

STEAMER ON ROCKS ALL ON BOARD LOST

RED CROSS LINER WITH 140 PERSONS ABOARD LOST DURING BLIZZARD.

Supposed That Captain Misjudged His Position After All-Night Battle With Storm and Drove Vessel Hard Upon the Rocks.

St. John, N. F.—When the crack Red Cross liner Florizel, bound from St. Johns for New York, by way of Halifax, with 140 persons aboard, including seventy-eight passengers, piled up on the ledges near Cape Race during blizzard on Sunday, it is believed that all on board were lost.

Included among the passengers were twelve women and four children. Among the first cabin passengers were John Shannon Munn, a managing director of the firm of Bowring Brothers, Ltd., owners of the liner, and his 3-year-old daughter, Betty. They were going to New York to meet Mrs. Munn and Sir Edgar Bowring, one of the owners of the line, for a visit of two months in Florida.

The ship was in command of Captain W. J. Martin, one of the foremost skippers in the Newfoundland trade. He took the Florizel out of St. Johns Saturday night and almost immediately ran into a terrific blizzard with all the accompaniments of blinding snow and a heavy gale reaching at times to hurricane force.

It is supposed that the captain misjudged his position after driving the ship through the night against the storm and that wind and tides had set him back more than he calculated, so that when he swung to the westward, thinking he had cleared Cape Race, he was brought up hard on the rocks. His reckoning had been off by approximately twenty miles, an occurrence by no means infrequent during blizzards in these waters.

The Florizel piled up on a ledge two miles from Broad Cove, north of Cape Race at a point sparsely populated and with no life-saving apparatus available, even if it had been possible to use it.

The Florizel sailed from here at 8 o'clock Saturday night with a large number of passengers and a cargo which included 10,500 barrels of dry codfish and herring for New York and 1200 barrels for Halifax, her only port of call between St. Johns and New York. The ship herself was valued at \$1,000,000.

WILSON SETS WHEAT PRICE.

Same Price as Paid for Last Year's Crop Approved by President.

Washington.—A price of \$2.20 a bushel—the same as for last year's crop—was fixed by President Wilson Saturday night for the coming season's wheat yield. The price is for number 1 northern spring wheat at Chicago, with a scale of differentials for other markets.

The differentials differ to a slight extent from those now operative and range from a minimum of \$2 to a maximum of \$2.28.

Internal Machine in War Camp.

Salt Lake City.—A cleverly constructed, hand-made bomb, which, it is believed, was intended to be used to kill Colonel George L. Byram, Major Emery S. West and other officers of the Third war prison company at Fort Douglas, was discovered in the civilian enemy alien section of the prison camp Saturday by a guard and removed before the murderous plot could be carried into execution.

Italian Tricks U-Boats.

An Atlantic Port.—How the master of an Italian passenger liner, the Dante Alighieri, dodged a fleet of submarines lying in wait for him in the Mediterranean by venturing a midnight passage through an uncharted channel between a small island and the Spanish coast, was related by passengers of the ship on her arrival here Saturday.

Rail Congestion Decreasing.

Washington.—Director General McAdoo's assurance "that so far as transportation is concerned there is no danger of suffering from a food shortage in the eastern part of the country" was supplemented Saturday by figures made public by the railroad administration showing steady reduction of freight congestion.

Waiters Aid in Food Conservation.

Seattle.—Waitresses of the city have begun watching in restaurants and hotels for violation of the food conservation laws, the waitresses' local union having instructed its 500 members to co-operate with their employers in enforcing the regulations and reporting violations.

Former Football Star Killed.

Fort Worth, Texas.—Horace Higginbotham, former all-American football star from Yale, and a cadet naval aviator at Hicks field, was killed when the airplane in which he was flying fell 1000 feet.

Japanese Ship Goes to Bottom.

Victoria, B. C.—Eighteen passengers and fifteen members of the crew perished when the Japanese steamer Nauw Maru sank off Hirasu reef, near Sangiski, according to advices received here Sunday.

AUSTRIANS CLAMOR FOR GENERAL PEACE

URGE UPON PARLIAMENT THE ADOPTION OF PRINCIPLES VOICED BY WILSON.

Convoke Mass Meetings to Support This Demand That Direct Peace Negotiations Shall Be Opened With United States.

Zurich.—Socialist members of the Austrian parliament on Friday passed a resolution calling upon the government to adopt the principles enunciated by President Wilson as the basis for a general peace and asking that negotiations be begun as soon as possible.

The Austrian socialists have convoked mass meetings to support their demand that direct peace negotiations shall be opened with the United States.

The Austrian emperor has warned the leaders of the different parliamentary parties that he will prorogue the reichsrath and govern the country by absolute methods if a majority is not secured to the provisional budget.

Wild scenes in the reichsrath Tuesday on the occasion of Premier von Seydler's speech are described in a Vienna dispatch to the Berlin Vossische Zeitung. The Czechs and Slavs at one point ostentatiously quitted the house and during the greater part of the premier's speech maintained a continuous din. There were shouts of "Lies," "Treachery," "Tell them that in Berlin" and similar expressions.

The premier was audible only to those nearest him.

Czech protests were loud against the advance of the German troops in Russia.

The Poles are extremely dissatisfied with the Austrian government and demand that the Ukrainian frontier shall be fixed at the river Bug and that Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, shall be dismissed.

DIABOLICAL HUN PLOT BARED.

Organized Plan to Kill, Burn and Destroy on Coast.

San Francisco.—A coastwise conspiracy of Germans and I. W. W. to create a reign of destruction against munitions works, granaries, livestock and even against innocent citizens was revealed at Susanville, Cal., Friday in the confession of Fritz Hagerman, alias Charles Eisenbach, arrested for complicity in the scheme.

Wells and reservoirs were to be poisoned, cattle and sheep were to be killed by wholesale and crops of Washington, Oregon and California were to be burned.

Hagerman confessed that he had participated in the recent attempt to burn the plant of the Red River Lumber company at Westwood, Cal., a million dollar concern, and when arrested was on his way back to Westwood to fire the plant a second time.

Government Ownership Defeated.

Washington.—Champions of government ownership lost by an overwhelming vote on Friday their bitter fight in the senate for an indefinite federal control of the railroads after the war. An amendment to the administration railroad bill, offered by Senator Johnson of South Dakota, and providing that government control should continue until congress otherwise ordered, was defeated, 61 to 10.

JOHN F. NUGENT



John F. Nugent of Boise has been appointed United States senator by Governor Alexander to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Brady. Mr. Nugent is a lawyer, was formerly Democratic state chairman and also member of the counsel for the Western Federation of Miners.

Spain to Publish Notes to Huns.

Madrid.—Three notes to the German government relative to the sinking of Spanish ships by submarines and the invasion of Spanish territorial waters by U-boats will be published, it has been decided by the government.

Americans in England Must Serve.

London.—Approximately 600 Americans resident in the United Kingdom are subject to draft under the Anglo-American treaty, it was announced Friday by the American consul general, Robert P. Skinner.

Inventory



GERMANS MARCH ON RUSS CAPITAL

LAND AND SEA DRIVE ON PETROGRAD COUPLED WITH DRIVE ON MOSCOW.

Struggle to the Death Against the Advancing Huns Is Ordered by Ensign Krylenko, Commander of Russian Armies.

Amsterdam.—Coupled with their land and sea drive on Petrograd, the Germans, according to indications, are trying to repeat Napoleon's drive on Moscow, Russia's ancient capital. There they will attempt, reports have it, to make a deal with the constitutional democrats, led by Millukoff, Rodzianko, Prince Lvoff and General Alexieff, for the establishment of a stable government in place of the Bolsheviks.

Their immediate objective in this drive is Vitebsk, one of the oldest cities of Russia, which still bears the marks of the Napoleonic campaign. They are marching on this city from two directions, Dvinsk, 125 miles to the northwest, and Minsk, 144 miles to the southwest. From Vitebsk, a strategic rail runs directly to Moscow, 287 miles southeastward.

Meanwhile the advance on a 650-mile front, with Petrograd and Kiev the principal goals, continues at whirlwind speed. Cavalry is in the lead.

If the Germans refuse peace to Russia, "a struggle to the death or victory for us is inevitable," says Ensign Krylenko, commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, in an official statement issued February 22. "The people's heroism must be opposed to the advancing enemy," he declared.

Ensign Krylenko says that if the people succeed in throwing against the enemy concentrated masses of revolutionary citizens, who not only in accordance with military strategy, but also secretly, from every corner, everywhere, in small detachments and large battalions, will struggle for every town, village, street and house, then there are no forces which the Germans can successfully oppose against them.

The statement says that all able-bodied men must be ordered to work on fortifications and in the construction of the railroads established themselves on the line of the Jordan and the Wadi-Auja.

DANIELS LAUDS LABOR.

Predicts That in Winning War It Will Win Its Own Fight.

New York.—The bitterest disappointment of the war for the Prussians has been the shattering of the "fatuous belief" that the laborers of the United States could be stamped by "insidious propaganda." Secretary of the Navy Daniels declared in an address here February 22.

Speaking with Samuel Gompers at a patriotic mass meeting arranged by the American Alliance for Labor and Democracy, Mr. Daniels predicted that labor will not swerve from the patriotic ideals which actuated it thus far, and that when the war is over it will have won its own fight as well.

"I make no appeal to labor as a class," he said, "but speak to men of labor organizations because they are a mighty force in our national life."

Spy Witness Found Beheaded.

Houston, Texas.—Charges against seven of the eleven Fayetteville (Texas) citizens held for espionage were dismissed Thursday by United States Commissioner A. L. Jackson when it was learned that Joseph Veselka, chief witness for the government, had been found dead. His body was discovered in a barn Wednesday. The head was nearly severed and a knife lay close by. Two other witnesses have suffered accidents since the arrests.

New York Women Register.

New York.—Women enfranchised at the November election on February 22 exercised their fight rights as voters by registering for a special election on March 5 in four congressional districts of the city.

Mysterious Food Poisoning.

Chicago.—Cases of mysterious food poisoning which has developed into an epidemic at Peoria, Ill., were reported to the health officer here Friday. The strange malady bears a resemblance to ptomaine poisoning.

RED MEN REBEL IN TERROR OF DRAFT

GOSHUTE SLACKERS CAUGHT AT UTAH LINE, RINGLEADERS BEING IMPRISONED.

Threats of Violence by Indians Against Agent and His Family Also Charged Against Erring Members of the Tribe.

Salt Lake City.—Open defiance of the authorities of the United States government in enforcing the provision of the draft law among the Indian residents on the Goshute reservation on the Utah-Nevada line in Juab county, and threats of violence by the redmen against the Indian agent and his family, was promptly and effectively met when the government quietly sent a detachment of the Twentieth Infantry from Fort Douglas to the reservation and arrested the ringleaders in the draft revolt and brought them prisoners to this city.

The Indian prisoners, who were surprised by the federal troops and rounded up before daylight, before they could make escape to the hills or organize effective resistance, include Annie's Tommy, Al Steele, Jim Straight, John Syme, who are charged with conspiracy to incite the Indians of draft age upon the reservation to defiance of the government, and Tweedy Baker, Lou Murphy and Jack Semoo, who are charged with being evaders of the draft registration law.

The soldiers from Fort Douglas, including three officers and fifty-one enlisted men under command of Captain Walter C. Gullion, accompanied United States Marshal Aquila Nebeker from Salt Lake to the reservation, making the 200-mile trip so secretly that they arrived upon the reservation without an inkling of their coming reaching the Indians.

The result was that they were able to walk in upon the Indians in their homes before daylight, capture them and seize their rifles and ammunition before any information could be given the mutinous wards of the government.

Sets \$3 as Minimum Wage.

Chicago.—A minimum wage of \$3 a day with a maximum of \$5.20 for day labor city employes has been set by the council finance committee. The old rate was \$2.40 to \$4.60.

FRANK P. WOODS



Congressman Frank P. Woods of Iowa was unanimously re-elected chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committee.

Huns Sink Spanish Vessel.

Madrid.—The Mar Caspio, a Spanish steamer, has fallen victim to a submarine, it was announced here Friday. The vessel was destroyed and sunk by shell fire from the undersea craft, the statement added.

Army Health Conditions Improve.

Washington.—Health conditions in all American army camps showed decided improvement during the week ending February 15 and for that week there was a lower death rate in all camps than since November.

RUSSIANS ACCEPT GERMANY'S TERMS

LENINE AND TROTZKY YIELD TO HUN DEMANDS AND ABJECTLY SURRENDER.

The Bolsheviki Government Has Announced Its Readiness to Accept Hun Proposals, Parleys to Begin at Once.

London.—The Bolsheviki government, represented by Nikolai Lenine and Leon Trotzky, has acceded to the demands of Germany and announced its readiness to accept the hard peace terms which Germany has laid down.

Thus, apparently without further hesitation, the Russians are prepared, in an effort to stop the inroads the Germans now are making into their country, to add to the enemy's already vast holdings more of Russia's most valuable western territory, extending from the gulf of Finland southward to the Black sea, and even to withdraw her troops from Finland and give back to the Turks what has been taken from them in battles.

Surrender Abject.

The surrender seems abject. Russia is immediately to send a delegation to Brest-Litovsk, there to discuss with German representatives the final details of the peace and sign the compact.

At last accounts the German armies in the east were giving no heed to talk of peace, but, on the contrary, were methodically pushing forward their line over the more than 500-mile front from the gulf of Finland region to Volhynia, and still nowhere meeting with any systematic attempts to hinder their progress.

Numerous additional towns have been captured and several thousand more Russians made prisoners. In addition, nearly 3000 German and Austrian prisoners of war have been liberated by the invaders.

YANKEES SILENCE HUN CANNON.

Give Germans a Little Touch of Their Own Medicine.

Somewhere in France.—In the American sector northwest of Toul on Sunday the Germans tried the tactics of concentrating artillery fire on one of the American positions, apparently with the purpose of obliterating it. The Americans guns immediately punished the German batteries with a doubly heavy retaliatory fire and then swept the enemy lines with a vicious barrage, undoubtedly, inflicting considerable damage.

The German guns promptly ceased fire. Whether they were put out of action or stopped firing for other reasons is unknown, but since that time hardly a shot has been fired from that point.

Anarchists in Spy Role.

Washington.—Letters indicating that Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman were co-operating with Har Dayal, the German spy, and Indian revolution propagandist, before they were sent to prison for violating the draft law, were made public Sunday by Attorney General Gregory, in answer to radical protests against the imprisonment of the anarchist leaders.

Youth Confesses Three Murders.

Los Angeles.—Mystery surrounding two murders which took place several years ago was cleared up when Eddie Keyes, aged 22, sentenced to hang for slaying Lofard Harwick, a newsboy, confessed that he also participated in the slaying of 8-year-old Anna Polters and Charles E. Pendar, a diamond merchant. Keyes implicated other persons in the three murders.

Army Captain Interned.

New York.—Capt. David A. Henkes, Sixteenth Infantry, U. S. A., has been sentenced to dismissal from the service and confinement at hard labor for twenty-five years by a general court-martial held at Governor's island. Henkes, who is of German descent, endeavored to resign his commission, saying he did not care to fight against relatives and friends.

Laborers Accept War Program.

London.—The Interallied Labor conference, which ended its sessions here Saturday, has accepted the war aims program as enunciated by British labor December 28, and the next step probably will be the calling of an international conference at an early date, including both labor and socialists.

Chocolate Plant Burns.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Fire in the plant of the Hershey Chocolate company did damage amounting to more than \$500,000. One million pounds of powdered cocoa was destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Fake Captain Makes Escape.

St. Louis.—"Capt." Harold J. Keyes, en route from Salt Lake to Camp Wheeler, near Macon, Ga., to be tried as a deserter, eluded his custodian while on a train Sunday and has not been found.

Dies in Attempt to Save Pig.

Lexington, Ky.—Fred Croyle lost his life Sunday while trying to save the life of a pig. He tried to push the pig from a railroad track when he was struck by a train.

GUNFIRE ON WEST FRONT INCREASES

THE ENEMY'S FIRE HAS GROWN HEAVIER SINCE AMERICANS OCCUPIED NEW SECTOR.

French Attack German Lines in Lorraine, Advancing Over Wide Front.—British Gun Power Has Been Increased.

London.—The German artillery fire has been increasing continually since the Americans have occupied their new sector. The enemy's fire is now three times as heavy as it was when the Sammlies arrived in this sector. Two hundred shells was the average at first, whereas, it now ranges from seven hundred to eight hundred.

On the enemy's side a concentration of Krupp guns has been necessitated by the activity of the batteries supporting the American trenches, which are continually shelling the German lines and the rear.

French detachments made a heavy attack on the Germans in Lorraine on February 20, entering the German lines over a large front and capturing more than 400 prisoners, according to the war office announcement.

The British captures in the past year included 168 heavy howitzers, 68 heavy guns, 437 field guns, 1055 trench mortars and 2814 machine guns.

This statement was made by James Ian MacPherson, parliamentary under-secretary for war, in introducing the army estimates in the house of commons.

British gun power had increased by almost 50 per cent during the past year, and the army was doing everything possible to economize, with a view to saving tonnage, he declared. These economies would save two millions tonnage in the distant theatres of the war this year.

Mr. MacPherson said that the strength of the German army was already far greater on the western front than at any previous period, and although the allies at present are superior in men and guns, the balance might soon be in favor of the enemy. The allies must be prepared for a determined offensive at any early date, but all measures to meet the situation have been taken.

The strain on the British troops and those of the allies, he added, might be severe, but the successes of the British and French armies in the past year had inspired all ranks to the belief in their ability to hold their own.

SHIPPING TONNAGE INCREASES.

Low Point in Supply of Oversea Carriers Passed February 1.

Washington.—Overseas ship tonnage available to America and the allies passed its low point about February 1, several weeks earlier than shipping experts had predicted.

Officials believe the upward curve will continue until the war is ended, unless difficulties not now foreseen are encountered.

In support of this belief attention is called to the satisfactory results obtained in the campaign against enemy submarines, to the fact that government ships now are coming from American yards and to the progress of negotiations for neutral vessels to be used in the non-hazardous trades to release other shipping from overseas carrying.

SIXTEEN BRITISH SHIPS SUNK.

Over 2300 Vessels That Sailed From British Ports Escaped.

London.—British merchantmen sunk by mine or submarine in the past week numbered fifteen, according to the admiralty statement issued Wednesday. Of these, twelve were of 1600 tons or over and three were under that tonnage. One fishing craft was also sunk. The arrivals at ports in the United Kingdom for the week numbered 2,222 sailings, 2383. Eight vessels were unsuccessfully attacked.

The sinkings for the past week show a slight diminution from the previous week when nineteen merchantmen were sunk, thirteen of 1600 tons or more and six under that tonnage.

Bliss Given Credit for Plans.

Washington.—Credit for drafting the American document which played such a part in converting the Versailles conference to the plan for centralized control of the war, is given by Secretary Baker to General Bliss, chief of staff and American representative on the supreme war council.

Interest Rate to Be Raised.

Washington.—Future issues of treasury certificates of indebtedness planned in preparation for the third Liberty loan will bear an interest rate of 4 1/2 per cent, or 1/2 per cent more than issues of the immediate past.

Earthquake Kills Two Hundred.

Amoy, China.—Reports reaching here from the districts visited by earthquake on February 13, show some loss of life and heavy damage resulting. Two hundred deaths were reported from Swatow.

Night Riders Caught in Texas.

Paris, Texas.—Seventeen white night riders of Red River county were arrested Wednesday by federal agents, and accused of terrorizing negro farmers of that county, causing many to abandon their farms.