

TORPEDO HITS ALLAN LINER

Hesperian Gets No Warning of Attack.

AMERICANS ABOARD UNHURT

Report That Vessel Was Armed With 4.7-Inch Rifle Is Denied.

NONE ON CRAFT KILLED

Wireless Summons Aid and Brings Convoy, Which Takes Ship Toward Ireland.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—The Allan Line steamer Hesperian, with 350 passengers and a crew of 300 aboard, bound from Liverpool for Montreal, was attacked without warning by a German submarine off the Irish coast just as darkness was falling Saturday evening.

No submarine was seen and probably it was too dark to observe the wake of a torpedo, but all the passengers and members of the crew who arrived at Queenstown in the rescue steamers today agree that the attack was made by a German undersea boat, basing their opinion on the force of the shock and the great volume of water thrown into the air.

Water Splashes on Deck. This dropped back on the deck, drenching the passengers who were taking an after-dinner promenade, feeling quite safe in the belief that they had passed the danger zone.

The force of the explosion was tremendous. All the passengers landed at Queenstown, many of them scantily clad. About 20 were injured. There were no American passengers aboard, so far as the American Consul could learn tonight, but two members of the crew were American citizens, and they were both saved.

There were reports that the Hesperian carried a rifle of 4.7-inch caliber on her stern, but these reports were not verified, being contradicted by Montreal reports.

Wounded Soldiers Aboard. About 30 Canadian soldiers who were wounded in battle in Flanders were going home to recuperate. Most of the other passengers were Canadians returning from a visit to England or English people on their way to Canada to settle.

The torpedo struck the Hesperian in the forward engine-room and the ship immediately began to settle by the head. Captain Main ordered the passengers and crew into the boats, but with his officers remained on the bridge, although at that time he must have felt sure that his ship would go down.

Discipline Is Perfect. The discipline was perfect, but one of the boats, the fall of which became jammed, capsized and those in her were thrown into the water.

In the darkness, confusion naturally prevailed, but all were picked up and, with other passengers and the crew, were transferred to the rescue steamers, which arrived in answer to wireless calls for assistance. The Hesperian was about 150 miles to the westward when struck.

The Hesperian was a vessel of 6124 tons net. She sailed from Montreal, August 17, for Liverpool, where she was reported to have arrived August 27.

The Allan Line, owners of the Hesperian, has been operated for about three years by the Canadian Pacific Railroad, ships of the line running between Great Britain and Canadian ports.

The Hesperian, a twin screw steamer, was built at Glasgow in 1908. She was 485 feet long with a beam of 60 feet and a depth of hold of 30 feet.

Slashings Start Forest Fire Report. CORVALLIS, Or., Sept. 5.—(Special).—Fire reported here today to be in a forest in the vicinity of Bellfountain on the property of the falling estate, 14 miles south of this city.

TUGBOATS TO AID SCHOONER LOUISE

EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO TOW VESSEL FROM SHOALS.

Situation of Stranded Schooner Said to Be Much Improved—Seas No Longer Breaking.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Sept. 5.—The position of the schooner Louise, which for the last two days has drifted about 1000 feet across the shoals off Grays Harbor, near here, was reported tonight to be considerably improved.

Seas are no longer breaking over the vessel and she was able today to launch a boat. Tugs are arranging to try to pull her out early tomorrow with the aid of a 4000-foot cable. Tug captains believe they will succeed.

BIG RANCH BEING DITCHED

Improvement Under Way on 21,000-Acre Farm at Klamath.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 5.—(Special).—Work has been begun on a new drain ditch on the 21,000-acre ranch of Abner Weed in the Wood River Valley, near Fort Klamath, north of this city. The cost of completing the work will be close to \$40,000.

The ditches and drains were formerly constructed on the ranch for the purpose of taking off and keeping off the surplus water which has been the means of reclaiming thousands of acres. The work now being begun has been in contemplation for several years, and is expected to add largely to the arable area.

FIRE GOT UNDER CONTROL

Two-Mile Blaze on Mount Hood Railway Checked Near Homes.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 5.—(Special).—The forest fire between Bloucher and Holstein stations, on the line of the Mount Hood Railway, was brought under control last night after burning over a scope of timbered land two miles long and half a mile wide.

J. J. Krummeier, D. L. Rowntree and Gust Westerber, ranchers of the neighborhood, whose places were threatened, lapped their household goods on wagons and were ready to abandon their homes. The flames were subdued within a few hundred feet of the Rowntree place.

MUDSLIDE BLOCKS CANAL

Vessels Will Not Be Able to Pass Through for Two Days.

PANAMA, Sept. 5.—A new slide in the Panama Canal has blocked the passage of all ships, including the steamers Kroonland and Finland. There are 22 vessels at different points along the canal waiting for the reopening of traffic.

The dredges have excavated 49,000 cubic yards of mud and stone in the past 24 hours, a record in dredging. There is no chance for any vessels to pass through the waterway for two more days. The Kroonland and Finland probably will be delayed in passing until the end of the week.

DEATH LAID TO HUNTERS

Medford Intake Keeper Found in Mountains Near His Home.

MEDFORD, Or., Sept. 5.—(Special).—Harry Fry, keeper of the city water intake in the mountains, was found dead from a bullet, near his home today. It is presumed that Fry was mistaken Saturday for a deer and shot.

Hunters heard his cries Saturday noon, but did not investigate. His family was informed late Saturday that a man had been wounded and a search began. Three hunters who were in the vicinity are to be investigated. He leaves a wife and two small children.

DANISH STEAMER SUNK

Captain and 18 Members of Crew Saved.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—Lloyds announces that the Danish steamer Frode has been sunk. Captain Clemmensen and 18 members of the crew of the vessel were saved.

The Frode, a vessel of 2050 tons, sailed from Montevideo August 2 for Malmo, Sweden. She was owned in Copenhagen.

TWO F-BOATS DAMAGED

Steamer Crashes Into Flotilla at Honolulu, Cuts One to Water Line.

HONOLULU, Sept. 5.—The United States steamer Supply, while docking here today, crashed into a flotilla of submarines of the F type, cutting the F-2 to the water line and putting the after end of the underwater boat out of commission.

The impact jammed three submarines together, slightly denting the hull of F-1.

NORWEGIAN BARK IS SUNK

Crew of 14 Are Reported to Have Been Landed Safely.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—The Norwegian bark Glimt has been sunk, but its crew of 14 was landed safely.

10,000 EXPECTED ON HIGHWAY TRIP TODAY

Inspection of Columbia Route Arranged.

EVERY CONVENIENCE PROVIDED

Jomelli to Sing to Accompaniment of Wahkeena Falls.

BENSON PARK TO BE GIVEN

Music by Brass Bands, Competitive Events, Lunch and Refreshments May Be Had—Trains Are Ample and Rates Low.

AUTOISTS WARNED TO DRIVE SLOWLY ON HIGHWAY. Because of the many autos that will use the Columbia River Highway today, and the possibility of serious accidents unless the utmost caution is observed, automobilists are warned not to speed faster than 12 miles an hour and not over 10 miles an hour on the curves. Roadmaster Yeon will have the highway patrolled to see that speed limits are not broken.

There are many turns in the road, and a collision or the skidding of a car at some points would throw the occupants over the side of the highway for a distance of several hundred feet. The necessity for cautious driving is emphasized by the fact that some of the firms which will have cars out have ordered that the cars shall not exceed 10 miles an hour.

This is the day when Portland gets acquainted with the Columbia River Highway and its natural wonders. If the day is fair, and the weather man last night promised that it will be, a great holiday throng is sure to be out to view the highway. The Portland Ad Club, which is responsible for having this declared "Inspection day," expects 10,000 persons to go by rail or auto.

Benson Park to Be Dedicated. One of the most unusual celebrations ever held will be the day's big event. This is the dedication of Benson Park, a scenic tract of more than 300 acres where Wahkeena Falls, which in the Indian tongue means "most beautiful," drops over the side of a mountain. To preserve the beauty of this wonderful spot to the public forever, the Portland Ad Club, which is responsible for having this declared "Inspection day," expects 10,000 persons to go by rail or auto.

In the rocky amphitheater followed out here by nature, Madame Jomelli will sing after the formal dedication exercises. The music of the falling water will be her only accompaniment. The exercises at Benson Park will (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

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The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 71. TODAY'S—Fair; westerly winds. War. Allan liner Hesperian is torpedoed without warning. Russian General reports that only by use of gas were Germans able to take Osawetitz. Germany has but few large subscriptions to war loan. Today wins race of trapping of German near Paris. Battle on Mexican border is renewed. "Friends of Peace" cheer news of torpedoing of Hesperian. Theory advanced that Dr. Mohr's intimate knowledge of many side of Newport high society may have caused his murder. Pacific Coast League results: Portland 1-2. San Francisco 0-3; Vernon 7-0, Los Angeles 4-2; Salt Lake 6, Oakland 0. Waverly golf team defeats Portland club 108 strokes. Maroons whitewashed by Monarchs of City League. Schooner Louise in peril at Grays Harbor. Steamship Grace Dollar goes aground at Siuslaw and is refloated. Portland and vicinity. Miss Frances McHenry captivated in Baker's first play, "Within the Law." Honolulu officials and organizations eager to entertain Romanians. Lotie Yates arrested here on charges of forgery made at Baker. Usual half-holiday on opening day of school to be omitted. Musical show with National audience with thousands to celebrate Labor day in woods today. Pinks wins race with Lahaina in voyage from Australia. Many Portland pastors discuss labor topics. Rural credit system of W. H. H. Dufar discussed by Damascus Grange. Two thousand expected to inspect Columbia Highway today.

GREEKS CURB CONTRABAND

Congress Adjourns Without Announcing Foreign Policy.

ATHENS, via Paris, Sept. 5.—After passing a stringent law against contraband, Congress adjourned until October 25 at the close of an all-night session. Premier Venizelos has made no statement regarding the foreign policy. The pressure of the allies on Greece to meet the suggestions of the quadruple entente regarding territorial concessions to Bulgaria apparently has slackened, for the present at least. Interested diplomats say it is now up to Greece to act.

Two government employes were arrested last night, charged with revealing to belligerent agents the contents of messages from opposing belligerents.

MILL BURNS; LOSS \$10,000

R. G. Cox Planer Destroyed by Grass Fire at Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Sept. 5.—(Special).—The R. G. Cox planing mill, on North Fourth street, was destroyed by fire this morning and the Cox lumber yards, directly across the street, endangered.

Mr. Cox has not estimated his damage as yet, but it will be close to \$10,000, and perhaps higher, he stated, as all the machinery and some lumber stock were contained in the building. Only light insurance was carried. The fire started in dry grass on a vacant lot near by. A barn owned by John Berg was also destroyed.

CHAMBER TO LAY PLANS

Dinner Thursday to Consider Many Topics of Development.

One of the largest gatherings of members of the Chamber of Commerce that has been held since the reorganization is expected next Thursday night at the dinner of the bureau of industries and manufactures, at 6:15 o'clock. The invitation has been issued to members in all bureaus of the Chamber.

A. J. Kingsley will speak on plans for the future. Manager George E. Hardy is expected at this meeting to give the first public address outlining in general his policies for future activities of the Chamber.

In addition to the addresses of the evening a special programme of entertainment features will be offered under the direction of "Nick" Pioroz.

WINES MAY ALL BE HELD

California Association Not to Buy Grapes Because of War Tax.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—Announcement has been made by Louis S. Wetmore, general manager of the California Wine Association, that, owing to the present war tax on dry wine, the association would not buy any grapes this year.

A circular letter conveying this information has been sent to California wine growers, who were advised not to sell their wine until after Congress had convened, the letter expressing the belief that Congress would modify the selling tax of 8 cents a gallon.

GERMANS ON DVINA BANK

Bridges Burned and Russians Cross to Right Shore.

PETROGRAD, via London, Sept. 5.—The Germans having set fire to the bridges over the Dvina in the region of Friedrichtstadt, and with reinforcements, started a movement to force a crossing.

The Russians, according to an official communication issued today, have crossed to the right bank of the stream.

FRIENDS OF PEACE CHEER LINER'S LOSS

Hisses Drawn at Report of Death.

"JINGO PRESS" IS ASSAILED

Speakers Insist Reports of German Concessions False.

MUNITION SALES ATTACKED

Charges Made That Attempt Is Being Made by Manufacturers, Press and Politicians to Involve United States.

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—The first session of the National convention of the Friends of Peace, which opened here today, was given over largely to the women delegates as a sentimental acknowledgment of the part women must play in the peace movement, but a number of men speakers launched vigorous attacks on what they called the "jinglo press" and manufacturers who are shipping munitions to belligerent nations. These attacks were greeted by applause.

A ripple of applause also greeted the reading of a bulletin announcing that the Allan liner Hesperian had been torpedoed by a German submarine, but immediately a storm of hisses drowned out the applause. The bulletin read by Henry Weissman, of Chicago, chairman of the resolutions committee, contained the erroneous statement that 400 lives had been lost.

Later another bulletin stating no lives had been lost was read and the delegates broke into applause that lasted several minutes. Mr. Weissman said the action of the submarine confirmed his opinion that reports declaring Germany had acceded to the demands of the United States regarding submarine warfare had been published solely to keep people from attending the convention of the Friends of Peace, and that the "jinglo press" had lent its efforts to the movement with that end in view.

Rev. D. C. Berkemeier, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., charged that the influential papers of the United States are trying their best to incite the Nation to war.

Sentiment Called Un-American. Rev. Mr. Berkemeier said the "jingo people" of Europe, whether Russian, German or French, did not want war. Rev. P. Vollmer, of Dayton, O., said there was prevalent a sentiment to "let President Wilson do it" whenever the conduct of our foreign negotiations was brought up.

"That's wrong, and it is un-American," he said. "We must let our servants, who handle the reins of our Government for us, know what we want. If we want peace we must keep a watch on them."

Rev. Mr. Vollmer ended his address (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

Sunday's War Moves

EITHER the driving power of the Austro-German offensive against Russia is nearly exhausted or the German generals have decided that their armies have penetrated the Russian Emperor's domains as far as is considered safe, and are preparing to dig themselves in for the winter. This is the opinion expressed by military experts.

Certainly very little progress is now being made, and at many points the Germans and Austrians are contenting themselves with repulsing the counter-attacks of the Russians. From the Gulf of Riga to Grodno, Field Marshal von Hindenburg's armies are at a standstill, having apparently made no attempt to cross the Dvina after carrying the bridgeheads at Lennawada and Friedrichtstadt.

To the north, southwest and south of Vilna, the fall of which has been predicted for some days, the Germans are faced by strong Russian forces, who by their offensive make it dangerous for the Germans to push their way westward north or south of them. The Germans, on the other hand, are massed between Grodno and Kobrin on the Brest-Pinsk Railway, but their immediate object is not obvious, unless they are looking for a good defensive position on which to hold the Russians throughout the winter.

Further south the Russians are offering fresh resistance as they are firmly established in a fortified area of which Rovno and Dubno are centers; while in Galicia they still hold the line of the Sereth river.

With the rainy season a few weeks off, the opposing armies, especially in the marshy region of the center, cannot hope to carry on the operations much longer, and some reports state that the Germans and Austrians are already moving troops to the Serbian, Rumanian and western fronts.

In the western zone, the heavy artillery of the allies is still bombarding the German lines, doing all the damage possible and trying to break the morale of the German troops, but thus far there is no indication of a general offensive.

Paris reports that the Turks have delivered an unsuccessful night attack against the British positions near the Anzac region, but beyond that no news has been received of the operations in the Near East.

There has been a renewal of the reports from Athens of dissensions between the Turks and Germans at Constantinople, and of depression among the Turks as the result of heavy losses in Gallipoli. No evidence of this, however, is to be found among the Turkish troops, who are reported to be fighting with all their old stubbornness.

Arthur J. Balfour, First Lord of the British Admiralty, in a letter to the press, gives official recognition to the belief that the German promises to add that British merchant tonnage is being sunk without warning were brought about by the realization that the submarine warfare against merchantmen had proved a failure. He again intimates that many German submarines have been accounted for, and adds that British merchant tonnage is now greater than before the war, despite the damage done by the submarines.

September 6, 1914. Beer and wine to bear brunt of war tax in United States. Great Britain disarming merchant craft. Allies agree to make no peace terms without other's consent. Armed million walk in France for battle that is expected to prove worst conflict of war.

BATTLE ON MEXICAN BORDER IS RENEWED

United States Troops Kill Two Bandits.

SITUATION MUCH RELIEVED

Carranza Authorities Co-operate With Americans.

TROOP MOVEMENT BEGINS

Four Thousand Regulars Rushed to Rio Grande to Maintain Peace.

Two Killed Saturday Known to Be Carranza Supporters.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Sept. 5.—Two Mexican bandits were shot today by American soldiers returning the bandits' fire across the Rio Grande at Cavazos Crossing. At the same time the gravity of the situation was relieved somewhat by the co-operation of Carranza military authorities, who removed Carranza troops from the river bank at Cavazos Crossing.

Major Hay, chief of staff for Major-General Frederick Funston, arrived today from San Antonio and was followed by several troop trains, the beginning of a troop movement which will put the weight of 4000 regulars in the Lower Rio Grande Valley to help maintain peace.

Carranza Officer Killed. One Carranza officer and one civilian, known in Matamoros, Mexico, as a Carranza supporter, were killed in yesterday's fighting at Cavazos Crossing, about 50 miles west of here, between Mexicans and American soldiers and Texas rangers. Proof of the deaths of these two men was brought here today from Matamoros.

Captain Frank R. McCoy, Third United States Cavalry, in command of the troops at the crossing fight, reported also that there probably were other casualties among the Mexicans yesterday. These casualties were at least a dozen Mexicans, seen to fall during the fighting.

The total American casualties yesterday and today were one slightly wounded.

Permit Given to Get Body. The American Consul, Jesse H. Johnson, at Matamoros, Mexico, today on behalf of General E. P. Nafarrate, commanding Carranza troops there, to secure permission for his men to recover the body of a Carranza soldier lying on the river bank near Reynosa, which is almost opposite Hidalgo, the nearest town to the fighting zone at least a dozen Mexicans, seen to fall during the fighting.

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CARRANZA GETS LANSING NOTE

Mexican General's Friends Expect Him to Balk on Agreement.

VERA CRUZ, Sept. 5.—The reply of Secretary of State Lansing to Carranza's question as to whether the signatories of the note drafted by the recent Pan-American peace conference acted in official capacity was received last night.

The belief is expressed here that General Carranza now will not delay long his note replying to the peace appeal, and that it will reject the proposition.

General Carranza's forces are making steady progress, according to all official reports, and it is said that he will point out the inconsistency and inadvisability of his entering into an agreement with those hostile to him, especially under the direction of foreign governments.

OBREGON ENTERS SALTILLO

Villa Followers Lose Heavily When Resistance Is Made.

VERA CRUZ, Sept. 5.—Saltillo, capital of the State of Coahuila, was occupied today by General Obregon. Followers of Villa resisted the Carranza forces at Angostura, an outlying point, and are reported to have suffered severe losses.

ARMY AEROPLANE FALLS

Lieutenant Morrow and Private Kuehnkrick Are Injured.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Sept. 5.—One of the United States Army aeroplanes here fell about 50 feet just before sunset tonight at the aviation field.

Flight Lieutenant Joseph C. Morrow, of Ft. Sill, was stunned and badly bruised. Private Adam Kuehnkrick, who was making a flight with him, was badly bruised. Both are expected to recover. The machine was completely wrecked.

Runaway Boy Caught.

Albert Vollin, a 15-year-old boy from Tacoma, Wash., was arrested as a runaway last night by Captain Circle. The boy was half-famished, and the policeman took him to a restaurant for lunch before sending him to the County Jail.

HOW SOME FOLKS WILL SPEND THE DAY. Illustration showing a car on a highway, a picnic on a mountain, and a man in a hospital bed. Text includes: 'THERE WILL BE THE USUAL ATHLETIC EXERCISES FOR FAT MEN', 'SOME WILL PICNIC ON LARCH MOUNTAIN', 'AH PUT EM OVER', 'THE NATIONAL GAME WILL NOT BE NEGLECTED', 'ON AN OCCASIONAL ONE WILL SPEND THE DAY IN THIS OLD FASHIONED WAY', 'MANY WILL SPEND THE DAY ON THE CLACKAMAS RIFLE RANGE'.