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GERMAN RAIDERS SINK 2 DESTROYERS

9 MERCHANT SHIPS SUNK WITH CONVOY

Two Heavily Armed German Raiders Attack Convoy in North Sea, Sink Two British Escorting Destroyers, Five Norwegian, One Danish and Three Swedish Merchant Ships—Thirty Merchant Ships Escaped—Thirty Norwegians Rescued.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Two German raiders attacked a convoy in the North sea on Wednesday and sank two of the British escorting destroyers, it was announced officially today by the British war office.

The British torpedo destroyers sunk were the Mary Rose and the Strong Bow.

The official announcement says that three merchant vessels escaped in the action, but that five Norwegian, one Danish and three Swedish vessels were sunk without warning.

Thirty Norwegians were rescued by patrol craft.

Raiders Make Escape.

The raiders, which were heavily armed, showed anxiety to escape before they could be intercepted by British forces, adds the official statement, and made no attempt to rescue the crews of the sunken destroyers.

All the officers and men of the Mary Rose and the Strong Bow were lost.

The statement declares untrue the German story to the effect that the attack occurred in the territorial waters of the Shetland islands.

The hostile raiders, it appears, succeeded in evading the British watchers on dark nights on both the outward and the homeward dash.

Admiralty Statement.

The admiralty statement reads:

Two very fast and heavily armed German raiders attacked a convoy in the North sea about midway between the Shetland islands and the Norwegian coast, on Wednesday. Two British destroyers, his majesty's ships Mary Rose, Lieutenant Commander Charles Fox; and Strong Bow, Lieutenant Commander Edward Brooke, which formed the anti-submarine escort, at once engaged the enemy vessels and fought until they were sunk after a short and unequal engagement.

Their gallant action held the German raiders sufficiently long to enable three merchant vessels to effect their escape.

German Account.

BERLIN, Oct. 20.—A convoy of thirteen vessels bound from Norway to England was attacked by German light naval forces on Wednesday, with the result that all the ships of the convoy and the protecting vessels, including two British destroyers, were sunk, with the exception of (Continued on Page Two.)

COAL MINERS RESUME WORK

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Oct. 20.—Reports coming into the district headquarters of the United Mine Workers of this field this morning indicated that the return to work by the idlers has been general and the idle miners were those in remote points. All of the miners in this section are expected to return to work Monday.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 20.—Miners in Illinois coal fields gradually are returning to work, in response to the call of their leaders, reports today indicated.

TWO BILLIONS SUBSCRIBED TO LIBERTY BONDS

Close of Business to See Expected Total—General Apathy Prevails in Southwest, But Outlook in Other Sections Good—Bank of California Subscribes \$1,600,000.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—The liberty loan campaign closed its third week today with excellent prospects, treasury officials announced, of bringing the total in subscriptions up to \$2,000,000,000 at the end of business today.

At the same time it was announced that over a wide section of country extending from the middle west southward into Texas and eastward to the Atlantic seaboard, general apathy prevailed and conditions were "causing the greatest concern."

Southwest Delinquent.

"Through this section of the country," the official announcement says, "particularly in rural communities, subscriptions are not coming in rapidly. General apathy appears to prevail in parts of Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, and Texas. In the eastern part of the south bad weather and delayed sales of cotton are blamed for the poor showing.

"The outlook in other sections of the country for closing the week with \$2,000,000,000 subscribed is good.

"Publication of Secretary McAdoo's promise to prosecute persons attempting to impede the progress of the loan by making withdrawals of deposits from banks buying bonds has had a very salutary effect. Many who were working against the loan are becoming subscribers."

Answer to Antiles.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20.—"This subscription is our answer, for the present, to the sinking of the Antilles," was the message which accompanied today a liberty loan subscription of \$1,600,000 by the Bank of California.

Of this sum, Portland, Seattle and Tacoma were allotted \$200,000 each. Another subscription of \$2,500,000 was announced by Howard M. Payne, receiver in the federal oil land suits. San Francisco's total announced at noon stood at \$33,185,800.

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 20.—State Treasurer Kay announced today that he has invested \$100,000 of state industrial accident commission funds in liberty bonds. These funds previously have been invested in school and other bonds.

GRANTS PASS LEADS IN CONTRIBUTIONS RECREATION FUND

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20.—Grants Pass, Ore., completed its quota for the new war-camp community recreation fund yesterday, the first in the United States to turn in its share, according to announcement from western headquarters of this fund today. Grants Pass recently led the country in the collection of the army library fund.

The school children began work yesterday morning and completed their efforts before noon. They sent a telegram to Secretary of War Baker reading:

"Children of Grants Pass are delighted to do their 'little bit' in adding those in authority to send into the 'fight for liberty for all men for all time' an army of which the nation can be proud."

Camas, Wn., filled its quota in 30 minutes, taking second place to Grants Pass.

Charles Harllett of Medford who enlisted in the aviation corps last spring, writes to his father that he is stationed at Camp Kelly, San Antonio, Texas; and that 200 aviators are being sent to France monthly, 18,000 having already been sent.

THE BABY KILLERS



PHONE STRIKE IS POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT SATURDAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20.—With threatened strike of electrical workers and girl operators of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in Pacific coast states, Nevada and Arizona definitely postponed until October 27, conferences were to begin here today with a view to averting the general walkout scheduled for that date.

Mortimer Fleishhaeker, banker and member of the labor committee of the State Council of Defense, whose eleventh hour appeal to union officials last night resulted in the holding up of the strike order which was to have become effective last midnight in the case of operators and at midnight tonight for the men workers, was to act as mediator between the employees and company officials. Every effort was to be made to effect a settlement of the wage controversy and other issues involved, including recognition of the girl operators' union.

Fleishhaeker's intervention was made on the grounds that a strike now would seriously imperil the success of the second liberty loan campaign, which will be concluded October 27. Los Angeles operators remained at work, denying knowledge of plans for a strike at the present.

SHIPYARD STRIKE AT PORTLAND ENDS

PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—Paralysis of the shipbuilding industry at Portland and in yards along the Columbia river, thru the shipyard's strike, is expected to end Monday. Three of the largest unions here have voted to accept the settlement plan presented by the federal wage adjustment board which left last night for San Francisco, it was announced today. The boilermakers, shipbuilders and helpers' union, largest in point of membership of all the organizations now out on strike, paved the way for return to work Monday by voting in favor of the board's plan. The machinists' and patternmakers' union took similar action.

U-BOAT CLAIMS FIRST VICTIM OF TRANSPORT FLEET

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—The German U-boat has claimed its first victim from America's war forces.

Within twenty-four hours after an American destroyer had been disabled in an undersea attack, a torpedo crashed into the engine room bulkhead of the homecoming transport Antilles and sent her to the bottom with the loss of seventy lives. Sixteen soldiers and several enlisted men of the navy were included in the submarine's heavy toll.

Details Meagre.

Administration officials are awaiting with profound interest today amplification of the meagre details cabled to the navy department yesterday by Vice Admiral Sims. Names of the great majority of the victims are lacking, yesterday's dispatches giving only those of four naval seamen and three engineer officers of the transport.

It was impossible early today to ascertain the identity of the casualties among the crew and soldiers. The list cannot be completed until the muster roll made up at the French port of embarkation can be compared with the roster of survivors.

While the deepest sympathy was expressed today in official circles for those who gallantly gave up their lives, relief was general over the fact that the vessel had met her fate while homeward bound and not on the way over with a large number of troops aboard.

Interest Intense.

Interest is intense in the manner the submarine managed to elude the protecting convoy and discharge the torpedos that passed directly into the bowels of the vessel. Naval officers are of the opinion that the German commander lurked beneath the surface till the roving destroyers passed overhead and then waited for the big torpedos to come into easy range before releasing the deadly missile.

It is inferred from Admiral Sims' report that the ship went down in a few minutes. This fact, coupled with the necessity of rescuing survivors, made impossible, it is believed, any attempt to locate the U-boat.

MOON ISLAND IS ABANDONED BY RUSSIAN FORCES

BERLIN, Oct. 20.—It was announced by army headquarters today that the German operations on Dago island, north of the Gulf of Riga, had been carried out according to plan.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 20.—The southern Moon sound and Moon island have been abandoned by the Russians under the pressure of superior hostile naval forces, it was officially announced today.

The statement in part says: "We discovered mine fields sown by the enemy with the intention of closing to our ships the entrance to the Gulf of Riga from Moon sound, which the enemy landing at Dago island show it is the enemy's desire to destroy our naval forces here."

On the Flanders battle front the British aerial and artillery activity continues intense, probably in preparation for another stroke against the German positions east of Ypres within the next few days. Field Marshal Haig's artillery has been shelling the Zandvoorde sector and other points northeast of Ypres heavily.

LIBERTY LOAN SHOWS GAIN OF \$50,000 IN DAY

And the Work of Soliciting Has Just Begun—Payment of Delinquent Taxes Next Week Expected to Stimulate Bond Investment—Committees Named and Hard at Work.

Subscriptions at Noon.	
First National Bank	\$ 50,850
Medford National	35,800
Farmers & Fruit's	33,000
Jackson County bank	19,800
Total	\$139,450
Jacksonville	\$ 9,000
Butte Falls	2,300
Central Point	8,050
Rogue River	2,400
Eagle Point	1,550
Gold Hill	1,150
Total district	\$163,900
Ashland district	\$ 47,900
Total County	\$211,800

A \$50,000 gain in subscriptions to the liberty bond issue for the Medford district is the report of the past 24-hours. \$163,900 out of a required \$300,000 has been subscribed—and as yet the canvass has only begun.

Next week the \$240,000 due the county from delinquent taxes on the O. & C. land grant will be paid the county. Most of the money will be used for the redemption of outstanding warrants, thus releasing a great deal of money for liberty loan investment and quieting the fears of those who fear the loan will drain the county of ready money.

Tonight the following will speak briefly in behalf of the bonds at the theaters: Rev. J. C. Rollins, Star; C. E. Gates, Rialto; Glenn O. Taylor, Page. Sunday, P. J. Neff at the Star; Gus Newbury at the Rialto and O. C. Boggs at the Page.

Gaining Impetus.

The liberty loan bond campaign for the Medford district is rapidly gaining impetus and a number of new subscriptions were made Saturday.

All thru the business district today in nearly all the show windows appear those tell tale cards saying, "We bought Liberty Bonds. Have You?" Everywhere down town on bill boards and in the show windows appear hundreds of Liberty bond lithographs reminding all citizens of their patriotic duty of the hour.

The Liberty bond cards only go in the windows of those business men who purchased either of the first issue or second issue of Liberty bonds, no wherever one sees a card saying, "We bought Liberty bonds. Have you?" he can be sure that these individuals are hard at work.

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5 ZEPPELINS BROT DOWN BY FRENCH

Twenty-seven Killed, Fifty-three Injured in Last Night's Zeppelin Raid on London—Returning Airships Caught by French and Destroyed—Zeppelins Fly at Great Height and Are Not Seen—Bombs Come Without Warning.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in France telegraphs that the four Zeppelins brought down in France were airships that had taken part in the raid on England last night.

It is believed, adds the correspondent, that a fifth Zeppelin was destroyed at Bourbonne Les Bains. (This probably refers to the Zeppelin brought down at Rambervillers, near the Alsatin border.)

There were eleven Zeppelins in the original group that appeared over French territory, Reuter's correspondent telegraphed later, and they scattered over various parts of the country when attacked after a general warning was sent out. They dropped no bombs in France.

Raid on London.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Twenty-seven persons were killed and fifty-three injured in last night's Zeppelin raid.

The following official announcement was made: "In last night's airship raid the casualties in all districts were: 'Killed, 27; injured, 53. There was some material damage to houses and business premises."

After an interval of twelve months London last night experienced another Zeppelin raid. Nobody saw the raider, which flew at a great height and dropped only one bomb in London and a few missiles in the outlying districts.

Raiders Unseen.

The people who had been given an early warning of the approaching air-craft had left their shelters and were going home when a bomb fell from an unseen and unheard airship, breaking many plate glass windows. The sound of the bomb was unlike that of any in a previous raid. It was less shrill and heavier.

The "silent raid" is the name given to the Zeppelin's visit to London last night. Many Londoners awakened this morning with the feeling that there was a good deal to say for the official view against a warning of night air raids. Altho warning was given early in the evening, the people, after waiting hours for the "sound of gun-firing, went to bed, believing the raiders had been intercepted off the coast. Then suddenly two loud reports startled light sleepers, but as nothing followed, a majority thought it merely was the firing of anti-air-craft guns in the distant districts.

To the Citizens of Medford

Medford, Oregon, Oct. 19, 1917.

It is gratifying to see how the people of Medford are responding to our appeal for the payment of interest due on paving assessments.

It is the policy of this administration to not consider putting anything in the tax levy for the paying of interest; this habit must be abolished. It is unfair to those who have paid and to those who do not owe anything, and we are not going to increase your taxes to pay anything that you do not owe.

The City Council is unanimous in this matter and if those owing back interest will pay before November 15th there will be nothing added to the tax budget for public improvements. We are not pressing anyone at this time for the payment of the principal and expect to have matters arranged in a short time so that you can have an extended time for the paying of the principal.

The paving assessments have been declared legal by the supreme court and regardless of the "you can't do it" attitude of some, business is business and the interest must be paid by those owing it and those alone.

Our city is improving and will continue to improve if the citizens who owe will pay their obligations and not try to saddle their personal debts upon the whole community by trying to have them put into the general tax levy. Do your bit, be for your town and your town will soon be the best town on the Pacific coast.

(Signed) C. E. GATES, Mayor.

40 SCHOOL PUPILS BUY LIBERTY BONDS

Up to 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon forty school pupils of all ages had taken advantage of John A. Westerland's patriotic offer to sell the children of the schools liberty bonds on the installment plan without charge or interest.

Since Mr. Westerland's offer Friday noon he has been unable to transact any other business, as all his time has been taken up with patriotic pupils and their parents in discussing his offer and subscribing for bonds.

Altho Mr. Westerland only offered to finance fifty liberty bonds, and there are still ten bonds not taken, he is seeking to enlist the services of several other patriotic citizens to aid him in advancing money to take care of all pupils who call to subscribe for liberty bonds under his offer.