

STEAMER UPSETS; 175 MAY BE DEAD

Illinois River Excursionists
Are Trapped.

CRAFT HITS BANK IN FOG

Water Pours Into Gap in Bow
of Vessel and Boat Turns
Turtle With All Aboard.

DEADLY PANIC PREVAILS

Crew Calls Vainly to Passen-
gers to Help Balance Craft
as Plunge Is Taken.

PEORIA, Ill., July 6.—The number lost by the sinking of the Columbia is placed at 175 by the chief of police of Pekin. A message from him says his estimate is based on information gathered as to the probable number of passengers carried.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., July 6.—A telephone report from Pekin at 1:45 this morning said that between 500 and 600 persons were on the Columbia when she sank and that at that hour 100 had been rescued. The Columbia was carrying an excursion party from Pekin and was homeward bound when the accident happened.

DECATUR, Ill., July 6.—Word reaching here over railroad wires from the Peoria & Pekin Union Railroad trainmaster at Peoria states that more than 100 persons are believed to have been drowned when the excursion steamer Columbia turned over opposite Pekin on the Illinois River.

At 1:30 A. M. about 75 persons had been rescued from the steamer which in turning over went away from the bank. It is partially submerged, but boats available were so few that rescue work was proceeding very slowly. It is believed that between 400 and 500 were aboard the steamer.

Several railroad coaches have been sent to a point opposite where the steamer sank and the rescued are being cared for in the coaches as rapidly as they are brought to shore.

Many Thought Drowned.
Miss Pauline Bineuel, of Pekin, who was aboard the boat, told the following story of the disaster:

"The steamer had three decks. I was on the upper one. On that below dancing was going on. The bottom deck was occupied principally by men who were talking and smoking. I do not believe many of the persons on the first two decks, who constituted by far the larger portion of the crowd, could have escaped.

"I was chatting with friends. We felt the boat rise out of the river. It was clouded with fog. There was a crash. For a moment no one moved and then almost everybody rushed to one side of the boat. The crew and the officers, as soon as they realized what was happening, cried for the passengers to even the load, but it was too late. The Columbia tilted and then suddenly overturned. I was thrown into the water.

Cries for Aid Heard.
"When I came to the surface people were swimming about, too dazed to know what direction to follow. The mist hung low above the overturned boat, from which came horrifying confusion of cries for aid.

"Those on the lower decks seem to have been trapped.

"I swam about a minute and then aid came. A portion of the boat remained above the water. Men were behaving like heroes.

"Some were holding women in their arms and others were attempting to keep their heads above the river by clinging to women's clothes. The accident occurred about opposite Wesley City. The steamer had rammed an obstruction near the east bank. It was not long before the sound of the screams for help attracted attention on shore. Rowboats began to approach.

Survivors Are Rescued.
"The rescuers began to pick up the survivors. After a moment a boat neared me. A man who was supporting me called to the rowers to take me in. We rowed a distance—it seemed about four blocks—before we finally reached shore."

The steamer was in use in the reg-

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KAISER TOLD FROGS ALSO, ON HIS SIDE

CROWN PRINCE TELLS FATHER
REALLY FUNNY STORY.

German Emperor's Press Agent
"Puts Over" Another One—Deaf-
ening Chorus Aids in Battle.

AMSTERDAM, July 5.—Karl Roemer, frequently termed the German Emperor's press agent, describes in the Lokal Anzeiger a conversation which he says took place between Emperor William and the German Crown Prince in which the son told his father a story of the "frogs at the battle of the Chemin des Dames."

The story was told, says Roemer, as father and son stood on a hill in the battle sector of the army group of General Von Francois on June 3. The Crown Prince said:

"It was when the Germans were preparing to storm the Chemin des Dames. The frogs, which were found in millions in the marshy Ailette River region, croaked in such a deafening fashion that they enabled the Germans to bring up batteries, ammunition and columns without discovery and when the attack actually was launched the deafening concert of the frogs prevented the enemy from discovering the positions of the German machine guns."

TRAIN BEATEN TO ASTORIA

J. A. Byerly Makes Run in Four
Hours With 15-Minute Halt.

ASTORIA, Or., July 5.—(Special.)—What is thought to be the record automobile run from Portland over the new Lower Columbia River Highway was made yesterday by J. A. Byerly, treasurer of the Wilson Shipbuilding Company, who, with his family, came down in their Cadillac Eight to participate in the launching of the steamer Bonifay.

The party left Portland at 7:30 in the morning, just 15 minutes after the passenger train departed, and beat the train into Astoria.

The trip was made in slightly less than four hours, including a 15-minute halt at Clatskanie, where a celebration was in progress.

BIG PRUNE CROP ASSURED

Clarke County's Output Promises to
Be Record One.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 5.—(Special.)—Clarke County's prune crop promises to be the greatest ever gathered there, according to estimates by M. L. Dean, chief of the division of horticulture. The crop is figured at 6000 tons.

Pacific and Grays Harbor counties are credited with 7000 barrels of cranberries, and Klickitat and Shastan counties with 150 carloads of apples and pears. The state apple crop is estimated at 19,000 carloads, or 1000 carloads less than in 1917. Yakima and Kittitas counties' crops are estimated at 7250 cars; Benton and Franklin, 670; Wenatchee district, 6215; Okanogan, 550; Douglas and Grant, 525; Spokane, 1957; Walla Walla district, 205.

SCHWAB HITS FIRST RIVET

General Manager of Fleet Corpora-
tion Acts as Official Holder.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—Charles M. Schwab today drove the first rivet in a big steel tanker at the Moore shipbuilding plant in Oakland. The tanker is one of the 19 large ships for which keels were laid following the launching of 17 freighters and destroyers here yesterday.

While Mr. Schwab was driving the rivet Charles Fies, general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, acted as "holder on" and George Dickey, builder of the Oregon, as "heater boy."

BOOTLEGGER GETS LIMIT

Seattle Man Sentenced to Year in
Jail and Fined \$6000.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 5.—Raleigh M. Falkner, of Seattle, today was sentenced to one year in jail and fined \$6000 following his recent conviction on the charge of importing liquor illegally into the state.

Officers said Falkner's sentence was the most severe ever given for violation of the prohibition law.

Falkner, it was charged, shipped liquor into Seattle in packing cases, marked "auto polish."

NOON PRAYER IS APPROVED

Senate Adopts Resolution Urging Of-
ficial Proclamation.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—The Senate today passed a resolution requesting the President to issue a proclamation calling on the American people to observe noon prayer during the war. It now goes to the House.

Senator Phelan, of California, read a letter from Secretary Tumulty, which said the President regarded the noon prayer as "a beautiful thought."

MISS RANKIN AMBITIOUS

Montana Representative Would
Succeed Senator Walsh.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—Miss Jeanette Rankin, Representative from Montana, announced today she will be a candidate for the Republican nomination to the Senate to succeed Senator Walsh.

The nominating primaries will be August 27, and Miss Rankin said at present there is no other Republican candidate.

COVINGTON SUNK; SIX MEN MISSING

Giant Transport Bound
for U. S., Torpedoed.

SURVIVORS LAND IN FRANCE

No Troops Nor Passengers on
Doomed Vessel.

CONVOY FAILS TO SAVE

Troop Ship, Formerly German Liner
Cincinnati, of 16,339 Gross
Tonnage, Taken Over When
America Entered War.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—The United States Army transport Henderson has been affire at sea, but has made an Atlantic port in safety. There was no loss of life.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—The United States Army transport Covington, homeward bound with a fleet of troopships conveyed by American destroyers, was torpedoed in the war zone Monday night and sank the next day while an effort was being made to tow her to port.

Six men of the crew are missing, but the others, with the officers, were landed at a French port. No soldiers or passengers were on board.

Missing List Given Out.

The missing men are:
Ernest C. Anderson, fireman, Lynn, Mass.
Joseph P. Bowden, seaman, Mountain Lake, N. J.
Ambrose C. Ford, fireman, Somerville, Mass.
William Henry Lynch, Jr., fireman, Manchester, N. H.
Albert S. Payne, seaman, West New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y.
Lloyd H. Silvernail, seaman, Bainbridge, N. Y.

Submarine Not Sighted.

In announcing tonight the sinking of the Covington, formerly the Hamburg-American liner Cincinnati, the Navy Department said that the submarine which sent a torpedo crashing into the ship's side just forward of the engine-room at 9:47 o'clock at night was not sighted.

Vice-Admiral Sims' message did not go into details, but officers believe the submarine was on the surface recharging its batteries when the convoy came along and that it submerged immediately after discharging the torpedo without attempting further attack.

Flight Theory Borne Out.

The theory that the submarine made off in haste is borne out by the fact that the crew was transferred to a destroyer without incident. Some surprise was occasioned by the fact that the submarine did not return and undertake to finish the sinking.

The Covington was the first American transport to be sunk while in con-

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HUN GRAIN OUTLOOK BECOMES BRIGHTER

CEREAL YEAR PROMISES TO BE
BETTER THAN 1917.

German Economist Insists, However,
That Germany Should Exact
Tribute From Roumania.

AMSTERDAM, July 5.—Until well into June of the present year the gravest fears were entertained in Berlin for the failure of German crops, owing to the drought in April and May, writes Dr. Dieckmann, in the Tagliche Rundschau, but later the change of weather brought an improvement, so that without exaggerated expectations the new cereal year, beginning August 1, promises to be better than the last one.

Last year's failure of the fodder crop, the writer adds, caused considerable shrinkage of livestock, which will detrimentally influence cultivation in the coming year.

Dr. Dieckmann next points out that potato supplies to German farmers, owing to the shortage of labor and the difficulties of transportation, are nearly 100,000 carloads in arrears. Yet large quantities of potato have been sent to the Ukraine, he says.

The writer insists that "a full pound of flesh" should be exacted from Roumania, whose crops must be subjected to the "strictest control."

Turning to the meat supplies, Dr. Dieckmann fears that next year will bring but little improvement. He says a majority of the breeders declare that Germany's stocks of cattle and pigs will take 10 years to recover their normal size.

Germans, he concludes, are turning in greater numbers to vegetarianism, this being conclusively evident in the multiplication of kitchen gardens, especially in the vicinity of large cities.

SULTAN'S DEATH MYSTERY

Rumors Suggesting Assassination
Come From Dutch Sources.

LONDON, July 5.—Reports have reached London from Dutch sources that the death of the Sultan of Turkey, Mohammed V, which took place on Wednesday night, was not due to natural causes and presumably was part of a revolutionary movement in the Ottoman Empire.

AMSTERDAM, July 5.—In a message to the new Sultan of Turkey, Emperor Charles, of Austria, is quoted in a Vienna dispatch as saying:
"The unconquerable bravery of our armies, the steadfastness of our courageous peoples, has strengthened our alliance with Germany and Bulgaria in the face of all our enemies, who quite openly wish to destroy or disintegrate our states."

"The wise political ideas which characterized the reign now closed were also its glory. They indicate a path leading to final victory and greatness for the Ottoman empire."

GENERAL RISE AUTHORIZED

Employees of Express Companies
Throughout Country Affected.

NEW YORK, July 5.—Announcement that express company employees throughout the country will receive an increase in wages dating from July 1 was made here tonight by George C. Taylor, president of the American Railway Express Company, which on July 1 took over the express business on all the railroads of the United States.

FINNS MAY JOIN GERMANY IN WAR

Stockholm Advises Say
Move Imminent.

PORT OF KOLA IS MENACED

Russian Supplies Guarded by
Allied Forces at Stake.

TEUTON TROOPS IN FIELD

Washington Realizes Possibilities of
New Hostile Force in Conflict
and Is Not Disposed
to Worry.

STOCKHOLM, July 5.—It is reported here that a declaration of war by Finland against the entente nations is imminent. The newspapers are expecting news of such a declaration at any hour.

Germany assisted the present Finnish government to establish itself by sending to Finland German troops, with whose aid the Red Guard, which was endeavoring to establish a regime of the Bolshevik type, was defeated.

German Influence Dominant.

German influence has since been predominant in Finland and there has been encouragement for the Finnish government to extend its activities toward the Murman coast, where runs the Murman railway from the White Sea port of Kola, built to give the allies an other entrance into Russia.

An entente force, including American Marines, has been guarding this railway and the supplies at this port.

Teuton Troops Landed.

Reports from Stockholm on July 3 declared that Germany had landed additional large military forces on the Finnish coast. These troops were well supplied with artillery and full equipment for service in cold regions.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—It is realized that a considerable Finnish-German force could easily seize strategic points on the railroad running south from Archangel and Kola to Volodga. There is a report that the invaders have arrived at Kim, an important town on the road, near the southern end of the White Sea.

Entente Plan Menaced.

A successful movement of this kind might defeat any entente plan to send a military force into Central Russia from the north.

As long as the entente fleet is able to navigate in the Arctic, the little force of sailors and marines at Kola and vicinity would be safely supported.

The advent of Winter probably will make it necessary to withdraw this force.

Official Confirmation Lacking.

Press reports from Stockholm predicting the adhesion of Finland to the central power alliance are as yet un-

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ALLIES QUIT WHEN HUNS MEET TERMS

LOYD GEORGE SAYS WILSON
HAS STATED CONDITIONS.

British Premier, Complimenting U.
S. Troops, Declares Kaiser Now
Realizes Mistake.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, July 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Addressing American troops after a review, Premier Lloyd George, of Great Britain, today said:
"Germany can have peace tomorrow with the United States. France and Great Britain if she will accept the conditions voiced yesterday by President Wilson."

The Prime Minister paid high tribute to the Americans who fought at Chateau Thierry, saying that they had showed the Kaiser that he had made another mistake in believing that the new American troops were not capable of meeting the trained Germans. He then sketched the history of the German ruler regarding the United States getting into the war and her participation in the war, adding:

"Now that 1,000,000 Americans have arrived the Kaiser is beginning to realize that defeat, certain and inevitable, is staring him in the face."

RANCHER KILLED BY BULL

Jockin Dahm Attacked and Crushed
by Infuriated Animal.

FOREST GROVE, Or., July 5.—(Special.)—Jockin Dahm, residing five miles northeast of Hales Creek, was gored to death by an infuriated bull last night.

Mr. Dahm was attempting to separate some cattle when the bull became enraged and charged upon him. He was rendered helpless. His cries brought his aged wife, who succeeded in driving the animal away. The victim died before neighbors could be summoned.

He was a native of Denmark and had lived in this community for a number of years. He was 57 years of age.

FRANCE TO HOLD CURRENCY

Decree Prohibits Removal of Paper
Money From Country.

PARIS, July 5.—A decree issued today by Louis Klotz, Minister of Finance, prohibits any persons from taking more than 1000 francs in French, Russian or American paper money outside of France. The prohibition probably will be extended soon to cover the currency of other allied nations.

The reason for the decree lies in the efforts of the enemy to acquire the use of paper money in all the neutral states for a purpose which, the announcement of the decree says, is not yet clear, but which can easily become dangerous.

DUTCH STEAMERS SAIL

Convoyed Fleet Leaves The Hague
for East Indies.

THE HAGUE, July 5.—Several Dutch steamers under an armed convoy and accompanied by a collier, sailed today for the Dutch East Indies.

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L. R. ALDERMAN IS DEPOSED BY BOARD

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CHANGE EFFECTIVE JULY 1

Directors Orton, Sommer and
Thomas Approve Action.

D. A. GROUT IS NEW HEAD

Mr. Alderman Named Superintend-
ent of War Work—Board Pro-
poses to Terminate Litigation
With Mrs. Alecia Alexander.

City Superintendent L. R. Alderman was officially removed as the administrative head of the Portland public schools by the votes of Directors Orton, Sommer and Thomas at a meeting of the Board of Education yesterday.

This was the effect and purpose of the action of the majority of the board in adopting a resolution creating the office of Superintendent of War Work and appointing Superintendent Alderman acting superintendent of the newly-created post.

At the same time and by the same action, D. A. Grout, at present first assistant City Superintendent, was elected Acting Superintendent of Schools to succeed Mr. Alderman. These changes take effect as of July 1.

Director Sommer Springs Surprise.

While it was expected that the board as now constituted eventually would take some action against Mr. Alderman, yesterday's developments came with an abruptness that astonished not only the deposed Superintendent of Schools, but the officers of the board and the usual number of spectators in attendance at the meeting. After a session taken up entirely by the consideration of routine business and with formal adjournment in sight, the surprise was sprung by Dr. E. A. Sommer.

"Here are some reports from the educational committee that should be considered before the meeting adjourns," remarked Dr. Sommer, handing District Clerk Thomas three reports, signed by himself and Director Orton as the two members of the committee.

War Work Office Created.

The first report read by the clerk proposed the creation of the office of Superintendent of war work; provided that all war activities of the schools should have the approval of this superintendent before being presented to the Board of Education or to any committee of the board and directed that Superintendent Alderman should be assigned to the duties of "acting superintendent of war work."

The report of the committee further proposed that Assistant Superintendent Grout should be promoted to acting Superintendent of Schools; that the second assistant superintendent, C. A. Rice, should succeed Mr. Grout; that the position of second Assistant Superintendent be filled by assignment of one of the principals of schools and that all assignments enumerated in the report take effect as of July 1, this year.

Detaching the purpose of the report, the adoption of which had been moved by Dr. Sommer, seconded by George E. Thomas, O. M. Plummer, minority member of the board, entered a futile protest.

Mr. Plummer Enters Protest.

"The evident purpose of this report and its adoption is the removal of Superintendent Alderman from the head of the schools of this city," commented Mr. Plummer. "I would call to the attention of the members of the board that the present superintendent of schools is under contract with the Board of Education as city superintendent of schools and his contract does not expire until July 1, 1919. The board has no legal right to displace him or to transfer him to any other activity without his consent."

Over the protest of Mr. Plummer and without debate, the report was adopted by the affirmative votes of the three majority members—Orton, Sommer and Thomas. Mr. Plummer alone voted negatively, Chairman Drake, the fifth member of the body, who presided, not having an opportunity to vote.

With equal celerity and by the same vote, another report from the same committee was adopted, extending for one year under the same conditions the present contracts by which Mr. Grout, Mr. Rice and H. H. Thomas, clerk and business manager, are employed. These contracts will now run until June 30, 1920.

Alexander Case May Be Settled.

By the same vote a further report from the same committee was adopted, which proposes a termination of the litigation between Mrs. Alecia Alexander and the Board of Education. This report provides that upon the written acceptance of the conditions on the part of Mrs. Alexander within 10 days the pending appeal to the Supreme Court in the suit between the board and Mrs. Alexander shall be withdrawn and the case settled out of court on substantially the following basis:

1—Mrs. Alexander to be reinstated to a principalship at such time and place as may be hereafter decided upon by the board, and

2—The matter of pay to Mrs. Alexander for the time lost on account of the litigation shall be left to the teachers' committee on appeals.

All of the reports were adopted with-

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