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LABOR DAY EXTRA HESPERIAN TORPEDOED

Ship Did Not Sink and Every Soul on Board Was Saved WOUNDED CANADIANS COMING HOME AMONG PASSENGERS

ALLAN LINER HIT BY TORPEDO WHILE OFF COAST OF IRELAND



Allan liner steamer Hesperian, which was struck by a German submarine off the Irish coast on Saturday night. The steamer did not sink, and the 650 people on board were saved.

GREATEST TREK ON KOWKASH FOR GOLD FIND

All Kinds of Prospectors and Adventurers Hit Yellow Trail.

SPECIAL TRAINS RUN

Twenty Odd Claims Already Have Been Staked in New Field.

HAILEYBURY, Sept. 5.—The whole Timiskaming country is wild with the Kowkash gold discovery made by King Dods two weeks ago and first told in detail in The Toronto World on Friday last. The excitement extends from North Bay, thru Cobalt, Haileybury, Liskeard, Porcupine, Cochrane and now all along the transcontinental to Kowkash and on to Superior Junction and Port Arthur. The silver discoveries of Cobalt and the gold discoveries of Porcupine will be exceeded in interest by the trek now on to the Kowkash country. 300 miles west of Cochrane, Kowkash is a village post 777 from Toronto to Winnipeg by the transcontinental.

RUSSIAN MOTORBOAT TOOK TWO TURK SHIPS

Armed Crews Were Made Prisoners — Some Skirmishes in Caucasus.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 5.—(Via London, 11.10 p.m.)—The war office today made public the following official communication concerning the warfare on the Black Sea and in the Caucasus: "A Russian motorboat has captured two Turkish sailing vessels laden with provisions, and made prisoners of their armed crews in the region of Melasgerud. "Encounters took place between our scouts and Turkish cavalry near the villages of Alkhias and Khoulka."

FRESH ADVANCE AGAINST TURKS

Some Progress Made in North Zone of Gallipoli Peninsula.

TURK ATTACK FAILED

Unsuccessful Night Onslaught Against British Near Anzac Region.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—Paris reports that the Turks have delivered an unsuccessful night attack against the British positions near the Anzac region, but beyond that no news has been received of the operations in the near east. "Tonight's official French statement says: "In the Dardanelles since the end of August, quiet has prevailed in the north zone several engagements of quite a spirited nature have enabled the British troops to realize some progress. "There has been renewal of the reports from Athens of dissensions between the Turks and Germans at Constantinople and of depression among the Turks as the result of heavy losses in Gallipoli. No evidence of this, however, is to be found among the Turkish troops, who are reported to be fighting with all their old stubbornness."

HAMILTON GIRL IS REPORTED MISSING

Daughter of W. Taylor Separated From Parents Aboard Hesperian.

By a Staff Reporter. HAMILTON, Monday, Sept. 6.—It was learned late last night that W. Taylor, his wife and two children who reside on the mountain top, were aboard the Hesperian when it was torpedoed. Mrs. Hedger, 79 South Bay street, who is a friend of the Taylor family, received a message stating that Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and daughter Dorothy are safe, but that Nellie is missing.

German Batteries Silenced at Several Points by Opposing Guns.

SOME BOMBING DUELS

Artillery Bombardments Main Form of Fighting in France.

German Batteries Silenced at Several Points by Opposing Guns.

EXHIBITION VISITORS.

One of the features of visiting Toronto is inspecting the fall style display at Dineen's, 140 Yonge street. Ladies will be charmed with the new fall millinery and fur—men with the new fall hats and hand-some fur coats. The values are unusually fine and are not surpassed on this continent. You are cordially invited by the company to make their store your shopping headquarters during your visit.

TEUTON ARMIES ABOUT EXHAUST DRIVING POWER

Germans and Austrians Make Small Headway in Russia of Late.

FORCES AT STANDSTILL

Von Hindenburg Held Up by Resistance Between Riga and Grodno.

LONDON, Sept. 5, 9.50 p.m.—Either the driving power of the Austro-German offensive against Russia is nearly exhausted or the German generals have decided that their armies have penetrated the Russian Emperor's dominions as far as is considered safe and are preparing to dig themselves in for the winter. This is the opinion expressed by military writers here. "Certainly very little progress is now being made, and at many points the Germans and Austrians are kept busy repulsing the counter attacks of the Russians. From the Gulf of Riga to Grodno, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's armies are at a standstill, having apparently made no attempt to cross the Dvina after carrying the bridgeheads at Lennewa and Friedrichstadt. "To the north, southwest and south of Vilna, the fall of which has been predicted for some days, the Germans are faced by very strong Russian forces who, by their offensive, have made it dangerous for the Germans to push their way westward, or to the south of them. "Object Not Obvious. "The Germans on the other hand, are massed between Grodno and Kobryn on the Brest-Pinsk Railway, but their immediate object is not obvious, unless they are looking for a good defensive position on which to hold the Russians throughout the winter. "Further south the Russians are offering fierce resistance, as they are firmly established in a fortified area, of which Rovno and Dubno are centres; while in Galicia they still hold the line of the Sereth River. "With the rainy season a few weeks off, the opposing armies, especially in the marshy region of the centre, cannot hope to carry on the operations much longer, and some German intrepid reports state that the Germans and Austrians are already weakening their armies in Russia by moving troops to the Serbian, Rumanian and western fronts. "In the western zone the heavy artillery of the allies is still bombarding the German lines, doing all the damage possible and trying to break the morale of the German troops, but thus far there is no indication of a general offensive."

RUSSIA TO SPEED UP MUNITIONS OUTPUT

Parliament Gives Only Reply Worthy of Nation, Says Czar.

NO PEACE IN SIGHT

War Until Victory's Complete Determination of Whole People.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—A Petrograd despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company says: "Presiding yesterday at the first meeting of a special conference having for its object the discussion of measures to be taken for national defence, Emperor Nicholas declared: "The question before the conference is of the gravest importance, it concerns the more speedy equipment of the army with munitions, which is the one object for which our gallant troops wait in order to stop foreign invasion and bring success to our arms. Parliament have given me resolutely and without the least hesitation, the only reply worthy of Russia—a reply which I expected from it, namely, war until victory is complete. I doubt not that this is the voice of the whole Russian Nation."

FLOUR TO COME DOWN FIFTY CENTS BARREL

Reduction Goes Into Effect at Winnipeg Today—Pre-War Prices Rule.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 4.—A reduction of fifty cents per barrel on the price of flour goes into effect Monday. This follows a reduction of 70 cents per barrel that went into effect on Monday last, and brings the price of flour down to what it was at the outbreak of the war.

Vessel Remained Afloat and Every One of the 600 Souls on Board Was Saved.

WOUNDED CANADIANS AMONG PASSENGERS

Force of Explosion Was Tremendous and 20 Passengers Were Injured.

LONDON, Sept. 5, 11.00 p.m.—The Allan Line steamer Hesperian, with 350 passengers and a crew of 200 aboard, bound from Liverpool for Montreal, was attacked without warning by a German submarine, 130 miles from Queenstown, just as darkness was falling Saturday evening. Although the torpedo found its mark, the vessel remained afloat, and, according to a statement issued by the company tonight, every soul aboard was saved. The Allan Line officials, however, decided not to give out a list of the passengers. "No submarine was seen and probably it was too dark to observe the wake of a torpedo, but all the passengers and members of the crew who arrived at Queenstown on the rescue steamers today, agree that the attack was made by a German undersea boat, basing their opinion on the force of the shock and the great volume of water thrown into the air. This dropped back on the deck, drenching the passengers, who were taking an after dinner promenade, feeling quite safe, in the belief that they had passed the submarine danger zone. "Tremendous Explosion "The force of the explosion was tremendous, and of the passengers landed at Queenstown, many of them scantily clad, about 20 were injured. There were no American passengers aboard, so far as the American consul could learn tonight, but two members of the crew were American citizens, and they were both saved. "About thirty Canadian soldiers, who were wounded in battle in Flanders, were going home to recuperate. Most of the other passengers were Canadians, returning from a visit to England, or English people on their way to Canada to settle. "Settled by the Head "The torpedo struck the Hesperian in the forward engine-room, and the ship immediately began to settle by the head. Captain Main ordered the passengers and crew into the boats, but with his officers remained on the bridge, altho at that time he must have felt sure that his ship would go down. The discipline was perfect, but one of the boats, the falls of which became jammed, capsized, and those in her were thrown into the water. In the darkness confusion naturally prevailed, but all were picked up, and, with other passengers and the crew, were transferred to the rescue steamers which arrived in answer to wireless calls for assistance. The Hesperian was about 130 miles to the westward when struck.

TURKS CLAIM SUCCESS IN MINOR ENCOUNTERS

Demolition of Hostile Machine Gun One of Exploits Praised.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 5.—Via London, Sept. 5, 6.05 p.m.—The following official statement was issued today at the Turkish war office: "In the Anatolia section our artillery demolished a hostile machine gun. "South of Azankor our reconnoitering column surprised the enemy trenches at several points and captured a quantity of war material. "Nothing important has occurred near Ahi Burnu. "Near Seddul Bahr the enemy bombardment of Aitchepe and its neighborhood from land and sea for two hours fire caused an explosion among the enemy's mine throwers. An explosive mine demolished hostile barbed wire entanglements."

BIG ELEVATOR BURNED LOSS TWO MILLION

Structure Destroyed at Newport News One of Greatest in United States.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Sept. 5.—The Chesapeake & Ohio Grain Elevator "A," one of the largest in the United States, was destroyed by fire last night, with a loss estimated at \$2,000,000. Five hundred thousand bushels of wheat were in the elevator.

SALEM TANNERY BURNED

SALEM, Ont., Sept. 5.—The Salem tannery was destroyed by fire this afternoon, the loss being estimated at \$3000. The building was insured for \$1000 and the machinery and contents were uninsured.

TORPEDOED OFF THE IRISH COAST

U. S. Consul at Queenstown Says It Was Visible on the Stern. PASSENGERS LANDED Injured Vessel Will Arrive in Port Some Time Today.

CABINET TO MEET TO HEAR PREMIER

Sir Robert Borden Will Explain Attitude of Imperial Authorities.

TO GIVE FURTHER AID

New Features in Connection With Dominion War Program Expected.

OTTAWA, Sept. 5.—Sir Robert Borden rested quietly at his home today after his long and busy trip to Great Britain and the western battle front.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—A cablegram from American Consul Frost at Queenstown to the state department tonight, announcing the torpedoing of the Allan Line Steamer Hesperian, said the liner carried mounted and visible on her stern a 4.7 inch rifle.

The consul's message, dated 1 p.m. today, follows: "The Allan Line Steamer Hesperian, torpedoed by German submarine 79 miles southwest of Fastnet at 8.30 o'clock Saturday evening. One or two Americans on board, none lost. Vessel not sunk. Admiralty boats landed passengers and troops at 8.30 this morning. Have returned to bring Hesperian in here (Queenstown). Due about 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. There were about 45 Canadian troops on board, unorganized and mainly invalided. Also one 4.7 gun mounted and visible on stern. Vessel bound for Montreal."

GUN ABOARD HESPERIAN? OFFICIALS ARE DUBIOUS

Montreal Disbelieves Statement Attributed to American Consul Frost.

MONTREAL, Sept. 5.—Allan Line officials in Montreal do not credit the statement attributed to American Consul Frost at Queenstown, in a despatch to Washington, that the Hesperian carried a 4.7-inch gun. "So far as we know," said one of the Allan Line officials tonight, when asked the question, "the Hesperian did not carry a gun."

No list of passengers or of the crew is available on this side of the Atlantic.

The news of the torpedoing of the Hesperian came to Montreal to A. H. Allan of the Allan Line, and Capt. W. W. Walsh, marine superintendent of the C.P.R.

FURTHER PARTICULARS NEED NOT BE GIVEN

Ex-Cabinet Ministers on Trial in Winnipeg Not Entitled to More Information.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 4.—Magistrate P. A. McDonald ruled this afternoon that the counsel defending the ex-cabinet ministers—Sir Rodmond Roblin, Dr. W. H. Montague, J. H. Howden and G. R. Caldwell, charged with conspiracy to defraud the province, are not entitled to fuller particulars as to the charges from the crown at this stage in the proceedings. He held that the present hearing is merely a preliminary trial, and that the crown need not furnish the information sought.

No Warning Was Given and the Deadly Missile Was Discharged While All Was Dark.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN SAVED FROM WATER

Captain and Officers Stayed on Board and the Ship is Saved.

QUEENSTOWN, Sept. 5, 10.30 p.m.—Major J. St. Barres, a Canadian officer, who was returning home to recuperate from wounds, said: "The Hesperian was torpedoed without warning. The deadly missile was discharged at the steamer while she was shrouded in darkness. That there was not an appalling loss of life was no fault of the commander of the German submarine. The torpedo struck in a vital part of the engine room."

Major Barres assisted the engineers in closing the bulkheads and thereby the inflow of water from the first and second forward compartment was checked. By this means the steamer, which was in imminent danger of foundering, was kept afloat.

According to statements made by some of those who were landed here, the captain of the Hesperian and about twenty of his crew never left the steamer, and altho the captain appealed to many of his men who had taken to the boats to return they did not respond.

Two Americans Saved "So far as has been ascertained by the American consul, who has been making inquiries, there were only two Americans aboard. Both were saved. They were ship stewards. One of them, named Dolan, of Pittsburgh, said that no submarine was sighted. The only evidence that a submarine was near was a tremendous explosion which threw up such a mass of water that it swept clean over the forepart of the vessel.

Among those who had to swim for it were several Canadians. They were good swimmers and not only managed to keep afloat until picked up, but helped to save some of the women and children. A choppy sea, added to the darkness, intensified the misery of those in the boats, many of whom were scantily clad.

Thought They Were Safe "Another Canadian officer who remained on board the Hesperian until the rescue steamers arrived said the liner was struck by the torpedo at half past eight in the evening, when she was well out of sight of the Irish coast and everybody on board thought they were out of the danger zone.

With other officers, the Canadian says he went below to assist in closing the bulkheads, which was quickly accomplished. The torpedo, he says, hit the liner on the starboard side somewhere near the second bulkhead, and the ship went down by the bow to about 35 feet. As the water was more or less confined to the forward part of the steamer, Capt. Main was hopeful that he could bring the Hesperian to port.

Repaired the Wireless "The wireless, according to the officer, was put out of action as the result of the explosion, but a ship's officer climbed the mast and repaired it, and calls for assistance soon were being flashed across the sea. The first rescue steamer arrived at

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