

VESSEL REPORTS SINKING U-BOAT

Big British Vessel in Three Hour Fight 500 Miles Off Sandy Hook

New York—Bearing the scars of a three-hour battle with a U-boat a British freight steamship—on the first leg of her maiden transatlantic voyage—raced in an Atlantic port with the report that in all probability the German undersea raider that attacked her 500 miles off Sandy Hook on September 14 was at the bottom of the Atlantic with all of her crew. Altogether the freighter was hit eleven times.

While the men of the freighter's naval guard modestly declined to

state definitely that the raider had been sunk, others aboard the ship recounted enthusiastically that they saw a shell from the freighter's gun land squarely at the submersible's bow, blowing to bits her forward gun and the squad of six Germans manning it. Immediately afterward, the freighter's crew asserted, they saw the U-boat list sharply and then disappear.

Nearly 300 shots were exchanged while the long running battle lasted. As the freighter was tied to her pier yesterday there was a big shell hole yeparding in her port bow, just above the water line; the door of the char house was shattered, two of her lifeboats were smashed, her wireless aeriels was cut to fragments. Nevertheless, every man aboard the freighter was sound and the damage to their ship can be mended quickly.

Dodged a Torpedo

The freighter's lookout sighted the submarine's periscope piking through the water just after 3 o'clock on the morning of the attack. She was less than half a mile off the Britisher's port bow then, and the skipper of the freighter barely had time to order the course of his ship changed before the wake of a torpedo could be seen plainly as it sped on its course toward the big ship. As the freighter veered swiftly the torpedo slipped harmlessly by and the gun crew aboard the raider's intended victim came into action. The first shell from the freighter fell wide of its mark, and at the moment the submarine came into full view on the surface of the water.

Instantly the submersible's two guns, one at each end, both apparently six inches, were trained upon the ship. The fire was returned almost shot for shot after the British sunners got down to work, but their shells fell far wide of their mark because of the zigzag course of their vessel.

The German sunners, according to the estimate of the freighter's crew, fired at least 200 shots, while the freighter's log, her crew said, showed that a total of ninety-four shells were thrown before the final one landed squarely on the submersible's forward gun platform and put her out of commission.

100 Shots Without a Hit

The hole in the freighter's port bow was torn by one of the first shots sent out of the German's forward gun. The ship's port bridge was scraped by another of the submarine's early shots, but after their marksmanship went awry for a time and they fired more than a hundred shots before getting another hit. The shells screamed over and all around the freighter, but dropped harmlessly into the water.

It was the ninety-fourth shot from the freighter that sealed the doom of the submarine. As the gunner let go with that shot the freighter was straightened out in her course and made a dash for it at full speed. The need for haste was eliminated by the shot, however, for the British seamen leaning over the rail of their ship reported that they saw the bodies of the gun crew hurled into the air with their hands and then saw the submarine list and disappear so quickly they are certain none of its crew had a chance to escape.

MIDDLETOWN TO GET MORE WATER

Public Service Commission Issues Order in Complaint of the Borough

In the second decision handed down by the Public Service Commission within a week in a Central Pennsylvania water company complaint the Middlebury and Swatara Consolidated Water Co. is directed to provide better service for the borough of Middletown, which filed a complaint a year ago alleging inadequate fire protection and irregular service to domestic consumers. The company's standpipe collapsed last year and the decision says that "convincing testimony" as to interruptions to service was submitted and that it was also shown that the water service was unsatisfactory when resumed. The decision further states that the testimony regarding pressures available for fire protection in the higher lying levels of the borough "all points to its inadequacy and to its uncertainty at times of fire." The practice of direct pumping into the system without a standpipe or other equalizer results in frequent interruption, it is declared, and an order is made that the company erect a suitable standpipe, tank or tower to remedy this condition and submit plans covering the proposed construction and data regarding the pressure.

The company is also ordered to make repairs to the wash tank system and place it in operation within two weeks.

Abolish Crossings—The Public Service Commission in an order handed down late today directs abolition of grade crossings in New Castle where Gardner avenue and a trolley line are crossed by tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio, Erie, Buffalo, Rockwell and Erie, Pittsburg, Pittsburgh and Lake Erie and other railroads and the construction of a bridge or viaduct on the line of a public highway to be known as Mahoning Extension. The order was made in the complaint of Lawrence county and after approving plans prepared provides that work shall be completed at the close of the war. The cost is to be apportioned among the authorities and the railroads interested.

Population Growth—Births in Pennsylvania during June were over 19,000 more than deaths according to statistics issued today by the State Department of Health. There were 19,781 births and 8,488 deaths. Tuberculosis caused 947 deaths, Bright's disease 687, pneumonia 637, cancer 552, while 87 persons committed suicide, 86 were killed in mines, 113 died from railway injuries and 127 died from whooping cough.

Governor Leaves—Governor Brumbaugh left today for Lancaster to attend the High school dedication and will spend the week end in Philadelphia.

Going to Be Fine—Auditor General Snyder remarked this morning that the September collections of back taxes were going to make a real showing. He said that strenuous work had been done to get in the money due and that this year would make a fine record.

Sitting at Scranton—Chairman Alney has gone to Scranton to conduct the hearings in the complaints from that section.

Over \$4,000,000—Receipts from state automobile licenses have gone over the \$4,000,000 mark according to Commissioner O'Neil. The pneumatic tired vehicles registered number 365,258.

Little Frost Reported—Not much frost has been reported by the state crop reporters to the Department of Agriculture, although there have been many statements about damage. This year is in better shape than last as regards frost.

Mr. Gibson Dead—William Gibson, a well known resident of Lycoming county and father of Ex-Representative Ralph Gibson, died at his home aged 74 years.

Without Regard to Age—Local draft boards have been ordered that they must not number registration cards with regard to age.

Bids Opened—State Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil opened bids for road work planned for Yeardon borough, Delaware county, and Ligonier borough, Westmoreland county, yesterday and the contract for building approximately 5,991 feet of plain concrete roadway on Route 119, in Ligonier, was awarded to the low bidder, Thomas L. Ryan, of Binghamton, N. Y., at \$46,016.80.

The other bidder on this work was Booth and Flinn, Ltd., Pittsburgh, \$71,390.40, and McLaughlin Contracting Company, Pittsburgh, \$73,254. If the United States Highway Council approves the building of 1,115 feet of bituminous pavement on Route 130, in Yeardon borough, Delaware county, Commissioner O'Neil will award the contract to the Union Paving Company, of Philadelphia, which firm presented a bid for \$13,520. This was the only bid received for this construction.

St. Bernard Dog, Hero, Calls Aid For Wounded

New York — A great St. Bernard dog is the hero in one of the stories of the fighting on the western front. Lieut. Martin Owens, formerly a Gotham policeman with the city police department and now driver of the ambulance donated by the police Legion of Honor, figures in the story.

An American officer was wounded in the fighting near Chateau-Thierry. He told his men to go on and leave him. He called "Bowers," the company mascot, a huge St. Bernard dog, to him. Bowers seemed to understand that the man couldn't move. He stood by the officer's side and watched over him, barking loudly. The officer became unconscious. When the officer regained consciousness the dog attracted his attention to a French private who had been wounded. The officer crawled to the man and gave him what aid he could, probably saving the private's life. Bowers kept on barking. The two men became so weak from loss of blood they became unconscious. Bowers barked constantly. Owen, with several nurses and other ambulance drivers, was attending the wounded and heard the barking. Owens went to where the dog stood, believing the dog belonged to the French soldiers. Owens spoke in French to him. Bowers wouldn't let him touch the stricken soldiers. Then the lieutenant spoke in English and the dog ceased growling and wagged his tail. The men were taken to the hospital, where they will recover.

Sees War's End In Year; Chauncey Depew Optimistic

New York—Chauncey M. Depew expressed the opinion that the Germans cannot hold out much longer and that the war will be over within a year. The former Senator made his prophecy when discussing final plans for the unvailing of a statute, which he calls "an admirable likeness" of himself, in Peckskill, his birthplace.

The ex-Senator, who gives his age as "four score and four," said: "The Germans cannot hold out much longer, in my opinion. Nations are like individuals. A fellow can't keep getting a licking continually, and there is a limit to the patience and endurance of even a German. When they find the Americans are not looking for land or anything against them the Germans get so we are fighting for a principle and that their German leaders have been deceiving them."

Standing of the Crews

HARRISBURG SIDE

Philadelphia Division

The 132 crew first to go after 3 o'clock: 123, 129, 23, 106, 110.
Engineers for 132, 23, 110.
Firemen for 110.
Flagman for 122.
Brakemen for 132 (2), 122.
Engineers up: Bouselet, Rennard, Ryan, Bickel, Lambert, Blair, Small, Linderman, Kinneyoug, Leib.
Firemen up: McIntyre, Larman, Reasler, Sheets, Staper, Neff, Clay, M.
Brakemen up: Belford, Corbin, Hannan, Weiger.

Middle Division

The 25 crew first to go after 12:45 o'clock: 24, 35, 21, 27, 32, 38, 32, 30.
Engineers for 25, 24, 30.
Firemen for 25, 32, 38, 33, 30.
Conductor for 38.
Brakeman for 33.
Engineers up: Albright, Beverlin, Baker, Leppard, Asper, McAllister, Smith, Loper, Moltz, Hawk, McMurtrel, Leiter, Snyder, Leib.
Firemen up: Rowe, Lewis, Arndt, Myers, Nicholas, Bell, Markel, Swartz, Nearhood.

ENOLA SIDE

Philadelphia Division

The 254 crew first to go after 3:45 o'clock: 235, 254, 221, 250, 245, 243, 248.
Engineers for 235, 248.
Firemen for 251, 244.

Middle Division

The 124 crew first to go after 3 o'clock: 110, 113, 248, 117, 21, 108.
Engineers for 124, 110, 113, 117, 108.
Firemen for 124, 12.
Flagmen for 110, 121.
Brakeman for 12.

Yard Board—Engineers for 3d 126, 4th 123, 105. Firemen for 3d 126, 2d 132, 2d 102, 118. Engineers up: Bickert, Ewing, Smith, Lutz, Barnhart, Huggins. Firemen up: Ready, Poll, Fisher, Groff, Glassler, Miller, Allen, R. G. Miller, Eichelberger.

PASSENGER SERVICE

Philadelphia Division

Engineers up: Fleam, Osmond, Gibbons, Kennedy.
Firemen up: Althouse, McNeal, Everhart, Shaffner, Floyd, Copeland.

Middle Division

Engineers up: Alexander, Crum, Keiser, Riley, Miller, Graham.
Firemen up: Stephens, Sheesley, Fletcher, Ross, Simmons, Gross, Arnold, Sheats.

THE READING

The 51 crew first to go after 12:15 o'clock: 64, 5, 7, 8, 60, 14, 62, 63, 24, 20, 6, 55, 53, 16.
Engineers for 55, 64, 20.
Firemen for 55, 64, 7.
Flagman for 64.
Brakemen for 53, 55, 6, 8, 11, 20, 24.
Engineers up: Bosser, Bowman, Hoffman.
Firemen up: Lehman, Greenawalt, Morrison, Rife, Noll, Turner, Bricker, Stone, Wolfe.
Conductors up: Hetrick, Smith.
Flagmen up: Spangler, Shueman, Siler, Filbert, Carl.
Brakemen up: Epler, Lehman, Hunsberger, Weaver, Neeley.

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GENIUS OF FOCH ADMITTED BY FOE

'Winning of First Battle of Marne' Also Reluctantly Acknowledged

London.—It is plainly to be read between the lines of German papers that Foch has won his spurs, even in the enemy's estimation. Commenting on his being made a Marshal of France, the Frankfort Gazette says: "We Germans need neither wonder nor get excited over the honor of Foch's. That the partial success of his counteroffensive would be magnified into a political demonstration—though this success is not denied in Germany—was to be taken for granted. Foch was made a Marshal of France for winning the first Battle of the Marne, so the second battle had to be magnified into something worthy of its predecessor. At any rate, Foch is a good soldier and, his strategy has had suc-

cess." Allies in Russia Considerable space and lively attention are devoted in the German papers of August 5, 6 and 7, which reached London yesterday, to Allied military operations at Archangel, Vladivostok and Murmansk. Orders have been issued by the Berlin Foreign Office to harp insistently on the chord that the Allies' protestations of disinterestedness are perilous, and that Britain, Japan and the United States have nothing in mind except the enslavement of the Russian people and annexation of their territory.

These fabrications supply ample evidence that the Allies' movements are no longer treated with disdain in Berlin, and their development is awaited with unmistakable concern. The War Office announces significantly that its arrangements to ameliorate the lot of German prisoners in Siberia have been seriously interfered with by the Czech-Slovak forces. It is added that "a considerable number" of German prisoners have already been repatriated. As far as transportation difficulties permit, all the Hunns who have been captive in Russia will be sent home. All prisoners are back from Rumania. Members of the Reichstag who have been agitating for better pay for troops at the front have received

ed an official message from Ludendorff announcing that increased pay came into force on August 1, having been especially approved by the Kaiser.

SHORT O' HELP

Leonard Kinnard, of the Bell Telephone Company, attributes this story to the Rev. Dr. William M. Auld. Two negroes, one in Heaven and the other in hell, held a discourse. Said the one in Heaven: "What do you do down dere, Sambo?" "Oh," replied Sambo, "I shovels coal for 'bout an hour, atkicks my horns through a stel helmet and loafs around. What do you do up dere, Mose?" "Well," answered Mose, "we polish up de harps, den we push down de sun, hang out de moon and put up de stars." "How long does you work, Mose?" "Bout eighteen hours a day." "Ain't dat pretty long?" "It is that, Sambo, but you see we is so short o' help up here!"

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