

HUN SUCCESS IN RAID UNPLEASANT LONDON SURPRISE

Attack Which Resulted in Sinking 11 Vessels Astonishes the British Public

ADMIRALTY CRITICISED

All Crews of Merchantment Saved; Had Time to Take to Boats

London, Monday, Dec. 17.—The successful attack by German warships on a convoy in the North sea, resulting in the sinking of eleven vessels as announced in the House of Commons to-day, came as an uncomfortable surprise to the British public. It is expected to cause a revival of the serious criticism of the Admiralty such as that at the time

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of the successful German attack on a convoy of Scandinavian merchantmen in October. Added to this is the raid made off the Tyne last Wednesday by German warships. As a result of these two expeditions one British destroyer has been sunk, another seriously damaged, five trawlers and eight merchantmen have been sent to the bottom, another trawler has been damaged and a number of men have been killed, wounded or taken prisoner. Among the prisoners is a nephew of Viscount Grey, former Foreign Secretary.

According to Danish accounts the force which attacked the convoy consisted of four cruisers, in addition to destroyers. A painful aspect of the affair, from the British public's point of view, is that apparently all the attacking vessels escaped and returned to their bases. Another unpleasant feature is that the British cruiser squadron detailed to protect the convoy against surface attacks for some unexplained reason was not on the scene.

Vice Admiral Beatty immediately opened an inquiry and the first sitting was held yesterday, being conducted by Vice Admirals Sturdee, De Robeck and Goodenough. The investigation will be hastened as much as possible. According to the testimony of survivors both here and in Scandinavia, the fighting was one of most violent character. The Germans poured hundreds of shots into the ill-fated vessels.

Christiania, Dec. 18.—All the crews of the merchantmen in the convoy attacked in the North sea by the Germans last week were saved. The merchant vessels had time to retire while the outnumbered British destroyers and trawlers engaged in a desperate fight with the Germans and the crews of the merchantment took to the boats.

GOLD IN AMERICAN HEARTS, SAYS ISHII Tokio, Dec. 18.—"Returning from our voyage of discovery, we bring to our gracious sovereign and the people of our nation the assurance that the true gold of America lies at the very heart of its people," said Viscount Ishii at a banquet given in his honor to-night.

The head of the Japanese mission which recently visited the United States declared he was very earnest in his desire to convince the people of Japan of the value and the real meaning of the people of the United States.

PIEZ SUCCEEDS HARRIS AS HEAD OF SHIP BOARD

General Reorganization of Fleet Corporation to Follow Department Shake-up

Washington, Dec. 18.—Charles Piez, of Chicago, was to-day appointed general manager of the Fleet Corporation, succeeding Rear Admiral Harris, who resigned. A general reorganization of the fleet corporation will follow. Rear Admiral Bowles, aid to Admiral Harris, will be given an important place in the new organization. Admiral Harris' resignation was accepted, Chairman Hurley announced, because of his insistence on moving the offices of the corporation to Philadelphia.

The shipbuilding program, Chairman Hurley announced, is in better shape than at any time since it was launched. Conditions on the Pacific Coast are excellent, he declared, and work is progressing everywhere as fast as human labor can turn it out. Destroyers and trawlers are under construction and under contract. His announced, \$395,308 deadweight tons of shipping.

PIGGERY PLAN IS APPROVED BY CITY

municipal ash collection force, and appropriate equipment. It is estimated twelve two-horse wagons, six one-horse teams, complete harness, thirty horses and a truck will be required. A special meeting of Council will be held Friday evening to pass the ordinance finally so that advertisement contracts will be opened January 1.

Plan of Piggery In awarding the garbage contract it was stipulated that Hagy Brothers must establish a piggery similar to the one now in operation near Wilkes-Barre and that the contract will be on the same order.

Mr. Hagy said he will move to the city shortly with his family and start the organization of his force at once. Some of the pigs, he said, are Rohrerstown pens will probably be brought here within the next few weeks he said.

The total estimate for the ash and garbage collection work for the eleven months of next year after the present contract ends is \$87,234.25, including the \$15,000 for equipment and the \$6,000 for the ash and garbage collection bureau. The entire total is made up largely by the labor cost. Dedicating the \$22,000 for garbage collection, \$15,000 for equipment and the removal of the one in Cherry street near the Pennsylvania railroad. Council authorized a refund of a \$50 fine which had been imposed on Jennie Taylor, but was ordered remitted when the court released the woman because of a defective information against her. The commissioners also decided to exonerate Capitol Park extension properties from unpaid taxes of 1914, 1915 and 1916, giving the city solicitor authority to collect any tax possible by placing liens on other properties held by former owners on the park extension.

Snow Impedes Apparatus Commissioner Gross called the attention of Mayor Keister to the conditions existing in some of the streets because residents had shoveled the snow from the sidewalks. He requested some police regulation to have residents on narrow streets to shove only about two-thirds of the pavement, preventing large piles of snow in the streets, making travel difficult for the fire department.

Mayor Keister said he had arranged for such action in case of any more heavy snows. The ordinance creating the City Electrical Bureau was held over for one week. Other ordinances passed finally provide for payment of commission to William V. Hughes, for sale of horses owned by city; appropriation fine on Pennsylvania Reduction Company to health department; continuation of fund; authorizing contract for heating plants at Allison and Susquehanna fire houses; appropriating fund to pay delinquent bills of various fire companies.

Camp Hancock to Have Three Yule Holidays

Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., Dec. 18.—Elaborate dinners, band concerts, athletic events, a huge division Christmas tree and a distribution of gifts by the American Red Cross will feature the Christmas Day celebration of the Twenty-eighth Division, who three days ago were granted the men, according to an announcement here to-day. Two days additional will be granted the men on New Year's. The three days on which the boys will cease work are December 24, 25 and 26. The men are granted December 31 and January 1 for the New Year's celebration. Major General Muir, commander of the division, approved the schedule of holidays yesterday. It was one of the first official acts of the new commander, who began the active work of preparing the division for overseas service early yesterday morning.

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RAILROAD TRAFFIC MOVES MORE REGULARLY

Penny Reports Improved Conditions on Main Line; Freight Active

Reports from the main line to-day regarding traffic were the most encouraging in several weeks. Snowstorms and wet weather, along with congestions, broke up many passenger schedules and slowed up freight movement. The recent snowstorms hit the line hard. To-day it was said that with one or two exceptions, passenger trains were running in good order, even through trains from the west being almost up to the minute on each division.

Large working forces are still busy on both the Philadelphia and Middle divisions clearing away the snow and keeping the signals and switches in good order. Freight traffic, while still greatly congested and much delayed, due to scarcity of engines, freezing up of engine equipment and the scarcity of laborers to keep the tracks and switches open, was also much better to-day, trains moving with something like regularity, and, greatly reduced in size, making fairly good time.

Veteran Track Foreman Dies at Home in Columbia

Columbia, Pa., Dec. 18.—Frederick Stutz, aged 75 years, a retired Pennsylvania railroad track foreman, and a veteran of the Civil War, died suddenly at his home last night, as a result of an attack of heart trouble. He is survived by a wife and these children: Ellie, wife of Harry Barch, of Lancaster, and Annie, at home; Charles C. Stutz, of Harrisburg; and a surviving grandson. Three brothers and one sister, survive, as follows: Christian, at El Reno, Okla.; William, Harrisburg; Harry, at Harrisburg; and Mrs. Margaret Mechoir, Harrisburg.

Reading Manager Presents Red Cross Memberships

E. O. Lingle, manager of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Telegraph offices in this city, gave his employees a big surprise to-day at the same time, boosted the Red Cross membership. As a Christmas gift he presented each telegraph operator, four in number, and messenger paid-up membership in the Red Cross.

New Line Big Help in Increasing Coal Supply

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 18.—Trains now being run over the new connection between the Cumberland and the Western Maryland railroads near Hagerstown, Md., are greatly facilitating the movement of freight trains from the west to the north, and especially coal, to relieve the serious coal situation in the north. The new line was opened for traffic Sunday when the first train of thirty-nine coal cars of coal that came from the Western Maryland Valley transferred to the Cumberland Valley at Hagerstown, Pa., and delivered to the Philadelphia and Reading Railway at that place. The link will prove a great factor in handling all freight traffic, especially coal, in much quicker time and will also relieve the freight blockade existing on the Western Maryland west of here.

Name New Penny Agents on Philadelphia Division

In a notice made public to-day through J. K. Johnston, superintendent of the Philadelphia division, the following new agents were named by General Superintendent R. V. Massey: Michael A. Desmond, passenger, baggage and freight agent and saving fund depository, at Parkersburg, Pa.; vice George W. Darlington, deceased. Oscar G. Darlington, passenger, baggage and freight agent and saving fund depository, at Devon, Pa.; vice Michael A. Desmond, transferred. Reuben R. Hull, passenger, baggage and freight agent and savings fund depository, at Pomeroy, vice Oscar G. Darlington, transferred. George B. Grove, passenger, baggage and freight agent and savings fund depository, at Atglen, Pa.; vice Reuben R. Hull, transferred. Robert W. Thomas, passenger, baggage and freight agent and savings fund depository, at Bohrerstown, Pa.; vice George B. Grove, transferred.

Adams Express Company Employees Vaccinated

To add to the woes of the officials of the Adams Express Company, who are doing everything in their power to rush shipments, the employees in this city were to-day ordered to the office for vaccination. Just now there are between 240 and 300 men working for the company in this city. Every man must undergo an examination. It was said that this treatment will mean many sore arms for Christmas week. The vaccination was ordered by the city health authorities following the discovery of cases of smallpox in the ranks of the employees. As all trainmen and the majority of Pennsylvania railroad station attaches come in contact with the express company employees, it is probable that they too may have to undergo vaccination.

SOCIAL Mrs. Alice Enders has gone to Pittsburgh to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Floyd. Later she will visit her son, Professor P. Farmer, in Dolores. Lieutenant Charles M. Graeff, of 2212 North Sixth street, has gone to Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., where he has been assigned to the Eighty-second division. Mrs. Graeff will join him later. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Romayne, of Philadelphia, will spend the weekend with relative in town. VISITS HIS MOTHER Harry C. Stackpole, of St. Mary's, head of the Stackpole Battery Company, spent a few hours with his mother, Mrs. Margaret J. Stackpole, en route home from New York, Sunday evening. Mr. Stackpole lived in Harrisburg in his youth.

COMPLETION OF POST OFFICE ASTONISHES THE "NATIVES"

An old man wearing an overcoat of the 1812 model and a Civil War hat stood gazing at the new Post Office this morning, holding the hand of his great grandson. The old man, reminiscent shade touched the venerable ancient's countenance and when another man, of slightly less advanced years, nodded out from the edifice, the two exchanged toothless grins and a trembling clasp. "I just heard that they're using part of the first floor," spoke the visitor in a high creaky voice. "I couldn't believe it, Jonas, and so I come all the way into town 'n see if they was telling the truth." "It's a fact, Cyrus," assured the other. "Gracious me, it don't seem possible. And the word is now that the whole building'll be finished by next March."

"DRY" AMENDMENT CERTAIN OF VICTORY

TEXT OF "DRY" RESOLUTION Passed the Senate Aug. 1, 1917. Passed the House Dec. 17, 1917.

RESOLVED by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each house concurring therein), That the following amendment to the Constitution be, and hereby is, proposed to the states, to become a part of the Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of several states as provided by the Constitution:

Section 1. After one year from the ratification of this article the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, or the exportation therefrom from any State and all territory subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction of the United States shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

HOUSE VOTE For Prohibition, 282; against, 128. SENATE VOTE—(August 1) For Prohibition, 65; against, 20.

HOW PENNSYLVANIA VOTED For the amendment, 18: Castle Darrow Butler Great Farr McEadden Scott Focht Kreider Rose Bradbeck Howland Kelly Robbins Sterling Temple Strong Beahm

Against, 18: Seago Griland McLaughlin Vore Gribble Graham Moore Edmonds Watson Templeton Heaton Dewalt Leisher Clark Steele Porter Moran Campbell

tion continued until the pounding of the speaker's gavel and demands for Pen ratification. One of the last to vote, and the success of the resolution was not assured until the second roll had been called by Uncle Joe Cannon, of Illinois. He voted "aye." The vote shows the great progress of the prohibition movement. It has been spreading rapidly, gaining in strength in all sections of the country; it has swept eastward from the west and northward from the south until a comparative small number of eastern and middle states are now the last strongholds of the liquor interests. The vote in the House was a further manifestation of its growth. Ten years ago, when Richmond Pearson Hobson, then member of the House, began the fight for a constitutional amendment that would absolutely prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicants, the House laughed at him.

When the time came that Hobson wanted to come to the Senate from Alabama, his liquor interests sought their agents into his state and aided in defeating him. Congress after Congress was asked years upon the same amendment and the members did so willingly, knowing that it would be defeated. Every time a vote was taken the prohibition forces showed increased strength.

Hobson Finally Vindicated

In the last two Congresses a majority developed in favor of the amendment. But the vote was still far short of the necessary two-thirds required to pass a constitutional revision, and liquor interests maintained their attitude of defiance.

Yesterday Richmond Pearson Hobson introduced the resolution the House adopted, and was laughed at for doing so, the cause to witness the triumph of the present amendment, and was unceasingly and ably. William Jennings Bryan was also present, and the men who slunk into obscurity and could find few friends and no sympathizers were the same representatives of the liquor interests, who had formerly boasted of their control of congressional action, through their influence in the policy of the states and the districts represented in the two houses.

Ratification in Three Years

William Jennings Bryan, commenting on the result of the prohibition vote in the House, said: "We got what we expected, but it was bigger than we had thought." "The tide has now risen to the point where it will carry with it many who might have opposed prohibition had they thought their opposition would have been successful." "I have no doubt of the amendment."

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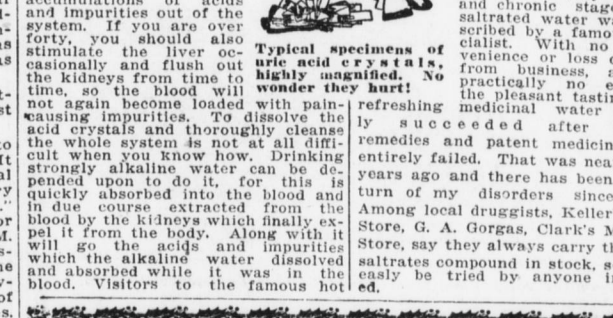
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