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SUBMARINE SUPPLANTS THE DREADNOUGHT All Belligerent Powers Feverishly Building UNDERWATER CRAFT

Austrians Forced to Withdraw Before Superior Russian Forces

Heavy Fighting Must Soon Occur In This Region

But the Russians Hold Strong Forces Commanding Positions—No

WESTERN ONSLAUGHT

Can be Possible While Grand Duke Keeps Up Pressure

London, July 9.—The Italian navy has suffered its first serious loss by the Austrian submarine having successfully torpedoed the cruiser Amalfi in the narrow waters of the Adriatic.

It is realized that the loss of the Italian warship is only one of the incidents which must be expected where fleets keep to sea, blockading enemy ports and protecting commerce.

All the belligerent powers are rapidly building submarines. It is re-

ported that Austria has nine in Pola alone. Thus Italian ships run serious risks moving about the waters of the Adriatic, which are well suited to these craft.

So far as land battles are concerned interest still centres in Southern Poland where the Russians, strongly reinforced, both in men and guns and with their railway fortresses of Ivanogrod and Brest Litovsk to draw upon, have held up the Austro-German attempt to outflank Warsaw from the south-west.

The Austrians tonight made the admission that before superior Russian forces, they have withdrawn to the hills to the north of Krasnik.

Further heavy fighting must occur in this region, but Russian military writers express confidence that now any effort by the Germanic Allies to deliver a lightning blow has been discounted.

Austrians and Montenegrins have resumed fighting and both sides claim successes.

Lloyd-George's Contradiction Given to Haldane's Version

Cabinet Meeting Creates Sensation in Political Circles

NORTHCLIFFE PAPERS

Have Been Aroused to Another Attack on Lord Haldane

London, July 9.—The contradiction given by Lloyd George to Lord Haldane's version of what took place at a Cabinet meeting re munitions under the late Government, has caused a sensation in political circles, although the feeling is entertained that this dispute is largely a personal one, the continuation of which can do no good at the present juncture.

The episode has, however, roused the Northcliffe organs to start a further campaign against Lord Haldane. The Daily Mail suspects a plot to bring him back into public life and stigmatizes such papers as the Daily Telegraph and Pall Mall Gazette as pro-Haldane, because these conservative journals have not joined in unsparing vituperation of the former Lord Chancellor.

It is interesting to note that Bonar Law agrees with his predecessor in the Colonial Office that an Imperial Conference is not possible this year. Answering the question in the Commons, Law stated that if the Premier of Canada, or any other dominion were visiting London the Imperial Government would take advantage of the opportunity to confer with him, but anything in the nature of a formal conference is impossible.

Submarine Crew Entirely to Blame

London, July 8.—Lord Mersey, presiding at the enquiry into the sinking of the steamer Falaba, today, declared that the blame for the catastrophe must rest conclusively with the officers and crew of the German submarine. He added that the submarine made no effort to save life, and probably could not do so without endangering itself.

Lord Mersey said he was satisfied that the witness who had described the lifeboats as rotten, was mistaken, and that the damage sustained by some of them in launching was not due to neglect on the part of the Company or crew. The men in the rescue boats were praised for their courage and kindness.

The allegations brought to the attention of Lord Mersey after the conclusion of the hearing, that the Falaba sent signals calling for help, were without foundation.

Submarine Sets Fire To Danish Schooner

Copenhagen, July 9.—The Danish schooner, Ellen for Liverpool, with planks has been set on fire in the North Sea by a submarine.

The crew have been landed.

ENGLAND IS NOW THOROUGHLY ORGANIZED

London, July 9th.—The French Secretary of War, who has been visiting David Lloyd-George, on the eve of his return to Paris, testified to his belief, that England is now so organized that it will be able to furnish unlimited supply of munitions in aid of the Allied cause.

MONTENEGRO AND ALBANIA

London, July 9.—A despatch to Reuters Telegram Company from its Cetinje correspondent states: the Government has officially announced, it will submit Albania's future to a decision of the Powers.

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BRITISH.

London, July 8.—In Gallipoli the Turks made a general attack on the 5th. The attack failed completely. The enemy's losses were very heavy and our negligible.

The French Government report further severe fighting on the Heights of the Meuse, in the Forest of Apremont, on a front of about 760 yards. The Germans penetrated the French first lines, but elsewhere were repulsed with very heavy losses.

The Russian Government reports a successful offensive at many points. Near Krasnik 2,000 prisoners and several machine guns were captured.

British Submarine Blows up German In Danzig Bay

London, July 8.—The British Admiralty to-night states that it is officially announced at Petrograd to-day that the submarine which made a successful attack on the German warship on July 2nd in the Baltic, was a British boat.

This statement by the British Admiralty contained the first public announcement intimating that British submarines were operating the Baltic Sea. It is presumed that the under sea boat passed through the Cattagat from the North Sea to the Baltic Sea, then went eastward 200 miles, as the Bay of Danzig, where the warship was attacked, lies in the south-eastern part of that body of water.

The Russian official statement, announcing that a German warship had been sunk by a submarine, said that the battleship, which was steaming ahead of the German squadron, was at the entrance to Danzig Bay on July 2nd when she was blown up by two torpedoes fired by a submarine.

Enemy's View of the Shortage of Shells

Amsterdam, July 3.—via London, July 4.—Discussing the war situation in an article in the Berliner Tageblatt, Major Morant, military expert of that paper, says:

"On the tenacious maintenance of our war gains in the West depends our defensive in the East. It is not yet clear whether we ought to lay stress upon Britain's ammunition scarcity and the growing difficulty in recruiting up till now. We can only state that the waste of ammunition on the part of the enemy is still boundless, and that the losses at the front all have been replaced. We should be well advised to believe that Britain will succeed in re-organizing the production of ammunition, and that the British armies in France will doubtless be able to maintain their present status."

German Government Releases Steamer

Berlin, July 9.—The American steamer Platania, which while from New York with a cargo of petroleum consigned to a Swedish port, was stopped by a German warship and taken to Swinemunde, has been released.

This action was taken after the United States Embassy had taken up the case. The Platania proceeded to her destination.

Is the Blaze On the Minnehaha Holt's Handiwork

Liner's Captain Wires Officials "Fire Under Control"

DUE AT HALIFAX

And Making Good Progress No Passengers Aboard

New York, July 9th.—While the steamship Minnehaha afloat at sea with 15,000 tons of munitions aboard is speeding towards Halifax, N.S. tonight the line officials and authorities are bending every effort to learn if the blaze caused by explosion could possible have been the handiwork of Frank Holt, J. P. Morgan's assailant, who had given the warning that the steamship would sink in mid ocean, July 7th. The Minnehaha is due to reach Halifax to-morrow morning.

The Minnehaha left here July 4 for London. She carried no passengers. Crew numbered nearly 100.

Grimsby Trawler Blown Up

London, July 9.—The Grimsby trawler Cheshire was blown up by a mine in the North Sea on Wednesday. All the crew, with the exception of the Chief Engineer were killed.

General Botha's Brilliant Campaign In S. West Africa

Has Brought About Complete Subjugation of That Territory

END GERMAN REGIME

All British Prisoners In German Hands Been Released

London, July 9.—Under the heading "The End of German South-West Africa," the Capetown correspondent of Reuters Telegram Company sends a resume of General Botha's recent campaign. He concludes as follows: "As a result of Botha's tireless and swift advance and masterly enveloping movement in the face of natural difficulties, he completely out-generaled, out-maneuvred, out-witted the Germans and the capture or surrender of the enemy in the field is only a matter of a short time. As a result of these operations all British prisoners in the hands of the Germans have been released. 700 prisoners have already been taken, and any attempt at a scattered or general warfare has been frustrated."

GERMAN FORCES SURRENDER TO BOTHA

Pretoria, July 9.—Botha, Commander of the Forces in South Africa, has accepted the surrender of all German military forces in German Southwest Africa.

THE GRAND DUKE HAS THE GERMANS IN AWKWARD FIX

To Go Ahead is Quite Impossible to Attempt To Return

INVITES DISASTER

German Organization is Put To Test To Extricate the Army

London, July 9.—The German position on the Eastern front now exactly suits Russian strategists. According to the Post's Petrograd correspondent, Grand Duke Nicholas has got the en-

STEAMER MUSKOGEE TAKEN TO KIRKWALL

London, July 9.—The stmr. Muskogee from New Orleans to Gotenburg has been detained and sent to Kirkwall for examination. The tank steamers Pioneer and Polarine have been released.

Merchant Ships Are Entitled To Carry Guns

London, July 8.—Merchant vessels of belligerent Powers are entitled by the established and uninterrupted usage of the sea to carry and use armament in self-defence, said Lord Robert Cecil, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply to a question in the Commons today.

Germany's Reply To United States Expected To-morrow

Berlin, July 8.—The German reply to the American Note regarding the Lusitania and submarine warfare, according to information obtained here, will probably be delivered on Saturday, July 10th, or possibly even to-morrow.

Large Orders For Steel Mills

Pittsburg, Pa., June 30.—Steel mills in the Pittsburg district have received within the past few days orders for projectile steel with aggregate 75,000 tons.

The Adriatic Sea Closed to Navigation

Washington, July 9.—The closing of the Adriatic Sea to merchant vessels of all nations, except when bound for Montenegro or Italian ports under convoy furnished by Italian Minister of War is announced in a telegram from Ambassador Paget.

Liner Adriatic Still Unreported

New York, July 8.—Up to 12.30 today no word had been received regarding the steamship Adriatic, due to arrive at Liverpool today.

emy into the same position strategically as he occupied last August, but with this difference, then the enemy held all the advantages of the smiling land, rich villages and great estates throughout this line of march, while today the enemy is in a desert ravaged by twelve months of warfare, with roads cut up beyond all semblance of highways, while the towns and villages are mere piles of ashes. The task of feeding and munitioning three millions of men, two hundred miles from their base, must appall even German organization, yet the enemy must continue to advance, for to pause or back-step spells ruin. Altogether matters look most promising for the Russians.

Germany Seeks To Get a Corner On Lead Market

London, June 30.—The Morning Post, in a special article discussing the rise in the price of spelter and the alleged German intrigues in America to send up the prices and embarrass the entente powers by inducing the American government to prohibit the exports of spelter and spelter products, asserts that something of the same kind is now going on in lead. The paper says that if David Lloyd George, the British minister to conserve the available metal supply, he could find no better scope for his activities to-day than the lead market.

The Great Heroism Of Sergt. Cookson

London, June 30.—A member of the Princess Patricia's signing himself "One of Those Left," writes to the Times today to call attention to Sergt. Cookson's gallantry during the fierce fighting in May. "This man," he writes, "deserves the greatest honor for his unflinching and conspicuous gallantry during the whole of those terrible days, as it was, indeed, chiefly owing to his coolness and indomitable pluck that Lieut. Niven, after Maj. Gault, D.S.O., had been knocked out, was able to save the entire position. It was Sergt. Cookson who got vital despatches through for reinforcements and brought them up, when volunteers were called for this perilous task, and I guess no one living to tell the tale of those days of real hell will ever deny the justice of honoring this brave man, who fought as a Gordon Highlander in South Africa, with those you have given prominence to."

Explosion Causes Fire on Steamer

New York, July 8.—The fire aboard the Minnehaha was caused by explosion, according to a wireless received from Captain Claret. At the time the fire was said to be mastered. Captain Claret's message read as follows:—

"Fire caused by explosion, now under control by suffocation and steam. Much smoke in hold. Deemed it expedient to make for Halifax. Due off Chebucto Head 9 a.m. Friday. Advise agents."

The message came by way of Cape Race.

Austrian Consul Been Expelled From Albania

London, July 9.—A Scutari correspondent of Reuters Telegram Company states that the Austrian Consul Staff has been expelled from Albania, and is being escorted to the Austrian frontier.

All Austrian subjects and agents he says are being arrested and sent into Montenegro for internment.

United States Dignified Position

Washington, July 8.—President Wilson has decided that there will be no answer to Ambassador Gerard's inquiry for instructions concerning the draft submitted to him by the German Government as to its Note on submarine warfare, and that no comment will be made by the States until Germany's formal reply is delivered.

British Ambassador Asks State Dept. Important Question

Washington, July 9.—Sir Cecil Rice, British Ambassador asked the State Department to inform him what distinction, if any, it draws between the return of reservists to those European countries which have reserve systems and departure of volunteers to those countries which have no such system. In effect, the Ambassador's request points out that reservists have been permitted to return to Germany, Austria and Turkey, while legal action has been taken against persons forwarding volunteers for the British Army.

German Station Sayville, Long Isld., Taken Over by Govt.

Washington, July 8.—The United States Government today took over the Sayville, L.I., wireless station, the only direct means of communication between the States and Germany.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced that Capt. Bullard, in charge of the naval radio, had gone to take over the station, and would continue its operations with naval forces.

Carranza Forces Nearing Mexico

Washington, July 8.—Carranza forces have pushed their attack on the Convention forces defending Mexico City up to within ten miles of the capital. Their military trains are operating thus close to the city. State department despatches from Vera Cruz today gave this report.