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War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

OPERATIONS IN EGYPT.

LONDON, Feb. 9. A successful conclusion has come to the operations in Egypt against the main forces of Zeyd Ahmed. His main body was compelled to abandon the road and strike southward into the waterless desert. The casualties of the Senussi totaled 200, including several Turkish officers.

UNITED STATES COURSE DETERMINED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. The course to be taken by the United States, if Germany compels the use of force to safeguard American lives and rights, has been determined, it was learned authoritatively after to-day's Cabinet meeting. In the event of President Wilson going before Congress again it will not be to ask for a declaration of war, but to follow literally the words of the address with which he announced the break of diplomatic relations and request the authority to use the means deemed necessary to protect American seamen and people. The President, it was stated, is as anxious as ever to avoid war with Germany, but also is as determined as ever that American citizens and ships shall be



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free to travel the high seas unmolested. His next step, if taken, will be to enforce that right. Even then the issue of war or peace will be with Germany. Any hostile action will have to come from interference with an American right. The details of the Government's plans were not discussed, but it is known, however, that conveying and arming of merchant ships is being considered. No new development came to-day to indicate that the "overt act" by Germany, re-

garded as inevitable, was nearer at hand. Fewer reports of ships sunk came in and none told officially of the losses of American life. Further information received about George Washington, a negro fireman lost on the Turino, indicated he probably was a British subject.

SUCCESSFUL RAIDS.

LONDON, Feb. 9. The official from the British headquarters in France, to-night reads: We carried out successful raids this morning and last night east of Vermeles and southeast of Ypres. A large number of enemy dugouts were destroyed and several prisoners taken. Hostile attempts to approach our lines south of Armentieres during the night, after heavy preliminary bombardment of our trench were caught by our barrage in No Man's Land and easily repulsed. Thirty-seven prisoners, including two officers, were taken by us. In the last twenty-four hours at different points along the front, our artillery performed much successful counter battery work and caused two explosions in the enemy's lines.

STEAMERS SUNK.

LONDON, Feb. 9. Lloyds announce the Spanish steamer Nueva Montana, 2,030 tons, has been torpedoed; crew saved. Reuter's Christiania correspondent reports the Norwegian steamer Odin, of Bergen, a vessel of 1,945 tons, was sunk on Feb. 2nd without warning, and that two persons on board were killed.

BALTIC AT LIVERPOOL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. The steamer Baltic of the White

Star Line, has arrived safely at Liverpool, according to a cable message received to-day by officials of the Co. Thirty-five survivors have been landed from the steamer Vedamore. All suffered greatly from exposure, having been for ten hours in open boats in extremely cold weather. Many of the men were only half clad.

LITTLE ACTIVITY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. Except for raids and artillery bombardments on the northern end of the front in France, especially in the Somme and Ypres sectors, there has been little activity on the battlefield of Europe. French troops carried out a successful surprise attack east of Rheims, returning with some prisoners. In the eastern Macedonian theatres all is quiet, except around Stauislaw, Galicia, which Petrograd reports has been under bombardment of Austro-German guns.

NORWEGIAN MAIL SERVICE.

LONDON, Feb. 9. The Norwegian Government is negotiating a regular service between Holland and Norway, says the Exchange Telegraph Co.'s Christiania correspondent. Scandinavian mails to and from England would in the event of this service being established be routed by way of Holland, which is permitted daily service with Great Britain, the correspondent adds.

GERMAN ATTACK REPULSED.

PARIS, Feb. 9. A German attack last night in the region of Vaux Les Palameux, southwest of Verdun, was repulsed by the French, to-day's official statement says. A violent artillery action occurred in Woerwe region last night and this morning. Bombs were dropped by aeroplanes in the region of Dunkirk, four civilians being killed.

SUBMARINE SINKING.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. Although the figures to show the number of submarines destroyed by the Entente Allies and the means used for their destruction are unavailable, owing to rigid censorship on war activities, it was learned here to-night from an authoritative source that direct gunfire from the decks of warships and auxiliary vessels has been the most effective method employed thus far to combat the submarine menace. Britain and her Allies adopted various plans to catch the U-boats. Although some of them have been abandoned as ineffective, a marine authority of unquestioned standing, who is in close touch with British shipping interests, said to-day when asked as to the effectiveness of arming ships, we have found that light guns discharging projectiles of from four to six pounds in the hands of trained gunners have been by far the most effective weapon. I know personally as many as two or three submarines have been bagged in one day in this way. A submarine commander looking through a periscope has a range of vision of about three miles, but he must get his target broadside on to have a reasonable chance of making a torpedo hit what it is aimed for, and as torpedoes are very expensive missiles he cannot afford to take many chances on a miss. A periscope above the water at a distance of two hundred or three hundred yards makes a fair mark for a gunner working from the deck of a ship thirty or forty feet above the surface of the sea. One shot hitting the mark is all that is needed as submarines are of light construction, and easily penetrated. A hole anywhere in their shell spells their doom. Seldom are torpedoes fired where the threatened ship can so manoeuvre as to show only her stern for a mark. In most cases of this nature so far reported, the submarines have come to

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of that city to the effect that cannon firing was heard between 2 and 6 a.m. to-day near the Island of Fernando De Noronha, a Brazilian island 125 miles from the mainland. The newspaper says that flashes were observed in front of the island as though large naval guns were being fired. The naval commandant at Fernando De Noronha is said to have made a report to the Admiralty.

BRITISH TORPEDO DESTROYER STRIKES MINE.

LONDON, Feb. 9. A British torpedo destroyer of the older type, the British Admiralty announced to-night, struck a mine in the English Channel on Thursday night and sank. All the officers and crew, except five, were lost. She was the oldest type of destroyer in the British Navy, and known as the class built between 1894 and 1895. There are twelve vessels of this type, with an average displacement of 310 tons, 200 feet in length, beam 19 feet. Two vessels have a complement of 45 men each, while the other ten carry 50 men.

LOST FROM THE VEDAMORE.

LONDON, Feb. 9. Twenty-five of the crew of the torpedoed British steamer Vedamore perished with the sinking of the vessel, according to the Press Association. Survivors who landed from the sinking Vedamore reported yesterday she was on the way from Baltimore to Liverpool.

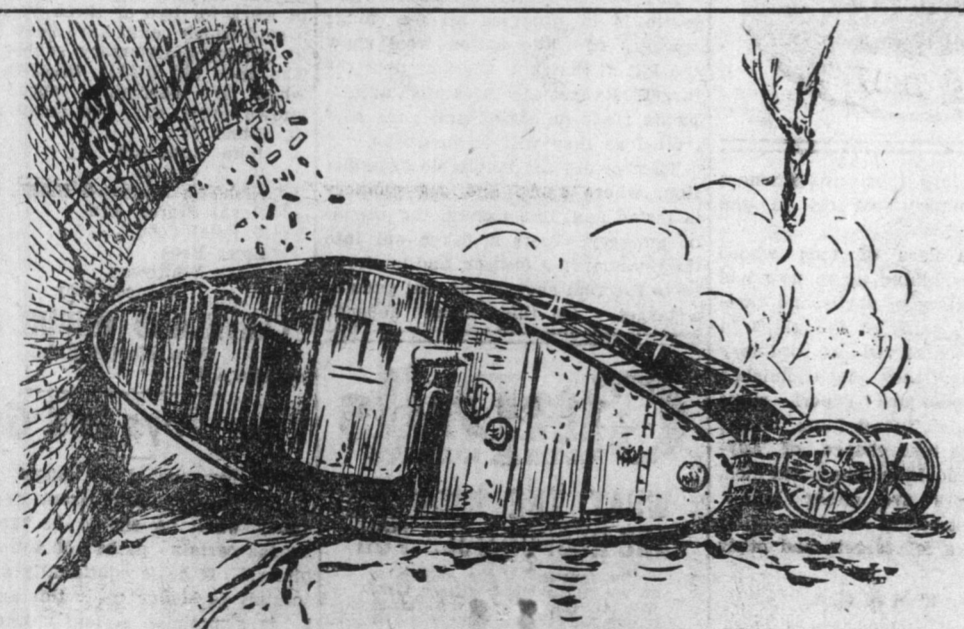
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RECRUITS ARRIVE.—Three recruits, two for the Navy and one for the Army arrived here from the West Coast by last night's train and were met by Corp. Hackett.



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the surface and resorted to gun fire from a deck gun. In this kind of fight the gun mounted on a steamer has a great advantage for the platform offered by the submarine is an unsteady thing to fire from, and despite the smaller target offered the gunners of the ships have the better of it. Careful observations made during the past year of steamers mounting defence guns show that they are in a measure immune from attack unless it is without warning, as in the case of the California. The number of U-boats the Germans have lost have made them chary about showing themselves within range of ships on which they see guns or which they have learned are defensively armed. Other methods of catching the submarines such as nets, bombs, and devices that are admirably secret, are still being used, but a deck gun in the hands of good marksmen is leading all others in results.

RESULTS OF GERMAN SUB. CAMPAIGN.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. Five neutral vessels and one British steamer are added to the list of victims of the German sub. campaign, according to the latest despatches from London. Four of the neutral were of Norwegian registry, the other was the Spanish steamer Nueva Montana. The total tonnage lost, according to Friday's reports, was 10,424. The Norwegian vessels lost were the Hanskinck, Storskog, Ida and Odin. Sailors on both the Ida and Odin were killed by shell fire. All but two seamen on the Storskog were lost.

ASKS FOR INFORMATION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. The Entente Embassies here have asked the State Department if some steps cannot be taken to cease the publication of manifests of ships going into the war zone. Officials realize there is no confirmation of the report of any of the children who lost their lives by the sinking of the British steamer California by a submarine were American born. The ship's list shows no names of passengers who claim American citizenship.

SPAIN'S SHIPPING.

MADRID, Feb. 9. The Spanish mercantile marine, which in July, 1914, consisted of 640 vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 846,491, up to January 31st sustained losses in ships to the value of 7,000,000,000 pesetas by reason of the war. Seven steamers, aggregating 18,000 tons, and 22 sailing ships were sunk by mines or submarines. The losses represent about 12 per cent. of the merchant marine.

CANNON FIRING HEARD.

RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 9. A despatch received here from Pernambuco, Brazil, quotes the 'Diario'

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