VIVACI SCONTRI AEREI AL FRONTE ITALIANO

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ROMA, 26 febbraio.

Dalle notizie pervenute dalla fronte di battaglia, e confermate dai rapporti giunti dal Quartier Generale Italiano, si rileva che lungo tutte le linee si e' verificata una grande attivita' aerea e che varii scontri avvennero tra gli aviatori italiani e francesi e quelli teutonici.

Durante detti scontri aerei gli austro-tedeschi hanno perduto ben cinque areoplani, due abbattuti dagli aviatori italiani, due da quelli francesi ed un altro, colpito dal fuoco delle batterie italiane antiaeree, cadde in fiamme presso le linee di Borso.

I combattimenti aerei avvennero durante il giorno. Alla sera gli aviatori italiani effettuarono parecchie incursioni sulle linee nemiche, compiendo efficaci bombardamenti. La stazione ferroviaria di Mattarello, a sud di Trento, e quella di Primolano furono bombardate dagli areoplani italiani mentre si verificava un intenso traffico e grandi movimenti di treni con truppe. Anche i campi di aviazione nemici presso La Comica e San Flor di Soupra furono bombardati dagli aviatori italiani, che produssero danni gravissimi.

Le azioni da parte dell'artiglieria furono vivaci presso le linee dal fiume Adige all'Astico, mentre furono alquanto moderate lungo tutto il resto della fronte italiana.

Riparti d'incursione inglesi sostennero un violento combattimento corpo a corpo con riparti di truppe teutoniche presso la riva destra del Piave, e riuscirono a respingere il nemico non senza avergli inflitto perdite considerevoli.

A Capo Sile pattuglie austriache, avanzando sopra un largo tratto di quella fronte, tentarono attaccare la testa di ponte, ma le truppe italiane prontamente aprirono un micidiale fuoco di fucileria e le dispersero senza ad esse permettere di conseguire in alcun modo l'obbiettivo, sia pure parzialmente.

Ecco il testo del comunicato ufficiale pubblicato, ieri, dal Ministero della Guerra in Roma:

"Un vivace cannoneggiamento si verifico' dall'Adige all'Astico, e moderate azioni di fuoco si svolsero lungo il resto della fronte di battaglia.

Sulla riva destra del Piave un reparto inglese s'impegno' in un combattimento corpo a corpo con il nemico e gli inflisse considerevoli perdite.

A Capo Sile pattuglie ostili che, sopra largo tratto di fronte, tentarono attaccare la testa di ponte, furono prontamente disperse.

Una intensa attivita' aerea si verifico' durante il giorno sopra le nostre linee. Quattro macchine nemiche furono abbattute, due dagli aviatori francesi e due dai nostri. Una quinta macchina colpita dal fuoco delle nostre batterie antiaeree, cadde in fiamme vicino Borso.

Alla sera i nostri areoplani bombardarono la stazione ferroviaria di Mattarello, a sud di Trento, e quella di Primolano in un momento in cui si verificava un intenso traffico. Anche i campi nemici di aviazione presso La Comica e San Flor di Sopra, furono bombardati dai nostri aviatori.

Di nuovo le macchine avversarie bombardarono l'abitato presso Castelfranco, Mestre e Venezia.

Durante il concerto interalleato, che ebbe luogo ieri l'altro presso la storica Villa Borghese in Roma, la banda militare americana riporto' uno strepitoso successo e fu fatta segno ad una indimenticabile dimostrazione. Si calcola che oltre centomila persone assistettero al concerto. Tutte le autorita' di Roma erano presenti, come pure Thomas Nelson Page, l'Ambasciatore Americano, e gli ufficiali americani che si trovavano in Roma.

Dopo il concerto ebbe luogo una parata e la banda americana sfilo' lungo le principali vie della citta' tra le acclamazioni di una folla composta da oltre trecento mila persone, e tra entusiastiche grida di: Viva Wilson! Viva l'America! Viva gli Alleati! La banda sosto' presso il monumento di Vittorio Emanuele II, ove, insieme alle altre bande ivi convenute, furono eseguiti gli inni nazionali delle potenze alleate.

PROSSIMO CONCERTO

Siamo stati informati che un grandioso concerto sara' dato la sera del 22 marzo prossimo, nel Walnut Street Theatre, con l'intervento di una banda musicale recentemente organizzata dal maestro Salvatore Sanso'.

La nuova banda, composta da provetti musicanti italiani, ha scelto per divisa la fatidica camicia rossa e percio' e' ora chiamata la banda dei "Garibaldini." Il Maestro Sanso' ha preparato uno scelto programma musicale che comprende parecchi spartiti di opere italiane e gli inni nazionali delle nazioni alleate.

Moltissimi biglietti sono stati gia' venduti non soltanto tra gli italiani, ma anche tra l'elemento americano. Tutto lascia credere che il concerto raggiungera' un completo successo.

Senators Want U. S. to Own Hog Island

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food served at Hog Island, and he replied:

"You can always hear some complaint on the subject of food."

As the newspaper reporters left the Admiral's office he told them that he had "no desire to hurt the feelings of any one" when he barred reporters from accompanying the Senators on their trip to Hog Island.

U. S. OPTIONS ON TWO HOUSING PROPERTIES

There are two strips of land at the lower end of the Fortieth Ward on both of which the Government is said to hold options. They are said to be equally desirable for housing plans for Hog Island workmen, and no matter which one is finally purchased existing housing plans will be adopted.

One of the tracts contains about 225 acres along Elmwood avenue extending from Sixty-seventh street to Island road. The other strip is 250 acres in extent and is located at Island road and Elmwood avenue.

"The city's development plans are in such shape that within forty-eight hours after the Government decides to take one or both sites advertisements can be placed in the papers for the city's share of the work," said a city official today.

Two bills now before Councils' Finance Committee provide $300,000 for streets, sewers, lights, water, etc. It is understood that the costs of these improvements will be borne partly by the city and Government.

The housing situation took a new turn when Owen Brainard, the New York engineer, who is chairman of the housing committee of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, announced that four im[illegible] which will accommodate [illegible] of the

TUSCANIA'S MISSING OR UNIDENTIFIED DEAD

First Partial List Given Out by War Department Contains 61 Names

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.

The War Department today received the first partial list of those officially reported missing or among the unidentified dead on the Tuscania. There were sixty-one names in the list, as follows:

CLARENCE W. ALLEN, Travers City, Mich.
GEORGE A. ALTWEIN, Temple, Tex.
ROGER BAKER, Levee, Ky.
ADOLPH BARTOLOMEO; Mary Regan, 169 Edgecombe avenue, New York city.
WILLIAM BINNIE, Fallon, Mont.
VERNER C. BRANLAND, Colton, Ore.
BENJAMIN H. BROWN, Barron, Wis.
ALICIDE CAROLLO, Lakeville, Wis.
JOE COCHRAN, Lawton, Okla.
RUBEN COHEN; Aion Cohen, father, 199 Christopher avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.
TOMMIE W. COOK, Rayville, La.
JOHN M. CROWLEY; Timothy L. Crowley, brother, 119 Prague street, San Francisco.
READ C. DAVIS, Colusa, Cal.
ROSENDO DIAZ, Najarna, Tex.
RICHARD F. DREYER; R. R. Dreyer, father, Sea Cliffe, N. Y.
ALEXANDER J. DUNN; Stella Dunn, wife, 869 Vernon avenue, Portland, Ore.
ELTON L. EDMONDSON, Strawn, Tex.
FLORENCIO ERRAS, Alice, Tex.
EDWARD C. FEYRER, Weimar, Tex.
DALE M. FISH, Wheaton, Minn.
SIXTON FLORES, Alice, Tex.
GUADALUPE GARZA, Rio Grande, Tex.
GREGG GEHRING, Findlay, O.
WILLIAM O. GEYER, Blackstone, Va.
VINCENT A. GORMAN, East Weymouth, Mass.
EDWARD C. GRAHAMER, Scranton, Pa.
ARTHUR C. JUNKER, Kenosha, Wis.
FRANK KOSSAETH, San Antonio, Tex.
MAT LATHAM, Stafford, Va.
CHARLES P. H. McVEY; Mrs. Catherine McVey, mother, 511 Tenth avenue, San Francisco.
DUDLEY H. MARSH, Portland, Conn.
LAMBERT H. MOCKER; C. H. Mocker, father, 1907 Acklen avenue, Nashville, Tenn.
ROY MUNCASTER; Mrs. W. J. Muncaster, mother, 1400 Carona avenue, Denver, Col.
RICHARD A. NINEHEART; Bertha Nineheart, mother, 197 East Stauring street, Columbus, O.
JULIUS NOTKOWITZ; Miss Gussie Notkowitz, sister, 399 Grand street, New York.
BENJAMIN J. OLMSTED, Tenino, Wash.
BEN V. OWENS, Canadian, Tex.
CLARENCE PAUL, Alexandria, La.
CLYDE C. PELLEY, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
JUAN A. PEREZ, Boerne, Tex.
GEORGE C. PERRY, Lone Wolf, Okla.
JAMES R. POTILLO, Huntington, Ark.
ONDIS POWELL, Sasakwa, Okla.
CARL C. RADER; Sarah Mechals, grandmother, 238 Fairfield avenue, Johnstown, Pa.
LUCIO RAMOS, San Antonio, Tex.
FRANK D. REILLY; Martin J. Reilly, father, 1795 West Forty-fifth street, Cleveland, O.
ALPHA L. RICE, Charlotte, Mich.
GIRILO RODRIGUEZ, Barge Mill, Tex.
RAYMOND ROESSLER, Medicine Lodge, Kan.
RICHARD SCHULZE, Boerne, Tex.
FRANK SHARPE, Milwaukee, Wis.
ELLIS M. SMITH, Magnalia, Ark.
WILLIAM O. SMITH, Festus, Mo.
WILLIAM R. SPENCER, New London, Wis.
ARTHUR STRAACH, Miles, Tex.
BERNARD L. TULLINGTON, Phoebus, Va.
CHARLES L. WAYNE, Fort Jones, Cal.
EARL O. WEISENBERGER, Jim Falls, Wis.
PATRICK H. WHITE, Dallas, Ore.
JOSE YBARRA, Laredo, Tex.
PAUL A. WILLIAMS, Pueblo, Col.

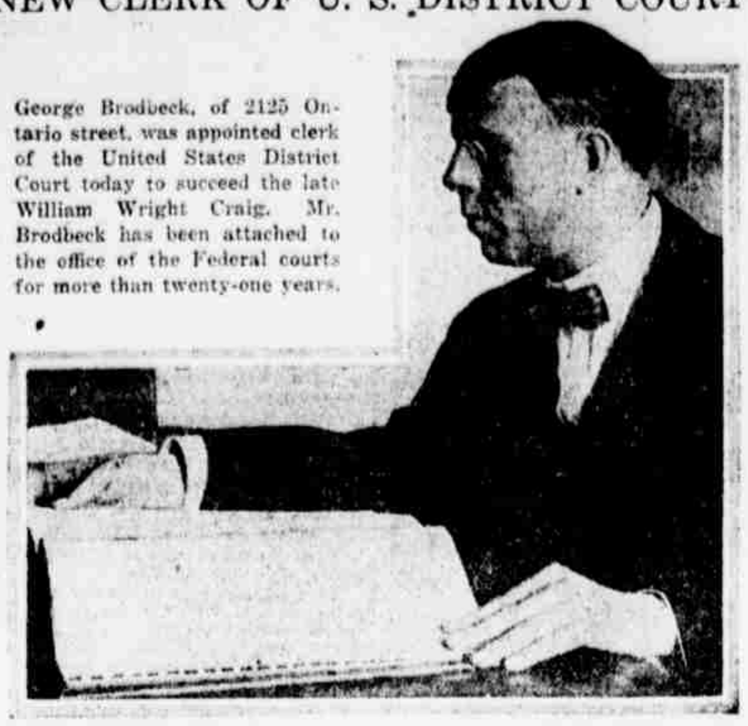
Four Philadelphia Couples to Wed

ELKTON, Md., Feb. 26.—Four Philadelphia couples took out marriage licenses in Elkton this morning. They were Albert V. Perrett and Gertrude V. Beatty, Horace C. Samman and Loretta S. Slack, Charles L. Helmes and Caroline V. Hoffman and George Laforest and Viola McCarriston.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

John O. Boyle, 1544 Ogden st., and Mabel Crockett, 1439 Ginnodo st.
George E. Davis, Bala, Pa., and Beulah M. Mills, New York city.
Benjamin Abraham, 307 Buttonwood st., and Mary Schenker, 1727 S. 5th st.
Edward J. Brady, 2650 Orianna st., and Margaret E. Eby, 2650 Orianna st.
Robert R. Nathan, Allentown, Pa., and Dorothy Seifel, 1803 N. 33d st.
T. L. Hafford, 1228 E. Susquehanna ave., and Margaret S. Price, 2430 E. Dauphin.
Herbert Reiber, 5342 Jefferson st., and Katie Rush, 1232 E. Oxford st.
Arthur M. Draving, 5630 Tacony st., and Alice Yarwood, 4459 Frankford ave.
Charles Rose, 1228 Arch st., and Era Oberholtzer, 2321 N. 27th st.
Webster B. Edwards, Barhartsville, Va., and Rachel Van Sickler, Chester, Pa.
Edward H. Clark, Garrettford, Pa., and Margaret E. Wolff, Collingdale, Pa.
Agostino Beffolino, 518 Christian st., and Julia Caponi, 828 Sears st.
Felix T. Mats, Norfolk, Va., and Maud M. Kirchner, 2041 Mt. Vernon st.
I. Plentnyruansky, 720 Spring Garden, and Wasylina Wengrenluk, 720 Spring Garden.
George Suslia, Frankford Arsenal, and Sophie Gummowska, 2386 Drenan st.
Calvin M. Wolfert, Lamott, Pa., and Mae I. Weaver, Elkins Park, Pa.
Wilmot Ashton, Camden, N. J., and Annie Bliss, Camden, N. J.
Max Brooks, 915 N. Franklin st., and Katie Pollasch, 1422 N. 2d st.
Daniel M. Broadbent, 2808 N. Lee st., and Elizabeth W. Munyan, 2808 N. Lee st.
William Wandby, Baltimore, Md., and Alberta M. Hawsm, 920 Mt. Vernon st.
Aaron Fox, Bingham Hotel, and Hazel Gould, Brooklyn, N. Y.
George Stavroff, 612 N. Franklin st., and Julia Klitch, 612 N. Franklin st.
Isaac Mills, 4724 Girard ave., and Mary E. Davis, 4724 Girard ave.

NEW CLERK OF U. S. DISTRICT COURT



George Brodbeck, of 2125 Ontario street, was appointed clerk of the United States District Court today to succeed the late William Wright Craig. Mr. Brodbeck has been attached to the office of the Federal courts for more than twenty-one years.

GEORGE BRODBECK MADE CHIEF CLERK U. S. COURT

Former Deputy Named for Position of Late W. W. Craig—Veteran in Service

George Brodbeck, who as a chief deputy clerk in the United States District Court filed away the affidavits in some of Pennsylvania's most celebrated lawsuits, today was appointed to succeed the late William Wright Craig, chief clerk of that court, who died last Wednesday. The appointment of Brodbeck, who is a Republican, was announced through an order issued by Judges Dickinson and Thompson, sitting in the United States District Court in this city.

The oath of office will be administered in a few days. Congratulations from employes in the Federal service and others came over the telephone and by wire to Brodbeck. From the day that Brodbeck entered the Federal service when he was twenty-one years old, he has been held in high esteem by judges and prominent corporation lawyers.

Brodbeck is forty-two years old. He is married and has a daughter fourteen years old. He resides at 2125 West Ontario street. His first position in the Federal service was that of clerk in the old United States Circuit Court in this city. This court later became consolidated with the United States District Court, after the passage of the Moon act in 1912. For a while he was a first deputy to the late Henry B. Robb, who was chief clerk of the United States Circuit Court.

After the consolidation of the United States Circuit Court with the United States District Court, Robb became chief deputy to the late Mr. Craig. When Robb died, Brodbeck succeeded Robb and has held that position ever since.

Some of the affidavits and legal papers that Brodbeck has indexed and filed away were those in the legal suits in connection with the receivership proceedings against the Philadelphia and Reading Railway years ago and the International Lumber and Development Company, many of whose officers and directors were sentenced to prison a few years ago.

DIVORCES GRANTED

Court of Common Pleas No. 1 today granted final decrees of divorce to the following:

Mabel from Charles A. Ford.
Robert V. from Mary R. Slater.
Mary from Nathaniel G. Blair.
Elizabeth V. from William G. Roth.
Anna from Isaac J. Marks.
James R. from Helen L. King.
Florence B. from Harry W. Tomkins.
Helen R. from Frank J. Pfaltner.
Margaret M. from Bernard T. Feeney.
John H. from Georgiana Neamand.
Alice from Charles Bauer.
Margaret P. from Charles A. Byrne.
Ida from Samuel J. McBride.
A. Elmer S. from Florence C. Smoot.
Anna from Carl T. Meyer.
J. Clifton from Mamie C. Reeves.
Loretta from Harvey Gamber.
John G. from Anna M. Landes.
Hermann de from Mary (Vesey) Sarowbury.
Marie L. from Ormond P. Loeb.

Physician Hurt in Auto Accident

When his automobile backed into a telephone pole and overturned near Lancaster pike and Remington road, Dr. Joseph Pasteri, 313 North Sixty-third street, was pinned beneath the car. He was injured on the head.

N. J. BRIDGE AND TUNNEL DOCUMENTS ASSIGNED

State Commission Authorized by House Resolution to Take Them Over

TRENTON, Feb. 26.—The turning over of all funds now in the hands of freeholders of counties, as well as documents pertaining to the construction of a bridge over the Delaware River between Camden and Philadelphia and a tunnel under the Hudson River between Jersey City and New York, is authorized by a bill passed by unanimous vote in the House this afternoon, introduced by Assemblyman Kellam, of Camden. The money and documents will be given to the newly organized New Jersey Bridge and Tunnel Commission, which was by recent laws created through bills sponsored by Speaker Wolverton, of Camden.

The House this afternoon also adopted a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of House members to study the Torrens land system, so that a county registration plan will be devised and report at the next session of the Legislature, while another resolution, by Mr. Hill, of Mercer, was adopted providing for the appointment of a committee to study the operation of the school law without compensation, but with $1000 allowed for expenses. This committee is to report also at the next session.

The House this afternoon passed a bill which gives the New Jersey authorities control of motor vehicles on ferryboats, the National Board of Steam Navigation asserting that a similar bill will be introduced in the Pennsylvania Legislature.

Failing to corral the eleven necessary votes for its passage, the Senate this afternoon, for the fourth time, laid over the Wilson bill providing for a Sea constabulary in New Jersey similar to that in Pennsylvania.

The training of naval fighters for use in the war with Germany is one of the objects of a bill offered by Assemblyman Hageman, of Ocean County, which was passed in the Senate this afternoon. It provides for the establishment of a nautical school somewhere in New Jersey, where students can be trained in nautical and engineering branches.

The Senate passed the bill introduced by Senator Stevens, of Cape May County, which fixes the rates for legal advertising in newspapers.

G. O. P. Chiefs Revolve Dry Plank Proposal

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admit that there is little chance for either party to dodge the issue.

Close friends of State Senator William C. Sproul, of Delaware County, who is running for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, say he has been sounding sentiment in the party on the dry issue. Whether he has actually been trying to interest party leaders in placing the dry plank in the platform could not be learned today.

The fact that there is enough sentiment in favor of the dry issue to cause the leaders to make counter-proposals for disposing of the "booze" question as a matter to be met during the coming campaign shows that it is recognized as the big subject on which the fight will be centered.

Senator Penrose was here Saturday and had a number of talks with various leaders. The matter of the dry plank was taken before him, and he listened to all that the leaders had to say on the matter without coming out with an opinion, certain of them said. They said, however, that he did take note of all opinions on the matter.

Senator Penrose yesterday denied he had anything to do with the proposal that action on the amendment be postponed and left to a vote of the people. Nevertheless it came out within twelve hours after Senator Penrose left the city. Another point referred to by local politicians in connection with the dry question is the fact that State Senator William E. Crow, chairman of the Republican State committee, who is supposed to have suggested the referendum, has not been in Philadelphia in more than a month. While he is not being accused of avoiding coming here, the claim is made that he is certainly not following his usual custom of campaign times.

This point is looked upon as significant and many venture the suggestion that it is difficult to keep from making public expressions on the issues of the day in Philadelphia, while in the vicinity of Uniontown, where he has a big farm, these campaign issues do not come up so frequently. Neither do they get such wide circulation if he gives expression to them.

Just how Senator Penrose could "swallow" a prohibition plank is more than the dopesters pretend to answer. All they claim to know is that its use is being considered and there are many who think there will be a dry plank in the Republican platform when it is drafted.

If the prohibition amendment is to be submitted to a vote of the people, the time to bring it to their attention is at the coming primaries. This is the opinion of the Rev. Dr. Carl E. Grammer, president of the Inter-Church Federation, which represents more than 700 local churches.

He said this in a statement today in answer to the proposal of "wet" politicians that the prohibition amendment be kept out as an issue of the coming campaign. The substitute proposed was that the next Legislature be asked to empower the coming Governor to call a special election about March, 1919, to consider the prohibition amendment.

"The coming primary is the time to get popular opinion on the prohibition amendment," declared Dr. Grammer.

"The proposal to keep the issue of prohibition out of the election of the next Legislature is opposed to the fundamental principle of our Government, that the people should be allowed to control events through their elected representatives. Such councils lead either to government by cliques or to government by mob. They are hostile to representative government, which is based on the principle that our legislators are to be chosen to act on the issues of the hour, in view of their known sentiments on such issues. I am opposed to this new line of action since I am an American, in sympathy with American modes of government and not a Bolsheviki. I am opposed to them as a friend of prohibition, for this movement is now on the flood tide of success and has nothing to gain by postponement and delay."

GOVENOR UNDECIDED AS TO EXTRA SESSION

HARRISBURG, Feb. 26.—Governor Brumbaugh, who returned to the capital today after an extended southern trip, told newspapermen that he had not made up his mind concerning the advisability of calling an extra session of the Legislature.

"I have not reached any conclusion concerning the calling of a special session," he said. "I cannot say how soon I will reach a decision. There are a large number of questions which have arisen in connection with an extra session, and I am considering them."

The Governor did not express himself concerning the proposal to lay the prohibition amendment before the people at a popular election to be held next March if the Legislature adopts such a resolution for reason that he is not yet familiar with the details of the proposition.

The Governor said he had received many letters on the subject from persons who believed the time ripe for a vote on the prohibition amendment, sentiment for which, he said, is growing by leaps and bounds throughout the State.

Other suggestions made with regard to the extra session include: A greater measure of self-government for first and second class cities; the enlargement of Philadelphia county by the annexation of parts of Delaware and Bucks counties along the Delaware River; the removal of police from politics, and the creation of a new class of cities.

Victory Bread Mix-Up on Wheatless Days

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dyspeptic looking individual, who appeared as if nothing could meet with his approval, picked up a slice and subjected it to a critical scrutiny.

"It looks as if it MIGHT be all right," he said to a fellow diner in a tone as if to intimate that actually it was not poison. He took a cautious nibble. His lips moved testingly.

"It IS all right," he declared.

The joke about it was that victory bread—80 per cent wheat and 20 per cent substitutes, like barley, for example—has been served in many restaurants for weeks, almost unknown to the customers. Officially coming into use yesterday, it didn't really strike its stride until today, because yesterday, a wheatless day, many restaurant proprietors were under the impression that victory bread, because it contained so much wheat flour, could not be served.

U. S. SHIP SANK SUBMARINE

Captain Tells How He Rammed Undersea Boat in Mediterranean

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Feb. 26.—How his ship rammed and sank a German submarine which attacked his vessel in the Mediterranean was told here today by the master of an American steamship which narrowly escaped being struck by a torpedo fired by the undersea enemy. The master said that he received a check for a large amount as a reward when his ship arrived at a Mediterranean port.

According to the master's report, a torpedo was seen speeding swiftly toward the vessel and passed within a few feet of the bow. The U-boat then arose to the surface. The master says he gave quick orders and his vessel headed directly for the submarine, which was struck and sunk. A quantity of oil rose to the surface over the spot where the U-boat was last seen, he said.

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