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DESTROYER JACOB JONES SUNK IN WAR ZONE WITH A LOSS OF LIFE WHICH MAY BE HEAVY

COMMANDED BY RALEIGH BOY WHO IS AMONG THE MISSING

Thirty-Seven Survivors Are Taken Off in Life Rafts While the Ship in Peace Times Has a Complement of More Than Ninety Men. She Has Been Prominent in Work in War Zone Since United States Entered the War and Saved 305 Passengers from the Ill-Fated Orama. List of Those Who Were Saved is Announced.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The American destroyer Jacob Jones was torpedoed and sunk in the war zone on Thursday with the loss of a large part of her crew. Thirty-seven survivors were taken off in life rafts. The names of ten survivors have been received up to this time.

They are: Lieutenant (Jr. grade) John K. Richards, ensign; Nelson Gates, assistant surgeon; L. L. Adamkiewicz, Charles E. Pierce, firemen; Timothy Edward Towney, seaman; John C. Johnson, seaman; Henry R. Stutzke, chief machinist's mate; Edward F. Grady, fireman, second class; John J. Mulvaney, seaman and Myron Flood, seaman.

The sinking occurred December 6th, at 8 p. m., while the ship was on patrol duty. She was commanded by Lieutenant Commander David Worth Bagley, of Raleigh, N. C., brother of Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the Secretary of the Navy. Commander Bagley's brother was the first American naval officer killed in the Spanish American war. The Jacob Jones was the ship which saved 305 persons from the Orama P. and O. liner converted into an auxiliary cruiser on October 19th.

The Orama had been torpedoed by a submarine while she was acting as a part of a convoy of merchant vessels under escort of an American destroyer. The Jacob Jones was one of the convoy. The Jacob Jones and another destroyer were detailed to remain by the Orama after the submarine had been attacked and put out of action. When the Orama had begun to settle, it had grown dark and her crew abandoned her. The Jacob Jones picked up 305 of the 478 persons on board. The other vessel standing by rescued the other survivors. The Jacob Jones' peace time complement was five petty officers and 87 men. She was one of the newest and largest American destroyers with a displacement of 150 tons and a length of 310 feet over all. She was completed in 1916 at the plant of the New York Shipbuilding Co., at Camden, N. J. She burned oil, was driven by turbine engines and had a speed of 29.57 knots an hour.

FIRST BIG LOSS AMERICAN NAVY

Washington, Dec. 8.—The disaster brings to the American people the first naval loss of great consequence since the country entered the war. Inasmuch as Admiral Simms mentioned other officers among the survivors and did not mention Lieutenant Bagley, it is feared that he went down with his ship.

From the first report it would appear that the loss of life would be upward of sixty.

FORMER CZAR IS SAID TO ESCAPED

Guard Around Former Ruler Said to Have Been Disarmed by Bolsheviks. WILL REPUDIATE LOAN It is Said The Socialist Government is Planning to Repudiate All Foreign Loans Including Land Banks and The Government Guarantees.

London, Dec. 8.—The guards surrounding Nicholas Romanoff the former Russian Emperor, near Tobolsk, Siberia, have been disarmed by Bolshevik soldiers and sailors, according to advices received in Petrograd and forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph Company. The Bolshevik leaders intend to remove Nicholas to some other place for fear that he might be lynched.

AMERICAN CONSUL AT TIFLIS REPORTS

Washington, Dec. 8.—The American Consul at Tiflis, today reported a rumor that the former Czar of Russia has escaped. The message contained no details and made it clear that there was no confirmation of the rumor. No other news has been received here today from Russia.

MAY REPUDIATE ALL OF HER LOANS

London, Dec. 8.—The Bolshevik government according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd, is preparing a decree repudiating all Russian foreign loans concluded by land banks and railways on government guarantees. Shares of internal loans held abroad also will be repudiated.

U. S. FORMALLY AT WAR WITH AUSTRIA

Congress, With One Dissenting Vote, Adopted, and President Wilson Approved Resolution Declaring War.

Washington, Dec. 8.—War between the United States and Austria-Hungary was formally declared yesterday.

Congress, with one dissenting vote in the house, adopted and President Wilson approved a resolution, declaring the existence of a state of war between the "imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government and the government and people of the United States," authorizing the President to employ the nation's armed forces and utilizing its resources to victory.

The resolution, the response of Congress to the President's request in his address Tuesday, is similar to that passed April 6, declaring war with Germany, it became effective at 5:03 p. m. today, when it was signed by the executive without formality. An executive explanation will follow shortly.

London Votes Against It

After but one hour's debate the resolution was unanimously adopted by the senate with an affirmative vote of 74. It was approved by the house, 363 to 1. Representative London, the New York Socialist, casting the only dissenting vote. A few minutes later Vice-President Marshall and Speaker Clarke had signed the document and sent it to the White House, where President Wilson attached his signature with Secretary Tamm and Assistant Secretary Foster as the only witnesses.

The resolution follows: "Joint resolution. Declaring that a state of war exists between the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government and the government and people of the United States and making provision to prosecute the same.

"Whereas, the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government has committed repeated acts of war against the government and the people of the United States of America; therefore, be it

Country's Resources Pledged.

"Resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled that a state of war is hereby declared to exist between the United States of America and the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government; and the President be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the government to carry on war against the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government; and to bring the conflict to a successful termination all the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States.

Signed "Champ Clark," Speaker of the house of Representatives.

"Thomas R. Marshall," Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate.

Approved 7, December, 1917.

"Woodrow Wilson."

TODAY'S SESSION OF MUNICIPAL COURT

The following cases were disposed of at this morning's session of municipal court:

Thomas Williams, a negro, was charged with larceny and was sentenced to three months on the roads. Sentence not to issue, however, if defendant pays costs in case and remains law-abiding hereafter.

M. M. White was charged with being drunk and was fined \$5.

Clarence Strickland was charged with being drunk and was fined \$5.

PORTUGAL HAS A REVOLUTION

Said to Have Broken Out in Portugal and Oporto, According to Report From Spain Today.

Madrid, Spain, Dec. 8.—A revolution has broken out in Lisbon the capital of Portugal, according to a dispatch received here by way of Oporto and on Tuesday outbreaks also are said to have occurred at Oporto.

ITALIAN LOSSES REPORTED HEAVY

Austrians Declare That More Than 16,000 Have Been Made Prisoners.

FIGHTING VERY HEAVY

Strong Points East of Asiago Have Been Stormed, the Austrian Statement Adds. An Additional Prisoners Have Been Taken.

CRUSHERS TO MEET ADMINISTRATORS

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 8.—A conference of the cotton seed crushers of North Carolina and South Carolina, Food Administrator Henry A. Page, of North Carolina, and Food Administrator Davis B. Coker, of South Carolina, has been arranged for next Monday afternoon at two o'clock in the office of Mr. Page at Raleigh. There will be present also in all probability a representative of the Crushers Division of the Food Administration at Washington.

FIRST FIGHT ON SWISS TERRITORY

German Planes Hard Pressed Fly Over Basel in Making Their Escape Back to Alsace.

MARKET NEARS 20,000,000 POUNDS

Sales to Date On Local Tobacco Market Have Been 19,800,000 Pounds at Price Average of \$29.61.

RALEIGH BOY IS HURT IN ACCIDENT

Washington, Dec. 8.—Vice Admiral Sims reported to the Navy Department yesterday a seaplane accident in the war zone in which one sailor was killed and a gunner's mate injured.

Seaman Claude Albert Baker was killed and his body was not recovered. It is assumed the accident occurred at sea, though this was not definitely stated in the dispatch. Baker enlisted at Nashville, Tenn., last December. His father is William B. Baker, Sparrow's Point, Md. Richard W. Thompson, first class gunner's mate, suffered a fracture of the right thigh. He re-enlisted in France August 23, 1917. His father is J. Thompson, Sr., Raleigh, N. C.

STOCK MARKET

New York, Dec. 8.—Prominent stocks were lower by fractions to a point at the dull opening of the week and session. Trans-Continental Rails, Industrials and metals lead the decline. American Tobacco featured the specialties with a break of 2,104 points; United States Steel reacted half a point and other equipments eased slightly with Shipbuilding. The bond market was a pathetic lead issue displaying further weakness. Liberty bonds hardened.

GINNING REPORT MADE PUBLIC NOON TODAY

Washington, Dec. 8.—Cotton of this year's growth ginned prior to December 1, amounted to 9,705,617 running bales, including 173,339 round bales and 77,638 bales of Sea Island.

PROPOSE REDUCE THE RATES ON LUMBER

Washington, Dec. 8.—A slight reduction in lumber from North and South Carolina and Virginia to Central freight, association territory was proposed in an application filed with the Interstate Commerce commission by roads serving that territory. It is sought to establish pre-existing six-class rates recently disturbed by a general rate revision disallowed by the commission.

TWO YOUNG MEN CLAIMING REWARD

Officials Here State That Arrest of Sturm and Edwards Girl Was Made Unassisted by Local Officers.

In an article appearing in morning papers several days ago, which had its source from Fayetteville, it was stated that two young men, named Osborn Melvin and Kin Hall, were claiming the \$500 reward offered for the arrest of Leon Sturm and Rose Edwards, the man and woman who have been adjudged responsible for the death of Angeles Moutos, a Greek restaurateur. It was understood that the arrest was made unassisted by the local officers. Acting on this supposition a representative of this publication made inquiry of the officials of the city regarding the matter and they assert that the two above young men had no claim whatever to the reward and that it was made entirely without their assistance.

It seems that between 6 and 7 o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday last, Chief O. P. Hedgepeth received a telephone communication from Sheriff McGahey, of Cumberland county, giving a description of the man and woman and stated that there was a reward of \$500 offered for their arrest. At a meeting of the policemen of the local department Chief Hedgepeth described the man and woman to his officers, and then B. G. Robertson, a member of the force, stated that he had seen a man answering the description entering the Cambridge Hotel, Chief Hedgepeth then instructed Officer Stephenson to meet the shoofly from Fayetteville, due there at 10:10 p. m. and inquire of the conductor of the train if he had brought a couple answering the description of the man and woman to Rocky Mount. Officer Stephenson met the train and was informed by the conductor that he had brought a couple answering the description of the murderers to this city on the night before, and that they got off on the side opposite the depot. Then Officer Stephenson started to the Cambridge Hotel to search the building for the parties wanted. It was about 10:15 p. m., when he reached the hotel. Officer Stephenson then found a man and woman registered as L. Thompson and wife of Chicago. He called the clerk and described the couple to him, and said that the clerk stated that the description tallied with a man and woman occupying a certain room in the hotel.

Officer Stephenson then called for Officer Sumner to aid him in searching the hotel and they both went to room No. 7, where they found Sturm and the Edwards girl. Neither offered any resistance and immediately confessed that they were the parties wanted.

Meanwhile two young men, who were said to have been Melvin and Hall, came in on the same train met by Officer Stephenson. They followed the officer to the hotel and were in the lobby until the officers went upstairs to the room. After the officers had placed the man and woman under arrest, it was stated that they knew the two and they were the ones wanted for the murder of the Greek. The officers state that Hall and Melvin did not furnish any information that would lead them to make the arrest. Police officials state that they made the arrest by their own work and from information furnished by the sheriff of Cumberland county.

The officers state that Melvin and Hall then went back to Fayetteville and claimed to the authorities that they arrested or were responsible for the arrest of Sturm and the Edwards girl, and that the \$500 should be coming to them. The reward has not been paid and when it is paid the city of Rocky Mount should get it.

TWENTY THOUSAND PERSONS HOMELESS

Estimate of Number Dead Still Remains Around 2,000, Some Say More. MANY UNIDENTIFIED

The Massachusetts Relief Train Reaches The Stricken City While Staff Man Says Absolutely No Way Of Estimating The Dead.

Amherst, Dec. 8.—An estimate of 4,000 persons dead in the Halifax disaster is contained in a private telegram received from the stricken city by an undertaking firm here. The message says that 4,000 coffins he sent to Halifax at once.

BOSTON SPECIAL REACHES HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 8. (From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press).—The Massachusetts relief train that left Boston Thursday night, arrived here today. There is absolutely no way of estimating with any degree of accuracy the number of dead as a result of the explosion on Thursday. Fifteen hundred dead is the generally accepted figure by the authorities.

In the morgue there are 300 bodies. The latter were viewed by multitudes today but only a few were identified. There are probably 200 other bodies on view waiting identification.

The greater number of cases this was impossible. A citizens committee issued a statement saying that between 3,000 and 4,000 dwellings occupied by the poorer classes had been destroyed affecting approximately 25,000 persons. Investigation shows that almost 20,000 persons are destitute.

TENSE FEELING IS YET IN EVIDENCE IN THE MEANS CASE

Dooling Continues Sharp Cross-Examination and Sheriff Called With in Bar.

JUDGE CLINE SAYS HE IS IN-CHARGE OF CASE Means Continues on Stand Under The Sharp Cross-Questioning By Attorney Dooling. Witness Tells of Loans to Mrs. King.

Concord, Dec. 8.—Following a period of tenseness attending the cross examination by John T. Dooling of Gaston B. Means, on trial here for the murder of Mrs. King, Judge Cline today ordered Sheriff Howard Caldwell to remain in the bar throughout the examination. Prior to this the fire and alleged harshness on the part of the great New York assistant district attorney had been modified very perceptibly subsequent to rather sharp expressions of reprimand from the part of Judge Cline. He had said the order of the day would be question, answer and ruling and that discussion would be eliminated.

The jury had been excused when Judge Cline ordered Sheriff Caldwell to remain in the bar. E. L. Casler had made vigorous objections to the "sarcasm" exhibited by Mr. Dooling in his cross examination. The cross examination brought out little of special interest during the first few hours and the examination is felt to be overshadowed in interest by the testimony of the situation. Judge Cline stated that he was going to give his attention to the examination to the examination of Sheriff Caldwell was desired to relieve the duty of keeping the examination from the examination.

The defendant told of loans of \$1,000 and \$5,000 made by him to Mrs. King at different times about the same period during which he was receiving money from the "German interest."

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BURGLARS VISIT NASHVILLE MONDAY

Nashville, N. C., Dec. 8.—When Nashville citizens came down town early Tuesday morning they learned of two or three burglaries had been committed during Monday night, when some unknown person or persons made midnight entries to the store of Batchelor & Clark, the offices of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and the Nashville Fruit & Candy Store. At Batchelor & Clark's store the only things missed consists of possibly a suit or two of clothes, an overcoat and the cash drawers rifled. Only a few small coins were left in the drawers and the loss was small. At the express office the culprits carried off a few C. O. D. packages, evidently thinking the contents of the package was liquor. The thieves carried off the cash register belonging to the Nashville Fruit & Candy store, but as only a few dollars had been left in the register the loss was small. The smashed register was found Tuesday morning near the grocery room of the Nash Supply Co., and had been badly damaged. The opinion prevails that these burglaries were committed by novices infesting Nashville and suspicious point to one or more of these culprits.

DEATH OF LITTLE GIRL YESTERDAY

Little Hazel Margaret Flowers, six weeks old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. C. Flowers, who reside on Church street in this city, died yesterday morning, death being attributed to whooping cough. The funeral of the little girl will be held this afternoon and interment will be in the Boone burying ground near this city. The friends of the bereaved parents offer their sympathy in their sad loss.

FAIR WEATHER AFTER MONDAY

Washington, Dec. 8.—Generally fair weather with rising temperature after Monday is forecast for the South Atlantic and east Gulf States, is the announcement today.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 8.—Cotton futures opened steady, December 28.85; January 28.00; March 27.90; May 27.70; July 27.40.

Cotton seed in the local market was at from 27 to 28 cents per bushel.

ARMY RECRUITING OFFICER TO BE HERE

An army recruiting officer will be here next week beginning Monday, December 10, and will remain until Sunday Dec. 16. The officer will be at the post office for the purpose of enlisting any man from Rocky Mount who desires to join this branch of the service.

All registrants are now aware of the fact that they will have to be enlisted before December 15, or they can not thereafter get into the army except by the selective service route, so next week all registered men who prefer volunteer enlistment will have their chance. It is expected that there will be many men who had rather join with the recruiting officer than to wait for the next call under the new draft law, and that they will call on the recruiting officer next week at the post office. The officer will also explain to all the different branches of the service in which enlistment is desirable and will furnish any information desired. It is expected that many will join from this city.

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