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SWEEPING VESSELS GERMAN RAIFERS MAKE SWEEP OF A BRITISH FLEET

Nine Merchantmen and Two Destroyers Are Victims. Berlin Claims That Eleven Cargoes Went Down. ELUDED THE ENGLISH PATROL? Evident That Hun Flotilla Went Around Wilhelmshaven. No Explanation Is Made in Early Admiralty Report. AMERICAN SCHOONER IS SUNK "Jennie E. Righter" of New Haven a U-Boat Victim. Mystery as to Strength of German Sea Forces.

London, Oct. 20.—Two German raiders attacked a convoy in the North sea on Wednesday and sank two of the British escorting destroyers, it was announced officially today by the British war office. The British torpedo destroyers sunk were the Mary Rose and the Strongbow.

The official announcement says that three merchant vessels escaped in the action but that five Norwegian, one Danish and three Swedish vessels were sunk without warning. Thirty Norwegians were rescued by British patrol craft.

The raiders which were heavily armed, showed anxiety to escape before they could be intercepted by British forces, and the passengers, it is made no attempt to rescue the crews of the sunken destroyers.

Neither the destroyers Mary Rose nor Strongbow are listed in the latest naval annual and are therefore presumably vessels finished since the end of the war.

From the language of the admiralty statement, the two vessels must have been acting as convoy for merchant vessels.

It may be significant that the announcement does not state by what sort of German naval vessels the two British destroyers were sunk. The Germans may have been cruisers or battleships.

The Shetland Islands lie to the extreme north of the North sea. German submarines are probably fairly thick in that territory, but if the German vessels which attacked the British destroyers were of any other type of naval warship, it would seem to indicate that the raiders had managed to elude the British patrol around Wilhelmshaven.

The neutral merchantmen which were sunk were not armed. They were destroyed by the Germans before any examination of their cargoes had been made, and without regard to the lives of their crews and passengers.

Anxious to escape before the British forces interfered, the raiders made off without any effort to rescue the men of the British destroyers and the crews of the other ships.

Berlin Claims Eleven. Berlin, via London, Oct. 20.—Eleven merchantmen and the British destroyers 329 and 321 were destroyed by light German sea forces in an attack on a convoy off the coast of Norway Wednesday, it was officially announced today.

American Schooner Down. London, Oct. 20.—The American schooner Jennie E. Righter of 847 tons gross was destroyed by light German sea forces on Tuesday off Cape Villano, Spain. Nine men of the schooner were landed today at Major. The Jennie E. Righter hailed from New Haven, Conn.

The Jennie E. Righter was a three masted schooner and was built at Madison, Conn., in 1877. She was last reported as having sailed from a United States Atlantic port subsequent to August 30, after a voyage from Jamaica.

SANTA FE WAGES UP 33 PER CENT GAIN IN 2 YEARS

Annual Report in Topeka Today Shows Boost to Employees. Partly Due to Increase in Forces Employed on Road. TAXES JUMP 50 PER CENT Nearly 10 Million for This Purpose in Last Year. More Than 16,000 Miles Are Now Under Operation.

Federal, state and local taxes of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway for the year ending June 30, 1917, aggregated a total of \$9,870,634.24, and show an increase over the preceding year of \$3,660,288.16, according to the annual directors' report which reached Topeka today. For the first time the rate of federal taxes have become a matter of concern to the road.

The company's tax situation, according to the report, has been revolutionized by the new system of federal taxation recently adopted and which applies to all the calendar year of 1917. The change wrought, says the report, is not adequately indicated by the increase registered for the fiscal year because it contains only six months of the calendar year. It is impossible, therefore, to forecast the taxes for the calendar year of 1917, but it is by no means improbable that they will be about \$12,000,000, or about twice the annual average for recent years, and possibly more.

Strain Every Nerve. "Owing to high prices," says the report, "it has not been possible to add materially to equipment, and the result has been that in the effort to handle the enormous business every dollar has been strained to the utmost. It has been found necessary to place orders for nearly four thousand cars of various types and for thirty engines, all of which have been delivered during the calendar year and some of them during the fiscal year. The prices we have contracted to pay for the current year are, on an average, about 20 per cent over the wages and salaries of two years ago."

Raise in Wages. The report is eloquent of the upheaval and reorganization in the industry which has been going on. "On all sides the company has been confronted with the necessity of increasing wages and salaries. The payroll for the fiscal year was nearly \$33 per cent in excess of the payroll for the corresponding period two years before. This was partly due to the fact that the company has been making allowance for this increase in forces it is believed that the current wages and salaries are on an average about 20 per cent over the wages and salaries of two years ago."

Big Mileage. The value of equipment retired by the road during the fiscal year totaled \$1,321,842.47. It comprised of 26 locomotives, 1,256 freight cars, 3 passenger cars, and 257 work cars. The freight equipment retired included 549 cars, which, being permanently assigned to work service, were relettered and transferred from freight equipment to work service. Equipment added during the fiscal year was valued at \$1,096,287.62. It included 11 passenger cars, 42 freight cars, 3 passenger cars and motor equipment of cars, 1 car float, 583 miscellaneous work cars and an automobile.

Coal Conferees Resume Negotiations Over Fine System. Expect 70,000 Illinois Miners Back to Work Monday.

Kansas City, Oct. 20.—Representatives of the Southwest Kansas Coal Operators' association and of the United Mine Workers of America in the southwest coal fields resumed their negotiations for the signing of a working contract today with the only outstanding difference the automatic penalty by clause.

The representatives of the miners declare they will not agree to any contract embodying the penalty clause. Each of the mining districts in the district: John Wilkinson, president of the Oklahoma and Arkansas miners, and Alexander Howes, of Kansas, are meeting separately with a representative of the operators in their respective districts.

A joint meeting of all will be held later in the day. Differences in the wage scale and other minor points of disagreement, were settled in conference yesterday.

Chicago Sees Hope for Relief. Chicago, Oct. 20.—Relief from the coal strike which threatens Chicago and the state as the result of the strike of 70,000 Illinois miners may come in the form of a new officials are expected to be named.

HOOPER ORDER KNOCKOUT FOR CANDY MAKERS

Manufacturers Face Shutdown Due to Shortage. 50,000 Employed in Industry in N. Y. City Alone. 45 PER CT. GOES TO LUXURIES See Serious Curtailment in Christmas Candy Output. Beet Sugar Crop May Restore Business in Few Weeks.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Reduction in sugar sales to confectioners and other "luxury" manufacturers, has been ordered by the Hoover food administration, it was officially stated.

In view of the growing shortage and soaring prices to the average consumer, today's order, which is necessary the government would not hesitate to curtail all "luxury" uses of sugar.

Christmas candy business will be hard hit by the order. While the step announced today was taken with the hope that a complete shutdown on candy making will not become necessary, this will be inevitable if the incoming beet sugar crop does not solve the shortage. The food administration stated that the later crop should enable candy makers who may have to shut down now, to resume operations within a few weeks.

The administration's order will be put into effect immediately thru state food controllers and local committees as well as refiners. Soft drinks are classed by Hoover with candy as a luxury. Bakery cake is not, but it is impossible for it to have to be eliminated in future.

Forty-five per cent of the sugar used in this country goes into luxuries, the food administration estimated. Appeals for economy in sugar consumption having failed to relieve the shortage, today's order was decided upon by Herbert Hoover. Candy consumption has increased enormously in the past few years, despite a rise in price of the confections. The increase was reported to be particularly noticeable in prohibition territory and around army cantonments.

Family Board Sugarless. The food administration is preparing a series of sugar conservation appeals to the public. The housewife faces a short period of sugar famine in which it may be impossible for many to obtain any sugar. Retail prices are slowly mounting, being held in check only by Hoover's recent insistence on the part of the principal factors in high prices.

An important detail in handling the cut in sugar is that the American sugar crop has been arranged for the food administration in securing a plentiful supply of Jute bags from India, thru the British administration, for the assignment of the necessary shipping.

Sends Out Sugar Order. The following telegram was sent to all the sugar distributing agencies of the country, notably the American refinery committee of New York and the sugar distributing committee of Chicago, handling respectively cane and beet sugar.

"We consider it essential to reduce consistently sales of sugar for production. Much be reduced in order to provide household and allied needs. This request applies to manufacturers of gum, cordials, syrups and luxuries. Manufacturers of food products should have preference—condensed milk companies coming first. (Signed) The sugar administration."

Chicago Factories Close Down. Chicago, Oct. 20.—Formal warnings were issued here this afternoon on instructions from the office of Food Administration, that the teams driving in line upon the country and at the moment of America's first self-denial in the matter of food has arrived.

The warning states that manufacturers using sugar in their products are closing down and that thousands of persons are threatened with temporary loss of employment. Individuals, as well as dealers, are called upon to do with the absolute minimum of the product. It was announced that as the Atlantic states have the greatest scarcity that beet sugar from the west will be rushed first to that section.

U-BOAT SINKS U. S. TRANSPORT 70 LIVES LOST

Vessel in Ballast Sent Down on Return Trip. Convoy Didn't See Enemy; Wonder How it Happened. MAY HAVE RUN OVER U-BOAT 167 Survivors; 16 of Lost, Soldiers Returning on Furloughs. Catastrophe Tends to Wake Up America on Reality of War.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Germany is centering a large part of her U-boat strength on "kettling" American transports. That conviction was instilled into navy men today as a result of a torpedoing of an American transport, the Antilles, while homeward bound with about 70 missing.

That a U-boat "got" this Morgan liner, however, was largely a matter of guesswork. Presumably the U-boat was in the vicinity of the Antilles when the submarine altho the Antilles was part of a convoy and she went down in five minutes, victim of a square hit.

The "hulk" in the Antilles case is one of the incidents of U-boat warfare. Officials explained today that the Antilles must have run over the U-boat, who would have been visible to the convoy. Between the destroyer patrol and the armament of the Antilles she would probably have been an easy victim. As a result of the transport, while lying in wait for loaded transports, European-bound, and being quickly fired her torpedoes and made off.

Recent reports indicate that the Germans are lying in wait for the American transports, especially. The (Continued on Page Two)

30 TEAMS IN FIELD Liberty Loan Enthusiasts in Successful Campaign. Only Four More Days to Reach \$2,000,000 Quota. Pelletier Stores Take \$10,000 in Bonds Today.

Topeka's drive for volunteer dollars, two million in all, became more intensified today when the thirty committees of business men taking individual subscriptions, were out on Friday with successful results again took the field determined to double Friday's subscriptions.

John T. Morrissey, secretary of the committee in charge of the delegations making individual solicitations, today said that five of the teams reported only four days to remain for subscriptions, which will close October 25. After Monday night's meeting only three days remain in which to raise whatever deficit is reported to the \$2,000,000.

The Pelletier stores made what was probably today's biggest subscription for the loan, with the firm took \$10,000 of the bonds. Other firms also purchased large amounts.

CLLOUDY AND COOL That is Outlook for a Normal Fall Sunday. Hourly temperature readings for the day reported by the local office of the United States weather bureau:

7 o'clock.....42 11 o'clock.....42 8 o'clock.....44 12 o'clock.....42 9 o'clock.....42 1 o'clock.....42 10 o'clock.....42 2 o'clock.....45 The mercury this afternoon did not climb as high as was predicted, the maximum for the day being less than 50. The average temperature for the day is 43 points below normal.

Partly cloudy weather was predicted for tonight and Sunday, with a temperature for the day of 43 points below normal. (Continued on Page Two)

KNITTING SOCKS FOR SAMMIES, THEIR PLEASANT PASTIME



There is plenty of hardship in soldiering, but what soldier minds hard work and the bitter cold of winter when he is rewarded by having a batch of pretty girls like these knit warm comforts for him? These charming young ladies visited the soldiers to entertain them by acting in the play, "Oh Boy." While waiting for the show to begin, like all patriotic girls, they spent their spare time knitting.

"ART IS PRIGELSS" SO SOLDIER-BARBER RESIGNS

American Field Headquarters, France, Oct. 20.—Clint, a furrier, has resigned his post as a soldier-barber because he couldn't do artistic hair-cutting after a day's hard drilling. The barbering brought his pay up to about \$125 a month—but art is priceless so he resigned.

USE WOOD RIVETS Detect German Plot in Naval Repair Works. Intern 38 Workmen From Broken Ship Yards.

New York, Oct. 20.—Due, it was reported, to discovery that German agents working as mechanics had put wooden rivets instead of steel ones into plates used in repairing troop ships, thirty-eight more "enemy" went to Ellis Island today for a sojourn until the end of the war.

The thirty-eight all came from Hoboken ship yards. They were arrested by bluejackets. Most of them were former employees of the Hamburg and other German ship yards. To date, 113 German agents and workmen in various ship yards have been seized and interned.

Charles W. Young, claiming to be a Norwegian and of late a pantryman on Harry Payne Whitney's yacht, is believed by secret service agents to be an important link in the German spy network. The authorities say they have proof of his plans to destroy at least one transport.

RAIN POSTERS ON HUNS American Flyers Shower Germans With U. S. Liberty Loan Placards.

Washington, Oct. 20.—American flyers in France flew over the German lines today and dropped thousands of Liberty loan posters on the enemy troops.

The Lafayette Escadrille took the leading part in the liberty bombardment in Europe. The posters used depicted Uncle Sam in a fighting attitude smashing home an argument for the loan, backed up with endless lines of troops and bayonets while overhead soaring airplanes fleets were dropping the message to the State of Liberty and another carried President Wilson's battle cry, "Make the World Safe for Democracy."

Another seven designs were represented in the assignment of 14,000 posters sent Pershing. So important was the message to the German forces considered by officials that the top copy sent Pershing was from the first batch printed.

SAMMIES BUY LIBERTY BONDS; WHY NOT YOU?

U. S. Soldiers in France Pledge Several Millions. In Some Companies Every Man Makes a Purchase. TWO BILLION TODAY'S GOAL 300,000 Boy Scouts "Over the Top" for Loan Today. 55 Flyers "Raid" Cities With Messages From President.

DAILY LIBERTY LOAN GROWTH. New York—Today's subscription, \$69,379,825; previously reported, \$24,000,000; quota, \$1,500,000,000. Cleveland—Today's subscriptions, \$2,444,700; previously reported, \$2,282,000; quota, \$60,000,000. Chicago—Today's subscriptions, \$29,000,000; previously reported, \$18,000,000; quota, \$180,000,000.

Buffalo—Today's subscriptions, \$1,223,000; quota, \$10,000,000. Detroit—Today's subscriptions, \$9,163,250; previously reported, \$8,740,750; quota, \$43,000,000. Dallas—Today's subscription, \$2,675,000; previously reported, \$10,012,400; quota, \$70,000,000.

Washington, Oct. 20.—The liberty loan campaign closed its third week today with excellent prospects, treasury officials announced, of bringing the total in subscriptions up to \$2,000,000,000 at the end of business today.

BY J. W. PEGLER. American Field Headquarters, Oct. 20.—American Sammies are not only going to "do their bit" in the trenches fighting the Huns—but they are setting an example for folks back home in a record-breaking purchase of liberty bonds.

Several million dollars in subscriptions were reported today. The exact total is being withheld. The various American expeditionary units are keenly competing for the honor of subscribing the greatest amount. Today's heavy artillery division, \$430,000 worth of nearly \$200,000 pledged and several batteries still to be heard from.

In general infantry companies every man and several officers subscribed to one or more bonds. The liberty loan drive has been on here "somewhere in France" for a week. The two biggest units inaugurated the campaign by a proclamation urging his men to subscribe the greatest amount.

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MEET K. U. TODAY Ichabods Off to Lawrence on Early Morning Train. Bad Weather Keeps Many Rooters From Making Trip.

Filled with determination to do their best to make things interesting for the Jayhawkers this afternoon, the Washington football team, accompanied by Coach Kennedy and a few loyal followers left this morning shortly after 7 o'clock for Lawrence. The big crowd of rooters that had planned to make the trip waited for the Santa Fe special that left at 1:15.

At British Coast 3 Went One Direction, 4 Another—Over England 2 Hrs. An East Coast Town, Oct. 20.—Seven or more Zeppelins crossed the east coast at about 8 o'clock last night four going in one direction and three in another. At 11:30 o'clock one Zeppelin passed out on the homeward journey. This airship dropped six bombs at 11 o'clock and three at 11:30.

DOWN 4 ZEPPELINS HUN AIR SHIPS SHOT DOWN BY FRENCH CRAFT

Guns of Allies Win in Battle Over France. Raiding Fleet Was Flying for Raid to East. AERO SLAUGHTER IN ENGLAND German Flyers Raid Several Counties of Empire. Some Drop Bombs Again on London District. SIX ZEPPELINS TOOK PART Property Destruction Confined to Homes, Business Houses. Business Brisk on Flanders Front but No New Drive Yet.

Paris, Oct. 20.—French defenders today destroyed four Zeppelins of a raiding fleet which flew over French territory to the east.

One of the aerial cruisers was brought down at 7 a. m. by anti-aircraft fire near Saint Clement, in the department of Meurthe and Moselle. Another came down in flames in the region of Rambervillers. At least two others fell victim to the French defensive fire.

The official announcement did not give details. One report in Paris today was that more than three of the top invading squadron had been destroyed. Rambervillers, mentioned above, is in the Vosges, sixteen miles north-east of Epinal.

St. Clement is a village in the department of Meurthe et Moselle, which is the bordering province to Belgium. The battle line runs thru it and its principal city is Nancy, where recently there have been numerous German aeroplane raids.

Raid Over England. London, Oct. 20.—Twenty-seven persons were killed and fifty-three injured in last night's air raid over eastern and northeastern counties and part of London district, Lord French announced today.

The material damage done by the raiders, it was officially stated, was confined to houses and business premises. This was Germany's first air raid since the British government formally declared upon September 3, 1914. It occurred shortly after midnight. Half a dozen or more Zeppelins flew over eastern and northeastern counties and dropped bombs as well as incendiary bombs on the London district.

Owing to the time of the raid, London districts were practically deserted, but air craft warnings to go to underground shelters.

London protective batteries were busy only a few minutes and it is believed the raiders were checked off effectively from making any serious attempt against the inner part of the city.

On the Flanders Front. On the Flanders battle front the British attack was practically deserted, continues intense, probably in preparation for another stroke against the German lines east of Ypres within the next few days.

The British airmen have been favored with fine weather in the last two days and have carried out much aerial photography work. It occurred during raids against German supply depots. Field Marshal Haig's artillery has been shelling the Zonnebeke sector and other points north of Ypres heavily. His official statement of Friday declared that the artillery was firing upon the German positions, breaking many plate glass windows. The sound of the bomb was unlike that of any in a previous raid. It was less shrill and heavier.

The Evening News, commenting on the raid, says: "Eight months of our fond war delusions was shattered. Statements from authoritative quarters made at various times had led us to believe the airship was a mere nuisance. How far this is from being the case is shown by the official report. It may be pointed out that the moon was at its maximum phase 7. It seems, therefore, that the moon is not a factor in German air calculations which most people supposed."