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## GERMANY'S U-BOATS TO CLOSE ALL OF THE ATLANTIC PORTS

### NEARLY FIVE HUNDRED ARE MISSING

NAVAL AIRPLANES AND NUMEROUS FAST CHASERS SCOUT THE ATLANTIC BETWEEN CAPE MAY AND FIRE ISLAND FOR U-BOATS.

### REPORT U-BOAT CAPTURE UNCONFIRMED

NEW YORK JUNE 4.—GERMANY WILL ESTABLISH A PERMANENT SUBMARINE BLOCKADE OF THE AMERICAN COAST WITHIN A SHORT TIME.

A FLEET OF U-BOATS, CAPABLE OF OPERATING AGAINST EVERY IMPORTANT ATLANTIC PORT, WILL BE HERE ACCORDING TO THE MATE OF U-BOAT NO. 151. THIS MATE SERVED 5 YEARS AS BOAT SWAIN OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY, AND MADE THIS STATEMENT ENOUGH ROCKER BOATSWAIN OF THE SCHOONER EDNA.

AFTER THE EDNA WAS DESTROYED ROCKER AND OTHERS OF THE CREW WERE IMPRISONED UPON THE SUBMARINE FOR MORE THAN A WEEK.

LEWES, JUNE 4.—FIRING CONTINUED ALL THIS MORNING OFF CAPE HENLOPEN. IN WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE A BATTLE BETWEEN THE U-BOAT THAT SANK TANKER HERBERT L. PRATT, AND UNITED STATES SCOUT VESSELS, IT IS OFFICIALLY STATED HERE AT NOON.

EARLY REPORTS FROM DELAWARE BREAKWATERS STATED THAT A FIGHT SEVEN MILES OFF SHORE BEGAN AT 6 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT, TWO HOURS AFTER THE HERBERT L. PRATT HAD BEEN SUNK AND CONTINUED UNTIL DAYBREAK.

RESCUED PASSENGERS OF THE NEW YORK AND PORTORICAN LINER, CAROLINA, HAVE BEEN CLOSETED WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO STEADFASTLY REFUSE TO PERMIT NEWSPAPER MEN OR FRIENDS TO SEE THE SURVIVORS.

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT MAY BE GIVEN OUT THIS AFTERNOON.

At an Atlantic Port, June 4.—Two tank steamers were sunk by German submarine about one hundred fifty miles off Sandy Hook between eleven and eight o'clock last night, according to the captain of the Canadian Pacific passenger line arriving here today.

She carried one hundred and fifty passengers on her maiden trip, travelling in slow convoy. She received a wireless from another ship that it was being attacked by a submarine. The vessel, together with several others, left the convoy and made for the nearest port.

New York, June 4.—"We won't

waste a torpedo on anything less than a troop ship. Torpedoes are too expensive.

Such is the declaration made by the commander of one of the submarines to Captain Gilmore, of the schooner Idna, who was held prisoner aboard a submarine for a week.

Newport News, June 4.—No survivors or vessels arrived here up to three thirty this morning.

The port of Newport has been closed and a lookout is being kept for undersea craft.

Portsmouth, June 4.—No news has been received here of the battle between Hun submarines and American destroyers. The port is closed and no survivors have arrived here.

New York June 4.—Nineteen survivors of the steamer Carolina were landed at Lewes by the British steamer Appleby which picked them up at sea.

Of the survivors there were sixteen men, two women and a member of the crew.

Boston June 4.—The Havana steamer City of Columbus, is reported sunk by submarine, arrived safely at Vineyard Haven.

New York June 4.—An empty lifeboat of the missing steamer Carolina was picked up.

At an Atlantic Port, June 4.—Three important liners are overdue at this port. They include two big trans-Atlantic ships, and in coast trade. One carries more than three hundred passengers, and, on account of submarines operating off the coast, anxiety is felt for their safety.

New York June 4.—It is reported here that one German submarine has been captured and taken to Stapleton, Staten Island, while the crew has been taken prisoners to the Brooklyn navy yards. No official confirmation can be obtained at either place.

New York June 4.—Forty naval airplanes swept over the sea between Cape May and Fire Island, patrolling as far as sixty miles out at sea in search of German victims.

No early trace of the three boat-loads of survivors, reported to be drifting off Beach Haven, New Jersey yesterday, has been found, and it is now believed that these may have been the men of the Texel who landed at Atlantic City during the night.

New York June 4.—Germany's submarine raid on shipping off the American coast destroyed probably twelve vessels, including two liners, with more than four hundred and fifty persons missing, according to the best information obtainable today.

### FORTY NAMES ON CASUALTY LIST

Washington June 4.—Forty names appear in the casualty list published by the war office today. Three of these were killed in action, two died of wounds, six of disease, nineteen died from accident, and other causes, eight wounded severely and one slightly wounded and one a prisoner.

Powell Davis, of Franklin, Va., is among those who died from accident.

Of the prisoners, previously reported as missing, is William H. Jenkins, of Leesburg, Va.

Even Huns Respect Him \* London, June 1.—When a Red Cross platoon was advancing to the aid of scores of wounded men, Surgeon William J. McCracken of the British medical corps ordered all to take cover, and himself advanced through the enemy's fire, bearing a Red Cross flag on his walking stick. This the Germans eventually respected, and his platoon was enabled to come up, thus saving many lives.

### MARRIAGE OF LIEUT. McDOWELL

Mrs. A. McDowell left yesterday afternoon for Washington D. C., to be present at the marriage of her son, Lieut. Wm. O. McDowell, U. S. R. and Miss Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of Gen. Evan M. Johnson, which will take place Tuesday, June 4th, at twelve o'clock noon at St. John's Episcopal Church, Washington City. Mrs. McDowell will be met in Washington by Mr. A. McDowell. Miss Annie Maria McDowell and Mr. A. McDowell Jr., sister and brother of Lieut. McDowell, will also be in the city to attend the marriage. Washington and New York Sunday's papers carried a picture of Miss Johnson with the following announcement: "Lieut. William Owen McDowell, U. S. R. and Miss Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of Brig. Gen. Evan M. Johnson will be married Tuesday, June 4th at twelve o'clock noon, at St. John's Episcopal church. Rev. Dr. Roland Cotton Smith will officiate and Mrs. C. A. Dravo will attend the bride and Lieut. Mills Kitchin U. S. R. will be best man."

## CHAUTAQUA OPENS THURSDAY AFTERNOON

FIVE DAYS OF PATRIOTIC RALL, WITH ADDRESSES BY AMERICA'S FOREMOST LECTURERS EVERY ONE OF THEM SUPERB

### FISHER-SHIP OPENS THE CHAUTAUQUA

Do you want to know something about our boys in France? About what it means to go through the hell of the trenches? Something authentic about Russia? Do you want to have your soul stirred by the strains of martial music?

First Day—"Liberty Day"—Dr. Joseph Clare—of Petrograd, an eminent English Orator and minister—five years a resident of Petrograd. He lived through the Revolution—and brings to you a wonderful lecture—"The Riddle of the Russian Revolution"

Second Day—"National Service Day"—Albert Edward Wiggan—Mr. Wiggan is one of the eight men sent out by the American Red Cross to France to investigate condition there. He has just returned from this special mission—where he had the opportunity to talk and with our boys. He was in Paris when the Germans began their great offensive. His subject is "Under the Stars and Stripes in France"

Fourth Day—"Band Day"—The famous Kilties Band—the most popular Band in Canada and the most unique and spectacular Band in the world. The members will wear their full regimental costumes. Alfred E. Zealley, the director of the Kilties, was Bandmaster for all the Canadian Overseas bands and went "over

the top", four times. He will relate some of his experiences at the front.

Fifth Day—"Community Day"—Wallace Brene Amsbary—Dramatist and Poet—one of the artists from Indiana.

Mr. Amsbary will present a lecture—recital on Kipling, the master preter of the war spirit—and the favorite poet of the boys in the Trenches.

Other features will be two unique programs of music and Character sketches by the Fisher-Shipp Comedy Co.—monologs and bird memory by Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Winters—a cartoon entertainment by J. Frank Caveny—two concerts by the Royal Hawaiian Singers and Players—They will give selections from that beautiful "Bird of Paradise"—Two concerts by the Weber-Male Quartet—known every where as the best quartet in America—

A Vacation at Your Door—Heard separately in large cities this program would cost in excess of \$10.00

Heard separately at the Chautauqua paying single admission it would cost—\$4.90 But you can hear it all for the small sum of—including the war tax—if you buy a season ticket from your local Chautauqua committee. \$2.20

## AMERICANS IN GREAT MARNE BATTLE

FIGHTING SIDE BY SIDE WITH FRENCH THE SAMMIES ARE HURLING THE GERMANS BACK FROM SOUTH SIDE OF RIVER TAKING HUNDREDS OF PRISONERS

### VIOLENT ATTACKS IN OTHER FRONTS

### NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

By Maxwell Gorman

Raleigh N. C. June 4.—Even before the result of the primary for congressman in the third district is definitely and officially determined, there comes the news that Mr. Abernathy will contest the declared result if Col. Dortch is the party nominee "on the face of the returns". Just why he should do so does not yet sufficiently appear.

### Seventh Judicial District Result

Another primary becomes necessary to settle the nomination for Superior Court Judge in this (7th) district, composed of Wake and Franklin counties. Judge Calvert leads the list and his competitor of the four opponents just voted for will be either Percy Olive, of Wake or Wiley Person, of Franklin. The vote of the latter two is so close (with a few precincts not officially in at the writing) that it is doubtful which has the lead as second best. Calvert has 300 more than either, with Snow fourth and W. C. Harris last.

### Close Contests

There was never as close a vote polled in Wake between candidates as between Sears, present sheriff, and Bryant Harrison, the former being nominated by one majority. For treasurer, Hood leads Stephenson by four votes only, and it may require the official returns to settle the contest between these four.

## PAPER FUND FOR OUR BOYS IN THE ARMY

A postal card from Mr. Earl Staton, who left for Camp last week, says: "Would thank you ever so much for the Commonwealth twice a week, if no more. I do thank the Red Cross so much for the nice bag. Will always remember the good people of dear Scotland Neck."

The Commonwealth is being sent daily to Mr. Staton and all other boys who have left here, and will continue throughout the war to send them the home town paper. Mr. R. L. Hardy \$5.00 Mr. E. P. Shields \$5.00 Mr. J. H. Alexander Jr. \$5.00 Mr. Hugh Johnson \$5.00

Paris June 4.—American troops have struck their first blow in the battle of the Marne.

Fighting side by side with the French they hurled back the German force which reached the southern bank of the river. This was the first time the Marne had been crossed by the enemy since early in the war.

The Germans crossed the river south of Jaugonne, midway between Chateau Thierry and Dormans.

Franco-American forces took hundreds of prisoners.

After the Boches had been hurled back the French and American troops destroyed the bridges. The American force who stopped the German advance before Neuilly wood hurling the Huns back by a magnificent counter attack. Further south the Germans realized no gain on the Marne front.

Between the Aisne and Oureq the battle has been going on with great violence throughout yesterday evening and last night. Violent attacks were made in the region of Perant Saconienbrenl misy aux dois Trosnes. Perant was taken by the Germans at the cost of heavy losses.

### With the French armies afield

June 4.—French Aviators are beginning to obtain complete mastery of the air. They have dropped 63 tons of bombs on the German troops in concentration back of the Marne battle front during Saturday and Sunday.

Balfour Dunn	\$2.50
C. Frank Burroughs	\$1.00
L. H. Bailey	\$1.00
Mr. C. A. Jones	\$1.00
Dr. A. C. Liverman	\$1.00
Mr. J. P. Futrell	\$1.00
R. P. Byrd	\$2.00
T. D. Temple	\$1.00
L. L. Cherry	\$1.00

Everyone who has a boy in France, or in camp, will please send their names and full addresses to The Commonwealth, and any changes, so that the daily paper may go forward to them without a moments delay.

The people who are obliged to go abroad at present do not complain if they find themselves alone, all, all alone on a wide, wide sea. This is infinitely preferable to the companionship of submarines.

COTTON MARKET.				
	Open	High	Low	Close
July	24.36	24.87	24.36	24.87
Oct	22.86	23.24	22.86	23.24
Dec	22.64	22.89	22.64	22.89
Jan	22.48	22.69	22.48	22.69
Mar	22.42	22.46	22.42	22.46