

145 U. S. TROOPS LOST

WHEN TRANSPORT CARRYING 2179 IS SUNK

STEAMER TUSCANIA HAD ENGINEERS, AERO SQUADRON, UNASSIGNED OFFICERS ABOARD

OREGONIANS ON TUSCANIA.

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—Harry Keller of Klamath Falls was saved. Other Oregonians believed aboard are Guy Jamieson and W. G. Robertson of Portland; W. B. Curtis, Jr., Sydney Bernitt, William Durrand, H. Hazelton and William Bell of Marshfield.

UNITS ON BOARD VESSEL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—The Tuscania carried scattered units of headquarters detachments and companies D and F of the 20th engineers; the 107th military police with supply trains; the 100th, 158th and 213th aero squadrons and replacements; fifty-one unassigned officers; part of the thirty-second division, including the Wisconsin and Michigan guardsmen and some regular army officers.

Many collegians in the 20th engineers had been in training in Washington, D. C.

The 20th engineers is one of the largest units in the army, comprising foresters for pioneer and communication work behind the lines. The members have been drawn from all parts of the nation. The aero squadrons came from various divisions. The remaining troops were Michigan and Wisconsin guardsmen.

The Red Cross, Belfast officials cable, is giving all possible assistance.

145 AMERICAN TROOPS LOST.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—London dispatches to the United Press indicate the total number of American troops lost on the Tuscania is 145. Of these 102 were enlisted men. These showed the total of officers and soldiers aboard was 2156. In addition, 16 ships officers, 125 sailors, passengers and 32 undesignated are reported saved. The total losses therefore are placed at 210.

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LONDON, Feb. 7.—The admiralty announces 210 lost and 2187 saved from the Tuscania.

VESSEL BELIEVED STILL AFLOAT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The steamer Tuscania was torpedoed Tuesday. Six hundred survivors landed at Larne, Ireland and 30 at Islay. British hospital ships are rushing to the scene of the disaster. W. P. Sims, United Press correspondent sent word that he believes the Tuscania is still afloat. He did not mention the navy convoy, but officials believe either British or American vessels were convoyed. The strikingly low casualties are due to torpedo drill aboard the vessels.

British authorities wired the commanders in Scotland and Ireland to afford the Americans every possible assistance and furnish the clothing required. As soon as the men are properly outfitted, they'll mobilize.

20TH ENGINEERS LARGELY FROM PACIFIC. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—It is believed few Pacific coast men in the 20th Engineers, endangered, as most of the coast men have been abroad for some time.

The 20th Engineers was largely composed of Pacific coast men experienced in logging camps and mills. Colonel William A. Mitchell commands the regiment.

TACOMA, Feb. 7.—Camp Lewis officers say that members of the 166 depot brigade filled out the 20th Engineers.

NUMBER LOST MAY BE REDUCED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Army men are hopeful the number lost on the Tuscania will be reduced as isolated parts of the Irish coast report thus far only 30 names of survivors had been received.

Plotted for Several Hours. LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Tuscania floated for several hours after being torpedoed in Irish waters. American officers aboard other vessels witnessed the torpedoing. It is said the fact that the ship remained afloat probably aided the big rescue. The reference to other vessels indicates a possibility that either American ships convoyed the Tuscania or she was one of a group carrying American soldiers.

In service some time. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The Tuscania had carried thousands of American

PARTIAL LIST OF SURVIVORS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—(Special)—The survivors landing at Islay, Scotland, are the only names reported to Washington. They are: Lieut. Frank L. Maker, Engineer Reserves. Lieut. Schweissinger. Sergt. Harry Kelly. Corporal Howard Bullock. Corp. William Cherry. Privates: Oliver Bowman. B. E. Haskett. William Hickling. Charles Imeck. Harry Keeler. Lloyd Leadbetter. James Moss. Walter Maccareck. David Foe.

Edward Peterson. J. W. Redd. O. M. Roberts. Lee Tersea. Ralph Uppus. A. Vandenriessche. Coliman White. John Williams. Edward Anderson. Tom Ashby. Frank Bioz. James Basye. Alexander Bush. All of Co. E, 20th Eng. Privates: John B. Fleming, Edward Klingman of the 158th Aero Squadron. Private H. Kliest, 107th Supply Train.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Ten more survivors have landed on the Scottish coast.

BELIEVED NO LOCAL BOYS WERE ABOARD TORPEDOED VESSEL

Considerable apprehension was felt in Pendleton last evening and this morning lest some Umatilla county boys were aboard the transport which was torpedoed by a German submarine. However, the information contained in the dispatches does not indicate that the units aboard contained any boys from this section. The first reports last evening resulted in many telephone calls to the East Oregonian from relatives and friends of the members of old Troop D, which is now artillery, as it was known they are just about due to be on the seas. Reassuring reports were received over the telephone from Portland last night to the effect that there was no artillery aboard. It was also feared that Lieutenants Fred Steiwer, Alger Fee and Charles D. Despain might be aboard. Inquiry, however, reveals the fact that Steiwer and Despain have already reached the other side of the Atlantic, communications to this effect having been received within the past few days by relatives. Lieutenant Fee has not yet sailed, according to a recent letter received from him. When it was learned that engineering troops were aboard, there was speculation as to whether the regiment in which Arthur Jordan is enlisted was included. He is in Co. F, 23rd Engineers and has not yet sailed according to his mother. Edgar F. Averill, inspector of the biological survey, had a friend in Co. D, 20th Engineers which is reported as included in the ship list. He is Warren L. Tison of Roseburg, formerly a government hunter and who enlisted in the forestry branch and was attached to the 20th Engineers. He is of the opinion quite a number of other boys were in this company.

DISASTER WILL RE-DOUBLE WAR EFFORTS OF U. S.

Transport's Loss Unites Country in Determination to Whip Germans Declares Secretary Baker.

AMERICAN DEATHS MUST BE AVENGED

All Departments Hasten to Speed up Work of War.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Secretary Baker said: "Adversity has challenged America. We must, we will win the war. Losses like this unite the country in sympathy with the families of the victims. They also unite all in a purpose for more determined progress. The details will be given the public as soon as received in order to relieve anxiety."

All departments echo a determination to avenge the deaths. Congressional leaders are redoubling their efforts.

Senator Chamberlain said: "Although it comes as a terrific shock, it was a calamity which might be expected during the course of the war. My sympathy goes to the parents of the splendid American boys who were on their way to fight for the freedom of the world." Senator Penrose: "We must take this as a part of the grim business of war. It should impress upon us the necessity of speeding airplane production and other means of fighting the submarines. That they have struck this blow is no reason we should lose hope. It should only strengthen us."

AMERICAN STEAMER ALMANANCE DIVER VICTIM; 6 OF CREW LOST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Secretary Daniels announced the American steamer Almanance was torpedoed yesterday. Six of crew are missing. The gunners are safe.

Central Empires Cant Agree Over Division

ZURICH, Feb. 7.—German newspapers say Germany and Austria are unable to agree on a division of Poland between themselves. It is understood that Germany wants the industrial and mining regions, allotting Austria only the agricultural regions. The papers speak in awed tones of preparations for Teutonic campaigns against the northern Russian lines, and the west front.

COUNCIL DISCUSSES FURTHER REGULATION OF CIGAR STORES

Further regulation of cigar stores of Pendleton may be undertaken by the council. As a part of the nationwide effort to conserve fuel, these stores may be required to close at a prescribed hour each night. Councilman Penland reported to the council last evening that, to his knowledge, some of the cigar stores are keeping open until 4 in the morning. He declared such a practice as a needless waste of fuel and light. Other councilmen supported him in his stand. While regulating the cigar stores, Councilman Penland declared, there should be something done to stop the dice-shaking evil. He declared he likes to shake dice himself but declared some of the dice fiends are carrying their hobby to an extreme. While they shake for trade checks, he declares he saw one man spend eight dollars shaking dice at one time. Card games are also played for trade checks, he said. The Attorney Fee declared the present ordinances cover such games and that it is up to the police committee to enforce them. The police committee passed the buck to the police and the latter came in for a spanking. Other Business. The council last evening passed ordinances assessing the costs of the street improvements on Calvin and Lewis streets. The last resolution for the grading of Wilson street was adopted and a petition for the paving of the street was presented to the council. The Warren Construction Company's bid for par and accrued interest for the Madison street bonds was accepted. The only other bid was from Keeler Bros. and the six dollars premium offered would have been more than offset by the costs of a transcript of proceedings required by the bid. The Jackson-Monroe-Washington street improvement was reported completed and was accepted. A petition from the Simpson Tire & Service Co. for permission to install a gasoline station at the corner of Court and Johnson was denied on the grounds it was contrary to the ordinance which prescribes a barred zone for such stations. A petition of R. P. Flucker to install a distillate tank in his place of business on Cottonwood was granted.

RUSSIANS REFUSE IMMEDIATE PEACE

PETROGRAD, Feb. 7.—The Russian delegates to Brest-Litovsk unanimously refused today to concede to the Teutonic demands for a separate peace immediately. Negotiations continue, however.

PENDLETON SCHOOLS GET FEDERAL COIN

Three hours of gas engine work a day under A. A. Velburg, the present instructor will be the work offered in this vocational subject at the Pendleton high school this semester, as the result of the school board's action last night in agreeing to meet the condition and requirements of the governments offer of aid to the local school in vocational work. Under this plan half the salary of the present instructor will be paid from Federal funds, the school board agreeing to install next year approximately \$2000 worth of machinery to be used in this work. There will be no more equipment secured this year for the course except the possible use of a tractor as a laboratory adjunct.

Next year in order to secure the governmental aid, there must be 120 minutes of gas engine work a day given each student, 120 minutes of correlative subjects as mechanical drawing and chemistry, and 60 minutes of a manual work. The school board will be glad to accept the offer.

THREE LOCAL PUPILS ARE ON HONOR LIST

Three high school students, Lois Swaggett, Lowell Stockman, and Genevieve Phelps have either sold or purchased \$50 worth or more of Thrift Stamps. They are entitled to places on Governor Withcomb's Roll of Honor for their stamp campaign. Miss Swaggett and Miss Phelps purchased their stamps with their personal savings, while Lowell Stockman sold this amount to his aunt, Mrs. J. L. Stockman. Up to noon today over \$100 worth of stamps had been sold to high school students as a result of the drive now under way. Over 170 students have signed up as members of the Two Hit Club.

BULLETINS

RIVERSIDE GETS SCHOOL. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Contracts were let today for buildings for an army aviation school at Riverside, California. It is understood a million dollars is involved.

LONDON GETS ULTIMATUM. PETROGRAD, Feb. 7.—The people's commissaries reported they had ultimatumed the British embassy demanding recognition of the bolshevik minister in London, threatening to take measures against British subjects if it is not done.

RAIN QUIETS FRONT. AMERICAN FRONT, Feb. 7.—Twenty four hours of sprinkling rain served to quiet the American front. Artillery, machine-gun fire was intermittent and spasmodic. Mud prevented infantry movements and patrols.

FRENCH ARTILLERY ACTIVE. PARIS, Feb. 7.—The artillery is active over a wide stretch of the French front, north of the Aisne, Chateau and Parau regions on the right bank of the Meuse. Attacks in Alsace were repelled.

WILL PLAY POLITICS WITH WAR QUESTIONS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Senator Penrose announced that the republican slogan next campaign will be "speed up the war, abolish inefficiency, eliminate the inefficient."

EYEWITNESS TELLS OF DIVERS ATTACK

LONDON, Feb. 7.—An eyewitness passenger on another ship said the Tuscania, warned by a vessel spotting the torpedo, turned when struck broadside a little astern. He said most passengers on the other ships did not know what happened and continued enjoying a merry evening. He said the destroyer and other vessels surrounded the Tuscania, picking up survivors from the sea and from lifeboats. He said two explosions occurred, the second apparently a boiler. The ship lights were extinguished after the big gun flames were set up. The lights went out. The survivors said trouble in lowering lifeboats owing to a heavy sea caused a number of casualties.

MORE THAN 212,000 AMERICAN SOLDIERS ARE NOW IN FRANCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—America has over 212,000 troops in France, according to Andre Turleu, French high commissioner to the United States. He said France will be able by July to manufacture enough artillery to supply 20 American divisions, providing the United States provides the necessary raw materials.