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## BRITISH VESSEL SINKS U-BOAT IN SEA BATTLE

Shell Sent Into Magazine Causing Explosion Which Splits Submarine About Midships—Each End Sinks Separately—Was Five Miles Away and Running Off—12 Shots Fired.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 25.—Members of the crew of a British steamer which arrived here today reported having sunk an attacking German submarine. The British vessel sent a shell into the U-boat's magazine causing an explosion which parted the underwater boat about amidships. Each end sank separately. The British steamer was uninjured.

The submarine was five miles distant and running away after having attacked the British nearly 400 miles off the coast of Ireland.

### Duel at Long Range.

According to the story told by the gunner of the British steamer, the submarine was first seen when she set a shell at the steamer from a distance of about 3,000 yards. It fell short and the steamer immediately was swung around so that her stern was toward the U-boat, getting the naval gun at work. Eleven shots were fired in rapid succession and each struck very close to the German.

"I knew I had the range after the second shot and so did the German," said the British gunner.

"The Germans were using their two guns, fore and aft, while we had only one, but their shells were falling short and he started to run. I followed with shell and the twelfth, the one that sent him down, struck just about aft of the periscope. He was then more than 9,000 yards away.

### Ship Broke in Half.

"We could all see the boat break in half and go down disappearing within a few minutes. I sent four more shots into the water at the spot where she disappeared to let any of the Boches who might have escaped know that we were still around and would take care of them if they appeared."

## CONTRACTS LET FOR MERCHANTMEN

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Contracts for ten complete steel merchant ships, four complete wooden merchant vessels and twenty wooden ship hulls were announced today by Major General Goethals, general manager of the Emergency Fleet corporation. Deliveries will be made in 1918.

The steel ships will be built by the Moore and Scott Iron Works at Oakland, Cal.; the complete wooden ships by the Newcomb Lifeboat company, Hampton, Va.; twelve wooden hulls by the Universal Shipbuilding company, Harris county, Texas; four hulls by the Portland Ship Ceiling company, Portland, Maine, and four hulls by McBride and Law, of Beaumont, Texas.

## BRITISH ROYALTY DROPS GERMAN TITLES

LONDON, June 25.—The Times learns that in view of the recent decision of King George that those persons of his family who are his subjects and bear German names and titles should relinquish them, the Duke of Teck takes the title of Marquis of Cambridge, and Prince Alexander of Battenburg becomes Marquis of Cambridge.

## BRITISH TIGHTEN GRIP UPON LENS BY NIGHT RAID

Allies Keeping Up Pressure On Entire Front—Raids and Artillery Duels Frequent and Supposed to Precede Another Offensive—Lull Along French Line.

(By Associated Press.)  
BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, June 25.—Altho the official statements report little activity the British are keeping up their pressure day and night along the entire 110 mile front they occupy. Last night a number of local enterprises were carried out successfully.

One of these operations was rather important, increasing as it does, the British grip upon Lens. Under the light of the stars British troops stormed and captured 400 yards of front line trenches east of Riamont wood, in the western outskirts of Lens, thus drawing closer to the mining capital of France.

### Series of Raids.

Elsewhere several raids in the darkness served to keep the Prussians' nerves on edge. One of these was undertaken west of Hulluch. Here fifteen prisoners were brought in, while during a period of 2 1/2 hours the British remained in the enemy trenches. Heavy casualties were inflicted upon the Germans and their dugouts were bombed.

Two more raids were carried out east of Roenx and in the region of Vendhuile, while a local push north-west of Warneton secured two advance posts. In this affair a number of Germans were killed.

Operations by raiding forces on this scale are usually the prelude to offensive movements of moment. General Haig has not struck a hard blow on any extended front since the week of the Messines fighting when the famous ridge on the Belgian front was captured and the way prepared for further smashing operations in this sector.

### Lull on French Line.

There is a momentary lull in the infantry activities on the Aisne front. The French have virtually succeeded in re-establishing in its entirety their line in the Vauxaillon area, dented by the crown prince's forces in a sudden drive on a narrow front last week. Further fighting is in prospect to the east of this sector in the skirmishing for position on the part of the two armies, each anxious to gain dominating points for either offensive or defensive purposes. In this connection the artillery activity reported today along various portions of the Chemin-Des-Dames plateau is significant.

## GEORGIAN DEMOCRATS FAVOR AUTONOMY

TIFLIS, Trans-Caucasia, June 25.—At a congress of Georgian National Democrats a resolution has been adopted in favor of the autonomy of Georgia.

Georgia is a district of Trans-Caucasian Russia included in the government of Tiflis and Kutais. The Georgians, forming about half the population and celebrated for athletic men and beautiful women, number more than 1,000,000, divided into various tribes.

## BULGARIA PREPARED TO FIGHT GREECE

VIENNA, June 25.—M. Radoslavoff, the Bulgarian premier, left Vienna Saturday evening. He expressed to the Neu Frei Presse his great admiration for the young emperor. He referred to the rock-like firmness of the alliance of the two countries and said he was firmly convinced that the military strength of the enemy, the allies, had not been increased by events in Greece, for, he said, the Bulgarians were adequately prepared.

## How Woman Lawyer Solved Ruth Cruger Murder Mystery

### WORKED ON THEORY THAT LOST GIRL WAS GOOD; POLICE SAID GONE WRONG

Woman Succeeds Where New York's Most Famous Sleuths Failed—Discovers 22 Cellars Where Girls Are Made Victims of Men—Police Inefficient.

BY FREDERICK M. KERBY.  
NEW YORK, June 25.—Why did Mrs. Grace Humiston, American woman Sherlock Holmes, solve the great Ruth Cruger murder mystery when New York's most famous sleuths failed!

Because she believed in the innate goodness of girl nature, as opposed to the police theory that most girls who leave home are bad.

When little 18-year-old Ruth Cruger disappeared early in February, after going to the motorcycle repair shop of Alfredo Cocchi in West 127th street to get her skates sharpened, the New York detective bureau made a perfunctory investigation, winked its cynical eye and said, "Another girl goes wrong!"

### Woman Lawler Called.

But when the distracted parents of Ruth Cruger called Mrs. Grace Humiston into the case, she decided almost at once the police were wrong.

"Ruth was a good girl, I soon found out from her schoolgirl friends," said Mrs. Humiston today.

Mrs. Humiston looks anything but the conventional woman lawyer type. Of medium build, with dark hair, tinged with gray, and brown eyes, quietly dressed in a dark purple gown, Mrs. Humiston is just the kind of womanly woman on whom a distracted mother might call for help to find her lost girl.

"In the first place," she said, "there were just four persons working on the case, my secretary, two private detectives and myself. We had utmost confidence in one another. My first inquiries convinced me Ruth had not run away; I felt sure she was a good girl and Cocchi could solve the mystery."

### Police Hunt Superficial.

"We eliminated every clue that led outside New York city. I searched morgues, cemeteries and hospitals. I became convinced the girl had been murdered and Cocchi could solve the mystery. We investigated the cellar and found the police search of the place had been superficial."

"When Cocchi was discovered in Italy, I felt my murder theory was right. It became necessary to make a thorough search of the cellar under his workshop. We began that work but were stopped by Mrs. Cocchi. I went to the police and obtained authority to continue the excavation that resulted in finding the body."

Back of this simple story is Mrs. Humiston's genius for detective work. She has, thru her law practice, an intimate acquaintance with the psychology of the criminal mind. She has a woman's intuition and insight into the workings of the feminine mind. Above all, she feels she knows 99 girls in every hundred are inherently good and pure.

Twenty-two Cellars Discovered.  
Mrs. Humiston declares in her three months' investigation she has discovered 22 cellars where girls were made victims of men.

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## BELGIAN MISSION TO VISIT THE COAST

WASHINGTON, June 25.—The Belgian diplomatic mission has tentatively arranged a trip thru the United States extending to the Pacific coast. Invitations have been received from scores of cities and it is practically settled that the mission will make the most elaborate tour of any of the foreign visitors.



Alfredo Cocchi, held in Italy for Ruth Cruger's murder, with his wife and children, and below, Mrs. Grace Humiston, who uncovered the Ruth Cruger mystery.



## NEW CABINET FORMED IN CHINA, CRISIS AVERTED

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Formation of the new Chinese ministry was reported to the Chinese legation in Peking dispatches today which said that the governmental reconstruction was proceeding rapidly.

Li Ching Shi who refused the premiership after Tuan Chi Jui had been dismissed from that position, called that he had not accepted the office in the belief that the rival factions were reconciled. Admiral Sir Sah Chen Ping has become minister of the navy and General Wang Shi Chen, former chief of the general staff, minister of war. Other cabinet officers will be announced shortly.

Legation officials believe that the trouble in China is now over and that the situation will develop normally to the election of the new parliament as ordered by President Li. Until that time probably several months hence, the present administration will continue and China will not change her breach in relations with Germany to actual war.

Increased confidence in the ability of the Chinese to adjust their internal political differences is shown in today's dispatches to the state department. The American legation at Peking reported that the note of the United States in which hope was expressed that an amicable solution to all controversies might be found has had a beneficial effect and that there appeared a disposition on the part of the different factions to compromise.

### NATIONAL BANK CALL ISSUED FOR JUNE 20

WASHINGTON, June 25.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of national banks at the close of business Wednesday, June 20.

## EMBARGO UPON COAL AND GRAIN EXPORTS LIKELY

President Creates Exports Embargo Council to Administer Embargo Provisions of Espionage Act—Senate Leaders to Expedite Food Control Bill Passed by House.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—President Wilson by executive order today created an export embargo council to administer the export embargo provisions of the espionage act.

By the administration of embargoes thru this council the nation will be able to take any steps for the successful prosecution of the war and also to prevent supplies reaching Germany thru neutrals.

The president's order vests in the secretary of commerce the executive administration of all instructions to be issued by the president under the act and establishes an exports council to be composed of the secretary of state, the secretary of agriculture, the secretary of commerce and the food administrator.

### Coal and Grain Affected.

All matters of policy in connection with operation of the act will be decided by the council which will recommend to the president proclamations to be issued putting certain commodities under export control.

Coal and grain will be the first commodities to go under the act. Food exports will be left largely in the hands of the food administration which will consult the council where international questions are involved.

One of the first effects of the act's operation will be to give the government a firm control of the domestic food situation. Shipping too, will be controlled to a large extent under the act. A plan for rationing the European neutral countries has been worked out and will be put into effect immediately. Secretary Redfield said today his department would have the act in operation within forty-eight hours.

### Many Amendments.

Senate leaders today arranged to expedite the food control bill passed Saturday by the house.

The bill was referred by the senate today without discussion to the agriculture committee. Senator Reed of Missouri continued his attack upon it.

Chief among the amendments proposed are some extending government control to iron and steel and their products, oil, petroleum products, copper, lead, zinc and fertilizers.

Senator Chamberlain, in charge of the bill, said there was much sentiment for having the government control basic materials as well as food. A half dozen amendments to the bill were introduced today. Senator Lewis, democrat, of Illinois, offered a substitute proposing that the president shall have general broad authority to issue regulations for control of foodstuffs, specifically enumerating those held for "monopolization" or "unjust prices."

## CROP PROSPECTS IN GERMANY 'BRILLIANT'

COPENHAGEN, June 25.—A report sent out today by the German government says that in consequence of the long desired rainfall, the crop prospect in southern and western Germany really is brilliant. In the middle and eastern provinces it is thoroughly satisfactory.

## \$20,000 OR BUST NEW MOTTO FOR RED CROSS FUND

Medford and North End of County to Continue Seeking Contributions Until Allotment Made is Doubled and Ashland Record Equalled—Ashland Includes Phoenix District.

"We are climbing toward the \$20,000 mark for Jackson county, north," is the way the local campaign managers for the Red Cross war fund put it just before going to press today. "We will continue subscriptions until we do get it, if it takes all week."

Districts still to hear from are Watkins, captained by Sheriff Ralph Jennings, Mound, with Captain Watt Beebe in command; Eagle Point, captained by J. V. McIntyre; Jacksonville, captained by Lewis Ulrich; Table Rock, captained by Col. R. C. Washburn; and Central Point, captained by R. H. Paxon. The outlying districts from whom practical final reports have been received are Sams valley, Mrs. Horace Pelton captain, \$405.50; Prospect, James Grieve captain, \$77; Prospect, Mrs. Geo. Mansfield captain, \$44.25; Gold Hill, Martin Johnson captain, \$281.50; Applegate, John Pernoll captain, \$122.10; Union, Miles Cantrall captain, \$47.50; Sterling, Mrs. Arthur Kleinhammer captain, \$112; Rogue River, Don F. Wilson captain, \$630.25.

Final reports from all outside districts are expected to approximate \$6000.

### Medford Wants \$14,000.

With Medford committees aiming at the \$14,000 mark exclusive of outside contributions the work of soliciting every person in Jackson county (north) is being crowded as fast as possible. Several of the large orchards were being canvassed this morning while Captain George Carpenter and Bruce Wilson were working the Griffin creek district. Campaign Manager Daniels this morning handed each worker a card that read "\$20,000 or bust."

When the campaign districts were allotted in Portland two weeks ago Medford district included the Phoenix section. At the request of the Ashland committee Medford gave the Phoenix district to Jackson county (south) covering some of the best territory in the county and reaching as far toward Medford as the Burrell orchard. Ashland has worked from this point south with the same determination that has characterized the work in the north half of the county. The total result will be a report from Jackson county complete that this section of the state may well feel proud of as the Ashland committee has raised slightly over \$10,000 in this territory.

The local headquarters has exhausted its supply of official receipts and it will therefore be several days before contributors will receive acknowledgment of their subscriptions.

### Names of Contributors.

The following list of subscribers has hitherto been unpublished. It will be the last of the week before the press can give space to thousands of names in the local papers.

Mrs. Frank Chamberlain Clark, T. Hatt, Lillian Hazelton, Clarence Bates, H. Von der Hellen, David H. Rosenberg, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Walther, F. P. Loder, O. O. Alenderfer, A. E. Boyd, Gus Stinson, Ed Howells, E. B. Price, James Robbins, W. M. Norman, Mrs. Robert R. Ebel, J. D. Stinnett, E. A. Geary, Robert D. Porter, Elmer E. Vroman, R. W. Sterns, Alice R. Bowne, P. C. Bigham, F. S. Carpenter, H. Chandler Egan, David Raymond, Mrs. P. H. Mabeu, P. H. Mabeu, W. S. Knipps, L. T. Watson.

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## Red Cross Subscriptions To Be Taken Tomorrow

The committee in charge of Red Cross collections announces that securing subscriptions in the Medford district will continue until the \$10,000 allotment is doubled and \$20,000 is subscribed.

Ashland and the south end of the county have doubled allotted subscription and it is up to the patriotic people of Medford and the territory north of Phoenix to set the same pace—or admit that they are not in the same class with Ashland.

## ROOT WELCOMED BY WAR COMMITTEE

MOSCOW, June 25.—The headquarters of the war industrial committee was visited today by the American mission headed by Elinor Root. The mission was warmly welcomed. Mr. Root in answer to an address of welcome said that America was summoning 10,000,000 men to the colors in defense of freedom. His remarks were applauded.