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TWO MORE SHIPS SUNK BY U-BOATS

Steamship and Schooner Sent Down By Lurking Submarines.

NO TORPEDOES YET USED BY SEA PIRATES

Believed Submarines Reserving Torpedoes With Hope Of Getting Transport.

New York, June 5.—Two more vessels, a Norwegian steamship and one schooner, were added today to the list of ships known to have been sunk by the German submarines which are raiding in American waters. The total now stands at thirteen—five steamers and eight schooners.

The fact which stood out most prominently in today's developments is that the U-boats are still operating near the coast and have not returned to their bases, assuming that the two which already have been identified are the only ones on this side of the Atlantic.

The location of the attack shows also that the submarines are moving steadily southward, if they are the same ones which attacked shipping almost at the gateway to New York harbor. The Navy Department reported yesterday an encounter between a destroyer and a submarine off the coast of Maryland.

Another fact which is regarded as significant in maritime circles here is that none of the vessels reported sunk thus far was sent to the bottom by a torpedo. It is considered certain that the undersea craft carry torpedoes and that they are conserving them in the hope that they may get an opportunity sooner or later to attack a transport loaded with American troops. The unarmed merchant ships which have been attacked thus far have been sent to the bottom by the use of bombs and shell-fire.

A possibility that vessels still unreported may have been sunk was seen in a statement of the master of the schooner Samuel C. Mengel, who arrived here today with his rescued crew. He declared he was told by the commander of the submarine which destroyed his ship that the boat had sunk three steamers, one passenger liner, and three schooners last Saturday. No vessels have been reported sunk that day and it is believed either the U-boat captain was lying or that Captain Hansen misunderstood him.

So far as known the only loss of life was aboard the New York and Porto Rico liner Carolina and that was definitely established tonight at 16 by revised figures compiled by the company showing that there were aboard the vessel only 218 passengers and 11 in the crew, making a total of 329, instead of 350, as originally reported.

THE BUSY-BEE CANTEEN.

The Busy Bee Canteen, of which Mrs. Morse is Captain, Mrs. H. W. St. First Lieutenant, and Mrs. A. Neuffer, Second Lieutenant, is present to the public a most unique entertainment on Saturday, June 8th, on the public square. The Beast of Berlin, Kaiser Wilhelm, will be present in his coffin. Everybody come and drive a nail through him in.

Beware of the Busy Bees—a sting cost you something!

HERE ON A VISIT.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Cochran and their pretty little daughter, Jean, are here from Timonsville on a visit to their home people. Mr. Cochran will spend a week, while Mrs. Cochran and Jean will spend about a week.

Young Men Registered As Others Are Called

ORDERS FOR MOBILIZATION OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND SELECTMEN IN JUNE.

Washington, June 5.—While a million young Americans just turned 21 were registering today for service in the war for world freedom, orders went out from the office of Provost Marshal General Crowder to the governors of all States except Arizona for the mobilization between June 25 and 28th of 200,000 more registrants. This was in addition to 40,000 negro men registered today from 20 States and brings the total number of selective service men called to the colors to 1,596,704, and when they are in camp the nation's army will number well over 2,000,000 men.

The registration today apparently was attended by the perfect order that marked the enrolling a year ago of 10,000,000 who form the great reservoir upon which the nation is drawing to furnish the balance of power to crush the German machine.

The men who appeared today before the 4,500 local boards over the country have become of age since the first registration day, June 5, 1917. Military authorities estimate that from their number there will be had 750,000 men fit for active duty.

KEEPING UP THE RECORD.

It has always been said that it made no difference how long the drought, it always rains on the "girls day" at the Due West Commencement. This year the record was maintained except that the rain came Tuesday night, almost a day ahead of time.

SURVIVORS TELL HARROWING TALE

Lewes, Del., June 4.—Nineteen survivors, passengers and crew of the submarined steamship Carolina were landed here today and brought a harrowing tale of the sea, the news of the loss of 16 of their number and a remarkable rescue of a girl while they drifted helpless on the ocean during a severe thunder storm Sunday night. Ten boats left the Carolina before she was sunk by the German submarine U-37, all passed through the same storm and the survivors here said they had felt sure all were lost. They expressed great joy when informed that most of the Carolina's company had been saved. The 19 persons landed here were brought in by a British vessel which picked them up more than 25 miles off the Delaware capes. They were taken in charge by the naval authorities. They made full statements to naval officers. None of the survivors had any knowledge that the submarine had shelled the life boats.

SIX U-BOATS OFF AMERICAN COAST

New port News, Va., June 5.—Wireless reports received by incoming steamers indicate that there are six submarines lurking off the Atlantic coast, it was reported in maritime circles here today. Two of this number have been sighted off the Virginia coast during the past week.

IN TOWN.

Mrs. J. A. Dickson, Miss Ida Mae Brownlee and young Paul Dickson were in the city for a while Wednesday morning on business and seeing their friends. They are welcome visitors always.

GERMAN TROUBLES WHEN WAR CLOSES

Trade Struggle Will Be Intense.

UNCLE SAM HAS PART.

Sending of Economic Representative of State Department to Rome May Be First Step.

Washington, June 5.—What may be the first step in a general policy of more active participation in preparations of the nations at war with Germany for the after-the-war trade struggle has been taken in the appointment of an economic representative of the state department to join the American embassy at Rome. It was learned today that the new envoy is about to proceed to his post.

Though the recommendations of the Paris economic conference never have been formally accepted by the United States which in the past has viewed with disfavor attempts to impose artificial obstructions to free commerce, recent developments in Europe have led to conference between representatives of the entente powers and officials of the state department and the war trade board which may result in a complete change of the attitude.

The entente powers and America, as the plan has been explained, would be excluded from the markets of this mittel-Europa combination, but on the other hand would be forced to buy Germanic products at prices to be fixed by the makers.

So the American officials have been told that the instance of self-preservation dictates that some arrangements be made between the entente allies and America to protect them from this menace and insure mutual aid and assistance not only through financial loans and credits, but by special tariff arrangements insuring their supplies of raw material against German control.

The Italian government recently appointed a commission to study after-the-war problems and with this commission the American economic delegate is expected to have close relations.

SEAWRIGHT VS. OIL MILL.

In the case of J. M. Seawright, of the Antreville section, against the Southern Cotton Oil Company, tried at Anderson on Wednesday of this week, the jury awarded the plaintiff a verdict for three thousand dollars. Mr. Seawright sued for injuries alleged to have been received at Abbeville when a pile of cotton seed meal fell on him in March of 1917.

He was represented at the trial by J. Howard Moore and A. H. Dagnall, while Wm. P. Greene and J. B. Park represented the Oil Mill.

A motion for a new trial was made and is under advisement by the court.

OFF TO PELL CITY.

Mrs. J. F. Barnwell and Josephine and Foster Barnwell left Thursday for Pell City, Ala., where they will spend sometime with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Thomson. Foster will spend the summer with his grandparents.

A LITTLE SOLDIER.

Pat, the bright little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zimmer Howie, has the interest of her country at heart and is doing her best to help win the war for she has saved up her nickels and dimes and has bought three War Savings Stamps and a thrift stamp or two.

Pat is nine years old, takes a high stand in the second grade and is a little soldier, indeed.

IF WHISKEY LIVES BEER SURVIVES

Hoover Opposed to Proposed Plan.

WOULD OUTLAW ALL.

But Food Administration Does Not Want Nation on "Whiskey, Gin and Brandy Basis."

Washington, June 5.—Administration opposition to any attempt to stop the manufacture of beer and wine so long as the sale of whiskey is permitted, was made, certain today with the announcement that Food Administrator Hoover opposed such a step because he believed the evils attendant upon putting the nation on a "whiskey, brandy and gin" basis would far outweigh the small food savings that would result.

President Wilson already had stated in a letter to Senator Sheppard of Texas, prohibition champion, that he would not use his power to prohibit the use of foodstuffs in beer and wine unless Mr. Hoover regarded such a step as necessary.

After the opposition of the president and the food administrator had been made known, Senator Sheppard and other senators said the senate would strike from the \$11,000,000 emergency agricultural bill a house amendment prohibiting the use of some \$6,000,000 carried by the measure unless manufacture of wine and beer was stopped by the president.

Senator Smith of South Carolina, of the agricultural committee, upon his return to Washington tonight, said he was inclined to oppose the amendment because a very small proportion of grain is being used in the production of alcoholic liquors since the distilling of whiskey was stopped last September. Senator Smith said efforts would be made to have his committee take up the bill without delay.

Mr. Hoover explained his position in a statement made public tonight along with his letter to Senator Sheppard. He said that "if the American people want prohibition it should prohibit by legislation to that end and not force the food administration to the responsibility for an orgy of drunkenness."

NOTICE TO KNITERS.

Persons knitting for the Red Cross will please use the following dimensions:

In knitting sox be sure the leg measures 14 inches long, and 4 inches wide, and the foot 11 inches long and 4 inches wide, and don't have the toes too pointed and have no knots in the sox.

Mrs. E. R. Thomson, Chairman.

SOLDIERS IN TOWN.

Last Wednesday the public square again presented a martial appearance. A squad of fine young soldiers marched and cheered the Red Cross ladies. Fifteen trains of soldiers passed over the Seaboard Tuesday night and Wednesday. The Canteen Committee served refreshments to the boys passing through to the front.

PLEASED WITH DUE WEST.

Dr. Geo. W. Swope was among the distinguished visitors at Due West Tuesday in attendance upon the closing exercises of Erskine college. Dr. Swope was pleased with the exercises, enjoyed the crowd, dined pleasantly with Mr. R. S. Galloway and came home feeling like a genuine A. R. P.

ALLIES LINE HOLDING AGAINST HUN ATTACK

French Press Highly Praise the Americans

THE AMERICANS ARE FULL OF ZEAL, SPIRITED IN ATTACK AND STEADY AS ROCKS.

Washington, June 5.—An official dispatch from France today says the French press is commenting in the warmest terms on the intervention of the American troops in the great battle taking place between the Oise and the Marne.

"All the newspapers lay stress upon the brilliant operations of the wood of Veully and of Jaulgonne," said the message. "The Matin writes 'Amongst the reserves which are continuing to arrive it is necessary to note the American troops which, though scarcely in the lines, have distinguished themselves by re-establishing the situation in an independent sector. The Americans have shown themselves full of zeal, spirited in the attack and steady as rocks in the defense. These young robust soldiers have in a few weeks, with a tremendous effort, become on modern battlefields the equals of their French and British comrades who were their instructors.'

"We will wager that the Germans who amused themselves by speaking ironical terms of the army which came from the other side of the water, must by now have changed their opinion concerning the military qualities of an adversary that has inflicted a telling check on their best troops of attack."

A SOLDIER IN MAKING.

Mr. Ed Smith went up to Greenville last week and was accepted at Camp Sevier in the training camp and is now enjoying getting up to "réveille" and turning in at "taps." With his charming manners Ed is a hero to the ten and twelve year old boys around, while the older generation wish him every success as a soldier in the making.

BRIDGE ON FIRE.

The Seaboard bridge on Long Cane was discovered to be on fire last Tuesday afternoon and quickly the Section crew was required to put it out and get the trestle in shape for the passing troop trains on Wednesday.

THE BOOK CLUB.

The meeting of the Book Club at the home of Mrs. L. C. Parker, Wednesday morning, was pleasant in every way. In the election of officers Mrs. J. F. Miller was chosen President; Mrs. J. A. Hill, Vice President and Mrs. C. D. Brown, Secretary and Treasurer.

Mrs. J. C. Klugh and Mrs. McMurray have served the club most faithfully as its officers for the past year and the ladies gave them up with regret.

DEATH OF AN INFANT.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Edmunds, died in Spartanburg Tuesday, and was brought here for burial Wednesday.

CHILDREN OF CONFEDERACY.

The Children of the Confederacy will meet Saturday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock with Miss Mary White on Greenville Street.

U. D. C. MEETING.

The U. D. C.'s will meet next Tuesday afternoon, June 11th, at five o'clock, with Miss Nettie Russell.

From June 19th to 24th, 51 registered negroes will be sent to Camp Jackson from Abbeville county.

Nowhere Are Germans Making Progress Against Allies.

FURY OF INVADERS KNOWS NO CEASING

Launching Assaults on Various Sectors in Hope That Ground May Be Gained.

The allied stone wall of resistance is still being imposed against the Germans on the battle from Soissons to Chateau-Thierry. Nowhere is the enemy making progress.

The fury of the invaders, however, has not yet been checked, for all along the front they are launching assaults on various sectors in the hope that the allied ranks may give further ground which would enable the enemy to straighten out the curve in the line from Moulin Sous-Touvent, northwest of Soissons to Troesnes.

Great masses of artillery and large numbers of troops are being used by the Germans in almost continuous battles, but notwithstanding this fact the allied line everywhere has held strongly and at several points the defenders have taken the offensive.

Berlin Changes Tune.

Standing out in sharp contrast against previous communications issued by the German war office claiming gains by feats of arms or the falling back of the allies, is the announcement made in Berlin, Wednesday night.

The Germans are still suffering heavy casualties in their unsuccessful assaults.

Along the Marne front there has been no fighting of great moment, although in the vicinity of Rheims the German artillery has begun a violent bombardment which probably indicates another infantry attack in this region.

Americans Show Merit.

The American troops in the Luneville sector daily are showing their merit in fights with the enemy. Wednesday witnessed another venture carried out successfully by them, 30 of the men from overseas attacking the German lines and penetrating them to the third defenses and assaulting 200 occupants of them with rifles, bayonets and grenades. The losses to the enemy were numerous. Unstinted praise continues to be given the Americans for their intrepidity.

AMERICAN PATROL IN HOT FIGHTING

Surrounded by Overwhelming Numbers They Fight Their Way Through—Losses Are Slight.

With the American Army in France, Monday, June 3.—An American combat patrol engaged in a desperate fight with a larger enemy patrol near Ancerville, in the Luneville sector today. The American losses were slight. The German casualties are not known.

Two Americans discovered the German patrol and endeavored to surround and capture the enemy. During the fight the Americans found themselves being surrounded by overwhelming numbers, but managed to extricate themselves and retire fighting all the while. It is believed certain that punishment was inflicted upon the enemy by the grenades and rifle fire of the Americans.

SEEING HER FRIEND GRADUATE

Miss Ruth McLane went up to Due West Tuesday to be present at the graduation of her friend, Miss Lols McDonald, a bright young woman who led her classes at Erskine.