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## BRITISH SHIP SINKS U-BOAT OFF ATLANTIC

### FRENCH TRANSPORT OF 3,710 TONS TORPEDOED IN THE MEDITERRAN

## VESSEL SUNK OFF FIRE ISLAND

### Submarine Gasses United States Coast Guard Crew—Poisonous Fumes Spread Over Ocean

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 13.—In a fight with a submarine yesterday off the Atlantic coast, a British armed merchantman arriving here today claims to have sunk a U-boat. The details are not made public.

Paris, Aug. 13.—The French transport Djennah, 3,716 tons, has been torpedoed in the Mediterranean.

Boston, Aug. 13.—Intimation that the fish supply might be reduced because of the operations of a German submarine off George's Bank was sent today to the fisheries division of the food administration at Washington by James J. Phelan, assistant food administrator of this state.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Gas from oil discharges on the water by the German submarine operating off the middle Atlantic coast overcame six men in the coast guard station and lighthouse on Smith's Island, North Carolina, Saturday evening, the navy department was advised today by the commandant of the Sixth naval district.

If the gas attack was deliberate, as most officials believe, it constitutes a new and ingenious form of "frightfulness," and, so far as has been reported, was the first direct effort of the German raiders to harm persons or property on American shores.

The gas was said by the commandant of the coast guard station to have much the same effect as the mustard gas used by the Germans on the western front. The men were laid out for more than half an hour, but apparently suffer no serious after-effects.

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS. HELD SEPTEMBER 14

The United States civil service commission announces that an examination for forest and field clerk will be held in this city on September 14, 1918. A knowledge of bookkeeping, typewriting and stenography is required for this examination.

The department of agriculture has stated that, owing to the difficulty in filling vacancies in the position of forest clerk, it is imperative that female eligibles be made available for appointment to the position of forest clerk, and persons who desire to compete should at once apply to the secretary, of the board of examiners, at the local postoffice, or to the district secretary, Room 303 Postoffice Building, Seattle, Wash., for application blanks and full information.

## NORWEGIAN STEAMER VICTIM OF SUBMARINE

New York, Aug. 13.—The Norwegian steamer Sommerstadt was sunk yesterday by a German submarine off Fire Island. The crew was brought here.

## 18 TO 45 APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

### Wants Government to Educate Boys Under 21 Years of Age for two Years After the War

Washington, Aug. 13.—The senate military committee today voted to report favorably at once extending the draft age to 18 and 45 years but with the amendment that the government would have to provide two years of education free to all boys under 21 after the war.

## U. S. CASUALTY LIST

Washington, Aug. 13.—The army casualties for today are 14 killed, three died of wounds, 71 wounded and one missing.

## DREADNAUGHT PLANE DOWNED BY BRITISH

With the British Army on the Picardy Battle Front, Aug. 13.—A dreadnaught German airplane carrying seven men and equipped with five engines has been shot down by the British. All the occupants were killed by the explosion of two unexploded bombs. They were buried by Americans in the crater made by the explosion.

Allied aviators are intensely interested in the victory over the great plane and overjoyed at its capture. The German dreadnaught of the air was equipped with a large supply of torpedoes and bombs, each weighing 250 pounds.

The monster craft was apparently downed on its maiden flight. The giant Gotha was shot full of holes while a battery of searchlights played upon it.

The great airplane was engaged in dropping bombs upon a village when the wings were seen to tilt in the concentrated glare of the searchlights. Then it plunged to earth under its own enormous weight.

The dimensions and construction of the machine constitute a distinct departure from the old type and caused almost as much comment as the bombardment of Paris by German cannon.

Disturbed by the scale and the operation of British aviators the Germans are massing machines.

Thirty Fokkers attacked 12 British flyers on Sunday, and in the fighting which followed five German machines were destroyed and one other was sent down out of control.

All of the British planes escaped. This is a sample of the way the British have been shading the Gothas during the past few months.

## HINDENBURG URGES EVACUATION OF SECTOR

Rome, Aug. 13.—Evacuation of the whole salient on the Western front, formed by Ypres, the Montdidier sector and the Verdun area is being urged upon the kaiser by Field Marshal von Hindenburg, chief of the German general staff, according to a news agency dispatch from Zurich today.

German great headquarters have been removed from France into Germany, behind the Rhine river, it was added.

The explanation given was that "Headquarters were transferred because of the activity of allied airplanes."

The kaiser is being advised by von Hindenburg to adopt a "defensive front along the Western battle line," the dispatch said.

Hindenburg is said to base his reasons for the widespread evacuation of German positions in Belgium and France on the argument that it would shorten and straighten the German front and make it easier to defend.

## MASSIF OF LASSIGNY FALLS TO ALLIED FORCES

### Woods Commands Town and Entire District in Region of Roye—General Attacks Made to Break up Hun Resistance on Twenty-five Mile Front

Paris, Aug. 13.—The allies in Picardy attacked today along the entire front from Caulnes southward, in a determined effort to break the resistance of the enemy.

London, Aug. 13.—The Germans are evacuating trenches in the river bed of the Oise, according to news received early this afternoon.

London, Aug. 13.—The British gained additional ground north of Roye and on the north bank of the River Somme, says an official statement issued this morning.

The Germans attacked British position in the Merris region of the Flanders section last night and were repulsed.

London, Aug. 13.—The French are working around Roye to the west and south of this important German stronghold and are now holding high ground in this region. The enemy is destroying villages in his rear. The ruins of Peronne are reported in flames.

London, Aug. 13.—Heavy local fighting is reported at Fismette on the Vesle river, where the Americans and French are holding the line.

Paris, Aug. 13.—The allied forces today began a general attack from Caulnes south to the Oise river, about a 25-mile front. Important gains are reported at various points.

## JAP AVIATOR IS KILLED IN TAIL SPIN AT STOCKTON

Stockton, Cal., Aug. 13.—I. Nichiyoka, Japanese aviator, was instantly killed Sunday, when his airplane went into a tail spin 400 feet from the ground. Nichiyoka was to have received his pilot's license after Sunday's flight. He had been a student under T. Nakimura and was considered a proficient flyer.

## SUBMARINE SCOUTS NICKNAMED "BLIMPS" BY AMERICAN PILOTS

An American Balloon Base in England, July 12.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The "Blimp" is the nickname which the American pilots have given to the little dirigible airships which are technically termed "S. S." or Submarine Scouts.

The gas bag of the Blimp is about 150 feet long and 30 feet in diameter. The lower structure is virtually that of a scouting airplane of medium power, so that the whole effect is that of a sort of a cross between airplane and balloon. The crew is usually one pilot and an observer, and the speed is about 40 miles an hour.

The cargo is a load of bombs which work like a destroyer's depth charges, exploding by water pressure at a depth of 20 to 30 feet. The carriage contains steering gear, bomb levers, wireless apparatus camera and observation instruments.

Hundreds of Blimps are constantly on duty around the coasts of France and England. American pilots and observers are just beginning to take up this work. It is the greatest U-boat destroyer in existence, if the men who work the Blimps are to be believed. One enthusiastic American pilot who has been dropping bombs up and down the Irish sea for a month, remarked to the Associated Press correspondent, "The Blimp is not only one of the ways of destroying U-boats; it is the way."

The advantage that the Blimp has over the seaplane is that it can stand still in the air. If a U-boat dives down and lies out of sight on the bottom, the Blimp sits over it until it decides to move on or come to the surface. If the submarine does not move, the Blimp is just as well content, for in the meantime the wireless has been at work, and trawlers are coming up in the course of an hour or two with the necessary equipment to smoke Mister Submarine out of his hole.

If the submarine rises before naval help arrives, the Blimp tackles it alone, with bombs. If the submarine tries to move away along the bottom of the sea, the Blimp follows its shadow until it comes, sooner or later to a shallow spot where it can be effectively dealt with.

Subject to the Blimp's fuel supply and its "duration power" in the air, there is little chance of escape for a U-boat once it has been sighted by one of these handy little dirigibles. The sighting or spotting of the U-boats is the great difficulty, for the seas around England are large places and the range of the individual Blimp is comparatively small.

A larger type of Blimp is now being used, known technically as the C. P. or Coast Patrol. It carries a larger crew and a greater supply of fuel and is used for detecting minefields as well as submarines.

## COMPLAINTS MADE AGAINST RATES

### Public Service Commission Objects to Increase in Freight and Ex- press Rates

Washington, Aug. 13.—The public service commission of Oregon, Washington and Idaho today filed complaints with the interstate commerce commission attacking 25 per cent increase in the freight rates and the 10 per cent express rates as applying to fruit, vegetables, berries and fish shipped from the northwest.

The rates are declared to be discriminatory and unauthorized under the law by which the government assumed control of the railroads.

## BRITISH BOMBERS ACTIVE OVER GERMAN TOWNS

London, Aug. 13.—An official communication issued by the air ministry last night dealing with bombing and raiding operations say that, despite the unfavorable weather, British airplanes successfully attacked an airplane and chemical works at Frankfurt.

Other squadrons attacked the railroads at Metz and an airdrome at Haguenau, Alsace.

## HUNS DEPRESSED AT ENTENTE VICTORIES

Amsterdam, Aug. 13.—Clamoring for an inquiry into "this reverse," the Weser Zeitung, of Bremen, says the story that the German army was surprised is an insufficient explanation, as it has been officially stated that the attack was expected and the German lines to the west of Montdidier were accordingly withdrawn.

The Cologne Volks Zeitung advises the people to keep their spirits up, indicating that yesterday was a day of depression.

"In Cologne it was the day of the defeatists," the newspaper says. "With anxiety depicted on their faces they stood together exchanging their fears and discussing the dark prospects."

How the general situation on the western front strikes Holland may be indicated by a cartoon in Saturday's Amsterdam Telegraaf showing the American eagle, with President Wilson's face, in a deadly combat with the Prussian eagle, with Emperor Wilhelm's face, the latter bird being in a sadly disheveled state.

## STUDENT SLACKERS WILL SERVE IN ARMY

Camp Lewis, Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 13.—The claims for exemption of five former students at the School of Antiquity, Point Loma, Cal., charging they had been wrongfully inducted into the army while divinity students, were denied in a ruling received here today from Provost Marshal-General Crowder.

General Crowder indorsed the majority action of the district board for Point Loma, which held the institution was not a school of divinity as that term generally is known, and that the men must serve in the army.

## MORE YANKEE SPIRIT TO BE SENT TO ITALY

Rome, Aug. 13.—More American troops will be sent to Italy, Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, announced here today.

## ESCAPED CONVICT IS CAPTURED NEAR RAINIER

Salem, Aug. 13.—Guards arrived last night at the penitentiary with Bennet Thompson, life term, who escaped July 4 and was caught yesterday near Rainier.

## ENTENTE ASKS EXPLANATION FROM RUSSIA

### TROTSKY GIVEN THREE DAYS TO EXPLAIN PREMIER LENINE'S THREAT

## UKRAINE SITUATION SERIOUS

### Germany Continues to Overrun Rus- sia With Troops—Ukrainians Bury Hun Soldiers Alive

London, Aug. 13.—The Central News agency states today that it is reported from Moscow via Berlin that the diplomatic representatives of the entente handed a collective note to War Minister Trotsky, demanding within three days, an explanation of Premier Lenine's threat that Russia would declare war against "Anglo-French imperialism."

Stockholm, Aug. 13.—On a plea of being unable to restore any semblance of order in the country until the peasants have been wholly disarmed, Germany continued to pour troops into the Ukraine.

The disarmament is being attended by considerable difficulty from the fact that the peasants operate in widely separate bands.

The Germans are meeting resistance with executions, but they dare move only in considerable detachments because reprisals by the peasants are terrible.

It is reported that one band of peasants successfully resisting disarmament buried their German captives alive.

Food is plentiful in the Ukrainian districts that have become pacific at about one-fourth Petrograd prices. Banks have responded and have plenty of funds.

Conditions in Russia proper, however, are unimproved, and the threat of a general reign of terror deepens as the Czecho-Slovak menace draws nearer because the Bolsheviks believe that only through terroristic measures will the tide be stemmed.

## INFERNAL DEVICES ARE USED IN HUN RETREAT

With the American Army, Aug. 13.—As our engineers clean up the territory from which the Germans have retreated they continue to find hundreds of infernal machines of all sorts. The favorite brand is to arrange branches of trees looking like camouflage in the door of a dugout so that when they are brushed aside it sets off mines. Bombs of great strength have been found in rubbish piles which were to be burned.

Boards were arranged on areas ways so that the step of a man would detonate the charge. In a number of instances a large number of big shells had been placed in pockets under the roads arranged so that the weight of a passing cannon would explode them. The most novel infernal device was to arrange barbed wire entanglements so that attacking troops would explode mines.

Not only did the Germans leave their infernal machines behind, but poisoned food and water also marked the departing of the hated Hun.

These methods of Hun warfare were fortunately discovered early, thanks largely to the previous experience of the French fighters, and such effective methods have been taken against them that little losses have been caused to the Americans.

The following is a warning bulletin to all our soldiers on this front: "Fuses, traps and infernal devices are employed by the enemy during his retreat."