

U. S. STEAMSHIP MONTANAN SUNK

Loss of Life Reported Small in Disaster of August 16 in Foreign Waters.

RELIEF VESSEL HITS MINE

Dutch Steamer Gasconier Lost in North Sea—American Craft Start Chase of Raider Off Atlantic Coast.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The American steamer Montanan, of 6653 tons gross, was torpedoed and sunk in the foreign waters August 16, with the probable loss of three members of the crew and two members of the naval armed guard, the Navy Department tonight announced.

Eighty-one survivors were landed. The Montanan was in the service of the quartermaster's department of the Army and was used as a supply ship. The members of the naval guard reported as missing are David W. Johnson, seaman, and Chester C. Eldridge, seaman. The names of the civilian members of the crew unaccounted for have not been ascertained.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—The Montanan, owned by the American-Hawaiian line, was launched in 1913 at Sparrow's Point. She was built for service through the Panama Canal. In October last year, with other American vessels over 2500 tons deadweight, she was requisitioned by the United States Shipping Board and soon afterward assigned to the Army quartermaster's department.

Naval Crew Carried. The vessel was manned by officers and crew from the Navy when sunk and was outboard from an American port.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Aug. 21.—The Dutch steamer Gasconier, operated by the Belgian Relief Commission and proceeding from New York to Rotterdam with flour, struck a mine in the North Sea, caught fire and sank. Six lives were lost.

The Gasconier was formerly the Fruithandel. She was owned by the Lloyd Royal Belge of Antwerp. WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Strong forces of swift naval patrol boats and destroyers sped today to the North Atlantic fishing banks, where the trawler Triumph, captured yesterday by a German submarine which armed and manned her, is reported raiding fishing fleets.

Seizure Report Confirmed. The commander of the first naval district at Boston late today in a message to Secretary Daniels said the seizure of the steam trawler Triumph by a German submarine which had it manned as a raider had been definitely established by the naval authorities.

A CANADIAN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 21.—The operations of the steam trawler Triumph, manned by a crew from a German submarine, have resulted in the sinking of four fishing vessels and probably others, according to reports at hand tonight. Schooners known to have been sunk are the Una P. Saunders and the Lucille Schnare of Lunenburg, N. S., the A. Platt Andrew of Gloucester, Mass., and the Francis J. O'Hara of Boston.

Their crews, numbering 80 in all, had reached port safely tonight. A fifth vessel, the Pasadena, was in sight when the Lucille Schnare was sent down and it was believed that she shared the fate of her neighbors, although no direct news of her had been received. Great anxiety was felt here also regarding other vessels of the fishing fleet known to have been within the scene of the raider's activity.

The Triumph, which left Portland, Maine, last Monday for western banks, was captured by a German submarine at 2 P. M. yesterday. A crew of 16 men was placed on board and they lost no time in arming her with two guns and beginning their work of havoc among the fishermen.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Six days spent as a prisoner on a German submarine, which was so crowded with men that there was scarcely room to sleep, convinced Captain David Evans, of the British steamer Penitence, sunk by the U-boat, that more exploits like the arming of the steam trawler Triumph are contemplated by the German raiders.

On his visit here, where he reported his experience to naval officers, Captain Evans explained that the submarine carried 60 men, more than twice the number of a normal crew. "The U-boat which sank the Penitence and which was my prison for eight days, was about 200 feet over all and carried two 6-inch deck guns," Captain Evans said.

"The officers and crew of the submarine were young men, determined and business-like. They talked very little and adopted, more or less, the attitude of ignoring me. "The fact that they did not attempt to extract information from me with regard to the movement of ships convinced me that they were well informed in that direction.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Reports that an American tank steamer recently sank a German submarine off the coast are regarded by naval officers as definitely disproved.

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OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The following Army casualties are reported by the Commanding General of the American expeditionary forces: Killed in action 45; Died of disease 12; Wounded (degree undetermined) 12; Died of wounds 19; Missing in action 129; Died of accident and other causes 2; Prisoner 1; Total 218.

The list of fatalities follows: KILLED IN ACTION—Major James A. McKenna, New York; Lieutenant Ray C. Dwyer, New York; Sergeant William Boyle, Steubenville, O.; Sergeant Harry C. Kendall, Shenandoah, Ia.; Wagoner Edward Manley, Weadport, N. Y.; Corporal John J. Kane, Jersey City, N. J.; Privates Walter B. Akeley, Fort Angeles, Wash.; Roch Bant-Kawak, Chicago; Claude T. Anna, Adrian, Mich.; Henry J. Bowker, Plymouth, Neb.; Luke Box, Hazen, Ark.; Ernest Divine, Nelson, Ky.; Frank Korysek, Chicago; Finn L. Nelson, Hristow, Neb.; Phillip M. Paulson, Beach, N. D.; Harvey Andrew Guilkison, Newash, W. Va.; R. H. Lutz, Ind.; Anton F. Kerzner, Forestville, Wis.; Howard L. Nidle, Great Falls, Mont.; Charles Rodal, New York, N. Y.; Denis Strong, Tonkashock, Pa.; Frank A. Block, Milwaukee, Wis.; Clarence L. Carter, Rochester, N. Y.; Joseph Cloutier, Dubuque, Iowa; Harold Davis, Watson, W. Va.; Clarence R. Gold, Hinesville, Ga.; George T. Norris, Indianapolis; Curtis J. Wilson, Hawley, Pa.; Benjamin Cardon, Galloway, O.; Albert S. Grant, Butler, Pa.; Glenn A. Howard, St. Paul, Minn.; Lieutenant Orville P. Johnson, Albuquer, N. M.; Lieutenant Elmer Burdette Nelson, Pontiac, Mich.; Sergeant Samuel A. Goldenberg, New York; Sergeant Eddie Lep. Narrows, Ky.; Sergeant Charles Reardon, Sharpville, Pa.; Corporal Floyd Ibbotson, Dowagiac, Mich.; Corporal Morris Lynchick, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Privates Isaac Allen, Bay View, Mich.; Andrew Ameszek, Chicago; Rudolph W. Bergquist, Rockford, Ill.; Clarence W. Wines, Winchester, Ind.; Gran Colton, Medina, N. Y.; Arch D. Cumpston, Albus, Ark.; Alfred J. Curtis, Lewiston, Me.; William J. Melien, Wis.; Edward J. Galaska, Milwaukee, Wis.; Guy George, Boston, Mass.; Paul Norbert, West Nyack, N. Y.; Edward E. Sanders, Edinburg, Neb.; Helmut Stever, Mellon, Wis.; Daniel J. Wasse, Kalamoon, Pa.

DIED OF DISEASE—Julian W. Baldwin, East Orange, N. J.; John L. Bower, Covington, Ga.; George S. Edwards, Astoria, Long Beach, Cal.; Dock Ross, Romah, Ark.; Corporal Lloyd E. Brown, Lynn, Ind.; Private Patrick Daniel, Fotsch, Mo.

DIED FROM WOUNDS—Corporal Sidney Kelly, Oketa, Kan.

DIED FROM ACCIDENT AND OTHER CAUSES—Alphus C. Robey, Alexandria, Va.; Nicholas Higgins, New Haven, Conn.

A Marine Corps list contains the following: Killed in action 5; Died of wounds received in action 1; Wounded in action (severely) 3; Wounded (degree undetermined) 6; Total 15.

The list of fatalities follows: KILLED IN ACTION—Sergeant John H. Cobbedick, Porgan, Okla.; Corporal Earl P. Corbett, Chicago; Private Carl J. Dittman, Woodstock, Ill.; Arthur C. Still, Tacoma, Wash.

DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION—Corporal Joseph E. Bush, Fairplay, Mo.

YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 21.—(Special)—Word was received here yesterday of the death of Ray Wilkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wilkinson, of the city, at Washington, D. C. The telegram stated that young Wilkinson died of wounds. The last word the parents had was that their son was in a hospital, and he wrote them that he was suffering from "stomach trouble." The parents believe their son was wounded in France and that he died in Paris, as on June 19 he wrote that he had witnessed an air raid over that city.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 21.—(Special)—A letter received from France states that Nigel Bignold, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Bignold, of Montesano, has been so severely wounded that he probably will be invalided home after some time in the hospital. The young Bignold's legs is said to have been shattered.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 21.—Names of Americans in today's casualty list include: KILLED IN ACTION—Lieutenant W. H. Fairweather, Abing, Wash.; WOUNDED—O. F. Reeves, Walla Walla, Wash.; F. Lundquist, Spokane, Wash.; H. G. Walker, Opice, Wis.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—British casualties reported today ending today totalled 441 compared with an aggregate of 820 reported in the previous week. These are divided as follows: KILLED OR DIED OF WOUNDS—60; WOUNDED OR MISSING—Officers, 68; men, 620.

been liberated by the French northwest of Soissons and positions have been captured on both sides of the Oise River which seemingly make Noyon untenable. That town is outflanked on the southeast and dominated by the French guns from the south and west. South the French are stalling in Semigny, mile and a half distant, while on the west they have captured the town of Lassigny, the key position to Noyon and the plains to the north.

With the latest advance by the French east of the Oise there has come under the range of General Mangin's guns the broad-gauge railway in Semigny, leading from Noyon eastward to La Fere, the sole remaining line, except for two narrow-gauge roads, over which the enemy may transport his men and supplies beyond the range of the French artillery.

At last accounts Haig was still pressing forward on the heels of the Germans between Albert and Arras, with tanks innumerable clearing the way. The Arras-Albert railway already has been crossed by the British east of Boisieux-St. Marc and Metzact, south of these towns the new line has been pressed eastward.

On the Lys salient the Germans have declared a violent counter-attack in an endeavor to recoup in part the losses they have sustained. Their efforts were fruitless, for the British pushed back the enemy beyond his points of departure.

What is to be the effect of the allied drive along the 120 miles battle line from Ypres to Soissons cannot be forecast at present, but it seems highly probable that this entire front soon must be realigned. This particular menace to the Germans, aside from that in the territory between the Somme and Oise, appears to be on the sector along the Vesle river from Soissons to Rheims, which the Germans cannot be foretold at present, but it seems highly probable that this entire front soon must be realigned.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 21.—Baron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, in an interview with a Vienna newspaper, declared himself completely satisfied with the results of the conferences last week at German main headquarters. Every important question regarding war and peace had been talked over and no alteration was made in our peace programme.

Regarding the Polish question he said a plan had been drafted to enable further negotiations. LONDON, Aug. 21.—Prince Ferdinand Radziwill, of the Polish government council, who attended the recent conference at German headquarters, wires the Warsaw government that the "Polish question received very favorable treatment" according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Successful bombardment of the Austrian military works at Parenzo, by Italian aviators, without damage to the civilian portion of the town, is announced in an official dispatch today from Rome. The almen dropped great quantities of leaflets with messages in the language of oppression to the peoples under Austrian domination.

Rome Messagiero in an article quoted in official dispatches today, says Austria is endeavoring to make the allies believe there is great dissension in Austria and that Austrian troops have been sent to France to aid the Germans, in order to cover preparations for another offensive against Italy.

"From a reliable source," the paper says, "we have a denial of the statement that Austria-Hungary has sent new divisions to France to fight together with the Germans." Rumanian and Montenegro soldiers are joining the Czecho-Slovak troops now fighting on the Italian front. An official dispatch today says all technical difficulties have been removed and Italian officers are greatly pleased with this addition to their forces.

Progress of the War. (By the Associated Press.) The tide of defeat still surges heavily against the German armies in France and Flanders. On four sectors French and British arms again have been served, and the return to Soissons in Alsace, now is more seriously menaced than before.

French troops of General Mangin, operating from the region two miles northwest of Soissons to the Oise River, and those of General Humbert, fighting between the Oise and the Marne, have materially pushed forward and may compel the immediate evacuation of the entire Somme-Oise salient from Bray to Noyon.

Further to the north, between Albert and Arras, Field Marshal Haig has followed up his successes of previous days by a new offensive over a front of about 10 miles and driven forward his troops for splendid gains over the entire line, capturing a number of villages, taking guns and inflicting heavy casualties.

Still farther north, in the famous Lys sector, a general eastward advance on a front of more than four miles has been made by the British, who have brought their positions appreciably nearer the old 1918 battleline running east of Armentieres.

Numerous additional villages have

LITERARY WARRIOR OF GERMANY ON RUN

General Bernhard Involvement in Series of Staggering Defeats on the Western Front.

ARMY IS BADLY MAULED

Cologne Zeitung Publishes Fantastic Comment on Movement of American Soldiers to Battle in France.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—(British Wireless Service).—The present series of German defeats has involved a German officer who is perhaps better known to the reading public of the allied nations than almost any of the German generals.

He is General Bernhard, the author of the famous books which so frankly revealed Germany's war aims. He commands the 55th Corps of the Sixth Army, which has been steadily driven back by the British across the plains of Lys toward Armentieres.

The 55th Corps has been badly hit in endeavoring to hold the Meriville salient confronting the forest of Nieppe. It lost many positions and was badly shaken by the enflaming fire of the British batteries as it retreated.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 21.—The Cologne Zeitung Tuesday contained an article attempting to prove by statistics that America cannot possibly send 300,000 men to Europe in a month. Troops Declared Sunk. The article declared that more than 40 troops already have been sunk.

"If the Americans at the front are fighting well that does not need to cause surprise, for it is the fine flower of American manhood, namely, the old regular Army, plus about 40,000 of the most sturdy and most adventurous elements which all nations have who volunteered at the outset of the war.

"Then there will be contingents recruited from the New England states who are the best educated and keenest fighters. "So we get an aggregate of from 200,000 to 250,000 picked men, but once these are used up the picture will be altered, because they cannot be replaced."

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Aug. 21.—(By the Associated Press).—An order issued by a German military commander and which is more illuminating than anything else that has come out of Germany in many months, says: "It has come to my knowledge through a letter addressed to the royal Prussian Ministry of War that men on leave have spoken publicly of a revolution which is to break out after the war.

Officers Ordered to Act. "I wish to impress all superior officers who happen to overhear such objectionable talk or who hear of it through others that they must deal with it at once and without hesitation. "A soldier, said to have come from the industrial region of Rhineland Westphalia, declared in a picture that in his home district men were going on leave, taking weapons with them for the aforesaid object and that it was easy to take home German or captured rifles, revolvers and hand grenades separated into two parts.

"I desire that the clothing of men going on leave be searched before their departure."

NOTABLE WOMAN IN TOWN

Mrs. Laura Holschneider First Councilwoman in United States.

The first woman elected to a municipal legislative office in the United States was honor guest of the Council Committee at the Portland Central Committee at the Portland Hotel yesterday. This woman, Mrs. Laura C. Holschneider, of Denver, Colo., served as Councilwoman in Buena Vista, Colo., in 1888.

Almost single-handed she forced reforms in this municipality, although opposed by politicians who had held office and controlled the affairs of the city for many years.

Mrs. Holschneider is a member of the Ladies of the G. A. R.

SALVATION ARMY IS HELPED

U. S. Steel Corporation Donates \$100,000 to War Work Committee.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—In recognition of the assistance rendered the wounded in France by the workers of the Salvation Army on duty there, the United States Steel Corporation today sent \$100,000 to the army's war work committee.

Accompanying the donation was a letter of congratulation to Commander Evangeline Booth from Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the steel corporation.

DEMOCRATS HEAR VISITORS

County Central Committee Addressed by G. A. R. Leader at Luncheon.

Several patriotic talks, including an address by E. J. C. Bealer, department commander for the G. A. R. in Iowa, were given at the weekly luncheon of the Democratic County Central Committee at the Portland Hotel yesterday. George F. Alexander, United States Marshal, was chairman of the day.

Circuit Judge Gatens, George M. Troubridge, managing editor of the Journal; Mrs. J. F. Kelly, vice-president of the South Portland Improvement Association; Will Moore, Collector of Customs, and John S. Smith, Democratic nominee for Representative in Congress from this district.

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New Coal List Prepared. WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—A new priority list of industries to receive coal, transportation, labor, materials and financial assistance, with provision for civilian needs, is being compiled by the War Industries Board. It will be issued, it is expected, within the next ten days or two weeks according to announcement made today. "The list also will form the basis for operation of the work or fight order.

MILITIA TO GET NO PAY. State Laws Fail to Correspond With Federal Requirements.

Members of the Oregon National Guard, which is again being built up along old lines, are expecting to do their drilling from patriotic motives and without thought of pecuniary reward, for the next few months at least. The cold truth of the matter is that the militiamen can collect no armory pay from the Government until a Legislature is kind enough to make the state laws correspond with Federal requirements with respect to officer appointments.

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Mrs. Clara G. Yengling, of Massachusetts, Probably Will Be Re-elected Treasurer, Today.

Mrs. Estella Moore, of Chicago, received the nomination for the National presidency of the Daughters of Veterans at the business session yesterday at the Benson Hotel. Miss Anna B. Dunham, incumbent, received an honorary name of office, but as it is not customary for the executive to accept re-election, Mrs. Moore's election at the sessions today is counted probable. Mrs. Moore now is National senior vice-president and has been active in the affairs of the order for years.

Mrs. Clara Gilchrist Yengling, of Roxbury, Mass., probably will be re-elected treasurer and the president-elect will appoint her own secretary to succeed Mrs. Ella M. Craft.

Yesterday greetings from the Grand Army were presented. Mrs. Craft responded. Frank McCrillis presented greetings from the Sons of Veterans and Mrs. Anna B. Norton, of Boston, made the response.

A general revision of the ritual was adopted at the session yesterday and the routine business will be finished, the convention adjourning this afternoon.

G. A. R. Automobiles

Many more automobiles are required for today to make highway trips for our G. A. R. visitors. So far, our citizens have done nobly, but we need many more. It is physically impossible to telephone parties having pledged the use of their cars for this purpose, therefore, all those and other volunteers are requested to be on hand with their cars, either at the Multnomah Hotel, the Benson, or the Hotel Portland, from 9 o'clock today.

THE COMMITTEE.