

ITALIANS WIPE OUT AUSTRIAN OUTPOST

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BRITISH TAKE HUN POSITION

Strong Point West of Vieux Berquin Captured With Prisoners and Machine Guns—French Report

ROME, June 27.—An Austrian advance post in the mountain region was surprised by Italian troops yesterday and wiped out, the War Office announced today. Along the front as a whole, the activity yesterday was nowhere of marked intensity, although there was brisk fighting along advanced lines in the vicinity of Col Del Rosso.

In this mountain area after an Italian raid had resulted in the capture of prisoners and machine guns, the Austrians retaliated by attacking the Italian advanced line in force. The enemy was repulsed with considerable losses.

Prisoners Exceed 500.
Austrian prisoners to the number of more than 500 were taken on June 25 during the operation in which the Italians extended their bridgehead at Cape Sile.

VIENNA, June 27, via London.—Italian troops yesterday made another attempt to storm Col Del Rosso, between the Brenna and Asiago, which the Austrians captured in their recent offensive, according to today's War Office report. The enemy was repulsed with heavy losses, the announcement states. Italian forces also attempted to cross the Piave at one point in boats. The effort failed, the boats being destroyed by the Austrian artillery, it is declared.

LONDON, June 27.—British troops last night took a German strong point west of Vieux Berquin, east of Hazebrouck, and captured prisoners and machine guns, says the official statement from Field Marshal Haig today.

Boche Artillery Active.
The German artillery has been in action on the Lys salient.

PARIS, June 27.—Lively artillery duels south of the Aisne are reported in the official statement from the War Office today. In the Vosges the French took prisoners in raids.

I. W. W. TRIPS ON SPY LAW

Gustave Erdmann Tried to Sow Dissension, Jury Holds.

Gustave Erdmann, arrested in Coos County, was convicted yesterday in Federal Court on the charge of violation of the espionage act. Assistant United States District Attorney Yeatch handled the prosecution for the Government.

According to the evidence adduced Erdmann went into the Smith Powers logging camp, and, working as an I. W. W. agitator, attempted to make the men working in the spruce production division dissatisfied by making misrepresentations and disloyal remarks. The jury was out only a few minutes. Judge Wolverton granted a stay of 10 days at the request of Attorney Libby for the defense, in which an appeal may be taken.

This conviction is regarded as important because it is the first here under that provision of the act applied where interference with the war effort with the members of the Loyal Legion of Loggers.

GIRL HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Motorcycle Patrolman Collides With W. B. McDowell's Auto.

Ethel McDowell, of 331 Chapman street, aged 10, was seriously injured in an automobile collision on the Canyon road near Hartwood, yesterday afternoon when a touring car driven by Officer Frieberg, of the motorcycle squad, collided with the machine driven by her father, W. B. McDowell.

She was badly cut about the face by flying glass of the shattered windshield and received a deep gash on her left cheek. The injured girl was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital by the Ambulance Service Company.

T. B. WILCOX IS HONORED

Resolution of Appreciation Adopted by Whitman College.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 27.—(Special.)—The following resolution was adopted by the board of trustees of Whitman College at a meeting Wednesday, June 27, concerning the late Theodore B. Wilcox, who had been a member of the board of trustees of the college since 1907. It is generally known that Mr. Wilcox made a gift of \$10,000 to Whitman College two years ago and had under consideration, just before his death, the making of a much larger gift.

In the passing of Theodore B. Wilcox, a citizen of the State of Oregon, Whitman College has lost one of its distinguished names on its board of trustees. The life of Mr. Wilcox is a history of the development of large business affairs, not only in his residential state, but likewise in the Pacific Northwest. He was remarkably a constructive mind and his force of character enabled the carrying out of projects resulting to the material advancement and prosperity in the communities where his influence was felt. In the first things of his life he was also a leader, and in many ways his quiet and unostentatious assistance was deeply missed. His interest in this college was evidenced by a most substantial gift to it.

WAR WORKER TO SPEAK
UNIVERSITY CLUB WILL HEAR MISS HELEN G. STEWART.

At Luncheon Open to Public, Victoria, B. C. Woman Will Relate Experiences in France.

Miss Helen G. Stewart, of Victoria, B. C., who has first-hand knowledge of war conditions, will be an honored guest today at a luncheon to be given at the University Club by the Oregon Equal Suffrage Association. Miss Stewart passed through Portland yesterday and will return this morning to be the house guest of Miss Mary Frances Isom during her brief visit.

Miss Stewart will tell her interesting experiences at the front. At La Bourget, not far from Paris, Miss Stewart helped to serve 20,000 soldiers on their way to the battle of the Somme. There were only four women and two orderlies to do all this work. The members of the canteen paid their own expenses and felt greatly repaid in the gratitude of the soldiers.

At La Voge, in Rambervillers, in a half-hospital, half-canteen, they served 400 men daily. There were several hundred men in the hospital for three weeks at a time and for all these Miss Stewart cooked special dishes. She was stationed a large part of the year in one of the towns near which the American soldiers now are located and in active service.

Some of these events Miss Stewart related briefly to a few friends, but today at the luncheon she will give a more complete account of her experiences. The luncheon is open to the public, but reservations must be made with the club steward by 10 o'clock.

VANCOUVER DRAWS LINE

Merchants to Refuse to Sell Flour to Strangers in Future.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 27.—(Special.)—Because, it is said, a number of Portland people have been coming to Vancouver to secure flour which they are unable to purchase in Portland and thereby circumvent the stringent flour order in Oregon, local merchants have all agreed that they will not sell flour to strangers and that the fact that people purchasing flour are residents of Vancouver or Clarke County must be established.

There is no regulation prohibiting the sale of flour in Clarke County. So great was the number of flour sales to Portland people that the merchants deemed sufficient cause to meet and discuss the matter, together with Food Administrator George B. Simpson.

The following men were arrested for having no classification card: Gustave H. Carlson, Gill Vigdell, Tony T. Anichell, Anton Vidak, Henry Schnell, Alea Martin.

THRESHERS ASKED TO SAVE

Careful Harvesting Advocated by Conservation Committee.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 27.—(Special.)—The conservation of grain through efficient threshing is being advocated by a special food conservation committee including George B. Simpson, food administrator; M. J. Newhouse, county agricultural agent; Ed Duback, a prominent grain grower. Threshing outfits in Clarke County are asked to take every precaution to prevent waste of grain and to get the grain out of the straw. The grain crop will be extremely short in Clarke County, due to the drought.

Connecticut Democrats Nominate.

HARTFORD, Conn., June 27.—Thomas J. Spillacy, of Hartford, was nominated for Governor by the Democratic state convention here today. The platform approved the administration of President Wilson and declared that the supreme effort is to win the war.

2 PORTLAND MEN NEAR U-BOAT DEATH

Hugh Adams and Royce Greatwood, Survivors of Lincoln Disaster, Back in City.

SEA TRAGEDY IS DESCRIBED

Commander of German Submarine Recognized as Former Harvard Classmate of Officer on Torpedoed Transport.

Hugh W. H. Adams and Royce Greatwood, two Portland men who "came up" after the big Army transport, President Lincoln, was torpedoed in the bleak morning of May 31, 480 miles off the coast of France, and rode about on life rafts for 19 hours, reached Portland yesterday on a short furlough before going again into the U-boat infested zone of the Atlantic.

Mr. Adams is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, 431 East Taylor street, although he claims Scappoose as his home, because he was in high school there when a year ago he heard the call and joined the Navy.

Today he talks like a veteran, for he met and faced death, not once but several times, in those 19 cold hours, at one time looking into the mouth of a submarine gun, when the commander of the undersea craft tauntingly surveyed his work.

The U-boat commander, recognized by one of the President Lincoln's officers as a Harvard classmate, returned twice to the lifeboats and boats, after the President Lincoln, torpedoed in two places, gasped her last and sank into the choppy sea.

"We were in the water from 9 A. M. one day to 4 A. M. the next," said Mr. Adams yesterday in an offhand way, deprecating the experience as a bit of life.

"We were hit when we were 480 miles off the French coast on May 31. We lost 24 men and three officers, the latter being Senior Surgeon Whiteside, Paymaster Mowett and Assistant Paymaster Johnson.

"There was a kind of whistling noise when the torpedoes struck, killing almost instantly four seamen and two yeoman fore. There were two shots, you see, one fore and one aft, and we all had every confidence in the President Lincoln that she would not sink. But she did. It seems to me she stayed up about 18 minutes all told, but only about eight minutes after we began leaving her."

"She was hit at 3:57 A. M. We stayed by the ship 10 minutes after being hit. Then the captain—P. W. Foote is his name—ordered us to abandon ship, as she was going down fast. Prior to that we had all mustered in—640 of the crew in all, and we were ready to be ordered. The boats were lowered and the rafts made ready.

"Of course there were not enough rafts, and we all pretty much dived overboard and then swam for the boats and rafts. Our rafts were scattered over about a half mile square, and after the President Lincoln settled out of sight, the lifeboats rounded up the rafts and tied us together.

"About this time the submarine came back, and about 20 men were hanging around the conning tower. One walked out fore and took the cap off the deck gun and pointed the gun at us, asking for the captain—the commanding officer.

"We all said, of course, that the last we saw of him he was standing on the bridge. We meant to give the inference that the captain went down with her. It was successful because they gave up looking for him later and took a two-striper, Lieutenant-Commander Isaacs, an Annapolis man, who they thought was the commander.

"They started to take Ensign Black, but as they cruised up close the submarine commander said: 'Why, Black, we don't want you.' Black and the commander, you see, were classmates at Harvard. They recognized one another. The submarine went away and came back, each time to cruise tantalizingly among us. The Germans were set on finding our commander, but failed. We have heard nothing more from Lieutenant Isaacs."

Former classmates meet. Mr. Adams said the rescue was finally effected by a destroyer sent out from France. He continued: "The French sailors treated us well, gave us warm coffee and clothes. That reminds me, too. The submarine commander took one of our men aboard and gave him cognac and coffee while trying to 'pump' him as to the fate of our commander. The commander of the ship, known by name as an excellent English and Ensign Black said he was a bright student at college."

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