

THRILLING STORY OF BATTLES WITH U-BOATS BY AMERICAN TRANSPORTS AND CONVOYS IS TOLD IN REAR ADMIRAL GLEAVES' REPORT

Firing of Torpedoes by German Submarines, Admiral Believes, Was Precipitated by Jamming of Flagship's Helm and Warning Sounded to Other Vessels of Fleet.

AT LEAST ONE DIVER SUNK IN THREE FIGHTS, BELIEF

Submarines Had Been Trailing Fleet All Day Before First Encounter, According to Report, and Accident to Flagship Led Them to Belief They Had Been Discovered, Forcing Sudden Attack.

Washington, Aug. 2.—(I. N. S.)—General Pershing's expeditionary force passed through a real submarine attack. Three distinct battles were fought. Evidence shows that at least one of the German submarines was sunk.

The truth was made public Wednesday in the plain, unvarnished tale of Rear Admiral Albert Gleaves, contained in his final and official report to the navy department.

Great warships evaded the sinuous undersea craft with remarkable dexterity. Torpedo boats pursued the submarines in the night. Smaller craft opened fire and the American troops cheered when a shot went anywhere near the attacking boats and cheered more lustily every time a torpedo missed its mark.

Divers Trained Fleet All Day
In excitement induced to danger overcome and in the inspiring efficiency of the American navy, the story surpasses, the previous meager accounts.

The first contingent of the Pershing convoy ran into a mess of German torpedoes fired from at least two submarines. The vipers had been trailing the ships all during the day of June 22, when weather conditions were ideal for such pursuit.

Admiral Gleaves believes the firing was precipitated by an accident on our own flagship.

Accident Precipitated Attack
The convoy vessels at the time were zigzagging ahead of the transports, scanning every inch of a dark sea full of phosphorescence and whipped with whitecaps—conditions ideal for torpedo attack.

The helm of the flagship jammed at this moment and also took a sudden right angle sheer to starboard. The ship sounded her whistle to announce this sudden change, and immediately there shot across her bow the telltale wake of a U-boat. Lurking on the flank, the undersea commander evidently thought he had been discovered. He made his strike. In an instant the fleet was in action.

The report of Admiral Gleaves follows:

About 10:15 p. m., June 22, the first group of the expeditionary force, of which the flagship was the leader, encountered the enemy's submarines.

At the time it was extremely dark, the sea unusually phosphorescent. A fresh breeze was blowing from the northwest, which broke the sea into whitecaps. The conditions were ideal for a submarine attack.

(Paragraph 3 gives the formation and names of the vessels, together with the speed they were making and method of proceeding, nothing else. It is omitted for obvious reasons.)

Flagship's Helm Is Jammed
Shortly before the attack the helm of the flagship had jammed and the ship took a rank sheer to starboard, the whistle was blown to indicate this sheer. In a few minutes the ship was brought back to this course. At this time the officer on the deck and others on the bridge saw a white streak about 50 yards ahead of the ship, crossing from starboard to port at right angles to our course. The ship

ported. "Submarine very close to us. As the submarine passed the B. and the flagship's bow had disappeared close to our bow. The B. was followed by the B. which ran down between the columns and when the latter resumed her station it was reported that there were strong indications of the presence of two submarines astern which were growing fainter.

The B. was sent to guard the rear of the convoy.

Divers Know of Expedition
When I was in Paris I was shown by the United States naval attaché a confidential official bulletin issued by the general staff, dated July 6, which contained the following:

"Santa Delgada, Azores, was bombarded at 9 a. m. July 4. This is undoubtedly the submarine which attacked the E. June 25, 400 miles north of the Azores and sank the F. and G. on the twenty-ninth of June 100 miles from Terceira (Azores). This submarine was ordered to watch in the vicinity of the Azores, at such a distance as to suppose the enemy American convoy would pass from the Azores."

It appears, from the French report just quoted, that the enemy submarines had been notified of our approach, and were probably scouting our route. It is possible that they may have trailed us all day on June 22, as our speed was well within their limits of surface speed, and they could have easily trailed our smoke, under the weather conditions, without being seen.

Accident Saved Americans
Their failure to score hits was probably due to the attack being precipitated by the fortuitous circumstance of the flagship's helm jamming and the sounding of her whistle, leading the enemy to suppose he had been discovered.

The H. leading the second group, encountered two submarines, the first about 11:50 a. m., June 26, 1917, about 100 miles off the coast of France, and the second two hours later.

Then I investigated the wake of the first without further discovery. The J. assisted by the H. and the second group, at a distance of 1500 yards and headed for it at a speed of 25 knots. The gun pointers at the forward gun saw the periscope several times for several seconds, but it disappeared each time before they could get on, due to the zigzagging of the ship.

U-Boat Probably Was Sunk
The J. passed about 25 yards ahead of a mass of bubbles which were coming up from the wake and let go a depth charge just ahead. Several pieces of timber, quantities of oil, bubbles and debris came to the surface. Nothing more was seen of the submarine.

The attacks on the second group occurred about 800 miles to the eastward of the first group.

The voyage of the third group was uneventful.

In the forenoon of June 23 the K. opened fire on an object about 200 yards distant which he thought was a submarine. The commander of the group, however, did not concur in his opinion, but the reports subsequently received from the commanding officer of the K. and Lieutenant V. are too circumstantial to permit the incident from being ignored.

Submarine Is Sighted
The commanding officer states: "The only unusual incident of the trip worth mentioning was on the 28th day of June. About 10:05 a. m. the lookouts reported something right ahead of the K. (I had the bridge at the time.) When I looked I saw what appeared to be a very small object on the surface of the water about a foot or two high which left a small wake. On looking closer and with the aid of binoculars, I could make out a shape under the water about 250 to 300 yards ahead, and which was too large to be a black fish, lying in a position about 15 degrees diagonally across the K's course.

"I ordered the port bow gun to open fire on the spot in the water and sound warning siren for convoys, when, judging that the ship had arrived above the spot first seen, I ordered right rudder in order to leave the submarine astern.

Two Torpedoes Are Fired
"A minute or two later the port after

GERMAN MINISTER IN MEXICO CITY SAYS HE HAS AGENTS IN U. S.

Herr von Eckhart Quoted as Saying Mexico Will Not Be Involved in War.

New York, Aug. 2.—(I. N. S.)—Direct admission that German spies were working in the United States was made by Herr von Eckhart, German minister to Mexico, according to a special cablegram from Mexico City published in the Herald today.

"Mexico City, via Galveston, Aug. 1.—The most cordial relations exist between Mexico and the United States, and my hour will never do anything tending to implicate Mexico in the world war."

"The statement was made to the Herald by Herr von Eckhart, German minister to Mexico, when he was asked if Germany is keeping up a well-organized secret service in this country."

Herr von Eckhart freely admitted that there are several secret agents in the United States and when he needs any information he calls upon them."

Suspected Spies Arrested
Fort Riley, Kans., Aug. 2.—(I. N. S.)—Two suspected spies arrested in two days is the espionage record here. It was learned today that in addition to the arrest of Gustav Richter, a German carpenter, another German, whose name is being withheld, was shot through the leg by a guard. For two hours, while the guard watched, the man had remained motionless on the ground. Near daybreak he began to crawl towards the reservoir a short distance away. When searched, 15 pounds of strychnine—enough to bring death to every man and animal on the reservation—were found on his person. He is being held under strict guard.

gun crews reported sighting a submarine on port quarters and opened fire at the same time. The lookout from the top also reported seeing the submarine under the water's surface and about where the shots were landing.

"The ship kept zigzagging and firing from after guns every time something was sighted."

"Lieutenant V. U. N. S. was in personal charge of the firing and reports that he saw, with all the gun crews and lookouts aft, the submarine fire two torpedoes toward the direction of the convoy, which sheared off from base course to right 90 degrees when alarm was sounded."

All Officers, U-Boats Sighted
"All the officers and men aft had observed the torpedoes traveling through the water and cheered loudly when they saw a torpedo miss a transport. They were not certain, though, which one it was, as the ships were not in line then and more or less scattered."

"The gunners, officers and all the men who were aft the firing are certain that they saw the submarine and torpedoes fired by same."

"ALBERT GLEAVES"

Switchmen's Strike Differences Settled
Chicago, August 2.—(U. P.)—Final agreement was reached Wednesday on the differences that led to the Chicago switchmen's strike which ended Monday morning after paralyzing transcontinental traffic for two days.

The agreement made by committees, representing the General Managers' association and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, practically restored the "status quo."

Army Aviator Falls 1000 Feet to Death

Captain Ralph L. Taylor Instantly Killed—Sergeant Thomas H. Fell, Passenger, Had Miraculous Escape.

Mineola, L. I., Aug. 2.—(I. N. S.)—Captain Ralph Taylor of the signal corps, United States Army, plunged 1000 feet to his death at the aviation field here today. He was instantly killed.

Captain Taylor is the son of the sheriff, Lincoln Taylor, of Stamford, Conn. What caused the fall is a mystery. His machine suddenly dived earthward, striking with a terrific crash that sent bits of debris flying high into the air.

In 1916 he flew with Victor Caristrom from Newport News, Va., to New York, a distance of 400 miles, in four hours and one minute without a stop. Caristrom was afterward killed.

Sergeant Thomas H. Fell, a passenger, had a miraculous escape from death. Fell is in a hospital here with a broken jaw and possible internal injuries.

Captain Taylor was an expert flyer and had been in command of the students and chief instructor for about two months. He was married only two months ago.

Former Policeman Had Beer
Seattle, Aug. 2.—(I. N. S.)—J. R. Cox, former policeman, is held in the city jail today, charged with bootlegging. Cox was arrested while going through the city on an auto truck with a barrel of beer. At the house where he was bound for, three more barrels were found.

DRIVE FOR DRY NATION TEMPORARILY HALTED BY DECISION OF HOUSE

Only War Measures to Be Considered There; Fight in States to Be Pushed.

Washington, Aug. 2.—(U. P.)—The drive to make the nation dry is temporarily halted.

Due to a house decision to consider only war measures at this time, the prohibition amendment—passed by the senate late yesterday—will go over to December, probably.

"It is likely that no action will be taken by the house before the new congress convenes," said Representative Webb, house dry leader, today.

"When it comes up it will pass overwhelmingly."

Dry in and out of congress, however, are laying the ground work now for pushing their fight.

State organizations were notified today to put extra pressure into the campaign for ratification of the amendment. The doubtful states will be the center of a heavy attack.

"We will secure the adoption of the prohibition amendment by the necessary number of states," E. C. Dinwiddie, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, said.

"I will not say how the states in which we will begin our fight. But we will easily add 10 states to the 26 already 'dry' or about to go 'dry' by legislation heretofore enacted."

DRIVE WILL BE RESUMED WHEN SUN DRIES MUD

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nearly 36 hours' solid rain dries up, the drive is apparently halted.

In the meantime, however, the allies have been withstanding fierce counterattacks delivered by the Germans despite the morass of No Man's Land.

The fighting has been literally from hummock to hummock. The most violent of these counter blows was struck by the Germans around the villages of St. Julian and Westhoek, on some of the higher ground of the battle section. In both places the British were forced temporarily to yield some of their gains.

Germans Recapture Westhoek
Westhoek was re-captured by the Germans. Early this morning the enemy also struck fiercely just to the north of St. Julian along the ridge. Fighting continued there for hours, with neither side able to gain complete mastery.

The rain abated somewhat during last night and the artillery preparation for further advance opened.

French Capture Prisoners
Paris, Aug. 2.—(U. P.)—Continued bad weather in Belgium, with but

scant fighting, was reported in today's official statement.

On other fronts, however, raiding and intense artillery duels were reported.

"From Braye-en-Laonnois to Craonne (along the Chemin des Dames) artillery fire was very active," the war office said. "At Allient we carried out a successful raid, taking prisoners."

"Southeast of Fismes the enemy twice was unsuccessful in attempted raids."

"On the left bank of the Meuse artillery fire was violent. In Avocourt wood in the evening the Germans renewed their attacks without success. Raids in the wood around Arment were completely broken down."

Twenty-four Went Down With Motano

London, Aug. 2.—(U. P.)—The 24 survivors of the American steamer Motano landed today, declared 24 of the crew, some of them Americans, had been lost in the torpedoing of the vessel, announced yesterday by the admiralty.

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