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RESCUERS TAKE 44 OFF LINER FLORIZEL; 102 PERSONS LOST IN WRECK OF VESSEL

SHIP BRINGS FIRST REAL STORY OF ESCAPE OF GEN. WOOD; 11 MEN KILLED AT HIS SIDE

Col. Kilbourne, Chief Aide, Also Hurt in Explosion on Front, Here for Operation.

SPLINTER IN HIS EYE.

Piece of Shell Plowed Through Wood's Arm From Elbow to Wrist.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Feb. 25.—Col. Charles E. Kilbourne, Chief Aide to Major Gen. Leonard Wood, who was severely wounded, together with his chief, by the explosion of a trench mortar on the fighting line in France, was a passenger aboard a French liner which arrived here to-day. With him came the first uncensored story of the narrow escape from death when Gen. Wood and he had on the occasion of the fatal accident.

Though the army officer would not talk of his experience, others aboard the ship who knew the details told them. Eleven men, including three French officers, were killed by the bursting mortar. One French officer who stood within a few feet of Col. Kilbourne was literally blown to pieces.

A piece of shell entered Gen. Wood's arm at the elbow and ploughed through the flesh to the wrist. A fragment of metal entered Col. Kilbourne's right eye, passed through the eyeball below the iris and lodged against the brain. In the French hospital the surgeons did not dare risk the delicate operation necessary to remove the steel fragment.

Col. Kilbourne will enter a hospital here after he has reported to Secretary of War Baker. He said he hoped the sight of his eye may be fully restored.

Another military man aboard was Major Gen. Adelbert Cronkhite, commandant of Camp Lee, at Petersburg, Va., who was returning from a tour of inspection of the French front; Major G. A. Lynch, his Assistant Chief of Staff, and Capt. A. M. Doble, aide-de-camp. He, too, planned to make a full report to the War Department upon the results of his observations before resuming his post at the Virginia camp.

"The American soldier 'over there' is doing fine, looking fine and feeling fine," was Gen. Cronkhite's terse summary of conditions at the American front in France. Beyond this army regulations would not permit him to speak.

M. Dunn of Philadelphia, and O. C. Hayne of Pittsburgh, both of whom were with the American Red Cross unit which was pushed to Italy after the great retreat last November, declared that the transformation that has swept over Italy was beyond belief.

"It will be an entirely different army against which the Austrians and Germans will battle in the spring," said Hayne. "Formerly only the peasants formed the rank and file; now since the Government had abrogated former exemptions every class of men is shouldering a gun."

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AMERICAN TROOPS WITH FRENCH ON AISNE FRONT RAID

Combined Forces Penetrate Several Hundred Yards Into German Line.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Sunday, Feb. 24 (by the Associated Press). An American patrol in the Chemin des Dames sector, in conjunction with a French patrol, yesterday penetrated a few hundred yards into the German lines and captured two German officers, twenty men and one machine gun.

There was some sharp fighting and a number of the enemy were killed and wounded. There were no American casualties. The Franco-American patrol was under command of a French officer.

[The French War Office communication Saturday reported that north of the Aillette River, which parallels the Chemin des Dames, French troops had penetrated the German lines as far as the neighborhood of Chevrigny. They were reported to have returned with material and twenty-five prisoners, including two officers.]

In the American sector, northeast of Toul, to-day, the Germans tried the tactics of concentrating artillery fire on one of the American positions, apparently with the purpose of obliterating it. The American guns immediately punished the German batteries with a doubly heavy retaliatory fire and then swept the enemy lines with a vicious barrage, undoubtedly inflicting considerable damage.

The German guns promptly ceased fire. Whether they were silenced or stopped firing for other reasons is unknown, but since that time hardly a shot has been fired from that point.

Last night and to-day the German bombardment on various points within the American lines northwest of Toul was considerably more intense than usual.

French Take Prisoners in Raid North of the Aillette.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—In a raid north of the Ailette River last night the French took sixteen prisoners, the War Office announces. They also captured a machine gun.

In the Champagne, in the region of Tahure and in Upper Alsace in the sectors north and south of the Dollar River, a lively artillery duel was maintained."

NEW YORKER WOUNDED IN CANADIAN RANKS

Richard Wilkie of Brooklyn Victim of German Fire—H. C. Buhttler Ill.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 25.—The names of the following Americans slightly on a Canadian steamer recently sunk have been received:

Accidentally killed: W. H. Earle, South Bellingham, Wash.

Wounded: Richard Wilkie, Brooklyn; Elmer Palm, Ironton, Minn.

Gassed: E. B. Easton, Detroit, Mich.

Ill: H. C. Buhttler, New York City.

DUBLIN REBELLION ALL DEVOY'S WORK, HE WROTE IN 1916

Took Whole Credit for Gun Shipment and Said Casement Spoiled Plans.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—John Devoy of New York, editor of the recently suppressed Gaelic-American, was the man behind the German Sinn Feiner efforts to launch a revolution in Ireland in 1916, according to his own claim in a letter, copy of which was made public to-day.

In the epistle, found on the premises of Lawrence DeLacey at the time of the latter's arrest in California in August, 1917, Devoy claims all credit for the unsuccessful arms shipment to Ireland, saying Roger Casement had nothing more to do with it "than the man in the moon."

He details methods of communication with the Sinn Feiners, tells how an intercepted message from Berlin betrayed the German landing of arms in Ireland, blames Casement for failure of the rebellion, talks of the "war going against us" when Germany was having hard sledding and adds "we have sent a good sum of money for our work."

The letter follows in part:

"Dear Friend: I avail myself of the chance of our friend returning to San Francisco to send you this letter by hand. Nothing safe in the mails in this free country.

"Our information as to what occurred at home, on the inside, was very meagre up to a couple of weeks ago. Now authentic accounts coming to hand show us that we guessed pretty accurately. One is a young lady from your country (Miss R? She was in the book of H. H. and she saw Sean M. D. the night before he was shot. She went to London first and got a pass there to come out. She came out by the Wessex.

"Then came a man who had been in prison and was released. He is from Kilkenny and had very accurate information about what occurred immediately before the fight.

"Then a young fellow named Liverpool, a Waterford chap, who does not belong to anything, but is all right, brought me a message verbally from the son of a Dublin friend, now dead.

"He said the S. C. had been reorganized.

"The substance of it all is that the betrayal of the information about the shipload of arms by Wilson's men enabled the English to catch the vessel. There is no doubt at all about this. They got in the rain on Von Igel's office a note of mine—the transcript of a message received in cipher from Dublin and wirelessed to Berlin the day before—April 17—a request not to land arms before the night of Sunday 23d. That was its meaning, but it used the word 'goods.' It was at once given to the English and they sent on their patrol boats and caught the ship. Then they sent troops to Tralee.

"That would have spoiled the fighting, but we had arranged that Casement should be sent. Casement did his part. He landed on Friday and sent a message to McNeill and all else was supposed to go. Monday night Saturday and could not connect.

"From the operation of a great so he (Casement) rather impossible. He, as you know, came on from Tralee to Dublin. He got to Pearse and Clarke. Pearse, Clarke and McDonnell met in council. Pearse was for going out and surrendering. Clarke said no. We gave in. We agreed to wait for one week but somehow

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Surrender of Russians Gives a Mittel Europa That Surpasses the Former Dreams of Berlin

The Original German Idea.

RUSSIA GIVES UP 381,000 SQUARE MILES; POPULATION 50,000,000

LONDON, Feb. 25.

RUSSIA's acceptance of Germany's peace terms changes the face of Europe.

It cuts off from Russia 381,000 square miles of territory, 50,000,000 population, and shoves her back from the Baltic, leaving her helpless and impotent in Germany's power, economically and physically.

BROADWAY MAY CHEER UP! 'LIGHTLESS NIGHTS' COME TO AN END HERE MARCH 1

Order Only Awaits Signature of Fuel Administrator Wiggin to Become Effective.

"Daylight Saving" for New York and everywhere in the State will be a fact of the past after March 1.

It was learned late this afternoon that A. H. Wiggin, State Fuel Administrator, acting under the latitude given Fuel Administrators by Dr. Garfield's recent rulings on conservation measures, has already drafted a new ruling to become effective March 1, which does away with the Egyptian darkness that has blanketed Broadway every night except Saturday for the last six weeks.

It was said at his office that the order now but awaited Mr. Wiggin's signature to be promulgated.

TWENTY REPORTED DEAD IN SOUTHERN WRECK

Twenty-five More Injured in Train Disaster Near Columbia, S. C.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 25.—Twenty persons are reported dead and about twenty-five injured in a train wreck today on the Columbia and Greenville branch of the Southern Railway.

PREPARING THE GERMANS FOR NEW SACRIFICES

Campaign in the Press Foretells Reverses When the New Drive Is Begun.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—[illegible] Germany [illegible] has given word to the newspapers [illegible] campaign to prepare the people [illegible] for the coming sacrifices [illegible] Kaiser's contemplated attack on Allied lines.

[illegible] the military [illegible] correspondents [illegible] verbal battery work.

GERMANS STILL DRIVE AHEAD; TAKE 3,000 MORE RUSSIANS

One Detachment Advances 130 Miles in Five and One-Half Days.

BERLIN, Feb. 25 (via London).—German troops have occupied Pernau, a Russian seaport in Livonia, ninety-nine miles northeast of Riga, and Dorpat, 137 miles northeast of Riga, the German War Office announced to-day.

In the German advance to Dorpat 3,000 Russians were taken prisoners. This flying detachment travelled 130 miles in five and one-half days.

The advance guard of Gen. von Linsingen's troops, in the south, have reached Zhitomir, eighty-five miles west of Kiev.

ALLIED AMBASSADORS TO STAY IN PETROGRAD TO GUARD INTERESTS

Hold a Meeting at the American Embassy—Some of the Staff Quit City.

PETROGRAD, Sunday, Feb. 24 (Associated Press).—The Allied Ambassadors, at a conference to-day at the American Embassy, determined to remain in Petrograd pending developments. The general belief in embassy circles is that the German terms which the Bolsheviki have agreed to accept are couched in such ambiguous terms that they must be cleared up thoroughly before the actual status of Russia can be ascertained.

Some members of the embassy staff already have left [illegible] leave tonight by way of [illegible] a special train together with many Allied Nationals.

Ambassador Francis, [illegible] Wright, the Counselor, Messrs. A. [illegible] second Secretary, and [illegible] Secretaries Robinson and [illegible] will remain in charge at James G. Blaine [illegible]

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RUSSIAN COMMANDER SHOT BY A SOCIALIST

Ensign Krylenko Slightly Wounded in the Neck—His Assailant Arrested.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Ensign Krylenko, the Russian Commander-in-Chief, was shot and slightly wounded on Saturday in Petrograd by a Socialist, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam.

Krylenko's wound was in the neck. His assailant was arrested.

AMERICAN PORTS OPENED TO CANADIAN FISHERS

Agreement Settles Important Question Before Joint Commission—Reciprocal Privilege Asked.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—With the approval of President Wilson, Secretary Redfield has issued orders to customs collectors to allow Canadian fishing vessels to enter and clear between American ports and the fishing banks. Reciprocal privileges have been asked of Canada for American fishing vessels.

This has been settled by agreement one of the important questions under discussion by the American-Canadian Joint Fisheries Commission.

Necessity for increasing the food supply was the reason for relaxing restrictions against foreign fishing vessels entering and clearing from American ports.

Demand for fish [illegible] to become [illegible] American fishing [illegible] in the Canadian [illegible] the fish [illegible] Commission [illegible]

SHIP CALLS FOR HELP.

[illegible] Feb. 25. [illegible] Steamship [illegible] Mexico [illegible] Cape Cod [illegible] Nantucket [illegible] wireless [illegible] Nantucket [illegible] wireless [illegible] Nantucket [illegible] wireless