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11 WARSHIPS OF KAISER SUNK IN BATTLE AT RIGA

Russian Squadron Administers Crushing Defeat to German Ships Trying to Force Way Into Gulf.

ONE SLAV GUNBOAT IS LOST

Admiralty Office at Petrograd Makes Official Announcement of Victory Following Action of Warships Defending Riga from Attack—Blow Regarded as Crushing.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 23.—Eleven German warships, including one of the enemy's "best dreadnaughts" were sunk by the Russian naval squadron in the Riga battle, the admiralty officially announced. One Russian gunboat was destroyed. "One of the best German dreadnaughts was sunk by a British submarine and at least two German cruisers and eight torpedo boats were sunk," the statement declared. "The Russian gunboat Sivuch was set afire after brilliant fighting and sank, carrying down with her a German torpedo boat."

The official announcement of the admiralty conflicts in some points with the earlier statement of President Rodzianko, of the duma, but in the main the claims that a crushing blow has been dealt the Germans is borne out.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 23.—More than two and a half million Austrians and Germans are arrayed against the Russian line from the Gulf of Riga to Galicia. Estimates from semi-official sources placed the strength of the Teutonic forces in the east at 120 divisions of infantry and 30 divisions of cavalry. The eastern armies, it was declared, represented about 20 per cent of all the German forces and 70 per cent of the Austrian.

THREE CONVICTS FROM THIS COUNTY ARE GIVEN PAROLES

Three convicts sent to the state penitentiary from Umatilla county were Saturday paroled by the governor upon the recommendation of the parole board. In all twelve prisoners were paroled. Those from Umatilla county were Frank Miller, George Hill and H. E. Vogle. Miller is one of the two men who burglarized the residence of L. G. Frator a few years ago. Hill was committed for a crime against nature and Vogle was a had check artist, having passed bogus paper upon the Golden Rule store at Athena. None of the men will be released until employment has been found for them.

3000 Persons Are Homeless in Big Flood

ST. LOUIS COUNTY SUFFERS FROM HIGH WATER—12 REPORTED DROWNED.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 23.—Late reports from St. Louis county, where hundreds of acres of land and several towns were flooded by the Meramec river, declare 3000 persons are homeless. Coroner Bopp declared that so far as he could learn no lives have been lost. He is investigating reports that 12 persons were drowned.

Positions Held by Germans in Vosges Taken by French

PARIS, Aug. 23.—Extreme activity along practically every section, with the capture of German positions in the Vosges, the bombardment of railway stations at other points and artillery engagements over a wide front, marked the fighting in northern France yesterday. In the Vosges

French Torpedo Boats Sink German Destroyer in N. Sea

PARIS, Aug. 23.—French torpedo boats sank a German destroyer off Ostend last night, the ministry of marine announced. The enemy destroyer is believed to have emerged from Zeebrugge, now

TAFT ADVOCATES A LEAGUE TO SETTLE NATIONS' TROUBLES

EX-PRESIDENT GIVES PLAN FOR DOING AWAY WITH HORRORS OF WAR.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 23.—The formation of a league between the nations to settle questions of a judicial nature arising between the nations, thus doing away with practically all necessity for war, was advocated by ex-President Taft, speaking before a joint meeting of the Oregon and Washington Bar associations and the general public. Taft suggested a league formed something after the supreme court of the United States.

In detail Taft described how the league could be formed and its effectiveness produced. In recommending such a league the former president pointed out the terrible loss of life and devastation due to the European wars.

BOOSTERS FOR HOSKINS WANT HIM COMMISSIONER

PROMINENT WEST END FARMER LATEST NAMED FOR COUNTY VACANCY.

James C. Hoskins, prominent young farmer of the west end of the county, is the latest man to be entered for the vacant county commissionership. His name was today presented to County Judge C. H. Marsh in a petition signed by many residents of the west end.

A. B. Stephens, Jr., of Umatilla presented the demands upon his time would not permit it, Taft declined to grant an audience to 40 of the most prominent women suffragists of Oregon. The women were disappointed. They said they did not want to put him on record as favoring national suffrage, but wished to explain how the women of the west have been benefited by the ballot.

Mr. Hoskins is a son of J. T. Hoskins, prominent sheepman of Echo and has lived in the west end of the county for many years. He has been prominently identified with the farm life of that section and his friends consider him in every way qualified to serve on the court.

An automatic fire escape as been invented in the form of an endless chain ladder that descends at the same speed whether one or more persons are on it.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Eleven warships of Germany are sunk in the Gulf of Riga by the Russians. Balkan states are on the point of entering the conflict. Complete evidence in Arabic case will be obtained before United States decides on course to pursue. Ex-President Taft outlines plan for settling disputes among the nations with recourse to war. **Local.** Harry Hays, well known dray man and Charles Holder, Umatilla ditch rider, pass away Sunday. Agency stops irrigation to relieve water situation. Tomkin accepts appointment as game warden. J. C. Hoskins nominated for commissionership.

Greece May Soon Enter Conflict



LONDON, Aug. 23.—Despite the efforts of King Constantine and the Crown Prince, to keep Greece out of the war, it now appears that the resignation of the pro-German Greek cabinet, headed by Gounaris, and the recall of Venizelos to the premiership will swing Greece into the conflict on the side of the Allies. The commander produced a Rotterdam telegram to a Berlin newspaper saying passengers of the Arabic were provided with lifebelts when the ship reached the "danger zone."

WELL KNOWN DRAYMAN OF PENDLETON PASSES AWAY

HARRY C. HAYS DIES AT HOSPITAL—FUNERAL IS HELD THIS AFTERNOON.

Harry C. Hays, well known local drayman, died shortly after 12 o'clock Saturday night from the effects of tuberculosis from which he had been a sufferer for years. The funeral was held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the Baptist church with the Odd Fellows conducting to service at the cemetery. Born in Seneca, Mo., February 6, 1876, Mr. Hays was 39 years of age at the time of his death. He was married at Independence, Kansas, in 1897 and came to Pendleton October 1, 1906. For a time he worked in the office of a local lumber yard and was then in a cigar store. For several years past he was in the dray business.

Aside from his widow the deceased is survived by one son, H. C. Hays, Jr., his brother, Ed Hays, and sister, Mrs. J. C. Neil, both residents of Pendleton. Ed Hays and Mrs. Neil are the last of a family of nine children.

During his residence here the deceased made many friends who regret his death. Though he knew he was fatally afflicted, he made a brave showing in spite of his misfortune and insisted upon working until the last. He was a home lover and very fond of his family and his family life. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen.

Free Legal Aid. LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 23.—The city of Lincoln is now acting as big brother to the poor by furnishing free legal advice to those unable to hire lawyers. A free legal aid bureau has been established as a part of the city's legal department. The reform is one of those advocated by Mayor Charles W. Bryan.

Philadelphians have raised \$2000.000 for a new Sisters of Mercy hospital.

BALKAN CRISIS IS AT HEAD

DECLARATION OF WAR BY ITALY AGAINST TURKEY MAY FORCE THE ISSUE.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—The Balkan situation has entered the acute stage, Italy having declared war on Turkey, early action is now expected from the powers whose position has long been a puzzle to diplomats and for whose aid the nations of the entente and the alliance have been bidding for months. Serbia is expected to let it be known possibly before night, whether she is willing to cede Serbian Macedonia to Bulgaria in return for the latter's participation on the side of the allies.

Premier Zaleski will be sworn in during the day as head of the new Greek cabinet. It is believed a statement may come from him as to the policy of his government. As yet no hint has come from Serbia as to the course that the government will pursue. Serbian diplomats characterized Bulgaria's demand as exorbitant. But important influences have been working in the Serbian capital the past week.

Berlin Officials Doubt Arabic Was Sunk by Submarine

OPINION ADVANCED THAT STEAMSHIP MAY HAVE STRUCK MINE.

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BERLIN, Aug. 23.—Officials have expressed doubt that a German submarine sank the Arabic—especially without warning. Everyone in official circles with whom I talked said he doubted if the Arabic was sunk by a German submarine.

"From excerpts of the English, Dutch and Scandinavian press, it is not certain a submarine sank the Arabic," said one naval commander. "No one saw a submarine. The Arabic's captain says he saw a torpedo 300 feet away, but this does not seem probable."

The commander produced a Rotterdam telegram to a Berlin newspaper saying passengers of the Arabic were provided with lifebelts when the ship reached the "danger zone."

PURSE IS PRESENTED REV. DURGAN ON HIS DEPARTURE

CATHOLIC RECTOR WILL LEAVE TOMORROW TO TAKE UP NEW DUTIES.

Honoring Rev. Father John Durgan, who is leaving Pendleton, the Knights of Columbus last evening held an enjoyable social and smoker in Milarkey Hall. From 8:30 until midnight the knights enjoyed themselves, George Hennessy contributing recitations, and Miss Alma Scheer and Eugene Moller vocal numbers before refreshments were served.

At the conclusion of the evening, a purse was taken up and presented to the departing priest for such use as he is permitted to make of it. Rev. Durgan will leave tomorrow on the chapel car for Portland and will then go on to Seattle where he will teach in Seattle College. His successor has not yet been appointed but word is expected almost any day of an appointment.

Events in the War One Year Ago Today

- The allied first line driven back in Belgium and Lorraine.
- Retreat of the French southern wing at Verdun reported cut off by German crown prince's army.
- The latter taking many prisoners.
- Lunenburg, Blomont and Clercy taken by Germans.
- Battle has been raging 24 hours between the Lesse and Meuse rivers.
- Losses on both sides heavy.
- Russian forces take Gumbinnen, Ortelsburg and Johannsburg and are advancing in large force on Koeningburg.
- Japanese, English, French and Russian warships begin blockade of Tsing-Tao, following Japan's declaration of war on Germany.

Yuan Shi Kai Wishes to Become Emperor



PEKIN, Aug. 23.—The project of proclaiming himself emperor is being discussed by Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese republic, with his immediate supporters and Dr. Frank Johnson Goodnow, once president of Johns Hopkins University, now legal adviser to the Chinese government, who is passing the summer in Peking. Prof. Goodnow, who obtained the confidence of Yuan Shi Kai by advice given during former critical times has been consulted on this question since his arrival here a few months ago. He approves of the project.

It was learned from one of Yuan Shi Kai's immediate supporters that if feasible, the plan is to establish the monarchy within two years. Prof. Goodnow said that he made no blanket statement that a monarchy would be better than a republic, but in view of the fact that certain conditions exist in China, he believes the monarchical form of government would be more beneficial than a republic, which has utterly failed since its inception.

Campus at Agency Will Not be Irrigated While Supply is Low Says Swartzlander

In order to avoid a controversy with the city over the subject of using water at the agency, Major E. S. Swartzlander has stopped the irrigation of the agency school campus and says he will not use city water for such purpose while the supply is low. The irrigation at the agency was stopped Saturday evening but it was found this morning that the shut off at the agency reservoir had not been properly closed with the result the reservoir was overflowing and flooding the road by the Kirkpatrick place. The trouble was corrected this morning according to Major Swartzlander. Major Swartzlander now admits the irrigation of the agency campus was consuming more water than he realized. From some tests he made yesterday he believes that the watering of the lawns was taking about 40,000 gallons a day.

LATE BULLETINS

Ossowetz Is Captured. BERLIN, Aug. 23.—Assowetz has been captured by the German forces, it was officially announced. The capture marks another step in reducing the fortresses near the present main battlefield.

Insane Man Suicides. PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 23.—Deceived insane from the heat, James H. Rounds, a draftsman and mechanical engineer, denuded himself of his clothing and hanged himself with a towel in the lavatory of the Hammond Manufacturing company, by which he was employed.

Salem Woman Killed. SALEM, Aug. 23.—Mrs. Casper Andrez was killed, her husband and three children and the son of a neighbor were injured when a street car crashed into a buggy in which they were riding. The injuries are expected to recover.

Writes Farewells; Takes Poison. PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 23.—After spending practically all Sunday writing eleven farewell notes to friends and the public, Jules A. Chard, 45, a French cook, took poison. He was removed to a hospital in a critical condition.

Foresters in Convention. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—Four hundred representatives of the Foresters of America are here today to attend the biennial session of the supreme court of that order. A general reception to the delegates will be held today and the opening of the supreme court will be held tomorrow.

In some portions of Switzerland granite is so plentiful that it is used for telegraph poles.

WHOLE EVIDENCE TO BE OBTAINED PENDING ACTION

Ambassador Gerard at Berlin Has Been Instructed to Get Statement From Germany on Arabic's Loss.

LONDON SAYS "NO WARNING"

British Foreign Office Goes on Record as Claiming Steamship Was Deliberately Sunk—No Convoy With Vessel—Important Dispatches Received From Mr. Page.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Important dispatches regarding the sinking of the Arabic were received today by the state department from Ambassador Page. It was stated they are not for immediate publication.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The action to be taken as a result of the sinking of the Arabic will not be decided on "fragmentary evidence." This was stated by a high authority of the state department and taken to mean the administration might need two or three weeks to make up its mind.

The British version of the torpedoing or sinking of the liner is expected to be received with reasonable promptness. Ambassador Gerard at Berlin has been instructed to get a statement from Germany, it was announced, but detailed mail advices from Ambassador Page and a report of the submarine commander to Berlin, may not be received for a fortnight.

Secretary Lansing denied stock market reports that Germany had disavowed the sinking of the Arabic, but this was followed by an admission that some such statement might have been made by Gerard.

No Policy Adopted. "The cabinet has not adopted a policy to pursue in the case Germany is shown to have committed a 'deliberately unfriendly act.'" Attorney General Gregory declared. "The United States does not deal with hypothetical cases. Such action would be exceedingly improper."

It was said this explained the action of the state department in instructing Gerard to request a statement and inquire whether the German admiralty had received any report from the commander of the submarine supposed to have torpedoed the Arabic. It was not clear this afternoon why the state department seemed doubtful as to the nationality of Mrs. Josephine Broquere and Dr. Edmund Woods, two of those who perished in the Arabic. It was declared the officials merely had accepted the statement of Ambassador Page that they were American citizens.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—The British foreign office went flatly on record today as claiming the Arabic was sunk by a German submarine without warning and without its having attempted to escape or to attack the submarine.

The Arabic was an unarmed passenger steamer, outward bound to neutral port, it was stated. "Thus it was impossible for her to be carrying contraband to this country. The Arabic was sunk by a German submarine without warning. The vessel neither attempted to attack the submarine nor to escape."

It was assumed this statement is based upon a report made by Captain Finch of the Arabic. Finch maintained he saw the track of the torpedo which sank the ship, resulting in the death of two Americans and upwards of 40 others.

Asked as to the possibility of the Dundley being considered as a convert to the Arabic, the foreign office declared the Dundley was a peaceful trading ship. She did not attack the submarine and neither the Dundley nor any vessel conveyed the Arabic. Liverpool dispatches reported that the submarine which sank the Arabic held behind the Dundley, after torpedoing the latter, while the Arabic was approaching. When the Arabic came close enough the submarine dived and launched a torpedo.

Americans in Haiti Guard Customhouse

ST. MARIE IN CHARGE OF MARINES AND OUTPOSTS PLACED ON ROADS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Rear Admiral Caperton in charge of the American forces at Haiti officially reported he has taken over the St. Marie customhouse. As a result of threatened attacks by rebels from the interior, Caperton has placed heavy guards on all roads leading to the ports.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Positive advices are officially claimed to have been received that Bulgaria and Turkey have signed an agreement assuring Bulgaria's neutrality. Turkey, it was stated, has granted Bulgaria's desired railway concessions to the sea.