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A TRANSPORT IS SUNK PROBABLY 101 AMERICAN SOLDIERS LOST

The Cunard liner *Tuscania*, in service as a transport, victim of a lurking submarine—of 2,179 American troops aboard, all are accounted for but 101—disaster occurred Tuesday evening off coast of Ireland.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The latest reports reaching Washington today indicate that the death toll of the torpedoed transport *Tuscania* remains one hundred and one. Of these seventy-three wore the uniform of the United States Army and the remaining twenty-eight were members of the *Tuscania's* crew.

The War Department is momentarily expecting a complete list of the missing. There is no official confirmation today of the report that a British destroyer accounted for the submarine which sank the *Tuscania*. The bodies of forty-four American soldiers have been washed ashore. All are badly mutilated.

The sinking of a transport carrying American soldiers to the battle lines of Europe, news of which reached the officials of the War and Navy departments Wednesday night, has been the chief matter of news interest to the people of the United States during the past two days. The disaster occurred late Tuesday off the coast of Ireland, when the *Tuscania*, with 2,179 American soldiers aboard, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. Latest figures place the number of missing men at only 101, although first dispatches led to the fear that a much larger number had lost their lives.

The *Tuscania* was a liner of 14,348 tons, and was one of a strongly guarded convoy proceeding eastward off the north coast of Ireland when disaster overtook her. The shore line was visible from the starboard side through the dusk of oncoming night, and it was from this direction that the lurking German submarine discharged a torpedo that found its mark in the boiler room of the steamer. A second torpedo was seen to pass harmlessly astern.

Apparently retribution at once befell the enemy underwater boat. According to the testimony of an American officer, who was one of the first men to leave the *Tuscania*, a British destroyer dashed toward the evident location of the attacker and dropped depth bombs that resulted, in the expressive phrase of the submarine hunters, in the enemy being "done in."

The explosion of the torpedo had immediately caused a tremendous list and made the launching of lifeboats and rafts extremely hazardous in the heavy sea and the darkness. Almost all the loss of life and the sustaining of injuries occurred because of this condition as there was no panic among the Americans or the crew, and the stricken liner remained afloat for fully an hour. Many patrol boats assisted the destroyers in the work of rescue and the survivors were landed at various Irish and Scotch ports, where prompt medical attention was given the injured and the others were made comfortable.

CONFLICTING FIGURES AS TO LOSSES ON TUSCANIA

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The War Department this afternoon announced that the highest ranking officer aboard the *Tuscania* was a major, of whom there were a number on the ship. In the absence of further official figures, the department accepted the British figures. Only 168 officers and men of the American forces are missing. This does not include the crew or others who may have been on the ship. The figures do not check with the list received, but the dispatches conflict in some instances.

Details of the attack are withheld by the Navy Department. It is known that the Germans threatened to concentrate their submarine attacks upon American transports. The report is current this afternoon that the *Tuscania* struck mines instead of being torpedoed.

Washington refused to indicate whether it was under the direction of the American or the British Admiralty but state that it was under British control.

Declaring that the sinking of the *Tuscania* had brought the United States to realize the relentlessness of this war, Secretary Baker, in a statement, declared that we must win this war and that we will win this war. Losses like these unite us and make us more determined to press on. The Secretary expressed deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives of those who were lost. The majority of the officers aboard the *Tuscania* were saved. The men aboard were former Michigan and Wisconsin national guards and three companies from head quarters, Twentieth Engineers, regulars, which is the largest regiment in the world, numbering 17,000 men.

BLAMES DISASTER ON BAKER INQUISITION

Charlotte Observer.
Raleigh, Feb. 7.—Governor Bickett sent a telegram today to The New York World charging that the present senatorial inquisition into the affairs of the war department is directly responsible for the torpedoing of the United States troop transport reported in the morning papers. The telegram read:
"You are in the habit of drafting my opinion on public questions. For once I am going to volunteer one. In my opinion the senatorial inquisition of the war department is directly responsible for the sinking of the *Tuscania*. They put Baker on the rack and tortured out of him a confession of the gigantic movement of our troops across the seas. Then the enemy knew what was happening and the submarines lurked for their prey. This whole inquisition is botched on the inordinate vanity of a few senators, who seek to pose as the saviors of the Nation. Their bill has no more chance to keep out of the congressional trash pile than a food grafter has to keep out of hell. Yet the inquisition continues. Why? Why?"

HAD BORNE A CHARMED LIFE.
(By International News Service.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The *Tuscania*, attacked many times by submarines, seemed to bear a charm for escaping. It was built for the Anchor line and was of 14,348 tons gross. It was one of the best equipped vessels in the transportation service. It was built to accommodate 2,500 hundred passengers with stateroom accommodations for many others.

210 LIVES WERE LOST.
(By International News Service.)
LONDON, Feb. 7.—Two hundred and ten lives were lost, American and British, when the British steamer *Tuscania* was submerged off the Irish coast Tuesday, according to an announcement by the Admiralty. There were 76 officers and 1,935 men, soldiers; and 16 officers and 125 men in the crew; three passengers and 32 others. The saved numbered 2,179 of the Americans aboard. The British Admiralty announced that 168 Americans are missing.

RELATIVES OF SURVIVORS WILL BE NOTIFIED.
(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Following a conference between War Department officials, orders were issued this morning to the Adjutant General to compile immediately a list of all persons aboard the *Tuscania*, and notify their relatives by telegraph that they were on the ship. These telegrams will be followed as fast as possible by another message stating definitely whether the soldier named is among the survivors or not.

ADDITIONAL SURVIVORS HAVE BEEN LANDED.
(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Information that additional survivors from the transport *Tuscania* have been landed was placed on the cable from London, giving the names of 30 survivors landed at Fort Ellen Island, Scotland. At the same time the cable stated that a party landed at Tarellen, numbering 600. British officials say they have sent officers to points where the Americans landed and everything possible for their comfort and needs has been ordered done.

NEW CORN MILL TO START HERE AT ONCE

Gastonia is to have a new corn mill, located right up town. It is being installed by the Southern Cotton Oil Company on the oil mill property on West Main avenue. Manager J. F. Bess stated this morning that he expected to have the mill in operation within the next few days. He is advertising in today's *Gazette* for corn which he will buy in any quantities from the farmers, paying therefor the highest market price. The capacity of the mill will be 120 bushels per day. It is the purpose of the management to run day and night in order to take care of the local demand for meal.

SENATE PASSES CIVIL RIGHTS BILL.
(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The Senate passed the civil rights bill designed to protect soldiers and sailors from civil court proceedings during army service.

GERMAN PRISONERS AND GUNS TAKEN.
(By International News Service.)
LONDON, Feb. 7.—(Official.) German prisoners and machine guns were captured when the British raided the trenches near Armatours last night. The British casualties were slight. German artillery is active around Lens and Cambrai.

Heatless Mondays Abolished in N. C.

Secretary Fred M. Allen of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce this afternoon received a telegram from State Fuel Administrator A. W. McAllister confirming the following story which appeared in this morning's Greensboro News, which means that, so far as North Carolina is concerned the heatless Mondays are at an end:
The decision of Dr. H. A. Garfield, the federal fuel administrator, to rescind the Monday closing order so far as the major portion of the south

23 AMERICANS STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR.

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, Feb. 8.—With the number of lives lost on the *Tuscania* still standing at 101, the bodies of 23 Americans are still unaccounted for. Latest estimates place the number of American soldiers lost at 73. Of these 44 bodies were washed ashore on the coast of Ireland. The number of Americans injured was 90, who are in hospitals suffering from exposure and wounds. None of the injured have died.

PNEUMONIA STILL TAKES HEAVY TOLL.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Pneumonia continues to take its heavy toll of American soldiers in the training camps. A slight decrease in the number of deaths was reported today in Surgeon General Gorgas' statement for the past week. The total number of deaths reported is 178, of which 117 were due to pneumonia. The army leads in number of deaths. Camp Pike heads the list with 19 deaths from pneumonia.

AUSTRIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, Feb. 8.—The Austrian Cabinet has resigned because of the political and labor dissensions throughout the monarchy, according to a dispatch received from Amsterdam today. The reported resignation of the cabinet two weeks ago is said to have been erroneous.

SURVIVORS LANDED ON IRISH COAST.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Seventy-six officers and 174 enlisted men, survivors of the *Tuscania*, have been landed at Bucrana, according to a cablegram received today by the Navy Department. Sixteen officers and members of the crew were landed in Ireland. Approximately 570 officers and enlisted men are at Islay, Scotland. Approximately 99 soldiers and members of the crew are in hospitals. At the same time the Navy Department took measures to allay the fears of relatives of the *Tuscania* victims that the men might be buried in unidentified graves. It was announced that all bodies that had reported would probably be identified.

DAILY FOOD AND FUEL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

SUNDAY
One wheatless and one meatless meal.

MONDAY
Heatless and wheatless.

TUESDAY
Meatless—Porkless. One wheatless meal.

WEDNESDAY
All day wheatless. One meatless meal.

THURSDAY
One wheatless and one meatless meal.

FRIDAY
One wheatless and one meatless meal.

SATURDAY
Porkless day. One wheatless and one meatless meal.

HELP WIN THE WAR BY SAVING FOOD AND FUEL!

DESERTER FROM THE DRAFT ARRESTED HERE LAST NIGHT

Nat Greenwood, alias Cap Carter, wanted at Asheville by the Buncombe County Exemption Board for desertion from the army draft, was arrested last night about midnight at the home of his brother-in-law, D. G. Buckner, proprietor of the Gastonia Dairy, about three miles from Gastonia on the Gastonia-Dallas road. He is now occupying a cell in the city jail and will be taken to Asheville today or tomorrow by an officer. In addition to the charge of desertion he will probably face a charge of resisting the officers of the law, inasmuch as he made a dash for liberty last night after he had been arrested and handcuffed.

Deputy Sheriff J. Madison Kendrick and Policemen Hoard, Adderhold and Wright and Chief Carroll of the local force and Fire Chief Bob Terrell went to Buckner's home about midnight last night, armed with the proper authority to arrest Greenwood, who had been spotted here some days ago by the local exemption board. When Deputy Sheriff Kendrick knocked at the door Buckner responded and, upon being questioned, denied that there was anybody in the house except himself and his brother, his wife and his wife's brother, an older Greenwood who is Buckner's partner in the dairy business.

He was informed, however, that the house would be searched. As it appeared impossible to get the screen door at the front open the officers went to a side door. They went upstairs where they found Greenwood hiding under a bed. His brother, who was not wanted, was in bed. The culprit was handcuffed and brought to Gastonia. Taking the officers unaware, however, he plunged down the stairs and went through the front screen only to fall into the arms of Policemen Adderhold and Wright and Fire Chief Terrell.

Col. T. L. Craig, chairman of the local exemption board, notified United States Marshal Webb, of Asheville, by phone this morning of the arrest of Greenwood and the apparent effort of Buckner to obstruct the operation of the draft law by shielding Greenwood. Marshal Williams is expected to come to Gastonia today. Whether action will be taken against Buckner for his part in the affair it is not known though Chairman Craig expressed the opinion this morning that he was guilty of violating the provisions of the draft act.

Negro Deserter Arrested.
Shortly after noon today Deputy Sheriff J. Madison Kendrick, accompanied by Policemen Tom Rankin and R. B. Terrell, arrested Will Armstrong, a negro wanted by the local exemption board for desertion. He was found in a barn on the Mayworth Farm, about 10 or 12 miles east of the city. Armstrong refused to come up for examination when called in the first draft. He was certified up to the district board which certified him back for service at once. He left and went to Winston-Salem and dodged the officers successfully. Recently he was located in this county and was given several opportunities by Chairman Craig of the board to come up and report for service. He consistently refused to respond. Hence his arrest today. He is confined to the city jail and will probably be taken at once to a training camp for service.

THIEF FORTIFIED SELF AGAINST FOOD SHORTAGE

The person or persons who entered the store of Z. B. Harry at the Pinkney Mills, south of Gastonia, Wednesday night evidently believed that a shortage of food was imminent, judging from the quantity and character of the goods stolen. Here is a list of the goods which it is known were taken, to which there might possibly be added some articles which the manager, Mr. Archie Robinson, has not as yet missed:
45 pounds of fat meat.
300 pounds of flour.
Two or three boxes of cigars.
One-half bushel of apples.
10 pounds of bologna sausage.
Three sacks of meal.
Evidently the thief did not want to get in bad with Local Food Administrator Armstrong as it will be noted that he took three sacks of meal with three sacks (300 pounds) of flour. He is guilty, it is true, of having more flour than the law allows but he whacked up 50-50 with meal and flour as the law says must be done.

A horse and buggy was stolen from Mr. Grady Rankin's barn at the Pinkney and used to haul the stolen goods away. Horse and buggy were found yesterday morning near Mr. Ed Crawford's place, standing unhitched in the road.

The officers are working on the case and it is probable that the thief will be behind the bars soon.
Millen's grocery store at Groves, east of the city, was entered last night but the owners are unable to discover that anything was taken. It is believed that the thief secreted himself in the store before it was

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

SGT. S. B. SUGGS WEDS COUNCIL GIRL.
A marriage of interest to many Gastonians was solemnized at Council, N. C., on January 5th when Sgt. Sam B. Suggs and Miss Rachel Nicholson were married. The groom is a son of Mr. J. T. Suggs, formerly of Gastonia, and a brother of Mr. Leroy Suggs, of this city. The bride is a popular and attractive young lady of Council. Sgt. and Mrs. Suggs returned to Greenville soon after the marriage where they will remain until the groom's company is called to "go across."

HUGGINS-SHELTON WEDDING LAST NIGHT.

A wedding of much interest to the many friends of the contracting parties was solemnized Thursday night at the parsonage of Main Street Methodist church when Miss Lettice Shelton became the bride of Mr. L. O. Huggins, the ceremony being pronounced by Rev. H. H. Jordan in the presence of only a few witnesses. The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Shelton and has been for some time a popular member of the sales force of the O'Neil Company. The groom is a soldier, being a member of Company A, 105th Military Police, at Camp Sevier.

FULLER-PETERSON WEDDING AT CHARLOTTE TUESDAY.

The following from Thursday's *Charlotte Observer* will be of interest to many of our readers:
"Miss Mamie J. Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Peterson, of Stanley, and Mr. Marvin C. Fuller, of Lovettsville, Va., were married Tuesday at 6 p. m. at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. A. Goodwin, at 2223 Vale avenue. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John F. Creigler, pastor of St. Martin's Lutheran church, assisted by Rev. W. T. Cline, Jr., of Birmingham, Ala.

"Only a few relatives were present at the ceremony and there were no attendants. Miss Lillian Peterson, sister of the bride, played Mendelssohn's wedding march softly during the ceremony.

"The bride is a member of one of the best known families in Stanley. She is a beautiful brunette, with winsome personality and widely popular. The groom is a well known business man of Lovettsville.

"Mr. and Mrs. Fuller have a host of friends in this state and in the state of Virginia who will be interested in their marriage. They will make their home for the present with the groom's parents in Lovettsville.

MANY LOCAL PYTHIANS TO JOIN THE D. O. K. K.

Following is a list of the candidates who will be initiated into the mysteries of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan at the special ceremonial to be held here next Tuesday night, the 12th:

Following is the list of Tyros who will cross the hot sands Tuesday night: Fred M. Allen, M. A. Turner, H. B. Pattillo, Charles C. Coble, George W. Smith, James Bracey, J. R. Beam, John G. Carpenter, Roscoe Douglass, L. E. Rankin, O. S. Carpenter, Z. B. Harry, B. S. Gulon, S. Brady Johnson, Henry Rankin, C. E. Carpenter, Kenneth Babington, Maurice McNeely, E. D. Houser, R. Grady Rankin, J. H. Henderlite, Rev. H. H. Jordan and A. U. Stroupe.

Headquarters for the Dokes on Tuesday will be at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. The degree team will arrive from Charlotte at 5 o'clock and a parade will be held immediately thereafter. At 6:30 there will be a Hoover feed in the armory and the ceremonial will begin in the lodge hall at 7:30 o'clock.

HALF BILLION IN CERTIFICATES ISSUED.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Announcement was made by Secretary McAdoo of today's issue of half a billion dollars in certificates of indebtedness. Subsequent issues are expected bi-weekly until approximately three billion dollars has been raised to relieve the tension. There is general speculation as to the time and size of the third Liberty Loan, which the Secretary said would probably be deferred until some time in April.

—Mr. R. R. Ray, of McAdenville, is spending the day in the city with his daughters, Mrs. A. M. Dixon and Mrs. L. N. Glenn.

closed. He went out through a window.

John Branch, a 16-year-old boy, was arrested yesterday and is now in jail charged with breaking into the store of L. M. Houser in West Gastonia night before last. He took \$15 in money, a quantity of cigarettes, a watch and probably other articles, part of which have been recovered. He broke a window glass at the rear in order to gain entrance to the store. Other arrests in this case are expected to follow.