

the British Channel off Swansea. The torpedo passed directly through the big red cross on the ship's side. Three members of the crew are missing. The wounded soldiers are safely landed at Swansea after suffering from exposure.

January 10.—An Amsterdam dispatch to London states that the Russian peace delegation has renewed its negotiations with Germany at Brest-Litovsk, notwithstanding Foreign Minister Trotzky's insistence on the removal of the conference to Stockholm, and his threat that if his request were not acceded to Germany would feel the weight of the arms of Russia and hear the voice of the democracies of the Central Powers.

January 11.—London dispatches announce that British airplanes on the Italian front bring down four hostile machines. Rome reports that the Austro-German forces are obliged to abandon trench sections on the Italian mountain front, suffering severe losses in their retreat.

The full text of President Wilson's address to Congress reaches Paris and the French press describe it as "one of the greatest state papers ever penned by the head of a nation." Commenting on the message in London, British Minister of Munitions Churchill pleads for the prompt sending of American troops, stating that the "great issues of the war can only be satisfactorily resolved by vehement and effective action of the United States as a factor in the conflict."

January 12.—London reports the loss of the British destroyer *Racoon*, which struck on the rocks off the Irish coast on January 9th. The normal complement of men on board was 105 and all were lost.

January 13.—The Italian war office statement reports active artillery fighting. Headquarters in Northern Italy states that Italian aviators drop two tons of explosives on extensive storehouses and encampments around an important railway terminus at Primolano constituting the enemy's lines of communication for troop supplies to the fighting front.

Rome dispatches state that the Pope has expressed confidentially to an Entente envoy his unqualified approval of the Allies' peace terms.

A dispatch from the French army in Italy states that following the storming of the heights of Tomba, a fortnight ago, almost a mile of territory has been wrested from the Austrians.

January 14.—Leon Trotzky proposes that the armistice between Russia and Germany be prolonged for another month. Wintry weather practically stops fighting on all fronts except in vicinity of Lens where Germans fail to make headway.

January 15.—London states that as the result of the inquiry by Field-Marshal Haig, the General Staff, War Cabinet and the Government consider that the British higher army command had not been surprised by the German attack in the Cambrai region on November 30th and that all proper dispositions had been made to meet it.

January 16.—Lively skirmish on the Italian front ends in victories for the Diaz. London now has butter ration cards.

January 17.—Turkestan is proclaimed as an autonomous republic allied to the federal republic of Russia. British steamship losses for week are much reduced.

January 18.—Lenine orders the arrest of the King of Roumania, but the Allies are taking steps to safeguard



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