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HUNS CONTINUE BOMBARDMENT ON FLANDERS FRONT

VICTORY IN SEA FIGHT BALANCED BY NEW LOSS

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK OFF FRANCE

Eleven Members of Crew Killed or Drowned When the Tyler Was Torpedoed.

SUBMARINE IS DEFEATED

In Fight With Steamer Tidewater—Navy Announces Successful Fight With Foe.

(Associated Press.)

New York, May 7.—The American steamship Tyler, formerly an Old Dominion freighter, has been torpedoed and sunk off the French coast, according to information received in marine circles here today. Eleven members of the crew were killed or drowned.

The Tyler was a vessel of 3,928 tons gross and was built in 1913. She was sunk on May 3.

Navy Department Report.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, May 7.—A fight between the American steamer Tidewater and a German submarine on March 17, in which the submarine was defeated and perhaps sunk, was reported today by the navy department.

The steamer encountered the U-boat at night and barely missed colliding with her as she was submerging. The Tidewater fired a shot which fell some distance ahead of the submarine's wake, but a second shot apparently was a clean hit. The crew of the ship was satisfied the shot was effective, but a third shell was fired at the place where the U-boat submerged.

The navy department's announcement said:

"The commander of the armed guard on the steamship Tidewater reports to the navy department that on March 17, about 11:30 p.m., a submarine was sighted off the starboard bow, heading towards the vessel, about 150 yards off. As the ship turned it missed the submarine by not more than twenty feet. The U-boat was then submerging. The ship's guns were brought to bear and the first shot hit some distance ahead of her wake.

Made "Clean Hit."

"The pointer fired the second shot and had what the captain, the chief engineer, and myself and other members of the crew, called a clean hit and was satisfied that it was effective. The third shot was fired by the boatswain's mate in charge of the after guns' crew, having her spotted and firing in the position she last submerged in. We resumed our course and commenced zigzagging, standing by for an attack, but the submarine did not appear again. We made all preparations for an attack at daybreak, but there were no signs of a submarine."

Of the eleven who perished on the Tyler, six were members of the merchant crew and five were naval gunners. The members of the merchant crew killed were E. W. Mears, third assistant engineer, Washe Creek, Va.; Clarence E. Knowlton, oiler, Norfolk, Va.; F. Kauamato, messman, no address; Jose Roderiguez, fireman; Gregario Carro, coal passer; Fernando Lasso, fireman. The three last were from Corunna, Spain.

UNCLE JOE CANNON HAS EIGHTY-SECOND BIRTHDAY

(Associated Press.)

Washington, May 7.—Former Speaker Cannon was 82 today and the occasion was made the subject for a demonstration by his colleagues when the house convened at noon. Mr. Cannon spoke for ten minutes, declaring he was more convinced every day that American patriotism is not confined to one party.

COURT OF HONOR TO SAY

Last Word on Action of Gen. Maurice.

London, May 7.—Andrew Bonar Law, government spokesman in the house of commons, announced today that the government proposed to ask two judges to act as a court of honor to investigate the charges made by Gen. Frederick B. Maurice, who was recently removed from the post of director of military operations at the British war office.

Mr. Bonar Law said the army council was dealing with questions of discipline growing out of a letter written by Gen. Maurice.

"Gen. Maurice's letter," said Mr. Bonar Law, "raised two questions—the question of military discipline involved in writing such a letter, and the question of veracity of ministerial statements."

SEDITION BILL READY FOR WILSON'S SIGNATURE

(Associated Press.)

Washington, May 7.—The last legislative step toward final enactment of the sedition bill with its broad grant of authority to punish disloyal utterances and curb disloyal publications, was taken in the house today when the conference report was adopted. The bill is now ready for the president's signature.

SECRETARY M'ADOO SICK WITH TONSILITIS

(International News Service.)

Washington, May 7.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, who returnedto Washington today after a brief holiday at White Sulphur Springs, was unable to go to his office because of an attack of tonsilitis. It is believed the malady was caused by the secretary's exertions during his liberty loan tour. He will probably be confined to his home for two days, it was stated.

ORDERS PROBE OF AIRCRAFT ISSUE

Senator Chamberlain Says Military Committee Will Find Where Money Went.

MEANS NO WHITEWASHING

In Process—New Charges of a Sensational Kind—Glad the President Approves.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, May 7.—Chairman Chamberlain, of the senate military committee, announced in the senate today that with the support of the senate, his committee would investigate the aircraft situation with a view of determining how and where the money appropriated for that purpose has been spent.

Senator Chamberlain declared his committee proposed to "put its finger on men responsible for conditions in aircraft production and added "the committee doesn't propose to engage in any whitewashing process, either."

In response to questions, Senator Chamberlain unreservedly declared not one American-built battleplane had yet been sent to Europe, although material in large quantity had been shipped abroad for assembly.

Investigation of the aircraft situation swiftly began taking shape today, both in the department of justice and in congress.

Atty.-Gen. Gregory, acting at President Wilson's direction, began planning the investigation which is to disclose if there has been malfeasance or misuse of the great $640,000,000 appropriation.

At the same time, Chairman Chamberlain, of the senate military committee, announced to the senate in vigorous terms that the committee proposes to have a thorough inquiry of its own, in which he declared it would attempt to locate the personal responsibility. He promised the senate there would be "no whitewashing."

Stirred by published charges culminating yesteday in the president's order to the department of justice, senators began demanding a congressional inquiry as soon as the senate convened.

Senator Brandegee, republican, of Connecticut, was among the first to call for one, and Chairman Chamberlain responded with his announcement of the committee's intentions.

He said the committee proposed to "put its finger on the men responsible," and added:

"The committee doesn't propose to engage in any white-washing process, either."

New Charges Sensational.

In making his announcement, Senator Chamberlain declared there had been something radically wrong with the whole program. He had never seen the Borglum report, he said, but declared the conclusions reached in the H. Snowden Marshall report were in accord with those of the committee.

The senate committee, he said, was a part of the government's authorities, and added significantly he was "glad the president approves its course in advance."

New charges of a sensational kind in connection with aviation are being brought forth daily, Chamberlain continued.

"These charges are coming to me and other members of the committee every day," he said. "This committee is determined to do whatever is necessary to help win the war."

Senaor Vardaman asked how many American planes were abroad and Senator Chamberlain replied that not one American-built battleplane had been sent there, although American materials in large quantity had been shipped for assembling.

People Ought to Know.

"Our people ought to be informed," the senator proceeded, "of the truth of the situation, and they never have been."

Referring to testimony of Maj.-Gen. Squier, chief of the signal corps, before the committee regarding failure to train 1,500 American cadets sent to France, because no airplanes were available, and plans to return them to this country for training, Senator Chamberlain said a large number of the cadets never had received any training abroad.

Senator Walsh, declaring the statement "extraordinary," asked if it were not a "confession of failure," and what explanation had been given.

"The extreme optimism of the chief signal officer and those associated with him," Senator Chamberlain replied, was the explanation. "They thought, in perfect good faith, I think, that they would

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DEMOCRACY TIRES WILL "RE-TIRE THE KAISER

(Guaranteed, non-skid and puncture-proof.)

SMALLER CASUALTY LIST SENT BY PERSHING; THREE TENNESSEANS AND GADSDEN MAN NAMED

Huntsville Lad Wounded

One of Four Brothers, All in France, Falls Victim to German Bullet.

Leslie Sexton, of Huntsville, Tenn., Scott county, is named in the American casualty list received Tuesday morning as having been severely wounded in France.

Notification has already been received by his people that he was wounded in action on April 25.

The young man is about 20 years of age and a private in the infantry. He has three brothers, Ethards, Dewey and Fred, who are also in France doing their bit for the cause of world democracy. Another brother, Gilmore, served two years in the army.

Leslie Sexton and his brothers are known throughout the community in which their home is situated. Their father, Tim Sexton, is a farmer, and the patriotic spirit of the family comes in for praise and hearty commendation. The father is a liberty bond purchaser.

(International News Service.)

Washington, May 7.—One of the smallest casualty lists reported in several days was announced by the war department today, only forty-one names being carried. Four men were killed in action, two died of wounds and one is missing in action. Five died of disease and one from other causes. Fifteen were severly wounded and thirteen slightly wounded.

Killed in Action.

CORPORAL.

Herman Bjormhang, Paul Henricksen, Tofte, Minn.

PRIVATES.

Oscar C. Griffith, Gadsden, Ala., (Andrew W. Griffith).
Marcus Jones, Minneapolis Minn.
Julius F. Muller, Missouri Valley, Ia.

Died of Disease.

LIEUTENANT.

Edmund J. Laporte, Plainfield, N. J.

CORPORAL.

James P. Whalen, Jr., Hartford, Conn.

PRIVATES.

Claude Henderson, Hanna, Okla.
Andy Martin Lang, Racine, Wis.
John Peet, Hollygrove, La.

Died of Wounds.

PRIVATES.

Willis Boothe, Hanson, Okla.
Giovanni Cavallari, Torrington, Conn.

Died of Other Causes.

PRIVATE.

Malcolm Cullom, Mrs. M. D. Stone, Naborton, La.

Wounded Severely.

SERGEANT.

Clarence A. Bauer, Elkton, Va.

CORPORAL.

Orlando L. Graham, Avon, Mass.

COOK.

James P. Cutter, Brooklyn, N. Y.

HORSESHOER.

Joseph Schubert, Ford City, Pa.

PRIVATES.

Homar B. Jenkins, Stanley, Va.
John A. Kennedy, Portland, Ore.
John E. Maxfield, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Henry Monaco, New Rochelle, N. Y.
Jack W. O'Connor, Ross, Cal.
Clarence Odell, Spokane, Wash.
John I. Potter, Orient, N. Y.
Thomas Rodvanski, Chicago, Ill.
Leslie Sexton, Huntsville, Tenn.
Geo. C. Undutch, Baltimore, Md.
Maurice Walters, Detroit, Mich.

Wounded Slightly.

CORPORAL.

George R. Kardesnic, Auburn, Pa.

MUSICIAN.

Edgar L. Buchen, Decatur Ill.

COOK.

Harry J. Robinson, Boston, Mass.

PRIVATES.

Herbert A. Clark, Sacramento, Cal.
Carlton S. Coons, Elkgrove, Cal.
Raymond E. Gwynne, Mentor, Ky.
Britton O. Harrison, Greeneville, Tenn.
Adolph Hirsch, New York, N. Y.
Carl P. Hoffman, Oregon City, Ore.
Clarence C. Kellogg, Decatur, Ill.
Patrick J. Luby, Elizabeth, N. J.
Alexander D. McTear, Wollaston, Mass.
Wm. J. Pinkston, Christiana, Tenn.

Missing in Action.

PRIVATE.

Louis R. Ziegra, Deep River, Conn.

WENT FROM CHATTANOOGA

Gadsden Boy Killed in France Served in Mexico.

(Special to The News.)

Gadsden, Ala., May 7.—Oscar C. Griffith, listed as killed in action in the casualty list, was a Gadsden boy 23 years old and a native of Etowah county. He enlisted in April, 1916, during the Mexican trouble, in the regular army at Chattanooga, and was transferred to Columbus, O., later to ambulance company No. 12, First division, of which he was a member when killed. He arrived in France in July last with the first division of the regular army. Before enlisting he was a molder at the local pipe shops. He was a popular young man of the vicinity and well known among the steel workers. He is survived by Andrew Griffith and wife, parents, six sisters, one brother, Ross Griffith, employed at the emergency ship yard, Mare's Island, Cal.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO HONOR HON. W. A. JONES

(Associated Press.)

Manila, Monday, May 6.—A monster memorial service was held today in honor of the late Representative William A. Jones, author of the Philippine home rule bill. Eulogies were delivered by Gov.-Gen. Harrison, Manuel Quezon, president of the senate; Sergio Osmena, speaker of the house, and others.

Showers, Says Billy 'Possum

Once more I take my pen in hand to write about the weather, although I am an optimist. I can't say "fair" forever; but one good point, you may agree, a thunder shower brings, the chickens must be comforted and—oh, you downy wings!

The weather? Thunder showers this afternoon and night. Wednesday fair again, with little change in temperature.

SUCCESS OF BRITISH NAVAL RAID ADMITTED

By Berlin Newspaper in Commenting on Zeebrugge Affair.

London, May 7.—That the recent British attack on the German submarine base at Zeebrugge was successful is admitted by the Frankfurter Zeitung, in commenting upon the affair. The newspaper urges that the German navy take measures to deal "with an antagonist of remarkable boldness."

"It would be foolish to deny," it says, "that the British fleet scored a great success through a fantastically audacious stroke in penetrating into one of the most important strongholds over which the German flag floats.

"However unpleasant it may be, we must frankly admit that the enemy ships actually entered the port of Zeebrugge. That being so, there is no reason why they should not achieve a similar feat at other times. It therefore behooves our navy command to be alert, for we have to deal with an antagonist of remarkable boldness."

REPULSED BY TURKS

Constantinople Says British Suffered Losses.

(Associated Press.)

Constantinople, Sunday, May 5, via London, May 7.—British troops which made an attack in Palestine on the eastern side of the Jordan river have been repulsed by the Turks, who brought up reserves and caused them to retreat toward the river, the war office announces. The British are said to have suffered heavy losses.

The Turks are reported to be pursuing the British. According to the announcement they captured booty, the amount of which has not been ascertained.

The British war office announced yesterday that the advance troops holding Es-Salt were withdrawn Friday night and that later the bulk of the British forces east of the Jordan passed to the western side, leaving strong detachments on the east bank to secure the crossing.

BELGIAN NEWSPAPER LIVES TO MOCK HUNS

(Associated Press.)

Paris, April 20.—The German administrators in Belgium have suffered another bitter disappointment in their effort to rid themselves of the secret Belgian newspaper La Libre Belgique, which has stung, ridiculed and laughted at them ever since they occupied the territory of the brave little kingdom.

With every evidence of pleasure the German authorities announced recently that they arrested three Belgian priests, Delee, Denis and Martin, and three civilians, and that they had behind the bars the editors, publishers, printers and distributors of the secret paper. One of the priests, Denis, was condemned to death, according to information received by the Belgian government. The others received prison sentences aggregating many years.

Next morning a brand new copy of La Libre Belgique was in its usual place in the letter box of Baron Von Falkenhausen, governor-general of Belgium, and the publication has appeared irregularly since. The death sentence upon Father Denis was commuted to life imprisonment.

ARTILLERY BEARS WEIGHT CONFLICT ON WEST FRONT

Busy at Numerous Points—Huns Keep Up Fusilade in Flanders With High Velocity Guns. Allies Hammering Enemy Roads and Concentration Points.

(Associated Press.)

With the British Army in France, May 7.—The artillerymen yesterday and last night continued to carry the weight of the conflict on their shoulders and had a busy time of it at numerous points along the battle front.

There was no infantry action in period, but from the furious gun duels waged south of Arras during the early part of the night one might easily have drawn the conclusion that a grand attack was in progress.

Yesterday and last night the Germans kept up a considerable bombardment of the back areas in Flanders with high velocity guns. The allies, on the other hand, were busy hammering the enemy's roads and concentration points.

It rained again last night and this morning, making the Flanders battleground still more difficult for the enemy to work over in carrying out preparations for a further attack.

GERMAN PRISONERS WOUNDED BY GUARDS

Crossed Deadline and Failed to Retreat When Ordered. Wounds Slight.

Atlanta, May 7.—It developed today that two German prisoners of war at Fort McPherson internment camp were shot Saturday night when they crossed the dead line near the double wire fence and did not heed the command to retreat. Four of the Germans approached the prohibited area together, says Col. Van Orsdale, in command, despite orders of the armed guard. They crossed the dead line, which is six feet inside the fence. The guard opened fire with a riot gun. Two prisoners were wounded in the legs. The other two scrambled back out of range.

BLAME NOT PLACED

Loss Naval Tug Cherokee Termed "Accident."

(International News Service.)

Washington, May 7.—The report of the board of inquiry appointed to investigate the loss of the naval tug Cheroke was in the hands of Secretary Daniels this afternoon, and, it is understood, fails to place any blame for the sinking of the vessel. The accident is characterized as one of the unfortunate and regrettable instances likely to occur to any vessel. It is understood that the report, which will be made public probably late this afternoon, intimates that if there was any blame to be placed, it could not be attached to any man now living.

NICARAGUA IN WAR

Joins Allies in Declaration Against Germany.

San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, May 7.—The Nicaraguan congress today declared war on Germany and her allies.

TWELVE ENEMY ALIEN WOMEN UNDER ARREST

(Associated Press.)

Gloucester, N. J., May 7.—Twelve alien women were lodged in the detention camp last night by agents of the department of justice from San Francisco. The women are the wives of twelve Germans arrested in San Francisco, and ordered interned. The men are at Hot Springs, N. C.

OVERMAN BILL GAINS FAVOR HOUSE COMMITTEE

(International News Service.)

Washington, May 7.—The house judiciary committee favorably reported the Overman bill, giving the president power to re-organize the executive departments, to the house today. The bill was reported without amendment.

IDENTIFY NEGRO THIEF BY RING HE WORE

In connection with a crime, said to have been committed during the snow of last winter, Charles Ward colored, has been arrested by Detectives Marion Perkins and W. C. Smith, and his trial is scheduled to come up in police court Friday. According to Detective Smith, Ward was recognized by a stick pin and a watch chain he wore. He is alleged to have entered a house and purloined a shotgun, stick pin, watch chain, watch, diamond ring and pistol.

ALLEGED DESERTER DIES

From Shot While Resisting Civil Posse.

(Associated Press.)

Asheville, N. C., May 7.—James Messer, who was shot about two weeks ago while resisting a posse in charge of Charles C. Mason, of Dillsboro, sent arrest him on charges of deserting from Camp Sevier, died last night in the Waynesville hospital. Messer, with a number of other men in the Barker's Creek section of Jackson county, had evaded the officers, and it was only after a search that James and Hastings Messer, his brother, were located by the posse. Hastings was captured and passed through here yesterday en route to camp, in charge of Mr. Mason.

CENTRAL POWERS-RUMANIAN PEACE AGREEMENT SIGNED

(Associated Press.)

Amsterdam, May 7.—The peace treaty between Rumania and the central powers was signed yesterday morning, says an official dispatch from Bucharest tody.

MAJOR AND BRIGADIER-GENERALS NAMED

Gen. Dashiell, Who Comes to Fort Oglethorpe, Named in List of Assignments.

(International News Service.)

Washington, May 7.—The war department today announced assignment of three additional major-generals and fourteen brigadier-generals as follows:

Major-Generals—James H. McRae, Seventieth division; Chas. H. Martin, Eighty-sixth division; Leroy S. Lyon, Thirty-first division.

Brigadier-Generals—Wm. R. Dashiell, Eleventh infantry, Twenty-sixth division; Guy H. Preston, 160th field artillery, Eighty-fifth division; Frank M. Caldwell, Seventy-fifth infantry, Thirty-eighth division; Lutz Wahl, Fourteenth infantry, Seventh division; Geo. H. Jamerson, 154th infantry, Eightieth division; L. C. Andrews, 172d infantry, Eighty-sixth division; O. E. Hunt, 165th infantry, Eighty-third division; T. W. Darrah, 166th infantry, Eighty-third division; A. A. Starbird, Eighth field artillery, Eight division; E. T. Donnelly, 165th field artillery, Eighty-ninth division; F. T. Austin, 156th field artillery, Thirtieth division; Augustine McIntyre, Sixty-third field artillery, Fortieth division; R. W. Young, Sixty-fifth field artillery, Fortieth division, and G. A. Wingate, Fifty-second field artillery, Twenty-seventh division.

KU KLUX KLAN WARNING IDLERS TO GET TO WORK

Birmingham Streets Scene of Impressive Demonstration for Benefit Nonindustrious.

(Associated Press.)

Birmingham, Ala., May 7.—About 150 white-robed men, dressed in the regulation Ku Klux Klan uniform, with an American flag and fiery cross at the head of the procession, rode through the streets of Birmingham last night, warning idlers to find work to do, and do it.

The silent riders distributed cards bearing warning that the United States was at war; that every man is needed—except those whose attitude is hostile to the government—and that the Klan intended to see that there was no idleness. The cards say, in part:

"If you would be justly entitled to the toleration and protection you are enjoying, find work to do, and do it! No able-bodied man, rich or poor, has a right to consume without producing. Take heed and go to work! The eye of scrutiny is upon you!

"Be respectful to the flag of our country and loyal to the government! Aid by every means at your command the suppression of disloyalty by either speech or action. * * *

"The Ku Klux Klan is pledged to the enforcement of the above tenets. * * *."

BOTH PRIMARY BOARDS CALLED FOR MAY 23

Boards of Two Political Parties to Confer on Plans for Primaries and Election.

(Special to The News.)

Knoxville, May 7.—State republican primary board is called to meet in Nashville May 23 by State Chairman J. Will Taylor.

In notices just being sent out from his headquarters here nominations of county primary board would be confirmed at the meeting.

Democratic committee will meet at Nashville on the same date, and the two boards will confer on plans for the primaries and election.

DISCUSSES LABOR AND HIGH PRICE PROBLEMS

(Special to The News.)

Nashville, May 7.—Representatives of public utilities corporations of Tennessee held a conference today with Gov. Rye, when the problems by which public service corporations are confronted wer outlined, and emphasizing the importance of the co-operation of the public in the crisis in order to prevent impairment of efficiency. Chairman Tutweiler, of Memphis, outlined the situation in a lengthy address. Securing labor, material and high prices are a few of the problems, with financing a most important phase during the time of war.