

101 LIVES LOST AS BRITISH SHIP SINKS

Transport Leasowe Castle Torpedoed by Enemy Submarine in Mediterranean.

THIRTEEN OFFICERS LOST

Commander of Vessel and Two Wireless Operators Among Those Who Are Missing and Presumably Drowned.

LONDON, May 29.—The transport ship Leasowe Castle has been sunk by an enemy submarine, the British Admiralty announced tonight. One hundred and one persons were drowned.

The Leasowe Castle which was of 8727 tons gross, was sunk in the Mediterranean on May 26. Among those who lost their lives were 13 military officers and 79 of other rank.

The Leasowe Castle was built in 1917 at Birkenhead and was owned by the Union Castle Mail Steamship Company of London. The text of the British Admiralty statement reads:

"The transport Leasowe Castle was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine May 26 in the Mediterranean.

"Thirteen military officers and 79 of other rank and of the ship's company, the captain, two wireless operators and six of other ratings, it is presumed all were drowned."

BERNE, May 29.—The German submarine which sank the steamer Sardinero last February has returned to a German base and her commander has been ordered to make a full report of the occurrence.

Switzerland demands restitution in kind of the cargo of wheat which went down with the ship.

The Sardinero was a Spanish steamer, which was probably chartered by the Swiss government for the transportation of food supplies.

REDUCED FARES GIVEN

McARTHUR APPEALS TO McADOO FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Rate of 1 Cent a Mile Allowed Between Camps and Homes for Men When Furloughs Are Granted.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(Special.)—Representative McArthur has urged William G. McAdoo, director-general of railroads, to grant reduced round-trip fares for soldiers and sailors at the various camps and establishments who may desire to visit their homes while on furlough.

He has taken this action because his attention has been called to the fact that Oregon men stationed at Camp Lewis are required to pay full fare in going to and from the city of Portland and other places in Oregon while on furlough.

Mr. McArthur is of the opinion that men in uniform should be permitted to travel at reduced rates, as they are making great sacrifices at this time and should not be required to pay full fare—particularly in the far West where transportation rates are higher than in the East.

Director-General McAdoo has advised Mr. McArthur that he has authorized a passenger rate of 1 cent a mile for all military and naval men in United States service. When soldiers or sailors use this rate they must show credentials and consent from their commanders for the trip.

RIVERS MAY MOVE CROPS

Representative Hawley Calls McAdoo's Attention to Oregon Streams.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 29.—When Representative Hawley's attention yesterday was called to the fact that many river steamers on the Columbia and Willamette are now idle for lack of cargo, he wrote Railway Director McAdoo, calling attention to the condition and suggesting that more freight tributary to these rivers be routed by water, thus releasing cars for other service.

The matter was brought up by Captains Graham and Exon, whose river craft are now idle.

Mr. Hawley particularly suggested that the wheat crops of the Columbia River Valley be moved to Portland this year by water instead of by rail.

ENSIGNS COMPLETE COURSE

Certificates Given Class of 450 at Naval Academy.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 29.—Four hundred and fifty young ensigns of the reserve force today received their certificates after having completed a course of 15 weeks of intensive training at the Naval Academy.

A new class of reserve officers consisting of 750 members will be formed here on June 11.

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OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

American.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Consolidation of positions taken yesterday by the Americans in the Cantigny salient and the repulse of renewed counter attacks is announced in General Pershing's evening communique issued tonight by the War Department. It also tells of repulse last night of three raids in Lorraine in which several prisoners were taken and a number of enemy killed.

The dispatch follows: "In the Cantigny salient we have consolidated our positions in spite of heavy artillery and machine gun fire. Renewed counter attacks broke down under our fire.

"In Lorraine we repulsed three raids during the night, taking several prisoners, killing a number of the enemy. There and in the Woivre the artillery of both sides has been continuously active.

"It is established that on May 27 our aviators shot down two hostile machines instead of one as reported."

"Yesterday morning three of our planes encountered four hostile planes flying at 3000 meters in the region of Montsec. In the fighting which ensued, Lieutenant Douglas Campbell successfully attacked two of the German machines. Of these, one lost both wings and fell. This was referred to in yesterday's communique. In the same encounter one of our aviators was wounded, but succeeded in making a normal landing within our lines.

"Yesterday morning in a sector recently taken over by our troops an American Sergeant encountered a German patrol of four men who had entered one of our trenches during the night. In fighting which ensued our Sergeant, although receiving three wounds, succeeded in driving out the hostile patrol, which left grenades and wire cutters behind.

"In Lorraine, on the evening of May 26, a hostile patrol attempted to penetrate our lines. It was driven off with loss to the enemy of five killed. Of these, one was brought into our lines. One of our men was wounded.

"This morning Lieutenant Rickenbacher and Lieutenant Campbell attacked a group of six enemy planes and brought one down out of control."

British.

LONDON, May 29.—"A hostile raiding party was driven back during the night in the neighborhood of Beaumont-Hamel," says the British official communication issued this evening.

"A local attack made by the enemy north of Kemmel was completely repulsed by the French troops.

"We carried out a successful raid last night southeast of Arras and captured prisoners and a machine gun. A raid attempted by the enemy at Givenchy-La Bassée was repulsed. A hostile attack upon one of our posts south of the Ypres-Comines Canal also was repulsed after sharp fighting.

"The hostile artillery has been active north of Albert in the neighborhood of Avette, east of Robev and northwest of Merville and has shown somewhat increased activity locally east of Arras and south of Lens."

British aerial operations are described in an official communication issued tonight:

"Our airmen dropped 59 tons of bombs during the day on hostile billets, dumps and railways behind the enemy's lines on all parts of the British front.

"Thirteen German machines were destroyed in air fighting, and four others shot down out of control. Five of ours are missing.

"Bombing was continued on the night of Tuesday. Five tons of bombs were dropped on various targets, including billets at Armentieres and the Valenciennes railway station."

THIRTY DIE IN BLAST

Thirty Million Roubles' Loss Results From Explosion.

MUCH MATERIAL BURNED

Bolshevik Invite Allies to Assist in Cleansing of Russia's Economic Life, but Won't Re-enter War.

MOSCOW, May 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Forty persons were killed or injured and damage amounting to 20,000,000 roubles was done through an explosion and fire on a munition train at Kazan station, in the Volga region, recently.

Seven warehouses and 350 railway cars, many of them loaded with merchandise, were burned.

MOSCOW, Wednesday, May 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Russia is fully aware of the dangers threatening her from German imperialism, says the Bolshevik organ Izvestia in an article, in which it asserts that no allied help is desired of a nature which would result in Russia's re-entering the European conflict. It adds, however:

"Let some power honestly help us combat successfully the threatening danger. Russia would appreciate in the highest degree any assistance toward the improvement of transportation and communication facilities and the cleansing of her economic life."

Practical Help Wanted. "If the allies really wish, rather than to drag Russia into the war for purely strategic reasons, to give her practical help in her tragic situation, let them discuss to the exclusion of every other subject her urgent need of economic aid."

PEKIN, Friday, May 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Chinese Ambassador at Tokio has been instructed to protest to the Japanese government against the transfer to Japan by Russia of a section of the Chinese Eastern Railway between Kwan Chung Tse, near Chang Chun, in Manchuria, and the Sungari River.

An official announcement from Tokio received in Washington last November 3 said Japan and the Russian government, then under control of Premier Kerensky, had agreed to the purchase by Japan of a section of the Chinese Eastern Railway between Kwan Chung Tse, near Chang Chun, in Manchuria, and the Sungari River.

MOSCOW, Friday, May 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Germans are laying a railway from the Finnish frontier to Petchenga Bay, on the Mourmansk coast, according to an Archangel dispatch to the Nasse Slovo.

STOCKHOLM, May 29.—The new Finnish Cabinet, formed by ex-Senator Paasikivi, indicates increased German influence in the Finnish government, and has resulted in a further request by General Mannerheim, commander of the Finnish troops, demanding that his resignation be accepted. The general is opposed to German intervention and the Germanisation of the Finnish army.

Swedish Officers May Retire. Colonel Vosteslett, the new War Minister, is working in close connection

French.

PARIS, May 29.—The War Office today issued the following statement: "Last night the German advance, assisted by the arrival of fresh divisions, was more powerful, especially on both wings, in the direction of Soissons and Rheims.

"On the left French troops, fighting every foot of the way, this afternoon evacuated Soissons. The battle continues with violence. On the right Franco-British troops, after an energetic defense of the massif of St. Thierry, withdrew slowly to the heights to the south and southeast, where they are holding on between the Vesle River and the Aisne Canal.

"In the center the fighting is continuing with varying results on the southern bank of the Vesle, where our troops are defending the heights with admirable courage.

"West of Montdidier the Americans broke up two successive German attacks which were directed against Cantigny.

"Spirited artillery fighting continues on both banks of the Aisne. The French fire broke up a number of German raids in the sector of Embermen, north of Bezonvaux, in the region of Eadonvillers and near the Rhone-Rhine Canal."

German.

BERLIN, May 29.—The official communication from army headquarters today follows:

"On the battlefronts from the Saar to Oise increased fighting activity continued. French local attacks south of Ypres failed.

"West of Montdidier the enemy during a local advance penetrated into Cantigny yesterday.

"The armies of Colonel-General Boehm and General Von Below of the army of the German crown prince, have victoriously continued their attack French and English reserves rushed up and were defeated.

"The right wing divisions of General Larisch after repelling a French counter attack captured the Terny-Sorny ridge and the heights northeast of Soissons. After hard fighting the troops of General Wichura also broke the resistance of the enemy on the plateau of Conde. Fort Conde was taken by storm. Fregny and Missy also were taken—on the southern bank of the Aisne and the Vesle height to the west of Cliry were occupied.

"The corps of General Von Winkler, General Von Cotta and General Schmettow have crossed the Vesle. Braine and Flines have been captured and we are standing on the heights due south of the Vesle. The troops of General Ise have taken the hills northwest of Prouilly by storm and have captured Villers Franqueux and Courcy and now are fighting for the heights of Thiery.

"In spite of changing weather our aerial forces are attacking the enemy with bombs and machine guns, while aviators have surveyed without interruption our attack and effect of our artillery fire.

"The number of prisoners has increased to 25,000, including one French and one English General."

Italian.

ROME, May 29.—"At Capo Sile Monday night two hostile attacks were broken up in front of our new positions," says the official report from the headquarters today. "In the Valle Valley we captured a patrol of 13. Other prisoners were taken in the Col Caprile area.

"Enemy detachments were repulsed at Mont Como and Mont Asolone."

with German headquarters. It is believed that a number of Swedish officers now serving in the Finnish army will follow Mannerheim into retirement.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Madame Maria Botchkarova, ex-commander of the Russian regiment of women, known as the "Battalion of Death," was in Washington today.

Woman Seeks Aid. Madame Botchkarova, who arrived at a Pacific port two weeks ago, called during the day on Secretaries Lansing and Baker. At the State Department it was said she was seeking aid for Russia, but officials did not say what kind of aid, whether military, political or financial was asked.

SIGNS TO BE DISCUSSED

Council to Consider New Regulations at Meeting Tuesday.

New regulations for electric signs hanging over sidewalks in the city will be considered by the Council at a special meeting next Tuesday morning. For several months a committee headed by Building Inspector Plummer has secured data and information concerning electric signs and has drafted an ordinance causing a number of changes from the rules in the existing ordinance.

One of the principal changes in the proposed ordinance will eliminate some degree "blanketing" of signs. Blanketing is a term used when one sign hides another from view.

The proposed ordinance also changes the hours of lighting the signs and produces a number of new ideas already adopted in Eastern cities in connection with electrical display signs.

NEW RATE IS REQUESTED

O.-W. R. & N. Asked to Absorb Branch Line Charges on Apples.

SALEM, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—The O.-W. R. & N. is asked in a letter from Public Service Commissioner Corey today to absorb branch line charges on apples and chrome. In event the road

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does not do this, Mr. Corey states that a complaint will be filed before the Interstate Commerce Commission to endeavor to compel the inauguration of such rate.

McAdoo to Meet Commissioners. SALEM, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—The Public Service Commission has been advised that Director-General McAdoo will meet the war committee

told that the matter of establishing such a rate lies with the commission itself.

of the National Association of Railway and Utility Commissioners on June 5 to discuss various phases of railroad control, particularly as to co-operation between state commissions and the Federal administration. It is expected that at the conference a plan will be worked out whereby the commissions can ascertain where they will be of the greatest service in the prosecution of the war.

PEOPLES "M'LISS" With MARY PICKFORD Taken From the Famous Book by BRET HARTE. BEGINNING SATURDAY JUNE 1. SERGT. ARTHUR GUY HIMSELF OVER THE TOP. A PHOTOPLAY THAT TAKES HOLD OF YOU AND SWINGS YOU FROM SMILES TO TEARS WITH A LOT OF KICKS AND THRILLS IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO LEAVE YOU POSITIVELY WEAK AFTER SEEING IT.