

THE SAM GAINS IN SEA WARFARE

HE HAS FAILED TO CHECK SHIPPING

LOSSES SIXTY-NINE VESSELS SINCE REIGN OF PIRATES WAS BEGUN

New York, Jan. 29.—In the 12 months of unrestricted warfare launched against American and allied shipping by Germany, one year ago Friday, there have been sunk by submarine, mines and raiders, 69 American vessels totaling 171,061 gross tons, according to a careful compilation of records of sinkings which have been made public during the period. Offsetting this loss of American vessels, most of which were sailing ships, the United States, since February 1, has added to her merchant marine by the seizure of former German and Austrian owned ships, a total of 107 vessels, having a gross tonnage of 686,494, leaving on the credit side of the American ledger in the account with the central powers, a net gain of 515,433 gross tons.

The loss of life caused by the sinking of the 69 American ships was more than 300 persons, however. The percentage of sinkings of American ships, compared with the number of vessels which have sailed through the war zone successfully is small. Records of the department of commerce show that for the period beginning with February 1, 1917, and ending with December 1, there were cleared from American ports in the foreign trade ships aggregating 17,738,900 net, or approximately 24,834,460 gross, tons.

Further offsetting the loss of tonnage occasioned by the submarine warfare, the United States, through the shipping board, requisitioned in American shipyards 426 vessels totalling more than 2,000,000 gross tons and contracts have been awarded for 884 ships. In addition, the shipping board on October 15 last, placed under government requisition 393 American vessels of over 2,500,000 tons dead weight capacity which were already afloat and immediately assigned them to the task of carrying supplies for the allies and the American forces abroad.

Including in these requisitioned vessels were 21 ships in Great Lakes trade and in addition there were commandeered 24 steamers building on the lakes for foreign account and ready for launching. Virtually all of these were brought to Atlantic Coast ports and immediately put into service.

Another difficulty which faced the United States in the task of putting to sea vessels to offset the ravages of the u-boats was the repairing of the "wilted damage" done to the former German ships by their officers and crews.

Three of the former German vessels seized by this government have been the object of successful attacks by submarines. The Actaon, formerly the Adamsturm, and the Owsgo, formerly the Allamannia, were sunk, and the Armenia was hit by a torpedo and was saved after being beached.

The announced sinkings of British ships for the year up to and including the week ending January 23, have been 1,033 vessels, of which 763 were over 1,600 tons and 270 were under that figure. The joint losses of France and Italy have been averaged from three to four large vessels weekly.

ed annually to pay two and one-half dollars commutation or road tax, except ministers of the gospel actually in charge of a congregation, teachers employed in the public schools, trustees, and persons permanently disabled in the military service of this state and persons who served in the late war between the states, and all persons actually employed in the quarantine service of this State, and all students who may be attending any school or college at the time when the commutation tax hereinbefore provided for shall become due: Provided, That any person claiming exemption from the provisions of this Act on the grounds of physical disability is not appor-

FAILED TO RETURN QUESTIONNAIRES

List of Dillon County Registrants Who Have Not Returned Their Questionnaires

- Willie Bethea, Dillon.
- Virgle Hamer, Hamer.
- Reese Johnson, Sumter.
- James Willie Calder, Dillon.
- Henry Lee, Lake View.
- Willie Talley, Latta.
- Willie Mackeithier Burden, Lake View.
- Coy Barrie McQueen, Hamer.
- Will Campbell, Dillon.
- James Tomson, Hamer.
- Bert Holden, Mallory.
- Morris Davis, Lanes.
- Chalmers Smith, Mallory.
- Robt. Peterson, Sumter.
- James Mills, Dillon.
- Sam McNeal, Dillon.
- Henry Bethea, Lake View.
- William McNair, Dillon.
- William Alston, Marion.
- Bernie Cook, Lake View.
- Joseph Trus Hayes, Lake View.
- James Burk Berry, Latta.
- William McEachern, Dillon.
- Wallie Bailey, Latta.
- William Monroe Harrelson, Hamer.
- Bob Brunson, Camden.
- Jeff Stewart, Georgetown.
- Crawford Dismal, Cheraw.
- John Nick, Dillon.
- Daniel McRae, Dillon.
- Arnold Rogers, Hartsville.
- John Johnson, Dillon.
- Major LeeGtte, Minturn.
- Jesse Rouse, Bargaw, N. C.
- Abraham Johnson, Sumter.
- John Purdy, Little Rock.
- Tom Cox, Dillon.
- David Hardy, Dillon.
- Joe Randolph, McClellansville.
- McCallum WeSwain, Minturn.
- John McDonald, Dillon.
- Ansel Wakefall, Monks Corner.
- Monroe Henson, Dillon.
- Hazel McIntosh, Florence.
- John Lee, Charleston.
- George Washington Norton, Dillon.
- Jackson McNealer, Dillon.
- James P. Page, Lake View.
- Luke Jackson, Hamer.
- Julian Curry, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- Ed Moran, Plantersville.
- Geo Walker Watts, Hamer.
- Richard M. Thompson, Hamer.
- James Nesmith, Marion.
- Bryant Woodell, Dillon.
- Ivay Ford, Nichols.
- Willie Rhoads, Dillon.
- David Rhoads, Dillon.
- Robert Trotter Shiels, Dillon.
- Henry Smith, Dillon.
- Bonnie Green, Georgetown.
- Henry White, Dillon.
- Mack Hudson, Kingstree.
- Simon P. Page, Latta.
- Walter Thompson, Latta.
- Seaman Deas, Georgetown.
- Arch Willis, Dillon.
- Cornelius Small, Plantersville.
- James Arthur Bethea, Latta.
- Bartholomew Alford, Dillon.
- Ernest Russel Hardee, Little Rock.
- David Austin Goodin, Lake View.
- Boyd Jones, Gallivant's Ferry.
- Cicero Owens, Lake View.
- Lonnie Warley, Dillon.
- Hector Grey, Hamer.
- Sam Underwood, Dillon.
- Fred Seats, Mallory.
- Furman Sweats Dillon, No. 2.
- Thomas Beldon, Hartsville.
- Oren Thigpen, Sumter.
- James Page, Latta.
- John McIver Conyers, Kingstree.
- David Hamilton, Lake View.
- Jack Baker, Hamer.
- James White, Hertford Co., N. C.
- James Loyd, Cardesville.
- William Joseph Crowley, Dillon.
- Richard McKay, Dillon.
- Frank Manning, Latta.
- Pearly Graham, Dillon.
- Thad Arthur Rising, Dillon.
- Thomas Grant, Georgetown.
- James M. Love, Lata.
- Oliver Chavis, Dillon.
- Hazel Wright, Sellers.
- Fred Jones, Georgetown.
- John Kirby, Latta.
- Sam Bethea, Minturn.
- Bernie Rouse, Latta.
- Charley Brown, Charleston.
- Jesse Chance, Swainboro, Ga.
- Raymond Miller, Dillon.
- Alexander White, Latta.
- Johanne Platt, Dillon.
- John Causee, Dillon.
- Sandy Herrington, Dillon.
- Willie Ford, Dillon.
- Haywood, Dillon.
- John M., Dillon.
- Andrew, Dillon.
- Ephraim, Corner.
- Tom G., Dillon.
- Rufus, Dillon.
- John, Dillon.
- William, Dillon.
- James, Dillon.
- William, Dillon.

COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

NEWS LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS.

News Items of Interest to Herald Readers. Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide.

Oak Grove
At the first quarterly conference for the Brownville circuit recently held at Bingham a substantial increase in salary was made for the pastor Rev. J. B. Weldon.

A night school for this community was opened last Monday night with Mr. Thos. Hayes in charge. A good number have expressed a desire to attend and no doubt much good will be done.

Miss Mamie McLees of Dillon visited the Oak Grove school one day last week.

Auditor Jno. W. Gaddy was here one day last week taking tax returns. B. M. DuBose of Brownsville was here last Friday on business.

Lacy Lundy has given up a position at Baden, N. C., and is at home expecting soon to be called to the colors.

Mr. Julius Dudley and family of Blenheim visited relatives in this community last Sunday.

Minturn
Prof. J. Furman Herbert, Miss Mac Bryde, and Miss McLees attended the Teachers' Meeting at Dillon last Saturday.

Miss Isla Weatherly spent the week end at her home.

Miss Edwards of Hamlet, N. C., was the guest of Miss Lizzie Henagan last week.

Quite a number of young people enjoyed a musical on Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McLaurin.

Mr. Matthew Edwards and family spent Saturday in Rowland.

Mrs. A. C. Rogers is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Jackson.

Miss Kathleen Cottingham has been spending some time with relatives at Latta.

The ladies held a very enthusiastic Red Cross meeting Friday afternoon. Several new members were added to the roll.

The merchants of Minturn are showing their patriotism by closing the stores on Monday.

Miss Margaret Smith has returned home from a visit to Dillon.

Mrs. Nora Atkinson spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Thad Weatherly.

Floydale
Miss Bessie Stackhouse spent the week-end in Dillon, the guests of friends.

All of our teachers attended teachers' meeting in Dillon Saturday.

Messrs Epps and Murray were here in our school Tuesday.

Prof. M. E. Carmichael spent the week-end at his home.

Mr. H. B. Floyd held out against the Saturday in Latta.

The Ladies Improvement Society held a good meeting Saturday afternoon.

Lake View
Lake View is to have another tobacco warehouse. At a meeting of a number of citizens last Thursday a warehouse company was organized. It will be known as The Liberty Ware-

James Williams, Minturn.
Lige Brown, Dillon.
John Johnson, Dillon.
Albert Bennett, Charleston.
Willie Hughes, Dillon, S. C.
David Taylor, Dillon.
Walter Comings, Santee.
Nelson McKay, Latta.
Furman Gaddy, Hamer.
John Roberts, Zion.
David Chandler, Kingstree.
William Harry Lee, Dillon.
Buck Herbert, Cheraw.
James L. Wilson, Dillon.
Jesse C. Newton, Dillon.
Wm. Anderson, Dillon.
Lorenzo James, Dillon.
Jasper Bryan, Dillon.
Henry Frank, Dillon.
Kue Johnson, Dillon.
Ed Gree, Dillon.
Daniel, Dillon.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

Physical Examinations for Army Service Begin Today

The Local Board of Examiners is mailing cards this week to registrants to appear for physical examination. The examinations will begin today and about 90 men will be examined each day until the work is completed. The physicians of the county held a meeting at Dillon Monday and arranged a schedule for the examinations. Three physicians will be on duty each day and minimum number of registrants to be examined each day is 30 to each physician. There are 1852 men on the list to be examined and it will take about 20 days to complete the examination.

Red Cross Activities

Another shipment of knitted and hospital garments will be sent to headquarters the last of this week. All Red Cross workers are urged to send in finished garments by Friday.

A Junior Red Cross Auxiliary organized in the Dillon community and it is hoped that every one will become a member. The auxiliary are 25c or when an amount is raised by the school equal to 25c per pupil the school becomes an auxiliary of the Red Cross and will be given a large banner. This money is used to purchase material for the children work with. Miss Miller will be in charge of the Junior Red Cross and it is thoroughly organized and the special work will be assigned to each grade under direction of the teacher.

The children are entering into the idea with enthusiasm and all are glad to have a part in this great work for humanity.

Monday Observed as Holiday

In compliance with the fuel administrator's order to suspend business on Mondays for a period of two weeks, business in Dillon was practically suspended Monday. The stores were closed throughout the day.

The rule will be observed Monday during the eight week period.

house Company. The company consist of forty stockholders, growers of tobacco. All of the building of the house will be early date. The officers of the company are R. M. Oliver, L. W. Temple, vice president, Gaddy, treasurer and P. V. send, secretary. In addition above the following are the W. N. Goodyear, R. R. F. man Miller, J. T. Hanl Gaddy, H. A. McCormick Hill. The services of W. burg have been secured as and manager. Mr. Thor is managing a warehouse ton, N. C. He has been business for twenty

the Planters Warehouse last season. The men in this place about come will pay the house and where return the

Miss Roy Campbell week end guests here and Margie Craxton. Miss Sallie and Latta, spent Sunday with Bethea.

Mr. C. B. Sunday in town.

J. H. Monday in the L. John W. section was W. R. McHammer settling here.

We wish to see able paper to mer Lodge requested to the

Secretary of War Says America Will Have 1,500,000 Ready This Year

Washington, Jan. 28.—America will have an army of half a million men in France early this year, with a million more trained and equipped ready to follow as quickly as ships can be provided to carry them, and the outlook for ships is not unpromising.

Secretary Baker gave this information to the nation and to the world today in a statement before the Senate Military committee, revealing that which until now has been carefully guarded with the army's military secrets, in answering charges that the government has broken in its preparation for war.

From early morning until late afternoon the Secretary addressed the committee and a crowd, including many members of both houses of Congress gathered in a big hearing room of the Senate office building. He spoke extemporaneously, beginning with details of the mammoth task of building an army of a million and a half, answering such complaints of inefficiency as were cited by Senator Chamberlain in his recent speech and declaring that such instances were isolated and not general. Some questions were asked and Mr. Baker from time to time had assistants to the telephone for reports on specific questions.

Then toward the close of the day the Secretary delivered a dramatic general statement of the American war plan, telling of the coming of the Allied missions, of the day and night conferences with men from the scene of battle in which the plans now being executed were adopted and of success beyond the most sanguine expectations in building the army and its industrial support at home, transporting men across the ocean, constructing railroads in France and preparing to strike the enemy with every resource at the country's command.

Now, gentlemen, about the plan of the war. It will be remembered that this war broke out in August, 1914. We went into it in April, 1917, so that for two and one-half years, the war had been going on. It was not as though war had broken out between the United States and some country, each of them prior to that time having been at peace with one another and with everybody else, so that an immediate plan should be made in the United States for conducting war against its adversary, but we were coming into a war which had been going on for two and one-half years, in which the greatest military experts, all the inventive genius, all of the industrial capacity of those greatest countries in the world had for two and one-half years been solving the problem of what kind of war it was to be and where it was to be waged.

"It was not a thing for us to decide where our theater of war should be. The theater of war was France. It was not for us to decide our line of communications. Our line of communication was across 3,000 miles of ocean, one end of it infested with submarines. It was not for us to decide whether we would have the maneuvering of large bodies of troops in the open. There lay the antagonists on opposite sides of No Man's Land in the trenches at a death grapple with one another. Our antagonist was on the other side of that line and our problem was and is to get over there and get at him.

"It was not the problem of doing it our way and letting everybody else take care of himself. In the first place we were going to fight in France, not on our own soil and not on our adversary's soil, and therefore, at the very beginning, it was obvious that the thing we had to do was not to map out an ideal plan of campaign, not to have the war college, with its speculative studies of Napoleon and everybody else, map out the theoretically best way to get at some other country, but it was the problem of studying the then existing situation and bringing the financial, the industrial and the military strength of the United States into cooperation with Britain and France, to