

HUNS TAKE RUMANIAN FORTRESS OF CONSTANZA LAKE FREIGHTER MERIDA LOST IN ERIE'S GREAT GALE SERBIANS WINNING IN HEAVY FIGHTING WITH BULGARIANS

SEVEN BODIES FROM MERIDA PICKED UP ON ERIE'S WAVES

Little Doubt But Freighter Foundered in Friday's Storm.

GODERICH MEN ABOARD

Over a Score Believed to Have Perished When Vessel Sank.

[Canadian Press.]
Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 23.—Local managers of the steamer Merida owned by the Valley Camp Shipping Company of Midland, Ont., conceded today that the ship was lost in Friday night's gale on Lake Erie. The admission came after seven bodies of the crew had been picked up in mid-lake by two other ships. So far as known, not a man of the crew of 23 survive the tragedy.

The loss of the Merida makes four lake steamers which went to the bottom of Lake Erie in Friday's storm. The total loss of life is fifty. The Marshall F. Butters sank with no loss of life, all the crew being saved. The D. P. Flier went down with six of her crew, only the captain surviving. The James B. Colgate's crew of 22, with the single exception of the captain, perished, while every man on the Merida is believed lost.

[Canadian Press.]
Toledo, O., Oct. 23.—Three bodies of sailors, wearing lifebelts stamped "St. Merida" were brought into port early this morning on the freight steamer A. E. Mathers, Capt. W. C. Cunningham, from Toronto. This is the first definite proof of the loss during a gale last Friday of the steamer Merida with a crew of about twenty men. Capt. Cunningham reports that the bodies were picked up in the middle of Lake Erie, between Port Stanley, Ont., and Cleveland.

The bodies were taken from the water Sunday afternoon. A fourth body was sighted, but on account of high seas the crew of the Mathers was unable to recover it.

Capt. Cunningham says that shortly before the bodies were found, the Mathers passed the steamer Charlotte Breitung, and that the captain of the Breitung megaphoned him that the Breitung had picked up four bodies, three bearing lifebelts stamped "Merida," and one wearing a lifebelt of the whaleback steamer James Colgate, founded Friday off Long Point, Lake Erie.

The Merida is a 250-foot steel boat, bound from Port William, Ont., to Buffalo, and carried a crew of 23. The Merida is owned by the Valley Camp Shipping Company and is managed by James Playfair of Midland, Ont.

THE MERIDA'S CREW.
Cleveland, O., Oct. 23.—The crew of the steamer Merida, all of whom are believed to be lost, follows:
Master—H. L. Jones, Buffalo.
Mate—Gordon Fleming, Ogdensburg.
Second Mate—John Anderson, Buffalo.
Third Mate—Roderick MacDonald, Goderich, Ont.; Joseph H. Pollard, St. Louis, Mo.

Deckhands—William Dundas, Ruth, Mich.; Thomas H. Jones, Chicago; Anton Kurshil, Cleveland, O.; Jas. Gallagher, Cleveland.
Engineer—Jos. O'Connor, Chicago.
Second Engineer—Walter Johnson, Rock, Mich.
Oilers—Wilfrid Austen, Detroit; John Quigley, Detroit, Mich.; William Bogie, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.
Firemen—David Corbett, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; John Callahan, Bad Axe, Mich.; Martin R. Brogan, Cleveland.
Coal Passers—Anton Zimmerman, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Leon Wagner, Sioux City, Ia.
Steward—Neil Melrose, Depere, Wis.
Waiter—Gordon Haine, Cleveland.

WAS ROLLING BADLY.
[Canadian Press.]
Buffalo, Oct. 23.—The steamer Merida (Continued on Page 3, Column 7.)

PLANE BOMBS MARGATE INJURING TWO PERSONS

[Canadian Press.]
London, Oct. 23.—1:55 p.m.—An hostile aeroplane appeared today over Margate, on the southeast coast of England, and dropped three bombs. Two persons were injured.
The following official account of the attack was given out here today:
"A hostile aeroplane was reported over Margate at 1:05 o'clock this morning. Three bombs were dropped in the Cliftonville district of the town. Slight damage was caused to a hotel, and one man and one woman were slightly injured.
"British aeroplanes went up in pursuit of the raider, who made off in a southeasterly direction."

SUPERB DASH BY FRENCH NETS THEM SAILLY RIDGE; HAIG BUSY NEAR YPRES

(Canadian Press.)
London, Oct. 23, 12:10 p.m.—"During the night there was considerable enemy shelling against our front between La Sars and Gueudecourt," says today's official announcement.

"Our troops now occupy the near lip of the two mine craters formed by the enemy yesterday at the bluff (south of Ypres), and are satisfactorily established in their positions."

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W. A. McDONALD.

FLEET OF ZEPPELINS TO DESTROY LONDON, IS PLAN OF COUNT

Hopes to Send Eighty Against Empire's Capital.

200 SUBMARINES GONE

Hollweg Now Realizes Under-seas and Zepp Campaigns Are Failures.

(Canadian Press.)
New York, Oct. 23.—A cable to the Herald from London says: Evidently the more fruitless and costly become the zeppelin raids on England the greater and more boastful become the promises of the pro-zeppelinists. Frantic with rage at the loss of so many of his huge pets, Count Zeppelin is reported to have declared he would send a fleet of eighty ships to wreck London.

Whether they awake sooner or later, as the editor of the Stuttgart Beobachter suggests, to the reality of things the German people evidently have still a belief in the promised destruction of London, for which they are waiting with more or less increasing impatience. If not eighty they will be quite satisfied with a fleet of fifty to do the job.

So says William Lockwood, a Yorkshireman, who, after passing 54 of the 74 years of his life in Saxony, has been repatriated and restored to his old home at Harbin, near Peking, where he arrived last Saturday.

No Chance Now.
"This last few months I have heard wounded soldiers say there is no chance for Germany now, that there are so many men and guns against them, but the German people make no secret," he says, "that fifty big zeppelins are being built expressly for the destruction of London."

While the German imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the minister of the interior, Dr. Helfferich, and the minister of the navy, Admiral von Capelle, are still seeking in secret session to dissuade the committee of the Reichstag from further submarine and zeppelin follies, several of the German newspapers have come to the conclusion that in neither case is the game worth the candle.

Maximilian Harden's weekly review, Die Zukunft, has once more suffered suppression for speaking too openly on these questions, and it is not improbable that other journals will share its fate. These newspapers have put the essence of the matter in a nutshell. Since the British began seriously to operate against the undersea menace, two hundred German submarines have been destroyed. On the other hand, out of seven zeppelins which sought to reach London and failed, four have been destroyed. These are strong arguments for the imperial chancellor's anti-frightfulness campaign.

HALF MILLION LOSS TO ERIE FISHERMEN BY FRIDAY'S STORM

Nets So Badly Torn Will Have To Be Raised and Overhauled.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Kingsville, Ont., Oct. 23.—The fish tug Alva W., operating for the Lake Erie Fish Company, reached Scudler's dock, Port Stanley, after a perilous trip, and the Ariadne, another fish tug, took shelter to the east of Pelee Island.

The storm did \$500,000 damage to the fishing interests of the north shore of Lake Erie. Nets are torn to pieces, and will have to be taken up and overhauled. Coming as this does just at the best of the season, the loss is a serious one.

FIFTY PERSONS DIE IN MEXICAN RAILWAY CRASH

[Canadian Press.]
Laredo, Texas, October 23.—Fifty persons were killed and a great number injured in a rear-end collision of a freight and passenger train at Ramos Arispe, Mexico, last Friday, according to reports reaching the border today. Bodies were strewn between Saltillo and Terecote, Coahuila.

ENTENTE WINS FIERCE FIGHT FROM BULGARS IN MACEDONIA

Have Better of the Desperate Struggle at Cerna Bend.

SERBIANS ARE HITTING HARD

Inflict Heavy Losses on Bulgarians When the Latter Counter-Attack.

(Canadian Press.)
Paris, Oct. 23.—Desperate fighting in the bend of the Cerna, on the Macedonian front, has resulted favorably to the Entente forces, according to today's war office announcement. The Bulgarians counter-attacked in strong force, but were defeated by the Serbians, who inflicted heavy losses on the attacking troops.

THE BULGAR REPORT.
Sofia, Oct. 24.—The official report of operations on the Macedonian front is as follows: The situation is unchanged. Our counter-attack in the Cerna bend is developing successfully. We repulsed a weak attack against the village of Tarnova in the Moglenica Valley and on both sides of the Vardar. On the Aegean coast, the enemy's fleet bombarded the heights near Orsona and Letra.

ENLARGE HOSPITALS TO TREAT SOLDIERS WITH WHITE PLAGUE

Provincial Govt. Will Co-operate With the Various Hospitals.

(Canadian Press.)
Toronto, Oct. 23.—Premier Hearst made the following announcement this morning: "The Dominion hospitals commission has for some time been in consultation with the Provincial Government and the different institutions in the province where patients are treated for tuberculosis with a view to securing more adequate accommodation, and the best treatment possible for soldiers suffering from that disease. It has been shown that this work calls urgently for the enlargement of these institutions, so as to enable them to meet the new demands thus arising. The Government has therefore agreed to grant the financial assistance necessary for such enlargement, and to do so immediately that the work may be proceeded with at once. The details of the proposed plan of assistance will be arranged between the Dominion Hospital Commission, the Government of Ontario, and the trustees of the hospitals taking up the work."

French Airmen Shell Furnaces of the Germans

(Canadian Press.)
Paris, Oct. 23.—Four tons of projectiles have been dropped by a French air squadron of 24 machines on blast furnaces north of Metz and on the Metz and Thionville stations, the war office announced today in its report of aviation activities. Hits were secured on all the objectives which it declared.

Another French flotilla bombarded factories at Rombach.

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Constanza Taken By Huns; Rumanians Fight Fiercely To Stop Teuton Offensive

Rumanians and Russians Push Back Enemy on Transylvanian Border, But Are Still Falling Back in Dobrudja, Despite Stubborn Resistance—Fortress of Constanza Lost to Mackensen.

(Canadian Press.)
Berlin, Oct. 23.—Via London, 5:45 p.m.—The Rumanian fort of Constanza has been captured by the Germans, the war office announced today.

Constanza was one of the principal objectives of Field Marshal von Mackensen in his campaign in Dobrudja. It is of particular importance by reason of the fact that it is the eastern terminus of the only railroad between the Black Sea and the Danube, which it crosses at Tchernavoda. Thence the railroad runs westward into old Rumania.

Troops of the Central Powers have crossed the railway line running between the Black Sea port of Constanza and the River Danube at a point to the east of Murfetler, the official announcement says: The fortress of Constanza was taken by German and Bulgarian troops.

On the left wing of Field Marshal von Mackensen's army, the statement adds, the Germans and their allies are approaching the Danube town of Tchernavoda.

FURTHER RETIREMENT.
(Canadian Press.)
Bucharest, Oct. 23.—Via London, 4:38 p.m.—The war office announced today that the Rumanian forces in Dobrudja had made a further retirement before the army of Field Marshal von Mackensen.

(Canadian Press.)
Petrograd, Oct. 23, via London.—The Russian and Rumanian troops in Dobrudja are continuing to retreat, the war office announced today. They are offering stubborn resistance to Field Marshal von Mackensen's army.

On the Transylvanian front the Rumanians made attacks yesterday, compelling Austro-German forces to retire slightly in the Trotus, Oituz and Slanic valleys. On the western frontier of Moldavia the Rumanians are fighting stubbornly and with success.

THE SOFIA REPORT.
Sofia, Oct. 22.—Via London, Oct. 23.—7:55 a.m.—The Rumanians have been driven back to within six miles of Constanza on the Dobrudja front, according to an official statement issued by the war office. Light guns, twenty machine guns, and much war material have fallen in the hands of the Bulgarians.

PETROGRAD'S REPORT.
(Canadian Press.)
Petrograd, Oct. 23.—Via London.—The Rumanian forces made a new attack yesterday, striking north of Brody, near the Volynia-Galician border. The war office reports that the assault was repulsed.

The announcement follows:
"North of the little town of Wlady, south of Dnestry Lake, an enemy aeroplane descended in our lines."

"Enemy attempts to cross the River Roldurka, a tributary of the Strypa, north of Brody, were repelled by our forces. On the River Narayuvka, in the region of Svistelniki and Skomorochy, southeast of Lemberg, the battle has slackened. On the remainder of the front no events of importance occurred."

"Along the whole Caucasian front, reconnoissances and exchanges of fire are taking place."

ALLIES RACING WITH HUNS TO SAVE THE RUMANIANS; POSITION IS SERIOUS ONE

(Canadian Press.)
London, Oct. 23.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Petrograd dated yesterday says:

A personage of high importance in the Rumanian Government told me before I left Bucharest that the best service I could do to his country would be to state as exactly as possible the seriousness of Rumania's position. Briefly the position is this:

The Austrians, reinforced by Germans, have recovered the whole country won by the Rumanians in the first weeks of the war.

In Western Rumania the Teutons are well into Rumanian territory. This is important in comparison with the heavy offensive at various points of the frontier. In Eastern Rumania Russia is making a magnificent effort to assist her ally. It is now a race between the Allies and the highest effort of German organization, concentrated on this, to them a vital question.

Bratiano Declined.
When Rumania ordered the war Premier Bratiano was persuaded that the Bulgarians would make a separate peace or in any case would not fight against Rumania and Russia. There fore, the possibility of attack from the southwest discounted, all the best troops being sent over the Carpathians to fulfill the national aspirations for the liberation of Transylvania and collaborate with the Russians in the final reduction of Austria. No praise could be too high for the manner in which this operation began.

It was brought to a standstill before being carried far enough to consolidate results by von Mackensen's unexpected attack in the south. Here the Bulgarians found Turtakal defended only by a second line of frontier guards, and the heroic defence of this place, cost the Rumanians many troops, and compelled the beginning of the retreat in the Dobrudja, and a radical change in the Rumanian plans, involving the call of first line troops from Transylvania. This gave Falkenhayn his chance in the north. With superior railway communications certain troops were able always to insure local superiority in the successive blows against the Rumanian armies in Transylvania.

BOMB HIT DESTROYER OF BRITISH, SAYS BERLIN

Berlin, Oct. 23.—Via Wireless to Saville.—A British destroyer off the Flanders coast was struck by a bomb from a German aeroplane on Saturday, the admiralty announced today. The statement follows:

"A German seaplane squadron on the afternoon of October 21 successfully attacked with bombs British sea forces off the Flanders coast. One hit on a destroyer was observed. Withwithstanding heavy shelling, all the raiders returned unharmed."