



U-BOATS SINK NINE NEAR U. S. COAST

4 Victims British Ships; 3 Not Designated.

ONE IS DUTCH, 1 NORWEGIAN

American Torpedo Craft Assist in Rescuing Crews From Open Boats.

3 SUBMARINES OPERATING

News of Presumed Activity of U-53 Causes Panic in Shipping Circles.

NEWPORT, R. I., Oct. 9.—The executive officer of the destroyer Ericsson returning early today from the scene of the German submarine activities off Nantucket, reported that nine ships had been sunk, and that three submarines are operating off the coast. This information, he said, he had on the authority of the captain of the Nantucket Shoals Lightship.

BOSTON, Oct. 8.—The submarine arm of the Imperial German navy ravaged shipping off the Eastern coast of the United States today.

Four British, one Dutch and one Norwegian steamers were sent to the bottom or left crippled derelicts off Nantucket Shoals.

Tonight the destroyer flotilla of the United States Atlantic fleet was picking up passengers and crews of the destroyed vessels and bringing them into Newport, R. I.

So far as known there was no loss of life, though the crew of the British steamer Kingston had not been accounted for.

American Steamer Held Up.

A submarine held up the American steamer Kansas, bound from New York for Genoa with steel for the Italian Government, but later, on establishment of her identity, allowed the American to proceed. The Kansas came into Boston harbor late tonight for her usual call here.

The hostile submarine is believed to be the U-53, which paid a call to Newport yesterday, and disappeared at sunset. Some naval men, however, declared that at least two submarines are operating close to the American shore, though outside the three-mile limit.

Record Shown by Wireless.

The record of submarine warfare, as brought to land by wireless dispatches, follows:

Strathdene, British freighter, torpedoed and sunk off Nantucket, crew taken aboard Nantucket Shoals lightship and later removed to Newport by American torpedo boat destroyers. The Strathdene left New York yesterday for Bordeaux, and was attacked at 6 A. M.

West Point, British freighter, torpedoed and sunk off Nantucket. Crew abandoned the ship in small boats after a warning shot from the submarine's gun. Officers and men were taken aboard a destroyer.

Stephano Reported Still Afloat.

Stephano, British passenger liner, plying regularly between New York, Halifax and St. Johns, N. F., torpedoed southeast of Nantucket, bound for New York. Reported still afloat late tonight. Passengers and crew, numbering about 140, were picked up by the destroyer Balch and brought to Newport. The attack was made at 4:30 P. M.

Kingston, British freighter, torpedoed and sunk southeast of Nantucket. Crew missing and destroyer searching for them. This vessel is not accounted for in maritime registers, and may be the Kingstonian. The attack occurred at 6 P. M.

MRS. BOISSEVAIN MAY FLY

Ad Club Arranging for Aeroplane Trip to Seattle.

Inez Mitholland Boissevain may make an aeroplane flight from Portland to Seattle Wednesday, if plans of the Portland Ad Club materialize.

Mrs. Boissevain will speak in Portland Tuesday night in the interest of the women's party at a large public banquet at Hotel Multnomah. The Ad Club wants her to remain over and speak again Wednesday at noon. In that case it would be impossible for Mrs. Boissevain to reach Seattle by train in time for a Wednesday night address.

John Evans, of Seattle, has been asked by telegraph to undertake to transport Mrs. Boissevain by aeroplane.

TEUTONS TAKE KRONSTADT

Roumanian Admit Withdrawal of Forces From Transylvania.

BERLIN, via London, Oct. 8.—Kronstadt, leading industrial and commercial center of Transylvania, which was occupied by Roumanians on their entry into the war, has been recaptured by the Austro-German forces, the War Office announced today.

BUCHAREST, via London, Oct. 8.—Roumanian troops from Hermannstadt to Brassao have been withdrawn to the Carpathian frontier, according to the official communication from Roumanian headquarters, to insure better defense of the frontier passes.

Two of Vessels Neutral.

Bloemersdijk, Dutch freighter, torpedoed and sunk south of Nantucket. Crew taken aboard a destroyer. The steamer was bound for Rotterdam from New York, having sailed last night.

Christian Knudsen, Norwegian freighter, torpedoed and sunk near where the Bloemersdijk went down. Crew picked up by destroyers. The vessel sailed from New York Saturday for London.

The sensation created yesterday, (Concluded on Page 4, Column 2.)

BURNING VESSEL'S PASSENGERS SAFE

COAST GUARD CUTTER PICKS UP ANTILLA'S BOATS.

Steamer in Tow of Tugs Is Headed for Port and Captain Believes Blaze May Be Put Out.

OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., Oct. 8.—Radio messages received here tonight from the Coast Guard cutter Onondaga said that two tugs are towing the burning Ward line steamer Antilla to Hampton Roads, and that passengers and crew, which took to the small boats 120 miles off Cape Henry last night, are aboard the cutter, which is conveying the tow.

The message also asked that another tug be sent out to assist in fighting the fire.

The Onondaga reached the Antilla at 8:30 this morning in response to radio distress signals early last night. The passengers and crew in small boats were picked up and transferred to the cutter.

The Antilla should arrive at Cape Henry about noon tomorrow. The extent of the fire is not known here.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Captain J. E. Blackadder, of the Antilla, reported by wireless late today to the Ward line officials here that he and his 12-year-old daughter and the crew had taken to the lifeboats and that the Onondaga and the Morro Castle, of the Ward line, were standing by the burning ship.

The Antilla's commander said he believed there was a good chance of saving the ship.

SCIENTIFIC FUND PROVIDED

Newest Discoveries to Be Placed at Disposal of Industries.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Application of the newest discoveries in science to the industries of the country as planned by the four leading engineering societies of the United States working under the auspices of the National Research Council received additional impetus today with announcement that the resources of the Engineering Foundation, which provides an annual income of \$200,000, will be placed at the disposal of the council.

Further financial aid will be furnished, it was announced, by an annual gift of \$5000 from Ambrose Swasey, of Cleveland, and by funds raised by Cleveland H. Dodge.

CHURCH EXTENDS SALUTE

Pastor Waves Flag and Congregation Sings in Honor of Mr. Fairbanks.

SEATTLE, Oct. 8.—Charles W. Fairbanks, Republican candidate for Vice-President, left late today for Spokane, where he will arrive tomorrow morning.

Mr. Fairbanks attended the First Methodist Church this morning. The pastor called attention to the presence of the ex-Vice-President and suggested that the congregation sing America, which the pastor conducted, waving an American flag while the members of the congregation kept time waving white handkerchiefs.

The service Mr. Fairbanks went to the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house at the University of Washington.

HUGHES TO SPEAK TODAY

Addresses at Newark, N. J., and Philadelphia Scheduled.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Charles E. Hughes, Republican Presidential nominee, motored to this city late from Montclair, N. J., where he has been resting for several days.

Mr. Hughes will go to Newark, N. J., tomorrow to make an open-air address at Military Park. He will return to New York later to register. He will leave New York at 6 P. M. for Philadelphia, where he will speak in the evening.

Tomorrow marks the opening of the candidate's third Presidential campaign trip, which will take him as far west as Nebraska and North Dakota.

AMERICANS ABOARD TORPEDOED VESSEL

Home-Coming Tourists on Stephano.

ATTACKER PROBABLY U-53

Passengers and Crew All Are Safe on Destroyer.

SOCIETY FOLK OFFER AID

Members of Newport Set Would Care for Refugees—Vessel Lost Because It Took Outside Course Rounding Lightship.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The steamship Bloemersdijk carried a crew of 50 men and a cargo of grain valued at \$500,000, consigned to the government of the Netherlands, according to W. Van Doorn, an official here of the Holland-American line.

He intimated that international complications might arise.

NEWPORT, R. I., Oct. 8.—The British steamer Stephano, carrying 44 first-cabin and 39 second-cabin passengers, including many American tourists and a crew of 75, was sunk off Nantucket Lightship at 4:30 P. M. today, presumably by the German submarine U-53. The United States torpedo-boat destroyer Balch reported the loss of the liner by radio to the naval station here, saying that the ship had been torpedoed. The message from the destroyer said that the crew and passengers were safe aboard the Balch.

Confirmation of the rescue was contained in a later message sent by the destroyer to the Naval station here. It was said that she had picked up the passengers and later had transferred the Americans to the destroyer Jenkins.

Passengers Remain on Warship.

Rear-Admiral Knight, commandant of the Narragansett naval district, said that the passengers who so desired would be allowed to remain on the warship until morning. At the same time, he said, if any of those picked up wanted to be set on shore their wishes would be complied with as promptly as possible.

Members of the so-called Newport society set were prompt to extend offers of help to the shipwrecked passengers through Admiral Knight.

Mrs. Robert L. Beckman, wife of Governor Beckman, and Mrs. French Vandenberg volunteered to take care of as many refugees as possible.

Many Residents of New York.

Many of the passengers on the Stephano are residents of New York.

The Stephano carried 3000 tons of general cargo. The vessel was in the regular service of the Red Cross line and was bound from St. Johns, N. F., to New York.

The sale of the Stephano to the Russian government, which had planned to (Concluded on Page 4, Column 5.)

JAPAN UNABLE TO CHOOSE CABINET

PARTISAN DISCUSSION OF ISSUES AT HIGH PITCH.

Okuma's Retirement Attributed by Opponents to Failure of His Policies in China.

TOKIO, Oct. 8.—Conferences between Lieutenant-General Count Terauchi, party leaders and others retarded the formation of a cabinet, which the Emperor designated Count Terauchi to organize earlier this week.

The rejection of recommendations made by ex-Premier Okuma has awakened a passionate discussion. The press generally considers the circumstances of the selection of Count Terauchi a contravention of the spirit of the constitution and a return to clan government.

The opponents of the Okuma ministry insist that its mismanagement of Chinese policies was the real cause of its retirement, contending that it failed to establish relations of trust and friendliness with China.

The Herald applauds the designation of Count Terauchi on the ground that he is in imperative need "when Japan is facing a situation in the Far East fraught with eventualities of far-reaching consequences." The newspaper thinks Count Terauchi's authority in the future will permit unity in the departments of diplomacy and national defense.

TRADERS WILL CO-OPERATE

John Barrett Finds No Desire for Ruinous Competition.

BORDEAUX, Oct. 8.—John Barrett, director-general of the Pan-American American trade matters with manufacturers and financiers in France and England, said before sailing on the liner Lafayette for New York today that he had found them in both countries planning to make greater efforts to improve commercial and financial relations with all America.

Mr. Barrett's inquiry showed, however, he indicated, that their desire was to co-operate along this line with interests in the United States, rather than engage in ruinous competition.

REGISTRATION MARK HIGH

102,179 Republicans and 56,210 Democrats at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 8.—Registration for the November Presidential election closed at midnight last night with what Registrar of Voters Harry Zemanski said would be the largest enrollment in the history of San Francisco. Indications, he said, were that at least 185,000 voters had qualified as electors.

Of these, 102,179 registered as Republicans and 56,210 as Democrats.

DOCTOR DIES IN EPIDEMIC

Infant Paralysis Claims Man Who Aided in Its Control.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Dr. Arthur L. Hunt, who assisted the local health department in observing persons coming from communities infected with infantile paralysis, died here last night of that disease.

Dr. Hunt, who was 39 years old, was stricken last week.

COALS NERVE IN NO DANGER.

Combs not only carries most of the ammunition of former campaigns, but with Brooklyn's uncertain and erratic defensive play he looks to be the best bet just at this stage. Jack knows the highway from long traveling and many journeys, and all the errors in the game will not be enough to shatter his nerve or break his spirit. And nothing but (Concluded on Page 5, Column 1.)

OLD JACK COOMBS IS HOPE OF ROBINS

Today's Battle One of Veteran vs. Youth.

RUTH IS BOSTON'S CHOICE

Young Southpaw to Pit Speed Against Old-Timers' Skill.

RED SOX RELY ON DEFENSE

Grantland Rice Says Nothing Other Than Air-Tight Play Behind Co. by Jack Can Keep Boston From Winning Second.

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LINES TO WESLEY COOMBS.

Ten years ago I saw a kid,
Step out to work his first big game;
I saw him make his first strong bid,
To take a healthy whack at fame;
Since then the olive's wreathed his brow,
With those who held the game for Mack,
Win or lose, old bird, here's how,
To Colby Jack.

Some guy—you said it as you spoke,
Your tongue's entitled to a hit,
A clean old, good old-fashioned bloke,
That doesn't know the way to quit.
An entry broke at the crest,
Who fell below, but fought on back,
And so, here's luck and all the rest,
To Colby Jack.

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—Unless the cards are shifted and reshuffled before the fashionable hour of fall noon on Monday, the second game of the current or fiscal world series will bring together two widely different pitching types. One will very likely be John Wesley Coombs, officially carded as Babe Ruth, Coombs smashed his way into world series glory six years ago when he rumped up the Cubs three times in one series. Ruth has yet to pitch his first post-season contest, so there is the game's old story of the young star tossed in against the veteran in a battle that for Brooklyn stands as the most decisive section of the series.

There are those who believe that Robby will start Larry Cheney against the renowned Babe and his whistling shots, but knowing the importance of Monday's melee and the September effectiveness of Colby Jack, also his experience in world series affairs, it looks now to be a certainty that Brooklyn will shoot her veteran against the Red Sox charge.

Jack's Nerve in No Danger.

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EVEN PINS ARE AFFECTED BY WAR

FLORISTS PARTICULARLY FEEL SHORTAGE OF SUPPLY.

Germany Source of Dainty Little Corsage Holders and Also of Short Hat Fasteners.

No wonder some of the girls are wearing chin straps and elastic bands to hold their hats on these days. There is a dearth of hatpins, if things keep on at the rate they are going, it is rumored there will be none on sale in a little while.

True there are plenty of the old-fashioned long pins, and women who know good values buy these and have them cut shorter, but the short pins of recent make, the kind demanded by law, are scarce. The florists are feeling the pressure more than anyone.

Before the war they thought nothing of the little handy violet pin that went with a corsage bouquet. Now they have great difficulty in getting these pins and the cost is much greater.

One of the florists said yesterday: "We will give the pins, but they take a lot out of our profits. Some of the varieties we used to get before the war are no longer to be obtained. That is why a difference is noted in the style and quality."

"Germany makes the hat and corsage pins used so extensively and if the war doesn't stop soon, what will the women do about it? They will have to pay extra if they want the florist to provide hatpins, if present indications have any meaning."

CARRANZA MAY NOT RUN

Feeling in Mexico Is That First Chief Will Not Be Candidate.

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 8.—"General Carranza has made no formal statement of his position," Consul Pesquera said today, "but there is a strong feeling among the men who are close to him in the national capital that he will not be a candidate."

By a recent decree issued by General Carranza the President will serve only one term of four years, as the decree indicates that there shall be no re-election to the Presidency.

THREE IN DUEL ARE SHOT

Two Pomeroy, Wash., Officers and Laborer Are Wounded.

POMEROY, Wash., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—During a duel with Joseph Kline, a laborer, Marshal Dixon, last night was shot in the arm. Night Marshal Whitaker received a bullet wound in the foot and Kline was hit in the shoulder and back by balls from the officer's guns.

Kline is charged with previously having threatened citizens with his revolver while intoxicated. He is in the hospital.

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MRS. KERSCH IS ATTACKED

Woman Prisoner Gives Battle to Supposed Escaped Man at Salem.

SCREAMS BRING OFFICIALS

Tunnel Dug Through Thick Wall of Penitentiary to Liberate Sweetheart.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 8.—Special.—Willard Tanner, slayer of Roy Wallace in Portland in 1912, and Hazel Erwin, his accomplice, made a sensational attempt to escape from the Oregon Penitentiary early today. The break was foiled by Mrs. Carrie Kersch, serving a term for manslaughter.

Mrs. Kersch broke away from Tanner, who was trying to choke her into submission, and screamed for help. Before attacking Mrs. Kersch, Tanner, with the aid of Hazel Erwin, bound and gagged Nonnie Williams, a negro girl imprisoned for her part in a stabbing affray in Portland a few months ago.

Brick Wall Tunneler.

The affair took place in the women's department of the penitentiary, access to which Tanner gained by tunneling through a heavy brick wall from the Bertillon room on the second floor of the prison.

The attempted break was the culmination of a carefully laid plot by Tanner and the Erwin girl to gain their liberty.

Tanner had been missing for 10 days. He disappeared the afternoon of September 29, and it was generally believed he had made his escape by passing out of the prison with a crowd of visitors who had been inspecting the prison that day. Superintendent Minto insisted that Tanner was hidden within the prison walls. Careful search failed to disclose any trace of him, however.

Tanner Chokes Woman.

Shortly before 5 a. m. today Hazel Erwin and Tanner entered the room where the Williams girl slept and bound and gagged her. Miss Erwin then walked into Mrs. Kersch's room and told her that the negro girl was ill, asking her to come and see what was the trouble.

Unsuspectingly, Mrs. Kersch arose to give assistance. As she entered the Erwin girl's room, where she had been told that Miss Williams was, Tanner stepped from behind the door and seized her by the throat. After a desperate struggle Mrs. Kersch broke away and ran to the west window of the dormitory, which faces the residence of Superintendent Minto, 25 yards distant.

Screams Attract Officials.

"Mr. Minto, Tanner's in here," screamed Mrs. Kersch.

The superintendent, prison matron and guards heard Mrs. Kersch's cries, and hastened to the scene. In the meantime Tanner crawled back into the Bertillon room and hid on top of a large bookcase. The hole had been covered up by him and it was some time before the prison officials could find how he had gained entrance into the women's dormitory. After the hole was found the Bertillon room was searched and Tanner discovered.

According to Superintendent Minto, it was the plan of Tanner and his companion to subdue Mrs. Kersch and then overpower Matron Pope, take her keys away and unlock the door leading from the dormitory into a hall. From here a stairway leads to the first floor hall by which they could have emerged into the grounds in front of the prison building.

Civilian Garb Worn.

Hazel Erwin, Mrs. Kersch, Miss Williams and Matron Pope are the only occupants of the women's dormitory.

In preparation for their escape, Hazel Erwin had donned clothes similar to those worn by Matron Pope, and Tanner had obtained a civilian's suit (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

HORSE SENSE.

