4 STEAMERS SUNK BY GERMAN U-BOATS

One Frenchman and Three Britishers Destroyed, and Another Is Shelled.

23 OF CREW ARE KILLED

Merican Also Has 50 Wounded, but Escapes Submarine—Californian, Clan MacAlister, Moorima and France Are Lost.

LONDON, Nov. 10.—Destruction of the steamer France, in the Mediterranean, off the Island of Sardinia, Sunday, by a German submarine, was reported today from Rome, shortly after the announcement by the British Admiralty of the sinking of the British steamers California, Clan MacAlister and Morrima, and of an attack on the British transport Mercian, 23 of whose crew were killed and 50 wounded.

The crew of the France, numbering 71, were landed at Cogliora. One was badly and three severely wounded.

The steamer France was a vessel of 4025 ton gross. She was built in 1897 and owned by the Societe Generale Des Transports Maritimes a Vapeur of Marseilles. The steamer has been generally used in the Mediterranean and South American trade. The last record of the France shows that she was at Algiers September 22 last.

Mercian Makes Escape.

Announcement of the attack on the Mercian was made tonight by the war office as follows:

"The outward-bound transport Mercian was attacked by gunfire from an enemy submarine in the Mediterranean. She reached harbor safely with casualties of 23 killed, 30 missing and 50 wounded, who were landed and are in a hospital."

The Mercian is a vessel of 6305 ton gross and 400 feet long. She was built in 1908 and owned in Liverpool.

The places where the other vessels were sunk have not been announced.

The Clan MacAlister, 4835 ton gross, was owned in Glasgow. The moorima, 2159 tons, was in the government service.

Californian Near Titanic.

The British steamer Californian, a vessel of 6223 ton has been sunk.

The Californian was a Leyland Line steamer of 6223 ton gross register. She had been taken over by the British for government service.

The Californian figured prominently in the story of the Titanic disaster, having been near the scene of the wreck, but not having gone to the rescue.

PACIFIC SHIPS RELEASED

CANADIAN FLEET TO RESUME RUNS TO ORIENT.

Britain Orders Vessels Out of Armed Auxiliary Service and Japanese Will Have Competition.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 10.—(Special.)—Under orders of the British government, the Canadian Pacific liners Empress of Japan, Empress of Russia and Empress of Asia, which were requisitioned at the outbreak of the war and converted into armed transports, were today released from government control and ordered to Kongkong, where their guns will be dismounted and they will again be put in condition for commercial trade. As soon as ready, these liners will resume their former run between Vancouver and Manila, Yokohama and Hongkong.

Two interpretations are placed on the British orders—one that Great Britain does not want Japan to get full control of the trans-Pacific trade, as it prepared to do after the withdrawal of the Pacific Mail steamers, and the other is that the end of the war may be in sight, and the British government has no further use for these vessels as naval auxiliaries.

No definite explanation can be obtained at the British Embassy.

TEST LAND SUIT BEGUN

Northern Pacific Seeks Ruling on Areas Included in Reserves.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov 10.—The Northern Pacific Railway Company, by injunction proceedings instituted in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia today, hopes to obtain a court ruling which will determine whether the Government, by the creation of forest and other reservations, can deplete a land grant and arbitrarily cut down acreage which was intended to be granted to the railroad by Congress.

In this test case the railroad company seeks to compel the revocation of an order of the Secretary of the Interior, canceling its selection of a small tract of land near Spokane, which is included in the Priest River forest reserve. This land lies within the indemnity limits of the Northern Pacific grant, but when the railroad company filed its indemnity selection, that selection was cancelled, because it was in a forest reserve.

The Northern Pacific contends it cannot fully satisfy its grant unless permitted to select lands which are now included in forest reserves.

Title to about 3,000,000 acres depends upon the decision.

PRUSSIAN LOSSES HEAVY

Total Estimated at 2,099,454; Other Kingdoms Not Included.

ROTTERDAM, via London, Nov. 10.—German losses from October 10 to November 2 in dead, wounded and missing were 78,376, according to figures published by the Courant, which presumes these casualties relate to the Champagne district.

The total Prussian losses to date, the paper says, have been 2,099,454, not including 230 Bavarian, 292 Wurtemburg, 280 Saxon and 50 navy lists and the lists of officers and non-commissioned officers who have been lost while fighting with the Turks.

Wedding Celebrates Anniversary.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—On the 36th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. I. Syphers their son, Charles Syphers, was married to Emma Ferguson. All are residents of Blachly. The Rev. J. M. Boyles, of the Presbyterian Church, officiated. The wedding occurred at noon. The couple will make their home at Blachly.

AMERICAN SOCIETY WOMAN WHO ASKS AID IN HELPING WAR VICTIMS.

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MRS. NINA LARREY DURYEA.

UNHURT MEN AMAZE

Able Bodies Seem Strange to Woman From France.

CHEAP CLOTHING IS ASKED

Member of New York Society Returns to United States to Continue Merciful Work, After Aiding 6000 Victims.

NEWPORT, R. I., Nov. 6.—(Special.)—"On landing in New York on my return from France," said Mrs. Nina Larray Duryea, "what struck me as amazing was the sight of men on every hand with arms, legs and eyes intact. If happiness is the absence of pain, then America is happy. Throughout France echoes the tap, tap of crutches. The lame lead the blind; children guard men who, a short while ago, were setting forth in splendid vigor to defend their country; women, bereft of support, their homes in ashes, are glad to work at the 'oeuvres' for 20 cents a day.

"Winter is here and France will be the theater of the most appalling struggle of civilization against brute force the world has ever seen. The horrors of trench life in snow and mud recommence, when death from exposure reaps its harvest as well as do the obus."

Mrs. Duryea, a New York society woman, was living in France when the war began, and she set about at once the work of aiding the unfortunate refugees and wounded soldiers. With the aid of generous Americans she has assisted 6000 of these. But she now comes to America to appeal for more aid to continue the work.

"At the depot 'Les Isoles,' where each night 600 men sleep on their way from convalescent hospitals before returning to the front, they lie on straw on a factory floor with only their ponderous kits for pillows. Their uniforms show mended bullet holes. They are white and wan from months in the hospitals, yet each dawn a detachment marches away singing the 'Marseillaise,' many to die.

"We give them pipes, suspenders, medals of the Virgin, laces, socks and shirts, and, if you could see their pleasure, you would hasten to the '10-cent' store and send me a case of such treasures. They cost so little and they mean so much.

"I need socks, the insides of the heels smeared with soap to prevent blisters; chest protectors of cheap flannel, double back and front to within two inches of the neck, and articles for the homeless orphans.

"They may be addressed to Duryea, care of the American Relief Clearing House, 150 Rank street, New York, or money may be sent to the Duryea War Relief Fund, Union Trust Company, New York."

SNOW FALL CONTINUES

MANY FARMERS NEAR PENDLETON FINISH GRAIN SEEDING.

Stockmen Near Union Rejoice, Although Moisture Is Little Late to Give Grass Good Start.

PENDLETON, Or., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—Considerable snow has fallen in the mountains east of Pendleton the last few days. Harry Sayres, a farmer, reports that when he left Gibbon, a town 18 miles from Pendleton, yesterday to come to the city there was about two inches of snow on the ground.

Brakemen on westbound trains declare that toward Kamela and Mescham there is six inches of snow. A steady rain fell in Pendleton Monday night for about eight hours. A good many of the farmers have finished seeding, and the grain has started to come up.

Other farmers have refused to commence seeding until after the ground is damp. Little rain fell in the west end of the county last night.

The first snow of the year fell in Pendleton this morning. It amounted to nothing more than a heavy frost locally and quickly disappeared. The fall in the foothills was heavier.

SNOW WELCOMED AT UNION

Fall Is Expected to Continue and Stockmen Feel Benefits.

UNION, Or., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—Rain, which began at 10 o'clock last night, quickly turned into snow, and there was four or five inches of wet, heavy snow on the ground.

The prospects are, however, for a further fall. This ends the longest dry Fall known in this section for many years, and farmers and stockmen are pleased, although the moisture comes too late for grass to make much of a start before cold weather, unless the season should prove exceptional.

SEATTLE MAN FALLS FAR

Serious Injuries Result When Car Bears Down on Charles Wilson.

Struck by the train or losing his balance through fright as a Vancouver train bore down upon him, Charles Wilson, of Seattle, plunged 25 feet from the first span of the Columbia Slough trestle to a log raft below late yesterday, resulting in fractures to his hip, jaw and breast bone. He was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital by the Ambulance Service Company, where his conditions was reported to be serious.

The man is 46 years old and was roughly dressed and unshaven. The trestle is 1200 feet from the nearest public right of way and has no provisions for pedestrians.

According to Fred Mickelson, motorman of the Vancouveer northbound train, Wilson appeared to rise from beneath the trestle about 40 feet ahead as the train rounded a curve on the trestle. The motorman said he immediately threw on the emergency brakes and had slowed down almost to a stop when the man toppled. Mickelson does not believe that the car touched the man.

ZEPPELIN VISITS SOFIA

Germans Exhibit Great Aircraft to People of Bulgarian Capital.

BERLIN (By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.), Nov. 10.—The arrival at Sofia of a German eppelin, after an eight-hour voyage from Temesvar, Hungary, across Southern Hungary, Northeastern Serbia and Northwestern Bulgaria, is reported in a dispatch from Sofia given out by the Overseas News Agency.

"The eppelin had the Duke of Mecklenburg on board," says the dispatch. The airship was visited by King Ferdinand directly after its arrival. After virtually all Sofia had visited and admired it, the airship started on its return voyage."

ROAD PASSAGE IS FOUGHT

Colonel W. F. Tucker Is Suing to Enjoin Hood River Court.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—Colonel W. F. Tucker, of the Upper Valley, has brought suit against K. L. Kirkpatrick, a neighboring rancher, and members of the County Court to enjoin them from constructing a road across the former's home ranch, "El Corregidor," to the Kirkpatrick place. Colonel Tucker also calls for the adjudication of the rights of a spring over which he and Mr. Kirkpatrick are in dispute.

The spring controversy led to a suit against Colonel Tucker by Fred Howe, a garage man. The case, however, was dismissed yesterday.

Man at Roseburg Pleads Not Guilty.

ROSEBURG, Or., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—Ben Kennedy, of Camas Valley, who was brought here from Prineville to face a serious charge in the Circuit Court entered a plea of not guilty today. He will be tried later in the week.

Gresham Tax Levy 7 Mills.

GRESHAM, Or., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—At the special meeting of the City Council the tax levy for the coming year was fixed at 7 mills on the dollar. The valuation of all classes of city property last year was $580,175 and the income this year by the new levy will be $4061.

Methodist Conference Is Set.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—The first quarterly conference of the Methodist Church will be held November 13. Dr. J. T. Abbott, of Eugene, the district superintendent, will officiate. Rev. C. O. Heath, local pastor, will fill the Springfield pulpit Sunday on account of the absence of Rev. James T. Moore.

Gresham Gets Holiday Tomorrow.

GRESHAM, Or., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—Mayor George W. Stapleton has issued a proclamation declaring Friday afternoon, November 12, a holiday and requested that all business houses in Gresham close that they may participate in the parade which will be part of the programme for "Gresham day" at the Land Products Show. The committee in charge of the arrangements has secured 50 pairs of pennants wtih the word "Gresham" in white on a crimson background, and are being sold to all who desire them. It is expected to have more than 50 automobiles in the paarde, which will be headed by the Twenty-first Infantry band.

Gresham School Empties Quickly.

GRESHAM, Or., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—In a fire drill at the Union High School No. 2 Monday morning the new school building was emptied of students and teachers, 160 in all, in 40 seconds. The second monthly report to the Superintendent of the County Schools shows a percentage of attendance as 98.6, which is a record-breaker. "Go to school days," which will be November 22, 23 and 24, suggest the organization of a Parent-Teachers' Association for the Union High School. The matter will be taken up with the patrons, and it is hoped to perfect the organization before the Christmas vacation.

THEY REFUSE TO EAT

At periods in most childrens' lives they fail to relish their meals and refuse to eat even the delicacies prepared to tempt their appetites. They lack ambition, and growth seems impeded, which causes anxiety and worry.

To compel them to eat is a grave mistake, because nutrition is impaired. Healthful exercise in fresh air and sunshine is important, but equally important is a spoonful of Scott's Emulsion three times a day to feed the tissues and furnish food-energy to improve their blood, aid nutrition and sharpen their appetites.

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