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ITALIAN FORCES WIN SWEEPING VICTORY

9,000 TAKEN PRISONERS IN ITALIAN DRIVE

Striking Down Coast Toward Trieste. Italians Open Second Phase of Offensive With Sweeping Victory—Break Through Entire Austrian Line on Five Mile Front—Triest Now Menaced—French Take Total 8800 Germans Prisoners in May.

Striking down the coast toward Trieste, the Italians opened the second phase of their offensive with a sweeping victory. They broke thru the entire Austrian line from Castagnavizza to the Adriatic, a front of about five miles and took more than nine thousand prisoners.

The new drive is a direct menace to Trieste, from which General Cadorna's troops are now less than ten miles distant. The route lies along the Carso plateau and the advance of the Italians over this difficult ground was surprising in its rapidity.

9000 Prisoners Taken. ROME, via London, May 24.—Italian forces yesterday broke thru the Austro-Hungarian lines from Castagnavizza to the sea, taking more than 9000 prisoners, says the official statement issued today by the Italian war department.

The Italian war office announced that Italian forces had occupied part of the area south of the Castagnavizza-Boscomalo road, had passed Boscomalo and had captured the town of Jamiano and strong forts east of Pietrassica and Bagnoli.

The Italian official report says the Austro-Hungarians at first were surprised and non-plussed. Towards evening they launched counter attacks but were repulsed.

Italian airplanes number 130 dropped ten tons of bombs on the Austro-Hungarians.

The British batteries co-operated with the Italians.

French Take 8,600. PARIS, May 24.—German counter-attacks near the Vauclere plateau were repulsed last night with heavy losses, according to an official statement issued this morning. Since May 1 the French have taken 8,600 prisoners in this district. The statement follows:

"On the Vauclere plateau at 8:30 o'clock last night an attack by the Germans, made after a violent bombardment was checked immediately. The Germans were driven back to the trenches whence they came, after suffering heavy losses. Prisoners taken in this region in the operations of May 22 belong to six regiments from four different divisions. Since May 1 8,600 unrounded Germans have been captured by our troops between Soissons and Auberville.

"In the Champagne there was rather active artillery firing on the Monvillers range. On the remainder of the front patrol encounters and intermittent artillery fighting occurred."

The Paris war office announces that so far in May, 8,800 unrounded Germans have been captured in the

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UNDUE PROFITS BY RAILROADS CLAIMED

SALT LAKE CITY, May 24.—Charging that the railroads have already made undue profits at the expense of the public and declaring that freight rates should be reduced rather than advanced, H. W. Pickett, traffic manager of the traffic service bureau of Utah today filed a protest against the railroads' application for an increase of 15 per cent in freight rates with the state public utilities commission.

ZEPPELINS RAID ENGLISH COAST, KILL ONE MAN

Four or Five German Airships Penetrate East Anglia—Overcast Weather and Clouds Make Location Difficult—Zepps Unable to Locate Towns; Make Good Their Escape.

LONDON, May 24.—Four or five German airships raided the eastern counties of England last night, according to an official statement issued this morning. The airships dropped bombs and escaped although pursued.

The official statement says: "Four or five hostile airships approached East Anglia shortly before midnight last night. The weather was overcast and a thick bank of rain clouds made observation difficult.

"Four airships appear to have penetrated inland to the eastern counties. They followed erratic courses and dropped a number of bombs in country districts, apparently being unable to locate their positions. The raiders were pursued by our airplanes but thick clouds enabled them to make good their escape. One man was killed in a Norfolk village. The material damage is believed to be negligible."

The last previous visit of the Zeppelins was on March 17 when 27 bombs were reported dropped in rural districts. The Zeppelin L-22 was apparently approaching the English coast on May 14 when it was attacked by British air forces and destroyed.

MARSHALL TALK OF WAR PLANS

CLEVELAND, O., May 24.—Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall here today to attend the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the Scottish Rite Masons of the northern jurisdiction, valley of Cleveland, declared America is well prepared now to get into the war. "All we are waiting for is the final word to go. Then watch us," the vice-president said.

"When we get forcibly into the fight," he continued, "we shall stay in it until at the conference of nations there shall be written a guarantee that the right of every people on earth to manage and control others shall be gone forever and we are assured posterity shall not have to suffer from German power as we have suffered."

NEW RED CROSS WAR COUNCIL MEETS

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The new Red Cross war council, headed by Henry P. Davidson, began its first conference here today, making plans for the \$100,000,000 war relief fund. Representatives of more than 40 cities were present.

The hundred million dollar fund is to be used not only for relief of Americans but also for the destitute in the foreign war zones whether their nationality.

GERMAN ACTIVITY REPORTED IN BALTIC

LONDON, May 24.—Pronounced German naval activity in the Baltic on Tuesday is reported in a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen. Yesterday a violent cannonade lasting throughout the night was heard by persons living along the shore. Houses on Southern Danish Islands shook from the concussion.

SENATOR LANE DEAD OF BLOOD CLOT ON BRAIN

Junior Representative of Oregon in United States Senate Passed Away at Midnight—Of Pioneer Family—Former Mayor of Portland and Long Prominent in State Affairs.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—The body of Senator Harry Lane of Oregon, who died here last night, will be taken to his home in Portland on a train leaving here at 8:20 p. m. today and reaching Portland Saturday morning, according to tentative arrangements. Funeral services probably will be held next Tuesday if a congressional delegation appointed today reaches Portland by that time.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Out of respect for the late Senator Lane of Oregon, who died in San Francisco last night, the senate adjourned today immediately upon convening its session.

The senatorial funeral committee as announced today follows: Senators Chamberlain, Ashurst, Kenyon, Vandaman, Johnson of South Dakota, La Follette, Gronna and Norris.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—The body of United States Senator Harry Lane of Oregon, who died here at 11:35 o'clock last night, probably will be taken to his home, Portland, for burial. Funeral arrangements have not been completed, it was stated here today.

Senator Lane was en route home after attending congress when removed to a hospital here suffering from high blood pressure and nervous complications. Senator Lane is survived by Mrs. Lane and two married daughters.

Senator Lane was stricken while in Washington. He stopped here on his way to his home in Portland, to recuperate. Last Thursday he was taken to a hospital and on Monday the doctors pronounced the case hopeless.

Senator Lane was 62 years of age. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Nina Lane McBride of Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Harriet Lane Hicks of Norfolk, Va.

Son of Oregon Pioneer Senator Lane was the son of an Oregon pioneer, having been born at Corvallis, August 28, 1855. His grandfather, General Joseph Lane, was the first territorial governor of Oregon and the first United States senator from the state. His father, N. H. Lane, was a pioneer merchant of Oregon.

As a youth, Harry Lane worked on an Oregon farm. He was educated in the public schools and later attended Willamette university, graduating from the medical department May 30, 1876. Thereafter, except when engaged in official positions, he practiced medicine.

While always taking an active part in public affairs, the only elective office he held prior to his election as senator was that of mayor of Portland, to which he was elected for two successive terms, in 1905 and 1907. He served by appointment as superintendent of the Oregon Insane Asylum from 1887 to 1891.

Senatorial Election Senator Lane was the last man elected to the senate from Oregon by a legislature, but the legislature, in electing him, merely followed the law as it then existed by carrying out the

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46 LOSE LIFE ON FRENCH STEAMER

PARIS, May 24.—It is officially announced that the French liner Son-tay, a vessel of 7247 tons, bound for Marseilles from Saloniki, with 344 passengers, was torpedoed on April 16 with a loss of 45 lives. Captain Magez went down with the ship.

JUNIOR OREGON SENATOR DEAD AT SAN FRANCISCO



Dr. Harry Lane, who died at San Francisco at midnight from the effects of a blood clot on the brain.

OXMAN GIVEN INTO CUSTODY OF CHIEF OF POLICE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—Frank C. Oxman, leading witness in the murder trial of Thomas J. Mooney, was discharged from the custody of the sheriff and remanded to the custody of the chief of police by order of the state supreme court here today.

Oxman was held in custody of the sheriff, to answer in the superior court of attempted subornation of perjury. While preliminary hearings were going on, his counsel appealed to the appellate court for a writ of habeas corpus. This, the supreme court held today, properly constituted a stay of proceedings, and further action in the preliminary proceedings therefore was improper.

Action of the court, which was unanimous, placed Oxman exactly where he was when a warrant was first sworn out. The case, under legal procedure, now will go back to the police court of Judge Matthew Brady, as if there had been no preliminary hearing.

Oxman's counsel hastened to police headquarters to give bail.

AUSTRIANS BELIEVE TEUTONS WINNING

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Former Ambassador Penfield, who has just returned from Austria-Hungary, said today at the white house that conditions in that country are not so bad as might be expected. There is no starvation, he said, but a great deal of deprivation. The people in Austria-Hungary, he said, still believe that Germany and Austria are winning the war.

GERMANS RELEASE GAS AGAINST SLAVS

PETROGRAD, May 24.—The official report issued today says: "On Tuesday the enemy released a wave of asphyxiating gas east of Lipsitz Dolna, north of Gditch, but thanks to a change in wind the gas was diverted in the direction of the enemy trenches."

NEW CENSORSHIP CLAUSE PROBABLE IN ESPIONAGE CASE

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Under President Wilson's personal pressure for a newspaper censorship section in the espionage bill, all indications today were that the question would again be taken to the floor of congress for more discussion and another vote.

If the conference, as was indicated today, reports a new censorship section, the house will first debate and vote upon it. If rejected there its defeat as a part of the espionage measure will be final without necessity for the senate to reconsider the question.

When the conference resumes tomorrow, Senator Overman will offer a substitute for the Gard amendment now in the house bill. The Overman proposal would authorize the president to prescribe the rules to prevent disclosure of information regarding military operations but would not prevent criticism of public officials or policies.

STEEL COMMON AT RECORD PRICE

NEW YORK, May 24.—United States steel common sold at the highest price in its history on the stock exchange shortly after noon today, touching 130. The previous maximum was 129 1/2, made yesterday and in the great boom of last November. Steel's rise was marked by the customary large overturn in that stock, many individual lots of 1000 to almost 5000 shares changing hands.

TAMPICO STRIKE REPORTED SETTLED

NEW YORK, May 24.—A strike of oil field employes at Tampico, Mexico, and vicinity which has been in progress for several weeks and which involved several thousand men, has been terminated, according to reports received here today by some of the companies interested. The strikers demand for an increase in pay was met, it was stated.

ITALIAN MISSION GIVES PRESIDENT KING'S LETTER

Prince Udine and Members of Italian War Mission Call on President and Cabinet Officials—Brief Speech and Response by President—Entertained at Dinner Tonight.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Prince Udine and the members of the Italian mission visited the state, war and navy building this morning. As they entered they were cheered by crowds and as they passed through the corridors men and women clerks gathered and applauded.

Secretary Lansing immediately received the Italians.

From the secretary of state's reception, the Italian guests went to visit Secretary Daniels and then to the white house to be presented to President Wilson.

Prince Udine made a brief speech and the president replied, expressing his pleasure at the coming of the mission.

Prince Udine presented to President Wilson an autograph letter from King Victor Emmanuel.

Tonight the Italian party will be entertained at a state dinner by the president at the white house.

BRAZIL AT WAR WITH GERMANY

RIO JANEIRO, May 24.—Foreign Minister Nilo Pecanha declared in the council of ministers, according to the newspapers, that it was not necessary for Brazil to declare war on Germany because she had been virtually forced into a state of war by circumstances. He said that the torpedoing of the Brazilian steamer Tijuca did not essentially modify the situation created by the destruction of the Parana.

Senor Pecanha said that, in regard to co-operation between Brazil and the United States, the government should devote its entire attention to military and naval organization, especially with respect to collaborating with the United States in the policing of the South Atlantic and should prepare for any eventuality.

GOVERNOR SELECTS LANE'S SUCCESSOR

SALEM, Ore., May 24.—Governor James Withcombe announced here today he has definitely determined upon the successor to the late United States Senator Harry Lane. It is expected the appointment will be withheld until after the funeral.

"To friends of various candidates," the governor declared, "I can only say that my determination has been made after careful deliberation and canvass of the situation, my only object being to secure for the state the services of a man qualified to represent it well at this time of national stress."

The term of the governor's appointee will expire March 4, 1919.

PRESBYTERIANS TO DISCUSS MERGER

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 24.—The general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States (Southern Presbyterian) decided today by a vote of 132 to 40 in favor of appointing a committee to confer with a like committee from the northern branch of the church on the question of union.

TRANSYLVANIA SUNK BY U-BOAT, 413 LOSE LIFE

Former Anchor Liner Now British British Transport Torpedoed May 4 in Mediterranean—Vessel Was of 14,315 Tons Gross—Survivors Landed in Italy; Being Cared For.

LONDON, May 24.—The British transport Transylvania was torpedoed on May 4 with the loss of 413 persons.

The Transylvania was torpedoed in the Mediterranean. The following official statement was given out today:

"The British transport Transylvania, with troops aboard, was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on May 4, resulting in the following losses: 29 officers and 373 men of other ranks; also the ship's captain, Lieutenant S. Brenell and one officer and nine men of the crew."

Of 14,315 Tons Gross.

The Transylvania, an Anchor line steamship of 14,315 tons gross, has been in the service of the British government since May, 1915, when her sailings were cancelled. There have been no recent reports of her movements. When she was first taken over by the British government she was engaged in transporting troops to Gallipoli.

The Transylvania was built in 1914. She was constructed especially for passenger traffic between New York and Mediterranean ports. She was 548 feet long and had accommodations for 2450 passengers.

Cheered Departure.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The Anchor line steamship Transylvania was sunk in the Mediterranean off the French-Italian coast, it was learned here today. The survivors—how many it is not known here—were taken into Savona, Italy, by rescuers. There they remained until May 12, cared for by the populace and administered to by Red Cross authorities. When they left Savona another vessel for an unnamed destination, a throng of thousands of persons assembled at the shore and cheered their departure.

Captain Brunell, who lives in Scotland, commanded the Transylvania when she went down. He was one of the oldest captains in the Anchor line service.

The Transylvania's last appearance in American water was on the day when the Lusitania was torpedoed—May 7, 1915. Just as she was about to sail from New York with 972 passengers, Captain John Black, then commanding, was given the information of the Lusitania's fate. The vessel left ostensibly for Liverpool, but Captain Black steered a roundabout course and landed his passengers safely at Greenock, Scotland. It was generally reported at the time that the Transylvania was also marked for destruction.

STREAM OF GOLD FOR LIBERTY LOAN

NEW YORK, May 24.—Subscriptions already received have reached such a vast total that they are pouring into the banks and other agencies in such a stream that predictions were made in the financial district today that the Liberty loan would be over-subscribed.

While definite figures are not available as to whether New York state has reached in actual subscriptions the minimum of \$555,000,000 set by the treasury department, financiers today predicted that the subscriptions of the New York federal reserve district will aggregate \$1,000,000.

Subscriptions taken in New York department stores aggregate \$1,000,000, the Retail Dry Goods Merchants committee announced today.