

## AMERICAN SHIP HIT BY TORPEDO

### Attacked Off Scilly Islands By A German Submarine

#### Captain Dies; Two Men Drown—Former Passes Away Of Heart Failure As A Result Of The Shock And The Seamen Jump Overboard—Attack Delivered In A Fog—Washington Officials View The Affair With Grave Concern

London, May 3.—The American oil tank steamer *Gulflight* was torpedoed off the Scilly Islands by a German submarine. The vessel was towed into Crow sound and beached.

A fog prevailed at the time. The crew was transhipped to a trawler. Captain Alfred Gunter died of heart failure. Two members of the crew jumped and it is believed were drowned. One of the crew was injured. The *Gulflight* was sighted in a sinking condition. Four trawlers went to the rescue and brought the survivors to harbor.

The captain of the *Gulflight* was Alfred Gunter of Bayonne, N. J. Mrs. Gunter received a telegram from the refining company notifying her that the vessel had been struck by a torpedo and that her husband was dead. The *Gulflight* was a steel vessel of 3,202 tons net and was built at Camden, N. J., in 1914. She was owned by the Gulf Refining company. The vessel was 383 feet long, 51 feet beam and 20 feet deep. She was equipped with wireless telegraphy apparatus. The *Gulflight* sailed from Port Arthur, Tex., April 10, for Rouen, France.

Captain Gunter was fifty-two years old and one of the oldest captains in employ of the company. He was born in Germany. Captain Gunter was commander of the steamship *Oklahoma*, which went down in a gale in January, 1914, off the New Jersey coast.

#### WITH GRAVE CONCERN

Washington Officials View Reported Sinking of American Ship. Authorities here viewed with grave concern reports that the American oil ship *Gulflight* had been torpedoed by a German submarine off the Scilly Islands, south of England.

It had been the fear of officials that the German "war zone" operations would result in the sinking of an American ship by a German submarine. It now appears that not only was the vessel torpedoed, but according to information received here three American lives were lost as a result. The case of Leon C. Thrasher, the American who lost his life in the torpedoing of the British ship *Falaba* by the Germans, was regarded as in part raising the issue most feared as a source of complications by this government. The present case apparently constitutes a much more serious offense, in that it combines not only an attack upon the American flag and the destruction of American property on the high seas, but also involves the loss of American lives.

Officials here declined to comment on the dispatches from London because they have not yet been confirmed by any official messages reaching the state department. It was pointed out that the matters involved

are of too great consequence for official utterances based on reports which may subsequently prove to be either inaccurate or incomplete.

The vigorous note sent to Germany by the United States with reference to the proposed war zone operations affords, of course, the basis for the position the United States government may be expected to take in the matter.

#### DRIVE OUT FRENCH

Ottoman Troops, Led by German Officers, Score Signal Victory.

London, May 3.—Ottoman troops, under the command of German officers directed by General Liman von Sanders, have cleared the Asiatic shores of the Dardanelles by a brilliant engagement lasting two days. Wireless reports from Athens announce that the 4,000 French soldiers, including the colonial veterans from northern Africa, have retired, after fighting stubbornly against superior numbers. The forts in the narrows were considerably damaged, but action of the fleet was hampered by mines, the clearing away of which has been made difficult by the mobile Turkish batteries ashore.

#### Turks Drive Allies Back

Berlin, May 3.—The Turkish war office at Constantinople issued the following official statement: "On the evening of May 1 the left wing of the enemy was attacked by us several times from positions near Gaba Tebeh and was driven back in a northerly direction towards Arburnau. May 2 the enemy attempted to advance in order to avoid the effective flank fire of our artillery, but was driven back to the old positions on the coast by a bayonet attack. We have captured two machine guns and all material and ammunition landed by the enemy near Sedd El Bahr. By reason of our artillery fire the enemy is in an untenable position. The allied warships are taking no action against the fortifications in the straits."

#### SPONSOR AT BAPTISM

Wilson Presents Little Grandson With a Ball and Bat.

Williamstown, Mass., May 3.—In St. John's Episcopal church President Wilson became one of the sponsors for his grandson here yesterday. Rev. J. Franklin Carter, the pastor of the church, conducted the ceremony, using the regular Episcopal service. Contrary to the expectations of outsiders, the president's grandson was christened Francis Woodrow Sayre. Only the immediate members of the family and a few close friends of the Sayre family attended the baptism. President Wilson left behind him as a gift for Francis Woodrow Sayre a ball and bat.

## WENT TO NEW YORK TO COMMIT SUICIDE

New York, May 3.—Because she could not bear to kill herself at home, Mrs. Bessie Byfield of Indianapolis took a train to New York, went to the Park avenue hotel and committed suicide there by swallowing cyanide of potassium. Mrs. Byfield left two letters, one addressed to her mother and

the other to her sister, both in Indianapolis, in which she declared that she had determined to do away with herself, but could not bear to do it near them. She asked that her body be cremated. Mrs. Byfield was formerly society editor of an Indianapolis paper.

## BATTLESHIPS ARRIVE IN NEW YORK MAY 8 FOR GREAT FLEET REVIEW



BATTLESHIP FLORIDA and SKYLINE OF NEW YORK  
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New York, May 3.—This city is getting ready for a great review of the American battleship fleet to be held in the North river on May 18. President Wilson and all the members of his cabinet will be here. The battleships scheduled to participate in this

review will arrive in the North river May 8. The submarine flotilla and auxiliary division are scheduled to arrive the following day, and the flotilla of destroyers will assemble on May 12. There will be sixty-five vessels in the review.

## SEWS UP MAN'S HEART DELICATE OPERATION

New York, May 3.—Dr. Charles Goodman, a visiting surgeon at the Beth Israel hospital, sewed three stitches in the lining of a man's heart and saved the patient's life. The man was Israel Seif, a peddler. He was brought into the hospital in a dying condition as a result of accidentally

plunging a knife through his lungs and into his heart. In order to stay the hemorrhage the man's chest had to be opened, and for this purpose a special apparatus was used to prevent the collapse of the lungs. Dr. Goodman did the sewing up of the heart while it was actively palpitating. Stitches were also taken in the lungs.

## NEWSPAPER DEAL

Upper Sandusky, O., May 3.—Sherman A. Cuneo, secretary of the San Francisco exposition commission from Ohio, sold the Union-Republican of this city to Charles H. Lewis of Harper and other local Republicans for \$21,000.

## MOTHERS' DAY MAY 9

Columbus, May 3.—Governor Willis has designated May 9 as Mothers' day. He asks that everyone wear a white carnation or some other white flower on that day in honor of mother, and that the national colors be displayed on all public buildings as a further tribute of respect to mothers.

## MRS. BROWN WANTS OUT

Columbus, May 3.—Among the cases which will come before the parole board within a few weeks will be that of Mrs. Charlotta Thompson Brown, sent to Ohio penitentiary a little more than a year ago from Cincinnati, where she was convicted on charges of embezzlement, following the failure of the Thompson-Brown company, brokers, of which she was the head. Application for a parole has been made by Mrs. Brown.

## DEATH OF LITTLEFIELD

New York, May 3.—Former congressman Charles E. Littlefield died at his home here. His death was due to embolism, the formation of a blood clot resulting from an operation which he underwent ten days ago. He was sixty-four years old. Since his resignation from congress in 1908 Mr. Littlefield had made New York city his home and had been practicing law here.

## BELMONT CO. STILL DRY

Bellaire, O., May 3.—The county license commissioners announced that saloons would not be permitted to open in Bellaire, Martins Ferry and Bridgeport. The cause of this unexpected order is said to be the result of protests filed against some of the men who were granted licenses. The disappointed applicants for licenses charge irregularity in the commissioners' work.

## BOY KILLED BY ROLLER

Dayton, May 3.—Walter E. Snyder, twelve, son of Monroe Snyder, a farmer, met death beneath a roller while rolling plowed ground on his father's farm.



Admiral FLETCHER

## 3 HURT IN AUTO SPILL

London, O., May 3.—Three Delaware men were injured, one seriously, when their automobile struck a rut and turned turtle near Summerford. John Grott, driver, suffered a broken leg and internal injuries. Morris Stack and Henry Metten were cut and bruised.

## ROOSEVELT CENSURED

New York, May 3.—ARMS at those who are attempting to make political capital out of the military unpreparedness of the United States are contained in a letter sent out to members of the American league to limit armaments, in which they are asked to direct public attention to such efforts. Colonel Roosevelt and the navy league come in for censure. The letter says that the preparedness issue is undoubtedly used to further political ends.

## MAKING PROGRESS

Cleveland, May 3.—An agreement concerning "yardage" and several other minor points was reached at the conference of eastern Ohio miners and operators. Both sides are confident a settlement will be reached.

#### Willis on Highway Work

Columbus, May 3.—Governor Willis joined the good roads boosters and issued a statement, urging greater activities in highway work. He also cautioned public officials not to neglect the \$100,000,000 investment in improved roads, and urged that these be kept in condition by repair and maintenance. Closer co-operation among federal, state, county and township officials in road work also was advocated by the chief executive.

## TO BOOST RAPID TRANSIT BILL

### Cincinnati Delegation Will Descend on State Capitol.

#### WOULD HAVE QUICK ACTION

Republican Members Displeased at the Action of Their Hamilton County Colleagues in Voting Against the Andrews License Decentralizer. Farmers Show Disinclination to Register as Voters.

Columbus, May 3.—Business and professional men, merchants and labor leaders to the number of several hundred will arrive in this city tomorrow to urge with Governor Willis and the speaker and leaders of the lower branch of the general assembly passage of the Bauer bill, which provides for Cincinnati a rapid transit system and an entrance to the city for nine interurban roads.

Many of the Republican members are displeased at the action of the Hamilton county members in joining with the Democrats to defeat the Andrews saloon license bill. Some of the members talked of refusing to pass the rapid transit bill ahead of the new license bill to be introduced in the senate, but waiting to see whether the Cincinnatians stand with the Republicans in carrying out the party pledge to decentralize or whether they play with the Democrats.

It is claimed that the farmers don't want to register as voters, not even once. That turns out to be why the Wickline election code has languished in committee for ten days since the senate passed it. The bill abolishes annual and quadrennial registration of city voters, substituting a permanent card system. In order to start the system, one more general registration must be had. The village and rural voters were included by the bill because of the need of a complete list of Ohio voters, to whom the secretary of state is required to mail copies of explanations of initiative and referendum proposals. This would require the farmer to register, and thereafter to sign his name to a card when handed a ballot on election day. To save the registration part of the bill from the farmers probably it will be amended to leave them out and to provide only for a card system of registration in cities.

## MOTOR CAR BECAME STALLED ON TRACK

### Three Persons Killed When Hit By a Passenger Train.

Cleveland, May 3.—Four persons were caught when an automobile was struck by a New York Central-Lake Shore express train near Willoughby, O. The dead: Mrs. Oliver M. Foster; Lola Foster, twenty-one; Gaylor Larriker, fifteen.

Oliver M. Foster, master mechanic of the New York Central lines at Collinwood, who was driving the machine, escaped with serious injuries. The Larriker boy, a son of neighbors of the Fosters, lived a few hours after the accident.

The train, driven by Engineer Frank Allen of Collinwood, a friend and former associate engineer with Foster, was going fifty miles an hour when Foster's automobile became stalled on the tracks. The machine was demolished and Mrs. Foster's body was carried 300 feet by the express.

#### TO THE POINT

Equal suffrage in California was pronounced a success in a resolution adopted by the senate of that state. New anti-vice delivery ordinance is in effect in Cincinnati. Five hundred ice men enjoyed their first Sabbath holiday Sunday.

The seismograph at St. Ignatius college in Cleveland recorded an unusually severe earthquake at a distance of about 6,000 miles.

Mrs. A. R. Canfield, mayor of Warren, Ill., presided for the first time at a session of the village council. The meeting was opened with prayer.

#### Cause of the Effect.

The table groaned. It was no wonder. For the food upon it was not only heavy, but indigestible as well.—Philadelphia Ledger.

## FRENCH BOMBARDING

### The Southern Fortifications Near Metz

#### Establish Long Range Guns at Pont-au-Mousson.

#### CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE NOTED

Fort Saint Blaise, the Barracks and Nearby Railroad Reported Hit by Shells—Gas Bombs Still Hurled at French Lines—Big German Gun Throwing Shells into Dunkirke, on the French Coast.

Paris, May 3.—The French have established long range guns in the vicinity of their line at Pont-au-Mousson and are bombarding the southern fortifications at Metz which are about ten miles away. The gunfire, says the official communique, caused considerable damage at various points along the southern front of the entrenched camp at Metz, particularly in the case of one of the forts, probably Fort St. Blaise, and at the barracks and the nearby railway.

Metz is the site of one of Germany's most formidable fortifications. It consists of a series of single forts or units, which surround the city at various strategic points. Fort St. Blaise, which is the most southern in the chain, is about five miles from the center of the city and about ten miles from the nearest French trenches at Pont-au-Mousson. Nearby are the forts of Graf Haeseler and Wagner, either of which may have been the principal mark of the French bombardment.

The damage to the railway, if considerable, will be of the greatest concern to the German general staff, as it is this railway running south and west from Metz over which all supplies are carried to the apex of the German wedge at St. Mihiel and to the neighboring line of trenches.

The official report adds: "In the valley of the Aisne and in Champagne the enemy has tried various appliances of war, which have had no effect. Near Tracy Le Mont glass tubes, which on breaking spread fumes of ether, were used. Between Rheims and the Aronne, our enemy resorted to bombs loaded with inflammable substances. Finally a gas producing a heavy green smoke was employed, but it remained over the enemy's line and failed to reach our front."

Germans Advancing.

The Germans claim to have made an advance in their raid into the Russian Baltic provinces, and after defeating the Russians have reached the region to the southwest of Mitau, which is well on the road to Riga, and if they are in strong force they should prove a serious menace to the Russian communications.

There has been no further bombardment of Dunkirke, which would seem to indicate that the Germans had only one big gun in position and that the French armmen have made it so uncomfortable for the gun crew that it has withdrawn. Along the rest of the western front attacks and counter attacks continue, but no battle of importance has developed out of them.

It appears that the Turkish report that the Asiatic shore of the Dardanelles is free of the invaders was correct.

#### SHELLED DUNKIRKE

New German Gun Has a Range of Twenty-three Miles.

Paris, May 3.—Information received from a deserter is to the effect that for about two months engineers of the Krupp gun works have been directing in the suburbs of Duxmude the installation of a marine gun capable of firing a shell over a very long range. It is this gun which may have bombarded Dunkirke. The gun is believed to have a range of 23.5 miles. So states an official communication of the French war office.

#### Despondent; Ends Life.

Cincinnati May 3.—While suffering from melancholia, W. J. Haldeman, who was widely known in the paper trade in southern Ohio twenty years ago, ended his life at his home in Glendale. He was sixty years old.

#### Romeo and Juliet.

"Was Romeo founded by Romeo?" Inquired a pupil of the teacher. "No, my son," replied the wise man. "It was Juliet who was found-dead by Romeo."