

HIRANO MARU U-BOAT PREY; HUNDREDS DIE

Japanese Vessel Sent Down South of Ireland.

WOMEN, CHILDREN PERISH

German Fire Two Torpedoes at U. S. Destroyer Sterrett, Which Rescues Survivors.

LONDON, Oct. 10.—The Dublin mail-boat Leinster has been torpedoed, according to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The steamer was making a trip from Dublin to Holyhead.

Four hundred persons perished in the torpedoing of the Leinster, according to a report which has not yet been confirmed.

A BRITISH PORT, Oct. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Japanese steamer Hiranu Maru of 7935 tons gross, has been torpedoed and sunk. It is feared that 300 lives were lost.

The commander of the American destroyer Sterrett heard the explosion and steered his vessel for the point whence the sound came. He found the ship had disappeared and he saw a mass of people struggling in the water.

While the Sterrett was engaged picking up the men and women struggling in the water, the German submarine fired two torpedoes at the warship. Both missiles happily missed their mark.

After making a thorough search for survivors the Sterrett headed for the submarine, firing several shots and dropping depth charges.

200 Passengers on Board. The Hiranu Maru was outward bound for Japan and carried about 200 passengers. She was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine early on Friday morning when about 300 miles south of Ireland.

The few survivors who were picked up by the Sterrett have been brought here. They declare that the torpedo struck the steamer in the forward engine-room.

Nothing remained for those on board, including the women and children, but to plunge into the ocean. A large number, however, went down with the ship.

The vessel disappeared completely within seven minutes after being struck by the torpedo.

Only Strongest Survive. The weather was bad and rather hazy. Everybody had been supplied with lifebelts but only the strongest were able to stand the buffeting of the waves and exposure.

There were no small boats available, so the destroyer steamer about, picking up those who were still alive. The American warship picked up 10 persons, one of whom died while being brought ashore.

Among the survivors were these passengers in the first cabin: A. A. Young, Louis Durmont, A. B. Askala, T. H. Butler and Fred J. Kuech.

About 22 members of the Japanese crew were rescued.

TYPHOON HITS JAP COAST

One Vessel Reported to Have Lost Two Men Overboard.

A CANADIAN PACIFIC PORT, Oct. 10.—A Japanese liner arrived here today with a report that its departure from the Orient was delayed by a typhoon which swept the Japanese coast. Passengers said the wind raged at a frightful velocity. One vessel lost two sailors overboard.

HAIG PUSHES ON 10 MILES

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been captured by the British, Field Marshal Haig announces in his report tonight.

Advance Is Rapid. The British have advanced rapidly along the whole battle front. They now hold the line of the Selle River from St. Souplet to Solesmes, which represents an advance of about 10 miles east of Cambrai.

Many civilians have been found in the captured towns and villages, 2500 being liberated in Caudry alone.

The text of the statement reads: "At dawn this morning our advance was resumed along the whole battle front. At all points rapid progress was made in spite of the efforts of the enemy's rear guards to hold up the advance.

"Our troops, approaching the large woods east of Bohain, have entered Vaux-Andigny. North of that place we have reached the general line of the Selle River from St. Souplet to Solesmes and have captured Le Cateau.

"West of Solesmes we captured Avesnes and Rieux, and then St. Martin.

"West of Scheldt Canal we have taken Etrun. In the towns and villages captured in our advance today numbers of civilians have been found.

"Fires Burn at All Points. They are accompanied by explosions as ammunition dumps go up. Occasionally shells from British guns find their target in the ammunition of the enemy, but more often the explosions are set by the Germans themselves to keep the material from falling into the hands of the British, who they realize will soon be at them if they do not go quickly.

It is quite apparent that the Germans have no definite ideas at present of obtaining any order out of the ragged remnants of their smashed divisions. At almost every report from the low flying airmen, who themselves have been severely punishing the enemy today, is to the effect that the road leading eastward continues to contain streams of confused, disorganized Germans and their equipment.

There are no signs of the general movement eastward coming to a halt. The British seem everywhere to be rolling back the enemy wherever they have continued the attack.

The cold wind and drizzle of today reminded the fighters that Winter is fast approaching and for that reason it is doubtful if the victorious British armies and the Americans co-operating with one of them will pause. All the rear organizations are moving up as the men in the line go forward.

PARIS, Oct. 10.—French troops advancing east of St. Quentin have penetrated to depth of nearly four miles and occupied numerous villages, according to the War Office statement tonight.

South of the Oise, in the St. Quentin region, Servais has been captured and prisoners have been taken. Between the Ailette and the Aisne, French and Italian troops advancing on both sides of the Chemin Des Dames have forced the Germans back beyond the Oise canal.

Hundreds of English girls are employed in caring for the British service horses behind the fighting lines in France.

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