

FIGHT WAS UNEQUAL

Declares Russian Semi-Official Statement about the Battle of Riga

BUT SUCCESS FELL TO THE DEFENDERS

Two German Torpedo Boat Destroyers Were Sunk or Put to Flight

London, Aug. 24.—The naval operations in the gulf of Riga are described in a semi-official statement issued at Petrograd as an unequal combat between the old Russian battleship Slava and German dreadnoughts.

"The importance of this fight," the statement continues, "consisted in preventing the Germans for a certain time from forcing our positions. The calm, foggy conditions favored the enemy's operations, enabling him to escape our observation and proceed more quietly with the work of mine destroying.

"On the night of the 17th, the enemy sent into the gulf two of his best torpedo boat destroyers to attack the Slava. These boats were unable to find the Slava, but encountered our destroyer Novik, which immediately engaged them. After twenty minutes of fierce fighting, the leading enemy torpedo boat had her funnel demolished and suffered severe damage, which compelled her to take flight. The other torpedo boat went to the assistance of her consort, but also gave up the fight and soon afterwards the more seriously damaged vessel apparently sank.

"It is reported that in addition to the German losses already announced in official communications, another German auxiliary cruiser was sunk."

APOLOGIZES TO DENMARK

Germany Expresses Regret over Sinking of Steamer Betty.

London, Aug. 24.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company from Copenhagen says:

"The German government has expressed regret for the torpedoing and sinking in the North sea on May 26 of the Danish steamer Betty and has announced its willingness to pay compensation for the loss of the steamer.

"It is claimed by Germany that the submarine commander failed to see the mark denoting Danish nationality on the steamer and assumed from the route the vessel was taking that it was going to join the British fleet as an auxiliary cruiser."

SOME ITALIANS MAY STAY

But Those Who So Desire May Leave Turkey, It Is Believed.

Paris, Aug. 23.—Naby Bey, Turkish ambassador to Italy, before his departure from Rome, said he thought that the Italians now in Ottoman territory would be allowed to leave. "Apart from those called to the colors, there are a large number who desire to remain, particularly those working on the Baghdad railroad. They are well paid and well treated, because they are the only ones able to do the work properly."

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Captain of Sunken Arabic Gives a Statement to Public.

Liverpool, Aug. 24.—Capt. William Finch of the sunken White Star line steamer Arabic, last night gave the Associated Press a statement bearing on the mine theory. He said that the Arabic was not a mine vessel, but a transport ship, and that the mine theory was a deliberate attempt to mislead the public.

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Details of the Loss Have Not Been Received and Berlin Remains Silent Concerning the Battle of Riga.

London, Aug. 24.—The last details concerning the Riga naval battle have failed to clear up the situation. Petrograd advices make it appear certain that the Germans have met a severe reverse, although the official Berlin reports remain silent concerning the Russian claims.

The Russians now state that an additional cruiser must be added to those already reported sunk or put out of action. Whether the German battle cruiser, attacked by a British submarine, was sunk remains to be told. The official report from Petrograd gives no details beyond stating that she was torpedoed.

Except for the report of the marine ministry at Paris concerning the sinking of a German patrol boat off Ostend, which is admitted by Berlin, no official news has been received of the results of the allied bombardment of German positions on the Belgian coast. The Russian armies have not stopped the Austro-German advance although compelling the central powers to fight for every step.

SURE IT WAS TORPEDO.

That Struck the Arabic—Statement Made in London.

London, Aug. 24.—Official and unofficial statements were made yesterday bearing upon the precise status of the steamer Arabic at the time she was sunk, the purpose being to show definitely that she was an unoffending ship proceeding on her course and that without question she was struck by a torpedo fired by a German submarine.

The latter point became increasingly important owing to cable reports from the United States stating that some Berlin officials maintained that, since there was no proof any one aboard the Arabic saw the submarine, the sinking might have been the result of striking a mine. The foreign office issued a brief statement summing up the facts without its knowledge without disclosing all the details in its possession. The statement said definitely that the Arabic was sunk by a German submarine without warning and without any attempt on the part of the steamer to attack the under water craft or to escape. The announcement also declares the Arabic was unarmed and was proceeding to a neutral port and therefore carrying no contraband. This is considered a summing up of the British official view of the essential facts and as showing the culpability of the German submarine in sinking the ship.

The most important testimony came, however, from members of the crew of the steamer Dunsley who gave a circumstantial account of seeing the Dunsley. They declared that during her maneuvering astern of the Dunsley the submarine came so close to view that it was possible to note she showed no number or distinguishing mark. Later, they declared the submarine submerged and rounded the Dunsley's stern, showing only her periscope.

These statements are considered to fill the gap in the testimony given by Capt. Finch, the passengers and crew of the Arabic who did not see the submarine because she was astern of the Dunsley. Those aboard the Arabic have declared they saw the torpedo speeding towards the ship and the Dunsley's survivors now assert the torpedo was fired from a German submarine they saw maneuvering behind them.

All the affidavits made by the American passengers on the Arabic now have been called to the state department. These statements give every detail available from American sources. They relate chiefly to individual experiences but all agree that no warning was given. The approaching torpedo was seen but not the submarine.

The funerals of some of the members of the Arabic's crew whose bodies have been recovered were held at Queens-town yesterday. The services were attended by members of the city council, the Royal Irish constabulary, representatives of the White Star line and a great crowd of citizens.

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Coroner's Jury Reports Leo Frank Was Hung by Parties Unknown

TOOK NO EVIDENCE AS TO IDENTITY

Jury Was Out but a Short Time at Marietta, Georgia

Marietta, Ga., Aug. 24.—The coroner's jury which inquired into the lynching of Leo M. Frank retired at noon to consider its verdict without having heard any testimony concerning the identity of any persons concerned with the affair.

DESCRIBED FALL OF OSSOWETZ.

German Official Report Says Russians Abandoned Fortress.

Berlin, via London, Aug. 24.—German troops have occupied the fortress of Ossowetz, which was evacuated by the Russians, German army headquarters announced yesterday.

The text of the statement follows: "Early this morning an enemy fleet consisting of about 40 ships appeared before Zeebrugge and steamed away again in a northwesterly direction after having been bombarded by our coastal artillery.

In the Vosges and north of Muenster battles are raging on the Lingekopf—Schratzmannel—Barronkopf line. Strong attacks by the French partly penetrated our positions last night. Counter attacks drove the enemy back again on the Lingekopf. On Schratzmannel and Barronkopf fierce fights at close quarters for certain trench sections lasted throughout the night. About 30 mountain chasseur were taken prisoners.

"At Wastrin, southeast of Lille, an English flying machine was shot down. "Eastern theatre of war: Army group of Field Marshal von Hindenburg. The troops of Gen. von Eichelhorn are making further progress east of Kovno. Strong attacks by the Bohrs we occupied Ossowetz fortress which was evacuated by the Russians.

"North and south of Tykocin successful engagements took place. Tykocin was taken. On this occasion 1200 prisoners, including 11 officers, 77 machine guns fell into our hands.

"Desperate Russian counter attacks east of Bleisk failed with very considerable losses to the enemy and we advanced south of this town.

"Army group of Prince Leopold of Bavaria: Engaged in stubborn fighting; this army group has captured the Klezozze-Lerana line and is engaged in further favorable attacks. We took 3350 prisoners and 16 machine guns were captured.

"Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen: The crossing over a tributary of the Pulva has been captured after fierce resistance on the front between Razna and the mouth of the river. An attack across the Bug above the tributary of the Pulva is making progress.

"Before Brest-Litovsk the situation remains unchanged. On both sides of Switzerland and at Pizcoa, east of Vladova, the enemy was defeated yesterday and driven back towards the northeast."

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DENIES MURDER

Joshua A. Marshall Pleads Not Guilty at Belfast, Me.

Belfast, Me., Aug. 24.—Joshua A. Marshall, aged 32, a farmer of Lincolnville, was arraigned in the municipal court before Judge Lord yesterday afternoon on the charge of the murder of his brother-in-law, Edward C. Higgins, aged 47, last Saturday afternoon by shooting with a rifle. County Atty. W. A. Cowan conducted the case.

Marshall, represented by Hon. J. H. Montgomery of Camden, pleaded not guilty and was held without bail for the supreme court, which opens here Sept. 28.

The principal evidence introduced by the state was a deposition by Nellie E. Higgins, wife of the slain man, who set forth that her husband came to his death between 4 and 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon; that her husband and Marshall, who is her brother, were the only people on the place so far as she knew and the men had been drinking hard cider that afternoon.

She deposed that Marshall came to the house from the hay field bringing a jug of cider with him and went to his room upstairs; that her husband came and went upstairs and she heard him coaxing her brother for some cider, but does not think he got any. She went to the barn and returned a few moments later, leaving her husband on the doorstep. When she returned the doorway door was open and her husband was standing on the top stair. He fell and she caught him in her arms. He was dead when she laid him on the kitchen floor.

She went up stairs and Marshall was lying on the bed, a rifle on the floor near him. He came down and helped move the body. He staggered as if intoxicated. Dr. O. S. Vickery of Belfast, medical examiner, testified a 22-calibre bullet had entered the back, severed the pulmonary artery and came out through the breast; that the wound was sufficient to cause death.

Deputy Sheriff Arthur Beach, who arrested Marshall, testified that he had talked with him about the case, and Marshall said that he had been drinking hard cider during the day and he had no recollection of the shooting. The defense called several witnesses to testify to the people who were there soon after the shooting.

RAZOR LAY ON BODY.

Mrs. Emily Russ of Boston Slain in Unusual Manner.

Boston, Aug. 24.—Mrs. Emily Russ was killed in an unusual manner yesterday. She was strangled with two cords, between which her throat had been slashed with a razor so deeply that the head was almost severed. The razor lay on the woman's breast. In another room of the little three-room tenement which she and her husband occupied in the Roxbury district was their 11-month-old baby asleep.

The murder was not discovered until last night when the woman's husband, F. Russ, a painter, rushed to a police station and told of his ghastly find after returning from work. He said he had been forced to break in a window to gain entrance, both front and back doors being locked, and found his wife's body in the front room.

Associate Medical Examiner Waters said that the woman probably had been dead several hours. Either the cords or the wound might have caused death, he said. The police questioned Russ last night.

TO MAKE SHORTAGE GOOD.

Former Town Treasurer Turns Over All His Property.

Boston, Aug. 24.—George R. French, former town treasurer of Holbrook, in whose accounts there is believed to be a shortage of \$17,000, yesterday turned over all his property and that of his wife to cover any deficit that may be uncovered. The property was placed in the hands of Louis E. Flye, the town counsel, who holds it as a trustee.

The examination of the town treasurer's books was continued yesterday by the expert accountant of the bonding company that guaranteed French's accounts. The town auditors also entered the case and began an independent investigation for their report.

It is said that the audit may not be completed for a week, and it is probable that all the facts will not be made known until the special town meeting on Aug. 31, which was called yesterday, that the citizens may act on the resignation of French and make provision for the deficit.

It was said that the alleged deficit is of recent occurrence, and the great part of it exists in the water department, for which bonds were issued recently. A report says that cash entries cannot be found for some of the bonds that were sold.

The selection who are in charge of the situation are at a loss to explain the cause of the alleged shortage. French lived quietly with his wife and mother, in a modest way, and conducted himself in a manner that won the respect of his fellow townsmen. In some quarters, though, it is said that he was interested in the stock market.

MEASURING BIG LINERS

To Qualify Them for Using the Panama Canal.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—Application was made today to the bureau of navigation for the measurement of the North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American line ships, now held in Hawaiian ports by the war. The measurements are requested to qualify ships for using the Panama canal. The request was forwarded by the collector of customs at Hawaii with a letter from agents of the steaming lines, setting forth that the survey in Boston has already measured the Hamburg-American liners there.

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When One of the Forward Tires Hit Out—One Man Killed.

Union, N. H., Aug. 24.—John S. Willis, son of John R. Willis, postmaster at Manchester, was killed yesterday in an automobile accident at Milton Mills. He was making a tour of the state with Fred Marcell, an oil agent of Boston coming down a hill one of the front tires blew out. The machine turned turtle, pinning young Willis under the car. He was rushed to the home of Dr. Ross here, where he died last night.

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VIEW OF TRACK OBSTRUCTED

Dr. Henry Stearns Killed at Woodsville When He Drove Before Train

HIS SON MAY BE FATALLY INJURED

Haverhill, N. H., Physician Died Instantly Yesterday Afternoon

Woodsville, N. H., Aug. 24.—Dr. Henry Stearns of Haverhill village was instantly killed and his 13-year-old son, Joseph, is dying as the result of a collision between the Stearns' runabout and a south-bound mail train at the Boston & Maine railroad crossing at Cobleigh crossing a mile from this town yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Descending a steep hill the auto made a sharp turn and reached the crossing just as the train crashed by. The occupants were thrown 40 feet from the road and the automobile was completely demolished.

The cottage hospital is near the scene of the accident and young Joseph was rushed there after first aid precautions had been rendered by Dr. Draw of Rumney, who changed to be on the train. At the hospital Dr. F. E. Spear of this town assisted. Several bones were found broken and it is reported the boy has slight chance for recovery.

The body of Dr. Stearns was brought by special train to Undertaker Rouhan's morgue after Deputy Sheriff Davis had reviewed it.

Dr. Stearns was about 50 years of age. He is survived by his widow and the son who lies between life and death at the hospital here.

GIRL KILLED AT REVERE.

Crossed Boulevard Ahead of an Automobile.

Boston, Aug. 24.—While crossing Revere beach boulevard near Oak island yesterday, Miriam, 5-year-old daughter of the accident, Edward J. Noonan of 8 Hancock street, Lynn, was struck and killed by an automobile owned and operated by Ernest M. Parsons of 1501 Beal street, Brookline, an architect. Parsons was arrested by the Metropolitan park police on a charge of manslaughter and later released in \$2,500 bail. The Noonans are passing the summer at a camp on Oak island.

The child started to cross the boulevard but became bewildered and turned to run back. This indecision was the cause of the accident, according to eye witnesses. Mr. Parsons, who was returning with his mother from their summer home in Magnolia to Brookline, was overcome by the accident and unable to give assistance. Arthur Foster, a pedestrian, picked the child up and on invitation of James Boydell of Commonwealth avenue, Brookline, placed her in the latter's automobile. She was taken to the emergency room at the state bathhouse, and Dr. J. S. Morris summoned. He pronounced her dead.

WOMAN MOTORIST KILLED.

Mrs. Mary E. Burke of Boston Victim When Steering Gear Went Wrong.

Hingham, Mass., Aug. 24.—A broken steering gear of an automobile caused the death of Mrs. Mary E. Burke of Boston last night, minor injuries to her three sisters and possible internal injuries to the chauffeur, John Fitzpatrick. Mrs. Joseph Ray, Mrs. Patrick Bowen and Mrs. Jeremiah McNamara, Mrs. Burke's sisters, escaped with a shaking up.

The party was spending a vacation at Hull and were taking an evening ride when the steering gear of their automobile went wrong on the Rockland road and the car crashed into a telephone pole. Mrs. Burke was thrown through the windshield and sustained a fractured skull which resulted in her death later at a private hospital in Hull.

ONE BADLY HURT.

When Auto Truck and Motor Railroad Car Collided.

Bennington, N. H., Aug. 24.—An auto truck of the Goodell company, Antrim, driven by Harold Murray of that town, and a motor railroad car loaded with eight railroad employees, came in collision on the Boston & Maine crossing near the station here about 4:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Walter Keyser, one of the occupants of the railroad car, is suffering with broken bones and internal injuries are feared as the result of being thrown with several other fellow employees to the ground by the force of the impact.

The railroad car was badly smashed and the steering gear of the truck, its front wheels and the hood were crushed by the accident.

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It was a first attempt at suicide the rope, which was found on the bridge, apparently broke. He finally used a cord made of a number of spinning bands which he obtained from the mill and twisted together.

He had worked two years for the Nashua Mill Co. and lived at 180 West Pearl street.

PAVERS RESUME WORK.

On Promise of Increased Wages Another Year.

Worcester, E. I., Aug. 24.—Pavers resumed by the city, Fall River and other places, who struck Saturday evening, when they had secured a 25 per cent increase in pay from \$4.00 to \$5.00 a day was returned, were back at work yesterday morning. The union agreement told the men that next year, when new work was taken, the matter would be satisfactorily adjusted.

EASTERN STAR SERVICE

Held at Grave Following the Funeral of Lillian Bruce Cordner.

Funeral services of Miss Lillian Bruce Cordner, who died at her home on Hillside avenue last Friday morning after an illness of two and one-half years, were held there yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Edgar Crossland, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiating. Ruth chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of which she was a member, had her services at the grave in Hope cemetery. At the house Miss Alice Walker sang "Crossing the Bar" and "Lead Kindly Light." She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Mary Walker, at the piano.

A large gathering of neighbors and friends attended the funeral. There was a large collection of flowers. The bearers were her two brothers, Alexander and Gordon; a cousin, James Cordner, and a brother-in-law, Clarence Blakely.

The floral tributes were as follows: Roses, brothers and sisters; star, Eastern Star; roses, Clarence LePage, Frank Goolcy, Homer Sowles, Arletta Ritchie, Lesell Hunter, Edith Martinson, Mildred Higgs, Oscar Martinson, Lina B. Higgs, Selma Martinson, Hilda Martinson; roses, Mr. and Mrs. C. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Angwin, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bianchi, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bonhard, Mr. and Mrs. William Carson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Chaples, Mr. and Mrs. E. Goolcy, Mrs. Stella Day, Mr. and Mrs. C. Higgs, Mr. and Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Mary Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. E. Keast, Mr. and Mrs. A. Little, Mr. and Mrs. Livingstone, Mrs. Ida Martinson, Mr. and Mrs. Moruzzi, Mr. and Mrs. William Oliver, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Oliver, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. C. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ross, Mrs. M. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. F. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sowles, Mr. and Mrs. G. Tongway, Mr. and Mrs. L. Tongway; roses, Boutwell, Milne & Varum; roses, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Anderson; roses, Mrs. R. C. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Jones; asters and roses, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Cordner, James H. Cordner; asters, George Jordan; asters, Margaret Carley, George Carley; asters, Bible class, Presbyterian church; asters, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hutchinson; asters, ladies' aid, Presbyterian church; asters, Mr. and Mrs. R. Broggin and family; asters, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ennis; asters, ladies' auxiliary, Presbyterian church; asters, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Carr; asters, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wright, Jr.; asters, Mr. and Mrs. William Hurry; asters, Mr. and Mrs. F. Scott; asters and sweet peas, Marjorie Allen; asters, Mr. and Mrs. John Reid and family; asters, Mrs. L. A. Houghton; asters, Mr. and Mrs. John Daniels; asters, Mrs. Edwards and family; sweet peas, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thom; sweet peas, Mr. and Mrs. Ayers; sweet peas, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Milne; sweet peas, Hannah, Margaret and John Farrar; mixed flowers, Mrs. Alex Murray; gladioli, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Phillips, William Dobie; mixed flowers, Mr. and Mrs. George Hiddle; asters, Mrs. M. Jordan; dahlias, Mrs. Herman Allen.

THIRD FINE OF \$300 IN WEEK

Barre City Court Received a Plea of Guilty from Domenico Gianarelli To-day