

GERMANS FORCE ITALIANS FROM DEFENSES

More Survivors From Lost Destroyer, Including Commander, Landed

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CONSERVATIVES GAINING THE UPPER HAND IN RUSSIA

DESTROYER SURVIVORS ARE LANDED UNINJURED

Lieutenant Commander Bagley, Not Mentioned in Early List, Among Those Saved From Disaster.

American Warship Jacob Jones, Attacked by Submarine Five Hundred Miles From British Isles and Not Given Chance.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Six additional survivors from the Jacob Jones, announced torpedoed today, have been safely landed, the navy department announced early today.

The following statement was authorized:

"Further information has been received by the navy department from Admiral Sims that the following survivors of the Jacob Jones were picked up in a small motorboat and have been landed uninjured at Scilly island: Lieutenant Commander W. D. Bagley, Lieutenant (Junior grade) Norman Scott, Chief Boatswain's Mate Clarence McBride, Chief Electrician Lawrence E. Kelly, Coxswain Ben Gunnery, Firemen, first class, Joseph Korzenicky.

"The names of other survivors have not been received.

"The above are in addition to 27 reported saved today of which 10 names were previously announced."

Caught unawares, the destroyer—valiant center of other U-boat encounters—apparently sank without a chance for a fight.

500 MILES FROM SHORE

The Jacob Jones, one of the crack ships of the foreign destroyer fleet, was fully 500 miles off the British Isles when the attack occurred.

Details there are lacking, but from the brief Sims message, naval officials patched together the picture of a submarine, off the usual run, the dark-red destroyer buffeted by heavy seas, running slowly and unaware of her enemy, the deliberate, deadly aim of the torpedo, and a square hit that left the destroyer's crew scant time to get away.

What the Jones' errand in her distant journey is not revealed, but the presence of merchant craft nearby suggests she was perhaps conveying valuable cargo as she had done many times before.

SUSPECTED GERMAN SPY UNDER ARREST

Portland, Ore., Dec. 8.—The Marquis Edward de Reymonte, M. D., Ph. D., D. C., colonel in the French army—at least that's the name and title he gave when arrested tonight at Oregon City—is in jail here while federal operatives investigate his recent activities.

With the marquis behind the bars is Otto Rose, his valet, an Austrian, valet and master had a falling out with Rose went to the Oregon City police with his troubles. The police arrested both and told the United States marshal.

Rose announced tonight that his lordship was a German, traveling in disguise. Federal authorities suspect the marquis is a German spy or a "nut."

Reymonte was part of a French officer's cavalry unit when arrested. He has British passports and a certificate declaring he is a member of the Knights Templar of Russia. The certificate bore dates of 20 years ago, but federal authorities found a copyright line at the bottom of the certificate dated 1905. New York pawn tickets were also found in his possession.

Reymonte has a wife in Olympia, Wash.

ALL THE CONSCRIPTED MEN IN CANADA REPORT JAN. 3

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 8.—Eight thousand men in Winnipeg are affected by the order calling all conscripted men to Canada to the colors on Jan. 3.

GERMANS HITTING TERRIBLE BLOWS ON ITALIAN FRONT

First Line Defenses Give Way Before the Terrific Onslaught of the Kaiser's Strengthened Armies.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The Kaiser is preparing for another supreme military effort on the Italian front, official Rome cables stated tonight.

Favored by fine weather, the German operations along the Piave river in the Asiago plateau are being carried forward with a rush. Italian aviators reported the roads filled for miles with Austro-German divisions marching to a front that the Italians are being forced to abandon.

Every inch of ground is demanding a blood sacrifice. Today's official cables described the increased use of asphyxiating gases and overpowering artillery all along the Asiago front.

FIRST LINES TAKEN.

Already the entire arch forming the first line Italian defense has been eliminated by the Germans with large losses to the Italian army.

Austro-German troops are holding the wedge between Monte Tomearcar and Baemche and are attempting to force their way to Eosa, strike the Italian line from the rear and invade Valstagna.

FIGHTING TO DEATH

Battalions of Italian troops are defending difficult positions until the last man has been killed. Troops on captured Monte Fior and Castle Gomberto were exterminated while they held the invading Germans and allowed the Italian units to retreat and fortify new positions.

"When firemen heroically began to fight the flames they were hampered by men insane with grief who fought their way into burning ruins searching for their loved ones."

MANY PRISONERS TAKEN

Vienna, Dec. 8.—Prisoners taken in the great renewed Italian drive today reached a total of 16,000, the war office announced. To the east of Asiago, the statement said, strong points at Stenfiere were captured.

ENEMY TROOPS SHELLED

Rome, Dec. 8.—Teutonic troops concentrating apparently for an attack between Asiago and the Frenzella valley were shelled in a heavily concentrated Italian artillery fire, today's official statement declared.

ITALIAN DEFENSES CLEARED

Berlin, Dec. 8.—The Italian defenses were completely cleared from prepared positions at Monte Sisemol, today's official statement declared.

MONTANA CHAMPION DESERTER STATE

Camp Lewis, Tacoma, Dec. 8.—Montana is credited with having the largest number of technical deserters of any state sending selective soldiers to this continent, officers here said today, after checking up on the number of men who failed to put in an appearance on the dates set for their arrival. It has cost the government \$10,000 extra to bring these men, who claim they did not receive their notices, from Montana.

Investigating the frequency of a removal of soldiers from Montana in charge of sheriffs, mustering officers were surprised to find that in most cases the men listed as deserters had never left their home counties. Almost every train arriving from Montana for weeks has had at least one "deserter" in charge of an officer, who receives a reward of \$50 and is allowed traveling expenses. The sheriffs, many of whom are members of local boards, have reaped a rich harvest.

SLACKER SENT TO JAIL AT TACOMA

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 8.—Found guilty of being a slacker, Leonard W. Hartman, alias Harrison Curtis, was today sentenced to six months in jail by Federal Judge Cushman.

Hartman was arrested aboard the steamer Santa Inez, on arrival from California last week on suspicion of being a German spy. Conflicting stories told by the prisoner convinced federal authorities that a further investigation of Hartman's record is advisable. To the court, Hartman said he was in Mexico until Aug. 4, last, when he slipped over the border and made his way to New York. He admitted having been in trouble in Salt Lake. He stated he is an expert telegraph operator and is familiar with engines and automobiles.

CHICAGO FIRE NOT WORK OF PLOTTERS

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Fire which destroyed a government warehouse on the south side today, with a loss of \$600,000, was accidentally started by the explosion of a gasoline torch, it was learned tonight.

The torch was being used by Daniel Heasley, 17, an electrician's helper, who was working on the third floor. He dashed out of the building and ran home, leaving the police and federal authorities to round up a number of Austrians in the belief that the fire was an "enemy plot."

Heasley confessed to his father tonight, who promptly informed the police. The boy later made a statement to the authorities. He is being detained.

DANGER OF RETURN TO MONARCHY IN RUSSIA

General Kaledine and His Cossacks Only Awaiting Order of the Assembly to Attack Bolsheviki.

Kerensky Elected to Assembly From Smara, Finland, and Announces His Intention of Attending Regardless of Threats.

BOLSHEVIKI DEFEATED

Haparanda, Sweden, Dec. 8.—Russia's Bolsheviki have run third in the nation-wide elections for the constituent assembly, according to reliable information reaching here tonight.

The Social-revolutionist party polled the first place and the Cadet party second.

A heavy majority against the Bolsheviki is indicated.

By JOSEPH SHAPLEN.

HAPARANDA, SWEDEN

Haparanda, Sweden, Dec. 8.—The pendulum of public opinion in Russia is swinging back from ultra radicalism to conservatism. Some delegates actually pledged to a renewal of the monarchy have been elected to the constituent assembly.

General Kaledine and his Cossacks await only the assembly's order to attack the Bolsheviki and the Trotsky-Lenin ring apparently will agree to quit or join with a coalition government just as soon as their peace objects are accomplished, according to reports today here on Russia's threshold.

UNABLE TO GOVERN

Every word tells an increasingly vivid story of the Bolsheviki incapacity for government. If first hand proof is needed, one only has to cross from Haparanda to Tornea, Russia's gateway city, to see it. The Bolsheviki administration of Tornea is fantastic. It would be laughable, if it did not result in cruel turning back from the gateway in to the supposed new land of democratic promise of the sick and infirm and aged—the turning back in the bitter semi-arctic cold of this region.

There are a dozen different contradictory orders. On just one point do they all agree. That is to turn back from Russia every man, woman and child.

The United Press staff correspondent, bound for Petrograd, was one turned back last night, despite the fact that he had every sort of credentials. The Bolsheviki commissaries shoved me back to Tornea "pending inquiry."

MANY DENIED ENTRANCE

On the same boat on which I made the crossing between Haparanda and Tornea last night, in the marrow-chilling cold, other scores of exiles were returning home. They were denied entrance. There were sick among them—aged men and women, scarcely

SAMMY'S HEART WON BY PRACTICAL FAIRY

By J. W. PEGLER.

With the American Expeditionary Army in France, Dec. 8.—Sergeant Jack looks forward to a trip to Norfolk, Va., if he comes back from the war. Though the Boche doesn't leave him a leg to stand on, he will go to Norfolk—if he has to make it in a wheel chair.

That's the way Sergeant Jack feels about Dorothy Roberts—the practical fairy who singled him out of all those thousands of Sammies to make the game over here easier to play. Jack wants to shake her hand and thank her for present favors.

Perhaps that's just her fairy name. Maybe "Dorothy Roberts" is camouflage for Mary Smith, of the calico counter.

HOWEVER—

"From Dorothy Roberts, Norfolk, Va., is the sender's address on a package of candy and cigarettes reaching the hard worked Sammy today. He read and re-read the cheerful note that came with the packing—the go-get-'em Jack letter with a vein of personality running through it. Tonight rolled up in his blanket in the cozy webbed burn loft, he will read it just once more before blowing out the candle.

Jack met her like this: On landing in France, he drew a movie magazine out of the reading matter distribution. On the cover was written "Will the soldier who receives this please send his name to Miss Dorothy Roberts, Norfolk, Va."

Would he? Say, would a duck—but you understand.

Survivors Give Vivid Descriptions of the Disaster at Halifax

Travelers Reaching St. John and Other Points From the City of Death Tell Harrowing Stories of the Destruction Wrought by Explosion—Only Wire Connecting Devastated City With the Outside World Falls and Only Messages Are From Near-by Places.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 8.—A bit of wire—the one link of quick communication between St. John and Halifax with its suffering and grief-stricken population, failed late tonight.

Messages are reaching here only from towns near the devastated city. Under a windswept covering of snow, Halifax was practically isolated at last reports.

Automobiles which up to that time had been used between the city and nearby towns, were almost useless on the roads deep under snow.

A late message from Truro said communication with Halifax had failed and all efforts to get in touch with the stricken city were unavailing.

Travelers reaching here tonight from Halifax on the Maritime Express told of the scenes that followed the explosion.

VIVID DESCRIPTION

R. T. Oram, a student at St. Mary's seminary, Halifax, was among the passengers. In an interview with the United Press he gave a vivid description of the scene at the moment the Mont Blanc exploded.

"I was strolling up and down outside the seminary," he said, "when I saw a huge column of black smoke lift into the air. It moved up steadily and then began to spread out in a fan shape. It was not for a few seconds that the roar of the detonation reached me. I remember having a peculiar feeling that I was being swallowed up by something. Somewhere I heard the sound of breaking glass and this was followed by the sound of rending timbers and falling bricks.

"When I rushed into our building, many students were lying about the hall bleeding from cuts and bruises. One was seriously injured and I took him on my shoulder to the front of the building, where I got a passing automobile to rush him to the hospital.

TERRIBLE SIGHTS

"After that I saw sights that would make your blood run cold.

"A doctor at the hospital told me that at the time of the explosion he was attending a patient. The concussion burst the latter's arteries and he bled to death before the doctor could do anything to stop the flow of blood.

"When I left the hospital some time later I hurried toward the north end of the city. Smoke was beginning to roll up from the ruins and the roar of the flames grew louder as I approached.

The scenes in Hollis street were appalling. The ground was a mass of broken glass, with bodies lying about in the wreckage. Men were leaping here and there in the ruins, pulling frantically at arms and legs of buried victims.

FLAMES SPREAD RAPIDLY

"Then I joined a party of men who were releasing women and children from beneath the ruins of their homes. Every minute the wall of flames crept closer withering everything in its path and as we raced with the approaching fire in hopes of cheating it of at least a few women and children, the screams of those who were slowly being roasted to death under the wreckage was terrifying. We fought like mad men, dragging helpless and crazed women and children from beneath piles of debris.

"All the time the fire drew closer and its speed seemed to increase. We were driven back by the intense heat. Death from their injuries mercifully came to many of the women and children before the fire reached them."

As Oram told the story his face turned white with the memory of

POSSE IN SEARCH OF BANDITS WHO ROBBED CULVER CITY BANK

Los Angeles, Dec. 8.—Despite the fact that aviators joined in pursuit of three heavily armed men who today robbed the Culver City bank of \$10,000, the three bandits were still at large tonight and the sheriff's office is not very hopeful of a speedy capture.

The aviators, maneuvering at a motion picture studio at Culver City, saw the men dash away from the bank in their powerful automobile and gave chase. They lost the bandit car in Santa Monica, 10 miles away.

The bandits, masquerading as motion picture actors, forced the cashier, alone in the building, to lie down while they rifled the vault.

Rushing out of the bank they encountered three real motion picture actors and these were promptly robbed.

The desperadoes were last seen as they dashed through beach cities, carrying rifles and wearing masks. They were headed up the coast at better than 60 miles an hour.

A sheriff's posse is rushing to head them off. A gun battle may ensue.

CREDIT TO BELGIUM

Washington, Dec. 8.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo today authorized a credit of \$2,000,000 to Belgium, making a total loan to that country of \$57,900,000, and a total to all the allies of \$2,852,500,000.

DESOLATION IN HORROR CITY MADE COMPLETE

Blasted Region of Halifax Cut Off From Rest of the Stricken City by Armed Guards.

No Sound From Deserted Spot Except Howl of Bitter Atlantic Gale—Rows of Uncoffined Bodies in Chebucto School

HALIFAX SITUATION.

Dead: From 1500 to 2000.

Injured: 5000.

Homeless: 20,000.

Homes destroyed: 4000.

Money needed: \$20,000,000.

Bodies recovered: 800.

Blanketed by snow beneath which many frozen corpses lie stiff and stark in attitudes of agony, devastated Halifax tonight is a No-Man's land of suffering.

Twelve hundred bodies remain in their icy solitude in that blasted region of the old city into which entrance is barred by armed guards. From that deserted horror spot in the north end of the town, no sound comes tonight except the howling of the bitter Atlantic gale through skeletons of houses, and the occasional thunder of a tumbling fragment of wall.

Lights burn dimly in the Chebucto school, where but a few days ago happy children sat at their desks. Tonight rows of bodies lie on the floor blackened, shattered fragments of human beings, and living people huddled in their furs step among the dead-searching.

INJURED SHIPPED AWAY

As rapidly as possible the injured are being shipped away. A special train filled with suffering humanity departed for Truro, 70 miles away this afternoon. It was hoped that the train would be able to buffet its way through the blizzard to the little town where scores of homes have been prepared to receive the victims.

Many freaks of Thursday's explosion were observed today when the United Press correspondent entered the ruined district. In one place a house stood, solitary and alone in a chaos of debris. Its broken windows and a smashed door was the only signs of damage to it.

More than 3000 injured men, women and children have been attended by the surgeons and nurses in the temporary hospitals. Relief for these workers came tonight when the first of the mercy trains from the United States arrived and its doctors plunged into their work.

DEAD LIE UNCOFFINED

All the dead, both identified and unidentified, lie uncoffined. There is not enough lumber in the town to warrant using any of it for making caskets. Some of the bodies are wrapped in sheets. Others have bits of rag dropped over their faces.

Calls for doctors came from hotels tonight where relatives of those who died here succumbed to nervous strain and exhaustion after hours of gazing at dead faces frozen in expressions of agony, hunting for the one face they dreaded to find.

The food depots were nearly at the end of their resources tonight.

A system of rationing for all inhabitants of the city may be established. There is still food, but with the city practically isolated, it must be careful.

WEATHER

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