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2 GERMAN WARSHIPS, 1 RUSSIAN, SUNK

NAVAL FIGHT WAGED OVER RIGA SOUND

Germans Lose Two Torpedo Boats, Russians One—Germans Developing Success, Secure Main Portion of Oesel Island—Runo and Ahro Islands Also Landed Upon—Offensive Against Svorb Peninsula—Germans Capture 2400 Prisoners.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 16.—Two German torpedo boats were sunk, two others were damaged and one Russian torpedo boat went to the bottom in an engagement on Sunday in the Riga sound, north of Oesel island, the official statement announces.

2400 Prisoners Taken. BERLIN, Oct. 16.—The Germans have taken full possession of the main portion of Oesel island at the entrance to the Gulf of Riga, the war office reports.

The Germans have captured 2400 prisoners on Oesel island and thirty guns, 21 machine guns and several airplanes, the statement says.

Development Success. PETROGRAD, Oct. 16.—The German force landing on the Russian island of Oesel is developing its success, the Russian war office announced today.

The Germans have instituted an offensive against the Svorb peninsula, in the southwestern section of the island, with the object of capturing the Russian batteries at Serel.

Too Late for Drive. The German operations in and around the Gulf of Riga which have centered attention upon the northern Russian front for several days past, are not likely to be extended this fall to the Gulf of Finland, on the route to Reval, Kronstadt and Petrograd, in the opinion of Russian naval authorities.

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LONDON NEWSPAPERS APOLOGIZE TO PREMIER

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The libel actions brought recently by Premier Lloyd George against the Exchange Telegraph company, the Westminster Gazette and the Daily News for publishing the statement that he left London when an air raid warning was given, have been withdrawn, the terms being an apology for the publication and the payment of a certain sum, the amount of which is not mentioned, to indemnify the premier for his costs in the action.

SOCIALISTS OF GERMANY SEEK SPEEDY PEACE

Convention at Wurzburg Demands Dismissal of Michaelis—Action Is Postponed Until Kaiser's Return From Balkans—Austria Refuses to Negotiate With Chancellor.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 16.—No step in the ministerial crisis, and no action on the resignation of Admiral Von Capelle, the minister of marine, is expected by the German newspapers until Emperor William returns to Berlin from his Balkan trip.

Demands for the dismissal of Chancellor Michaelis was the leading theme at the opening session of the socialist convention at Wurzburg, Bavaria, Sunday, at which Philipp Scheidemann, the socialist leader in the reichstag was a speaker.

Socialists Want Peace. AMSTERDAM, Oct. 16.—In his speech at the Wurzburg convention, Herr Ebert, president of the German socialist party, said speedy conclusion of peace was a vital necessity for workmen in all countries.

"If a ballot were taken today," he added, "nine-tenths of the people would approve peace by agreement."

Austria Seeks Peace. LONDON, Oct. 16.—The Deutsche Zeitung of Berlin, as quoted in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam, says that Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, recently requested the German chancellor, Dr. Michaelis, to state Germany's peace terms.

These statements of the Tages Zeitung are not denied, the dispatch says, and have made a great sensation, being particularly illustrative of the fervent desire for peace on the part of Austria.

PHYSICIAN MUST SERVE PRISON TERM

SALEM, Or., Oct. 16.—The Oregon supreme court affirmed today the conviction of Dr. A. A. Ansdong of Portland, charged with manslaughter as a result of a criminal operation. He was sentenced to serve from one to fifteen years in the penitentiary.

JOFFRE INSPECTS AMERICAN ARMY IN WAR ZONE

Remarkable Tribute Paid to Hero of Marne by Populace—Speaks to American Soldiers and Sees Determination to Win Expressed in Their Eyes—Most Formidable Machine.

AMERICAN TRAINING CAMP IN FRANCE, Monday, Oct. 15 (by the Associated Press).—When Marshal Joffre came to visit and review the contingent of American troops training for the trenches today, he brought some of the sunshine of France with him.

The party at one time approached a little too close for safety to the bombing. General Pershing, who accompanied Marshal Joffre through the day, suggested that they move back thirty or forty paces.

"Oh, but she could get another marshal," smiled the hero of the Marne, with a shrug of his shoulders.

The visit of the marshal had been looked forward to for a long while and proved to be even more eventful than had been expected.

Intimations were given after noon today that the fire in the Kansas City stockyards might have been of an incendiary origin.

George R. Colett, general manager of the stock yards company, placed an estimate of a loss of from \$160,000 to \$170,000 upon the pens destroyed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—Two German officers of seized merchant vessels escaped from the detention camp on Angel island in San Francisco bay early today.

\$10,000 REWARD FOR SEATTLE SLUGGER

SEATTLE, Oct. 16.—A reward of \$10,000 for the arrest and conviction of the so-called "woman slugger" was offered here today for the city by Mayor Hiram Gil. The "slugger" has made numerous attacks upon Seattle women lately and several shots have been fired at him but to no avail.

Hoover Upon Our First Duties

National Food Administrator Herbert C. Hoover, the man California loaned to Belgium and the United States government in this present war crisis, is as ardent and uncompromising an advocate of the Liberty Loan for everybody as he is food director.



LIBERTY BONDS ARE FOR EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD. SUBSCRIBE FOR YOURS TODAY

FIRE DESTROYS HALF STOCKYARDS AT KANSAS CITY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 16.—More than half the Kansas City stock yards, the second largest in the country, was destroyed by fire early today.

Cattle owners this morning were having difficulty in identifying their animals from among the great herd which was liberated when fire early today destroyed more than one-half of the Kansas City stock yards.

A large number of war contracts were being filled.

INTERED OFFICERS ESCAPE

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BRITISH HOLD UP MAIL FOR SWEDEN UPON SUSPICION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Minister Ekengren of Sweden today laid before Secretary Lansing the situation regarding the Swedish diplomatic mail pouches removed from an American-bound steamer by British naval authorities and now held at the British embassy here.

The Swedish legation has asked the Stockholm foreign office for instructions regarding disposition of the pouches.

Great Britain, it was said, does not ask that any mail in the pouches which is addressed to the Swedish minister or the legation be opened for inspection.

FRENCH WARSHIPS SUNK TWO U-BOATS

PARIS, Monday, Oct. 15.—French warships destroyed two Teutonic submarines in the western Mediterranean in the last week of September, according to information received today by the French ministry of marine.

LA FOLLETTE SAYS ST. PAUL SPEECH TRUTH

Wisconsin Senator Refuses to Furnish Information to Committee Investigating or Discuss Statements He Made, But Asserts Every Statement at St. Paul True.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—When the senate committee, investigating Senator La Follette's much discussed St. Paul speech, began its first hearing today, Senator La Follette presented a formal demand that the committee submit a formal copy of the charges against him and that he be permitted to summon and cross-examine witnesses.

Senator La Follette presented his demand in a letter which declared he believed every statement in his St. Paul speech was correct.

"I appear here to submit to you in the form of a letter all the statements I deem it necessary to make at this time," Senator La Follette said, as he presented the communication and left the room.

"I repeat what I have already said in this and previous letters addressed to your committee, that I am most anxious and desirous that the investigation be made thoro and complete to the end that it shall do justice to all participants and shall constitute an honor precedent whenever so grave a matter as the proposed expulsion of one of its members shall come before the United States senate."

INDIANAPOLIS TO BE G. A. R. HEADQUARTERS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 15.—Indianapolis has been designated as official headquarters for the Grand Army of the Republic in a general order issued by Orlando A. Somers of Kokomo, Ind., commander-in-chief of the organization.

TWO LEYLAND LINERS REPORTED TORPEDOED

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—A report that the British steamships Memphis, formerly the Gambrian of 6500 tons, and the Bostonian, 5290 tons, both of the Leyland line, had been sunk, reached here today.

CERTIFICATES OVERSUBSCRIBED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—The government's latest offer of certificates of indebtedness, \$300,000,000 (Continued on page six.)

ENGLAND REDUCING WHEAT CONSUMPTION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Under new war ration regulations, England has advised this government it has begun the task of reducing wheat consumption for the forthcoming year to less than half the normal consumption before the war began.

LIBERTY LOAN SALES NEARING BILLION MARK

Subscriptions Will Have to Exceed \$400,000,000 a Day From Now on—Only Ten Days Left—Henry Ford Subscribes Five Million—One Twenty Million Subscription.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Treasury officials declared today that "unless all signs fail," the liberty loan will have reached its first \$1,000,000,000 in subscriptions by tonight.

Subscriptions to the second liberty loan will have to come in at the rate of \$420,000,000 a day from now until October 27, when the big drive ends, if the \$5,000,000,000 hoped for by the government is obtained.

Henry Ford contributed \$5,000,000 and the Ford Motor company made a similar contribution to the liberty loan today.

John D. Rockefeller issued a statement today advising the purchase of bonds as the best investment.