

ANOTHER AMERICAN STEAMER TORPEDOED BY GERMAN PIRATES

The "Nebraskan" Struck by a Torpedo But Still Floats--The News Caused a Decided Shock at Washington--Italians Invade Austria Along a 70-Mile Front and Sweep all Before Them--Germans Launch a Furious Attack Around Przemysl--German Press Jubilant Over Attacks on Lord Kitchener--The New Cabinet Arouses Little Enthusiasm.

AMERICAN STEAMER TORPEDOED.

LONDON, May 26.—The American steamer Nebraskan which left Liverpool on May 24 for Delaware Breakwater is reported to have been torpedoed.

A later report said the Nebraskan was proceeding, and that no lives had been lost. It is evident she was not seriously damaged as the members of the crew of the Nebraskan, 47 in number are all on board. The foreholds of the vessel are full of water. The foregoing information was received by the British Admiralty and at once communicated to the American embassy.

HOW THE NEWS WAS RECEIVED AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—News of the torpedoing of the American steamer Nebraskan in the European war zone caused an unmistakable shock at the Government departments here; deals are awaited with evident anxiety.

AUSTRIANS IN RETREAT BEFORE ITALIANS.

ROME, May 26.—Offensive operations resulting in the occupation of Austrian territory all along the frontier from Lombardy to the Adriatic are claimed in an official statement issued by the War Office. Italian troops have seized various towns in the Trentino, and forced their enemy through mountain defiles.

On the lower Isonzo, attacks were continued to gain the line of the river.

The Austrians are reported to have retreated, destroying bridges behind them.

Italian aviators bombarded Montefalco near the Gulf of Trieste.

The Giornale d'Italia commenting on the bulletin says: "The Italian advance occupies a front of one hundred kilometers (about 66 2-3 miles) and has as extreme points, Catoretto on the north, to the Gulf of Trieste on the south. The first contingents of the Italians penetrated into Austrian territory distances ranging from two to four miles.

ROYAL APPOINTMENTS TO COMMANDS.

GENEVA, May 26.—According to advices received here the Austrian Archduke Eugene has asked Emperor Francis Joseph to place him at the head of the army operating against Italy. The Archduke has been commander of the forces operating against Serbia. It is reported Prince Adalbert of Prussia, son of Emperor William will have command of an Austrian naval squadron. Large numbers of German troops from Galicia are passing through Trepbau, Austrian Silesia, bound for the Tyrol. An Austrian army corps from Sicily with thirty batteries is on its way to that region.

CIVILIANS NOT TO BE INTERNED BY ITALY OR GERMANY.

ROTTERDAM, May 26.—The Courant publishes a telegram from Berlin stating that Germany and Italy have agreed neither to intern civilians nor seize their property.

FIERCE FIGHTING AROUND PRZEMYSL.

PETROGRAD, May 26.—The War Office today admits that the Austro-Germans have launched a furious attack against the Russian lines around Przemysl. The enemy apparently is in large force. Gen. MacKensen is directing the onslaught in person with the apparent intention of taking Przemysl at any cost. The battle for the fortress was resumed late Monday, simultaneous attacks being delivered on the forts guarding Przemysl from the west and on the Slav positions on the east bank of the San to north. A German army comprising Gen. MacKensen's left wing has opened a heavy bombardment of the Russian trenches above Jaroslau. To the north in Poland and Kovno desperate fighting continues; particularly sharp fighting is going on along the Dubissa River, and along the Niemen with the result in doubt.

In the Upper Vistula region in south eastern Poland, the enemy has been reinforced in the neighborhood of Opatow. His attempts to take the offensive have been repulsed and our counter attacks have resulted in heavy losses for the enemy.

ATLANTIC LINER BADLY DAMAGED IN COLLISION.

NEW YORK, May 26.—The Holland-American liner Ryndam bound from New York to Rotterdam with 185 passengers collided with the Norwegian freight steamer Joseph J. Cuneo off Nantucket Island, about 4 a.m. today in a heavy fog.

A wireless to her agents here said the Ryndam is badly damaged and that her passengers and crew have been transferred to the Cuneo.

The American battleship squadron engaged in manoeuvres off the New England coast is standing by.

Woman's Auxiliary in Convention Here

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Anglican church for the diocese of Ontario is holding the 29th annual meeting in St. Thomas' parish house. Delegates are here from all parts of the diocese of Ontario.

Last evening a reception was held in the parish house for the delegates and their hostesses in Belleville. The attendance was large and the time was enjoyably spent.

This morning at ten o'clock the Holy Communion was celebrated in St. Thomas' church, the delegates partaking of the Sacrament. A powerful address was delivered by the Rev. L. E. Skeay of St. Anne's Church, Toronto.

Following the service, the convention's business session opened in the parish house. Mrs. Geo. R. Beamish delivered an address of welcome to the delegates, to which Mrs. Webb of Gananoque replied. The reading of correspondence followed and the reports of the recording and corresponding secretaries. During luncheon hour there was balloting for nomination of diocesan officers.

This afternoon, the president, Miss Macaulay delivered her address. Reports were received from the treasurer, leaflet secretary, and thank offering secretary. Mrs. S. Boyd read a paper on "The Members' Prayer." Reports were presented by the Babies' Branch, the convener of Fair Lines and the E.C.D. treasurer and the junior secretary. Miss Lennox of Japan spoke on missions.

This evening, the Bishop of Kingston, presiding, there will be a public missionary meeting in the parish house at which Miss Helen and Rev. L. E. Skeay of Toronto will speak.

The officers of the W. A. are—Mrs. Lennox Mills, Hon. Pres. Mrs. Buxton Smith, Hon. Vice Pres. Mrs. E. J. Bidwell, Hon. Vice Pres. Miss Macaulay, President. Mrs. Klugh, 1st Vice Pres. Mrs. W. B. Carey, 2nd Vice Pres. Mrs. H. Price, Rec. Sec. Miss Annie Daley, Cor. Sec. Miss Marion Lewis, Treas. Miss Annie Muckleton, Deacons Sec. Treas. Miss Lewis Kirkpatrick, leaflet Ed. Miss Katherine Lyman, Jr. Sec. Mrs. Leech, E.C.D. Treas. Miss Edith Pense, Sec. Literature. Mrs. Norman Fraser, Babies' Br. Sec. Mrs. Klugh, Thankoffering Sec. Mrs. F. D. Woodcock, Org. Sec.

End of Horse Deal.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Magistrate Messou this morning disposed of the cases against Messrs. Wright, LaFave and Cuthane on the charge of fraud in a horse deal with Thomas Cleveland. LaFave and Cuthane were each fined \$5 and costs and Wright was ordered to contribute to the payment of costs. Fines reached \$10 and costs amounted to \$16 more. The animal originally belonging to Cleveland has been returned.

The H. T. Pearson Shows

The H. T. Pearson Shows that play in Belleville all next week starting Monday the 31st under the auspices of the 15th Regimental Band and which reference is made in a large display announcement on another page, will surely make a tremendous "hit" if the performances, that they have been putting on all along the line of cities in the province are a criterion.

They have an abundance of clean, clever attractions and NO FAKES. Every number is a whole show in itself from the circus sideshow to the Wild West "THRILLER" which is as clever and instructive as it is thrilling.

Do not fail to see this series of wonderful attractions. Every night next week and two special afternoon performances, Thursday and Saturday, the 3rd and 5th insts, at 2.30 p.m. See page 4.

HASTINGS LIBERAL CLUB.

Every Liberal and Independent is cordially invited to attend the meeting at the Liberal Club Rooms, West Robertson block on Monday 31st at 8 p.m.

The delegates who attended the Liberal Convention in Toronto will give a report of proceedings and other matters of interest will be discussed. Everybody welcome.

F. E. O'Flynn, Jas. Templeton, President. Secretary.

Sunday School Classes Visited Our Thriving City

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Three of the junior classes from the Sunday School at Bethel Church, of Phillipston, visited Belleville yesterday and put in a busy day witnessing the active operation of several of our industries and seeing other sights about the city.

Three autos provided respectively by Mr. Jno. F. Ketcheson, superintendent of the school; Mr. J. Walker Sayers, assistant superintendent, and Mr. Wm. Caldwell brought the happy youngsters to town. Dinner was enjoyed in picnic style at the Park and, then the sight-seeing commenced. The Ontario School for the Deaf afforded a most interesting exhibition of how their less fortunate brothers and sisters were being taught the various branches of a useful English and technical education. After passing around the beautiful Belleville cemetery grounds they returned to the city and witnessed the manufacture of shirts by the busy bevy of girls at the Deacon Shirt Company's establishment. Then the Springer Lock Company's works were visited and another branch of industry seen in practical operation.

The next industry to be inspected was Gilbert's Model Bakery on Dundas St., where the staff of life is turned out by the latest and most sanitary methods. Following this the children were conducted through the House of Refuge and were shown how carefully and wisely Hastings County looks after the inmates of the model institution presided over by Superintendent and Mrs. Wilson. Belleville's fine new concrete dock was inspected and pronounced very satisfactory. The last visit of the day was made to the Ontario printing office where the children saw the daily edition actually being printed, folded and mailed for distribution. The mysteries of the Linotype composing machine were illustrated and explained and the other processes of printing were watched with deep interest.

Mr. Bill Ketcheson took snapshots of the party during the afternoon. In addition to those mentioned above the following composed the party—Miss Evelyn Phillips, Wilfred Phillips, Albert Sparford, Lee Ketcheson, Miss Mamie Phillips, Wilkie Orr, Bert Orr, Vera Mikes, Miss Mabel Robinson, Miss Laura Robinson, Miss Ila Sayers, Leita Prindle, Milton Robinson, Vernal Prindle, Miss Mary Caldwell, Edna Ketcheson, Ruth Cummings.

The children left for home thoroughly tired and happy after the day's outing.

The gentlemen who carried out the undertaking deserve credit for having provided for the children, not only a day of recreation, but one of great value to them in the way of practical education. This is an example that many other schools could afford to imitate with advantage. Occasional visits of this kind would, we are sure, be welcomed by those in charge of any of our industries or institutions.

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The night shift work in the manufacture of lyddite shells for the British army by Messrs Marsh and Henthorn is now starting. The contract will keep night and day workmen employed for a considerable period.

List of Volunteers Who Left Yesterday for Barrieffield

The soldiers of the Fourth Contingent who left yesterday were for the camp at Barrieffield were—

- FORTY-NINTH
Sergt. F. Reynolds
Private C. Brooks
" J. J. Blackwood
" R. Cannons
" D. Crooks
" W. A. Coles
" B. Dixon
" H. Dextr
" J. Evans
" B. J. A. Blinnard
" R. D. Green
" W. Gordon
" H. Harrison
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" Harold Jones
" Hubert Jones
" G. Louche
" W. Miller
" P. McClusker
" P. J. O'Neill
" Jesse Pringle
" Joseph Pringle
" C. Pringle
" R. Quigg
" Wm. Robinson
" J. Steinberg
" B. Shenfeld
" G. Tyler
" P. Valyear
" E. Wardhaugh
" J. Wright
" J. Wardle
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15th REGIMENT
Private Charles Eden
" W. J. Smeon
" Stanley Minns
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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE FALLEN BELLEVILLE AND HASTINGS COUNTY SOLDIERS

Capt. O'Flynn Tells of Impressive Service After the Battle of Langemarck—Promotion for Lieuts. Ponton and O'Flynn, Both of Whom Now Hold Rank of Captain.

Five letters were received from battle. He enclosed a copy of the programme which was as follows:—

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He said "We have been into it hot and heavy and I am among the few who have been spared. There will be a number of aching hearts in Canada when the full reports are out. The boys played the game nobly and although the sacrifice was great we checked the Germans and waited for night or Blucher arrived and there has been fighting ever since. I believe we have the upper now though, Dick and I are now second in command of double companies and have the rank of Captain."

On May 1st, he wrote: "I am still feeling O.K. We were taken out of the line on the 27th and have been back here in reserve ever since. I imagine we will be taken further back as soon as everything is normal once again. Nearly all the officers who have gone through have been recommended for promotion and we are re-organising partially and hope to get back soon and complete our re-organization. The Belleville boys were very fortunate in comparison with the rest. Tom Vance was wounded, also Rawlinson and Herington but all got out safely. Archie Cook and E. G. Smith are missing, possibly prisoners, and Harry Albard, son-in-law of J. K. Mitchell, and a chap named Lavender were both killed. Albard did excellent work getting about 15 Germans before he was finally shot. I saw Frank Lynn the other night, he is with the engineers who have been doing good work."

This letter was written on Belgium paper very neatly ornamented at the top resplendent with the spring roses flowers and birds.

On May 6th he wrote another letter and among other things said: "We are back of the firing line and are shaping up a new draft which joined us the day before yesterday. They are a fine looking bunch of men and with some additional training will make fine soldiers. I have at present the Belleville boys under me once more. They are all well except the couple I mentioned in a previous letter. I have written several letters since I came out of the scrap and hope you received them all right. I find it rather difficult to write but will try to do better in the future. I received the papers you sent me but have not received the last letters. I understand there are 4 bags of Canadian mail yet unsorted so I suppose there will be some letters for me in them. I am anxious to receive the letters. I was sorry to learn of the deaths of Messrs. Reeves, Gorman and Forin. Kindly express my sympathy to the bereaved families. I had a letter from Mr. Milburn who has been very good about writing. I wish you would tell him much I appreciate his letters."

The last letter was written on May 10th. Among other things he said: "We are still in the army reserve and orders are to be ready to move on one hour's notice. This is a standing order and I imagine we will not move for a few days unless urgently needed. Today is Sunday and we are holding a memorial service this morning for the poor chaps who died it was a fine service. I enclose programme. We are resting up this afternoon. I have received a number of letters from (he mentions a number of friends who have so kindly written to him) and appreciate all of them. I have written to as many as I could. I received some socks which were kindly sent me by the ladies."

He referred to the memorial service held for his comrades who fell in

For all the Saints who from their labours rest
Who Thee by faith before the world confess'd,
Thy Name, O Jesu, be for ever blest,
Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress
and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear their one true light,
Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true
and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought
of old,
And win, with them, the victor's
crown of gold.
Alleluia!

O blest communion! fellowship
Divine!
We teebly struggle, they in glory
shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are
Thine.
Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the
warfare long,
And hearts are brave again and arms
are strong,
Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the
west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors come
their rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the
blest.
Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious
day;
The Saints triumphant rise in bright
array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia!

From earth's wide bound from
ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in
the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy
Ghost.
Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYER.
Let us join together in the General Confession.
Almighty and most merciful Father we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them O God which confess their faults. Restore them that are penitent; According to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu Our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, To the glory of Thy Holy Name. Amen.

Scripture Lesson—Psalm 90.
Hymn.
Lead kindly light, amid the encircling
gloom
Lead Thou me on.
The night is dark and I am far from
home
Lead Thou me on.

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