

STORY OF U-BOAT'S DESTRUCTION TOLD

Navy Department Gives Out Details of American Destroyer's Work.

SUBMARINE QUICKLY SUNK

Effect of Depth Charges Seen When Diver Settles and Crew Surrender—Tentons Taken Aboard—Destroyer and Well Treated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Full details of the destruction by American destroyers of a German submarine and the capture of its crew, made public today by the Navy Department, show that the destroyers Fanning and Nicholson were the warships engaged. The incident was reported November 24, but few facts were given at the time.

The submarine was sunk, the Navy Department's story of the affair indicates, as it was preparing to attack a merchant ship flotilla conveyed by the destroyers.

Lookout Sights Periscope.

The Navy Department's full story of the incident follows:

"At about 4:10 P. M., while escorting a convoy, Coxswain David D. Loomis, lookout of the Fanning, sighted a small periscope some distance off the port bow, extending about a foot out of water and visible for only a few seconds. The Fanning immediately headed for the spot and about three minutes after the periscope had been sighted dropped a depth charge.

"The Nicholson also speeded to the position of the submarine, which appeared to be heading toward a merchant vessel in the convoy, and dropped another depth charge. At that moment the submarine's conning tower appeared on the surface between the Nicholson and the Fanning, and the Nicholson fired three shots from her stern gun. The bow of the submarine came up rapidly. She was down by the stern, but righted herself and seemed to increase her speed. The Nicholson cleared, the Fanning headed for the U-boat, firing from the bow gun. After the third shot the crew of the submarine all came on deck and held up their hands. The submarine surrendered at 4:35 P. M.

Submarine Stopped Quickly.

"The Fanning approached the submarine to pick up the prisoners, both destroyers keeping their batteries trained on the boat.

"A line was got to the submarine, but in a few minutes she sank, the line was let go and the crew of the U-boat jumped into the water and swam to the Fanning.

"Although the crew all wore life preservers," the statement continues, "a number of them were exhausted when they reached the side of the destroyer. As the submarine sank, six men were caught by the radio aerial and carried below the surface before they disentangled themselves.

"Ten of the men were so weak that lines had to be passed under their arms to haul them aboard. One man was in such a condition that he could not even hold the line thrown him. Chief Pharmacist's Mate Elzer Harwell and Coxswain Francis G. Connor (N. N. V.), jumped overboard after this man and secured a line under his arms. When he was hauled aboard every effort was made to resuscitate him, but he died in a few minutes. The four officers of the submarine and 35 members of the crew were all taken prisoners.

Prisoners Well Treated.

"After being taken on board the prisoners were given hot coffee and sandwiches. Though kept under strict guard, they seemed contented, and after a short time commenced to sing. To make them comfortable the crew of the destroyer gave them their warm coats and heavy clothing.

"The German officers said the first depth charge had wrecked the machinery of the submarine and caused her to sink to a considerable depth.

"The submarine bore no number, nor distinguishing mark. She was, however, identified by life belts and by statements of an officer and men of the crew. One of the life belts, the reports said, had 'Kaiser' marked on one side and 'Gott' on the other.

"The Fanning proceeded to port and transferred the prisoners to her guard. As they were leaving in small boats the Germans gave three cheers. The commanding officer of the Fanning read the burial service over the body of the dead German sailor and the destroyer proceeded to sea and buried him with full military honors.

"In his report the commander of the Fanning praises the conduct of his officers and crew and gives particular credit to Lieutenant Walter O. Henry, officer of the deck, and to Coxswain Loomis, who sighted the periscope. He also commends Pharmacist's Mate Harwell and Coxswain Connor, who jumped overboard to save the drowning German.

Americans Are Commended.

"The British commander-in-chief, under whom the destroyers were operating, said in his report to the British Admiralty:

"The whole affair reflects credit on the discipline and training on the United States flotilla, and added that the incident showed that the Fanning is a man-of-war in the best sense of the term, well disciplined and organized and ready for immediate action. He also praised her commander, Lieutenant A. S. Carpenter, and commended Lieutenant Henry, Coxswain Loomis, Pharmacist's Mate Harwell and Coxswain Connor. The British admiral also commended the prompt action of the Nicholson, which, he says, completed the success of his sister ship. The Nicholson was commended by Lieutenant G. H. Fort. The British Admiralty sent a telegram to the commander-in-chief, directing him to express to the commanding officer, officers and men of the Fanning his high appreciation of their gallant action.

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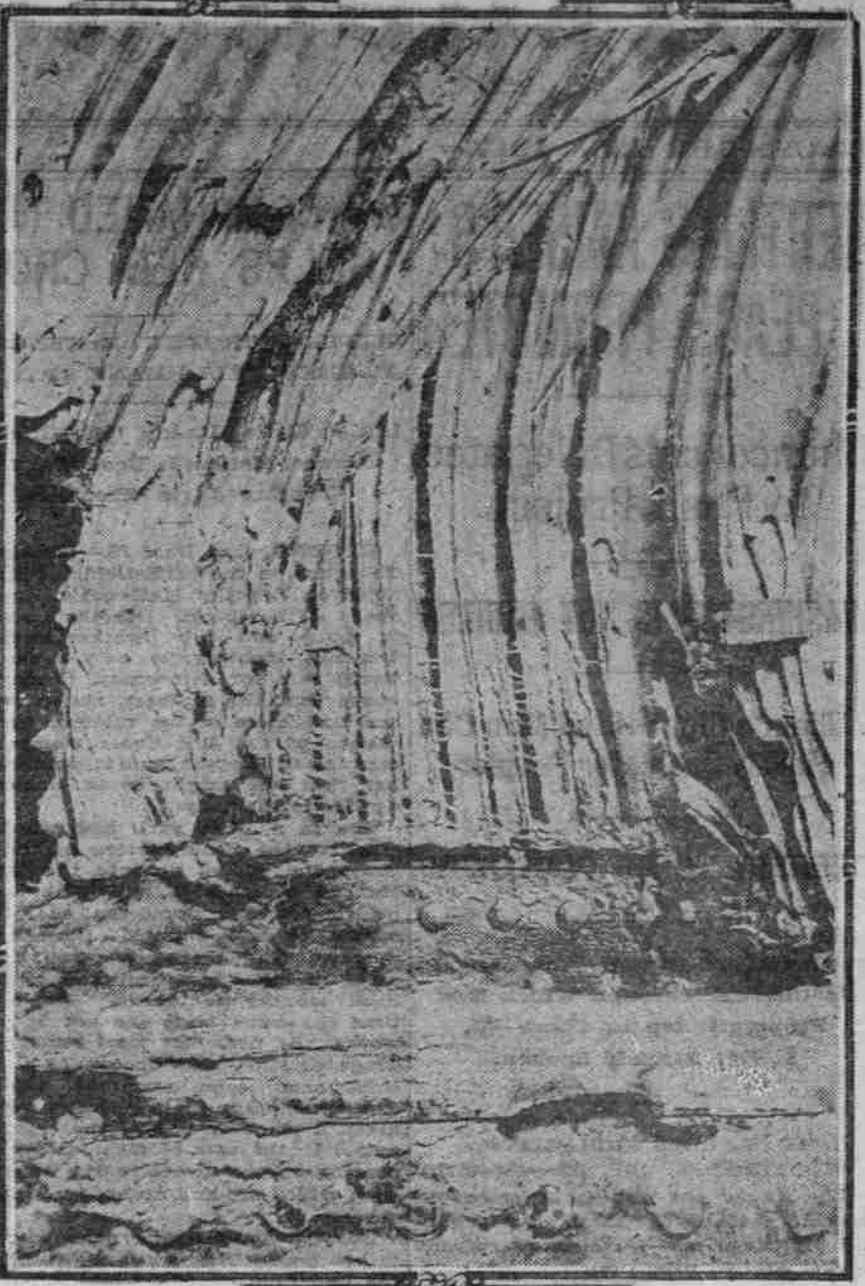
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HOW GERMANS RUINED SHIPS INTERNED IN AMERICAN PORTS.



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This is a graphic illustration of how the crews of the interned German ships tried to render the vessels unfit for use by the American Government. The photograph shows the interior of the boiler of the S. S. Pommern, now the U. S. S. Rappahannock, showing how the German crew melted down the boiler by dry firing, probably using 'thermit' to intensify the heat. These boilers were renewed.

appreciation of their successful action against enemy submarines.

"Vice-Admiral Sims, commanding the American officers operating in European waters, commended the officers and men of the Fanning and Nicholson. Coxswain Loomis was advanced to the next higher rating in recognition of his vigilance in sighting the periscope."

OREGON MAY BUILD PLANES

Aircraft Board Looks to Coast, as East Is Far Behind.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 29.—The aircraft production board today advised Senator McNary that it is strongly disposed to award contracts for airplane construction to properly equipped factories on the Pacific Coast, in part because it holds that the large established factories of the East cannot turn out planes as fast as they are needed. It has not yet been definitely agreed to make awards to Western factories, but the board has had the matter under serious consideration, and the announcement of a new policy favorable to the Pacific Coast is likely to be made within a few days. Senator McNary has filed the names of several Oregon concerns which are equipped to build airplane parts and which are anxious to bid on this business.

HEAD OF SCHOOLS RESIGNS

Hogium Superintendent Accepts Principalship in Seattle.

HOQUIAM, Dec. 29.—(Special).—After serving nearly six years as superintendent of the public schools of Hogium, Professor E. L. McDonnell has resigned to accept the position of principal of the high school in Seattle, one of the largest schools in that city. His resignation from his position as superintendent of the Hogium schools was made effective January 1, one week after the new term begins.

Superintendent McDonnell spent two years at Stanford University and completed his course at the University of Washington, from which he holds a bachelor of arts degree.

He became superintendent of the Hogium schools after serving three years as principal of the high school.

M'NARY ATTENDS HEARINGS

Oregon Senator Follows Proceedings of Commerce Committee.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 29.—Senator McNary is attending all sessions of the commerce committee, but, contrary to the promise of Chairman Fletcher, is not permitted to question witnesses. Senator Chamberlain has attended none of the Shipping Board investigations, as his military committee is simultaneously probing into War Department conditions. He today asked Senator McNary to present a telegram from the Portland Chamber of Commerce urging the awarding of more ship contracts to Oregon yards.

Cowlitz Men Cut Vacation.

KEISO, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special).—Never has the logging camps of Clatsop County taken such a short layoff over the Christmas holiday season, and already a number of camps have resumed and nearly all mills and camps are in the firing waters in the Cowlitz threaten to force mills to remain shut down for a longer period, but the camps and men are all anxious to get busy to help meet the war needs of the Government.

Benedict Sailor at Hood River.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special).—Accompanied by his bride, formerly Miss Lou Ann Hiett, of Vancouver, Wash., William Wilkes, who is in training at the Bremerton Navy yard, has been here spending a Christmas and the rising waters in the Cowlitz threaten to force mills to remain shut down for a longer period, but the camps and men are all anxious to get busy to help meet the war needs of the Government.

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CHINA IS AROUSED

Action of Japan in Shan Tung Territory Resented.

CIVIL REGIME ESTABLISHED

Nipponese Declared to Have Encroached Upon Rights of Celestial Government—Recent Lansing-Ishih Agreement Is Factor.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 29.—The establishment by the Japanese of a civil administration in Shan Tung territory outside of the Tientsin area, captured by Japanese from the Germans early in the war, is attracting widespread attention. This action by Japan, thus replacing the military regime with a civil administration, was the subject of a protest lodged recently at Tokyo by China. According to the Chinese press, delegates who have gone to Peking from Shan Tung are engaged actively in circulating a memorial setting forth in the plainest terms what they represent to be the present state of affairs in the area involved.

The memorial as quoted in the Chinese press charges "unbelievable tortures" are being imposed upon those who do not conduct themselves as the Japanese direct, and that "in certain extreme cases victims are beaten to death as punishment." The delegates declare they do not dare to return to Shan Tung unless it be with news of the cancellation of the entire arrangement for the civil administration.

"The substitution of military for civil administration," says the China Press, "antecedes the agreement recently reached between Japan and the United States respecting China, and yet we understand that it is being referred to by the Shan Tung delegates, as partly to blame for the present Japanese government. We are inclined to believe the Chinese government upholds this view, which is not based on fact, for the contrary is true under the terms of the Lansing-Ishih agreement."

"Providing the matter is properly and forcefully presented by the Chinese government, Japan is very likely to recognize the necessity of withdrawing from a political policy in Shan Tung which even the German Department has the hardihood to attempt and which is proving most objectionable to the people of the province, even though it is being referred to by the Japanese at the time of the Lansing-Ishih agreement was made."

"The matter is one that should be settled immediately, and if it can be settled immediately and with little difficulty if the terms of the Lansing-Ishih agreement are properly interpreted."

MR. HAWKINS IS OPPOSED

Senator Chamberlain Does Not Favor Local Man for Aircraft Job.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 29.—Russell Hawkins is in Washington attempting to further the building of airplanes for the United States Government, and the production of spruce for both the United States and the allies.

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No. 4—\$45.50 Solid Quarter-Sawn Oak Dining Table, 48-inch top, eight-foot extension. \$37.75

No. 5—\$34.75 Set of Solid Oak Dining Chairs, with Carver. \$23.90

No. 6—600 and 700 Floorcloth and Feltex Linoleum, per square yard. 45c

No. 7—\$15.50 Tarnish-Proof Brass Bed, stub-post style. \$12.95

No. 8—\$50.00 Mahogany Chiffonier, with beveled-plate mirror. \$34.85

No. 9—\$28.00 Quartered Oak, Three-Mirror Dressing Table. \$18.50

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Lunar Crater Copernicus Is Seen. The Swiss astronomer, J. P. Idoux, reports in Astronomische Nachrichten that he was recently able from an elevated spot near Geneva, where the air was particularly pure, to distinguish plainly with the naked eye the lunar crater Copernicus when lying beyond the terminator, i. e., the summit of the crater was illuminated, while the surrounding region was still in shadow.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

LENS LAW IS ABANDONED

Washington Officials, However, Will Insist on Anti-Glare Rule.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special).—Secretary of State Howell has abandoned attempts to enforce the use of certain lenses in automobile headlights under the light section of the automobile law passed by the last Legislature. In two instances Superior Courts have ruled against the State Department's rejection of certain types of lens and the Secretary is convinced the law is impracticable.

It is believed, however, that drivers can be compelled to keep their headlight beams at not more than 42 inches elevation above the roadway 75 feet in advance of the machine, and this rule is officially announced, will be vigorously enforced after January 1.

\$5 -LOAN- EARNS \$11.36

Eugene Girl, 12, Invests in Chickens and Makes Profit.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special).—Lena Briggs, 12, borrowed \$5 at the Bank of Commerce in February and invested the money in eggs under a plan of loans by the bank to boys and girls who are members of the pig and poultry clubs. She already has received returns of \$11.36 from her project and has 35 pullets and 18 cockerels left.

The bank has made more than 100 loans to boys and girls of Lane County in connection with its thrift projects.

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