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AMERICAN STEAMER SINKS SUBMARINE

ARMED SHIP WINS IN DUEL WITH U-BOAT

Running Fight at Long Range Ends Fatally for German Sea-terror. Which Fires 35 Shots—American Merchantman Fires 25, Last of Which Raises U-boat Clear Out of Water—Gun is Manned by American Naval Crew.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—A German submarine is believed to have been sunk by an armed American steamer yesterday in a running fight lasting an hour and a half in which 35 shots were fired by the submarine and twenty-five by the steamer. An official announcement by the state department today says the steamer's final shot "apparently struck the submarine, which raised clear out of the water and stood stern-end up for a few seconds. She then disappeared."

The department's announcement follows: "The department of state is advised by telegraph of an engagement between an armed American steamer and a submarine. The guns of the steamer were manned by an American naval crew. The submarine was first seen at about 7,000 yards. She had a 6-inch gun forward and another after. She flew no flag.

"Upon sight of the submarine the steamer hoisted the American flag and waited for about ten minutes. As the submarine approached the steamer fired. The submarine responded. The steamer kept a speed that would permit the submarine to come within range. Then followed a fight lasting for an hour and a half. The submarine came to within a distance of 2,300 yards. By that time the submarine had fired 35 shots and the steamer 25. The last shot of the steamer apparently struck the submarine, which raised clear out of the water and stood stern end up for a few seconds. Then she disappeared. The captain of the steamer and the commander of the guard believe that the submarine was sunk. The steamer suffered no damage."

75,000 REGISTER IN OREGON FOR WAR

PORTLAND, June 6.—Adjutant General G. A. White, who had charge of registration, estimated today that about 75,000 men in Oregon put their names on the draft rolls yesterday. The exact total may not be known for several days, he said, as reports from several of the outlying counties may take from two to three days to reach here. Dispatches from Washington yesterday said Provost Marshal General Crowder expected 108,150 to register in Oregon. Two counties, Hood River and Polk, kept their registration booths open until early today in order to accommodate all eligible residents.

TROOPS SENT TO WHITE FISH, MONTANA

HELENA, Mont., June 6.—The western department of the army has sent troops to Whitefish on application from the Great Northern Railway company to the governor. Governor Stewart and J. W. Hill made the application for the troops on information that strikers on a railway construction contract at Whitefish refused to allow strike-breakers to go to work. The troops sent were not from Second Montana regiment.



IT IS SINK OR SWIM WHEN YOUR SHIP IS SUNK BY A GERMAN SUBMARINE WITHOUT WARNING AT SEA.

This picture, taken "somewhere on the Mid-Atlantic," shows the survivors of a torpedoed ship, struggling in the water, being picked up by the sunken vessel's lifeboats. All the boats were successfully lowered, after which came the task of saving those passengers and crew who had jumped into the water in the excitement of the torpedo's impact. Fortunately the weather was calm, and the rescue achieved without great difficulty, altho the men were in the water some time.

THIRD TORNADO IN TWO WEEKS SWEEPS KANSAS

Eighteen Persons Killed, Hundred Injured and Million Loss in Property Damage—Ten Dead in Missouri and Eight in Kansas—From Centralia to Neosho.

From the storm swept regions of Missouri and Kansas today came reports showing that the deaths of 18 persons, the injury of approximately 100, and property damage well in excess of \$1,000,000 were caused by the tornadoes of late yesterday. Ten were dead in Missouri and eight in Kansas.

The death list was: Centralia, Mo., seven; Richmond, Mo., three; Webaunsee, Shawnee and Jefferson counties, Kansas, four; Douglas county, Kansas, three; Neosho county, Kansas, one.

Eight Dead in Kansas. TOPEKA, Kan., June 6.—Tornadoes throut Kansas yesterday killed at least eight persons, injured between 40 and 50 and caused property damage estimated in excess of \$1,000,000. The storms struck Kansas in three distinct areas—one thru Webaunsee, Shawnee and Jefferson counties, killing four; the second in the southwest corner of Douglas county, killing three, and the third in Neosho county, killing one. National Guardsmen have been called out to patrol the stricken regions.

Burlingame, in Osage county, is isolated. The known dead are: Samuel Archer and Alonzo Adams, both of Menoken. John Winter, Elmont. John Elliott, Meriden. John Bachellor, Mrs. Timmie Monroe and Thomas Monroe, her son, all of Clinton. W. H. Gastineau, Erie.

Five Dead, Booneville. BOONVILLE, Mo., June 6.—Five or six persons were killed last night in a tornado that dipped down seven miles from Booneville. (Continued on page six.)

CLOUDBURST DAMAGES SUBURBS OF OMAHA

OMAHA, June 6.—A cloudburst and windstorm did considerable damage in the southwestern suburbs of Omaha last night. Union Pacific, Burlington and Northwestern tracks were badly damaged and traffic delayed. A portion of the town of Pahillion, Neb., was reported inundated and some families forced to leave their homes, tho no loss of life is known.

The lower portions of Council Bluffs, Iowa, suffered from the rising waters.

PRESIDENT URGES CONGRESS TO SPEED-UP FOOD LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, June 6.—Today President Wilson asked members of the senate agricultural committee to act quickly on the pending legislation to give the government control over the nation's staple food supply. He expressed fear that if congress delayed, European nations dependent on American supplies, might begin to compete with each other in buying here in such fashion as to send prices in the United States to alarming heights and bring about unrest in the great cities.

WILSON OPPOSES LONG LABOR HOURS

WASHINGTON, June 6.—President Wilson today in a letter to Governor Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania, expressed his opposition to relaxing laws by which safeguards have been thrown about labor, as a war measure.

"I feel that there is no necessity for such action," wrote the president, "and that it would lead to a slackening of the energy of the nation rather than to increase it, besides being unfair to the laboring people themselves."

There has been a movement in some states to lengthen hours of labor.

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WAR TO CAUSE GREAT STIMULUS AMONG WOMEN

Miss Parkhurst Says American Women Will Take Men's Places to Even Greater Extent Than in Europe—Suffragette in Love With France—Longs to See U. S. Army.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

LONDON, May 25.—The war will cause a greater stimulus in women's activities in the United States than it has done among the women of Europe, in the opinion of Miss Christabel Parkhurst, daughter of Mrs. Emmeline Parkhurst, the leader of the British militant suffragettes. Miss Parkhurst has recently returned to England after two years of self-imposed exile in France, with the exception of some months spent campaigning in the United States. She left England when the police objected to her too strenuous methods of suffrage propaganda, which brought her into prison on several occasions.

"American women," she said, "will take men's places to an even greater extent than they have in England and France. The result will be that the women of America who already enjoy more privileges than their sisters on this side of the Atlantic will have a still larger measure of freedom after the war when, I believe, all who want the vote can have it."

Women of America.

"I think I know the women of America," she went on, "and I can just see how they will throw themselves into the spirit of these times of strife."

"The women of the United States (Continued on Page Two.)"

BILL TO BAR FROM COUNTRY SLACKERS WHO LEAVE BORDERS

WASHINGTON, June 6.—Persons leaving the United States to avoid military service would be expatriated and forever barred from the country by bills introduced today by Representative Taylor of Colorado. Thirty days from the passage of either measure would be given to persons who already have fled to return and make amends.

TWO BOMBING RAIDS BY BRITISH AIRSHIPS

LONDON, June 6.—Two successful bombing raids were carried out against hostile shipping at Zebrugg on Monday night in which many tons of bombs were dropped, it was officially announced today. A hostile airplane was driven into the sea 15 miles from land and a kite balloon shot down, the English machines returning safely, it is added.

TROTTER STALLION SELLS FOR \$30,100

NEW YORK, June 6.—The Harvester, 2:01 trotting stallion, in the stock of C. K. G. Billings, which is being publicly auctioned here today, brought \$30,100. The purchaser was Paul Kuhn of Terre Haute, Ind. Peter Dillon, 2:11 1/2, stallion, was sold for \$3,000 to the Elm Pine farms at Greenwich, N. Y.

TEN MILLIONS OF AMERICANS REGISTERED

Million From Number to be Selected for Call to Colors in Early Fall—Those Who Failed to Register Can Do So Today to Avoid Arrest and Imprisonment.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—America's millions of the military age prescribed by congress are registered for the war against Germany.

In every state in the Union today reports from the polling places to which some ten million young men marched yesterday to record their names were being assembled for transmission to the war department. The next step in the government's plan will be the selection of those who actually are to bear arms from others who remain at home because of dependents or to do the work on the farm or in the factory.

Call to Colors in Fall. The men selected, about a million as now estimated, will be called to the colors and put into training early in the fall. Originally it was intended to call only 500,000 for the first draft army to support the National Guard and regulars, but a few days ago it was announced that nearly a million men would be needed on the first selection.

No returns had been received by the war department last midnight but they were expected to come in throughout the day and to be practically complete by tonight.

Only four arrests were reported officially to the department of justice last night and it was pointed out today that even the sum of unofficial reports of trouble indicate that the day was more peaceful than most general elections.

Can Register Today.

Provost Marshal General Crowder today notified all governors that he had interpreted the law to permit any who in good faith failed to register yesterday to do so today and announced that a liberal policy would be (Continued on Page Six.)

SHELLED LIFE BOAT KILLING SURVIVORS

LONDON, June 6.—At a conference of members of the seamen's and firemen's union yesterday indignation was aroused by the recital of two recent instances of German ruthlessness in the North sea. In one case a British ship was sunk and 11 members of the crew were killed by shell fire. In the second case after torpedoing the ship, the Germans fired a surface torpedo thru a small boat which was carrying the crew to a rescuing steamer and killed all on board.

DAM LEAK AT FISH LAKE IS PLUGGED

Wasson Canyon Water Used Temporarily Until Flood Conditions Subside and New Diverting Dam Built—Supply Sufficient Only for Drinking Purposes—Residents on Butte Creek Spent Night in Hills, Badly Scared by Flood.

On account of the grave emergency water situation in the city and fearing the danger of fire and low water pressure, Mayor Gates this forenoon called upon Captain Freeman Newport to call out as many of the Medford Home Guard company as was necessary to patrol the city and stop all people irrigating lawns, gardens and lots. The captain, Lieutenant H. B. Clark and Sergeants Blaine Klum and M. C. Wright and six privates of the Home Guards in five automobiles then began the work of patrolling the city and stopping all irrigating.

With the water in Fish lake lowered to the 12-foot level from the 22-foot level and the leak declared stopped, all danger from flood from the dam's giving way, has been averted. The water will be held at the present level pending repairs above. As soon as the flood subsides, the debris will be cleared away from the site of the city intake and a new diverting dam built to replace the wrecked structure.

Meanwhile the city is taking water from the Hanley irrigation ditch supplied from Wasson canyon, and a sufficient quantity is thereby secured for all use except irrigation. In a few days the normal supply will again be available.

When the Break Came.

When the big break in the immense Fish Lake dam of the Rogue River Canal company came Monday night, the huge volume of released water rushed into Little Butte creek, flooding that stream to the top of its banks for miles, and in some places over them, turning it into a dangerous raging, racing torrent of flood waters carrying debris clear from the dam, 42 miles from the city, near Mt. Pitt, all the way to where the usually well-behaved stream empties into Rogue river, between Eagle Point and the Bybee bridge.

The dam contained 500 acres of water 22 feet deep. The break measured from 75 to 100 feet wide and about 15 feet deep.

Flood Created Terror.

The first rush or rather the crest of the oncoming flood, with an awful roar and a head of three to five feet, struck the city water works intake, 13 miles this side of the dam, made a ruin of it and then continued on its mad course, either washing out or weakening all bridges along the way, jumping the banks here and there and flooding irrigating ditches, ranch gardens and meadows, driving many ranchers to the mountain sides who feared that the entire dam structure had given way and that before long (Continued on page six.)

PLENTY OF FOOD DECLARE GERMANS

BERLIN, June 6.—It is officially stated that at a conference between the Prussian house of lords and the heads of the various government departments it was decided that there was complete assurance that the food supply was sufficient to enable the country to hold out for the remainder of the crop year and until the conclusion of a victorious peace.



The Home Defense League of Nassau County, New York, which includes Oyster Bay, Roosevelt's home town, were reviewed at the Mineola fair grounds by Colonel Roosevelt. The former president's own home guards of Oyster Bay are here shown passing the reviewing stand, with the colonel saluting them. Arrow points to Roosevelt.