

U. S. SUBMARINE HIT BY MISTAKE

Allied Ship Fires as Under-sea Boat Appears on Surface

NO CASUALTIES RESULT

Captain Thought American Vessel Was Enemy Preparing to Attack Him

By the Associated Press Washington, July 25.

Mistakenly evidently for the German submarine which has been operating off the North Atlantic coast, an American submarine of the latest type was fired upon and slightly damaged by an armed vessel in the New England waters last Tuesday.

The Navy Department's announcement today did not reveal the identity or nationality of the armed vessel, but it was understood that it was an Allied transport. Unofficial reports were that the submarine had been running submerged and came to the surface near the armed ship. The latter opened fire and had scored one hit before the American craft made known its identity. The shell penetrated the outer hull of the submarine, but did not explode.

Navy Department Statement The only official details were contained in this statement by the Navy Department:

"The Navy Department is informed that a United States submarine was fired on by mistake by an armed merchant vessel on July 23 off the American coast. One shell penetrated the outer hull of the submarine, but did not explode. No material injury was done, only a small section of shell plating being damaged. No one aboard was injured and the submarine proceeded to her base under her own power."

Had the shell exploded after entering the outer hull, it was said, the submarine probably would have been destroyed. As it was the inner hull evidently was not damaged and the submarine will be ready for service again as soon as the damaged outer hull plates can be replaced.

Previous Incident Recalled This was the first incident of its kind to occur in American waters, so far as has been announced, but it is not the first since the United States entered the war. Last October an American gunboat Nashville while on patrol duty in the Mediterranean fired upon an Italian submarine which failed to promptly answer signals for identification. One man aboard the submarine was killed, but the vessel reached port.

Lieutenant Commander Ernest Friedrich, commanding the Nashville, was severely wounded in the attack and the sentence was approved by Secretary Daniels, despite the fact that the Italian Government officially interceded in behalf of the officer and the court recommended clemency and also that the officer be commended for his zeal.

By the Associated Press Boston, July 25.—The unknown armed ship sighted off Nantucket Sunday morning by Captain William Price, of the schooner Elizabeth King, of Gloucester, was looked upon with suspicion today by naval officials, some of whom believed it might be a mother ship for German submarines operating off the New England coast. The mysterious ship was seen two hours before a U-boat attacked the tug Perth Amboy and her tow boat Orleans.

The strange vessel, with guns fore and aft, was reported to be in the line of transatlantic travel about twenty miles south of the Cape Cod light, Shoal lightship. A full description of the boat which displayed neither flag nor name and carried heavy wireless equipment, was in the hands of officers of the first naval district today and steps were under way to intercept the craft and determine her status.

Captain Price reported that the ship came within 100 feet of the Elizabeth King and trained his guns upon the schooner but did not fire. When Captain Price spoke to the ship an officer replied in a foreign tongue.

SLIPS UNDER TRAIN WHEELS Hog Island Worker May Lose Foot Injured in Accident

Slipping under the wheels of a train he was racing to catch, fourteen-year-old John Davy of Wilder street, suffered such severe injuries that his foot will have to be amputated.

They in fact were in the University Hospital.

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Many of us have a faint whiff of perfume on our best frock or daintiest handkerchief, but sedulously avoid the temptation because we cannot afford to have the best, and we are satisfied with nothing less. But did you know that small bottles of extracts can be had for as low as fifteen cents and twenty-five cents? To be sure, they are not very large, but then, only a drop of these exquisite perfumes is needed. Even the beloved "Mary Garden" may be secured for as low as fifteen cents.

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CHILDREN AT STARR GARDEN CAPTIVATED BY GOOD HEALTH "MOVIES"



Every summer motion pictures illustrating methods to check the spread of the "great white plague" are shown in different sections of the city. This educational work is done under the direction of the Philadelphia Committee for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. The upper picture shows a crowd gathered last night at the recreation center at Lombard and Seventh streets to watch the camera man film "The Trail of the Germ." In the lower photograph Miss Jean Phillips, assistant secretary for the Philadelphia Committee, is seen with a group of children, the protection and conservation of whose health is of vital importance in the work of stamping out tuberculosis.

AMERICANS PUSH STEADILY FORWARD RECAPTURE VILLAGES ABOVE MARNE

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From the line running in front of Jaulgonne and Chartennes on the right bank of the Marne.

This progress was made in the face of most obstinate resistance by the Germans, who fought back every foot. Even when making steps backward they endeavored to render our progress costly by leaving behind German machine gunners cleverly concealed in nests. These gunners were not told that the main body was withdrawing, and were left at the mercy of the advance. Several of them when captured pressed unfeigned surprise when told that their comrades had withdrawn.

The fighting for possession of the major part of the Bois du Chatelet was especially severe. Experiencing great difficulty in several sallies into the woods, the French troops moved around to the north, taking Rocourt, the south, between the edge of the woods and Bezu St. Germain. With machine guns playing on the woods, the Germans had a machine gun, the Americans by last night were well cleared from their vantage place.

Hard Fighting in Wood This was one of a series of positions, forming the German line, established Tuesday night after their withdrawal north from the Marne.

The Americans also had bitter fighting in part of the forest of Barbillon. Soldiers who were in the fight tell me the Germans had a machine gun for every ten yards of the front. The German artillery made it especially difficult for us to send reinforcements forward to the fighters, who had to beat their way into the woods, which were filled with rocky ledges, forming excellent nests for enemy machine guns.

I went over much of the terrain between Chateau-Thierry and the front line. The villages and fields presented a sorry spectacle. They had been successively targets for German, French and American artillery fire. In many fields there were not ten square feet of ground that did not have its rapping shellhole. The villages were wrecked, seemingly beyond repair, and in many clumps of woods two out of three trees had been shot down. Along many roads German ammunition was piled high, as well as other war material. The haste with which the Germans withdrew is shown by the

fact that at one place we found a complete telephone system, switchboard and all, in perfect condition. The gigantic task of moving men and equipment forward has not given our soldiers time to bury the German dead, and who are strewn along the roads, and especially in the woods. One American heavy shell had landed among a group of Germans loading ammunition onto a truck. The debris of the Germans, the exploded ammunition and the truck still remains where the shell struck the outfit.

It is necessary for a country to have such ruin upon its soil to realize what war is, necessary for the people to have their homes shot to dust and ruin to know what a struggle involves. The French spirit, indomitable and brave, is unshaken.

French Folk a Game Lot Witness, for instance, the civilians I saw working today in Chateau-Thierry mending the holes in their houses and clearing away wreckage where nothing worth while was left of the places held so dear. Scattered in all parts of France in the first days of June when the Germans took Chateau-Thierry, as soon as the word went out that the French and Americans had recaptured their home town, back they came to take up their lives where the hated boche had interrupted it. They are a game lot, these French folk, the gamiest in the world. They will stick to the end.

To the Americans in France the war so far is more or less of a great adventure. To the French in France it is a sterner and uglier reality. The American fighting men are bearing the blows in France, but in the French people as well as in the soldiers who have borne the blows of war in France for four long years, the spirit of France is strong.

It must come as no disappointment to America that her soldiers are not moving ahead so fast as they did last Thursday. Then they took the Germans by surprise. Now the Germans have put up their reserves, have reorganized and are doing their best to keep from going backward further.

It should be a source of greatest satisfaction to the American people, a source of the greatest confidence in their fighting men, and of the greatest faith in General Poch, General Pershing and General Pain, that the Allied troops, despite the best resistance the German high command can make are still able to push forward, even though the pace is slower. The American divisions are doing all their generals expect of them, and that should be all their country expects. Should the Allied armies advance no further—although they will—they have

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POTATO BLIGHT REDUCING CROP

State Forecasts 20 Per Cent Less Production Than Last Year

ACREAGE IS SMALLER

Average Yield of 82 Bushels Predicted by Department of Agriculture

Pennsylvania's potato crop will be seriously impaired because of lack of rain and the work of the potato blight, it is predicted by State and Federal experts.

The State Department of Agriculture has issued a bulletin to the effect that this year's crop will be fully 20 per cent less than that of last year. The Federal Department of Agriculture predicts even a greater falling off in the Pennsylvania crop, in some sections not more than 50 per cent of last year's crop being expected.

Last year 30,653,000 bushels of potatoes were produced in Pennsylvania. An average yield of eighty-two bushels to the acre against ninety-nine and a half bushels to the acre last year is the forecast by the Agriculture Department at Harrisburg.

Another big factor in the decrease this year is the fact that farmers have planted 12,205 less acres in that important food item, many preferring to plant the land in grain.

The Federal department summary is actually suffering, not from a shortage of water supply, but from a drying out of the soil so that the growth of crops is seriously checked. In some places the pastures and meadows are beginning to turn brown. High temperatures have stimulated the growth of corn to some extent, but it is generally needing rain.

Early potatoes have been quite seriously damaged by blight, green aphid and the lack of moisture, and in many places they will not yield more than half a crop.

The damage seems to be greatest in the southeastern section of the State. The latest planted fields are still fair to good and in some of the central and western counties the potatoes are reported as excellent. Truck crops and gardens are beginning to suffer from the lack of moisture and, unless good rains come soon, the condition will become serious.

Showers were light and widely scattered during the week and served to reduce the drought only over a small percentage of the State. The report said: "Many of the showers were accompanied by hail and considerable damage resulted locally. The accumulated deficiency in rainfall is such that many places are actually suffering, not from a shortage of water supply, but from a drying out of the soil so that the growth of crops is seriously checked."

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Un dispiaccio da Cattaro annuncia che, durante il recente attacco contro quella base austriaca compiuto con successo dagli aviatori italiani ed inglesi, due trasporti nemici sono stati affondati.

A Gava del Tirreni e' morto l'on. Roberto Talamo, deputato per il Collegio di Vailo della Liguria e che fu sottosegretario di Stato al Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia col ministro Cocco Corti, sotto il gabinetto Zanardelli dal 1901 al 1903.

Il maggior generale Emilio Guglielminotti, addetto militare presso la Regia Ambasciata Italiana, durante una intervista, ha espresso la sua opinione che i teutonici, dopo la schiacciante disfatta italiana in Francia, pensino tentare un colpo contro l'Italia. Il generale crede che Ludendorff, non appena realizzerà l'impossibilita' di conseguire una vittoria al fronte occidentale inviera le riserve tedesche in Italia e non perdendo tempo per tentare di abbattere le difese italiane. Con cio' la Germania vorrebbe prevenire il fatto che l'Italia possa inviare altre truppe in Francia.

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L'illustre generale ha terminato dicen-

do che simultaneamente all'offensiva in Trentino vi e' la possibilita' che i teutonici attacchino le linee sull'Alto Adige, e sulle alture del Montebello.

La situazione in base al rapporto giunti fino a ieri dal fronte di battaglia puo' riassumersi come segue: Da quando l'offensiva del generale Foch cominciò, gli Alleati son riusciti a penetrare nel saliente della Marna e una profonda "di piu" di dieci miglia e la loro successione avanzata ha inghiottito tutte le linee tedesche di comunicazione fra Soissons e Chateau-Thierry. Sulla parte orientale essi minacciano la ferrovia Rheims-Flamers, che corre lungo la riva meridionale del Vesle.

Gli Alleati continuano nella loro costante pressione in tutte le parti del saliente della Marna. A Arrigny, a sud-est di Rheims, un contrattacco operato dai tedeschi e' stato respinto. A nord di Chateau-Thierry le forze franco-americane hanno sconfiggato i tedeschi della ferrovia Chatelet e gli americani cingono l'Epied, facendo uso della cavalleria. Sul fronte della linea avanzata si effettuano per circa due miglia. Nel combattimento a nord di Montfidiar i francesi, Chatelet e gli americani cingono i tedeschi, catturando 1850 prigionieri, compresi 52 ufficiali e comandanti di battaglioni.

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