

U-BOAT WITH CREW REPORTED AS SUNK

American Submarine Said to Have Torpedoed Hun Craft Off Virginia Coast.

WASHINGTON LACKS NEWS

Second German Diver Declared to Have Been Sent to Bottom by Gunfire of Yankee Steamship.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 18.—A German submarine with its entire crew was destroyed by an American submarine off the Virginia Coast yesterday, according to a report brought here today by passengers aboard an American steamship.

Officers of the vessel claimed to have been told the story of the submarine combat by members of the victorious American undersea boat's crew.

The American liner had put into the mouth of Chesapeake Bay for shelter in response to a distress warning and there was anchored near an American submarine tender, alongside which was moored the undersea craft, which was taking on provisions and fuel, officers of the vessel stated.

An interchange of wireless messages followed in which the submarine crew is reported to have told of its victory. The U-boat was sighted while the American craft was patrolling with only her periscopes visible, according to the story the American skipper is alleged to have told.

When the U-boat was within range a torpedo was released by the American diver and 20 seconds later, microphones recorded a terrific explosion, the skipper was quoted as saying.

Rising to the surface, the American submarine circled about on the lookout for survivors, but oil coming to the surface was the only trace found of the vanquished raider, narrators of the story said they had been told.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—No word had reached the Navy Department today of the destruction of an enemy U-boat by an American submarine, as reported.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 18.—Members of the crew of an American steamship arriving here today reported an engagement with a German submarine off the Virginia Coast yesterday, in which the ship's naval gunners made a clean hit and either sank the undersea craft or disabled her. The American vessel was not damaged.

OFFICIALS IN GRAFT NET

(Continued From First Page.) Take more than a week, particularly since some of the evidence was gathered as far west as San Francisco. Photographic copies of letters or papers containing proof of the drafting of contingent fee agreements were made, and the documents will be returned to the contractor's office to minimize inconvenience to them.

Army and Navy Scrutinized. No names of either manufacturing concerns or suspected commission agents were given out, although it was learned that the identity of the firms leaked out in many localities.

One of the principal arms of the inquiry now is directed to learning whether any Army or Navy officers were subject to sinister influence of the agents.

It is found any officers were implicated directly, they will be speedily court-martialed, Secretaries Baker and Daniels said today, after the Cabinet meeting. So far, the investigation, the offer of the contract agents was not to any high Army or Navy officer.

Baruch to Co-operate. Bernard Baruch, chairman of the War Industries Board, promised his co-operation today in setting out any cases of fraud or improper conduct by any officials of his department having charge of arranging contracts between the War and Navy departments and producers.

Letters and telegrams poured in to the Department of Justice from manufacturers who had been solicited by commission agents. Some manufacturers gave valuable information, while practically all commended the work of the department, saying they had been annoyed by the solicitations of the commission agents.

These letters constituted only one of the elements leading officials to believe they have uncovered an even more extensive system of fraud and impropriety connected with war contracts than they imagined.

They continued to insist, however, that by far the larger proportion of contracts have been made cleanly and fairly, and will not be subjected to annulment.

Members of Congress today commented that one contributing cause of the contingent fee system is that producers, particularly those with small plants, which cannot afford to maintain permanent representatives in Washington, find difficulty in making connections with the right Government officials in charge of contracting for articles they manufacture.

There is such a multiplicity of bureaus and agencies, each familiar with the Government's needs on only a particular class of products, it was said, that it is necessary to spend weeks to discover what is needed and the specifications for these.

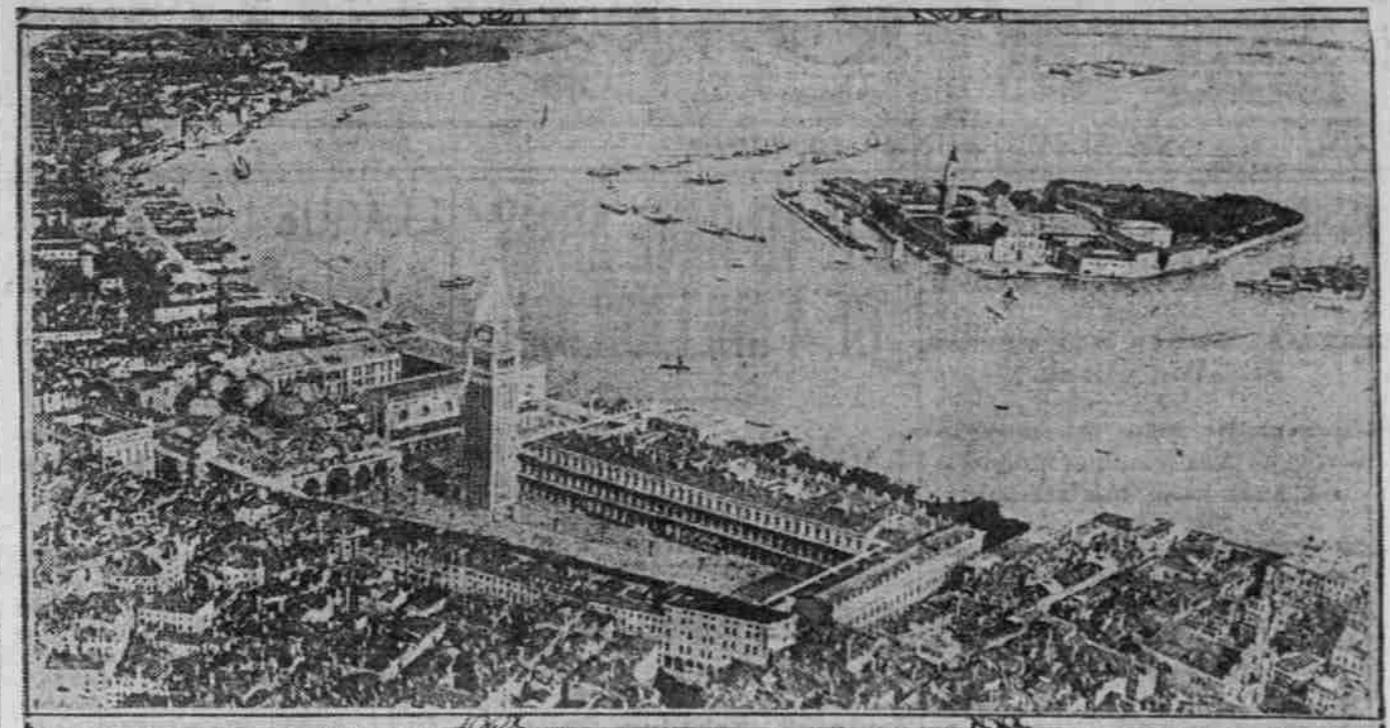
Some Agencies Legitimate. To remedy this confused situation in Washington, a number of chambers of commerce or manufacturers' interests have maintained common agents in Washington to keep them informed of war needs, and to facilitate the placing of their bids.

This system is considered entirely legal and proper, officials explained, although eventually they hope to make it possible for producers to deal directly and personally with officers in charge of contracts, so that a larger element of personality may enter into business dealings between the Government and the manufacturers.

In congressional circles it was freely charged today that the War Department's system of secret contracts might be largely responsible for the situation now developed and doubt was expressed whether the advantage of concealing the extent of the Nation's preparations from the enemy compensates for risking fraud in secret dealings.

Many openly advocated the publication of bids for contracts.

GOAL OF ATTACKING AUSTRIANS IN NORTHERN ITALY AND MAP SHOWING WHERE HUNS ADVANCED SLIGHTLY IN FACE OF GALLANT RESISTANCE.



BATTLE IS FURIOUS

Terrific Struggle Rages on Banks of Piave River.

FIGHT IN NORTH SUBSIDES

Austrians Throw 14 Bridges Across Piave and Claim to Have Taken 30,000 Italians Prisoner, Capturing Many Guns.

(Continued From First Page.) French positions on the Asiago sector of the Italian front, telegraphs the Havas correspondent at the Italian headquarters, the Austro-Hungarians attacked today in mass formation.

The French everywhere broke up the assaults and completely maintained their line. Prisoners were taken, important material was captured and considerable losses were inflicted on the enemy.

Many Austrians Killed. Six hundred Austro-Hungarian corpses were buried in front of one French regiment.

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, June 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Fighting along the Piave River has risen to furious intensity, and under the concentrated fire of Italian batteries the Austrians are sustaining heavy losses. The Italian infantry is counter attacking repeatedly and has inflicted severe casualties on the enemy.

Fighting Heavier in South. The "hunger offensive," as the Austrian prisoners describe it, is being carried on with the greatest severity on the Piave front, where it is apparent the Austrians have massed large bodies of troops. In the mountain regions to the north, the fighting for the present is limited to local attacks and counter-attacks.

The enemy is making desperate efforts to retain the positions he obtained during the initial stage of the offensive on the western bank of the Piave, at the points where he still has a footing across the river. These operations are costing him heavily.

PARIS, June 18.—Ninety-two Austrian divisions consisting of 80 divisions of infantry and 12 of cavalry have been hurled into the greatest battle that Italy has yet fought, according to an official announcement at Rome received here through the Havas Agency. Seventy-one of these divisions have already been identified.

Austria Uses Many Men. The forces engaged comprise three-fourths of the whole Austrian army and the choicest troops under the command of Field Marshal Boroevic. (The number of men in an Austrian division is not exactly known, but the number of divisions engaged would indicate that approximately one million Austrian soldiers have been thrown into the battle.)

ARMY IS TO BE 4,000,000 (Continued From First Page.) provide training facilities in this country for forces other than American troops.

This was learned authoritatively today, but it was said that no definite project has been discussed, nor has the matter reached the point where it has been the subject of diplomatic communication.

The natural assumption is that any troops to be trained here would come from some of the nations in the Western Hemisphere who have joined the allies.

It is reported that the request for the appropriation will be made before the present session of Congress ends.

Spruce Workers Entertained. Wellington Cross, of the Orpheum circuit, and Lois Josephine, who in private life is Mrs. Cross, and Mrs. Herman Politz, of this city, entertained 1200 men employed in the spruce mills at Vancouver, Wash., with a musical entertainment between 7 and 8 o'clock Monday night.

The entertainment was given under the auspices of the general war work conference of the Y. M. C. A., the members of the committee in charge being Miss Mamie Helen Flynn, chairman; Mrs. Harry Ladd Corbett and Miss Helen Farrell.



Above—View of beautiful Venice, taken from a war airplane. Below—Map shows Venice and its environs. Heavy black line along Piave River is former battle line, and heavy dashed line shows where Austrians have been able to wade forward, to depth of four miles, at fearful cost. Pressure from Zenson to the Adriatic coast indicates sole object of drive is to capture Venice.

UNION STILL BANNED

Charlton Reiterates Western Union's Policy.

REPLY MADE TO WILSON

Head of Telegraph Company Stands Firm for Employes' Association Plan Recently Put Forward.

NEW YORK, June 18.—In reply to the letter of President Wilson urging the Western Union Telegraph Company to accept the decision of the National War Labor Board in the controversy between the company and the telegraphers' union, Newcomb, president of the company, reiterates his opposition to allowing its employees to join the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America.

Mr. Carlton accuses the union, in violation of its rights during the war under the Labor Board's plan, of purposing to carry on propaganda to enable it to make use of the strike after the war.

The letter, made public today, concludes with the statement that the company "would deeply deplore being forced to lay aside the safeguards that experience has shown to be requisite and which are believed essential to the preservation of effective telegraph service."

WASHINGTON, June 18.—President Wilson may summon Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, to Washington for a conference on the controversy which has arisen between the company and the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America.

ST. PAUL, June 18.—President Samuel Gompers, in accordance with instructions from delegates to the convention, sent a telegram to President Wilson protesting against the attitude of Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, in issuing a call for a convention of employees for the purpose of forming a "company-controlled association."

INTERMENT IS AT CANEMAH

Funeral Services of William Grossenbacher Held at Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 18.—(Special.)—Funeral services of the late William Grossenbacher, who lost his life at Spokane, Wash., when he fell down a shaft and struck his head on a concrete flooring, were conducted today by Rev. W. T. Milliken, pastor of the Baptist Church. Interment was in the Canemah Cemetery. Pallbearers were Earl Lamphier, Charles Becher, T. J. McGrath, George Dummire, Ray Dummire, S. E. Launer.

BANK HEAD RAPS HANSON

(Continued From First Page.) to the police station has not yet been filed, but it may happen any minute.

In the meantime, bankers have heard the report that Mayor Hanson's insult to the Federal banker may result in closing the Seattle branch of the Federal Reserve Bank as a means of avoiding insults to representatives of the United States Government by city officials. Shepherd told Hanson, when he went to the Mayor's office yesterday accompanied by his attorney, that any information he had sent to the Capital issues sub-committee at San Francisco was official and therefore confidential matter which he was not permitted to discuss.

"This quiet rejoinder to Hanson's demand for a 'carpet' show-down only increased the Mayor's ire and led to threaten Manager Shepherd with bodily injury 'if his patriotism had been questioned'."

Railroad Company Is Indicted.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 18.—Indictment against the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company on charges of willfully destroying records was returned today by the Federal grand jury here. It is alleged that accounts necessary to a proper appraisal of the corporation's valuation, extending over a period of 10 years, were destroyed in violation of Interstate Commerce Commission regulations.

At Vilzingen.

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84 MORE U. S. BOYS IN PRISON CAMPS

Red Cross Reports Additional List of Soldiers Held by Germany.

OFFICERS AMONG CAPTIVES

Americans, Previously Reported as Missing, Are Detained at Lumburg, Darmstadt, Gussen, Vilhingen, Landshut.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—An additional list of 84 Americans reported in German prison camps by the American Red Cross was announced tonight by the War Department. Most of the men named had previously been reported as missing by General Pershing. Eight officers, three of whom were serving with French and English flying squadrons, are included in the list. They are:

- Captain George C. Freeland, Westville, Conn.
Lieutenant Edward Konne, Rochester, N. Y.
Lieutenant Bernard J. Gallagher, Westville, Conn.
Lieutenant William H. Jenkins, Leesburg, Va.
First Lieutenant Elmer D. Mackey, McKeesport, Pa.
Aviator Thomas Buffum, French aviation service, no address given.
Lieutenant Hugh Guggan, British Royal Flying Corps, no address given.
Lieutenant Herman Whitmore, no address given, French aviation service.

The list follows:

- At Limburg.
Captain George C. Freeland, Westville, Conn.; Second Lieutenant Edward A. Konne, Rochester, N. Y.; Daniel Brandon, Eugene F. Sharkey, Ansonia, Conn.; Walter K. Hayes, New Haven, Conn.; Irving A. Dresser, Bristol, Conn.; Corporal Thomas F. Barry, New Haven, Conn.; Jack Bathurst, Orange, Conn.; Harold A. Bergman, New Haven, Conn.; Melvin W. Carlson, New Haven, Conn.; Sevald W. Rich, Dorchester, Mass.; Charles Szilarskis, South Norwalk, Conn.; Bugler Vincenza Labriola, Bristol, Conn.; Privates Adolph Barbeau, Danielson, Conn.; Lester Bigelow, New Haven, Conn.; Albert Dezel, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charles G. Gagnon, Bristol, Conn.; Howard M. Garton, Providence, R. I.; George I. Harney, Hartford, Conn.; Raymond C. Kirby, New Haven, Conn.; Joseph Leary, Middletown, Conn.; William J. Lilly, Southport, Conn.; Harold E. Mearns, Stamford, Conn.; John A. Murphy, Amesbury, Mass.; Claude J. Nelson, Bristol, Conn.; Michael M. Gie, Peabuck, Conn.; Richard Reichman, Philadelphia; Joseph A. Rosci, Ridgefield, Conn.; Earl C. Rodgers, Danville, Vt.; Louis Sandler, Philadelphia; Carl Sudcock, New Haven, Conn.; Arnold D. Umba, Middletown, Conn.

At Darmstadt.
Aviator Thomas Buffum (French aviation service), no address; Sergeants Harold W. Tucker, Providence, R. I.; Daniel Brandon, Patnam, N. Y.; Mechanics John P. Cronin, Portland, Conn.; August H. Chapman, Colchester, Conn.; Fred Piani, Quincy, Mass.; Corporal Edwin W. Barnes, West Haven, Conn.; Private James J. Allard, Bristol, Conn.; Vincent Allen, Norwalk, Conn.; Frank Antonik, Webster, Mass.; Percival S. Barnes, West Haven, Conn.; William Cardell, Cranston, R. I.; Harry C. Caverly, Manchester, N. H.; Clyde D. Charrette, South Norwalk, Conn.; Walter Chisiel, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Lester A. Clark, New Haven, Conn.; George C. Collier, New Haven, Conn.; Ernesto De Martino, Hartford, Conn.; Knocch H. Dolle, Quincy, Mass.; Oliver T. Elliott, Boston, Mass.; Maurice B. Fleischman, New Haven, Conn.; Alfred M. Geener, Hadlyme, Conn.; Frank Gillespie, Dorchester, Mass.; William R. Her, Bristol, N. Y.; William Hupke, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Herbert V. Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Lee W. Lamers, Lakewood, N. H.; Lewis R. Lenhart, Somersfield, Pa.; Thomas A. Lynett, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; Leo A. Maher, Dorchester, Mass.; Eugene C. Mielewski, Providence, R. I.; Theodore Novoseletz, Union City, Conn.; Lawrence Permutter, New York City; Daniel E. Seton, West Wareham, Mass.; William H. Sefton, North Providence, R. I.; Alex Stefanyak, Klerf, Russia; Lawrence Rutcliffe, Fall Haven, Mass.; Harry Swanson, Waverly, Mass.; John L. Whalen, Springfield, Mass.; Ellis M. Young, Everett, Mass.

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Corporal George D. McHugh, New Haven, Conn.; Privates Louis J. Goldman, Philadelphia; Lloyd W. Litchfield, Needham, Mass.

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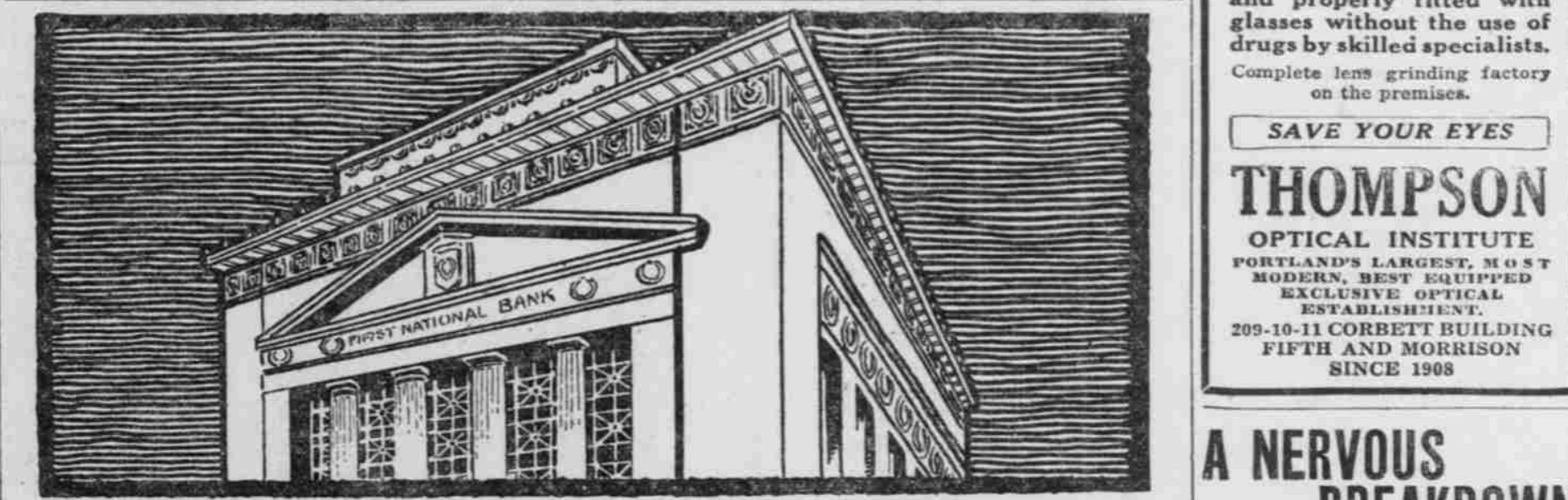
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