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GERMAN RAIDER SINKS 11 IN SOUTH ATLANTIC

Lands 265 Men and Two Women Saved From Sunken Vessels---New Raider Is Sailing Vessel with Auxilliary Gasoline Engines, and Flies Norwegian Flag Until In Range of Victims, Is Supposed to Have Picked Up and Cut the South American Cable

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By H. Robertson,
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Rio De Janeiro, March 31.---Two hundred and sixty-five men and two women survivors of eleven steamships and sailing vessels sunk in the Atlantic, were brought into port today with another amazing German raider story. They arrived on the French bark Cambronne. The new German raider, according to their stories, is a sailing vessel, with auxiliary gasoline engines. She flies the Norwegian flag and is heavily armed. The survivors claimed many of those on board the eleven ships destroyed by the latest German sea rover had been drowned or lost in the sinking of the vessels.

The new German raider bears the name "Seeadler." Her commander is Count Luckuer. She left Germany on December 22. Most of her victims were overhauled and sunk in the vicinity of Trinidad, according to the survivors. The present whereabouts of the Seeadler is unknown.

List of Victims.

The raider's victims as listed by the survivors, were:

Steamer Gladys Royal, British, 4,500 tons(sunk off Maderia, January 3).

Steamer Lady Island, British, 4,500 tons (sunk January 21).

Steamer Rongoth, British, 5,500 tons.

Sailing vessel Pinmars, British, 3,000 tons (sunk February 19).

Sailing vessel Jeunn, British, 3,700 tons (sunk February 26).

Schooner Trese of Halifax, 400 tons (sunk January 28).

Steamer Buenos Aires Iowock, Italian, 1,200 tons.

Steamer Charles Gounard, French, 3,000 tons (sunk January 21).

Steamer Antonini, French, 4,000 tons (sunk January 28).

Steamer Rouchefoucauld, French, 3,000 tons (sunk February 27).

Sailing vessel Duplex, French, 3,000 tons (sunk March 5).

Story of Survivors.

On March 11, survivors told of the overhauling of the sailing vessel Hongarth. The Hongarth refused orders to lay to, and immediately opened fire on her pursuer. One man aboard the raider was killed and four were wounded by her shells. Those aboard the Cambronne described the new German raider as a triple masted sailing vessel with an auxiliary engine equipment of quadruple expansion gasoline motors. She was armed with two sizeable cannon and rapid fire guns and left Germany December 22.

Members of the German crew told survivors that they were escorted by German submarines to Island and that they had an 18 months supply of oil, munitions and supplies aboard.

In almost every case the Seeadler adopted the strategem of flying the Norwegian flag and signalling to her prospective victims that she desired to speak to them. With the unsuspecting victim hove to and the Sea Adder came within perfect range, the raider's crew broke out the German ensign and opened fire. As soon as the overhauled vessel surrendered the Germans methodically sent crews aboard, took off the survivors, imprisoned them and then sank their prize.

Audacity Wins.

The very audacity of the raiding plan followed by the Seeadler was responsible for her great success in preying on commerce. Instead of being a fast cruiser type like the Moewe and the Emden, the Seeadler, according to survivors, was a cumbersome looking vessel, innocent appearing in her big spread of sails and very slow speed.

Those aboard the Cambronne said the Seeadler's crew told them after leaving Iceland the raider bore due southward. The first sinking of which the survivors had any knowledge was off the Madeira Islands on January 3. Then, judging from successive sinkings, she turned her nose southwest across the Atlantic. Her most recent sinkings were reported off Trinidad, Venezuela.

Probably Cut Cable.

At about the time the Seeadler was somewhere around Madeira and the Canary Island, something mysterious happened to one of the cable lines from England via the Canary Islands to South America. It was considered possible here that the raider yanked up this line and cut it. The slow moving Seeadler was not lacking in courage to pick out a spot near where allied patrol vessels were still searching for the German steam raider and her consorts as the scene of her preying on commerce. Even after Germany officially reported the return to a German port of the Moewe and identified her as the South American raider, British patrol vessels still searched the South Atlantic waters in view of reports that the Moewe had armed and equipped several of her prizes as auxiliary raiders and that these auxiliaries were still at work.

CARP FOR THE EAST

Portland, Or., Mar. 31.—Two carloads of carp, a living, twisting, mass of fish, are en route from Portland to the Atlantic seaboard today to lower the high cost of living. The carp were alive when they left here, and most of them will probably live until they reach the eastern coast.

A year ago several carloads were shipped from Portland to New York and most of the fish arrived there alive and kicking. The carp were gathered in the Willamette and Columbia sloughs in seines.

ABE MARTIN

Miss Tawney Apple is back in th' box office o' Th' Fairy Grotto painted up like a candy pear. It's a cinch a girl that won't help her mother won't help her husband.

Stock Market Listless Prices Show No Change

New York, Mar. 31.—The New York Evening Sun financial review today said:

There was little in today's short session of the stock market that was fundamentally different from what had gone before this week. Interest in the trading was only nominal and business was light. Price changes were narrow, with an easier tendency.

The market did little more than drift throughout the session, with a tendency to ease off. A few of the specialties showed strength or weakness, as the case may be. Ohio Cities Gas was again in active demand at advances of 3 to 5 points or so. Texas Oil and American Hide and Leather were weak

The stel and copper issues were narrowly irregular and quiet. The railroad list was likewise neglected and under some pressure. The shipping shares were depressed by reports of more sinkings.

Albany had a war bride yesterday when Eva Williams, 16, married Cuba Nosker, 18. Not to be outdone by the bride her mother at the same time married the groom's guardian.

War Causes Towns To Drop From Ball League

Portland, Or., Mar. 31.—Hillsboro and Woodburn are out of the Inter-City Baseball League as a result of Thursday night's meeting held in the office of President Bay, 270 Fourth street. Hillsboro decided that it was not ready to affiliate with a strong organization and the calling to the colors of the Third Oregon spilled the plans of Woodburn.

The league is now angling for a sixth town to make up a six team circuit. Camas was admitted as the fifth team last night, and, according to President Bay, the sixth team will be announced shortly. The other four teams are two in Portland, Salem and McMinnville.

Fred Norman Bay was officially placed in office last night as president for another year. F. Joplin of McMinnville, was elected vice president to succeed George Roberts Grayson, who becomes treasurer in favor of June S. Jones, who did not wish to serve another term. Wayne Francis Lewis was re-elected secretary.

To the wonderment of the directors, Oregon City was not represented last night. The Falls City boys have been after a franchise and may get2 busy within the next few days. Prexy Bay says that the team he has in mind for the sixth franchise is not Oregon City, so if they both come in, steps may be taken to find still another aggregation and an eight club league composed.

The Goldsmith, Wright & Ditson, Reach and Spalding balls all were adopted officially.

The financial question was discussed and a satisfactory system of home and visiting teams dividing the gate receipts was approved.

NEWSPAPERS OPENLY ASSAIL CHANCELLOR

Reichstag Demands for People Greater Part In Government

Amsterdam, Mar. 31.—Demand for the democratizing of Germany has reached the reichstag—and the reichstag has responded to a move for investigation of the relation of that body to the people and the peoples' share in government. Dispatches from Berlin told of the adoption by a vote of 227 to 33 of a resolution fostered by the national liberal members proposing a committee of 28 "to consider constitutional questions especially the representation of the people and the relation of the people to the government."

The reichstag then adjourned until April 24.

German advices today did not indicate enthusiastic editorial eulogy of Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech although applauding his declarations with regard to Germany's position in the war. Several liberal newspapers frankly expressed chagrin over the chancellor's failure to sense the public movement for greater participation by the people in the government and his statement withholding such reforms. The Munich Post openly asserted that Germany now is the sole contender against an alliance of "world democracy" and adds that the people of the world are being convinced that victory of the cause of freedom is impossible as long as Germany continues her present form of government.

The Berlin socialist organ, Vorwaerts insisted "no compromise is possible on the franchise."

The Berlin Vossische Zeitung openly assailing the chancellor, declared: "Parliament as representative of the people must soon reform itself. Deeds by a determined reichstag are more weighty than the words of a feeble chancellor."

Will Jail Every Chink If War Is Not Stopped

Portland, Or., Mar. 31.—A thirty day truce in the tong war which has spread from one end of the coast to the other will probably be made in Portland late this afternoon when leaders of the warring tongs will meet here. A permanent peace pact can be made during the temporary truce, city authorities believe.

In case a peace pact of some nature is not made today the police acting under orders of Mayor Albee will arrest all the Chinese in the city and hold them in jail until each one is able to prove his right to be in the United States.

"You can settle your troubles among yourselves, but when it comes to indiscriminate shooting on the streets it's got to stop," Mayor Albee told a Chinese delegation. "If you do not, I'm going the limit with you. We will stretch the law a little to bring you to time."

TO INTENSIFY FARMING

Washington, Mar. 31.—More than $200,000,000 will be loaned out by the federal land banks during the coming year to intensify the farming industry of the country as a measure of national defense, the federal farm loan board announced today.

OREGON'S QUOTA 800

Portland, Or., Mar. 31.—Oregon must supply 800 naval recruits by April 20 according to orders received here today by Lieutenant Blackburn, in charge of local recruiting.

PACIFISTS PLAN TO RAISE MONEY FOR CARRYING ON WAR

Would Have Graduated Income Tax With Minimum at $5,000

AND ALL INCOMES ABOVE $100,000 CONFISCATED

"Working Classes Must Do the Fighting, Capital Must Pay Expenses"

New York, Mar. 31.—The strongest pacifist influence in America today suddenly turned from efforts to prevent war to means of financing it.

Simultaneously it became known that a plan put forward by the American committee on war finance, headed by Amos Pinchot to place the entire financial burden of the war upon persons with incomes of more than $5,000 per year has been indorsed in high government circles.

The greatest significance was placed upon the sudden action of leading pacifists because of belief that they were in close communication with Washington leaders. While they insisted that they "still hoped" for peace, their actions indicated that the hope is practically dead.

The committee in its announcement today pointed out that the heavy death toll of war will be upon the working people of the country, because of their greater numbers.

With this in view it calls for signatures to a pledge to demand legislation for a special war income tax on all incomes over $5,000. The schedule calls for a tax of 2 1-2 per cent on all incomes from $5,000 to $10,000 per year.

Limit $100,000.

On all incomes over $10,000 a sliding scale beginning at 10 per cent and rising to a point that will permit no individual to retain a net income of more than $100,000 per year, is proposed.

The pledge further calls for legislation limiting net profit on all war supplies to 3 1-2 per cent and provides that no wholesale or retail dealer shall sell foodstuffs or other necessities at a profit greater than six per cent during the war.

"We do not believe that any real patriot wants the poor people of the nation to bear the burden of the cost of war, in addition to the burden of fighting," said Pinchot today. "Our committee is not made up of peace at any price people and there is no one connected with the movement who has any German sympathy. Our proposal is simply predicated on the nation's experience in past wars and is based on the belief that in the event of war there should be a genuine partnership in patriotism between the working people who will be asked to volunteer their lives and the wealthy who will be called upon to give their dollars.

"Protracted Patriotism."

"The proposal may even furnish more money than is needed to finance the war. Any surplus logically could be used as a sinking fund for pensions.

"An idea of what such an emergency law would do can be seen in the case of the DuPont family, popularly reported to have an annual income of $80,000,000. Taking out $100,000 allowance for each of the 10 or so members of the family, would leave a net return to the government of approximately $79,000,000 a year.

"Recently we have been asked to sign a meaningless pledge of loyalty to the country, which was, in effect an insult to any real American's patriotism. There is a pledge that is something more than empty words. It is practical patriotism."

Getting Ready to Build Battleships

Oakland, Cal., Mar. 31.—Acquisition of ninety five acres of Oakland water front property adjoining its present holdings, to be used in the construction of battleships, was announced today by the Union Iron Works company. A canal thirty feet deep, a half mile long and three hundred feet wide will be built through the new property, lined by piers, shops and other facilities. The improvements will cost $5,000,000, according to company officials.

The purpose of the extensions is to make the construction of numbers of large warships possible, slip facilities for four 1,000 foot vessels to be provided. When the additions are completed all large type naval vessels will be built on this side of San Francisco bay.

ARMED GUARDS ON EACH SHIP

Des Moines, Ia., Mar. 31.—"Armed guards composed of the naval officers and American bluejackets are assigned to every American ship that sails for the war zone," stated Rear Admiral Palmer in an urgent appeal for additional naval recruits, made public by the local recruiting station today.

GILL "NOT GUILTY" SAYS JURY AFTER ALL NIGHT SESSION

Beckingham, Poolman, Doom McLennan and Peyser Are Free

ATTORNEYS WEPT AND GILL WEPT WITH THEM

Billingsley Told Straight Story But His Reputation Weakened It

Seattle, Wash., Mar. 31.—Mayor Hiram C. Gill, Chief of Police Charles L. Beckingham and Detectives Poolman, Doom, McLennan and Peyser were declared "not guilty" today of the charge of conspiracy in the illegal shipment of liquor into dry territory, filed against them by the United States government.

The verdict was reached by the federal jury at 6:30 o'clock this morning, after deliberating since 5:26 o'clock last night.

Because the defendants and attorneys did not assemble until 9:45, it was not read until then.

The foreman of the jury was T. M. Bennett.

When the verdict was announced, Wilmon Tucker and Walter Fulton, two of the defense attorneys, broke down and wept.

Mayor Gill remained almost motionless for an instant, then a big wide smile spread over his face. Later he, too, broke down and wept, and kissed his law partner, Herman Fry. Beckingham patted his weeping attorney and boyhood friend, Fulton, on the back.

The defendants then stepped to the jury box and shook hands with each of the jurors. The crowds swarmed around and congratulated Gill and the other acquitted men.

Rev. Percy, one of the jurors, declared that "at no time was he certain, but he could not vote to convict because then the punishment would have fallen on the families of these men, though a doubt existed as to their guilt."

When the booze-graft case went to the jury Friday evening, the 12 men had a mass of conflicting statements which were charges and denials of wholesale municipal corruption.

If the government's case were founded on truth—Logan Billingsley, chief bootlegger here, himself under indictment, his brothers and their allies sold whiskey behind the protection bought from city officials from the mayor down.

If the defense theory were right, Billingsley, bent on revenge against Gill, the man who smashed his drug store, started a rumor of bribery he never accomplished, and used it to put United States Attorney Clay Allen off his trail.

Either the officials of Seattle sold out to the clever bootlegger for money, or a spider-like crook spun a web to enmesh honest men.

These squarely conflicting stories were presented to the jurors by some of the best legal talent in the northwest.

Fred and Logan Billingsley swore they paid $4,000 to Mayor Gill and $1,200 to Chief of Police Beckingham and $10 a barrel protection money to the detectives. A booze-graft trial has been in session four weeks, but preliminary rumors and government investigation started four months ago.

A federal jury, in December indicted Logan Billingsley and his brothers, after ex-Patrolman Edward Margett, a rival bootlegger, and Eddie Baker, manager of the Jesse Moore-Hunt company of San Francisco, had turned over incriminating evidence. Logan and Fred Billingsley pleaded guilty and are now awaiting sentence.

On this evidence and the stories told by Logan Billingsley, and his borthers, Fred and Orn, Mayor Gill, Chief Beckingham, ex-Sheriff Modge and City Detectives Meyer Peyser, Jack Poolman, Dan McLennan and James Doom were indicted late in January.

They were charged with conspiracy to violate the federal laws governing the interstate shipments of liquor.

The Billingsley story which startled the town, charged Mayor Gill and the other defendants with shocking corruption.

United States Attorney Clay Allen was obliged to call for assistance, and Attorney General Reames of Portland, was commissioned an assistant attorney general and sent to Seattle to handle the prosecution.

Gill was defended by former State Supreme Court Judge Frederick Bausman and Wilmon Tucker, president of the state and county bar associations.

The charges against ex-Sheriff Hodge were dismissed by a directed verdict from Judge Netterer at the end of the first week for want of evidence. He was defended by his law partner, former Superior Court Judge William R. Bell.

Guy W. Talbot was re-elected last night, director to the Portland Chamber of Commerce, civic branch.

PORTLAND LAUNCHING ACCIDENT

Swept Across River, Cut Steamer In Two—Man Probably Killed

Portland, Or., Mar. 31.—The steamer Vesterlide, launched from the yards of the Northwest Steel company, took an unexpected course as she slid from the ways and, darting across the river at an angle, cut into the river steamer Ruth, owned by the Willamette Navigation company. The Ruth was practically cut in two.

Two men, Ed Hanley, a deckhand, and Harry Coulson, a fireman, were seriously injured, and a third man, whose name is not yet known, is missing. It is thought he probably was caught under nearby logs and may have been drowned.

Members o fthe crew of the Ruth, seeing the big hull of the Vesterlide darting across the river, jumped from the boat, and started to swim to shore or nearby rafts of logs. The bow of the Vesterlide is still imbedded in the Ruth.

The Ruth was used to tow logs to the Crown Willamette Paper mills at Oregon City.

THIRTY MORE WANTED

Recruiting for Company is still going on under the charge of Captain Max Gehlhar, of the National Guard Reserve, who has his office in the Bush bank building. Applicants for enlistment will find a welcome there any time and be given an examination, and, if satisfactory, will be sent to Vancouver to join the rest of the Salem boys. Two more men signed last night. They were James H. Ewing, of Willamette university, and Ferris W. Abbot. This brings the company up around the 120 mark and at least 30 more are needed to round it out to war strength.

Will it get them?

You bet it will!

BONE DRY JULY 1.

Olympia, Wash., Mar. 31.—Washington will join the list of bone dry states July 1 with the permit system invalidated, even if the absolute prohibition law passed by the legislature is to be voted on at a referendum election, according to the opinion of Attorney General Tanner today. He holds the federal law applicable to Washington on the date it goes into effect, making it a crime punishable in the federal court to order, purchase or cause to be transported in interstate commerce any intoxicating liquor.

NO JAP WARSHIP SUNK

Tokio, Mar. 31—Rear Admiral Suzuki, vice-minister of marine, today denied rumors printed in Vancouver and San Francisco Japanese newspapers that a Japanese warship had been sunk in the South Pacific by a German raider or submarine. The government has taken steps to apprehend and punish the German raider responsible for the recent sinking of British and Japanese ships in the Indian ocean.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner and children desire to express their deep appreciation of the numerous acts of kindness and helpfulness shown them by friends in the bereavement attending the illness and death of their beloved son and brother, Clement J. Gardner. Especially thanks are due to the Daughters of Isabella, and the Knights of Columbus for their comforting attentions.

GERMANY DENIES STORY

Amsterdam, Mar. 31.—Official denial was received from Berlin today that the German government had ever violated the diplomatic immunity of American Minister Brand Whitlock, at Brussels. It was asserted that Whitlock will continue to be treated as minister until he leaves, and that all obligations to the American relief commission will be strictly observed.

TAKE MILE DEEP ON 7 MILE FRONT IN TODAY'S DRIVE

Important Base City of St. Quentin Menaced by Both Armies

FIVE TOWNS INCLUDED IN CAPTURED TERRITORY

In Mesopotamia the Turks Retreating Devastate Country

By Perry Arnold.
(United Press foreign editor.)

New York, Mar. 31.—St. Quentin, next to Cambrai, one of the key positions in the Hindenburg line, is now threatened by tremendous drives launched from two directions by French and British forces.

Formal official statements were lacking at noon today from both Berlin and London, but battle front dispatches, coupled with the French war office report, gave indication of the menace which advancing masses of French and British troops have had to the German positions at St. Quentin.

Details of the fighting passed by the British field censor told of a rate of progress forward by General Haig's troops exceeding any since the first few days of the German retreat and capture of five villages and towns. Seven square miles was the total of territory wrested in this day's operations.

The British forces are advancing in a southeast direction on St. Quentine, while General Nivelle's French forces are pushing north and northeast.

The German official wireless statement which usually is received before 11 o'clock, had not arrived up to 12:30 today, although a number of other wireless dispatches, apparently not delayed, had been received up to that hour.

Made Great Gain.

By William Philip Simms.
(United Press staff correspondent.)

With the British Armies Afield, Mar. 31.—British troops today swept forward in a mile advance over a seven mile front in the Hendicourt region, seriously menacing the important German base city of St. Quentin.

Five cities were captured in this sweep toward the Hindenburg line.

The ground gained constitutes an advance of about a mile and a half over the recently won line of battle against the Teutons.

The towns occupied by the British in the advance today were Hendicourt, St. Emilie, Vermand, Marteville and Soyecourt.

Vermand is the most important of the towns occupied by the British. It lies about midway between Peronne and St. Quentin on one of the main highways.

Forcing Turks Back.

London, Mar. 31.—British forces are progressing steadily north of Bagdad and on March 23 occupied Shahroban according to Mesopotamian official statement today.

"The Delta Awah Sindiyah was also occupied," the statement said.

"Here we were confronted with the remnants of the enemy defeated at Kutel-Amara, reinforced by new troops.

"On the 25th there was severe fighting about Jebelhamrie and in the direction of Kizilrobat, in which we severely punished the enemy.

"The retreating Turks are devastating the country.

"Toward Paitak Pass considerable Turkish forces were encountered and we inflicted serious losses on a strenuously resisting enemy, capturing a considerable number of prisoners and taking foodstuff supplies."

The towns mentioned above all lie northeast of Bagdad, on the general road to Teheran.

French Advancing.

Paris, Mar. 31.—French troops are still progressing against the German line at various points east of Neuville and Vregny and have captured a number of important positions, today's official statement asserted.

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THE WEATHER

Oregon: To- and Sunday occasional rain west; part cloudy east portion; warmer east portion Sunday; moderate south easterly winds.