

## BRITISH DESTROYER SUNK; IS AVENGED

### German Torpedo-Boats Sent to Bottom.

## SUBMARINES AGAIN ACTIVE

### British Steamer Sent Down and Captain Killed.

## NINE OF CREW ARE SAVED

### French Tank Steamship Destroyed by Shells of Submarine and Rescuer Fired On; Trawler Sunk by German Torpedo-Boat.

## TOLL OF SATURDAY'S WAR ACTIVITIES ON SEA.

British destroyer Recruit, sunk by German submarine off Galloper lightship; four officers and 21 men saved.

Two German torpedo boats sunk by British destroyers; two German officers and 14 of crew rescued and taken prisoners.

Trawler Columbia sunk by two German torpedo boats; one deckhand saved.

American tank steamer Gulflight torpedoed by German submarine off Scilly Islands; Captain dies from heart failure and two of crew are drowned; vessel beached.

British steamer Fulgent sunk by German submarine off Skellig Rocks. Captain shot and killed. Nine of crew saved.

French steamer Europe sunk near Bishop's Rock by German submarine; crew saved.

LONDON, May 2.—A German submarine on Saturday sank the British destroyer Recruit off the Galloper lightship in the North Sea. Other British destroyers after a stern chase overtook and sank the two German torpedo-boats that had accompanied the submarine on her cruise.

Some of the crew of the Recruit were rescued by the trawler Daisy, but as the submarine fired on the fishermen they were compelled to leave the others to their fate. The British destroyers rescued most of the crews of the German torpedo-boats and two officers were picked up by a passing steamer and taken to Holland.

## Submarine Operations Continue.

Besides these incidents in the North Sea, the German submarines continued their operations off the Scilly Islands, and in addition to torpedoing the American tank steamer Gulflight, the captain of which died of shock, sank the French steamer Europe and the British steamer Fulgent, the captain of the latter vessel being shot and killed.

The Admiralty tonight issued the following statement concerning the engagement in which the Recruit was sunk:

"A series of small affairs took place in the neighborhood of the Galloper and North Hinder lightships on Saturday.

"During the forenoon H. M. destroyer Recruit was sunk by a submarine, four officers and 21 men being saved by the trawler Daisy.

"The destroyer Recruit was on patrol duty Saturday morning when the submarine sank her. According to details received here, she was struck amidships by the torpedo and began to sink. The wounded vessel signaled for assistance, and her call was answered by the trawler Daisy, and 20 men out of her complement of 55 were saved.

"It is said that a torpedo was fired at the Daisy, which was forced to leave one of her rescue boats behind, and that the submarine chased this boat and fired her gun at it, wounding four men.

British torpedo-boat destroyers sighted in the distance two German torpedo-boats, which had sunk the trawler Columbia and apparently were supporting a submarine, engaged the Germans at long range in the vicinity of the North Hinder light. The Germans endeavored to run away, but the British boats pressed them hard and shortly afterward sank them. The British boats rescued some of the crews of the Germans and landed them today.

The attack on the French steamship Europe, from Barry to St. Nazaire with a cargo of wool, is described in a dispatch to Lloyd's from Penance. The dispatch says the Europe was sunk near Bishop's Rock Saturday morning. The submarine signaled the crew of the Europe to leave their ship. When they had done this the submarine shelled the steamer, which failed to

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## RUSSIAN PORT ON BALTIC MENACED

### GERMANS APPROACH LIBAU BY LAND AND SEA.

### Region of Szavle Also Occupied by Invading Detachments, Admits Petrograd War Office.

PETROGRAD, via London, May 2.—The following official communication was issued tonight:

"Detachments of the enemy occupy the region of Szavle (Shavil, 37 miles northwest of Kovno). German patrols appeared May 1 near Libau. The same day hostile torpedo boats visited the Gulf of Riga.

"West of the Niemen engagements continue. At the Village of Taysenko, on the right bank of the River Netta, an entire company of a German line regiment surrendered.

"In Galicia, on the night of the 30th, strong Austrian forces opened an offensive in the region of Cieskowice. Our fire forced the enemy to retire 600 paces from before our trenches.

"In the Carpathians the same night we repulsed Austro-German attacks in the vicinity of Golovetzko and Senetshouh."

VIENNA, via London, May 2.—The following official communication was issued today:

"On the heights between Orawa and the Opor Valley we repelled heavy attacks by the Russians and captured 200 prisoners. Afterward we proceeded to attack a strong Russian point east of the height of Oatry and took several hundred Russian prisoners and machine guns."

LEWISTON HOST TO MANY Distinguished Men Arriving for Open-River Celebration.

LEWISTON, Idaho, May 2.—Distinguished men from throughout the Northwest arrived here today to participate tomorrow in the waterways celebration to commemorate the completion of The Dalles-Celilo Canal. Arrivals included Governor Alexander, United States Senators Borah and Brady and ex-Governors Hawley and McConnell, of Idaho. Senators Joseph R. Thompson, of Pennsylvania, and Representative Humphrey, of Washington, arrived tonight, and Governor Lister, of Washington, and Governor Withycombe, of Oregon, will arrive tomorrow.

The celebration marks the first trip a steamer from Portland has ever made through the new canal to Lewiston, the steamer Teal having docked here last night. The steamer Undine will arrive early tomorrow morning from Portland.

Special trains over all lines running into Lewiston are bringing large numbers from all points and the city is already thronged with visitors.

A feature of the day here was the firing of salutes along the river to herald the coming of steamers on their maiden trips to Lewiston.

The Undine passed Swift, six miles from Almoia, at 3:25 P. M.

## BRITISH WIN IN AFRICA

### Union Forces Defeat Germans, but 800 of Enemy Escape.

CAPE TOWN, via London, May 2.—The following official statement regarding the operations in South Africa was issued today:

"General McKenzie's mounted forces which were designated to cut off the Germans, who, after the evacuation of Kretmanskop retreated northward along the railway, inflicted serious defeat on them in the vicinity of Gibbon. The Union forces, by destroying the railway north of Gibbon, captured a whole railway train, several transport wagons, a great quantity of livestock, two field guns, several maxims and 200 prisoners.

"The remnant of the German force, which was 800 strong, escaped owing to the rough ground, which obstructed the movement of the cavalry."

## FLIRT RECRUITS TOMMIES

### Young Woman Who Sent Six Britons to War Is Commended.

LONDON, April 16.—Flirting can be made an effective recruiting expedient. At a recent recruiting rally a girl held up her hand and announced that she had sent five young men to the front.

At the end of the meeting she indicated the young man at her side and declared, "Here's the sixth!"

This caused the speaker to say, "Flirting of that kind is the right sort of patriotism." He advised the young girls of the audience to use their wiles in behalf of King and country.

## LAWSON JURY STILL OUT

### Mineworker Official's Fate Subject of Sunday Deliberations.

TRINIDAD, Colo., May 2.—The jury in whose hands rests the fate of John R. Lawson, international board member of the United Mine Workers of America, spent the day in deliberations, but no definite information was available as to the prospect of reaching an agreement.

The case in which the labor leader was charged with the murder of John Nimmo, a deputy sheriff, during the Colorado coal strike, was given to the jury late yesterday.

## Umpqua Broccoli Contract Given.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Douglas County fruitgrowers held here Saturday John Nix & Co., of New York, was given the contract for handling all the broccoli produced in the Umpqua Valley. Most of the product will be shipped to Chicago and New York for disposal.

## AMERICAN TANKER IS SUNK BY TORPEDO

### Captain Dies as Result of Heart Failure.

## TWO SAILORS ARE DROWNED

### German Submarine Makes Attack Off Scilly Islands.

## WASHINGTON IS STIRRED

### Seriousness Admitted, and Note to Berlin Speaking of "Strict Accountability" Recalled; Damages May Be Demanded.

## Vessel Built in Camden, N. J.

The Gulflight was a steel vessel of 292 tons net and was built at Camden, N. J., in 1914. She was owned by the Gulf Refining Company. The vessel was 333 feet long, 51 feet beam and 30 feet deep. She was equipped with wireless telegraph apparatus.

## WASHINGTON, May 2.—

Press reports of the torpedoing of the American steamer Gulflight and the loss of her captain and some members of the crew created a stir tonight in official circles here, where the seriousness of the occurrence was everywhere admitted.

In the absence of President Wilson, officials made no comment as to the probable action of the United States Government, beyond saying that a thorough inquiry as to the manner of the torpedoing and the responsibility for it would first be required before a decision could be reached as to the kind of representations to be made.

Note to Germany Recalled.

If first reports are borne out, the attack on the Gulflight constitutes the first case of an American ship struck by a torpedo, with the consequent loss of lives. Two American vessels have been sunk by mines, the responsibility for which never has been fixed, and one American, Leon C. Thresher, was

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## EDESON INHERITS RICHES

### Uncle Leaves Actor, Now in Movies, Fortune of \$100,000.

NEW YORK, May 2.—(Special.)—Robert Edeson, a well-known actor of the legitimate stage, who recently has gone into motion pictures, received word today that he had inherited a fortune through the death of his uncle, William Henry Edeson.

The fortune is estimated to be about \$100,000. The news was conveyed to him by an attorney of Houma, La.

## EASTERN FRANCE RAIDED

### German Airmen Drop Bombs on Towns in Vosges.

PARIS, May 2.—German aeroplanes, doubtless in reply to the recent French air attacks on Friedrichshafen today bombarded various towns of Eastern France.

Four machines flew over Epinal, capital of the French department of Vosges, this morning and dropped 20 incendiary bombs. No one was hurt.

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## MEYER SAYS NAVY GAINS NO GROUND

### Ex-Secretary Takes Issue With Daniels.

## MAIN ELEMENTS NEGLECTED

### No Provision Made for Battle Cruisers With Speed.

## HEAVY GUNS OUTMATCHED

### Japan Building Several Warships With 14-Inch Ordnance, Britain Has 14-Inch Guns—Aircraft Sadly Neglected.

## BOSTON, May 2.—

Ex-Secretary of the Navy Meyer made public tonight a statement reviewing the open letter from Secretary of the Navy Daniels to President Garfield of Williams College, concerning the present status of the naval equipment of the United States. Mr. Meyer opens with the statement that Secretary Daniels' discussion of this subject "leaves much to be desired in the way of information." The statement follows:

"The Secretary neglects to state, when he refers to the last two years of the Taft administration, that the House of Representatives, which originates appropriations, was in control of the Democrats on account of the by-elections; that they went into caucus and voted 'no battleships.' It was on the issue that no party could afford to caucus on patriotism, placed before the people by some of the leading papers at my request, that we broke the caucus and obtained, grudgingly, from the Democrats one battleship for each of the remaining two years.

Sale Does Not Add to Tonnage.

"The war and the campaign of education on National Defense, has the fluenced Congress in making more liberal appropriations, but the third battleship Mr. Daniels obtained was made possible by the sale of the Idaho and Mississippi to Greece, using the fund derived from this transaction for an additional draught. But the Idaho and Mississippi were both modern ships, built in 1904, and while President Wilson's sale was a good business transaction, it will not, apparently, increase our tonnage.

"It should also be noted that the Indiana, Massachusetts and Oregon can no longer be included in our tonnage list; that the Iowa, Kearsarge, Kentucky and Alabama will reach their age limit in 1916, while the Illinois, Wisconsin, Maine, Ohio and Missouri are due for replacement by 1920, as battleships become obsolete in 20 years.

It is obvious, therefore, that a policy

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## STEAMER DRIFTING HELPLESS AT SEA

### EDGAR H. VANCE SOMEWHERE OFF COAST, RUDDERLESS.

### Tug Is Sent Out From San Francisco to Search for Vessel, Whose Tow Also Is Not Heard From.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—Somewhere out in the Pacific off the California coast the steamer Edgar H. Vance is drifting rudderless and otherwise badly damaged by the storm that for exactly three days raged along the coast, but that now has subsided.

The owners of the vessel received a wireless last night from a tug in Seattle, saying that her rudder had been carried away and her engine washed overboard by the waves.

The tug's search party was sent out to search for the steamer.

In the height of the storm Friday afternoon the Vance's deckload of lumber was carried away. That evening she lost her tow, the Norwegian ship Agdi, and because of the storm was unable to put lines aboard the ship again. No word has been received from the Agdi.

The steamer Iowan, which was blown far to the southward by the storm, reached this port early this morning.

## ARANT SUES FOR HIS JOB

### Crater Lake Park Ex-Superintendent Denies Right to Remove Him.

## OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

ington, May 2.—Secretary of the Interior Lane must show cause before the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia by May 11 why a mandamus should not be issued compelling him to reinstate William P. Arant as superintendent of Crater Lake National Park.

Arant was removed June 30 after having refused to resign at the request of Secretary Lane. On that date, Arant asserts, a United States Marshal and posse elected him and his family from the superintendent's house and took possession of the building.

Arant contends he was a civil service employe and could be removed only for cause. He is represented by J. A. Carnahan, of Klamath Falls, and by Washington counsel.

## TWO GOVERNORS ON TRAIN

### Party Passes Hood River on Way to Canal Fete at Lewiston.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—The following were on the O.-W. R. & N. train leaving Portland at 5:30 o'clock tonight to participate in the Dalles-Celilo Canal celebration at Lewiston and other points:

Governor Lister, Governor Withycombe, Lieutenant Colonel Morrow, Joseph N. Teal, Captain James W. A. Murray, Arthur H. Devera, James P. Fallins, Wallace R. Struble, R. A. Graham, Inspector R. W. Williams, I. W. Zeigans, private secretary to Governor Lister; William McMurray, general passenger agent of the O.-W. R. & N.; Captain V. Degerstedt, Captain C. W. Gay, W. H. Pope and Mrs. W. H. Pope.

The officers' wife shortly afterward started a fund for opening cafes for soldiers at Boulogne and other places in the collection of which she was assisted by the Queen and several ladies of the royal entourage, with the result that in less than a month this woman, attractive, smart-looking and about 20, had got in some \$12,000.

## Woman Opens Gambling Den.

Then she disappeared, and with the money opened a gambling hell at Calais under an assumed name, which was raided and broken up by the military authorities.

This incident led to inquiries that resulted in the discovery of the fact that the woman was not married to the officer whose wife she had pretended to be, and that the officer in question had served a term of imprisonment some years ago as a fraudulent bankrupt. He was then at once cashiered.

## Prince of Wales Is Victim.

Since this incident Queen Mary will not receive the wives of officers who have not been presented at court, as her majesty at first arranged to do during the war. This means that no officer's wife can meet the Queen without her name being submitted to the scrutiny of the Lord Chamberlain.

Another member of the "black list" who was dismissed from the Army last month was a more notorious card sharper, named Smithwick, who changed his name and obtained a commission in the blues. He was sent to France as a transport officer, and during his three weeks' service aboard "Hired" \$20,000 from a wealthy young French officer and won immense sums from the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Roxburghe and a Mr. Bahrns, a nephew of Lord Rothschild. A statement by the young French officer to a member of the English headquarters staff led to inquiries being made about the sharper, with the result that he was cashiered.

## FRENCH BEATEN IN ASIA

### Landing Party Retires After Stubborn Battle of Two Days.

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## SWINDLERS WEEDED FROM BRITISH ARMY

### Officers' Commissions Are Taken Away.

## QUEEN AND PRINCE ARE DUPED

### Commands Once Obtained by Criminals and ex-Convicts.

## WOMEN ARE ACCOMPLICES

### Adventurers Go to Front to Work Confidence Games, but Are Disccovered and Are Being Cashiered by War Department.

## LONDON, May 2.—(Special.)—

General French and the War Office are now endeavoring to get rid of a number of undesirable officers, who, in the last few months, have obtained commissions in the army, especially in crack regiments like the Guards, the Rifle Brigade and Tenth Hussars, more or less by false pretenses. These officers have become known in the service and in the military clubs in London as the "black hounds."

Four officers in the British army in France were cashiered last week, and six in England were deprived of their commissions. It is believed that more than 40 have previously been secretly weeded out.

Many Are of Worst Type.

These men are adventurers of the worst type, blackmailers, professional sharpers, bankrupt financiers, racing touts, etc.

The ease with which commissions in the army are now obtained even in the crack regiments, by men who are physically fit and less than 25 years old, made it an easy thing for these adventurers to find as officers in the Guards or other crack regiments a wide and profitable field for the exercise of their particular talents.

It is true that to obtain a commission in the army an applicant must give a reference of an officer of field rank, but these references are, as often as not, not required into, so a swindler or adventurer by gaining the name of some prominent officer at the front as a reference, readily obtains a commission.

Swindlers Dupe Queen.

One of the officers dismissed from the army last week obtained a commission in the Grenadier Guards a couple of months ago. On his application form he gave a reference to General Smith-Dorrien. He was quartered at St. James' barracks, and he and his wife were invited to dine at Buckingham Palace, as is customary in the case of all newly joined officers of the Guards.

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