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U BOAT SINKS 13 VESSELS OFF NEW ENGLAND

Three Steamers Among Victims—Rescued Men Believe All Crews Saved.

SOME BOATS ESCAPED.

Penistone, British, and Sydland, Swedish, Are the Known Steamships.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 12.—A steamship has been sunk off the north coast of Maine, according to unconfirmed reports reaching here today. No other information was forthcoming.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—German submarine raiders operating off the North Atlantic Coast have destroyed three more vessels, the Navy Department to-day announced.

The British steamer Penistone, of 4,133 gross tons, was torpedoed 100 miles east of Nantucket Lightship yesterday morning; the Swedish steamer Sydland, of 3,031 gross tons, was sunk by bombs Aug. 5, 100 miles southeast of Nantucket, and an American schooner, reported as the Herman Winter, but whose identity has not been definitely established, was destroyed by gunfire yesterday, 200 miles east of New York. All members of the crew of the Sydland were reported saved, but the Navy's despatches did not clear up the fate of the crews of the other vessels.

The Penistone and the Herman Winter were sent down in the vicinity of Georges Bank, off the Massachusetts coast, where a submarine came to the surface Sunday in the midst of a fleet of American fishing vessels, nine of which were destroyed.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 12.—The Swedish steamship Sydland was sunk by a submarine 120 miles southwest of Cape Sable Thursday afternoon, it became known to-day when thirty survivors were landed here.

The survivors were brought here by the steam trawler Spray, which picked up fifteen in a boat Saturday night eighty miles southeast of Highland Light. The other fifteen were picked up by the steam trawler Kingfisher of the Eastern Coast Fisheries Company, and later transferred to the Spray.

Capt. Larson of the Sydland said his ship was sunk Thursday afternoon when a submarine appeared suddenly and fired a shot across the bows. The crew was given time to take to the boats and the ship was sunk by bombs placed in her hold. The Sydland was carrying supplies to Belgium.

A British merchant steamer was sunk recently off the North Atlantic Coast, according to the second officer of the German submarine which sent nine fishing schooners to the bottom off George's banks on Saturday and Sunday. This report was given members of the crew of the Kate Palmer, a fishing schooner, when they were taken aboard the U boat, prior to the destruction of their vessel. The fishermen did not learn the name of the Britisher, but were informed that she had two smokestacks.

The fishermen were brought here early to-day aboard the auxiliary schooner Helen Murley, after having

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COMMANDER OF U BOAT OFF NANTUCKET ISLAND ONCE IN U. S. SERVICE

Men on Sunken Vessels Claim They Recognized Him as Skilled Navigator Formerly With Fisheries.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Aug. 12.—Fishermen claim to have identified the commander of a German submarine which has been sinking fishing boats off the Atlantic Coast as a skilled navigator formerly in the United States Fisheries Service.

Two men from different schooners that were sunk claim to have recognized a former acquaintance who had changed little except that he had grown a beard since they last saw him.

The German is described as about fifty years of age, five feet nine inches in height, broad shouldered with light hair and beard. Shipping men are satisfied that he has an exact knowledge of the New England coast, as he operated at dangerous points with safety. The suspected man is said to know these waters from Woods Hole to Nova Scotia as well as any one.

**TAX ON ICE CREAM SODA
AND OTHER SOFT DRINKS**

Rate on Delicacies Sold at Fountains to Be 2 Cents for Each 10 Cents.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—The House Ways and Means Committee to-day voted to tax ice cream soda, sundaes and other delicacies sold at soda fountains at the rate of 2 cents for each 10 cents or fraction thereof.

The committee also adopted a 10 per cent. tax on bottled soft drinks, to be paid by the manufacturer. Under this system bottled soft drinks will have to bear both the manufacturer's tax and the retail sales tax of 2 cents or more.

ANOTHER RUSH TO MARRY BY MEN SUBJECT TO DRAFT

Intimation From Washington of Automatic Exemption of Married Men Believed Responsible.

The machinery of the Marriage Bureau in the Municipal Building is again creaking to-day under the weight of another drive of men between the ages of thirty-one and forty-five who would rather support a wife than carry a rifle. It is believed that the announcement from Washington intimating the automatic exemption of married men is responsible for the big rush to the altar.

Up to noon ninety marriage licenses had been issued and there was a long line of quiet, conservative looking prospective brides and grooms patiently waiting. An examination of the licenses showed that just one-half were taken out by men whose ages were either between thirty-one and forty-five years, or between eighteen and twenty-one years.

REPORT DANSIKO EXECUTED.

Russian Social Revolutionary Accused of Killing Von Eichenhorn.

PARIS, Aug. 12.—The Russian Social Revolutionary Dansiko, accused of killing Field Marshal von Eichenhorn, German dictator in L. Prussia, was executed Saturday, according to advices received here to-day.

The sentence was pronounced by a German military court and was carried out immediately after its confirmation by competent judicial tribunal.

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RECALL SENATORS TO RUSH PASSAGE OF NEW DRAFT BILL

Measure Will Be Reported Thursday and Will Be Taken Up Next Monday.

CHANGE IN AGE FAILS.

Amendment Fixing Limits 21 to 45 Turned Down by Big Vote in Committee.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Steps to reconvene the Senate so that the Administration Man Power Bill extending draft ages from eighteen to forty-five can be taken up without delay were taken to-day by Senate leaders, who ordered telegrams sent to all absentees asking them to be present next Thursday when the bill is reported to the Senate.

Under the unanimous consent agreement by which the recess was taken, three days must elapse before any business can be transacted after a quorum has been called, and as a result the bill will be taken up next Monday.

An effort by Senator Kirby of Arkansas to amend the bill so as to extend the draft ages from twenty-one to forty-five, inclusive, instead of eighteen to forty-five as proposed, failed to-day in the Senate Military Committee by an overwhelming vote. Senator Kirby announced that he would renew his effort when the bill reached the floor.

The committee to-day discussed an amendment providing that any order granting deferred classification to any man for industrial reasons shall be revoked if he is absent from work for more than five days. Senator Reed of Missouri proposed some modifications which will be considered to-morrow.

Immediate extension of the draft ages to include all men between eighteen and forty-five so that an "irresistible force" can be sent to Europe to shorten the war was urged by Senator Reed. He warned against over-confidence on the Allies' part and declared that now this country is in the war it will have to fight to a finish. He asserted that "even with our present forces there is a serious question whether the Central Powers will not have more men there or can put them there than the Allies."

Interrupting the Senator, Senator Chamberlain quoted a French authority as saying that this year Germany can mobilize 28,000,000 men compared to 20,000,000 men for the Allies. Senator Reed said if disaster should occur there would be no means of getting the American forces home and for that reason this country must fight to the end.

Senator Borah of Idaho urged that Congress should be reassembled without delay to act on the bill.

Get Another Zeppelin.
LONDON, Aug. 12.—British airmen brought down a German Zeppelin in flames off the English east coast, according to advices to the Star. The machine was one of the largest and newest of this type of aircraft.

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THREE GERMAN GENERALS ARE CASHIERED; MANY MEN COURT-MARTIALED

Punished for Losses Around Montdidier—Kaiser Said to Have Moved to Brussels.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—Three German generals, recently commanding near Montdidier, have been cashiered for neglect of duty, according to Belgian reports received in Amsterdam and transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph Company.

A large number of soldiers were court-martialed at St. Quentin Saturday for high treason. The Germans in Belgium are showing signs of great uneasiness and the German Emperor is reported to have moved to Brussels.

Reports of uneasiness among the Germans in Belgium may have a deep significance, due to the announcement that the Kaiser has removed to Brussels. There is a possibility that he will order repressive measures against the malcontents or employ them in taking sterner measures against the Belgian population. The situation there must be very serious if it has caused him to take his eyes off the Picardy and Alsace battlefronts.

In connection with the reported cashiering of German Generals for losses around Montdidier, it will be recalled that last week it was announced that nineteen German officers, including Gen. von Planitz and two Major Generals, had been retired on account of defeats above the Marne.

TWO CHUMS IN WAR WOUNDED ON SAME DAY

Drafted Together, Waived Exemption and Went to France in Same Company.

PASSAIC, N. J., Aug. 12.—Two Passaic boys, chums, who were drafted at the same time, waived exemption, were assigned to the same company and regiment, and were wounded on the same day, were reported in the War Department's latest casualty list. Private John J. Fallott, twenty-eight, lived at No. 1 River Side with his parents, Velenky Adams Owyne, twenty-one, lived at No. 78 Sherman Street. Both boys were assigned to Company F of the 7th Infantry and were severely wounded on July 15.

FIRST WOMAN SECRETARY TO A CABINET OFFICER

Mrs. Stewart of Staten Island Appointed to Post With Secretary of Commerce.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Mrs. Agatha O. Stewart of Port Richmond, Staten Island, N. Y., has been appointed private secretary to Secretary of Commerce Redfield.

Mrs. Stewart is the first woman to be secretary to a Cabinet officer. She succeeds Eugene Smith, whose departure from Redfield's employ created considerable comment here. No explanation was given.

OFFICERS' PISTOL PRACTICE.

All Below Colonel's Rank Must Learn to Shoot Automatics.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Officers below the rank of Colonel in the Ordnance Department will be required to practice with the .45 calibre automatic pistol, according to an announcement of the War Department.

The purpose of the order is to enable officers assigned to overseas duty to protect themselves. Many of them having been commissioned from civilian life have had no military training.

GERMANS REPORTED IN FLIGHT FROM THEIR BASE AT ROYE; LOSSES NOW TOTAL 100,000

French Overcome a Stiffening Resistance on the Southern Battle Line, and Capture Several More Towns in the Neighborhood of Roye.

Germans Bring Up Reinforcements and Put Up a Hard Fight Against British—Haig Reports Repulse of Attack South of Lihons, Now Safely Held.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Aug. 12 (United Press).—French troops, closing in upon the important base of Lassigny, have advanced to within two miles of that place. They have captured Gury (less than two miles to the southwest) and have advanced south of Loges wood (two miles northwest).

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 12 (Associated Press).—There is an unofficial report this afternoon that the town of Roye, which the Germans have been defending so desperately, has been evacuated. British tanks have been seen operating a considerable distance east of that town.

As nearly as can be learned the battle line from north to south runs to-day near Mericourt, Proyart, Rainecourt and Lihons, which apparently is finally secure in British hands after bitter fighting; thence west of Chaulnes, through or near Chilly, which has changed hands twice; then through Fouquescourt, Parvillers, Damery, Andechy, L'Echelle, Armancourt, Dancourt, Popincourt, Roye-sur-Mato, Mareuil, Sam son and Antoval, striking the old line near Ribecourt.

BATTLE NEAR THE END OF FIRST PHASE.

The battle appears to be approaching the end of the first phase with the lines steadily hardening on the front, speaking generally, that the Germans held before they retired to the Hindenburg line.

It must be understood that hard fighting like that in which the Allies have been engaged since Thursday cannot go on indefinitely without giving the troops opportunity for rest. The horses, which have been working constantly day and night bringing up heavier and less mobile artillery, are exhausted, and it is important that the crews of tanks be given time to recuperate from the effects of their hardest work.

FRENCH TAKE MORE TOWNS

LONDON, Aug. 12.—Although the official statement issued to-day by the Paris War Office says there was no marked change in the fighting during the night on the French front in Picardy, Field Marshal Haig reports that French troops have advanced nearer to the important point of Roye from the southwest by the capture of the villages of Armancourt and Tilloloy.

Extremely bitter resistance is being encountered from the Germans along the line of Chaulnes-Roye-Noyon. The enemy is bringing up strong reinforcements, while the Allies are preparing for a further advance.

Gen. Haig said the British positions south of Lihons were attacked last evening by the Germans. The attack was repulsed. South of the Somme British troops captured 200 prisoners. British positions east of Mericourt, south of the river, have been linked with the British lines east of Etinehem, north of the river.

Nearly 40,000 prisoners and 700 guns have been taken by the Allies

AMERICAN TROOPS FIGHTING A CONTINUOUS BATTLE IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF BRAY

Have Captured and Held Positions Strongly Defended at One of the Most Difficult Points in the Line.

LONDON, Aug. 12. (Associated Press).—American troops are in the suburbs of Bray to-day fighting a continuous battle for the outskirts of the little French city. A ding-dong battle is in progress all up and down the northern section of the present battle line.

The assistance by the Americans in this fighting has been comparatively small, but nevertheless important, for they have captured and held positions strongly defended by the enemy at one of the most difficult points in the lines at a time when the German resistance here was threatening to hold up the left flank of the advance.

In Picardy, according to reliable information here. The total German casualties are now reliably estimated at more than 100,000.

It is estimated that since the Germans began their offensive on the Marne four weeks ago to-day they have lost nearly 75,000 men in prisoners and more than 1,200 guns, including many of the highest calibre.

Thirty-one new divisions have been identified in Picardy, making a total of 114 divisions (probably 1,368,000 men) used since July 18. One German long-range gun has been located between Ham and Guiscard (twelve miles east of Roye) and is being shelled by Allied artillery.

FRENCH ADVANCE BETWEEN ARVE AND OUISE.

Later reports from the front say the French are continuing their advance between the Avre and the Oise, and have captured the town of L'Echelle-St. Aurin, three miles directly west of Roye.

The line on this front now runs from L'Echelle-St. Aurin southeast through Armancourt and Tilloloy, three miles southwest of Roye, and continues on in a southeasterly direction through Gury, eleven miles southeast of Montdidier. It then curves more to the east and passes through the Montigny Quarry to the hill north of Antoval, just northwest of Ribecourt, on the Oise.

(At the nearest point the Germans are now seventeen miles from Amiens, while they are no nearer than sixteen miles to the Amiens-Paris railway.)

In the region between the Roye Road and the Somme the position has been stabilized. The Germans have massed heavy artillery on this front and are heavily counter attacking. The towns of Albert and Chaulnes seemed to-day to be held by the enemy, and Roye has not fallen.

VON HUTIER ESCAPES POCKET, BUT WITH FORCES DAMAGED IS NOW FIGHTING FOR TIME

Brings Up Fresh Divisions in Desperate Effort to Stop Further Advances of the Allied Forces.

PARIS, Aug. 12.—The Germans are reacting on the Allied left with a certain amount of success, having had time to get into line divisions rushed frantically from the north. It is believed here the fresh troops are being thrown into the fight in a desperate endeavor to block the Allied advance toward Nesle.

Gen. von Hutier, who escaped, much damaged, from the Montdidier