

GUNNER ON BRITISH SHIP SENT GERMAN SUB. DOWN FOREVER

In Thrilling Battle, Undersea Boat Hit and Destroyed by Merchantship

Range of Submarine Soon Obtained and With Deadly Effect—Shell Landed in Magazine and Explosion Occurred

(By Associated Press.) An Atlantic Port, June 25.—Members of the crew of a British steamer which arrived here today reported having sunk an attacking German submarine. The British vessel sent a shell into the U-boat-magazine, causing an explosion which parted the undersea boat amidships. Each end sank rapidly. The British steamer was uninjured. The submarine was five miles distant and running away after having attacked the British nearly 400 miles off the coast of Ireland. According to the gunner of the British steamer, the submarine was first seen when she sent a shell at the steamer from a distance of about 3,000 yards. It fell short and the steamer immediately was swung around to get the stern naval gun at work. Eleven shots were fired in rapid succession and each struck very close to the German. "I knew I had the range after the second shot and so did the German," said the British gunner. "The Germans were using their two guns, fore and aft, while we had only one, but the shells were falling short and he started to run. I followed him with shells and the twelfth, the one that sent him down, struck just about the periscope. He was then more than 8,000 yards away. "We could all see the boat break in half and go down. I sent four more shots into the water at the spot where she disappeared. "At the same time our battle was going on the wireless operator picked up the call of an American vessel that arrived at an Atlantic port last Friday and also caught a message that another American ship had been torpedoed and was sinking. The message said that the Germans were firing on the life boats. That vessel was about 30 miles to the south of us and I do not know how they made out." The steamer's captain and other officers would not discuss the battle, but confirmation of the gunner's story was obtained from other members of the crew.

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BRITISH FRONT FRANCE AGAIN GROWS ACTIVE

Large Number of Raids Carried Out In Every Important Sector

INFRANTRY LULL COMES ALONG AISNE French Succeed In Driving Back Crown Prince's Forces—German Newspapers Protest

The British front in Northern France is again developing signs of marked activity. Today's official statement from London details an unusual number of raids carried out by the British in virtually every important sector from Belgium to St. Quentin. Operations by raiding forces on this scale are usually the prelude to offensive movements of moment. General Haig has not struck a hard blow on any extended front since the week of the Messines fighting, when the famous ridge on the Belgian front was captured and the way prepared for further smashing operations in this sector. Incident to last night's raids were local operations that gained ground for the British. Thus some progress by them below Lens and northwest of Warneton in the Messines area, is reported. There is a momentary lull in the infantry activities on the Aisne front. The French have virtually succeeded in re-establishing in its entirety their line in the Vauxhall area, denied by the Crown Prince's forces in a sudden drive on a narrow front last week. Further fighting is in prospect to the east of the sector in the skirmishing position on the part of the two armies, each anxious to gain dominating points for either offensive or defensive purposes. In this connection the artillery activity reported today along various portions of the Chemin-des-Dames plateau is significant. Berlin Papers Denounce Chancellor. London, June 25.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegram Co., from Amsterdam says that leading German newspapers are protesting angrily against Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's decision to allow them to use only 44 per cent. of their former quantity of paper. The Tagblatt, the Tages Zeitung and the Rundschau, of Berlin, charge the chancellor with attempting to kill the German press. The Cologne Gazette says the blow is a deadly one for the German newspapers which probably will soon cease to exist. Admiral Glennon at Anchorage. Petrograd, Sunday, June 24.—Rear Admiral James H. Glennon, U. S. N., and the other naval representatives with the Root mission have gone to Archangel for an inspection of that port.

REED CONTINUES BIG ATTACK ON THE FOOD BILL

Senate Arranges to Expedite Work on the Measure Passed By House

NO COMMITTEE HEARING SCHEDULED Senator Chamberlain Charge of the Measure—Half Dozen Amendments Offered Today

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 25.—Senate leaders today arranged to expedite the Food Control bill passed Saturday by the House. The bill was referred by the Senate today without discussion to the Agriculture committee. Senator Reed of Missouri today continued his attack upon it. No additional committee hearings are proposed. Chief among the amendments proposed are some extending government control to iron and steel and their products, oil, petroleum products, copper, lead, zinc and fertilizers. Senator Chamberlain, in charge of the bill, said there was much sentiment for having the government control basic materials as well as food. A half dozen amendments to the bill were introduced today. Senator Davis, Democrat, of Illinois, offered a substitute bill proposing to give the President general broad authority to issue regulations for control of foodstuffs. Several measures which have been before the Senate as part of the war legislation also were tacked on to the bill as amendments. Senator Walsh put in his bill permitting the government to lease coal and oil lands. The bill giving the President the power to direct priority in railroad shipments was offered as an amendment by Senator Ransdell. Senator Wadsworth tacked on the trading-with-the-enemy bill, and Senator Cummins proposed amendments declaring every product, including foodstuffs, cotton, coal and steel, subject to control, and requisition should it become necessary.

AUSTRIAN REGIMENTS REPORTED TO HAVE DESERTED COLORS

GERMAN BOMBS FOR STEAMSHIPS

Men Arrested at Christiania With Many Explosives In Their Possession

(By Associated Press.) London, June 25.—The seizure of a quantity of explosives which had just reached Christiania, Norway, from Germany, and the arrest of 3 foreigners has been officially confirmed, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The police are continuing the investigation, and when the details are known another official communication will be issued. The Tidens Tegn says that 1,000 kilograms of explosives were seized, including a number of infernal machines. One of the men arrested is named Rautenfels, a German citizen, born in Finland, who declared that the bombs were intended for use in Finland. According to the newspaper, however, the infernal machines, enclosed in cases resembling lumps of coal, were to have been put aboard Norwegian ships in the coal bunkers. It added that the discovery probably explains the loss of many Norwegian vessels that were supposed to have been mined or torpedoed. Christiania dispatches received here say that the leader of those arrested is Herr Favis, formerly director of the Ekstrem newspaper in Narvik, but it is doubted whether he is really a baron. The dispatch says the man's baggage contained, among other things, 50 bombs loaded with explosives and a quantity of cigarettes and tobacco in which were concealed carborundum, apparently intended to be placed in the bearings of machinery in order to ruin it. The Christiania dispatches say that there have been 5 other arrests.

Czech Troops Angered Over Treatment, Go Over to Russian Arms

Statement Made During Discussion of Sentence of Death of Herr Klofac—Great Sensation Created by the Declaration

(By Associated Press.) Amsterdam, June 25.—Three Czech regiments have deserted to the Russians, according to a statement on Saturday to a committee of deputies from Southern Austria by F. Von Georgi, minister of defense in the retiring Austrian cabinet, as published in the Lokal Anzeiger and Tageblatt of Berlin. The statement was made during a discussion of the demand of the Czech deputies for the release of Herr Klofac, sentenced to death on the charge of attempting to reconcile Russia and Bohemia. The sentence of Herr Klofac, a deputy and head of the Czech Union, was cancelled by Emperor Charles, but he is still held in prison. Herr von Georgi said Czech legions had been formed in all the armies of Austria's enemies and that of all the Czechs of military age who were in Russia when the war began only three had returned to Austria. He also said that Herr Favis, formerly director of the Ekstrem newspaper in Narvik, Listy of Prague, had boasted publicly in Russia that when an ensign in the Austrian army, he had deserted to the Russians after his companions had killed Austrian outposts. Herr von Georgi's statements are said to have made a great sensation. The Czech deputies angered by them, charged that they had been made in a vengeful spirit on account of the fact that the ministry had been forced to resign.

DUTCH WOMEN RAID BARGES

Loaded With Potatoes for England—Delicate Position for Holland Officials

(By Associated Press.) London, June 25.—A dispatch to The Times from Amsterdam reports that a crowd of women stormed a dozen barges in the inner harbor of Rotterdam Saturday and seized about a ton of potatoes destined for England. The barges, which were loaded with 11,000 tons of potatoes, were then removed to the outer harbor, guarded by police. The trouble, whereof the foregoing is a mere incident, has arisen, according to the correspondent, between Holland and England and Germany. Germany expected last week a consignment of new potatoes in return for German exports of coal to Holland. Before a consignment could be made 11,000 tons of old potatoes had to be shipped to England under contract. The people of Rotterdam, who are themselves insufficiently supplied, learning that these potatoes were awaiting shipment, raided the barges. Meanwhile the Germans are threatening to cease coal supplies unless the potatoes are sent. The correspondent says that if the Dutch yield to German pressure and send these potatoes to Germany, they will break their agreement with England and endanger their supply of grain from America which might prove as serious as the loss of German coal.

RETURN OF COCCHI IS ANTICIPATED

Italy Not Expected to Insist on Strict Observance of Her Penal Law

(By Associated Press.) New York, June 25.—Papers required for the extradition application to bring Alfredo Cocchi, self-confessed slayer of Ruth Cruger, from Bologna, Italy, where he fled when he feared he was suspected, were completed today by Edward Swan, district attorney. In the opinion of Mr. Swan and lawyers conversant with Italian law, the present friendly relations between Italy and the United States was expected to cause the Italian government to stretch a point by not insisting upon observance of its penal code, which prohibits the extradition of Italian citizens, taking precedence over its treaty privilege for reciprocal extradition. Although detectives working on the case of Ruth Cruger conducted a search for Cocchi after the man had fled, they sought him as a "missing person" rather than as a criminal, and closed the case so far as he was concerned as soon as they ascertained that he was in Bologna, Italy, according to records examined by Mr. Wallstein. The principal witness called today was Henry D. Cruger, father of the victim. It is expected that he will be under examination all day. Official records were being searched here today to determine whether Cocchi is a citizen of the United States or of Italy. An inquiry on this point by Secretary Lansing was received through Governor Whitman today by District Attorney Swan. It is believed here that Cocchi took out his first papers, but never applied for the second and is therefore still a subject of Italy. Cocchi once applied for enlistment in the Italian army through the consulate here. Copy of Confession Asked For. Washington, June 25.—The State Department has requested the Italian government to forward a copy of the confession of Alfredo Cocchi in which he admitted that he had killed Ruth Cruger.

NOTED IRISHMAN REACHES NEW YORK

(By Associated Press.) New York, June 25.—T. P. O'Connell, the Irish Nationalist leader, who arrived here yesterday accompanied by Richard Hazelton, also of the Nationalist party, spent today in receiving almost a continuous line of callers. Mr. O'Connell, who plans to go to Washington this week, was invited today by personal friends there to be guest of honor at a dinner for the purpose of having him meet men of national prominence.

YOUTHFUL PURCHASER OF LIBERTY BOND

(Special to The Dispatch.) Warsaw, June 25.—The youngest purchaser of a Liberty bond in this section was Master Norwood Carroll, who is 10 years old. He earned the money himself with which he made the purchase.

AMERICAN NAVAL CLUB IN BRITISH PORT

(By Associated Press.) Base of the American Flotilla in British Waters, June 25.—The opening of the United States Naval Men's Club on shore in this picturesque little village Saturday night was attended unexpectedly by Vice Admiral Sims. He announced that the club was only the forerunner of other recreations planned for his men during their shore leaves.

SUFFRAGIST PICKETS NOT PUT ON TRIAL

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 25.—Mabel Vernon, of Nevada, and Virginia Arnold, of North Carolina, two suffragist pickets taken into custody by the Capitol police Saturday when they attempted to display a banner on the visit of the Russian mission to Congress, were not brought to trial today as had been planned, because the Congressional committees who have charge of the grounds advised the police to drop the case, at least until those of other suffragists arrested at the White House have been decided.

OFFICIAL REPORTS ON GERMAN CROPS

Say They Are in Fine Condition—Private Statements Are to Contrary

(By Associated Press.) Copenhagen, June 25.—A report sent out today by the German government for free distribution in the neutral press says that in consequence of the long-desired rainfall, the crop of the long-desired rainfall, the crop of Germany really is brilliant. In the middle and eastern provinces it is thoroughly satisfactory. The report would deserve more credence if Germany and not followed the same tactics harvest during the war. Private reports received by the Associated Press up to the end of the second week of June describe prospects for 1917 as anything but brilliant. They say that rains are urgently needed and if they come openly could do much to save suffering spring grain or improve winter grain prospects, but in no case could produce better than a bare middle harvest. Official reports today that fodder cut now is far above the average are flatly contradicted by private advisers and difficult to reconcile with past weather conditions. Danish crops grown under similar climate conditions were given as poor to bad in last week's official report.

YOUNG GIRL FLIES REDCROSS AIRSHIP

Buffalo to Washington Dropping Red Cross Literature Along Her Route

(By Associated Press.) New York, June 25.—Miss Katherine Stinson, the 19-year-old girl, who left Buffalo yesterday on an airplane flight to Washington, carrying a message to the Red Cross headquarters there, reached here today at 12:15 p. m., after stopping for the night at Albany. Miss Stinson planned to resume her journey after a short rest. She carried a number of small paper bombs containing appeals for Red Cross funds, which she is dropping above cities and towns. Leaves Albany on Time. Albany, N. Y., June 25.—Miss Catherine Stinson, who is making an air flight from Buffalo to Washington in the interest of the National Red Cross, left on the second leg of her trip shortly after 10 a. m. today. She is expected to reach Washington late in the afternoon.

ZIONISTS PREPARING TO OCCUPY PALESTINE

(By Associated Press.) Baltimore, Md., June 25.—A total of \$473,000 was pledged here last night at the annual convention of the Federation of American Zionists toward a fund of \$1,000,000 to equip an industrial army to go to Palestine and prepare the way for its occupation by Zionists.

RED CROSS BABY AIDS NATIONAL DRIVE FOR \$100,000,000



Little Roberta Hams, of Chicago, who confesses to two years and a little over, is the youngest Red Cross worker in the drive for the \$100,000,000 fund now being raised. Roberta wears her Red Cross garb with the air of a fully trained war nurse and has attracted much attention to the Red Cross headquarters in Chicago, where she is aiding in the collection of funds.

ADVOCATES TRAINING IN LIBERTY BONDS

(By Associated Press.) New York, June 25.—A wide and normal market in the trading of Liberty loan bonds on the stock exchange with prices unrestricted is advocated by the Liberty Loan committee, it was announced here today by Benjamin Strong, chairman of the committee and governor of the Federal Reserve Bank.

ALLEGED MURDERERS OF BAFF GO ON TRIAL

(By Associated Press.) New York, June 25.—Trial was started today of four men accused of conspiring to kill Barnett Baff, a wealthy poultry dealer who was shot by hired gunmen on November 24, 1914. There was delay in getting a jury due to conscientious scruples against capital punishment and accomplices' testimony. The defendants are Joseph Cohen, Jacob Cohen and David Jacobs and Abraham Graf.

NO SEPARATE PEACE TO BE MADE BY RUSSIA

(By Associated Press.) Paris, June 25.—All thoughts that Russia may conclude a separate peace must be set aside, declared Albert Thomas, French Minister of Munitions, on his return to Paris Saturday night from an extended trip to Russia. An offensive by the Russian arms is both a material and a moral possibility, in his belief, but he declined to speculate as to when such a movement might be expected. The military organization problems are in the way of solution and the situation as regards Russia's financial and economic difficulties is improving every day, M. Thomas declared. The whole of the French cabinet member's talk was optimistic, although he did not minimize the difficulties with which Russia is still confronted.

AGGRESSIVE WARFARE ON WATER DEMANDED

(By Associated Press.) London, June 25.—Winston Spencer Churchill, in an article in the Sunday Pictorial, demands aggressive policy for the vast fleets under the Entente Allies, especially since America's entry into the war. "The allied navies," he declared, "have at least two dreadnaughts for every one at the disposal of Germany and Austria, and in addition more than four old battleships to one for the enemy. But the superiority in weight of metal, modernity and tonnage is far greater even than these immense figures imply. Are we really to be content to see this vast mass of about 200 battleships wait idle on the chance of the German fleet emerging to fight until peace—perhaps an unsatisfactory peace—is declared? "When three old battleships were sunk in the Dardanelles it was reported as a great naval disaster, but what kind of disaster would it be when, on the day peace is signed, hundreds of battleships are found to have been virtually unused and pass into obsolescence to be supplanted in future wars by airplanes and submarines?"

MILLION TONS OF SHIPPING

Tied Up in Neutral Ports—Should Be Put Into Service

(By Associated Press.) Boston, Mass., June 25.—Despite the Allies' acute need of ships arising from the submarine menace, more than 1,000,000 tons of neutral shipping is swinging idly at anchor in the harbors of belligerent nations, according to a statement by Augusto Cluffelli, former member of the Italian cabinet, and a member of the Italian mission, to the Associated Press here today. The statement was made by Mr. Cluffelli in connection with the advisability of putting into execution other plans besides America's titanic shipbuilding program, in combating the submarines. That the Entente Allies are powerless to utilize this class of neutral tonnage was characterized as deplorable by Mr. Cluffelli. Gred, he said, was the moving factor with many of the ship-owners. The Allies should take immediate steps to correct the situation, Mr. Cluffelli said, by increasing port duties to an almost confiscatory point for prolonged stays or refusing bunker coal to such ships as declined to accept cargoes bound through the danger zones.

BELGIUM AND RUSSIA TOMB OF WASHINGTON

(By Associated Press.) Mt. Vernon, June 25.—Belgium and Russia united yesterday at the tomb of George Washington in paying homage to the American patriot and to the spirit of liberty and freedom, which his memory incarnates. The official diplomatic mission from Belgium and the new Russian democracy pledged themselves and their countries to every effort for the destruction of autocracy and the safety of democracy. The two missions, accompanied by members of the cabinet and other high government officials, went down the Potomac on the presidential yacht Mayflower. Secretary Daniels introduced, first, Baron Mancheur, head of the Belgian mission, and then the Russian special ambassador, Boris A. Bakmetoff. Each made a brief address of tribute to Washington and of reconsecration to the ideals he represented. Baron Mancheur, aided by Lieutenant General Leclere and Ambassador Bakhmetoff, aided by Lieutenant General Roope, placed floral wreaths on the tomb beside similar wreaths laid there by Mr. Balfour, of Great Britain, former Premier Viviani and Marshal Joffre of France, and the Prince of Udine of Italy.

YET MORE WOODEN SHIPS ORDERED

Goethals Gives Out Contract Also for Steel Vessels for the Government

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 25.—Contracts for ten complete steel merchant ships, 4 complete wooden merchant vessels, and two wooden ship hulls were, announced today by Major General Goethals, manager of the board's Emergency Fleet Corporation. Deliveries will be made in 1918. The steel ships will be built by the Moore & Scott Iron Works at Oakland, Cal.; the complete wooden ships by the Newcomb Life Boat Co., Hampton, Va.; twelve wooden hulls by the Universal Ship Building Co., Harris county, Texas; four hulls by the Portland Ship Ceiling Co., Portland, Me.; and four hulls by McBride & Law, of Beaumont, Texas. In all the fleet corporation has let contracts so far for 104 complete ships, 38 of steel, 32 wood and steel and 34 wood. Seventy-two wooden hulls have been ordered.