

TORPEDOING OF TUSCANIA BLAMED ON SPIES IN U. S.; U-BOAT FLEET IN ATTACK

Submarines, Tipped Off by Secret Agents, Believed to Have Aimed Also at Vessels Carrying Notables

Sammees, Intrepid in Face of Death, Sang "Where Do We Go From Here"—Total Loss Placed at 101, Including 73 U. S. Soldiers

AN IRISH PORT, Feb. 8. Major Wade, senior American military officer aboard the torpedoed transport Tuscania, was saved, it was learned here today.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Feb. 8. According to a cablegram received here today by the father of George M. Ludlum, a member of the 213th Aero Squadron, which was aboard the ill-fated Tuscania, all members of that unit were saved. The message reached here by way of Washington.

German spies, probably in the United States, are believed to have obtained the information that made it possible for the Kaiser's submarines to make a successful attack upon the transport Tuscania off Ireland last Tuesday evening.

Important personages are said to have been aboard ships in the convoy, and it is believed the U-Boats attacked in force in an effort to sink the vessels carrying them.

All reports show the two thousand odd Sammees aboard the Tuscania to have acted with the utmost intrepidity in the face of death. One boatload of survivors pulled away singing "Where Do We Go From Here?"

Loss of life in the sinking today is estimated at 101, including seventy-three American soldiers. A complete list of United States dead is expected today.

War Department officials declare that it will be possible to identify the bodies of United States troops recovered.

BELIEVE GERMAN SPIES GAVE TIP OF SAILING OF TRANSPORT FLEET

By ED L. KEEN LONDON, Feb. 8.

Germany had information of the coming of the transport Tuscania and other vessels, with important personages aboard, according to the belief expressed today by passengers on ships which accompanied the torpedoed transport.

A distinguished personage from another ship, who witnessed the attack, declared three torpedoes were fired at his own vessel last Tuesday night. He expressed his belief that the U-boat commander was acting upon information obtained through the German spy system.

Circumstantial stories told by British naval officers today indicated that at least one German submarine probably was destroyed during the attack. One of the rescuing destroyers, it was reported, wireless: "Torpedo just missed me," and gave the direction from which it was fired.

Another destroyer, speeding to the spot, dropped a depth charge. The U-boat is believed to have been sunk. No further trace was found of her, although destroyers searched in that vicinity for a long time.

This account is corroborated by other naval officers and passengers from other ships.

Virtually all accounts agree that two torpedoes were fired at the Tuscania, one passing close under her stern. From the number of torpedoes fired and the varying directions from which they came, it would seem there may have been a fleet of submarines engaged in the attack.

The plan of mobilizing several U-boats to make a sinking certain was instituted with the sinking of the Lusitania and has been followed in many instances when the quarry was regarded as particularly important.

ESTIMATE 101 LIVES WERE LOST; 29 AMERICAN BODIES MISSING

LONDON, Feb. 8.

With the number of lives lost on the transport Tuscania placed at 101, the bodies of twenty-nine American soldiers were still unaccounted for today.

The latest estimate of soldier dead was seventy-three, and of these forty-four badly mutilated bodies had been washed up on the Irish coast, about six miles from the scene of the disaster.

According to figures compiled at the American Embassy, the lost and saved totals follow:

Table with 3 columns: Amer., Soldiers, Seamen. Totaling 101 lives lost.

Several Americans were injured and about ninety are in hospitals suffering from exposure and wounds.

None of the dead was identified. Their features were unrecognizable, and as none had been assigned to definite army units, they did not wear the regulation identification disks.

UTMOST GALLANTRY SHOWN

Advice from Londonderry and Belfast said that when the Tuscania was attacked the men behaved with the utmost gallantry. Strict discipline was observed, from the highest officers on board down to the privates and seamen.

There was no sign of panic at any time. The transport was one of a considerable convoy and every precaution had been taken to insure safety.

No lights were allowed on deck and the men were under watchful destroyers, ready to open fire at a second's notice on anything resembling an enemy periscope.

In addition to the ordinary dangers of the passage which the convoy was traversing, it was known that several of Germany's most active U-boat commanders were at sea with this intention.

Second Officer Lynas, of the Tuscania, who was saved, said that the Americans behaved splendidly and maintained perfect discipline throughout the ordeal.

The Americans' nerve did not desert them after they had been taken aboard a power boat, built young Guardsman.

Mr. Wrenn, who had been swimming more than an hour in the icy waters of the Atlantic before being picked up, was cheered cheerfully from the blankets in which he had been rolled when he was rescued.

"Well, I guess I got enough swimming."

Ill-Fated Ship Carried Men From Philadelphia

NINE Philadelphians are known to have been on the Tuscania. One, First Lieutenant Richards Jarden, is known to be among the survivors. The list follows:

107TH ENGINEERS JAMES McCORMICK, first lieutenant, Engineer Reserve Corps; wife, Mrs. Eva R. McCormick, 1408 North Twelfth street.

RICHARDS JARDEN, first lieutenant, Engineer Reserve Corps; wife, Agnes T. Jarden, 30 West Tulpehocken street, Germantown. (Known to be saved.)

WILLIAM J. LAMBERT, sergeant; mother, Mrs. M. R. Lambert, 3739 Ludlow street.

EDWARD E. BARDLEY, private; mother, Mrs. J. E. Bardley, 2048 North Seventh street.

ASCHLEY C. LEAVITT, private; father, William Leavitt, 1841 Master street. (Enlisted from Calumet, Mich.)

100TH AERO SQUADRON CHESTER H. REED, corporal; father, Henry M. Reed, 5516 Spruce street.

WILLIAM H. DONNELL, private; father, Richard Donnell, 7514 Brewster avenue.

158TH AERO SQUADRON ALBERT R. JACOBS, private; sister, Stella S. Jacobs, 1218 Somerset street.

EARL W. WIDDOP, private; mother, Mrs. Anna Widdop, 513 Rising Sun avenue.

COL. ROOSEVELT 'GETTING BETTER EVERY MINUTE'

Encouraging Announcement Given Out at Hospital to Set at Rest Alarming Rumors

Wilson Sends Sympathy in Note to Mrs. Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. PRESIDENT WILSON today sent a message of sympathy to Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt for the illness of Colonel Roosevelt.

"May I not express my warmest sympathy and the sincere hope that Mr. Roosevelt's condition is improving?"

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. Colonel Roosevelt is "getting better every minute," it was announced this afternoon at the Roosevelt Hospital, where the former President is confined.

Following a visit to the Colonel, Douglas Robinson, his brother-in-law, made this statement:

"I believe he is better than he has been for a couple of days. I was given to understand that he had spent a very restful night."

These announcements were made as the result of a widely circulated rumor that the Colonel had died. This rumor was spread over the country by brokers' wires and resulted in a flood of telegrams being sent to the hospital.

Among those who called at the hospital today, but were not permitted to see the Colonel, were:

Oscar Straus, of the Public Service Commission; Admiral Albert Gleaves, captain of the Mayflower during the Roosevelt Administration; George B. Cortelyou, presidential secretary for Roosevelt; Richard B. Hurd, head of the Lawyers Mortgage Company; and Miss Josephine Stryker, his private secretary.

It was learned today that at least two torpedoes were fired at the Tuscania.

RESIGNATIONS TENDERED BY AUSTRIAN CABINET

Vienna Dispatches to Amsterdam Report Abdication of Von Seydlitz and Associates

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 8.—The resignation of the Austrian Cabinet has been tendered to Emperor Carl, according to Vienna dispatches here today.

Austrian Premier von Seydlitz handed the resignation to the head of the dual monarchy.

CHILD BURNS TO DEATH

Live Coal From Stove Ignites Dress of Camden Girl

Four-year-old Margaret Carpenter was burned to death today in spite of her father's efforts to save her when a live coal, falling from the kitchen stove at her home, 228 1/2 Mitchell street, Camden, ignited her dress.

The father, Solomon Carpenter, beat out the flames, but the child died at the door of Cooper Hospital, where she was taken. Her blazing clothing set fire to the kitchen. Slight damage was caused before firemen arrived.

Activity in Locomotive Market

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The revival of activity among the railroads in buying locomotives was marked by contracts being placed for sixty-seven additional engines this week. The total of orders placed, which were divided among five roads, called for an expenditure of about \$5,000,000, the entire number going to the American Locomotive Company.



ELLIS PUSEY PASSMORE, Vice president of the Franklin National Bank, elected president of the Federal Reserve Bank.

PASSMORE HEADS FEDERAL RESERVE

Franklin Bank Official Is Chosen Governor of Philadelphia District

C. J. RHOADS RESIGNS

The board of governors of the Federal Reserve Bank meeting this afternoon accepted the resignation of Charles J. Rhoads as governor of the bank and elected Ellis Pusey Passmore, vice president of the Franklin National Bank, as his successor.

Mr. Passmore is widely known in banking circles. He has been associated with the Franklin National Bank since 1902, two years after the bank was organized.

He first was assistant cashier. Two years later he was elected cashier, succeeding J. R. McAlister, who became president.

Mr. Passmore was born February 1, 1865, on "Chantilly Farm, owned by his father in Cecil County, Maryland. He is the son of Ellis P. and Mary E. (Lincoln) Passmore. His education was obtained first at a public school and later at the Friends' Select School at Rising Sun, Md., from whence he went to Swarthmore College, where he was graduated in the class of 1887.

Some time after leaving college Mr. Passmore became identified with Philadelphia banking interests. He has taken an active interest in the affairs of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association and was honored in 1914 by being elected president of that organization.

Mr. Passmore is a member of the Union League, the Art Club, the Handicapped Veterans' Club and the Swarthmore Club of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. He is an enthusiastic golfer and is a member of the Philadelphia and Germantown Golf Club. He is also a member of the board of directors of the American Ice Company and is on that company's finance committee.

Mr. Passmore married Emily Pusey Shelton and has two children, Mary Lincoln Passmore and Elizabeth Pusey Passmore. His home is at Coulter and Stokely streets, Germantown.

Mr. Passmore tendered his resignation a short time ago. He will take up his duties here, in which he feels he can render better service at this time.

P. R. T. APPROVES TRANSIT LEASE

Stockholders Accept Agreement and Possible Increased Fare

VOTE SEVEN TO ONE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. Arab forces under command of the Sheik of Mecca have completely defeated a Turkish army operating southeast of the Dead Sea, official dispatches received today.

In a sanguinary battle, which began January 30, the Arab tribesmen virtually annihilated the entire Turkish force, capturing 200 prisoners, including the Turkish commander-in-chief and his staff, the report states.

The Turkish loss in killed alone exceeded 400. Eighteen machine guns, two mountain guns and a large amount of booty fell into the hands of the Arabs.

The engagement, according to the report to General Allenby, of the British expeditionary force in Palestine, began at Kerak, near the southeastern extremity of the Dead Sea. The Turks, badly beaten, left many prisoners, seven machine guns, one mountain gun and a large quantity of booty, retiring in disorder to the Hejaz railroad.

In the Jerusalem sector, the British campaign, which military critics predict is Allenby's plan of strategy, is successful, the Turkish communication line with Medina will be broken.

Tribesmen under the Sheik of Mecca, or King of Mecca, as the former shepherd is now designated, himself, has been of great assistance to the British expeditionary forces in driving the Turk from the Holy Land.

Shortly after the British campaign in Palestine got under way the sheik ruled over Mecca and Medina by the authority of the Sultan, declared the independence of Arabia from Turkish rule.

CAREER OF PETER FEARS, a powerful story of seamanship, appears today on page 13.

CITY WOULD BID ITS 'BOYS' ADIEU

Phila. Parents Want Farewell Parade of Sons Bound "Over There"

BAKER ORDER PERMITS REGIMENTS TRAINING FOR SERVICE ABROAD MAY TURN OUT IN CITIES NEAR CANTONMENTS

Philadelphia wants to see its soldiers parade here before they go "over there."

"This common thought arose today in the minds of Philadelphia fathers and mothers when they learned the order just issued by Secretary of War Baker that whenever possible the regiments in training for service in France be permitted to parade in cities near their cantonments. It kindled the possibility of seeing this city's 10,000 National Army men at "Camp Meade, Md., marching through the streets of their "home town" in a farewell parade that would show what an efficient part of Uncle Sam's new war machine was contributed by the drafted men that marched here a motley throng last August.

The privilege of giving its boys a bit "send-off" before the units go overseas and into the war is all the city wants. The cheer of such a farewell, it was pointed out, would steel the soldiers for battle and arouse latent patriotism in hearts here. It would bring the war home and shape the will for victory.

Enthusiasm among the soldiers over the prospect was reported this afternoon from Camp Meade as word reached by Secretary Baker for one more visit home. "So near and yet so far" is the situation of the 20,000 Pennsylvanians in intensive training at the Maryland cantonment, a scant 115 miles from Philadelphia.

The enthusiasm of the troops was duplicated here, where memories are held of the inspiring spectacles of the National Guard regiments parading on their return from the Mexican border. The hearts of mothers, sisters, wives and sweethearts beat fast because of the possibility of seeing their loved ones marching among well-drilled troops going off to fight for their country.

The 10,000 Philadelphians at "Camp Meade" are scattered among nearly all the organizations there and in some units, like the 115th Infantry, the personnel is solidly Philadelphia. The least that the city looks for is the triumphant good-by parade of the Philadelphia units. Further, it was pointed out that Philadelphia could be made the scene for all the military organizations of the section of the state. Designation of the city as the parade ground for eastern Pennsylvania troops would furnish a big day in municipal history.

Secretary Baker's order was issued to the "Chief of Staff" for transmission to the various army commanders, including Brigadier General Nicholson, commander of the Philadelphia units.

"The country has a deep interest in its soldiers. It is entitled to see them in their military organizations when they are in the city, and to afford them without prejudice to their continuing instruction. I would therefore be glad to have you issue a general order to all commanding officers to open to all citizens the opportunities for reviews and parades in regiments and large units in cities near their several camps."

New York City, the privilege of the Secretary of War, that he would send a regiment from Camp Upton was ordered to New York for a big parade that thrilled the city.

QUICK NEWS

ONE HUNDRED RESERVE OFFICERS ORDERED TO DUTY

ANNA-POLIS, Md., Feb. 8.—One hundred young officers of the naval reserve corps completed a course of intensive training in electrical engineering here today. They were ordered immediately to service at sea at the naval shore stations.

GENERAL BRUSSILOFF ARRESTED IN MOSCOW

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 8.—General Brussiloff, commander-in-chief of the Russian armies under Kerensky, has been arrested in Moscow according to Berlin dispatches received today. (Brussiloff was appointed commander June 4, 1917, and resigned two months later because he could not fully agree with Kerensky's democratic attitude toward the armies.)

LIFTS "HEATLESS MONDAY" BAN IN 8 STATES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Fuel Administrator Garfield today lifted the Monday closing order in North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. Moderation of weather conditions made this step possible, fuel administration officials declared. The order of preference in coal shipments, established January 17, will remain effective and the penalty attached to violation of it. The fuel administration also issued permission to furnish necessary coal on Mondays to heat and light all workshops and lofts occupied by members of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

FIRST 'VEST-POCKET SUBMARINE FIGHTER' KEEL LAID

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The keel for the first of the "vest-pocket submarine fighters" Henry Ford is making for the navy was laid yesterday. Ford wired Secretary Daniels today. Daniels said the Ford boat has not yet been named, but that whatever name was given it officially probably would be popularly replaced with a nickname.

SAMMEES IN BEST HEALTH AT FRONT

Splendid Work Being Done by Salvation Army and Y. M. C. A.

By HENRI BAZIN Staff Correspondent, Evening Public Ledger with the Americans in France

The health of the American troops now in France is excellent. Thanks to the daily foot inspection, "trench feet" are unknown. Faces are rosy, eyes bright and appetites strong. In the matter of supplies, equipment and general comfort the American soldier is the equal of any in his experience.

I was forcibly impressed in this morning's walk through the trenches and back to the villages and cantonments of the front of Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and Salvation Army contingents just behind the lines. Some of the Salvation Army are within shell range. Their organization is the smallest of the units and the poorest financially, but it is nearest the hearts of the Sammees because of its work in the trenches. Three ladies who are nearest the front of any American women darn socks, mend, clean and wash dishes, as well as take their cooler and doughnuts for the boys.

A general officer commanding the Salvationists, with others of lower rank of the rank and file, says here and there where there was a smash-up in front-line trenches.

There was a noticeable "settling down" in the Sammees' trench life this morning. Many shells of various caliber were thrown by both sides. The damage was nil to the Americans, save here and there where there was a smash-up in front-line trenches.

This applies to the rank and file with no exception. A platoon was backing its bayonets to obviate reflection. One Sammee said, "If I stick one of them Boches with this knife he'll get blood poisoning."

MEN ARE VETERANS SAYS HE WILL ACT

Transit conditions in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Allegheny County were placed under personal investigation today by Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

At the same time City Solicitor Connelly announced that he had sent word to both branches of Councils that his complaint against the P. R. T. will be filed in a day or two. He said that when drawn to his satisfaction the document would be forwarded to the Public Service Commission, in Harrisburg, by special messenger.

Action by Secretary Daniels followed the receipt of many complaints that trolley service in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh was interfering with the operation of munition plants.

Congressman M. Clyde Kelly, of Bradford, had a conference with the Secretary today on the situation. He called upon Mr. Daniels for the purpose of giving support to the complaint which Commodore Dantig, in charge of naval inspections in the Pittsburgh district, has forwarded to the Secretary.

INTENDS TO DO SOMETHING The Secretary informed Congressman Kelly that he had been receiving complaints about the hindrance to war work for much of the day. He said that the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia districts caused by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company's lines to and from the yard in order that adequate transit service may be given proper and adequate service to and from the plants. After he completes his personal investigation he will carry the matter to the President.

WORKERS SEE DANIELS Twenty representatives of the 9000 mechanics and other skilled shop workers of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company met this afternoon at 1212 1/2 Broad Street Station for Washington at 7:20 o'clock this morning to ask Secretary of the Navy Daniels to commandeer the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company's lines to and from the yard in order that adequate transit service may be given proper and adequate service to and from the plants. After he completes his personal investigation he will carry the matter to the President.

ST. LOUIS CAR STRIKE ENDS; MEN VICTORIOUS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 8.—The street car strike is settled. It ended today after five days' duration in a victory for the union, and cars will be operated on all lines again by noon.

The agreement reached at a conference early today between representatives of the strikers and directors of the United Railways at the Chamber of Commerce will be ratified by the 2500 striking motormen and conductors this morning.

Until ratification the street-car system will remain paralyzed. Less than 100 cars were operated this morning, but hereafter the normal 1200, will be out of the sheds, it is expected.

The agreement includes recognition of the union with the open-shop proviso, and leaves the question of wages and hours set, for arbitration. It already has been accepted by union leaders and company officials.

GETS TAX OFFICE JOB

J. W. Smith Named Cashier in Germantown by City Treasurer

Jefferson W. Smith, of the Thirtieth Ward, was today appointed by Receiver of Taxes W. Freeland Kendrick to the position of cashier of Branch Tax Office No. 7, Town Hall, Germantown, at a salary of \$1800.

Another city appointment was that of Robert C. Boal, 8012 Walker street, to an inspectorship in the Bureau of Highways at \$1500 a year.

BIG DELAWARE BRIDGE PLANS ARE COMPLETE

Mammoth Suspension Structure Approved by Officials

FINAL DETAILS UP IN MEETING ON MONDAY

Huge Span Will Cost \$12,000,000 and Stretch 1745 Feet

LARGEST IN THE WORLD

Wide Roadways and Spiral Approaches Among Great Features

DELAWARE BRIDGE PLAN FACTS Pennsylvania-New Jersey Bridge Commissioners have complete plan for suspension bridge between Philadelphia and Camden.

Spiral approaches at both ends obviate cost of land condemnation for straight approaches, 3000 feet long. Four railway tracks, two forty-foot promenade and two twelve-foot promenades furnish accommodations for all classes of travel.

Spiral approach at foot of Arch street between Piers 5 and 10 may be modified to permit exit to Front street rather than Delaware avenue, as originally planned.

Center of three-deck spiral, with 8 per cent grade roadways, can be used for market houses and recreation centers.

Foot passengers will leave bridge by two escalators at both terminals.

New bridge will clear channel vertically by 152 feet at high water, and entire bridge width will be 114 feet from pier to pier, or the longest of its kind in the world.

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