

## AMERICAN S.S. SAYS RAMMED HUN SUBMARINE

PROBABLY SANK SUB AUGUST 17 OFF NORTHERN VIRGINIA COAST

## STEAMER'S BOW IS DAMAGED

Enders Crew Says "We Are Friends;" Captain Says "No Friend of Mine"

Washington, Aug. 20.—The navy department today announced that the captain of an American steamer had reported that his vessel rammed and probably sank a submarine August 17 off the northern Virginia coast. The submarine crew hailed in German accents, saying they were friends, but he replied that they were no friends of his. The captain kept on his course, although the steamer's bow was damaged. It is thought the submarine was sunk.

## STARS AND STRIPES FLOAT OVER RUINED BUILDINGS

Paris, July 18.—(Correspondence)—Arras which has received over 150,000 shells in the last four years, was not to be prevented from celebrating the Fourth of July.

The Prefect of the department who has been forced to take up residence in Boulogne, visited the ruins of Arras on Independence day and found that some 50 flags had been hung out on its roofless buildings and battered walls. The Stars and Stripes floated from many ruined buildings. Some of the town's inhabitants had found means to return or had never left as the Prefect met a dozen in the streets.

## LANE COUNTY MAN HAS FOUR SONS IN SERVICE

J. B. Brown, a farmer of the Spencer Creek valley, southwest of Eugene, is the father of 16 children, 11 of whom are boys. Four of the boys are now in the service of their country and three more are ready to go as soon as they are called in the draft, says the Eugene Register.

The youngest boy, William, aged 19, enlisted first, being a member of the old Third company of the coast artillery, and is now in France. Robert, aged 23, enlisted later, and Jacob and Elmer were called in the draft. One other is aged 18 and expects to be called when the new draft law is in force; another above 21 has already registered, and expects a call at any time, and still another is above 31 and will register in the next draft.

## YOUNG MEN OF 21 MUST REGISTER ON SATURDAY

All young men who have reached their 21st birthday since June 5, 1918, will be required to register on Saturday, August 24th, 1918, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. at the county clerk's office in the courthouse, Grants Pass, Ore.

## INCREASED FREIGHT RATES TO ARCTIC

Washington, Aug. 20.—The Pacific & Arctic Railway and Navigation Company has been authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission to increase freight rates \$5 to \$8 per ton from Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver and San Francisco to Dawson and other Yukon points.

## MANY KILLED IN PETROGRAD RIOTS

Workingmen March Through Streets Proclaiming "Down With Germany"—Martial Law Rules

London, Aug. 20.—Hundreds were killed and wounded in a veritable battle between the Lettish guards and rioters during food disorders in Petrograd, according to an Amsterdam dispatch via Berlin. The report says that after the city had been without food for two days, a procession of workingmen marched through the streets shouting "Down with the Germans—Down with the Kremlin." Martial law was proclaimed the same evening.

## GERMAN MOTHERS OF BIG FAMILIES GIVEN BONUS

Amsterdam, Aug. 20.—At Dusseldorf, Germany, 109 women, the mothers of from 8 to 12 children each, were presented the other day by the municipality, in the name of a grateful Fatherland, with savings bank books with 100 marks credited.

## RESCUED AFTER FIVE DAYS ALONE ON RAFT

London, July 14.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Nine sailors, four of whom were dying of wounds, left by a German submarine commander to perish on a rambuckle raft in the North Sea where eight of them died in the story of Hun barbarity told by Haakon Ohlson, the sole survivor of the Norwegian bark Eglington, now recovering in a British naval hospital. When near death, Ohlson was rescued by a British motor boat patrolling in Helgoland light.

The Eglington was carrying coal to Norway when attacked by the submarine firing shrapnel. The captain's right arm was shattered, the steward was badly wounded in the leg, a seaman was shot through the body and the second mate's arm was torn by splinters.

The ship filled rapidly but the crew put out a raft made of five planks and supported by barrels. A barrel of water and a case of biscuits were placed on the raft. The submarine came up, fired into the sinking bark and passed within 20 feet of the unfortunates as it circled about the raft.

"Not a word did the Huns say to us," said Ohlson, "although they could see our wounded and the plight we were in. There was a stiff breeze blowing and I expected the raft to break up. The submarine steamed away."

The wounded seaman died soon afterward and we threw his body overboard. The next morning, after a sleepless night for all, the steward died and then the second mate. We shoved their bodies into the water also. On the third day the captain died. Then I must have lost count of time, for on the afternoon of the fourth day I found myself alone with the chief mate.

"I did my best to cheer him up, but he only said, 'I am going down into the cabin to get my pipe,' and I knew his mind was gone. He died that afternoon, and I managed to get the body clear of the raft."

"One of the barrel buoys had leaked and that end of the raft settled low in the water. Brine got into the biscuits and into the barrel of fresh water."

"I was alone on the raft for five days," Ohlson went on. "I didn't see a single ship all that time. I must have been a little delirious, because I'd lose count of the hours. I was wet through. At night I'd hear the water swishing round me and then I would sleep."

On the ninth day he heard distant firing. He managed to get to his knees to look about him. There was the British patrol boat. When Ohlson was taken aboard he collapsed.

## FRENCH CONTINUE HURL BACK INVADING HORDES

Only Immediate Retreat Seems Possible For German Forces—Attack Extends Over Front of 15 Miles and to Depth of Four Miles

Paris, Aug. 20.—The German forces holding a vital sector between the Oise and Aisne rivers were hurled back over a 10-mile front today by the French. This attack is a continuation of Sunday night's assault northwest of Soissons. An advance of two miles would seem to place the Germans in a serious position, from which only immediate retreat would appear possible.

The German hold on Roye seems weakened by the French progress. The town is now believed to be enveloped on three sides.

Noyon is fast becoming the central point of a salient like that formerly around Montdidier and Laassigny, being approached from the south.

Paris, Aug. 20.—French last night occupied Vassens northwest of Noyon, between the Oise and Aisne rivers.

The town of Nancy was bombarded by German planes. Six civilians were killed and a score injured.

North of Roye the French took Braquefont, and Fende woods, and occupied the greater part of Beuraignes.

London, Aug. 20.—Latest reports say that today's attack by the French extended over 15 miles, and they made good progress everywhere. The advance since Saturday is over four miles at the maximum.

London, Aug. 20.—The French attacked again today on a 10-mile front between the Oise and Aisne rivers, reaching a maximum depth of two miles. This advance endangers an old German division at Soissons and on the Aisne. The German will possibly withdraw to the line of the Chemin-des-Dalmes.

The French took 500 prisoners before 9 o'clock this morning.

London, Aug. 20.—The Germans on three important sectors of the western battle front have been compelled to give up positions of great strategic value under the onslaughts of the British and French troops. In the Lys sector, west of Armentieres, the enemy has retreated over a front of nearly six miles, leaving the town of Merville in British hands. Between the Metz and Oise rivers the French have fought their way to the western outskirts of the dominating position of Laassigny and farther south in this hilly and wooded region have debouched from the Thiescourt wood and also captured the town of Pimprez, situated in the Oise valley on the Noyon-Compiègne road.

Around the other curve of the battle line, northwest of Soissons, the French from near Carlepoat to Pontenoy on the Aisne, a distance of approximately 15 miles, have driven back the enemy to an average depth of more than 2 miles and captured several villages and many prisoners.

## OREGON REGISTRATION ESTIMATED AT 999

Washington, Aug. 20.—Revised estimates by Adjutant General Crowder show that 158,000 young men become 21 since June 5, and should register on Saturday. It is estimated that one half will go in Class 1. Oregon's estimated registration is 999.

## WASHINGTON CONGRESSMAN OPPOSES 18-YEAR DRAFTING

Washington, Aug. 20.—Representative Johnson of Washington today opposed the drafting of men as young as 18, and hoped the minimum would be placed at 20.

## OPENING MEDFORD SCHOOLS ADVANCED

The public schools of Medford will open on Monday, September 16, instead of on September 30, as had been decided by the school board last spring.

The board was enabled to make the change because of the fruit season being two weeks earlier than usual. Investigation into the fruit situation by members of the board developed the fact that the pear season will be practically over by that time and that the apples and Winter Nellis pears can be picked and handled without the aid of school pupils, hence it was thought best to open the schools earlier so that they could be closed earlier next spring.

## BRITISH WOUNDED PASS THROUGH FRENCH LINE



During the fiercest of the fighting in a battle in France British wounded on the way to hospitals were carried past the lines of the French. As he passes the trenches filled with machine gunners in action this wounded Tommy, interested, has raised his head to watch his French cousins help hold the Hun. Away at the rear in the woods cavalry horses can be seen corralled while their riders wait the command to advance.

## 2ND TRANSPORT ARRIVES IN RUSSIA

Large Force of Chinese Troops Are Sent to Siberian Border to Prevent Invasion

Washington, Aug. 20.—The second American transport has arrived at Vladivostok, and the third transport is hourly expected. The transport bearing the first contingent of American soldiers entered the harbor yesterday afternoon after a voyage of 7 1/2 days from Manila. A third troopship is expected to arrive this evening.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The Chinese government has sent a large force of troops to the Siberian border to prevent a threatened invasion of Chinese territory by German and Hungarian prisoners of war who joined with the Red Guard and other elements of the Bolsheviki against the Czech-Slovaks in the trans-Balkai region.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The sending of the Chinese force was taken to mean that every means of bringing relief to the Czech-Slovaks was being taken by the allied powers.

That the army of prisoners set free by the Bolsheviki and armed to fight the Czech-Slovaks was menacing the Chinese border has been known here. China has declared she will not permit them to cross her borders, and if Chinese territory is violated a battle is promised.

Peking, Aug. 20.—The movement of Japanese troops from Chang Chun, on the Mukden-Harbin railroad, to the Manchuria-Siberian front has been further delayed because of the demand made by the Japanese that they virtually control the operations of the Chinese Eastern railway.

## PRESIDENT WILSON BACK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Aug. 20.—President Wilson returned today from his vacation on the Massachusetts coast as a guest of Colonel House.

## DUBLIN REPORTS MANY CASES OF INFLUENZA

Dublin, Aug. 20.—Dublin has been severely visited by the influenza epidemic which began in Belfast. There have been nearly a thousand cases, and the schools were closed. There were extremely few deaths.

## 300 ITALIAN PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM HUNGARY

Rome, July 20.—(Correspondence)—Three hundred Italian prisoners have reached Italy.

Many details of Austrian brutality were given by men among the 300 who escaped through Rumania. A corporal among them said he had been forced to work and beaten when suffering from a high fever, and had implored his keepers to send him to a hospital. When he groaned with pain he was beaten some more and ordered to harder tasks.

With another soldier, the corporal asserted that their nourishment had consisted of water in which beet roots had been cooked with some thin corn meal, a half pound of the meat of a horse which had died on the fields, a quarter loaf of bread made of rye, straw and wood, and no wine. Water was forbidden on the penalty of clubbing.

The reveille was at 4 o'clock and work continued until five in the afternoon.

"A thousand times better be dead," they cried, "than to fall into the hands of the Austrians."

## HUNS ABANDON SECTOR FACING CHANNEL PORT

WITHDRAWING FROM MERVILLE SECTOR, CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY BRITISH

## GERMANS NOT INCLINED TO HALT

Many Lines of Retarding Wire Entanglements Are Placed by Retreating Army

With the British Army, Aug. 20.—The British forces continued to advance in the Merville sector, closely following the retreating Germans, who still show no inclination to halt. The Germans have left behind many lines of retarding wire entanglements.

With the British Army, Aug. 20.—By withdrawing from the Merville sector the Germans appeared definitely to have given up one point from which a drive for Calais logically could be launched, and indicated that they have abandoned all hope of reaching the English channel coast.

London, Aug. 20.—The British repulsed four attacks against Chilly, six miles north of Roye. The British lines were advanced in the neighborhood of Vieux Berquin and Cutterwood, in the Lys salient. One hundred and eighty-two Germans were taken prisoners.

## FEDERATION OPPOSES "WORK OR FIGHT" BILL

Washington, Aug. 20.—Frank Morrison, secretary of the National Federation of Labor presented to the house military committee organized labor's emphatic opposition to the "work or fight" amendment in the man-power bill.

## JAPANESE AVIATORS FOR THE ITALIAN FRONT

Tokio, Japan, Aug. 20.—Japan is planning to send about 20 aviators to the Italian front.

## U. S. CASUALTY LIST

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces:

Killed in action .....147  
Missing in action ..... 2  
Wounded severely .....109  
Wounded (degree undetermined) 4  
Died of wounds ..... 1  
Died of accident and other causes 11  
Prisoners ..... 1

Total ..... 275

Missing in action—Private Edward A. Smith, Portland, Ore.

Ottawa, Aug. 20.—D. McDonald, of Nyssa, Ore., is listed as wounded in the Canadian casualty list.

## PRUSSIANS SURRENDER AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY

With the American Armies, Aug. 20.—Americans near Fismettes took 60 Prussians without firing a shot. Through one of the prisoners it was learned that they had agreed to surrender if an opportunity presented itself.