceased said his mother into Lake Doira. night of March 20 and in the early morning of March 21, be- told him the morning of the murder tween the Naroose and Wiszeniew lakes, and it was particularly that she would "let Teenie go. heavy just southward of Narocz lake, where the German line ran from Belisniki to Monkey Sea, and thence to the westward. The Russians directed their main attack against this small ing friends in St. John. salient with a harassing concentric fire, and the Germans drew back to their second line to avoid unnecessary losses.

"In the Woevre district there have been artillery duels near elswhere on the front.

In the Argonne a surprise attack on the trenches of the

BERLIN, March 25 (via London).--Verdun is in flames,

PARIS, March 25.—The French official statement says that

the past night was quiet in the Verdun region, both east and

west of the Meuse. Artillery duels were in progress in the

according to today's official statement by German army head.

THE AURORA NOT IN DISTRESS.

Sunk, But No Loss of Life.

quarters

LONDON, March 25.-Reports received here loday state that the auxiliary ship Aurora, of the Shackleton Antarctic expedilion, which was damaged in the ice and is now proceeding io New ealand for repairs, is not in distress or in need of assistance. The latest message indicates that the Aurora is proceeding under her own steam.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

Salybia has been sunk and that the passengers and crew were saved. The Salvbia, of 3,252 gross tons, 342 feet long and 46 feet Leam, was built in 4904 at South Shields and was owned by Scruton, Sons & Co., London. In the last available records

Attempted Air On Murder Charge

Hamiota, Man., March 25.-Teenie Troops Retired Before Russian Attack Hamilton. The body of the murdered held by the French held by the French held by the French

Miss Moore has returned from visit Sakatani, former minister of finance,

Miss Baird of Chipman, is visiting per sister, Mrs. C. C. Jones, at the pan at the forthcoming economic con-

formally committed for trial at the fall raid over Saloniki was made last night assizes at Brandon, charged with the The Zeppelin did not reach the city, murder of her employer, Mrs. Mary however, being kept beyond the linos

JAPANESE DELEGATE TO

Tokio: March 25 .- Baron Yoshihiro

has been designated to represent Ja-

SOME LIVES WERE LOST.

and is mainly used by neutrals.

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The chief engineer of the Sussex was killed by the explosion and the purser was wounded seriously. An American whose name is not known to survivors who have reached Lon-LONDON, March 25.-Lloyds report says the British ship don, was talking with the Baldwin family close to the captain's bridge, when the explosion occurred. He has not been seen since that time and is supposed to have been lost.

The explosion occurred at about 3 p.m., when the Sussex was an hour and a half out of Folkestone. The wireless appathe ship is reported as having left Barbadoes in March 3 for ratus was destroyed and no help came until nearly midnight. Had it not been for the water-tight compartments the Sussex

would have sunk and the loss of life would have been heavier.

AMERICANS RESCUED.

LONDON, March 25.-Edward Huxley, president of the Raid On Saloniki United States Rubber Export Company, and Francis E. Drake, European manager of the company, are among the Americans Saloniki, March 24 via Paris, March rescued from the Sussex. They report that there was a heavy

Malone, a Galician girl, was yesterday 25.-An attempt at another Zeppelin loss of life, including probably several Americans.

SUSSEX WAS TORPEDOED.

PARIS, March 25.--Reports of the sinking of the Sussex A French biplane, whose observer obtained here today, state that she was torpedoed. The Sussex

SOME UNACCOUNTED FOR.

LONDON, March 25.-Last night's despatches said there were 386 passengers on the Sussex and a crew of about 50, in-ALLIES' CONFERENCE dicating that 75 or more persons on the Sussex have not been accounted for.

The London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Company officials say the passenger list of the Sussex shows that there ference of the Entente Allies at Paris. | were 25 Americans aboard.