



AMERICAN SOLDIERS FACED DEATH HEROICALLY AS THE TRANSPORT TUSCANIA SANK

44 BODIES, BATTERED PAST RECOGNITION, WASHED ON SHORE

U. S. Soldiers Exhibited Exceptional Bravery as the Vessel Transporting Them to "Somewhere in France" Sank Beneath the Waves After Receiving a Mortal Hurt; To Their Calm Behavior Is Due the Fact That All But 101 of Passengers and Crew Were Saved; Identification of Those Washed Ashore Is Uncertain; Forty-four Bodies Already Recovered Will Be Buried in One Grave

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Revised figures indicate that the loss of life on the Tuscania probably was considerably in excess of yesterday's estimate of 101. It is now believed the returns will show the number of dead to be nearer 200 than 100.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—American soldiers, as their transport, the Tuscania, wounded mortally by a German torpedo, sank beneath the waves, faced death heroically. To their calm behavior and the skillful work of British destroyers and trawlers is due the fact that all but 101 of the passengers and crew were saved. Of those lost, latest reports indicate many were members of the crew.

The bodies of forty-four of the missing American soldiers already have been washed up on the coast of northern Ireland. Positive identification, however, is not thought likely, because the tags the soldiers wore had not been provided with numbers or other information. All will be buried in one grave.

When the Tuscania was struck by the German torpedo, the American soldiers went calmly to their posts. As they lined up on one side of the deck, with the crew, all Britishers, on the other, the national anthems of the Anglo-American allies were sung. The lack of panic facilitated the work of the British destroyers, who braved danger by coming up to the side of the sinking liner and taking off the soldiers. The Tuscania remained afloat two hours, due probably to the action of the second engineer who stopped the engines when the vessel received her wound.

Destruction of U-Boat Not Verified

Reports of some survivors that the submarine fell a victim to the swift vengeance of the British destroyers lack official confirmation. One American officer has related that the U-boat attempted to sink the rescuing destroyers and that one pursued the submarine and dropped depth bombs, silencing it probably for all time.

Advices to the War Department accounting for all except 113 of the 2,156 American soldiers, who were aboard the Tuscania when she was submarined Tuesday night, remained unchanged to-day and officials anxiously awaited additional details expected to clear up the conflict with foreign figures on the losses.

Cable press dispatches from an Irish port last night saying the forty-four bodies of American soldiers, battered beyond recognition, had been washed ashore fifteen miles from the scene of the torpedoing dampened hope that the troop losses would prove very small. According to figures given in earlier press dispatches only 101 of those aboard, including soldiers, members of the crew and passengers were missing. This had led officials to believe that with the heavy loss first indicated among the crew that most American soldiers had been saved.

No List of Missing. No attempt was being made thus far to prepare a list of the lost or missing. Only the names of a few survivors have been received and indications to-day were that names of survivors would continue to come in slowly as they are assembled in Ireland by representatives of the War, State and Navy Departments.

The report from the Irish port which also said Army identification tags found on the bodies of the soldiers washed ashore bore no names or numbers, making identification impossible, caused considerable speculation. Army regulations require identification tags bearing name, rank, company and regiment of the soldier. Although there was no official confirmation of this report and officials declined to comment it was pointed out that the dispatch said the soldiers had not been assigned to definite units.

According to advices in the hands of the War Department the total missing from the 2,179 souls aboard the liner is 210, of which 113 are American troops.

2,296 Persons Landed. Cable press dispatches say 2,296 persons have been landed and are being cared for in Irish villages and cities.

Reports that the British destroyer which was conveying the Tuscania pursued and sank the submarine had lack confirmation and the report of the British Admiralty is eagerly awaited. Navy officials are inclined to view that the Tuscania incident is an isolated case and have no reason to change their view that the submarine menace has been overcome.

Lists Not Received. Early to-day no additional list of the Tuscania survivors had become known.

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Loss of Life Will Near 200 Instead of 100, U. S. Learns From London. London, Feb. 8.—Latest figures indicated that the loss of life on the Tuscania is in excess of yesterday's estimates of 101. It is now believed complete returns will show the number of dead to be nearer 200 than 100.

Reports received at the American embassy yesterday indicated the loss of 161 lives, while the British admiralty's estimate was 210. This discrepancy now appears to have been due to the fact that the figures supplied to the embassy evidently did not include the missing, of which there are still many.

It was announced to-day that arrangements were being made by British and American officials jointly for great military funerals for the Tuscania's dead.

The correspondent of the Press Association at an Irish port says the survivors of the Tuscania who are there were greatly relieved to hear of the safe arrival elsewhere of Major Benjamin F. Wade, of Washington, commander of a contingent on the steamer and hundreds of other American troops.

LEMOYNE BOY ON TRANSPORT



ROBERT F. McCORMICK, Lemoyne Lad Who Was on Tuscania When Transport Was Torpedoed in War Zone—With Him Was Robert M. Mace, a Harrisburg Aviator

Robert F. McCormick, of Lemoyne, a son of Mrs. John J. McCormick, and a member of the One Hundredth Aero Squadron, was on board the ill-fated transport Tuscania when a Hun torpedo sent the troop ship to the bottom off the coast of Ireland. This was the official word from Washington to-day. Along with it came official confirmation that Robert Merle Mace, stepson of William K. Crozier, assistant city electrician, was on board.

Mrs. McCormick first learned that her son was on the Tuscania from a Telegraph reporter who called at her home at 371 Hummel avenue. McCormick is 22 years old and enlisted August 15. He was sent to Columbus, O., and later was transferred to Kelly Field, Tex., and then to Mineola, N. Y.

David E. Tracy says every man ought to buy

W. S. S. He's got the right idea

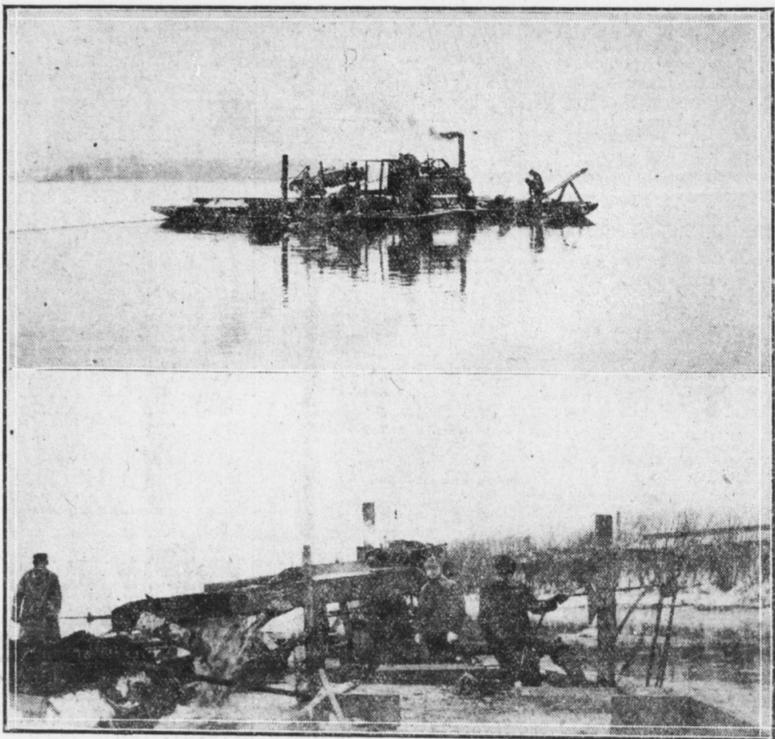
THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and somewhat warmer to-night, with lowest temperature about 25 degrees; Saturday increasing cloudiness, followed by rain or snow in the afternoon warmer.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night Saturday fair, followed by rain or snow in afternoon, warmer; light northeast winds, becoming southeast.

Yesterday's Weather. Highest temperature, 48. Lowest temperature, 28. Mean temperature, 38. Normal temperature, 50.

TAKING RIVER COAL THROUGH HOLES IN ICE



The Harrisburg Light and Power Company has enough coal to last over Sunday, C. M. Kaltwasser said to-day. The company has not yet received assurances of a steady coal supply and is still living from hand to mouth. With the arrival of a short relief in the temperature, the company is able to get along on less coal than usual. Mr. Hickok is keeping the case of the Light and Power Company in hand from day to day, to prevent a shutdown. One of the main supplies of the company is gotten by from air-holes in the river by the Martin river coal dredger through the Bethlehem Steel Company.

U.S. OFFICER GETS TEUTON AIRPLANE IN FIRST FLIGHT

Young Missouri Lieutenant Brings Down Adversary Over City of Saarburg

With the American Army in France, Thursday, Feb. 7.—The young American lieutenant who had the honor of shooting down his first German airplane while accompanying a French escadrille on a bombing expedition Tuesday night, had never operated a machine gun before in his life while in flight and never before had been over the enemy lines. He got his man over the German city of Saarburg.

The bombing squadron was over Saarburg and in the act of dropping bombs when enemy airplanes were seen approaching rapidly. By

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MINISTER GETS SMALLPOX

The Rev. W. A. Ray, pastor of the Wesley Union M. E. Church and residing at 612 Forster street, is the latest victim of smallpox, the city health bureau reports. As services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Ray on Sunday and Tuesday nights, health officials issued a warning advising all persons who attended to be vaccinated as a safeguard against contracting the disease.

LITTLE COAL IN CITY DESPITE WARM WEATHER

Demand Less but Supply Gets Smaller; Fear the Next Cold Wave

"The demand for coal is less, due to the warm wave, but the supply of coal is also growing less every day." This, according to the biggest coal dealer in the city, is a summary of the coal situation of Harrisburg. With decreasing coal shipments arriving daily, Harrisburg will be in a precarious position upon the arrival of the next cold wave.

Six cars of anthracite arrived over the Pennsylvania railroad yesterday.

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F. W. SMITH, JR., WINS PROMOTION BY GOOD WORK

J. K. Johnston Completes Special Duties; Will Return to Tyrone



FRANK W. SMITH, JR., New Superintendent of the Philadelphia Division, P. R. R.

Changes in division superintendents on the Pennsylvania railroad announced yesterday are effective from February 1. Frank W. Smith, Jr., who comes to Harrisburg, was expected here to-day. However, he may not take up his new duties un-

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PURELY WAR MEASURE

Washington, Feb. 8.—Secretary McAdoo, before the Senate Finance Committee, explaining the war finance corporation bill, said it was purely a war measure contemplating the lending of money through the banks for operation of enterprises necessary to the successful prosecution of the war.

Similar legislation now in force in England and France has been successful, Secretary McAdoo said. Senator Penrose observed that in England there had not been any issues of "uncovered paper."

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MONDAY CLOSING CONCLUDES NEXT WEEK, IS PROMISE

Enforced Holidays Have Been Abandoned South of Virginia

Washington, Feb. 8.—With the total abandonment of heatless Monday throughout all the states south of Virginia to-day, Fuel Administration officials were hopeful that continued warmer weather and improvement in railroad traffic would permit relaxation of the order all over the United States after next Monday.

As Saturday will be observed generally as half holiday and as next Tuesday is Lincoln's birthday anniversary, there will be a three and one-half day shutdown. Officials believe this will go far toward relieving the situation. The original program called for the last heatless Monday, March 25.

Heatless Mondays have been suspended in all states south of Virginia. In announcing this to-day, Fuel Administrator Garfield said improved weather and traffic conditions had made further enforcement in the South unnecessary.

It was announced also that in all other states in which the order is operative, fuel may be furnished on future Mondays to heat and light lots and workshops occupied by members of the International Allied Garment Workers' Union.

ROOSEVELT NOT OUT OF DANGER; IN N. Y. HOSPITAL

Condition Unchanged, but Rested Well During the Night

New York, Feb. 8.—The condition of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt who was operated on Wednesday for fistula and abscesses in both ears, was pronounced as "unchanged" by Dr. Harold K. Keyes of Roosevelt Hospital, early to-day. Dr. Keyes added that Colonel Roosevelt had slept all night and had rested comfortably.

Three special nurses and Dr. Keyes

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TECH BOY HOME FROM FLANDERS WITH WOUNDS

Winner of Class Honors Goes Through Much Hard Fighting

TELLS OF BIG BATTLES Worked Way Across Ocean to Enlist in Army; Gassed While in Action

Wounded and gassed while fighting against the Hun in the front line trenches with the British army, John Wachtman, of West Fairview, returned home yesterday after being discharged from an army hospital.

Wachtman, who is of a retiring disposition, left home nearly two years ago when he was announced to have won honors in his studies at Technical High school. The fact that he was to deliver the valedictorian address at the graduation exer-

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COL. ZIEGLER TAKES BAD TURN IN HOSPITAL

The latest word concerning the condition of Lieutenant-Colonel Frank E. Ziegler, of this city, who received serious injuries at the Texas camp where he has been stationed, reached Harrisburg last evening and was very discouraging.

"Condition very critical," was the brief word. No report had been received at noon to-day and friends of the officer were anxiously inquiring every hour.

TO PLAN BETTER ROAD

County Commissioner C. C. Cumber announced to-day the commissioners of Dauphin, Lebanon and Berks counties will probably meet soon to discuss the proposed improvement of the main highway from Harrisburg to Reading. Plans for this work have been made by the State Highway Department. No date has been set for the meeting, but it is likely to be held in the city early in the spring.

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AMERICAN BIG GUNS SILENCE HUN ARTILLERY

Heavy Fire Directed at Two Battalions Scatters Germans

SHELLS SET TOWN AFIRE U. S. Soldiers Enter Trench. Find Loaded Rifle But No Soldiers

With the American Army in France, Feb. 7.—The American artillery is keeping up a harassing fire on the German lines, bombarding batteries, trenches, cross roads, dugouts, light railways and houses in which enemy troops are billeted.

Evidently the American tactics angered the Germans for they started a vigorous shelling of our batteries with 77s, the firing stopping only when the American heavy guns silenced the German artillery.

These shelling operations saw a body of enemy infantry, estimated at two battalions near a forest. A heavy fire was directed on the spot scattering the Germans. It is felt certain that the enemy sustained numerous casualties.

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Sweaters Sent From Executive Mansion

Mrs. Martin G. Brumbaugh, wife of the Governor, has sent to Camp Hancock the seventy sweaters asked for Pennsylvania soldiers whom it had been found were without them. These sweaters were sent to her for shipment. Mrs. Brumbaugh also sent a large number of wristlets, helmets and scarfs and a dozen sweaters in excess of what was asked for.

More are to be sent from the Executive mansion.

TEXAS MAN GETS APPOINTMENT

Dallas, Tex.—J. H. Elliot, general manager of the Texas and Pacific Railway, has accepted the appointment as assistant general manager of the American Expeditionary forces in France, it became known to-day.

APPOINTED MASTER OF TRINITY

London—Sir Joseph John Thomas, professor of physics at Cambridge, has been appointed master of Trinity college, Cambridge.

MAJOR EDWARD PASSES CRISIS

Washington—Major General Clarence R. Edwards, commanding the Twenty-sixth division now in France, who has had pneumonia has passed the crisis of the disease and is recuperating satisfactorily, according to word reaching here.

ROOSEVELT'S CONDITION SATISFACTORY

New York—The condition of Theodore Roosevelt at 1:30 p. m. to-day was declared to be satisfactory in a bulletin issued at the hospital where he was recently operated upon for abscesses.

GORGES MAY BREAK

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Gorges in the Monongahela river at Brownsville, Pa., and Morgantown, W. Va., extending for a number of miles, may break to-day it was stated to-day by weather bureau officials here. The Monongahela had risen two and a half to five feet since last night.

Rain is predicted for to-night which if heavy, may bring a return, it was said, of the flood conditions of last week.

WILSON EXPRESSES SYMPATHY

Washington—President Wilson to-day sent to Mrs. Roosevelt the following message of sympathy: "May I not express my warmest sympathy and the sincere hope that Mr. Roosevelt's condition is improving."

ST. LOUIS STRIKE ENDED

St. Louis—A five day strike of 3,000 motormen and conductors of the United Railways Company which demoralized passenger traffic in this city was called off early to-day after representatives of the company and the men had been in conference more than five hours.