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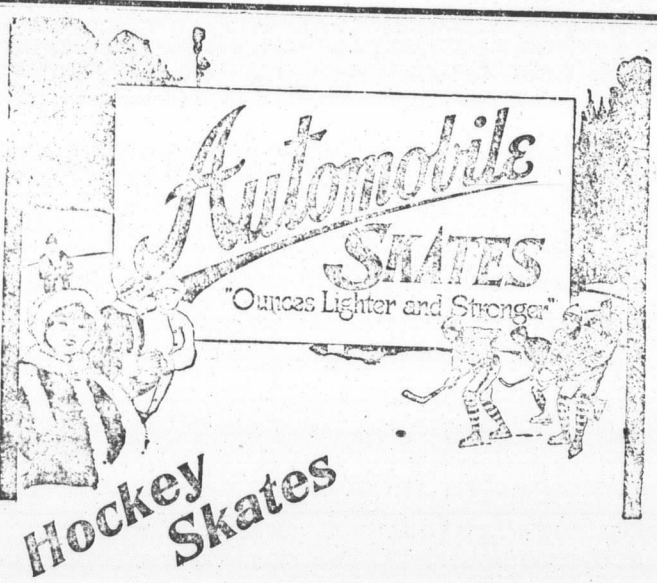
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SHIPPING RAIDS BEGINS

Germans Destroy Five British Merchant Vessels.

Submarines Sink Three Steamers in the Irish Sea and Two in the English Channel — Crews Are All Landed in Safety—One Ship Carried Food For Destitute Belgians From New Zealand.

LONDON, Feb. 1. — Five British merchant steamers were sunk by German submarines during Saturday and Sunday at various points in the Irish Sea and the English Channel.

The British steamer Tokomaru has been sunk by a torpedo from a German submarine. The British vessel Icarus also was torpedoed in the same locality. In the Irish Sea the British steamers Linda Blanche and Ben Cruachen were torpedoed.

The torpedo made a hole below the water line, but the Tokomaru remained afloat for half an hour. This gave the crew of fifty-seven men a chance to get off in the small boats.

The German submarine U-21 on Saturday torpedoed the North Shields steamer Ben Cruachen off this port. The entire crew, number twenty, was landed here.

The captain of the steamer says he was overtaken by the submarine on Saturday morning and ordered to leave his ship within ten minutes. Hardly had the crew got into the boats when a torpedo was fired, and the steamer went down.

The Ben Cruachen, which was of 1,978 tons and belonged to the Morrison Shipping Co., was on a voyage from the Orkney Islands to Liverpool with a general cargo.

Fleetwood is one of the principal fishing and shipping ports on the west coast. The steamer Graphic, with passengers, Belfast to Liverpool, one paper says, passed wreckage and soon afterwards saw the Ben Cruachen sunk. The Graphic was chased, but eluded pursuit and reached the Mersey safely.

Two other vessels besides the Ben Cruachen were sunk by the German submarine U-21. This fact became known when a trawler brought in the eleven members of the crew of the steamer Linda Blanche, which was sent to the bottom by the German raider.

The Linda Blanche was on its way from Manchester to Belfast when the submarine sighted her. Officers came aboard and in perfect English ordered the crew to leave the steamer. As soon as the men of the Linda Blanche were in their boats the Germans attached a mine to the bridge and another to the foremast. When these were exploded the vessel was destroyed.

The skipper of the vessel stated that at two o'clock Saturday afternoon he sighted another ship, on which an explosion evidently had occurred. He was steering in the direction of this vessel when he picked up the Linda Blanche's boats. When he reached the point where he had seen the other ship, he found no trace of wreckage, and he believed it went down after he first sighted it.

The crew of the British steamer Kilecan has been landed on the Isle of Man, in the Irish Sea, by the coasting steamer Gladys. The crew reports that the Kilecan was sunk by a submarine. The Kilecan was a small steamer of 456 tons.

Leinster Chased; But Escaped. DUBLIN, Feb. 1. — The steamer Leinster, from Holyhead to Kingston, reports that she was chased by a German submarine for fifteen minutes off the Irish Light vessel, but succeeded in escaping.

The Irish Light vessel is opposite the mouth to Ince Bay. The Allan Line steamer Scandinavia, from St. John, N.B., Jan. 22, for Liverpool, with 500 passengers on board, learned of the raid of the 21st, and put into Queenstown. After remaining in Queenstown for a short time, the steamer proceeded for Liverpool.

Bread Goes Up in the U. S. CHICAGO, Feb. 1. — Six-cent bread was enforced here Saturday night by the National Association of Bakers, through its secretary, Jos. M. Bell. While the bakers were considering raising the price of the five-cent loaf, the Clean Food Club was outlining a campaign to teach housewives the economy of home-made bread.

To Use Motor Cars. DETROIT, Feb. 1. — The Pere Marquette Railroad will on Monday begin its substitution of motor cars for passenger trains on the branches that have proven their inability to meet expenses of passenger traffic under the present plan of operation.

TRENCHES RECAPTURED

British Have Retrieved All Losses at La Bassee.

While Weather Along Western Front Favors Infantry Movements the Ground is Not Yet Hard Enough For Movement of Artillery—Allied Guns Are Now Far Superior To the Krupp Weapons.

PARIS, Feb. 1. — All the trenches momentarily lost by the British army at La Bassee were retaken in a strong assault by the first division Saturday night. Fighting at this important position was no child's play, for the French official statement says that the Germans left a great many dead before the British trenches.

Owing to the setting in of frosty weather, with an invigorating element in the atmosphere, the soldiers are full of fighting, and constant attacks along the front may be expected, but owing to the condition of the roads, which are not yet suitable for the movement of ponderous artillery, a general advance can hardly be looked for till after the break up of spring.

The Germans made a movement to overcome the French at Fontaine Madame Sunday morning. Three attacks were driven off here with great slaughter. Heavy artillery firing was the feature of the operations Saturday night and Sunday morning and in the work the allies more than held their own, and they had successes to their credit.

As time goes on the allied artillery grows more and more of an ascendancy over the Krupp artillery. Effective work was performed by the French guns Saturday night and Sunday morning in the sections of Arras, Roye, Soissons, Rheims and Perthes. Two of the German guns were destroyed, several field works were made untenable and collections of lance bombs were exploded. The long range field pieces got the range of several concentrations of troops made for attacks, and caused their hasty dispersal. Bivouacs and convoys were also severely handled by the same fire.

The answer of the allies to the German revival of the offensive last week has been to move additional batteries to the front, so as to cope with the increased armament of the Germans. It may be surmised that when the allies begin to advance in earnest the Germans will be given a few matters for wonder in the gunnery branch of warfare.

The French still hold the Village of Ansomont, near Badonviller, which the German official statement claimed the Germans had occupied.

No changes reported in the situation from the Argonne to the Vosges. The Germans heavily bombarded Arras, Rurie and Roolincourt. They exploded a mine on the plateau of Nivron without attaining any results, as they expected. The French troops in the Argonne were forced to withdraw Saturday about 250 yards, owing to the long occupation of the trenches making them untenable. Serious losses on both sides occurred in the performing of these operations.

GENUINE AGENTS.

List of Allies' Representatives Given to Prevent Frauds.

OTTAWA, Feb. 1. — In consequence of the misrepresentations that have been made to business firms in the United States and Canada by persons who have fraudulently styled themselves purchasing agents for the British and French Governments, it has been considered advisable by the Government to publish the following list of purchasing agents for military purposes of the allied Governments:

British—Col. A. G. Barton and F. W. Stobart, Ritz Carlton Hotel, Montreal.

French—Hudson Bay Co., Montreal; Capt. Le Folloux, Hotel Brevoort, New York; Direction De L'Intendance, Bordeaux, France; M. De La Chaume, 28 Broadway, London.

Russian—Ruperts and Alexsief, care of the Russian Embassy, Washington.

Prisoners Are Troublesome.

KINGSTON, Jan. 31. — German prisoners are giving some trouble by attempting to escape. Some have broken camp, but have been recaptured. The authorities are vigilant, but while maintaining discipline, have no desire to be extremely severe. Men who refused to work for the pay offered, have been tried and punished, and one prisoner, while attempting to escape Monday night, was wounded by a sentry. The prisoners who number nearly seven hundred, are being well treated, but made to understand that insubordination will be punished.

In Norwegian Waters.

LONDON, Feb. 1. — The Morning Post has the following from Paris: "The Copenhagen correspondent of Le Temps hears from a trustworthy source that German submarines are cruising in Norwegian waters, contrary to international law. It is believed they have depots in deserted islands farthest away from the coast, and reconnoitered during the manœuvres held for several years past off the Norwegian coast."

Cattle May Be Imported.

OTTAWA, Feb. 1. — The Federal authorities are now allowing the importation of cattle from the Channel Islands. Permit must first be obtained from the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa in the usual way. Such importations are not allowed from Great Britain and Ireland.

School Burned Down.

WALLACEBURG, Feb. 1. — Fire originating from spontaneous combustion in a coal bin, destroyed the North Side Public School here yesterday afternoon. The estimated loss is \$20,000, with insurance of \$17,000.

NEWS TOPICS OF WEEK

Important Events Which Have Occurred During the Week.

The Busy World's Happenings Carefully Compiled and Put into Handy and Attractive Shape for the Readers of Our Paper—A Solid Hour's Enjoyment.

TUESDAY.

The Austro-Hungarian import duty on cottonseed oil, the whole supply of which comes from the United States, has been reduced from 40 to 15 krona.

The roof of the Palace Skating Rink at Port Colborne collapsed yesterday morning, luckily when there was nobody in the rink. A big hockey match was held Saturday night. Fire destroyed the West Grain Co. elevator at Carlstadt, Alta., on Sunday. The elevator had 5,000 bushels in it at the time, and the total loss is about \$20,000, partly covered by insurance.

A Russian Imperial ukase, issued yesterday, fixed Jan. 30 as the date for the reopening of the session of the Council of State, and Feb. 2 as the day when the sittings of the Douma shall be resumed.

A fire which started in the rear of Miss Thompson's millinery parlor at St. Catharines, and spread to Devor's shoe store did damage which is not likely to exceed \$6,000, partially covered by insurance.

The Red Cross Society of England has asked the Canadian Militia Department, it is reported unofficially, to furnish doctors and hospital orderlies to take charge of a base hospital which is being organized by the Red Cross Society.

The German Government has accepted the alternative offered by the United States in the case of the prize collier, K.D. 3, formerly the British collier Fern, and has consented to her internment for the war, with her crew, at San Juan, Porto Rico.

WEDNESDAY.

Steamship traffic between Trelleborg, Sweden, and Sassnitz, Germany, has come to an end. The route is now controlled by allied submarines.

Emil Nerlich, charged in Toronto with high treason, occupied the same cell in the jail Sunday night as Harry Asher, who shot the Rev. J. McPherson Scott some time ago in the east end.

Women suffrage passed the West Virginia Legislature yesterday. The vote in the Senate was 28 to 1, and in the House 80 to 6. The measure will be voted upon by the people at the next election.

Three short, sharp earthquakes have shook the Isthmus of Panama in the last three days, the third one occurring yesterday. None of the shocks did any damage, though the inhabitants were considerably frightened.

The Japanese battleship Hizen and the armored cruiser Iwate appeared yesterday outside the three-mile international limit and began taking coal from the collier Kanakura Maru, which had just left Honolulu.

Following the establishment of an employment bureau among the students of the School of Science, in Toronto, efforts are being made to provide as large a percentage of students as possible with positions during the coming summer.

Petitions in London, Ont., are being circulated calling for a civic or military trial of H. J. Glaubitz, the German-born general manager of the London Public Utilities Commission, who is charged with aiding a German reservist to leave the country.

THURSDAY.

It was stated authoritatively yesterday that President Wilson will veto the immigration bill because of the literacy test.

Aeroplane raids and bomb-dropping expeditions, the Carranza agency at Washington announces, are to be conducted against Mexico City.

Baron von Burián, the new Austro-Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, has been decorated by Emperor William with the order of the Black Eagle.

Despite the announcement that the Boer uprising in South Africa has been completely crushed, the rebels in Bechuanaland are still fighting against overwhelming forces.

Australian Government announced yesterday that it had a plan for the formation of a rifle reserve of half a million men, which may be used in Europe if the war is prolonged.

Provisional President Roque Gonzalez Garza of Mexico arranged yesterday to authorize a loan of fifteen million pesos to pay the expenses of war and of the pacification of the country.

N. E. Hagel, K.C., died yesterday in Winnipeg after a long illness, aged 68. Born in Oxford county, he was called to the Ontario bar in 1873. He practiced in British Columbia and the Yukon.

The latest casualty in the Canadian Expeditionary Force is the death on Jan. 26th of No. 2519, Pte. Charles R. MacKenzie, 15th Battalion, at No. 1 Canadian General Field Hospital, Netheravon, from bronchopneumonia.

FRIDAY.

A compass indicating the depth of a bullet lodged in the flesh has been invented by Dr. Maxixe Menard, of the Cochin Hospital, in France.

The Warren Chemical Products Co. of Warren, Pa., yesterday began work on a \$500,000 contract to supply gun cotton to England and Russia.

Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany has been stricken with a severe attack of influenza, and is seriously ill. He is under the care of two physicians at his headquarters. The Novoe Vremya states that in order to establish the legal status of the anti-dumping Russia will place the Germans captured in the Zepelin, which recently attacked Libau, on trial.

The Danish Government is making representations to the British Government in the matter of delays caused

by the censor in cable communication between Denmark and the United States.

Bert. Quinn, aged 30, died in the Hotel Dieu at Kingston, yesterday as the result of injuries received late on Wednesday night, when his horse ran away. Quinn was a farmer, living on Pittsburg road.

At Brooklyn, N.Y., Louis Stone, five years old, and Dorothy, three, daily had seen their mother, Mrs. Rose Stone, bathe their infant sister, and they tried to do as she had done. The result was the drowning of the infant.

SATURDAY.

The Swift Canadian Co., Ltd., gives notice of change of head office from Winnipeg to Toronto.

John McCoy, aged 53, a prominent Conservative and councillor, of Madoc, is dead at Welland. A widow, two daughters and a son survive.

Judge McDonald of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville has retired, after 42 years on the bench. J. K. Dowseley, K.C., of Prescott, has been appointed to succeed him.

The Dominion Government has further relaxed the regulations due to the foot and mouth disease in the United States, to permit the importation of hay from Northern Michigan.

The oil tank steamer Brindilla sailed from Shields yesterday for the United States, after having been detained there for several days by the customs officers, pending an enquiry into her ownership.

An order was issued from Salisbury, Eng., camp headquarters yesterday stating that no Canadian footwear will be worn by the men who go to the front, as the boots have been found unsatisfactory.

The death of Erwin Beit von Speyer, nephew of James Speyer of the New York banking firm of Speyer & Co., while fighting with the German forces in France, has just been announced by The Frankfurter Zeitung.

A Hungarian named Monos attempted to get into the United States from Canada. He was unsuccessful. He tried another route and got through, reaching Watertown, N.Y., when the immigration agent captured him and returned him to Kingston.

Reports from Paris state that a Zepelin raid was attempted near Nancy and frustrated.

It is reported that Charles F. G. Masferrer has resigned as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, in the British Government.

Kingston police have unearthed a half a ton of brass belonging to the Grand Trunk. It had been shipped to a local junk shop from Ottawa.

Another skirmish with the Turkish advance guard not far from Suez is reported from the British forces in Egypt. It was not of a serious character.

Between \$15,000 and \$20,000 worth of diamonds were stolen Saturday from the pawn shop of Adolph Stern in New York by three automobile bandits.

San Luis Potosi is again in the hands of Carranza forces. It was turned over without a battle Friday and the fall of Monterey now held by Villa troops, is reported imminent.

Kingston had its coldest weather of the winter during Friday night, when the thermometer showed 24 degrees below zero. At eight o'clock Saturday morning it was 18 below.

State Department officials in Washington have declared that the purchase by the Government of ships belonging to the belligerents had not become a subject of official negotiation.

All the inhabitants of British colonies now in Germany, except those born in Australia, will be interned in camps at various points, according to an order which has been issued in Berlin.

ADVANCES EVERYWHERE.

Russian War Office Reports Progress All Along the Line.

LONDON, Feb. 1. — Despatches from Petrograd yesterday claim success on every front on which the Russian army is engaged. In East Prussia, in central Poland, on the Carpathian front, where the Russians say the fighting is assuming "the character of a general battle," in the Caucasus, and in Persia the armies of the Czar are advancing against the Turks or holding their own.

In the Caucasus, indeed, their successes are claimed to be more pronounced. There is no confirmation of the unofficial report that the Russians have recaptured Tabriz, in Persia, but the report may be true, as the official despatches tell of a severe defeat of the Turks in that neighborhood and the flight of the fugitives toward Tabriz.

Vienna reports of the capture of 10,000 Russians and the recapture of the Carpathian passes are regarded with skepticism.

The Russian General Staff yesterday gave out the following statement: "In the region of the forests north of Piltallen and Gralimont (East Prussia) the battle continues. Here in the region of the village of Liebsagen we repulsed the Germans by a counter-attack with bayonets."

"On the left bank of the Vistula, and the approaches to Berlin, the Germans, during the night of Jan. 29 and the next day, repeated their attacks upon our positions. They were everywhere thrown back with great losses, except at one trench, which remained in the hands of the enemy."

"On the Carpathian front, in the passes of Dukla and Wyszow, the fighting is gradually assuming the character of a general battle."

Wheat Monopoly Favored. LONDON, Feb. 1. — The general trades unions in a document issued Saturday regarding the high prices of food in the United Kingdom, recommended chiefly that the British Government take over all wheat supplies, as has been done in Germany.

"The British farmer," the document reads, "would suffer no real hardship or loss if the Government commandeered the home-grown and unmarketed wheat at 42 shillings (\$10.50) a quarter, and immediate action on these lines would tend to moderate prices."