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NO QUARTER IN FIGHTS WITH HUN U-BOATS

arted British Crews Give Account of Themselves in Sea Warfare.

DEEDS OF HEROISM

clever Skippers, Sailors Batginst Almost Hopeless Odds, eing Victory Frequently by select of Margina.

-Semetimes it is illuminatfritish ships of more than 1,600 gre been sunk." Doing so, one gat in one month-mid-March dApril-61 vessels were atin U-boats and escaped.

the logs of a few tramp ships erestedy of the admiralty which me safely to port with their in recent days some typical may be told.

amp proceeding at a leisurely ints entered the danger zone. eautions were taken, extra were posted and the gun's for she was defensively armed standing round their "piece," der had just dawned and there nery promise of a fine day. Anthree miles away to port, with red of the morning sun glinting or gray back, a German submawas eighted.

she was seen the U-beat opened isd shells dropped all round the hip, which shifted her helm and Be U-bout dead astern, firing at all the time. The steamship's new were very cool and planted exhells all round the submarine; the U-bear did not like it a bit. of the steamship put up a smoke es and the U-bont dived in a a apparently expecting instant

Second U.Boat Appears. he had hardly disappeared when

ster U-boat, about 200 feet long. fmounting gons fore and aft of the ming tower, broke surface. The mir screen was no longer service-te for the wind was blowing the ng way; so the steamship let fly the second antagonist, who replied th vigor, shrapnel sprinkling the m's decks. For lealf an hour the the went on. Then one of the steam is shells fell close to the U-bont. nich dived and vanished under the mer just as a patrol boat appeared the scene and loosed off a couple devastating rounds. It was a fine prismance to beat off two pirate hips in such a short space of time, master and gun's crew received sendation from my lords of the

la another case it was a duel both fannery and seamanship. Proceedsteadfastly on her course, a Britsteamship heard gunfire in the himee, but could see nothing of the semy. The propeller thrust her

The white cliffs of Albion were liftbe en the horizon when, just as twilight was fulling, a U-boat appeared speint or two on the starboard bow the northward. Instantly all hands were ordered to their stations. Helm was put full over, and the U-boat brought astern, fire being opened on the enemy, while a firebox was lighted. It was difficult to distinguish the enemy-a large bont, apparently bounting two guns-which maneutered backward and forward across the steamship's course in an endeavor to bring both her guns into action at

the same time, Skipper Gets Fritz in Tangle. But the British skipper was a better

Faman than the German, and he skilfully thwarted the enemy's scheme, and got britz in no end of a tangle. New and again the U-boat scored a bit. The steamship's wireless aerials Were carried away, her malnmast was loled, the exhaust steampipe was perforated and the starboard lifebont and dingly damaged. But that did not bother the steamship or her crew.

The latter were grinning at the gunbers, who were having an exasperating time of it. Just imagine a crew of expert gunners with a fine gun, and a burning desire to strafe a submarine, finding that their gun platform has collapsed, and that with a "sub" as a target they have to fire more or less by nuesswork.

But as the navy men always do, these gunners buckled to. The gun kicked abominably, and the sighter had his eyes blackened and his face cut, but despite this the shooting was too close and too hot for the U-boat. which kept at a respectful distance. The boa'n and "Sparks," the wireless man, took the risk of the U-boat's fire and repaired the aerials, and the Stenmer plugged ahead for harbor. But it was some hours later before the plrate drew off, baffled by the indomitable pluck of the British sailormen.

Crew Below Decks Also Heroes. And just a word here for the "black squad," Both watches of engineers and stokers were below throughout the action, and though a shell came through the bunkers and filled the Stokehold with coal and ashes, they

"carried on" with amazing pluck. the water like a cathedral, was nav-Here is another fine bit of work. A

igating to a certain port to pick up an had been on the bridge for many sun was obscured by clouds. hours, saw the track of a torpedo ap-

prouching his ship. engine room bell clanged for full this the steamer suffered no damage. shead, and down the voice-pipe into The last shell fired by the steamer Bob's car came the insistent call for

speed and more speed. By this time the chief engineer and hok deeper into shipping re- his staff were on the foot-plate, and the ship, which ordinarily did eleven expressed in the following words: m three weeks six, four and knots at her top gait, tegan to cut up the water at a rate which would have astonished her builders. From the and the gunner got busy, but the he was driven back again.

Fight Continues for Three Hours, When the fight had continued for

board side, but this did not prevent him from continuing the engagement. The German kept trying to creep out on the steamer's port side, but the master checkmated him each time and continued to keep him dead astern.

When the sun begen to set the German tried to maneuver so that the stenmer's gunners would have to fire into the eye of the sun. But the master prevented him from getting the urgent cargo when the skipper, who benefit of such a position until the

Throughout the engagement, which insted six hours, the German managed "Hard a-port," he called to the quar- to score only one hit. This shell termaster at the wheel, and "Full broke the steamer's deck surface pipe, astern" was rung down to the engine punched a hole through the boatroom, where Bob, "the third," was on | swain's and carpenter's room without duty by himself. The ship spun touching two men who were there, around on her heel, as it were, and finally exploding in the second cook's the torpeds passed her by. Then the room, which it wrecked. Apart from appeared to explode in the U-boat's bow, whereupon the enemy turned

away and abandoned the action. The master's opinion of his crew is

Specially Praises Engineer's Staff. "They all behaved splendidly and carried out their various duties coolly wireless the S O S call was sent out and with a will to save the ship. The careful and deliberate shooting un-U-boat was out of range and fire was doubtedly contributed to our successand his staff, working in ignorance for getting thirteen and an eighth four hours a shell from the steamer knots out of an undocked ship, whose fell amidships on the submarine's star- usual speed is about eleven knots."

CANADIAN LOADING TRENCH MORTAR



Here is a Canadian on the west front loading a trench mortar with the big projectile that will carry death to the Huns not far away.

TO REFIT ARMIES FOR INDUSTRY giving his name as John Weidheimer was picked up and is now in the Josephine county jail as an alien enemy. Weidheimer had no registration particular to the property of the prop

of Work for Soldiers After War.

GERMANY ALSO PREPARING

Colonization on Farms, Carefully Worked Out by an Expert, Liable to Be Upset by Revolt of the Proletariat.

now at work considering how the great agricultural knowledge, those who betask of demobilizing the army and the fore the war were tenant farmers, resettlement of the soldiers into civil farm agents, or belonged to the more occupations at the conclusion of the efficient class of farm laborers. war is to be accomplished. The plan drawn up by the minister of labor is first period after the war it will be receiving careful attention, and it is necessary to proceed mainly with the understood considerable progress has establishment of individual settlements been made.

her attention and the series of articles with the assistance of the communes by Herr Utsch in the Deutsche Land- buildings will be cheaper. It will not be necessary to undertake road making of flour in the house have turned it in. proposed settlement on the land of sol- and drainage operations on a large diers returning from the war.

Herr Utsch begins by pointing out disabled or injured soldier not only they are known, assistance will be with an adequate pension but with suit- more readily given to them. able employment which will enable him to support himself and his family in sufficient comfort. In providing such be paid to the wishes and the capacity of the individual, and no better means for effecting this can be found than home colonization, for in no other domain are the possibilities so great, since vast tracts of waste land still exist in Germany waiting to be opened up and the returning soldier cherishes no dearer wish than to have a home of his own.

Sees Added Wealth.

At the same time, says Herr Utsch, the interests of the country will be served, since every fresh small colony increases the national wealth and makes it more independent of foreign countries in the production of food. He sees a further advantage in attracting

labor to rural districts. The writer divides the nature of the employment of the settlers as follows: Settlements for men employed in industries or factories.

Holdings for agricultural laborers, Holdings for independent artisans. Small holdings with land attached

up to 60 acres or more. Considering the first class named they necessarily will be only possible in the vicinity of towns or large indus-

The question of the settlement of trial concerns.

British Cabinet Already Has Plan tal for agriculture after the war. These enough to enable the settler to grow sufficient cereals and potatoes for him-

class three, it would be for the inter- an immediate vicinity.

Under class four, which would be providing for peasant holdings, the dis years. trict authorities and the provincial settlement companies would have it to deal with. These settlers would be London.—The British government is those who could command adequate

Herr Utsch believes that during the Germany also is giving this subject will find it easier to make a living and he believes, would induce soldiers to that it is a national duty to provide the settle near their old homes, where, as

Funds From War Profits.

As to the capital that will be necessary to establish such communal setemployment, he says, due regard must tlements, the writer suggests that which after the payment of taxes exrate of 3 to 3% per cent.

Another article dealing with conditions in Germany after the war, but on awaiting instructions from that office. entirely different lines from the pen of C. D. Stelling, considers the extent in which revolutionary ideas permeate the German army and what may be the outcome. The writer says:

"The fuel of revolt is being heaped up to await the torch that will set it afiame. Competent observers foretell that revolution will inevitably follow the conclusion of the war. The drugged and brutalized proletariat is waking from its trance. With organization and leadership the torpid Gerand dash them to the ground."

Two-Headed Calf Lives.

Eau Claire, Wis .- A two-headed calf born on the farm of Matt Leet, who lives a short distance from this city, is still alive. Both heads have perfectly formed mouths, two eyes and

IN BRIEF.

******* Work on the Prineville railroad is progressing rapidly, the rails having station, 10 miles from Prineville.

The Klamath county council of dehas opened an office in Klamath Falls, where all information relative to the defense of the Nation will be received.

Rev. Robert E. Browning, former rector of Emmanuel Episcopal church in Marshfield, has written to local friends advising them of his arrival in

Charles Spearman, indicted for sec ond degree murder for killing his father-in-law, William Roseberry, at Haines last April, was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury in the Circuit Court at Baker. Clemency was recommended in the verdict.

from the war department. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson, and a first-class private. Another son, held until the pirate got closer, when ful escape, while the chief engineer Artie J. Jackson, also is in the service.

R. E. Scott, secretary of Hood less that of the world. down below, deserve special praise River Federal Farm Loan associations, says that appraisals are now in process of completion that will bring the total loans of the valley up to \$200,-Hood River orchardists have already been granted more than \$100,-000 in loans.

> Plans and estimates are being prepared by City Engineer R. T. Cava-naugh for the installation of large electric pumps and salt water mains to supply more adequate fire protec-tion to the sawmills, shippard and other industries along the waterfront in North Bend.

Ninety-three men in the service with a population of between 1800 and 2000 the record of the southern part of Imatilla county, according to a list of enlisted men by the Patriotic Service ROUTED AUSTRIANS eague. The league is working on a oster of all of the men from this ounty in the service in any branch.

Seafaring men coming up the coast from the Curry county district tell of good sea lion hunting this summer, and declare the kill should be up to the average of other years. Two reefs along the southern Oregon coast are being searched for the lions, one off Rogue river, the other at Port Orford.

Charles Owens is making up his first his mining property on Sucker Creek, in possession of the entire river front carload shipment of chrome ore from in the Illinois river district, says a Grants Pass dispatch. The ore, which runs 40 per cent, is being hauled by Waters Creek terminus of the Cali ing them, inflicting heavy casualties fornia & Oregon coast railroad.

Floaters who travel up and down the police authorities. Tuesday a German

Benton county Corvallis several days ago to discuss the east. the problems of securing help, operat-

Louis Williams, Thomas Randall and borders of the mouth of the Siuslaw river. They casualties inflicted on the enemy the Oregon coast.

Washington county wheat flour have region have been repulsed. near existing villages, for the settlers been turned back by dealers and private owners at the administration's request. Many instances are reported where families with less than a sack

State penitentiary officials have been informed that Terrel Pope, a trusty who escaped from the Oregon prison last January, is under arrest at Des Moines, Ia., and that he will be prosecuted there on several burglary charges. He is also said to have committed robbery in Nebraska.

Barger Larson, a young man who about 10 per cent of all war profits failed to register on June 5 of last year for mitliary service, was arrested ceed 20,000 marks ought to be tent on by Sheriff Burns, of Clatsop county, mortgages on the settlements at the Friday morning. This case has been reported to the Federal district attorney and the defendant will be held

Cottage Grove district taxpayers strongly favor the retention of the manual training and domestic science and art departments in the schools. The vote at the annual school meeting was 178 for their retention and 52 for their elimination. H. J. Shinn was re-elected director and Worth Harvey was re-elected clerk.

Evidence in a suit for \$40,000 filed against the O.-W. R. & N. will be man people will at last turn against taken at La Grande. Mrs. Grace F. the false gods it has been worshipping Fuller is the complainant, suing for damages as a consequence of the fatal injury to Francis Fuller near North Fork, Or., last year.

Confronted with a serious shortage of drivers due to many of its employes entering military service, the Gorst & King Automobile company, operat-

-France and England Criticised.

Amsterdam. - Germany's war alms were briefly set forth, peace ideas outbeen laid within two miles of O'Neil lined, the idea that she desired to war disclaimed and the responsibility Big Defeat Suffered All Along secure world domination through the fense, a branch of the state council, for the conflict primarily placed upon Russia by Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, in a speech to the reichstag in Berlin Tuesday.

While declaring that what was desired for the German people and their Europe. Rev. Mr. Browning enlisted allies was "a free, strong, independent existence," within the boundaries drawn by them, "by history," the foreign secretary said Germany would 100-Mile Line Ends in Total Failhave to decline to make any prior concessions by stating her position as to Belgium in a way which would bind her without similarly binding Germany's enemies

After declaring that the revelations that had been made showed Russia as the power which planned and desired Salem, in action on the western front the war, with France abetting her, defeated Austro-Hungarians are revon Kuehlmann again declared that Germany had not entertained any belief that this war could lead even to the domination of Europe and much pursued by the Italian troops.

With reference to the peace question, Dr. von Kuehlmann quoted from former Premier Asquith's speech of May 16, in which he said that the British government would not turn a deaf ear to a peace proposal if it was not couched in ambiguous terms.

"We likewise can make the same declaration," added the foreign secretary, "knowing it to be also our

"Once the moment arrives-when, I care not to prophesy-that the nations which are at present locked in battle will exchange peace views, one of the preliminary conditions must be certain degrees of mutual confidence in each other's honesty and chivalry.

CONTINUE RETREAT

Italians Press on East Bank of Piave River-Flood Waters Rise Again Which Aids Fleeing Foe.

The Italians have cleared the remaining Austrian rearguards from the west bank of the Piave river and are from the Montello plateau to the sea. At last accounts their forces which crossed the stream in pursuit of the retreating Austrians were still harass and forcing the enemy to continue his disorderly retreat.

Fate has turned somewhat its balcoast are regularly picked up at Grants ance in favor of the Austrians, for the Pass, questioned and searched by the Piave river again has risen and some of the pontoon bridges the Italians had giving his name as John Weidheimer thrown across the stream have been carried away, making impossible a Austrians, which General Diaz had counted upon. The Austrians are declared to be rushing to the Austrians are declared to be rushing to the Austrians are declared to be rushing to the sea. quick pursuit and the crushing of the clared to be rushing in reserves from

The Austrian war office admits a ing cook wagons and to fix uniform reverse along the Plave, but announces self and family and to keep one or two threshing prices for the county. George that the retrograde movement has Bruce of the Averill Machinery com- been carried out in accordance with As for the independent artisans in pany of Portland was present and gave plans and without loss of material. interesting talk on co-operation It is added that the Austrians have ests of every community to do its ut- among threshermen. Mr. Bruce is well taken more than 50,000 prisoners from most to attract labor to the land in its known in the Willamette valley, hav- the Italians since June 15 and that ing himself operated a threshing out the aggregate losses of the Italians in fit in the vicinity of Salem for 20 the fighting, at the lowest estimate, is 150,000 men.

Holding the upper hand along the the Venetian plain, U. S. Fillio, interested in the fishing Italians have taken the offensive industry near Seattle, were in Eugene against the enemy in the mountain this week on their way to Florence for region and are attacking on various the purpose of making an investiga- sectors. Notable gains of ground have tion of the fishing industry near the been made, and in addition to heavy contemplate engaging in sea fishing off large number of Austrians have been that after the hearings beginning Monhave been captured, according to County Food Administrator Wells Rome. The Austrian war office, how-railway companies to pay wage inreports that more than 30 tons of ever, asserts that all attacks in this creases to employes without increas-

Austrians Tired of War, Strike.

London.-A strike, which, starting in Vienna, is said to be becoming general in Austria, registers the revolt of the people against war. And the facthat has tended to make war unpopular, the food shortage, shows no tendency to improve. Strikers in the various factories at

Vienna on Saturday formulated a demand that the Austrian government show itself for a general peace and invite the governments of enemy countries to enter into peace negotiations, says a dispatch from The Hague to the Times. Representatives of the workers submitted the plan to Baron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian foreign

Carmen to Receive Rise. Washington, D. C .- The labor war board will increase wages of street railroad employes if it finds increases necessary without regard to the financial condition of the companies operating lines. Joint Chairmen Taft and Walsh so announced Tuesday at the employes and employers. At the same time the chairmen indicated their purpose to recommend increases for companies and asked that attorneys for the companies and for the employes bring in for consideration a report on whether the federal authorities could order such increases.

Texas Now Arid Waste.

Austin, Texas. - Texas became a when approximately 750 saloons closed the first six months of its operation, under a statewide prohibition act. warrants immediate legislation Eighteen hundred saloons had previ- road construction that will extend the ously been closed by legislative act service throughout the United States, re-establishing a 10-mile "dry" zone around military camps and shipbuild-ter general Monday told the house ing a jitney service between North ing plants. Under the 10-mile law, two noses, but there are only two learning on the outer side of each ears, one on the outer side of each employing young women drivers to re-

STATE NEWS GERMANY BLAMES RUSSIA AUSTRIANS FLEEING IN WILD DISORDER

Piave River Front.

ITALY PRESSES MOVE

ure-Enemy Loss 180,000.

from the Montello to the Adriatic, the June 6, was announced in a telegram and England's attitude strengthening crossing the river in disorder, says the Russian desire for conflict, Dr. the Italian official statement issued Sunday. The enemy is being closely

Rome.-On the Plave river front

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy.-From Montello to the sea the enemy has been defeated and forced by the Italians to recross the Piave river in disorder.

The first phase of the Austrian of-fensive has ended in failure—in defeat. The culmination of what was intended to be the crushing of Italy between the jaws of the Austrian pincers is the rout of the invaders.

With their backs to the swollen Piave the Austrians for several days past had been trying to ward off the vicious counter-attacks of the Italians and save the situation. they are endeavoring and still under great pressure, to ford the stream and reach safety on the eastern bank, From the Montello plateau to the

Adriatic sea the enemy is in retreat. Aiready his losses are estimated at 180,000 men and the chances of his escape without additional heavy casualties and men made prisoner seem remote

Large numbers of the pontoon bridges that the Austrians threw across the Piave have been swept away by the now torrential stream, and on all the sectors of the 33-mile front where they gained edges of the Venetian plateau they are being sorely harassed by the fire of the Italian guns and rifles and by the machine gun fire and bombs of the allied aviators who have done such notable execution since the attempted drive was

Monster preparations had been made by the Austrians for what was to be the death blow to King Victor Emnanuel's men.

Thousands upon thousands of men, many of them brought from the Russian and Roumanian fronts, and guns stores in tremendous quantities had been parceled among the various commanders for the drive over a battle arc of virtually 100 miles, running

were British and French armies. Ter-ritory taken in the mountains was almost as quickly regained and the enemy held in check.

Along the Piave, especially on the Montello plateau, the gateway to the Venetian plains from the northeast, and at several points farther south, where the Austrians succeeded in crossing the river, the Italians everywhere imposed such strength against the enemy that he was unable to engains and then, with redoubled efforts, forced him to commence the retrograde movement which has developed into disordered flight.

Board to Fix Streetcar Fares.

Washington, D. C .- The national war labor board announced the question of the ability of street mine a minimum wage rate based on the increased cost of living.

It is the intention of the board that it will adopt a definite policy on the question of ability to pay on the basis of facts and arguments presented at their hearing, which will be an open one.'

Says the announcement: "The formulation of such a policy, whatever it happens to be, will be a matter of great importance to the cities of the country generally, but especially to those cities where wage controversies exist between the street railway corporations and their operatives. Counsel representing these companies, as well as counsel for the respective municipalities and the employes' organizations will be heard upon the point."

Farm Aid Plan Defeated.

Washington, D. C .- The senate agricultural committee has rejected an amendment to the \$11,000,000 emergency agricultural appropriation bill, proposed by Senator Curtis, of Kansas, authorizing the government to adconclusion of a preliminary hearing of vance money to farmers for the purpose of securing seed.

The amendment was urged by members of the Kansas Agricultural Society, who said that unless action of this kind was taken wheat production in that and neighboring states next year might be curtailed, owing to crop shortage the past two seasons.

Motor Mail Service Pays. Washington, D. C .- Motor mail serv-

"bone dry" state at midnight Tuesday ice, showing a surplus of \$200,000 for postoffice committee considering a