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U. S. SHIP IS TARGET FOR A HUN TORPEDO

AMERICAN TRANSPORT ON WAY HOME IS HIT BY CHANCE SHOT

FOUR WESTERN MEN VICTIMS

Explosion Fatal to Members of Crew—Torpedo Struck Vessel Last Tuesday Near French Coast

Washington, Sept. 9.—Thirty-five members of the crew of the American army transport Mount Vernon, formerly the North German Lloyd liner Kronprinzessin Cecilie, were killed by the explosion of a torpedo which struck the vessel last Tuesday when she was 200 miles from the French coast, homeward bound. The passengers included Senator Lewis of Illinois, who was among those safely landed after the transport returned to a French port under her own steam.

Vice Admiral Sims reported the torpedo struck on the starboard side, flooding a fire room, but he did not state the extent of the damage. Navy officials assume, since the vessel was able to reach port under her own power, she was not badly damaged.

The men killed were firemen, engineers and water tenders. The names of the western men include: F. Hancock, Renton, Wash.; H. C. Piew, Malaga, Chelan county, Wash.

M. Stally, address not in navy department records.

I. E. Tracy, Canyon City, Oregon. Senator Lewis was returning home on the transport after a visit to Great Britain and France and the western front.

BAKER IN FRANCE FOR ANOTHER INSPECTION

Washington, Sept. 9.—Secretary Baker is in France for his second visit to the army. He is accompanied by John D. Ryan, Surgeon General Gorgas and Brigadier General Hines.

PRO-GERMAN HUMORS ARE PRONOUNCED AS ABSURD

Secretary McAdoo has made the following statement:

"My attention has been called to an insidious propaganda that is being carried on, probably by secret agents of Germany, to sow the seeds of distrust in the minds of savings bank depositors by false rumors that the United States government is contemplating the confiscation of the savings of the people. The absurdity of these statements is manifest. In order, however, to allay the fears of the few who might be alarmed by such reports, I repeat that these rumors are wholly baseless."

New York, Sept. 9.—Fourteen states in the Union have abolished the teaching of the German language in the schools and in sixteen other states a campaign to eliminate German is under way, according to an announcement made today by the American Defense Society.

CROWDER ASKS RELEASE OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

Washington, Sept. 9.—General Crowder has asked draft boards to reopen all cases where skilled railway employes have been placed in class one. This is expected to relieve the situation which led Director McAdoo to protest to the president.

LIBERTY LOAN MEETING TONIGHT

Five Program is Arranged—Dr. Lovejoy to Tell of Thrilling Experiences in War Zone

Everything is in readiness for the Liberty loan meeting tonight at the opera house at 8 o'clock. Rev. Melville T. Wire will preside.

The program is as follows:

Music by the orchestra.

Invocation by Rev. B. A. Finch.

Five-minute talk by Frank C. Bramwell, county chairman of Liberty loan committee.

Solo by Prof. J. S. MacMurray.

Address by Dr. Elmer Pohl Lovejoy.

Singing—"America."

Dr. Lovejoy's address will be the main feature of the evening. She went to Europe in August of last year in the service of the Red Cross. She served through the children's department in different parts of France. She was at the Lorraine front, at Touje, Nancy and other places. She was brought closely into touch with returning French refugees from Germany at Evian; and has from them first hand the story in regard to the cruelty of the Germans in occupied provinces.

Dr. Lovejoy is a Pacific coast woman, born on Puget Sound. She served on the board of health in Portland from 1905 to 1907 and was head of the health commission in Portland from 1907 to 1909. Her address tonight will be one of surpassing interest. Every one should hear it. There will be no admission or collection, and no sale of bonds at this meeting. The use of the opera house is donated by Mr. Trux and the California-Oregon Power Company furnish the lights. The purpose of the meeting is to engender enthusiasm for the Liberty loan campaign soon to open.

WOUNDED AMERICANS RETURN TO THE FIGHT

Washington, Sept. 9.—General Pershing has sent to the war department a report of minor casualties totaling 20,000 cases up to August 20, most of them being men who were so slightly wounded that they were returned to the ranks within a few days, General March announced today.

General March disclosed that General Pershing will forward by courier twice a week lists of all wounded. The complete list will be made public from Washington and casualty reports cabled from American headquarters will include only dead and missing. Complete data in each case will be included in the list of wounded so that relatives may be advised fully.

THE HOUSE PASSES DRY ZONE MEASURE

Washington, Sept. 9.—Without a dissenting vote the house today passed the senate resolution empowering the president to establish prohibition zones around munition factories, mines, shipyards, and other war production plants.

SHOOT 512 FOR MURDER OF MOSES URITZKY

Amsterdam, Sept. 9.—According to official announcements from Petrograd, 512 alleged counter revolutionists have been shot as a reprisal for the murder of Moses Uritzky, chairman of the Petrograd commission of a counter revolution.

FOCH'S MEN AT THE GATES OF ST. QUENTIN

British Active Everywhere—French Cross Canal Opposite Lys and Take Prisoners—British Advance to Within Two and Half Miles of Town of Le Catelet

London, Sept. 9.—Pushing ahead on the front between Peronne and St. Quentin, the British patrols occupied the towns of Vermand and Vendelles northeast of St. Quentin. The British this morning attacked Gouzeaucourt, southeast of Havrincourt wood and are on the western and northern edges of Eppy, within two and a half miles of the Hindenburg line opposite Le Catelet.

Paris, Sept. 9.—North of the Somme the French troops made another advance in the direction of Claesras and occupied Lomot Farm. The French have also crossed the canal opposite Lys. They took 50 prisoners belonging to five different regiments, in repulsing two German counter attacks northeast of Solsous.

FINE WEATHER FOR G.A.R. ENCAMPMENT

The fine weather of today following the slight rain and threatening weather of yesterday gave the old soldiers and sailors of the reunion association an index of what may be expected for the remainder of the week and made a propitious opening for the encampment.

At the camp grounds in the Riverside school grove of oaks there are now a dozen tents pitched and tomorrow there will be many more. This morning and this afternoon several veterans arrived from Roseburg, and others are expected tomorrow, while the Jackson county delegation will also be here tomorrow.

There is no program today, the veterans preferring to attend the lecture of Dr. Lovejoy at the opera house tonight.

CHICAGO LOSES TO THE BEAN EATERS AT BOSTON

Boston, Sept. 9.—Rain fell during the night, but sunshine has made the game likely today.

Boston, Sept. 9.—Some 20,000 saw the world's series renewed on a rain-soaked field today. The batteries were: Boston, Ruth and Agnew; Chicago, Tyler and Killefer.

Flack was twice caught off the base, once by Ruth and once by Agnew in the first three innings. There were no runs up to the fourth inning.

The final score was as follows:

	R	H	E
Chicago	2	7	1
Boston	3	4	0

Batteries—Chicago, Tyler, Douglas and Killefer. Boston, Ruth, Bush and Agnew, Schanz.

In the fourth Shean walked, and Strunk flied out. Shean stole second and Whiteman walked. Melnis forced Shean at third. With three balls and two strikes Ruth tripled to right center, scoring Whiteman and Melnis. Scott flied out.

In the eighth Killefer walked, Hendrix batting for Tyler, singled, and on a wild pitch both advanced. Flack grounded out. Killefer scored while Hollocher was being thrown out. McCabe running for Hendrix scored on Mannis' single. Paskert grounded out. Score two all.

In the ninth Douglas pitched for Chicago. Schanz batting for Agnew singled and scored when Douglas threw away Hooper's grounder. In the ninth Chicago got two men on bases, but failed to score.

With the British Army in France, Sept. 9.—General Haig's forces advanced west, northwest of St. Quentin today, and are still pressing forward.

London, Sept. 9.—French troops now hold the Crozat canal along practically the entire length. They are only four miles from St. Quentin and cavalry patrols are close to La Fere.

WHITTLE PROVES TO BE PHYSICALLY UNFIT

Jas. C. Whittle, the alleged slacker who is being held at the county jail, was examined Saturday by the local board and was found absolutely unfit physically for military service. He is deaf in one ear, one eye is sightless, and his general condition is pronounced very bad. Just what will be done with him is a question yet to be determined, as Sheriff Lewis says the man is a slacker. He is worthless for military duty, but the fact that he did not answer the draft call may be cause for the authorities to detain him.

Peking, Sept. 9.—Tchita, the capital of Trans-Bakalia, 370 miles east of Irkutsk, has been captured by the Czech-Slovaks.

"GROUND FLYING" IS THRILLING PRACTICE

Behind British lines in France, Sept. 9.—"Ground flying" is perhaps the most exciting of all the aerial tactics which the British airmen are instructing their American pupils in northern France. It demands a high combination of skill and daring, but it is a game which the British have during the past year won a marked superiority over the Germans.

The training of "ground flying" pilots is particularly thorough, and includes much necessary practice in leaping hills, trees and telegraph poles, etc.—in a manner which promptly leads the uninformed spectator to condemn the airman as a reckless fool.

But falling in this practice the pilot would never acquire the skill and confidence necessary for this highly specialized type of work. The machines used are fast and difficult to fly, and operating so close to the ground, the pilot knows that he has literally no more margin for indecision or hesitating than he has in actual aerial combat.

In "ground flying" tactics the pilot acts mainly on his own personal initiative, and he must be prepared to attack the enemy whenever he may be found, either with bombs, grenades, darts, or machine gun fire. Thus German officers in charge of ammunition dumps have every reason to fear the approach of a British "low flier." The fear of machine gun fire is even greater and while German regiments have been decimated and demoralized by British airplanes.

AMERICANS FIGHT THEIR WAY OUT

Surrounded by Foe, They Cut Escorting Lines and Struggle in Swamps Two Days

Archangel, Sept. 9.—A detachment of American bluejackets was among the entente forces fighting recently in the vicinity of Obersenskaya, which resulted in the capture of that town. The Americans successfully extricated themselves from a dangerous predicament when surrounded by the enemy. They fought their way out and struggled through the swamps for two days.

SOME DRAFT POINTERS FOR NEXT THURSDAY

Thursday, September 12, is registration day.

On that day every man in the United States and its possessions between the ages of 18 and 45 years, inclusive, who has not already registered, or who is not already in the military or naval service, must register. This includes those who have not yet reached their 46th year.

Registration will be held between the hours of 7 o'clock a. m. and 9 o'clock p. m.

However, failure on the part of any man subject to registration to learn his proper registration place will be no excuse for his failure to register.

Failure to register on registration day is punishable by imprisonment up to one year, without option of a fine.

Men who will be absent from home on Thursday, September 12, should consult the nearest local board at once for instructions.

ITALY MAKES PROTEST AGAINST WARTIME BILL

Washington, Sept. 9.—Italy has made a protest against the provision in the wartime prohibition bill barring the importation of wines.

CYANIDE OF MERCURY WILL KILL PEAR BLIGHT

Medford, Sept. 9.—According to Prof. F. C. Reimer, of the Southern Oregon Experiment station at Talent, mercuric chloride, which has been used by local ranchers for several years as a cure for pear blight, is practically worthless. At a public demonstration held the first part of last week at Talent, Professor Reimer showed that the blight treated with this disinfectant had not been checked at all. On the other hand, blight treated with cyanide of mercury had been checked in all cases.

PRESIDENT ABANDONS LIBERTY LOAN TOUR

Washington, Sept. 9.—Definite abandonment to the president's plans for a transcontinental speaking tour in the interest of the Fourth Liberty loan was announced today.

THE BOLSHEVIKI HOLD BRITISH AND FRENCH

Washington, Sept. 9.—The British and French consular and other officials throughout Bolshevik-controlled Russia are under arrest pending the outcome of negotiations now going on between the allied governments and the Soviet authorities.

YANKS PIERCE THE HUN LINES IN SWIFT RAID

RAID FOLLOWS HEAVY ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT OF 20 MINUTES

REPULSE GERMANS IN WOEVRE

One American, Dragged Off a Prisoner by Hochen, Frees Himself and Returns to the Allied Lines

With the American Army in France, Sept. 9.—The American troops in Alsace today penetrated deeply into the German trenches and inflicted severe casualties. The raid was made after heavy artillery preparation of 20 minutes.

The Germans attempted a raid in force in the Woevre region, sending over a contingent of 100 men at Filrey and Limey, but they were driven off after one had been killed and several wounded.

One American, who had been dragged off a prisoner, later freed himself from the enemy and returned to the American line. At another point a patrol had a lively skirmish with the enemy.

U. S. CASUALTY LIST

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

Killed in action	34
Missing in action	145
Wounded severely	105
Wounded, degree undetermined	268
Died of wounds	23
Died of disease	6
Wounded slightly	1

Total 582

Killed in action—Saverio Clarizio, Eugene, Ore.

Wounded severely—Edward Bartlett, Hillsboro, Ore.

Wounded—degree undetermined, Forrest F. Wood, Portland, Ore.

Marine Corps

Killed in action 1

Wounded in action, severely 2

Died of wounds 4

Total 7

Summary of marine corps casualties, including the above:

Officers

Deaths 37

Wounded 60

Missing 1

Sub total 98

Enlisted Men

Deaths 884

Wounded 1,899

In hands of enemy 10

Missing 135

Total 2,928

Grand total 3,026

Rome, Sept. 9.—Premier Orlando in receiving Salvatore Acotillo, a New York State Senator, read a telegram from Berne, describing the demoralizing effect that the presence of American troops on the Italian front is having upon the minds of the Austrians.

CORN CROP REDUCED, SPRING WHEAT BETTER

Washington, Sept. 9.—A heavy decline in the condition of the corn crop has caused a reduction of 317,000,000 bushels in the department of agriculture's forecast today. Spring wheat production showed improvement with an increase of 21,000,000 bushels.