



1,004 PERSONS PERISH WHEN TWELVE VESSELS ARE SUNK BY U-BOATS

ONLY TWO OF 1,000 ABOARD SHIP ESCAPE

Day's Toll Second Greatest in Course of Intensified Submarine Warfare; Seven of Vessels of Dutch Nationality Sunk by One Wasp in Western Approach of English Channel

CONVERTED RAIDER SINKS TWO BRITISH STEAMERS IN INDIAN OCEAN

Japanese Send Out Speedy Cruisers to Catch Her; British Army Estimates Call For Army of 5,000,000 Men While Navy Estimate Calls for 50,000, Making Total of 450,000

Berlin, Feb. 23, by Wireless to Sayville, Feb. 24.—The Admiralty announced to-day that the Italian transport Minas, carrying 1,000 soldiers to Saloniki, has been sunk and that all on board except two men perished. The announcement follows:

"A German submarine on February 17 sank by a torpedo in the Mediterranean the Italian transport steamer Minas, 2,854 tons. The steamer was bound to Saloniki. She carried 1,000 troops, a large quantity of ammunition and 3,000,000 marks worth of gold.

"The steamer's crew and the troops on board perished, with the exception of two men who were rescued by the submarine.

"The destruction of the Minas was reported previously but only now have the details become known."

The sinking of the Minas was announced officially in Paris on Wednesday. The date of her sinking was given as February 16. She was 320 feet long, 42-foot beam and was built in 1891. She was owned in Genoa.

Eleven steamers are reported sunk by German submarines. Their total tonnage was approximately 37,500, making the day's submarine war the second greatest in the course of the intensified submarine warfare begun February 1. The February 6 record was 46,763.

Seven of the vessels were of Dutch nationality and apparently all were sunk in one submarine attack which took place in the west-

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SINKING OF DUTCH SHIPS MAY CAUSE GERMAN BREAK

Washington, Feb. 24.—The tremendous destruction of Dutch shipping during the last two days is regarded here as the most acute phase of the international situation. It is regarded even as bringing near the probability of a break in diplomatic relations between The Netherlands and Germany. So far, Holland has only made protest against destruction of her neutral ships by German

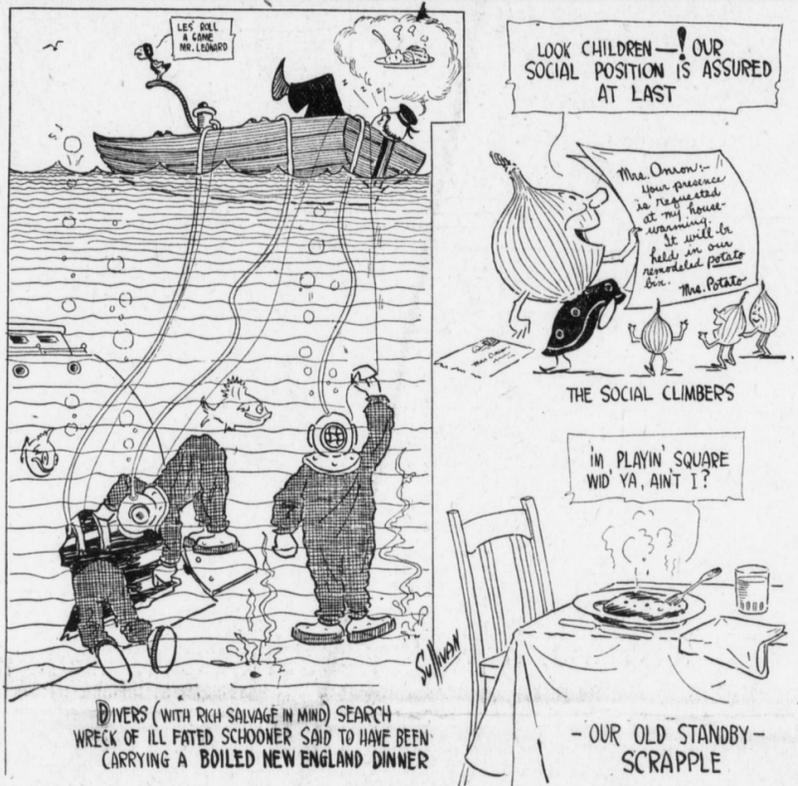
submarines, but the startling operations reported yesterday and to-day are expected to arouse a wave of popular indignation in The Netherlands which that government may find difficult to withstand, even should it desire to do so. The situation for Holland in relation to Germany as it is observed from Washington, is growing more and more difficult. Officials and diplomats here has only made protest against destruction of her neutral ships by German

TWO MORE SHIPS WITH AMERICANS ABOARD SUNK

Washington, Feb. 24.—Sinking of two more vessels by German submarines, both with an American sailor on board, was reported to the State Department to-day by American consuls. In both cases the vessels were warned and the two Americans landed safely. The vessels sunk were the Norwegian steamer Skrim and the Norwegian bark Blenheim. Consul Osborn at Havre, said the Skrim was sunk by bombs planted in the ship after warning had been given. The Skrim was unarmed, in ballast and bound from Treport to Cardiff, twenty miles from Treport. She was sunk on February 19. The crew, 14 in number, included Louis Pinto, a Porto Rican. They were rescued after twenty hours in small boats. The bark Blenheim, according to Consul Frost at Queenstown, was sunk

by shell fire after its crew had abandoned the ship and without injury to any of the ship's personnel. The Blenheim was of 1,025 tons, and sailed from Pensacola January 19, for Greenock. She was sunk February 22, thirty miles south-southwest from Fastnet, Ireland. Consul Frost said the master signalled submission immediately after the first shot was fired by the submarine and was accorded consideration. The submarine towed the lifeboats until a British naval vessel appeared. The crew was landed at Baltimore, Ireland, at 8:30 p. m. the same day, without incident. The sole American on board was Solomon Troche, born in Porto Rico, whose parents reside at 1255 Montgomery street, San Francisco. The Blenheim was unarmed and without wireless.

TREASURE ISLAND HAS NOTHING TO OFFER LIKE THIS



GUARDSMEN TO ARRIVE HOME BY TOMORROW

Will Reach Harrisburg This Evening Say Pennsylvania Railroad Officials

Troop to Reach City Tomorrow Night, Says Associated Press

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 24.—The Eighth Infantry, National Guard of Pennsylvania, whose regimental headquarters are at Harrisburg, and which is returning from the Mexican border, was at Columbus, Ohio, at noon, to-day, according to advices received at the offices here of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The exact hour of the arrival of the companies composing the regiment at their home stations could not be given by the railroad officials because of traffic conditions, but it was expected the entire command would reach Harrisburg Sunday night. The regiment is made up of company commands from York, Tamaqua, Chambersburg, Harrisburg, Mahanoy City, Huntingdon, Carlisle, Pottsville, Bedford and Lewistown.

Harrisburg's guardsmen will be home to-morrow evening, from latest reports.

From the latest reports received by Superintendent W. B. McCaleb, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Eighth Regiment cannot possibly reach Harrisburg before Sunday.

But while anxious mothers and anxious sweethearts were sorry to learn that the boys would not arrive to-night, as expected, the news was received with general satisfaction, for

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POLICY UNCHANGED—WILSON

Mexico City, Feb. 24.—The reply of the United States to General Carranza's proposal that neutral nations stop shipping supplies to belligerents was made public last night. The note does not give a direct answer to General Carranza's suggestion, but simply announces that the policy heretofore followed by the United States will not be changed. It also states that the Mexican note has been transmitted by the United States to European neutrals.

URGE UNIVERSAL TRAINING

Berks P. O. S. of A. Also Approves Appropriation For Gregg Monument Reading, Pa., Feb. 24.—The annual county convention of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, held at Harrisburg, went on record as favoring universal military training and service law. The convention represented fifty-three camps and 12,000 members in this city and county. Another resolution unanimously adopted asks that the flag be kept floating over every schoolhouse every day.

CITY MANAGER SAVES DAYTON ENORMOUS SUM

Plan Enables Community to Draw From Its Biggest Men For Council

How city managership form of government has saved the city of Dayton, Ohio, thousands of dollars yearly and has given it a nonpolitical, efficient, businesslike administration of municipal affairs was told to a large number of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Civic Club and their guests in Chestnut Street Hall last evening by Jesse M. Switzer, city

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Interned Greeks Dying Off Fast; Many Mutinies

London, Feb. 24.—According to advices received by the Greek authorities here there has been serious trouble among the 8,000 Greek troops who surrendered to the Bulgarian-German forces at Kavala and who are now interned at Goetz. Hunger and discontent over the failure of the authorities to keep repeated promises of repatriation are said to have led to frequent mutinies and a large number of deaths from disease, exposure and privation are also reported. The attitude of the troops has compelled a number of their officers, including their commander, General Hatzopoulos to leave Goeritz.

A mixed force of German and Bulgarian troops invaded Greek Macedonia in August, 1916, and advanced to the Greek port of Kavala which was garrisoned by the Fourth Greek army corps. A portion of the garrison was removed on allied warships and the remainder surrendered to the invaders and were transported to Germany. The Greek government protested to Berlin and the return of the troops was promised. Kavala was one of the prizes of Greece in the Balkan wars and its cession was bitterly disputed by Bulgaria at that time.

Arrested For Furnishing Rum to Men on "Jag List"

Albert Knighton, 454 Verbeke street, was arrested this morning by Officer Harry Lowery, caught in the act of furnishing liquor to Josiah Miller and Harry Parker, both on the "jag list." Knighton was giving the whiskey to the men when arrested, the police say. This is the first arrest in what Chief J. Edward Wetzel intends to be a steady campaign to break up the booze furnishing practice in the city. Every officer on the force has been instructed to watch for violations of this rule and to make arrests in every instance. The police department has been receiving complaints from the dependents of men on the "jag list," that these men have been furnished as much liquor as men not on the list.

TO RE-INDEX ALL COUNTY RECORDS; TO COST \$24,000

Judges Kunkel and McCarrell Instruct Recorder to Ask For Bids

Approving the recommendations of the special committee of lawyers named to report on re-indexing all the records in the county recorder's office, Judges Kunkel and McCarrell, in an order of court handed down to-day, instructed County Recorder James E. Lentz to ask for bids and enter into contract for the work. The committee recommended the Russell L. M. R. T. system of recording which

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Madame Schumann-Heinke Badly Hurt in Auto Wreck

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 24.—Madame Schumann-Heinke, opera singer, suffered fracture of two ribs, a sprained wrist and probably was injured internally here, last night, when an automobile in which she was returning to her hotel from a concert, was struck by a street car.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Sunday; colder to-night with lowest temperature about twenty-four degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Sunday; colder to-night; moderate to fresh north-west winds.

River The Lower Juniata and the main river will rise slightly; other streams of the system will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary. Ice conditions will probably not change materially within the next few days. A stage of about 7.0 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Sunday morning.

General Conditions The storm that was central over the Lake Region, Friday morning, has moved rapidly northward toward the St. Lawrence Valley to the North Atlantic coast. It caused precipitation, mostly in the form of rain, in the last twenty-four hours, generally east of the Mississippi river, except over the Florida peninsula and portions of Michigan.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 38 degrees above zero. Moon: First quarter, February 28, 11:45 p. m. River Stage: 6.6 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 42. Lowest temperature, 28. Mean temperature, 35. Normal temperature, 31.

SEEK CAUSE AND REMEDIES OF FOOD RISE

Suspension of Sailings, General Car Shortage and Freight Congestion Believed Responsible by Cabinet

COMMISSION AND RAILROADS DENY DISTRIBUTING SYSTEM IS TO BE BLAMED

Department of Justice Announces Certain Procedures Which Would Have "Considerable Avail;" No Widespread Conspiracies

Washington, Feb. 24.—Nearly every government department was devoting energies to-day to searching for the cause of the sudden rise in food and fuel prices or to seeking remedies. Most cabinet members were inclined to believe the general car shortage and freight congestion were responsible, and that those conditions were brought on largely by the suspension of many trans-Atlantic sailings on account of the German submarine campaign, or by withdrawal of vessels from trade between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts through the Panama canal.

The Interstate Commerce Commission and the Car Service Commission of the American Railway Association held that no food shortage is apparent, and that investigators must look elsewhere than toward the country's distributing system for the cause of high prices.

Whatever Attorney General Gregory has discovered from the investigation of Department of Justice agents is not disclosed, but he declared he would announce soon certain procedures which would have "considerable avail." Recent surveys of the department were said to have shown no widespread conspiracies to boost

prices. Interstate Commerce Commission reports showed that hundreds of empty freight cars are still being despatched westward to relieve the car shortage in the interior, but that export freight is piling up rapidly at eastern ports.

TWO TRAINS OF FLOUR LOST

One Hundred Carloads of Food Fail to Reach Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, Feb. 24.—Lost between Minneapolis and Pittsburgh are two trains of fifty cars each laden with flour. This is the supply the railroads and federal authorities agreed should be shipped east to this city each week to prevent a famine. One train left Minneapolis on February 14, by way of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy and the Pennsylvania railroads, and the second train left last Wednesday by way of the Chicago and Northwestern and Pennsylvania lines. Both trains have been lost in transit, flour dealers in this city said to-day. They have appealed to the railroads for information, but tracers so far have failed to find any clues to

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GOES TO HIGHSPIRE AND HUMMELSTOWN

Harrisburg. — J. William Morgan, Deputy State Fire Marshal, went to Highspire this afternoon to investigate the charge that the fireplugs of that town are all frozen shut. To-night he will appear before council at Hummelstown to look into the report that the front of the firehouse is so sutoff from the street by storage of materials that the apparatus could not respond in case of fire.

AMERICAN SHIP DOCKS

New York, Feb. 24.—The Atlantic Transport Line freighter Manchuria, flying the American flag arrived from London to-day. The Venezia, French, in from La Pallice was the only other arrival from ports near the danger zone. The Norwegian freighter John Blumer sailed to-day for Bergen.

GERMANS ABANDON POSITIONS

Berlin, Feb. 24, by Wireless.—The Germans yesterday abandoned parts of an advanced position in the Somme sector to the British, the war office announces. A French attack in the Champagne failed.

REV. GRUBER DISMISSED

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 24.—The Rev. J. J. Gruber, deposed pastor of the United Evangelical Church at Emerald, Pa., was officially dismissed by a vote of 86 to 5, as a clergyman of the United Evangelical Church to-day by the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference in annual session here. The conference upheld the verdict of the trial board which recommended his dismissal on charges of conduct unbecoming a minister while he was pastor of a church in Newmansville, Lebanon county.

The charges were preferred against Mr. Gruber after he had been transferred to the Emerald charge, by the Rev. A. E. Hagen, of Harrisburg.

CAPTAIN M'FADDEN TO RESIGN

Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—Captain J. Franklin McFadden commanding the First troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry, is about to retire from his command and go upon the non-active list of the troop, it became known to-day. Captain McFadden has served thirty years with the troop.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Frank Y. Rittase and Anna E. Smeight, city. Edward F. Shadow and Sarah E. Mounts, city. Zapito Di Martini and Annie T. Follis, city. James D. O'Neal and Anna R. Steek, Hockersville. Ray W. Miller, Mechanicsburg, and Beulah M. Phillips, Camp Hill.