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## TUSCANIA'S DEATH LIST STANDS 166

Latest Available Figures Place the American Casualties at 147

Survivors' Bureau Gives Lower Figure

Reports Place the American Loss at 101—No Change on the Fighting Fronts

With but scant hope that additional survivors of the torpedoed liner will be found latest compilations show that 147 American soldiers lost their lives Tuesday night on the Northern coast of Ireland. British Admiralty figures give the total casualties as 166, the losses among crew and passengers being 19.

### OUR MORE DAYS FOR REGISTERING ALIENS

Washington, Feb. 9.—Four days extension of the time in which German enemy aliens must register throughout the country, was announced today by Attorney General Gregory. The extension changes the closing of the registers from today to Wednesday, February 13. The attorney general said he desired to give those required sufficient time in which to comply with the President's proclamation.

### MECHANIC KILLED IN AIRPLANE WRECK

Port Worth, Texas, Feb. 9.—Walter Swan, mechanic at Hicks Field, was killed and Lieutenant Joseph F. Lersch seriously injured yesterday when their airplane fell 100 feet. Lersch probably will recover, his physician said. Lieutenant Lersch came from Wilkesboro, Pa.

## SEVEN VAIN RAIDS ON VERDUN FRONT BY CROWN PRINCE

Large Bodies of Troops Engaged But No Permanent Gain Made

### THE ASSAULTS HAVE BEEN VERY COSTLY

In Each Attempt the German Force Suffered Defeat, Losing Many Killed and Captured

With the French Armies in France, Feb. 9.—The armies of the German Crown Prince before Verdun since February, have suffered costly defeats in seven vain raids on French positions on both sides of the Meuse. Although large bodies of troops were employed at times, not a single permanent advantage has been gained. On February 2 the Germans made three separate assaults on the Caubiers wood, but were hurled back with heavy losses. North of Hill 344 on February 3 five German columns advanced in a thick fog after a heavy preliminary bombardment and succeeded in entering the French front line momentarily.

The enemy was driven out in vigor and hand-to-hand fighting and again suffered severely. A Baden division, preceded by shock units, assaulted the French line at the same place on February 4. They gained a footing in the trenches for a few minutes and then were chased off after uselessly sacrificing many lives and leaving some prisoners. On February 6, in the vicinity of Fossez wood, another attack was made at dawn after a short and sharp artillery preparation, by Hanoverian troops and a relief division. They succeeded in reaching the French barbed wire and in occupying an element of the French positions. They were driven out almost immediately and pursued by the French, leaving many dead and a number of captives. Between Semogneux and Hill 344, on February 7, another German assault was repulsed with still more losses. This sector is composed mainly of positions formed of groups of shell craters organized since the French gained their great victory last fall.

## GERMANS USING DOGS AS DANGER SIGNALS

Animals in No Man's Land Give Warning of Americans' Approach

With the American Army in France, Friday, Feb. 8.—The Germans are using dogs in their front lines to warn them of the approach of patrols opposite the American sector. A German dog "listener" early this morning, prevented one of our patrols from executing a daring stroke. Two corporals who were concerned in it have been mentioned in official reports for their spirit and coolness.

### EMPEROR EXPRESSES THANKS TO PEOPLE

Amsterdam, Feb. 9.—Emperor William's decree in which he thanks those who addressed congratulatory messages to him on his recent birthday is published in the Berlin Reichsanzeiger. In it the Emperor, according to a summary telegraphed from Berlin, dwells upon "the relations of confidence between the crown and the people," "his 26 years of peace efforts" and the progress of the German people. The Emperor recalls with gratitude "the proudest days of German history at the outbreak of the war," and Germany's later "world historical successes," and he lauds the "self-sacrificing perseverance, the enormous labor and the achievements of the people at home, by which 'with God's help, the nation may look forward to a good peace."

### FRIGHTFUL SLAUGHTER OF FINNISH PEOPLE

London, Feb. 9.—According to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen, a special correspondent of the Berlinische Tidende, who succeeded in escaping from Helsinki, sends to his paper a wireless report in which he says the Red Guards have made a frightful slaughter of great masses of Finnish people. The theatre and a large number of public buildings in Helsinki have been destroyed. The Red Guards, however, have been unable to control the people and anarchy is increasing.

## SENSATIONAL SPY HUNT ON DUTCH SHIP CONTINUES

Thirty-six Men and Three Women Have Been Taken in Custody

### ALLEGED GERMAN SPY UNDER ARREST

Man Admitted That He Represented Hun Spy System. Searching the 1,000 Passengers

An Atlantic Port, Feb. 9.—With Federal agents still maintaining silence concerning the reported character of a German spy and incriminating evidence on board the Dutch liner *Nieuw Amsterdam* here yesterday, the sensational "spy hunt" on board the steamer continued with unabated zeal today. Thirty-six men and three women, first and second-class passengers who were taken from the liner yesterday, were still detained under guard and the work of searching the one thousand stowage passengers was begun.

Extraordinary precautions have been taken to protect the steamer and to prevent any unauthorized person from landing. When the *Nieuw Amsterdam* arrived on Thursday, only government officers were allowed to meet her.

Friends and relatives of those on board were not allowed near the vessel or her pier. A squad of 100 marines and sailors is on guard at the dock while armed launches continually patrol the waters near the pier. Not only will every person be subjected to an unusually thorough search before being permitted to land, it is said, but every case and cask in the cargo will be opened.

The spy who was reported caught on board was said to be a naturalized American. Twelve thin sheets of paper, covered with code words and numbers, were reported found on his person. According to unofficial reports, the alleged spy has confessed that he came to America to establish communications between the German spy system here and the Teutonic government. Code experts are said to have been summoned here from Washington to examine the seized paper.

### AMBASSADOR FRANCIS STILL ON THE JOB

Washington, Feb. 9.—All fear that Ambassador Francis might have been expelled from Petrograd by the Bolsheviks was dispelled today by the receipt of a cablegram from the ambassador, dated February 6. The rumor that he and other diplomats were being sent out of the country began to circulate prior to that date. In his message, the ambassador made no reference to any conflict with the Petrograd authorities.

### MEDALS OF HONOR FOR TWO SEAMEN

Washington, Feb. 9.—Secretary Daniels today announced the award of medals of honor to Seaman Ora Graves, of Maxwell, N. M., and Tedford H. Cann, of New York City, for extraordinary heroism.

### COLONEL ROOSEVELT IS STILL IMPROVING

"Alarming Symptoms are Subsiding," Says the Doctors Report

### BERLIN REPORTS AMERICAN CAPTIVES

New York, Feb. 9.—The condition of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt who underwent two operations last Wednesday, was reported as "somewhat improved" early today as "somewhat better."

Dr. Harold Keyes attended the Colonel throughout the night. He reported the patient had rested comfortably. The Colonel did not awaken during the night, a nurse informed Mrs. Roosevelt when she entered the sick room this morning.

Doctors Martin and Duell, specialists, saw the Colonel during the forenoon and reported "progressive improvement" during the last 24 hours. "His pulse and temperature are normal," read a bulletin issued at 10:30 a. m., after the two physicians had called. "The alarming symptoms in the internal ear are subsiding. Absolute quiet and rest will be essential during his stay in the hospital of at least three weeks."

## WASHINGTON STILL WITH IT DEFINITE CASUALTY LIST

As the Litter Now Stands the American Loss is Placed at 113

### NOT BELIEVED THERE WILL BE REDUCTION

Department Does Not Expect to Hear of Any More Rescues—Trying to Reconcile Reports

Washington, Feb. 9.—The War Department today still was without official advice to change yesterday's estimate that 113 American soldiers had been lost in the sinking of the *Tuscania*.

A press dispatch from an Irish port early today, however, indicated that the figures of the *Tuscania* information bureau there were still held at 101 Americans missing, while the British Admiralty figures given to the Associated Press in London last night showed 166 missing, 147 of them American soldiers, four officers and 143 men. There were 117 officers and 2,060 men aboard the *Tuscania*, and the Admiralty reports among the survivors 113 officers and 1,917 men. The War Department's list of dispatches put the total missing at 210 of which 113 are American soldiers.

Although officials believe the survivors list might come through today, they were nothing definite in sight which would enable them to relieve the increasing anxiety of relatives and friends.

### SUUVIVORS WELCOMED

Belfast, Feb. 9.—Between 100 and 200 American soldiers from the *Tuscania* arrived here Friday. They were met at the railway station by a battalion of the Royal Irish regiment, headed by the regimental band which escorted them to temporary quarters. Crowds of citizens assembled at the station and in the streets and greeted the Americans with enthusiasm. The survivors appeared to be little the worse for their terrible experiences, except for the nondescript clothing they wore. Many had British army coats.

Lord Mayor Johnston has received from Ambassador Page a letter thanking him for the help given the survivors "which will be appreciated deeply by the American government and people."

### Sympathy From Italy

Rome, Friday, Feb. 8.—Evidences of warm sympathy with America over the sinking of the *Tuscania* are apparently in all sections of Italy. During the daily conference between Pope Benedict and Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state today, the *Tuscania* incident was the chief topic. The pontiff voiced deep regret at the loss of so many brave young lives and expressed his feeling that prayer must be more fervent and constant that the end of the conflict France.

### RED GUARD VOTED ON GENERAL MASSACRE

London, Feb. 9.—Scandinavians from Finland, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen, report that the Red Guard government in Finland a few days ago, seriously discussed the question of arranging a "St. Bartholomew's Night." It was said they planned to kill all members of the capitalist class over eight years old. The project was rejected only by two votes.

### ONE POUND OF MEAT WEEKLY IN ENGLAND

London, Friday, Feb. 8.—After much cogitation over various proposals, Baron Rhonda, the food controller, tonight issued a meat rationing order which gives each civilian approximately one pound of meat weekly. Children under 16 are entitled to half a ration.

### STEAMER FLOATED

An Atlantic Port, Feb. 9.—An American steamer which ran aground off the New England coast Sunday, was floated at high tide early today by a wrecking tug with the assistance of two government vessels. The steamer bound east with general cargo proceeded on her voyage.

## A SEPARATE PEACE WITH UKRAINIAN

### RAPID PROGRESS IN TRYING BOLO PASHA

Defense Seeks to Show That Bolo is a Loyal Frenchman

Paris, Feb. 9.—The trial of Bolo Pasha, on a charge of treason is progressing with great rapidity and those in touch with the case look for an earlier termination than had been anticipated. Many of Bolo's witnesses are not in France and it is expected that the lawyers will begin their argument next week.

Joseph Caillaux, former Premier, is expected to take the stand today as a witness for the defense.

The general trend of the testimony for the defense has been that none of the witnesses ever heard Bolo utter an unpatriotic sentiment. Madame Bolo, the second wife of the accused, defended her husband stoutly.

The testimony of Charles F. Bertelli, the head of the Paris Bureau of the International News Service, threw little light on Bolo's activities in the United States. Mr. Bertelli denied that William R. Hearst, to whom he introduced Bolo, was a friend of Germany. Concerning Bolo, Bertelli said: "Bolo spoke as patriotically as any Frenchman, as much so as M. Clemenceau, for instance."

### SLOWLY REBUILDING TOWN OF ATLANTIC

Repairing Damage Done by Cyclone—Oriental is All Lighted Up

### (Special to The Dispatch)

New Bern, Feb. 9.—The little town of Oriental, Palmico county, a little more than a score of miles from New Bern, now boasts of its own electric lighting plant and each evening the residents of that place are able to switch on the current and secure illumination and electric motive power from the "juice" which is generated right in their own municipal plant.

The new lighting plant was first put into operation a few days ago and it has been a topic of conversation for the citizens of the town since that time.

Miss Elvera Anderson, local Red Cross and visiting nurse and who some few days ago received a call to take up work in one of the army camps, will probably remain in this city until June unless the division which she is to be connected, is called for foreign service before that time.

Owing to the fact that it was impossible to secure anyone to take Miss Anderson's place in New Bern, arrangements were made to have her remain here until absolutely needed for service.

Visitors coming to New Bern from Atlantic, the little Carteret county town which was almost demolished by a storm of cyclonic intensity which swept over that section a few weeks ago, state that the work of rebuilding the structures which were torn down by the wind has been started and that this will go on just as rapidly as possible.

The people of Atlantic are, of course, hindered by the lack of funds but they have been given aid from outside points and this is enabling them to start to rebuild their homes and places of business.

Fertilizer salesmen traveling over Eastern North Carolina say that in many instances the delivery of this product will be delayed for two or three weeks on account of the impassable condition of many of the roads.

The inclement weather which has prevailed in Eastern North Carolina since Christmas, has caused the roads to become in an almost impassable condition in many sections and it is impossible to transport the fertilizer over these.

### SWEDISH STEAMER SUNK BY U-BOAT

Amsterdam, Feb. 9.—The steamship *Frieland* (Frisland) loaded with grain from an American port and presumably bound for Rotterdam, was torpedoed yesterday, after being boarded. The crew were killed, according to the Scandinavian news items survivors were landed at Terschelling this morning.

The Swedish steamer *Frieland*, of 4,000 tons, arrived in an Atlantic port on January 13. She was owned in Gothenburg.

### Central Powers Get an Opening Through the Eastern Front

### NOT RECOGNIZED BY BOLSHEVIKI

The Terms Only Bind Those Under the Questionable Authority of Ukrainian Rada

Germany's efforts for peace on the Eastern front, centered now apparently in an effort to open up frontiers through which she may secure supplies of food for her hungry people, have progressed so far as the signing of a separate peace agreement with the Ukrainian Rada, according to semi-official advices from Berlin. This peace, important or otherwise as events may show, is the first to be signed by any of the belligerents. How far the Tueton plan may prove successful, seems to depend upon the measure of control the Rada has over the territory of the so-called Ukrainian republic which embraces rich grain growing lands. Such control is hotly disputed by the Bolsheviks, who recently disowned the Rada's delegates as bourgeois when they were found treating secretly with the Central Powers, and named delegates of their own. The Germans and Austrians, however, continued to treat with the Rada's representatives.

Both Bolsheviks and Rada have been claiming military successes against each other in the Ukraine. Apparently the Germans feel more confident that the Rada will attain its purpose, however, as the situation has recently come from German sources that the Rumanians were well to join forces with the Ukrainians against the Bolsheviks. Rumania, it was pointed out, could obtain compensation for the loss of Dobruja to the Bulgarians by taking over Bessarabian territory from the Russians.

Although the early advices regarding the signing of the agreement said nothing about the terms, it has been previously reported that the Ukrainians were offered a section of Russian Poland as an inducement for them to make peace.

### FORD GETS A MOVE ON BUILDING SHIPS

Washington, Feb. 9.—The keel of the first of the new type of destroyers to be built by the Henry Ford Company was laid just 20 days after the contracts were awarded. Secretary Daniels announced today in telling of the rapid progress made in the plan to increase the navy's submarine fleet.

The Secretary said that the keel of the vessel, which possesses many of the advantages of the destroyer and is larger than the old type of chaser, was laid Thursday and that the side frames were ready to go up.

Mr. Ford telegraphed his definite proposition to the Navy Department January 25, Mr. Daniels explained, "after the plans had been submitted and discussed. On the 17 the Department telegraphed the award to the Ford Company of the contract for building a large number of the boats."

### FIVE YEARS FOR AN ATTEMPT TO DESERT

Spartanburg, S. C., Feb. 9.—Private Henry K. Beard, company A, 105th Infantry, ring leader of the party of three persons who attempted to escape from the regimental guard house at Camp Wadsworth on the night of January 24th in which their Private Dickey was killed and another prisoner wounded, has been sentenced by court martial to serve five years in the Federal prison at Atlanta and the sentence has been approved by Major General O'Hara as the expiration of the sentence will require a dishonorable discharge from the army.