

## GERMAN U-BOAT MAY BE USING WIRELESS TORPEDO

### PECULIAR TORPEDO USED OFF NEW YORK

Captain Hansen of Sommerstad, Sunk Off Long Island, Says Missile Passed Under His Vessel, Came Back and Hit Her.

Report Came to Navy Department Some Time Ago Germans Had Secured Possession of American Secret of Wireless Control

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 13.—(I. N. S.)—A British freight steamer has sunk a U-boat in a battle off the United States coast, according to an unconfirmed report received here late today.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 13.—(U. P.)—Captain George Hansen of the steamer Sommerstad sunk by a submarine off Fire Island, declared today that he believed the queer antics of the torpedo before it struck its mark were due to hitting something in the water, which deflected it from its course. He asserted that the torpedo after missing his ship and going by, came back and struck his vessel. It was suggested that the torpedo might have been controlled by wireless, as has been experimented with in this country.

The "boomerang" of the torpedo was attributed by navy officials here to a jammed rudder. It was pointed out that if the rudder did not function properly a torpedo might swerve in its course and completely turn around. Some experts added that imperfect gyroscopic mechanism also has been known to cause a torpedo to turn about in its course. The thought advanced that possibly the Germans had perfected means of controlling a torpedo's course by wireless was believed unlikely, though possible.

Washington, Aug. 13.—(U. P.)—The Norwegian steamer Sommerstad, sunk Monday by a German submarine, 25 miles southeast of Long Island, was sent to the bottom by a wireless-controlled torpedo, it was indicated in a report made to the navy department and announced this afternoon.

The Sommerstad was drawing but seven feet of water at the time she was attacked and the wake of the torpedo showed that it passed directly under the vessel.

Then the missile turned completely about and struck the Sommerstad, sending it to the bottom. The captain and 30 members of the crew had been safely landed at an American port, the announcement stated. The attack occurred at 8:15 yesterday morning.

The possibility that the submarines operating on this side of the water are equipped with a wireless control for torpedoes created undiscussed interest among navy department officials this afternoon. It was reported some time ago that the German government had come into the secret of a controlled torpedo, which was an American invention and adopted by the government. That

## HUNS QUITTING PERONNE; ROYE EXPECTED TO FALL

### Deferment May Be Granted to Class 1 Men at Work on Ships

General Crowder Overrules Position Taken by District Exemption Board.

Overruling the position taken by the district exemption board that it had no power to grant deferred classification to men engaged in plants building or fitting ships, word was received today from the provost marshal general of the United States army by Acting Adjutant General John Williams that district boards have such authority and that men are not to be put into class 1 simply because they are employed in shipyards or allied industries.

### SPAIN AT POINT OF BREAK WITH HUNS

Submarine Outrages Drive Dons to Consider Joining the Allies Against Germany.

Washington, Aug. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Energetic action against Germany, as a result of the sinking of numerous Spanish vessels, has been decided upon by the Spanish cabinet, according to London correspondents reaching the Idea Nazionale, at Rome, and communicated by wireless to the Italian embassy this afternoon.

### Montevideo Strike Halts All Business

Montevideo, Uruguay, Aug. 13.—(U. P.)—All business is completely paralyzed as the result of a general strike. Several persons have been killed in clashes between strikers and the police. The government appears helpless, while the public is stupefied by the extent of the strikers' power. Windows are shattered. Railways and light companies are idle and newspapers are not appearing. Troops and policemen are bivouaced in the streets.

### British Destroyer Is Sunk by Hun U-Boat

London, Aug. 13.—(U. P.)—A British destroyer, damaged in a collision, was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on August 6, the British admiralty announced today. Seven lives were lost.

### Women's Riots Are Munich Occurrences

Berne, Aug. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Women's riots are occurring in Munich. A clanking mob thronged the streets, demanding meats and vegetables. There were shouts that "Berlin is robbing Bavaria of food."

### GERMANS REPORTED MOVING ON PETROGRAD

Helsingfors Dispatch, Via Copenhagen, Says That Teutons Intend to Occupy City; Anti-Bolshevik Riots Reported.

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 13.—(U. P.)—German troops are marching on Petrograd, intending to occupy the city, according to the Helsingfors correspondent of the Politiken.

Amsterdam, Aug. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Wholesale killings of the Bolsheviks have taken place at Ryazan and Novgorod, said a dispatch received here today.

The killings were the work of counter revolutionaries. Late dispatches show that the counter revolution against the Bolsheviks has spread to many new districts in Russia.

The counter revolutionaries have been very active in most of the fighting.

London, Aug. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Bloody anti-German riots are raging in Ukraine, said an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen today.

Germany is rushing reinforcements of troops into Ukraine. The riots were precipitated by the seizure of the harvests by the Germans.

### Labor Seeks New Trial for Mooney

Washington, Aug. 13.—(U. P.)—President Wilson today was formally petitioned by representatives of labor throughout the country to use his powers as commander in chief of the army to take Thomas J. Mooney from control of the California state courts and see that he gets a new trial. Mooney is now under sentence to die for participating in the preparedness day bomb outrage in San Francisco.

### Unexploded Bomb Hits Westminster

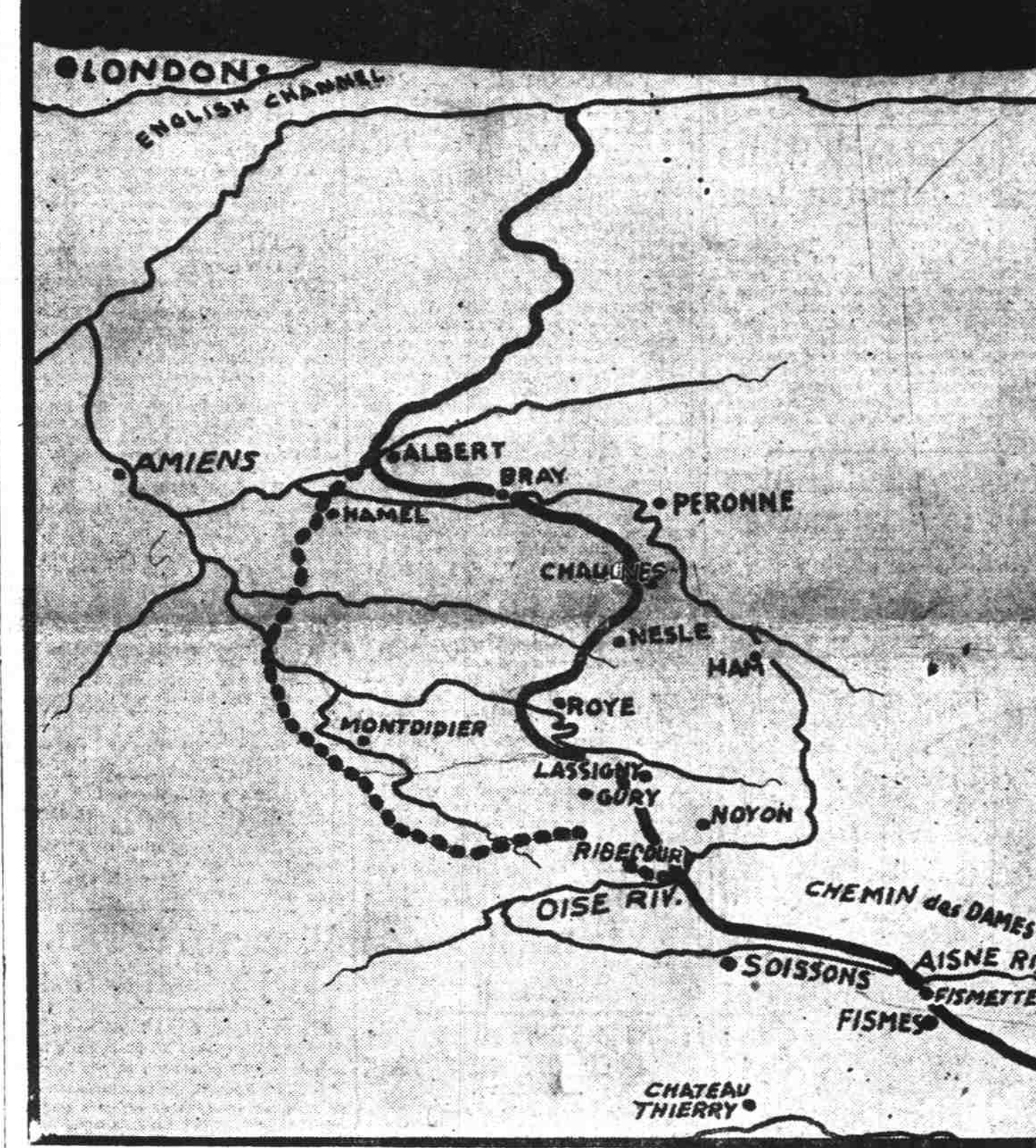
An Atlantic Port, Aug. 13.—(U. P.)—Westminster Abbey was struck squarely by a bomb during a Zeppelin raid over London, August 5, but the bomb failed to explode, according to Norman G. Hart, an Englishman, who arrived here today on a British steamer.

### Says Situation in Austria Desperate

Rome, Aug. 13.—(U. P.)—"The intervention of America is a sign of victory for the entente," declared Senator Titoni, former foreign minister, in opening the provincial council today. He declared it is certain that the situation in Austria is desperate.

### GERMAN PIVOT TOWNS ARE THREATENED

MAP IN PERSPECTIVE of the Picardy battlefield, the heavy black line showing the present front and the dotted line the positions held by the Germans prior to the allied offensive. The evacuation of Roye and Peronne is believed imminent. Peronne is in flames and Lassigny and Chaulnes are enveloped and their fall seems certain. Ribecourt is under allied fire. The allies have advanced an average of about 10 miles on the 40-mile front in Picardy.



### Frontier Is Closed By Austria; Drive Coming, Forecast

Berne, Aug. 13.—(By Agency Radio to the I. N. S.)—The Austrian frontier has been closed since Saturday.

### Two Big Salients Still Held by Huns Are Proving Costly

By William Philip Simms  
With the British Armies in France, Aug. 12.—(Night) (U. P.)—Von Hindenburg today is face to face with a poser. Can he maintain himself on his present lines or will he be forced to beat an undignified retreat along the lines over which the French and British pushed him in 1917? And can he hope ever to assume the offensive again or must he from now on act purely on the defensive?

### Keenanland Found Erroneously Mapped

Fairbanks, Alaska, Aug. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Keenanland is not located at the point shown on present maps, according to Vilhjalmur Stefansson, noted Arctic explorer, who has received a message from one of his assistants named Storkerson, who is exploring north of Alaska. Storkerson's message says he has penetrated to a point 175 miles north of Alaska. This report, Stefansson says, shows Storkerson's party has gone 70 miles farther north than that reported by any previous explorers.

### Judge Carey Heads Local District War Industries Board

Announcement of the appointment of Judge C. H. Carey of the law firm of Carey & Kerr as chairman of the Portland district of the twentieth war zone of the war industries board was made today by Herbert Witherpoon, regional adviser for the district, who is in the city today from his headquarters at Seattle.

### Sudden Stop Shifts Load; Man Injured

Ed Hitchcock of 462 East Clay street received serious injuries this morning at Fourth and Stark streets when a heavy load of boxes fell on him in a large truck in which he was riding. His back was bruised and his spine injured. C. Mayer of 68 East Eighth street north was driving the truck, which was loaded with heavy material for the Northwest Steel company, and was forced to make a sudden stop to avoid a collision with another machine. The sudden stop caused the heavy boxes to topple over. Hitchcock was removed to the emergency hospital.

## ENORMOUS QUANTITIES OF WAR MATERIAL ARE MOVED FROM PERONNE

German Troops Are Crossing Somme; Roads About City, Which Is Reported to Be in Flames, Crowded With Transports Bearing Supplies

LONDON, Aug. 13.—(7:55 P. M.)—Prisoners taken by the allies in the new Picardy drive now total 31,000, the International News Service learned this evening. Six hundred and seventy-five guns have been seized.

Latest reports from the front say the French have consolidated their lines about Lassigny, the fall of which is expected momentarily. Enemy attacks have been repulsed and there are unconfirmed reports that the Germans have begun a new retreat.

PARIS, Aug. 13.—(U. P.)—(4:10 P. M.)—The Germans have been hurriedly removing enormous quantities of war material from Peronne, during the past 48 hours, and enemy troops are crossing the Somme.

Roads about Peronne are reported to be crowded with German transports attempting to get this material back to a safer spot. Huge ammunition dumps at Resson-Sur-Matz and Orrvillers, containing millions of shells, were abandoned by the enemy in his flight and have been captured intact by the French, it was learned today.

Meanwhile, although there is a comparative lull in the fighting between the Oise and the Somme, it is believed the allies are preparing for some new activity. The military critic of La Presse expressed the opinion that Lassigny has been enveloped by the French and possibly has already been captured.

### Massif of Lassigny Is Taken by French

By Earl C. Reeves  
LONDON, Aug. 13.—(4:24 P. M.)—(I. N. S.)—All of the Massif of Lassigny (west of the Oise river) has been captured by the French, it was learned this afternoon.

The whole German line in that district must be withdrawn and the German base at Roye will become untenable as a result. Noyon will be brought under concentrated artillery fire. Belief was expressed that the Germans might be able to hold on to Chaulnes for a few days longer.

Now that the French hold the crest of Lassigny Massif, time will be required to work downward and bring forward the guns. The Germans are not expected to make any attempt to capture Lassigny Massif.

Only one Austrian division has appeared on the western front. This was one seen near Luxembourg. It was moved to the western front, according to allied opinion, merely to cement the Austro-German alliance.

### Yankee Forces Regain Positions at Fismette

LONDON, Aug. 13, 12:55 p. m.—(I. N. S.)—Peronne, 10 miles behind the German lines in Picardy, is reported in flames. Other conflagrations are observed behind the German front. The enemy still holds Chaulnes, his chief remaining rail base west of the Somme.

#### ROLL OF HONOR

Washington, Aug. 13.—(I. N. S.)—One army list of casualties containing 80 names was made public today. It was divided as follows: Fourteen killed in action, three died from wounds, one from accident and other causes, 12 wounded, 19 wounded, degree undetermined, and one missing in action.

The total army losses to date, including today's list, are 18,102, divided as follows: Killed in action (including 291 at sea), 138; died of wounds, 113; died of disease, 1336; died of accident and other causes, 475; wounded in action, 9487; missing in action (including prisoners), 1061.

Combined army and marine corps losses to date, 20,834.

The officers named in today's army list are:

**KILLED IN ACTION**  
LIEUTENANT CHRISTOPHER S. BAXTER, Cleveland, Ohio.

**DIED FROM WOUNDS**  
LIEUTENANT FRANK M. CASH, Washington, D. C.

**WOUNDED SEVERELY**  
LIEUTENANT EMERY S. IRWIN, 2214 Bellaire, Denver, Colo.

The total army list excluding the above officers, follows:

**KILLED IN ACTION**  
SERGEANT GARRETT EDWARDS, Kirtland, Tenn.  
SERGEANT HENRY F. MADSH, Vya, Nev.

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