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WEATHER—MOSTLY FAIR

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WHILE HUN SUBMARINES SCOUR ATLANTIC FOR NON-COMBATANT VESSELS, FORCES OF ALLIES WIN IN LEGITIMATE OPERATIONS

STRATHDENE WAS FIRED ON BEFORE HER CREW LEFT HER DECLARES HER COMMANDER

German U Boat Showed Scant Courtesy to British Steamer Sunk off Nantucket—The Kingston's Crew Not all Found—Steamer Jupiter Also a Victim of Under-water Pirates.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE NO PRESENTMENT TO WASHINGTON

New York, Oct. 9.—Thirteen shots were fired at the British steamer Strathdene, one of the vessels sunk by a German submarine off Nantucket yesterday, before the thirty-three members of the crew had taken to the boats, according to Captain Wilson, the Strathdene's commander, who was brought here today with his crew by the Uruguayan steamer P. L. M. No. 4.

"My ship was attacked without warning," declared Captain Wilson, after he had given a detailed statement of the incident to the British consul-general. "Thirteen shots were fired before we left the vessel. None of the shots, however, struck the ship until we had taken to the boats."

Under instructions from the consul-general, Captain Wilson declined to give out further information. Consular officials said Captain Wilson's report first would have to be forwarded to the British ambassador at Washington before he could discuss the sinking of the Strathdene.

Members of the Strathdene's crew said that after they had pulled away from the ship they saw the submarine approach the oil steamer Christian Knudsen, whose crew seemed to be getting ready to lower their boats. The submarine then returned and torpedoed the Strathdene, and again steamed toward the oil ship, and apparently replenished her oil tanks. Several torpedo boats were in the vicinity, the sailors said, when the two ships were sunk. Officers of the rescuing ship asserted the Strathdene's officers told them that the submarine was made fast to the tanker for three-quarters of an hour, taking oil, before that vessel was sunk.

NO TIME FOR MEN TO TAKE BOATS.

Accounts of the torpedoing of the Strathdene, told on board the P. L. M. No. 4 by the rescued crew, corroborated Captain Wilson's statement that his ship was fired on before the officers and crew got into the boats.

Captain Yates, of the P. L. M. No. 4, said Captain Wilson told him that when the submarine came alongside eight or ten officers, including Captain Rose, of the U-53, boarded the Strathdene.

"Captain Rose ordered me to abandon my ship immediately," Captain Yates said. Captain Wilson told him, "The two boats were lowered and the submarine commander gave instructions for reaching Nantucket Lightship, ordering us to go as fast as possible. As we pulled away the submarine fired four more shots at her which struck above the water line. The oil steamer just then hove in sight, and the submarine headed for her, afterward returning to torpedo the Strathdene."

WILL SAY NO MORE TO U. S.

Washington, Oct. 9.—Unless instructed to do so by the London foreign office the British embassy here does not intend to make any fresh representations to the state department, as it regards the representations already made regarding the Deutschland as sufficiently setting forth the British view of international law on the subject.

TO ENSURE CONFORMITY WITH LAW.

Washington, Oct. 9.—The navy department began today preparations to establish a patrol of warships along the north Atlantic coast, to make certain that American neutrality is not violated by the German submarine raid on Allied shipping.

KINGSTON MEN STILL MISSING.

Washington, Oct. 9.—The navy department was advised by Admiral Knight, by telegraph today that United States destroyers have been unable to locate the crew of the British freighter Kingston sunk by a German submarine off Nantucket. If the crew has been saved, Knight reported, it was by a merchant ship which has failed to report the fact officially.

LONDON MERELY INTERESTED.

London, Oct. 9.—The operations of the U-53 have created the greatest amount of interest here but the foreign office states it is inadvisable under present circumstances to make any announcement in regard to the attitude of the British government.

THE JUPITER SUNK.

London, Oct. 9.—The British steamship Jupiter, of 2,284 tons gross, is believed to have been sunk, according to announcement today at Lloyds shipping agency. The Jupiter was 285 feet, built at Greenock in 1901, and owned by the Hessler Shipping Company, of West Hartlepool.

WERE NORWEGIAN VESSELS SUNK BY DANE SUBMARINE?

London, Oct. 9.—The Norwegian steamer Roney has been torpedoed in the Arctic. Her crew was landed, according to a Reuters despatch from Christiania. The despatch says that it is feared that the Norwegian steamer Viking has met a similar fate in the Arctic.

Copenhagen, Oct. 9, via London.—The Danish submarine Dykkeren was

sunk today after being in collision with a Norwegian steamer. The crew of the submarine is believed to have been saved.

The Dykkeren was of 136 tons gross and 114 feet long. She had a speed of twelve knots on the surface and ordinarily carried a complement of 9.

Big Liners on Their Way.

New York, Oct. 9.—Wireless reports from the Anchor liner Cameronian and the Frederick VIII. of the Scandinavian-American line received here tonight indicated that the steamers are proceeding to this port well off their customary courses. Both have heavy passenger lists, that of the Frederick VIII. including James W. Gerard, the American ambassador to Germany.

Russian Warships Raid Black Sea; Austria Loses Large Battleship; 700 French Soldiers Drowned

Fifty-eight Sailing Ships Destroyed by Russian Torpedo Boats; Zurich Despatch Reports Austrian Ship Blown Up in Pola Harbor—French Transport Gallia Torpedoed in Mediterranean, of 2,000 on Board 1,362 are Saved.

Petrograd, Oct. 9, via London.—Russian warships raided the Asia Minor seaports of Samsun and Sinope, in the Black Sea, on October 6, says today's Russian official statement, destroying 58 sailing vessels. The text says:

"Black Sea: On October 6 our torpedo boats made a raid on Samsun, and Sinope, destroying 58 sailing boats of various sizes and bombarding the harbors. One steel boat was brought to Sebastopol and 40 men made prisoners."

AUSTRIAN BATTLESHIP BLOWN UP.

Rome, Oct. 9.—Reports are in circulation here that an Austrian battleship has been blown up in Pola harbor. The name of the vessel is not known, neither can it be ascertained whether the vessel was destroyed by bombs from Italian airplanes or internal explosion.

Paris, Oct. 9.—One of the largest Austrian warships blew up recently at Pola, according to a press despatch from Zurich. The despatch says that refugees from Dalmatia brought the news to Switzerland but they did not know the cause of the explosion.

FRENCH TRANSPORT TORPEDOED.

Paris, Oct. 9.—The transport Gallia, carrying 2,000 French and Serbian troops has been torpedoed. Up to the present 1,362 soldiers have been rescued.

The torpedo caused the explosion of ammunition in the hold of the Gallia and also destroyed the wireless apparatus, making it impossible to send out calls for help. The crew and troops took to rafts and small boats, a number of which were picked up by a French cruiser. Others reached the Sardinian shore.

The Gallia was a 16,100 ton steamship, 574 feet long and 64 feet of beam. She was built in the Seine in 1913, and owned by the Compagnie De Navigation Sub-Atlantique, of Bordeaux. She was one of the larger vessels sunk by submarines during the war, having been only 700 tons smaller than the White Star liner Arabic.

The Gallia's recent movements have not been disclosed, as she was in government service. Early this year Serbian troops were taken to Bizerta, Tunis, which is south of Sardinia. The Gallia may have been on her way from Tunis with troops for the Macedonian front.

GERMANS READY TO SPREAD PLAGUE GERMS IN BUCHAREST

Investigation in Roumanian Capital Uncovers Fiendish Plot—Germans had "Virus" that Would Propagate Epidemic Among Men and Horses.

Bucharest, via London, Oct. 9.—The following official communication was issued today:

"A squadron of eight German aeroplanes flew over Bucharest at eleven o'clock and dropped bombs in the neighborhood of the Gare Dunard and on some linen warehouses. The damage done was insignificant."

"The enemy aviators left a half hour later."

"The situation on our front is unchanged. We are still holding the heights dominating Petroseny and the Jiu Valley. We are in possession of the Calnel defile. Yesterday German artillery bombarded the railway station at Calnel. An investigation made at the German legation led to the discovery of numerous cases of trinitrotozene buried in the garden of the legation, and of flagons labelled "Virus" which was intended to propagate simultaneously an epidemic among men and horses."

"A representative of the U. S. legation witnessed the discovery. This new criminal German manoeuvre reveals preparation similar to those made in other countries. The Germans were unable to use their high explosive against works of art as they were surprised by Roumania's entry into the war and by the surveillance of the secret police."

TOLL OF U-53'S VICTIMS STILL REMAINS AT SIX

Reports of Additional Torpedoings Without Foundation—No base for Rumor that Enemy Craft had Supply Depot on American Coast.

Newport, R. I., Oct. 9.—The known list of the victims of the U-boat's Sunday exploits remains at six notwithstanding reports from the Nantucket Lightship that three other ships, the identity of which could not be learned, were sent to the bottom. There was also a persistent rumor without verification that a British cruiser, one of the allied patrol fleet sent to the submarine zone, had been attacked. Destroyers swept the waters for a wide area today in a vain search for the crew of the steamer Kingstonian, who were seen by members of the steamer Strathdene to take to their boats before their vessel was sunk. Rear-Admiral Knight, commandant of the Narragansett Bay naval defense district, did not appear to be alarmed at the lack of success in finding the missing men and saw no reason to change the previous reports that the raid so destructive to property was accomplished without loss of life.

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GREEK FLEET IS IN REVOLT

Rome, Oct. 9.—The whole Greek fleet has now joined the revolutionary movement said an Athens despatch today.

SOMME FIGHT IS INCREASING IN VIOLENCE

British and French Continue to Rake Hun Lines with Murderous Hail of Fire.

London, Oct. 9.—British troops north of the River Somme made progress during the night, says the British official statement issued today, and established positions to the east of Le Sars and in the direction of Butte de Warlencourt.

Paris, via London, Oct. 9.—The following communication was issued tonight:

"On the Somme there has been sustained activity by our artillery. The enemy's reply was particularly brisk in the region southwest of Barleux and in the regions of Belleu and Dente-court."

"This morning an enemy attack, starting from the St. Pierre Vaast Wood salient to the east of Rancourt, was repulsed by grenades. Shortly afterwards a reconnaissance debouching from the small wood northeast of Bouchavesnes was dispersed by our machine gun fire."

"On the remainder of the front there is nothing to report."

Paris, Oct. 9.—The following statement issued this afternoon by the French war office says:

"On the Somme the night was calm to the north of the river. To the south there were bombardments on each side."

"In the Roye district the enemy carried on a very lively bombardment against our Canny-Sur-Matthe positions. Our artillery replied."

"On the rest of the front there was nothing to report."

CANADA AT WORK WITH ADMIRALTY

Hon. J. D. Hazen Says Steps have Already been Taken to Deal with the Atlantic Submarine Danger.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 9.—Hon. J. D. Hazen stated today that the Canadian naval service department was in constant communication with the British admiralty on the submarine menace on the Atlantic coast. "Steps have been taken," said the minister of Marine and Fisheries, "to remove the danger. Everything possible is being done with the resources at the disposal of the British and Canadian governments."

In official circles it is believed that this is purely a sporadic effort and will soon be checked. The only hope of escape of the German submarines is lax enforcement of the American neutrality laws, which would enable them to take refuge temporarily within the three-mile limit.

RUSSIANS, SERBS AND ROUMANANS ARE MAKING PROGRESS AGAINST TEUTONIC ARMIES IN THE EAST

Czar's Troops in Volhynia have Penetrated Enemies' Lines and Consolidated Positions Taken—Roumanians Evacuate Kronstadt but at Once Launch New Attack.

BRITISH TROOPS CROSS STRUMA AND EXTEND ATTACKS ON BULGARS

Petrograd, Oct. 9, via London.—The great battle in Volhynia, east of Vladimir Volynski is continuing, the war office announced today, and the Russians have succeeded at some places in entering the Teutonic lines. The positions taken have been consolidated, the statement adds. In the Brezany region, southeast of Lemberg, the Austro-German forces have assumed the offensive but were stopped in their attacks. Austrian advanced trenches in this sector were taken, says the report.

BRITISH TROOPS CROSS STRUMA.

London, Oct. 9.—The British forces which crossed the Struma river on the eastern end of the Macedonian front have extended their positions to the north and south, occupying several more villages. These operations are described officially as follows:

"On the Struma front our mounted troops moved forward to the line Kakaraska Salmah-Homondos, meeting with little opposition."

"Further north the villages of Chavdar-Mah, Ormanli and Haznatar were occupied by our troops."

"On the Dolran front there were no developments."

ROUMANIANS IN GOOD SHAPE.

London, Oct. 9.—A Bucharest despatch forwarded from Rome to the Wireless Press says the Roumanians evacuated the Transylvanian city of Kronstadt to avoid its destruction by Austro-German batteries which had begun to fire on the town. The present position of the Roumanian army is described as excellent.

GOOD WORK IN THE CAUCASUS.

Petrograd, Oct. 9, via London.—Reporting operations against the Turks in the Caucasus the Russian official statement issued today says:

"Caucasian front: Near Ognott and Chamirion our patrol detachments engaged in successful operations."

Petrograd, Oct. 9.—Regarding the fighting between the Russo-Roumanian forces and troops of the Central Powers and their allies in the Roumanian province of Debrudja the Russian official statement given out here today, says:

"Debrudja: Yesterday our troops fortified themselves on their newly occupied positions."

BRITISH TAKE HUN TRENCHES AND REPULSE COUNTER ATTACK

Gas Cleared the Way for Infantry Patrols in Fighting North of the Ancre—Successful Raids at Neuville St. Vaast and Loos.

London, Oct. 9.—The official communication from British headquarters in France issued tonight reads:

"In the neighborhood of Le Transloy a party of the enemy was caught in the open by our artillery, and dispersed. As a result of a local operation we gained ground north of Stuff redoubt, inflicting serious losses on the enemy and taking over two hundred prisoners, including six officers."

"Early this morning we successfully entered the enemy's trenches south of Arras. Southeast of Souchez a strong enemy party rushed a crater fronting our lines, but was immediately ejected with heavy losses."

BRITISH TAKE HUN TRENCHES.

London, Oct. 9.—Today's official statement regarding operations on the Franco-Belgian front says: "Gas was discharged successfully at different points along our front north of the Ancre. The enemy's reply was feeble and our patrols were able to enter his trenches and secure prisoners. Several raids were carried out by us in the neighborhood of Neuville St. Vaast and Loos. The enemy's trenches were entered in all cases many casualties being inflicted and a number of prisoners taken. In addition three machine gun emplacements were destroyed and considerable damage done to the enemy's trenches."

CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Oct. 9.—The midnight casualty list is as follows:

Infantry.

Missing—Wm. Darrach, Westville, N. S. Ernest Ingalls, Grand Harbor, Grand Manan, N. B. Leslie Titus, St. John, N. B. Wm. F. Tomlin, Halifax, N. S.

Wounded—Charles A. Firman, Alandale, N. S. Wm. L. Sinton, Galloway, N. B.

Artillery.

Killed in action—Gunner C. E. Havens, Jacksonville, N. B.

Infantry.

Wounded—Alex. Gillies, New Waterford, N. S.

ELECTION STORY IS SAID TO BE "RUBBISH"

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Oct. 9.—Inquiry in official circles tonight as to the truth of a statement by Le Canada, of Montreal, that there was going to be a general election this fall and that the Liberal constituencies of Quebec should select their candidates at once, met with the comment that Le Canada was talking "rubbish."

Norwegian Steamer Sunk.

London, Oct. 9.—Lloyds announces that the Norwegian steamer Risholm has been sunk.