

ONE-HALF OF ZEPPELIN FLEET IS DESTROYED

Allies Exultant Over Greatest Defeat Ever Administered to Enemy Air Forces.

BROUGHT DOWN IN FRANCE

Known Now That Raid Was Attempted in Execution of Fearful Threat of Vengeance Following Bombing of German Towns.

WASHINGTON, October 23.—Germany probably lost one-half of her total effective fleet of super-Zeppelins on the day of October 20 in the disastrous raid over England, according to official cablegrams received in Washington.

All France is exultant over what the dispatches declare to be the greatest defeat ever administered to an air fleet since the beginning of the war.

OFFICIAL FRENCH REPORT OF ATTEMPTED RAID

The official French report of the attempted German raid reads as follows:

"The first Zeppelin brought down fell at St. Clement on the borders of the forest of Mondon, ten kilometers from Lunerville. It was seen at 6:20 A. M. journeying with two other Zeppelins. It was at once attacked by one of our army's defense sections. At first a series of shells were fired at the Zeppelin when it was at a distance of 4,000 meters. The Zeppelin promptly rose to a height of 5,500 meters. In a fresh attack by the aircraft guns, the fourth shell struck the outside envelope and the Zeppelin caught fire. It remained a mass of metal and India rubber and broken propellers. Five bodies, horribly mutilated, were found near the Zeppelin. Others must be buried under the ruins which are still smoking. There could not have been any bombs left in the Zeppelin as no explosions were heard. The apparatus had four propellers.

"About 2:20 P. M. Zeppelin No. 49 was forced by our aviators to come to earth near Bourbonne les Bains. It is intact. The commanding officer and seventeen men of the crew are prisoners. (This is the aircraft referred to at length in to-day's cable dispatches).

"A little later the third Zeppelin, the L-50, came down at Dammartin, near Montigny le Roi, and two officers and fourteen men of the crew were captured. Two of the crew were slightly wounded.

"The Zeppelin's crew detached a car which they entirely destroyed. The Zeppelin, without ballast, went off with four men. From the declaration of the prisoners this Zeppelin left Oldenburg for London, October 19, but was unable to reach the English capital.

ATTACKED BY AVIATORS AND ENTIRELY DESTROYED

"Two Zeppelins, entirely destroyed, were attacked by our aviators and by our aircraft guns and came down in the valley of the Gonne, alighting in the region of Slatterton. The crews, after having burnt their Zeppelins, attempted to escape, but were taken prisoners.

"Two other machines were seen in the south, one landed at Lorange, in the lower Alps. The other was seen by the aviation center at Frejus drifting towards the sea in a vertical position and disintegrated.

"Thus probably the Germans lost five of their Zeppelins, which were all of the new type, from 234 to 244 meters in length, carrying seven and nine engines with from 1,500 to 2,000 horsepower."

Summing up the extent of the disaster to the German air fleet, the report says that Germany altogether has constructed probably 100 Zeppelins, of which sixteen were destroyed before the war. The losses officially reported by the allies were six in 1914, sixteen in 1915, twenty-five in 1916 and three for 1917.

EXPEDITION CONSISTS OF THIRTEEN AIRSHIPS

PARIS, October 23.—Official examination of the crews of the Zeppelins captured in France on returning from the raid over England shows that the expedition consisted of thirteen airships which left singly from three depots on the night of October 19. The raid was expected to last from twenty to twenty-five hours.

The raiders made for the English coast, which was recognized by lighthouses. They were hampered considerably by the fire of British anti-aircraft guns and by numerous searchlights which caused them to drop almost all their bombs when sailing at a height of more than 15,000 feet.

They were caught by a strong north-easterly wind and when they attempted to return to their base their speed was slackened by the persistent headwinds. At dawn the L-49, the airship which fell intact into the hands of the French, dropped to a lower altitude, her commander believing he was over Holland or Westphalia. The crew waved white flags. It was not until after 8 o'clock in the morning that the commander became certain he was over France and at the same time the Zeppelin was sighted by French airplanes, which forced it to land.

A little later the L-50 passed over the L-49, which was then on the ground surrounded by French airplanes. The L-50 maneuvered for a landing in a neighboring wood, to give the members

The Weather

Forecast Virginia - Fair in west, rain or Wednesday night. Thursday fair. In rest portion, cold. North Carolina - Fair in west, rain in east portion, colder Wednesday; Thursday fair.

Local Temperature. 12 noon temperature, 61. 3 P. M. temperature, 61. Maximum temperature to 8 P. M., 61. Minimum temperature to 8 P. M., 53. Mean temperature, 57. Normal temperature, 57. Deficiency in temperature since March 1, 614. Accumulated deficiency since January 1, 619.

Local Rainfall. Rainfall last twelve hours, .03. Rainfall last twenty-four hours, .03. Excess in rainfall since March 1, 5.32. Excess in rainfall since January 1, 4.44.

Local Barometer Readings. 8 A. M., 30.28. 3 P. M., 30.21.

Local Observations at 8 P. M. Temperature 56; humidity, 93; wind, direction, southeast; wind, velocity, 17 miles; weather, light rain.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Table with columns: Place, High, Low, Snow, Weather. Rows include Asheville, Atlanta, Boston, Buffalo, Charleston, Chicago, Denver, Duluth, Galveston, Havana, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Louisville, Montgomery, New Orleans, New York, Norfolk, Oklahoma, Pittsburgh, Raleigh, St. Louis, St. Paul, San Francisco, Savannah, Spokane, Washington, Winnipeg, Wytheville.

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October 24 1917. Sun rises, 6:27. Moon sets, 5:21. High tide, 11:31. Low tide, 12:16.

of the crew as good an opportunity as possible to save themselves, but one car was torn off. Part of the crew escaped by means of parachutes. The car afterward was destroyed by means of special pistols firing inflammable charges.

The L-49 and L-50 belong to the super-Zeppelin class, measuring 650 feet. Their volume is 55,000 cubic meters. The crews are made up mostly of petty officers, who have undergone a special course of instruction. They were clad warmly in furs and leather garments.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN MOURNS FOR LOSS OF ZEPPELINS

ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, Monday, October 22.—Friedrichshafen is in mourning over the loss of at least four Zeppelins in the raid on England, according to advices received here from Swiss towns on Lake Constance. The majority of the crew of the destroyed Zeppelins lived in Friedrichshafen, where they received their training.

The King of Wurttemberg has sent messages of condolence to the families of the lost in the raid. The Swiss newspapers express the opinion that the disaster in France is a deathblow to aircraft of the Zeppelin type.

The newest Zeppelins, according to information received here, are 760 feet long and seventy-eight feet in diameter. They have eight engines developing 2,000 horsepower and are able to keep in the air fifty hours with a crew of twenty men and a load of projectiles.

NATION FACES GREATEST TEST ON LIBERTY DAY

(Continued from First Page.) Louis, \$45,522,000; San Francisco, \$67,234,000; Philadelphia, \$44,075,400; Kansas City, \$26,151,000; Dallas, \$16,130,600; Atlanta, \$12,962,100.

REPORTS OF MAXIMUM QUOTAS BEING PASSED

"Reports of maximum quotas having been passed in various parts of the country began to arrive to-day. Boston reports that New England is moving along gradually. Chicago is turning in many small but few large subscriptions.

"New York wires that its sales will pass the billion-dollar mark to-morrow. St. Louis reported that it must treble its subscription list if it will reach its quota.

"About the daily average movement of bonds, with high hopes of big sales to-morrow, is reported from Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Dallas, Atlanta and Richmond."

St. Paul, through Louis W. Hill, has issued a challenge to the Boy Scouts of all the American communities. St. Paul Scouts have obtained subscriptions totaling \$711,100.

At Mr. Hill's suggestion, Secretary McAdoo will present to the Boy Scout organization making the largest sales in the campaign a fittingly inscribed shield or medal, to be furnished by the St. Paul Liberty loan committee.

Not a single Governor has declined to proclaim Liberty Day a State holiday in part at least. Some found it inconvenient to make the entire day a holiday, so they made a holiday of the afternoon. Arizona and Oregon will have only half holidays.

Almost every Governor who replied to the secretary's telegram added a few words of encouragement for the loan.

TANK FROM FLANDERS FRONT FEATURE OF LIBERTY PARADE

NEW YORK, October 23.—A British tank from the Flanders front, moving under its own power, will be a spectacular feature of the great Liberty loan parade to be held here to-morrow. The tank will be manned by the crew that handled it "somewhere in France," and will then be placed in Central Park alongside the UC-5, the captured German submarine loaned to the Liberty loan committee by the British government for the present campaign. The parade will be gigantic. Forty floats will be seen, and 100,000 persons will march, including 1,500 women.

And while the parade is being held

the city will be bombed by an aircraft of a foreign power—the huge Caproni airplane which made a record flight from Newport News to Mineola yesterday.

On one of the trucks will be the sign: "Stop the reign of hell with a rain of shells."

"Add your mite to America's might." The New York Federal Reserve District swept up its official total subscription to \$24,894,350 to-day, with the official estimate placed at \$315,000,000.

Among the largest subscribers were the United States Steel Corporation, additional \$18,300,000; Equitable Trust Company, additional \$13,500,000, and the following \$5,000,000 subscriptions additional: National Park Bank, American Exchange National Bank, Mutual Life Insurance Company and Union Pacific Railroad.

ADDITIONAL \$45,000,000 SUBSCRIBED BY DU PONTS

(By Associated Press) PHILADELPHIA, October 23.—The Du Pont Powder Company to-day subscribed for \$45,000,000 of the second Liberty loan bonds, increasing the company's total subscriptions to this issue to \$56,000,000. Other subscriptions of \$6,000,000, were reported to-day in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve district, making the total \$62,000,000, the largest single day's subscriptions during the campaign.

NEW ENGLAND FAR BEHIND ITS MAXIMUM ALLOTMENT

(By Associated Press) BOSTON, October 23.—New England nearly \$300,000 behind its maximum allotment of Liberty bonds, on the face of subscriptions tabulated to-day. While 253 banks failed to report, the campaign leaders said the situation was disappointing and that at the present rate of approximately \$20,000,000 a day, this district would barely attain its minimum allotment by the end of the week.

There was an impressive incident on Boston Common to-day, where a great throng stood listening to Liberty loan addresses, when a life preserver from the Lusitania was suddenly held up before them. A hustler in the crowd in Heads were uncovered and soldiers and sailors stood at salute. Later, the bond business at Liberty Cottage, nearby, was reported brisk.

VIRGINIA PLEDGED TO RAISE \$400,000

(Continued from First Page.) war and besought Virginia to take her part in this making of history.

The speaker then divided his topic into three heads, the work among war prisoners, among American men and the soldiers on our side. It was upon the first division that he dwelt principally. He stated that nine-tenths of the stories of atrocities suffered by war prisoners are false, and that there are no gross barbarities, and that the little that he had seen he believed was accidental, and not premeditated. "The most awful part about the war prisons," he added, "is that the men are prisoners and the idea that they are surrounded by barbed wire and armed men; that they cannot go where they please—this is the strain which tries their nerves and which it is the work of the Y. M. C. A. to alleviate." He told of an incident of relief work where he had gone into a hospital prison where a sick man, and to whom he spoke in English. The man, he said, was dying surrounded only by others who spoke a foreign tongue. He told of the hunger in the camps and of the great benefit America can reap by letting the Russians, the Serbians, the Roumanians and Belgians know that they are with them substantially and ready to help with money and care.

B. M. HEDRICK TELLS OF Y. M. C. A. WORK AT CAMP

Referring to the oft-heard criticism of the Russian soldier, he stated that it must be remembered that these men are peasants, and that if the United States had spent as much money in making them feel that America is their friend, ready and willing to help, as the Germans have expended in the anti-war propaganda, they could find them stouter allies, for they are at heart brave men.

At the conclusion of this address B. M. Hedrick, who is in charge of the Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Lee, spoke of the work there and of its peculiar interest to Virginians whose sons are now there, and who will doubtless be there soon. Following Mr. Hedrick, John Stewart Bryan made the closing remarks, and brought home to the audience in a snappy, heart-to-heart way the meaning of morale to an army. He put it straight to the men who sat in the auditorium that the men in the field were sacrificing themselves for them, and told his hearers that this Y. M. C. A. movement was the most satisfying outlet for the noble emotion to serve which arose in their breast short of the red blood of battle. Concluding, he said: "Seize the opportunity and lift your banner so high that all the world will catch a new glory and radiance from the leadership of Virginia. The resolution referred to was then offered, and the meeting closed with the benediction by Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D.

SIX MEN CALLED

Henrico County Local Board Will Send Half Dozen to Camp Lee on Tuesday.

Six additional white men have been ordered to report to headquarters of the local exemption board of Henrico County on Monday afternoon. They will be sent to Camp Lee on the following morning. They are: Emmet Sanders Woodville, Bernard Fontaine Riddell, Randolph H. Lipford, Sidney Monroe Rogers, Douglas Roscoe Carter, Frank Joseph Tuma, Jr.

MAROONED SAILORS ARE REPORTED SAFE

(By Associated Press) HONOLULU, October 15 (By mail).—Forty-four sailors marooned on Mopeha, in the South Pacific, following the capture and destruction of the American schooner R. C. Slade, Manila and A. B. Johnson by the German raider Seeadler, were rescued October 4, and landed at Tahiti seven days later, according to word received to-day.

The men were abandoned on the island when the raider, after the loss of the Seeadler in a storm, sailed on the captured French bark Luteca.

POLITICAL DISCUSSION NOT HELD, SAYS HEPBURN

Anti-Saloon League Asserts Shipman Misquoted Him in regard to Norfolk Minister's Supporting Republican.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., October 23.—Rev. David Hepburn, assistant superintendent of the Virginia Anti-Saloon League, quoted by C. M. Shipman of Leesburg, Va., as having stated that certain Norfolk ministers had conferred with a view to supporting the republican nominee for Governor, states in a letter to the Virginian-Pilot that the "denial" absolutely that he had made any statement in regard to a conference of preachers in Norfolk or anywhere else where the political situation in Virginia was discussed in any form.

Following the publication of Mr. Shipman's letter, in which he stated that certain Norfolk pastors had "had a conference, at which time it was stated that they did not intend to throw away the work already done in the interest of prohibition, but were going to co-operate in supporting the republican nominee for Governor," a copy of an affidavit signed by Mr. Shipman was also published attesting to his letter. Norfolk ministers, without exception, denied any knowledge of the meeting, and expressed doubts that it had been held.

In his letter to the Virginian-Pilot, Mr. Hepburn states that he told Mr. Shipman that he knew a preacher in Norfolk County who had said he was going to support the republican nominee. Mr. Hepburn's letter is quoted in part as follows:

"I had a conference with Mr. Shipman a month or so ago in which he asked me my opinion in regard to the prospect of the nominee of the republican party. I told him that, if one of the speakers at the republican convention had not made an attack upon the President and the present administration, they would have had a better showing, possibly the best they have had in years, as I knew a preacher in Norfolk County that told me he was going to support the republican nominee, and use what influence he had for that purpose; but I deny absolutely that I made any statement in regard to a conference of preachers in Norfolk or anywhere else where the political situation in Virginia was discussed in any shape or form. If Mr. Shipman made any such statement in his communication, he unintentionally misrepresented the facts, for they were in substance as above stated."

DEATHS IN VIRGINIA

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) HEATHSVILLE, VA., October 23.—James M. Greene, son of Rev. and Mrs. James M. Greene, died at the farm at 3 o'clock at the M. E. parsonage in Heathsville. Mr. Greene had been married only a few months. His wife, mother, father, two sisters and a brother survive him. The body will be taken to-morrow to Alabama for interment.

Mrs. Alice Proctor Peoples. PETERSBURG, VA., October 23.—Mrs. Alice Proctor Peoples, aged seventy-four years, died at the home of J. B. Webb, near Disputanta to-day. The funeral will take place at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the grave in Highland Cemetery, Petersburg. Mrs. Peoples is survived by two sons, two daughters and a sister.

PLOT TO BEAT DRAFT

"Dr." Gordon and Russian Woman Guarantee to Render Men Unfit for Army Service.

(By Associated Press) SEATTLE, WASH., October 23.—"Dr." M. Gordon and a Russian woman, Mrs. Leshelm, are under arrest here, charged with violating the selective service act by plotting to perform throat operations upon registered men which would render them unfit for service in the army. Authorities say they suspect the plot is of German origin.

The two agreed to perform an operation upon the throat of Joseph Gottstein, a Seattle registered man. They asked Gottstein for \$3,000 for their services, and guaranteed that the operation would render him unfit for army service, as it would reduce his voice to a whisper.

ABOVE PAYS IN GERMANY

Henry Clews Says Berlin Will Be Glad to Trade in Liberty Bonds.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, October 23.—Liberty bonds will sell above par in Berlin after the war, Henry Clews, Wall Street financier, predicted to-day. "The Germans know a good investment and they will be glad to trade with us," he said.

RECOMMENDS FARM'S PURCHASE

On motion of Councilman Claude L. Watkins, the Council Committee on Public Buildings, Properties and Utilities voted last night to recommend to the Council for adoption the resolution providing for the purchase of the Hopkins farm, located on the Hopkins Road, adjoining Maury Cemetery. The property contains about thirty-five acres, and was offered to the city by Ben P. Owen. A portion of the land will be used for an addition to the cemetery, and the remainder for a gravel pit.

TEMPERANCE SOCIAL

A social was held by the Bellmead Chapter, Women's Christian Temperance Union, last week in the home of Mrs. A. Courtney. Mrs. C. F. Conley, president of the South Richmond Women's Christian Temperance Union, and Mrs. Thomas, of the Richmond-Henrico Chapter, were present, and Miss Pearl Sullivant gave a report of the thirty-fifth annual convention held in Charlottesville last month. Miss Mildred Snellings sang.

COLONEL MURPHY LEAVES HOSPITAL

Feeling physically fit, Colonel John Murphy, who has been in the Stuart Circle Hospital a month, has returned to his apartments at Murphy's Hotel.

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MERCHANT CRUISER SUNK

Also Announced That British Destroyer Has Been Lost in Collision.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, October 23.—The British merchant cruiser Orama has been torpedoed and sunk, it is announced officially. A British destroyer has been sunk in a collision. The announcement follows: "One of His Majesty's destroyers has been sunk as a result of a collision. Two officers and twenty-one men were saved. "His Majesty's armed mercantile cruiser Orama, Commander W. Moorson, in command, was torpedoed and sunk on Friday. There were no casualties."

COMMENDED FOR BRAVERY

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, October 23.—Secretary Daniels has commended George R. Buckley, seaman, of Buffalo, N. Y., and James R. Gray, Coxswain, of Kingston, N. C., for bravery and gallantry in risking their lives in a vain attempt to save a comrade from drowning at the Pensacola aeronautic station.

CALL FOR "HOUSEWIVES"

The last call for the return of all "housewives" is being sent out by Mrs. Norman V. Randolph, president of the Richmond Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. The call is urgent and Mrs. Randolph desires that it be heeded promptly. The "housewives" should be returned to the United Daughters of the Confederacy headquarters, 207 North Fifth Street.

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NATHANIEL TALLEY, JR.

Funeral services for Nathaniel Talley, Jr., for many years a member of the firm of Breeden, Talley & Co., of this city, will take place from the residence of his brother, Williamson Talley, 1828 Monument Avenue, at 3:30 this afternoon. Mr. Talley was a native of Mecklenburg County, a son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth M. Talley, born December 4, 1838. He entered the Confederate army at the beginning of the war as an officer in the Clarksville Blues, of Mecklenburg County, Wise's Brigade, serving in the peninsula campaign and in Florida and again at the investment of Petersburg. He was severely wounded near that city, and never entirely recovered from the wound.

He was for many years a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, of the Westmoreland Club and Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans. He is survived by his brothers, Daniel D., and William.

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son Talley, of this city, and B. H. Talley, of James City County. The following will act as pallbearers: Honorary—Adolph Hill, Captain John A. Coke, General Charles J. Anderson, Dr. J. R. Gildersleeve, John Devine, W. Miles Cary, A. T. Harris, Jr., J. H. Anderson, Dr. Edward McGuire, Irvin Watkins, John Pickrell, J. William Friend, H. C. Beattie, Meriwether Jones, Judge John Rutherford and R. S. Gray. Active—H. W. Elyson, William Breeden, Powhatan Breeden, Jr., B. Pollard Cardozo, Joel S. Perrin, Walter Spain, Ellis Bailey, James W. Savage.

Mrs. A. H. Burner. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WOODSTOCK, VA., October 23.—Mrs. Annie Hamrick Burner, wife of Luther Burner, died to-day at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Romeo Pinks, of Maurertown, where she had gone for a brief visit. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, Mrs. Finks, Elmore Harris.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WOODSTOCK, VA., October 23.—Elmore Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Harris, of Spotsylvania, died at the Mary Washington Hospital here last night, aged nineteen years. Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers and two sisters.

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