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SURVIVORS REACH NORWAY

Total of 88 Scandinavians and Ten British Rescued by Four British Destroyers, Which Hasten to Scene of Attack.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—One British and five neutral merchantmen, a British destroyer and four mine sweepers have been sunk in the North Sea by German naval forces. The losses were the result of an attack on a convoy bound for Scotland to Norway, Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, announced today. The total tonnage of the lost merchantmen was 3900.

Eighty-eight Scandinavians, two of whom are women, and 10 British were rescued by four British destroyers detached from a cruiser squadron which hastened to the scene. Other survivors reached Norway in boats.

The merchant vessels were being convoyed by the destroyers Partridge and Pelaw. The Partridge was sunk and the Pelaw was damaged. Information from the Partridge said the circumstances of the attack, so far as available, were that the Partridge sighted four enemy destroyers shortly before noon, and with the Pelaw engaged them, while the convoy scattered. The Partridge was hit heavily. Shortly afterward an explosion occurred aboard and she sank. The Pelaw was pierced at the water line and her engines were disabled, but eventually she was brought to anchor. The enemy then attacked the convoy, sinking the six merchantmen and four armed trawlers.

The entire crew of the trawler Lord Alveston was saved in one of its own boats. The casualties on the Pelaw were one officer and three men killed and two wounded seriously. Information regarding the crew of the Partridge, Sir Eric said, was incomplete, but a report from Kiel told of the taking there of three officers and 21 men from the Partridge and of one officer and 25 men from the trawlers.

Two neutral merchant vessels and a trawler also were sunk in the Tyne on December 12 by German destroyers. Thomas J. MacNamara, Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, announced in the House of Commons today.

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 17.—Sailors from the ship sunk by German warships in the North Sea say that fire was opened by the attacking cruisers at a range of 8000 yards, and within half an hour the British armed ships with the exception of the destroyer Pelaw were sunk. Crews from steamers in the convoy saved in all 196 sailors, who were landed on the west coast of Norway. Fifty-nine of the rescued were British.

DRY AMENDMENT CARRIES

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believe it will be ratified within three years.

Every attempt today to put on amendments to except light wines and beer was beaten, and 141 Democrats stood aligned with 137 Republicans and four independents to win the final victory for the prohibitionist forces.

Resolution Sweeping One.

Following is the resolution as adopted:

"Resolved, by the Senate and the House of Representatives, That the following amendment to the Constitution be, and hereby is, proposed to the states, to become valid as a part of the Constitution when ratified by the Legislatures of the several states as provided by the Constitution:

"Article 1, Section 2.—After one year from the ratification of this article, the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors, within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.

"Section 2.—The Congress and the several states shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

States Must Ratify Act.

"Section 3.—This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by three-fourths of the states before the 1st day of November, 1919."

Reason for Vote Given.

"I hold no brief for liquor or the liquor traffic, particularly as it is a sinkhole of iniquity known as the saloon—but I cannot and will not be a party to any movement that I regard as inimical to the best interests of my country. I shall, therefore, vote against the amendment not only for the reasons stated, but for the additional reason that the district which I represent—the people to whom I am accountable—voted against bone-dry, statewide prohibition by a majority of 3799 votes on the 7th day of November, 1916—the day that I was elected to my present term in this Congress. If I were to vote affirmatively on this question I would deliberately misrepresent, not represent, the expressed wishes of my constituents.

"In the language of our President, in his great message of December 4, 'Our present and immediate task is to win the war, and nothing shall stand in our way from it until it is accomplished.' The President appreciates the gravity of the situation; he not only defines the purpose, but he soundly rebuffs against questions that are beside the issue. Let us, therefore, keep our course clear and not wreck the ship of state on the shoals of internal dissension."

MR. MCARTHUR STANDS ALONE

Other Congressmen of Three Pacific Northwest States Vote "Dry."

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 17.—Representative McArthur was the only Congressman from the Northwest to speak and vote against the prohibition resolution, but working in harmony with four members of the California delegation—Kahn, Nolan, Church and Lee. Representatives Hawley and Sniott and the Washington and Idaho Congressmen all voted "dry."

Representatives Johnson and Dill, of Washington, are leaving Washington tonight to spend the holidays at home, they having been in Europe during the recent Congressional recess.

Mr. Johnson, on his way out West, will speak for the Red Cross in Montana and Idaho points and at Portland December 21. He will tell of his experience in Europe and in the trenches.

Mr. Dill will speak at various points in his district.

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