

TO BLOW UP ROEBLING PLANT FOILED

Men and Two Bombs Found in Roebling Mill Menace

SPECT HAND OF BERLIN Believed to Be Agents of Well-Organized Gang of Germans

Plans to destroy the plant of John A. Roebling & Sons Company, at Roebling, N. J., were frustrated today by the arrest of two men, one of whom, it is said, had two bombs in his possession.

The men, who were employed at the plant, were captured by agents of the Department of Justice, Special Agent Garbarino, who directed investigation of the case, declined to discuss the arrest, but it was learned, nevertheless, that the prisoners had been employed at the Roebling plant for some time.

Their actions aroused the suspicions of fellow workmen, who informed their superiors. The suspects, it is understood, entered the employ of the Roebling concern at different times. In order to divert any suspicion, they lived at different boarding houses.

When asked today for the names of the prisoners and other details concerning the charges against them, T. A. Major, a representative of the Roebling Company, declined to discuss the case and referred all inquiries to Special Agent Garbarino.

By clever work on the part of the government's agents it was learned that the men had contemplated destroying the munition plant and other places, which would greatly interfere with the operations of the government.

It is believed that they are members of well-organized gangs of spies and German conspirators who are working under the supervision of a man high in the councils of the German government.

The prisoners, it is said, formerly lived in Trenton. Agents here are investigating their record there. The Roebling firm is now engaged in manufacturing barbed wire for the Allies.

It is possible that there will be more arrests in connection with the case later today. Agents of the department will also endeavor to learn today whether Freda Hengst, the German girl who is detained on suspicion, has any connection with any of the anti-American plotters in the country. She is employed by Franklin Townsend, of Haverford. According to Garbarino, she wrote a letter to a German sailor at the immigration station at Gloucester, and the contents, it is said, warranted her detention.

Teuton Forces Will Under Allied Fire

Greater than that suffered by the enemy since the war started.

Front dispatches today carried the idea that the Germans, realizing no trench works could stand against the leveling fire of the British artillery, were seeking to make a wall of living human beings against the advances. In the closely packed troops of the enemy, the British fire did terrific work. Thousands of mangled bodies are flung over the battlefield along the Scarpe, mostly of Germans. The British losses have been exceedingly low considering the ferocity of the fighting.

That the terrible mortality of the German troops is undermining their morale is apparent by statements of prisoners. The German troops—all of them picked divisions—are literally driven into the fighting line. Those who survive the deadly accuracy of the British artillery and the pounding of the British infantry attacks are exceedingly glad to be taken prisoners.

Today it appeared that the British and the enemy were deadlocked to the north of the Scarpe. The drive toward Douai along this line was being opposed by the Germans by every resource. To the south, however, the British pressure could not be resisted and General Haig's troops were slowly moving forward.

ALLIES MAY WITHDRAW ARMIES FROM SALONICA

PARIS, April 26.—The renewal of activity on the Macedonian battle front has been followed by sensational dispatches from that zone of fighting. Newspapers are being permitted more freedom in their comment upon the Balkans than at any other time since the war began. It is hinted that troops may be taken from that battle line to re-enforce the western front, and in this same connection it is reported that "an important movement involving Salonica is contemplated."

AUSTRIAN TROOPS STRIKE ITALIANS NEAR GORIZIA

ROME, April 26.—Austro-Hungarian troops delivered a strong attack last night on the Italian lines south of Gorizia. An official statement says: On the Carso last night after an intense bombardment the enemy struck our lines in the Castagnavizza sector, but only succeeded in retaking the advanced line we had occupied the previous day. On the rest of the front he was completely thrown back. From the Sarcia to the Brenta the enemy's artillery was again most actively and lively yesterday. Our artillery again attacked energetically and interfered with continuous movements of the enemy in the Sarcia valley. On the Julian Alps front there has been an artillery duel, with numerous aerial reconnaissances.

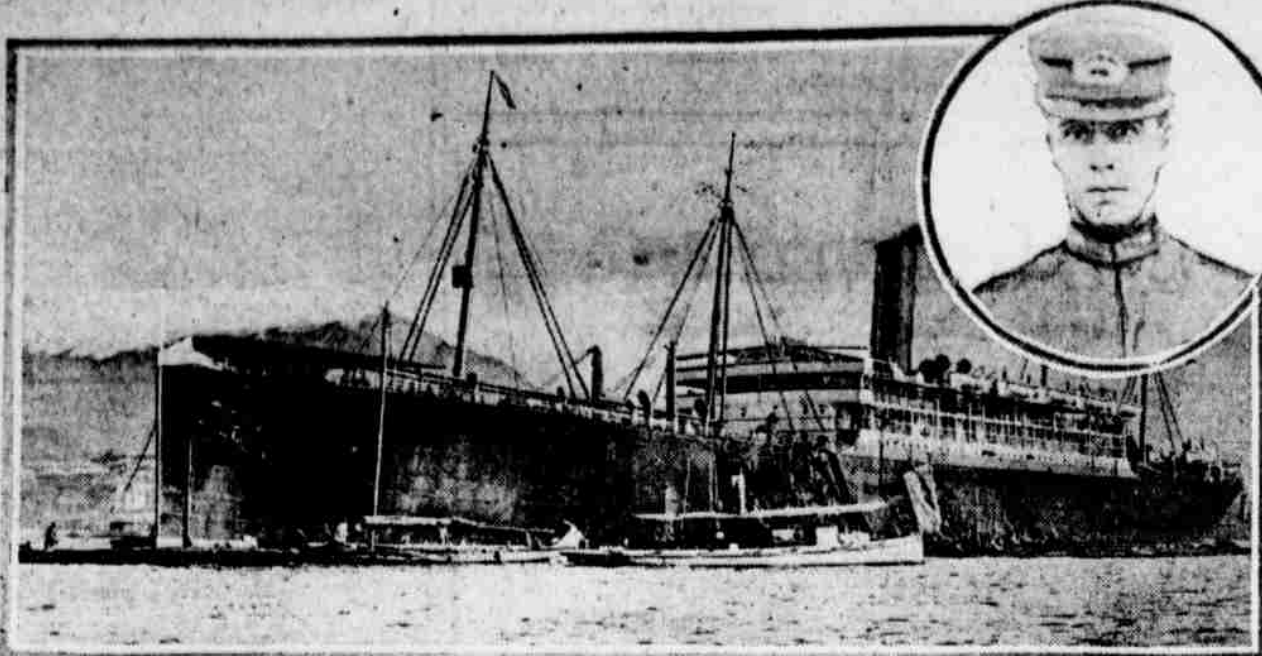
BRITISH ATTACKS FAIL, BERLIN REPORT SAYS

BERLIN, April 26.—Terrific fighting in which British attacks were repulsed and by which German troops won their way to the eastern boundary of Gavrelle was detailed in today's official report. Around Arras the statement said that there were only local attacks, but south of the Scarpe there were waves of attacks always without artillery which in some sections reached considerable violence. At Gavrelle German troops were not attacked on the eastern boundary. On the French front, around Chemin-des-Dames ridge, the statement said the German position was improved and 163 prisoners were taken. An enemy attack along a front of two miles was singularly repulsed.

FUGITIVE TAKEN AFTER 3 YEARS

ALBANY, N. Y., April 26.—Having escaped from Federal agents in 1914 by hiding from a window of a fast moving train in North Dakota when on the way to San Quentin prison, San Francisco, Cal., New York, Julius Ullman, 33 years old, was arrested here today and is awaiting action in court, which had ordered him to be held in the detention camp in Albany.

VICTORIOUS MONGOLIA AND MEMBERS OF HER CREW



In the circle is Clarence Irwin, first assistant engineer on the first American steamship to sink a submarine. In the lower picture, left to right, are William Scott, of 2023 West Oxford street, this city, who until a few months ago served as chief electrician aboard the Mongolia; Walter Hasenfuss, of Philadelphia, now assistant engineer; Clarence Irwin and Walter Scott, of Philadelphia, recently chief engineer.

Shot Blew Up U-Boat, Victim of U. S. Guns

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torpedo us when we sighted her. We saw the periscope go down and the swirl of the water. I ordered the man at the wheel to put it to starboard. We swung the nose of the ship toward the spot where the submarine had been.

"We were going at full speed ahead. Two minutes after we first sighted the U-boat, it emerged again, 1000 yards off. Its intention probably had been to catch us broadside on. When it appeared we had the stern gun trained full on it.

"The lieutenant gave the command and the big gun boomed. We saw the periscope shattered and the shell and the submarine disappeared.

"I can't speak too highly of the cool manner in which the lieutenant handled his crew of runners. It was a fine exhibition of the efficiency of American naval men. The lieutenant knew before the shell struck the submarine that its aim was accurate. There is no guesswork about it, but a case of pure mathematics.

"Taking the speed at which the Mongolia was traveling and the speed which the submarine undoubtedly would make; computing these figures with the distances we were from the submarine when it was first sighted and when it appeared the second time, it can be shown the lieutenant had his gun sighted to the inch. It must be remembered that the whole affair took only two minutes.

"I assure you we did not stop to reconnoiter. We steamed away at full speed. It was not improbable there was another submarine about. The one I got undoubtedly had been lying on the bottom at this spot waiting for the ship. It came up when I heard our propellers. I immediately sent a wireless message stating that a submarine had been seen.

"That's about all, except this: The gunners had named the guns on board the Mongolia, and the one which got the submarine was called Theodore Roosevelt. Teddy fired the first gun of the war, after all."

"SUBMARINE CHARLEY" CAUGHT Negro Who Is Said to Be Responsible for Many Robberies Held in Bail

A negro known as "Submarine Charley," said to be responsible for thirty or more robberies in Germantown and suburbs, was taken into custody today by Special Police-men Corey and McFarland, of the Germantown station, while in the act of passing a watch in a downtown pawnshop.

The prisoner is Charles Johnson, 1125 Lombard street. He was held in \$500 bail for court by Magistrate Pennock. The police allege that Johnson won the name "Submarine Charley" because he always breaks into dwellings via cellar windows.

DESPONDENT OVER HIS YOUTH AND BROKEN TROTH, TRIES TO DIE

Seventeen-Year-Old Boy, Who Said He Was 20, Made \$10 a Week, Instead of \$20, as He Told 21-Year-Old Sweetheart

Seventeen-year-old William Smith, 1902 Moore street, entered a drug store at Twenty-third street and Columbia avenue last night, purchased some poison and drank it because he wasn't twenty years old, didn't make \$20 a week and, therefore, couldn't marry the girl he loved. He is in St. Joseph's Hospital in a serious condition.

Some time ago young Smith met Miss Edna Hardy, twenty-one years old, 2322 Montgomery avenue. "William told me he was twenty years old," said Miss Hardy, in speaking of the affair this morning, "and that he made \$20 a week. We became engaged."

"Everything was all right for a time, but when my mother called upon William's mother the other day Mrs. Smith told her frankly that her son was only seventeen years old and made \$19 a week, which was increased to \$11 by Mrs. Smith herself. A few days ago William brought what looked to be a birth certificate showing that he was twenty years old. But we had his mother's word to the contrary.

"Last night he called and I broke off our engagement because I didn't think he was old enough to get married. I'm awfully sorry that he took it so to heart."

AUTOIST BREAKS SKULL, TURNING OUT FOR CHILD

County Road Patrol Chief Near Trenton Runs Into Another Machine

TRENTON, April 26.—Robert M. Hammel, supervisor of county road patrolmen, is in a serious condition in St. Francis Hospital as the result of an automobile accident on the White Horse road, near here, last night. Hammel was driving his automobile at a moderate speed when he saw a child in the road, and in clearing the little one his wheels became locked with those of the car of Wilmer Bradford, an automobile demonstrator, and the Hammel car tipped over.

"ENGLISH DUKE" NABBED

James Burton Scott, often referred to as the "English Duke," and who has many aliases, was brought to Philadelphia today by two United States deputy marshals for trial on the charge of using the mails to defraud. He was arrested by postal inspectors in Chicago on April 4 after an almost world-wide search which lasted five years.

The prisoner was taken to Moyamensing Prison after being quizzed by Chief Postal Inspector James T. Cartelony. He will be tried next June.

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BERNHARDT WANTS GRAVE IN FRANCE

Loves U. S., but Not Enough to Die Here—Longs for Paris

MUST SEE FRENCH WIN Bound to Live to See Her Countrymen Victorious Over Prussians

NEW YORK, April 26.—"I love America, but not enough to die here. I must live to see France victorious and once more visit my beloved Paris when the war cloud has disappeared."

Sarah Bernhardt, in substance, spoke these words to her physicians when they had almost despaired of her life at Mount Sinai Hospital. The official bulletin today reported her condition favorable. She has been making steady progress. The indomitable will of the divine Sarah, expressed in her determination to return to victorious France, sustained her and was responsible for her astounding display of resistance.

At the hospital the distant roar of battle in Europe is heard in spirit, for Bernhardt's thoughts are marching on with the armies of the Tri-color, driving the Prussians from her beloved France.

Her mental condition has not been affected in the least, according to her attendants, but she is being given only the latest news of the war. A few words a day suffice—just enough to let her know her countrymen are still advancing against the enemy.

Mrs. Bernhardt craves stories of her home land—French novels—so her secretary reads aloud and she lives again in the atmosphere of her war-wracked home.

The room where the famous actress lies is furnished with flowers. If all letters and telegrams were taken to her she would be overwhelmed. They arrive by the mail-rail.

It was learned today that more than forty persons—most of them New Yorkers—have offered their blood if necessary for a transfusion operation. They are not publicity seekers, and all ask that their names be withheld. They telephone, write and telegraph, and others call, every one claiming the privilege of being the first to send blood into the actress's veins if she needs the sacrifice.

Mrs. Bernhardt sees no visitors, but the

CONFECTIONER DIES AT 60 FOLLOWING OPERATION

August Steppacher, Mason and Member of Clubs, Leaves Widow and Son

August Steppacher, 2127 North Fifteenth street, member of the confectionery firm of A. Steppacher & Sons, 1422 Susquehanna avenue, died yesterday at his home following an operation. He is survived by his widow Ida and a son Joseph.

Mr. Steppacher was born in Philadelphia in 1857 and at an early age entered the candy business. He was a member of the

Masonic Lodge, the Mercantile and Program Clubs, and president of the Upright Building and Loan Association. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 from his late residence. Interment will be at the Adath Jethurun Cemetery.

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