

SEA RAID LESSENS U-BOAT MENACE Daring Exploit Seals Up Preying German Craft and Hampers Tirpitz BASES BADLY DAMAGED Garrison on Mole Thought American Force Made the Attack

London, April 23.—The Franco-British naval raid on the Belgian coast yesterday morning—one of the most daring exploits in marine history—was believed by experts today to have sealed up the Zebrugge submarine base.

The blow is a hard one to Germany, because as two 300-foot ships, filled with hundreds of tons of cement, hard-wood, and stone, which were sunk in the channel, will require weeks of labor to remove. Meanwhile many submarines were wrecked and others will be blocked from the open sea.

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German Defenses Damaged

Losses Heavy

British Slackers Here

Recruiting Mission Says They Make Munitions to Escape War

Chile Gets German Ships

U. S. Not to Provide Cars

OUR TROOPS IN FRANCE SEND PLEA FOR LETTERS

Wounded Men Want to Stay and Fight, but Need Word From Home

BRITISH WAR CABINET GIVES SHIPPING FACTS

White Paper Furnishes Details of Losses and Replacements During War

U-BOAT TOLL IS HEAVY

London, April 23.—The White Paper on the shipping situation promised by Sir Eric Geddes in the House of Commons has not been issued. It says, in part:

The war cabinet has received a request from the Board of Admiralty that the full facts of the tonnage position should now be published. The war cabinet, with the concurrence of the Allies, has agreed to this request.

On the subject of losses, the Admiralty disclaims any desire to prophesy about so uncertain a thing as war. It is reported that the British fleet has made since the battle of Jutland.

During the critical period that confronts us we must rely to a large extent on our own shipyards and on ourselves. Our partners in the war are making every effort to increase their production of ships, but a considerable time must elapse before the desired output is secured.

The following table summarizes the position at the end of 1917:

Table with 4 columns: Gross Tonnage, United Kingdom, Foreign, World. Rows for 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917.

The following statement shows United Kingdom and world's merchant tonnage lost through enemy action and marine risks since the outbreak of war:

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The following statement shows enemy tonnage captured and brought into service by the United Kingdom and by the Allies since the outbreak of war:

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WORKED TO ABOLISH TOLL GATES

Dr. Oliver H. Fretz, of Quaker-town, Pa., has labored strenuously in upper Bucks County to abolish tollgates. He has served as the president of the Quaker-town Motor Club for several years and has accomplished much for the cause of good highways.

LOST HIS VESSEL, BUT SANK ONE SUBMARINE

Durango's Captain Tells of Fight With U-Boats—Damaged Second Attacker

Belfast, N. S., April 24.—Reports that the Durango, a steamship, was sunk by a U-boat last August were confirmed by the captain of the vessel. He has just arrived here for the first time since he sailed for an English port on the fatal trip. The ship had been understood in marine circles to have been destroyed, but its abandonment had not been made.

The captain said he and the crew did not abandon the Durango until after a five-hour running fight during which the second ship fired by the merchantman sank the attacking U-boat. The Durango's shells finally became exhausted and the order to abandon ship was given.

CATCH SPY IN PARIS

German in French Uniform Poses as Alaskan Deserter

Paris, April 24.—Wearing the uniform of a French infantryman, a German has been arrested in the streets of Paris. He told the authorities he was born in Alsace and had deserted from the German army after being brought to the western front from Alsace. The police are of the opinion that the prisoner is a German officer.

SALVATION ARMY LASSIES HEROINES AT SEICHEPREY

Six American Girls Had Narrow Escape From Chlorine Gas and Shells While Serving Hot Coffee to Men Out of Trenches

With the American Army in France, HEROINES as well as heroes are emerging from the fighting on that part of the western front held by the Americans.

Six American girls—all members of the Salvation Army—certainly had a narrow escape from chlorine gas and shells during the battle of Seicheprey.

Gas shells and bombs of large caliber were hurled and rained all about the girls as they worked. The girls did not stop to eat and, since hot coffee and soup to the men coming out of the first line trenches.

Though the commander admired the pluck of the girls, he was compelled to order them out of the village.

Some of the girls today told how they felt as they were shelled while near to the front of actual fighting.

All were cool and collected and army officers are proud of their bravery.

The darling of these Salvation Army girls is a record record. The people in the United States are not aware of the dangers nor how close these workers are to the zone of battle and to the Yanks in "secret situations" as the tough boys are coming to the boys.

Slept in Dogout

Miss Irene Melville, a graduate of Mount Vernon College, New York, said that Friday night was the first in which she slept in a dogout.

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