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American Soldiers Taken By Germans

Washington, Nov. 4.—Berlin's terse announcement today that "North American" soldiers had been captured by German patrols on the Rhine-Marne canal on the French front, brought the American people a step nearer to the heart of the great struggle.

There was no doubt here that the men referred to were members of General Pershing's force undergoing final training with French regiments in front line trenches. Confirmation from General Pershing was lacking, but in due course he will transmit the names of any men missing and this may furnish some light.

If, as is assumed, a small scouting party was surprised by a German patrol in No Man's Land and all captured, details of the incident may never be fully told since only captors and captives would know what happened in the encounter under cover of darkness.

This is the first report received here of the capture of any members of the American expeditionary forces, but a number of naval gunners from American armed ships sunk by submarines and civilian members of the crews of other ships are held in German prison camps.

Night patrolling is a vitally important part of the final training of the American forces as it is upon these patrols that the commanding officers rely for information of activity in the enemy's front line. Every night the scouts creep out with faces blackened against the keen vision of enemy lookouts and a swift, deadly spurt from a machine gun. They go creeping across the shell torn ground up to the entanglements, crawling and listening, dropping flat when a flare breaks out in the air above them, sometimes lying absolutely still for hours while rifles and machine guns hammer above them.

Letter From Former Pageland Boy.

Dear Mr. Tucker:
I read with interest your account of the fire which came so near destroying the plant of The Journal and aside from the sympathy I feel for the losers I am particularly impressed with the enterprise you have shown in continuing without intermission a publication of your paper. Only a sense of the highest responsibility to your subscribers could have driven you to the exertion that must have been necessary to issue a paper under such trying conditions. I am sure the people of Pageland and community appreciate as I do the spirit you and those connected with you have shown in this crisis.

Moreover I trust your readers will show their appreciation in more substantial way than sympathy, however much that be appreciated.

The progressiveness of Mr. Sowell in planning immediately to rebuild the destroyed section of your city is to be commended.

Assuring you of my continued interest in your personal welfare and the success of The Journal, I am,

Very Respectfully Yours,
H. L. Johnson.
Columbia, November 2.

Nearly One-Half Kaiser's U-Boats Have Been Lost

London, Nov. 1.—Between 40 and 50 per cent of the German submarines operating in the North sea, the Arctic and the Atlantic since the beginning of the war have been sunk, said Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, in the house of commons today.

"We must lay plans for a long war," continued Sir Eric "I see no signs of its being a short one."

"During the last quarter" the Germans lost as many submarines as they lost in 1916," said Sir Eric.

The output of merchant shipping in the first nine months of this year, he said, was 123 per cent higher than in the corresponding period last year. The admiralty had decided that four new shipbuilding yards would be necessary.

Sir Eric said he regretted it had not been found possible to arrive at a basis for publication of British tonnage losses by submarine action without giving information to the enemy.

The losses of merchantmen in October, he said, were slightly worse than in September. Enemy submarines were being sunk to an increasing extent, but the Germans were building them faster than hitherto.

In September, Sir Eric continued, there was afloat on the high seas an increase of 20 per cent in numbers and 30 per cent in tonnage of British ships as compared with April.

Troops of Allies Have Gone to Aid Italians.

Washington, Nov. 4.—England, France and Italy stands firmly united to oppose any further advance of the enemy in the Italian sector, says the war department's weekly review of military operations. The statement suggests that the Teutons probably thought Italy would be left to her fate, or that the allies would be unable to dispatch the necessary forces in time, but declares that England and France already have sent large reinforcements and the western front today stretches from the North sea to the Adriatic.

Only bare mention of the American troops in France is made by the department. In pointing out that the momentous events in Italy must not "lead us to forget that the principal battle front of the war remains" in France and Flanders, the statement says, "here our forces are fighting."

German Batteries Display Unusual Activity Against American Troops

With the American Army in France, Saturday, Nov. 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—Notwithstanding the rainy weather Friday night and early Saturday, the German batteries displayed more activity than normal on the part of the French line occupied by the American troops. German shells were distributed impartially among the trenches, the American batteries replying in the same fashion.

The enemy is using both high explosive and shrapnel in sending occasional reminders of the war toward the Americans. Reports reaching headquarters, however, are that the bombardment could in no sense be considered "lively," merely being a departure from the normal state of quietude at night on that particular sector.

Italian Retreat Has Compensations.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Friday, Nov. 2 (by the Associated Press).—From the strategic standpoint the Italian retreat in Northern Italy has certain compensations. It has shortened the Italian front from an irregular curve of 70 miles to a compact, straight line.

The former front, just abandoned, stretched from Plezzo southward to the Gulf of Trieste which is 50 miles in an airline and more than 70 miles, including the zigzags over the mountains. This was an exceptionally long front for either offensive or defensive operations and it was continually threatened with incursions at weak points.

The old line, moreover, had no rivers as natural defenses. Now, however, the front is greatly shortened with the entire army massed and backed by natural defenses.

But the strategic issues are not confined to the bearing upon the situation eastward in Venetia. There must also be taken into consideration the Trentino front which has heretofore been distinct and separate in the war operations. The Venetian front runs perpendicularly from the Adriatic, whereas the Trentino front runs horizontally eastward from Lake Garda and is little more than 30 miles away to the north.

Reports coming in today were of a reassuring character, showing the Italian rear guard still holding the enemy east of the Tagliamento.

Two German Warships and Five Armed Trawlers Sunk Off Swedish Coast by British Destroyers

London, Nov. 3.—Thirty men on the German auxiliary cruiser Marie of Flensburg, were killed in an engagement with British destroyers, according to an Exchange Telegram despatch from Copenhagen.

The Marie, a 3,000-ton vessel, met the British destroyers twelve miles north of Kullen. She immediately opened fire, which was answered by the destroyers. In ten minutes the Marie was ablaze.

Of the eighty-one members of her crew, the dispatch says, 30 were killed and the others took to the boats. Seven wounded

Millions of Families Pledge to Save Food.

Washington, Nov. 4.—More than a million families were added to the food administration's pledge enrollment by today's reports of activities yesterday throughout the country. The total as officially recorded here now stands at 6,469,467 and officials of the administration think that pledges for at least ten million families will have been signed before the close of this week.

Because work in some sections has only fairly gotten under way, the campaign which started a week ago has been extended until next Saturday night.

Vermont, with 53,785 pledges signed, is the first state to pass its goal. Its apportionment was 50,000. North Carolina turned in the banner report today, jumping from 165,000 to 224,910. California still leads the states with 446,562.

Reports of attempts to interfere with the food pledges campaign continue to come in. A fake letter signed "Herbert Hoover" and announcing that a government inspector would take over a percentage of home canned goods was circulated in Connecticut, and in Iowa fake pledge cards informing housewives that the government would take all in excess of 100 jars of their canned goods were put out.

sailors subsequently were rescued by the Danish steamship Daigas. Another man was picked up by the steamship Troondheim. They were landed last night. The other members of the crew are believed to have been rescued by the destroyers.

It is understood that the Marie was accompanying a number of patrol boats, including the Crocodile, which sank after an explosion.

According to the Copenhagen correspondent of the Central News, the German vessels were displaying no flags. When the British signalled them to show their colors, the German cruiser opened fire, at the same time breaking out the German ensign. The bodies of many Germans have already been washed ashore on the Swedish coast.

Quarterly Report of Courthouse Township

Period, April 1 to October 1, 1917.
(Continued from last week.)

J M Sellers, 1 2 day	.50
M J Rhine, 1 2 day	.50
D L Teal, 2-h. team 1 2 day	1.50
M L Teal, mch. 1 1 2 ds.	10.50
M L Teal, wagon 1 2 day	1.50
Leon Marmon, 1-2 day	.50
E T Teal, team 1 2 day	1.50
E. T. Teal overseer 1 1-2 ds.	2.25
H T King, team 3 4 day	2.60
King Skipper, 3 4 day	.35
Walter Skipper, 3 4 day	.35
Henry Kollock, 1 day	.75
E T White, overseer 3 4 day	1.05
G R Vaughn, 1 day	1.00
Jim Little, 1 day	1.00
Daniel Vaughan, 9 hours	.90
Bob Campbell, 1 day	1.00
Juke Morris, 2 days	2.00
Bun Rickets, 1 2 day	.50
Joe Sellers, 1 day	1.00
N P Allen, 1 day	1.00
A N Stroud, ov'r's'r 1 1-2 ds	2.25
Jim Rivers, 1-2 day	.50
Press Timmons, 2 days	2.00
Paul Ratliff, 1 1 2 days	1.50
Will Melton, 1 day	1.00
A C Melton, 1 2 day	.50
F H Boatwright, ov'r's'r 1 d.	1.00
Press Timmons, 1 day	.90
Willie Moore, 1 2 day	.45
A C Melton, 3 1 2 hours	.35
Jim Nivens, 1 day	.70
Will Melton, 1 2 day	.45
Paul Ratliff, 1 day	1.00
F H Boatwright, ov'r's'r 1 2 d.	.70
J T Hunt, mule 1 1 2 days	3.00
Walter King, 1 1 2 days	1.50
Author King, 1 1 2 days	1.50
H B Thomas, 1 1 2 days	1.50
Wade King, 1 1 2 days	1.13
Sam Dixon, 4 hours	.40
Boise Hunt, 1 day	1.00
G W Rivers, 1 1 2 days	2.25
G W Rivers, ov'r's'r 1 1 2 ds.	2.25
Jacob Ratliff, 3 days	2.90
Will Curtis, 1 2 day	.50
Charley Newman, 3 days	2.90
James Ratliff, 2 days	1.90
John Cash	
Pure Cash, 2 days	1.90
Frank White, 2 days	1.90
Cal Tucker, 2 days	1.90
R M Davis, 1 day	.90
Julian Teal, 1 2 day	.40
Jacob Redfearn, 1 day	.90
3 mules 1 day	3.00
4 mules 1 day	4.00
2 mules 1 day	2.00
C E Davis, ov'r's'r 4 days	6.00
Charley Robeson, 1 day	1.00
Clim Brock, 2 1 2 days	2.50
W M Brock, wagon 1 day	1.50
W E Bowman, 1 day	1.00
T A Lee, overseer 4 days	6.00
Melton Bennett, wagon 1 d.	1.00
Olin Gordan, wagon 1-2 d.	1.50
King Skipper, 1 day	.50
Walter Skipper, 1 day	.50
H W White, 1-2 day	.50
John White, 1 2 day	.50
Thomas Burch, 1-2 day	.50
Bud Brock, 1 2 day	.40
Henry Collock, 1 day	.75
E T White, overseer	1.50
H W White, 1 2 day	.50
John White, 1-2 dhy	.50
Thomas Burch, 1-2 day	.50
Bud Brock, 1 2 day	.40
Henry Collock, 1 day	.75
E T White	.50
H W White 1-2 day	.50
Jerome Eddins 1-2 day	.50
John White, 1-2 day	.50
Henry Collock, 1-2 day	.50
King Skipper, 1 2 day	.30
Walter Skipper, 1 2 day	.25
Sesel Skipper, 1-2 day	.25
Melton Bennett, wagon 1-2 d.	1.00
Nails	.20
E T White, overseer	.75
W A Stegall, team 3 days	9.00
Three hands, 2 1-2 days	7.50
One hand 1-2 day	.50
W A Stegall, ov'r's'r 2 1-2 ds.	4.50
W A Sellers, repair bridge	2.75
Allen Hurst, 1 1-2 days	1.13
Vance Davis, 1 1-2	1.13
W H Davis, 1 1-2 days	2.25
J T Hunt, mule 2 days	4.00
I H Hunt, 2 days	2.00
Preston Owen, 2 days	2.00

Roy Owen, 2 days	2.00
Jim Ratliff, 2 days	2.00
James Johnson, 2 days	2.00
Walter King, 1 1 2 days	1.50
Arthur King, 1 day	1.00
Wade King, 1 day	.75
Clde Hunt, 1 1-2 days	1.50
Repair on scrape	.30
G W Rivers, ov'r's'r 2 days	2.00
Judson Thompson, 1 day	1.00
Albert Alexander, 1 day	1.00
R C Clayburn, 1 day	1.00
Johnnie Hough, 1 day	1.00
Tom Johnson, 1 day	1.00
Daniel Hinson, 1 day	1.00
John Hough, 1 day	.75
Bursey Campbell, 1 day	.75
Gilbert Clayburn, 1 day	.75
H P James, overseer 2 days	2.50
Johnnie Sellers, 1 1-2 days	1.50
Lloyd Sellers, 1 day	1.00
Two mules, 1 1 2 days	3.00
L C Sellers, ov'r's'r 2 days	3.00
A E Moore, 2mules, 2 men 3 days	12.00
D C Smith, 2 mules, 1 man 2 days	6.00
R G Moore, 3 days	3.00
D C Smith, mule 1 day	1.00
Mule 1 day	1.00
J D Smith, overseer 1 day	1.00
Frank Tucker, 2 days	2.00
E D Mulloy, 2 days	2.00
Charley Hassell, 2 days	2.00
Dock Johnson, 2 1-2 days	2.50
Sam Johnson, 2 1-2 days	2.50
Archie Sellers, 3 days	3.00
W. A. Sellers, 3 day	3.00
Alec Watson, 1 day	1.00
A G Webster, 3 days	4.50
A G Webster, overseer	2.00
R. P. James, 1 3 4 days	1.75
Tom Adams, 1 3 4 days	2.75
Press Adams, 1 day	1.00
Will Eddins, 1 3 4 days	1.75
Andrew Adams, 1 3 4 days	1.75
B T Adams, 1 day	1.00
B. R. Adams, 1 3 4 days	1.25
A J Adams, 1 3 4 days	1.25
Johnnie Hough, 3-4 day	.75
John Hough, 3-4 day	.50
Will Campbell, 1 3 4 day	1.75
C L Eddins, overseer 2 ds,	3.00
E J Morris, 2 days	2.00
C B Morris, 2 days	2.00
John Merriman, 2 days	2.00
Jack Gardiner, 2 days	2.00
Will McCoy, 2 days	2.00
Grady Watson, 2 days	2.00
M T Teal, 2 days	2.00
Zeak Jackson, 2 days	2.00
Tom Melton, 2 days	2.00
J H Streater, 1 day	1.00
Two shovels	3.00
W J Streater, ov'r's'r 2 days	2.00
Charlie Grofford, 3 days	3.00
Page Crofford, 3 days	3.00
Randolph Flinn, 3 days	3.00
George Crofford, 1 1-2 ds.	1.50
Lester Dixon, 2 days	2.00
One mule, 2 days	1.50
Two mules, 1 day	1.50
W T McBride, 3 days	3.00
Melton Bennett, 2 hs. 1-2 d	1.50
H W White, 1 day	.75
Jerome Eddins, 1 day	1.00
Baxter Warner, 1 day	1.00
Bud Rivers, 1 day	1.00
Bud Hammond, 1-2 day	.50
Squire Brock, 1-2 day	.50
E T White, overseer 1 day	1.50
J Gaddy, 1 1-2 days	1.50
R W Gaddy, 1 1 2 days	1.50
R W Gaddy, timber	2.00
Ira Harris, 1 day	1.00
Jim Purvis, 3 days	3.00
Luke Purvis, 2 days	2.00
I P C——, 1 day	1.00
G R Davis, 2 days	2.00
Cary Davis, 1 day	1.00
Carrel Davis, 3 days	3.00
May Davis, 2 days	2.00
L B Davis, overseer 3 days	3.00
E C Adams, team 1 day	3.00
L T Adams, 1 day	1.00
Guy Wadsworth, 1 1-2 days	1.50
P J Ratliff, 1 day	1.00
James Rivers, 1 day	1.00
Buck Ratliff, 2 1-2 days	2.50
W T Griggs, 1-2 day	1.50
W T Griggs, ov'r's'r 2 1-2 ds.	3.75
A E Moore, 2-h. team 2 ds.	6.00
D C Smith, 2 h. team 2 ds.	6.00
R. G. Moore, 2 days	2.00
J. D. Smith, overseer, 2ds	3.00
Ervin Bittle, 4 days	4.00

(Continued next week)



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