

SAYS TWO TORPEDOES HIT THE KROONLAND

Officer Quoted as Stating the Missiles Glanced Off American Liner Without Exploding.

News of an attack made on the armed American liner Kroonland by two German submarines on her last eastward voyage was brought here yesterday by an American traveler who got the information from an officer of the ship recently at a British port.

The Kroonland, which had no passengers, and was under the command of Captain Thomas G. Barman, was nearing the danger zone, the returning traveler stated, when about 11 A. M. two torpedoes coming at the same time from the port and starboard sides whizzed across her bow missing it by a bare seven yards. The Captain sent word to the chief engineer to give her every pound of steam he could get on the boilers, and steered a sharp zig-zag course just as the submarines fired two more torpedoes, both of which hit the sides of the liner, but the angle was so acute that the missiles, which would have sunk the ship, glanced off into the sea without exploding their contact detonators.

Meantime the naval gunners opened fire at the positions on the port and starboard sides forward where the torpedoes came from. The officer could not say whether either of the submarines had been hit.

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