

ROUGH SEA KEEPS STRANDED VESSEL AWAY FROM PORT

Waves and Wind During the Night Shift Vessel's Bow 150 Feet Shoreward

By Associated Press New York, Jan. 2.—The American troop transport Northern Pacific, aground off Fire Island with 3,000 troops, civilians and crew, was shifted slightly during the night by the waves and the wind. At 8 a. m. today, with a rough sea running and a moderate easterly breeze blowing, the bow had swung 150 feet shoreward. Hitherto she had been lying broadside to the beach. The weather conditions at 8 o'clock were not considered favorable to the transfer of the troops.

Vice-Admiral Gleaves to-day issued the following statement: "The Northern Pacific is in no immediate danger, and until there is a change of wind from the westward no attempt will be made to transfer those on the ship. Such transfer, if it is made to-day, will probably be to other ships standing by."

The troops comprise the following: Fifth Base Cemetery Sector, seven officers, 470 men; Trench Mortar Battalion, five officers, 155 men; Casual officers, men and nurses, fifty-eight; Navy cas 315, two; Ambulatory cases not requiring special attention, seventy-three officers and 1,407 men.

State Man on Boat One of the first four ashore was Lieutenant Joseph Logan Wilton, whose home is in Pennsylvania. As soon as they were landed, the soldiers were taken immediately across the narrow island to the flotilla of small boats waiting to carry them across Great South Bay to Bay Shore, seven miles away. Meantime the lifeboats and the consular boat returned for more troops.

Office Hours Fixed For Citizens' Papers Any foreign-born residents of the city and county who intend to take out first papers or enter petitions for naturalization should apply at the office of Prothonotary Charles E. Pass, Friday morning of any week, after 9 o'clock.

Lemoyne Resident, Cut Off by Water Co., Complains Irvin C. Baublitz, 347 West Herman street, Lemoyne, to-day filed a complaint with the Public Service Company against the Riverton Consolidated Water Company, contending that it cut his water supply off without proper notice.

ATTENT CONVENTION The twenty-second annual convention of the Pennsylvania Optometrists came to a close yesterday at York, with the largest attendance in its history.

ADDITIONS NAMED County Controller Henry W. Gough has been appointed a member of the auditing committee of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce for 1919.

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU We extend hearty thanks to all our customers and friends for successful 1918.

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FOUGHT Foe WITH MACHINE GUNS SET UP IN CELLARS

The story of daring machine gun and infantry fighting in the final campaigns that led to the defeat of the Germans in France is told by Lieutenant Edmund W. Gilpin, a nephew of State Librarian Thomas Lynch Montgomery, to his father. He says the army had a "July Fourth celebration every night" and his part in the counter-offensive of July 18 is as full of thrills as one of the tropes.

Dear Dad: This coming Sunday is to be "Dad's Day" in the A. E. F. when all the boys are supposed to write to their fathers describing their experiences. As the censorship regulations have not permitted us to say anything of interest heretofore, I am going to take advantage of the lifting of the ban and shoot you a few lines so you can tell what has been happening to your young hopeful since he left the shores of God's country.

We landed at Liverpool on the 14th of May. I think it was. We were in Liverpool for about thirty-six hours and were then packed on trains and went across England to Folkestone, which was quite a seaside resort on the Channel before the war. The trip was made across England during daytime and also the most beautiful time of year. We revisited the list of troops on board, was issued yesterday afternoon, showing that in the Army and Navy personnel were 2,480 officers and men and nurses, the latter number being fifteen. The officers and crew of the Northern Pacific number about 5,700.

In this particular sector the Boche line was on one side of the river and the Allies on the other. We then started taking our regular turn in the line by relieving the French. Everything was pretty quiet at that time as we were waiting for the coming of the Boche offensive. Trench warfare of that kind is not so bad. As long as you are careful and don't expose yourself you are all right.

INTREPID GAIDA AND MEN DESTROY BOLSHIEVİK ARMY

Czecho-Slovak General Takes 31,000 Prisoners; Lenine Escapes From Train

Perm, in the Ural mountains, General Gaida, at the head of Czecho-Slovak and Siberian forces, virtually destroyed the Bolshevik third army from which he took 31,000 prisoners. General Gaida's troops captured an armored train from which Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshevik Premier, was directing operations in the region of Perm. Lenine himself escaped, but several members of his party were taken prisoners.

The exploit of General Gaida in capturing Perm parallels his success in the campaign of last summer. His superiors opposed his plan of attack against Perm and he carried out the operation at the risk of removal from his command.

Troops of General Semenov, the anti-Bolshevik leader in the Chita district, have occupied Verkhni Udinsk, on the Siberian railway, east of Lake Baikal.

Two hundred thousand Russian soldiers released from German prisons are expected to pass through Omsk within a fortnight. The Russians are destitute and in a serious condition from exposure and lack of food.

TAKES HUNTON BERLIN'S CASSE

Harrisburg Soldier Writes of Life in Interesting Old Town

Samuel Phillips, writing to his father, Dr. C. E. Phillips, of this city, tells of conditions following the war in France and says the "Huns had everything in the world to fight the war for a hundred years," except men. His letter follows:

Montme'dy, le 10 Dec. 1918. No. 11, Kronprinz Strasse, (Boulevard de le Montme'dy.) Dearest Folks: Class, eh? I should say so. At last I have come into my own. A real live city! I can't say every thing. Yesterday I saw civilians and inhabited towns for the first time since September 13. Can you imagine that? Been at the front for that long. But the only yesterday morning, before daybreak, we broke camp and started. We covered about eighteen miles by dark when we arrived here.

From there we went forward through Coblenz, Dravegny, meeting little resistance until we hit the Vesle river in front of Fismes. It was twenty-one days before we could get across that stream and we lost a lot of good men during that time. This brings us up to the first week in September. We finally were able to cross the river and it was on the outskirts of a little town called Basle. On about the 8th of September the division was relieved and it was on that day before that I got my dose of mustard gas. We left the line and hiked for two days back to Chailion-sur-Marne where we were loaded into trucks and came through to Vassincourt, a little village north of Bar-le-Duc, which is about fifty kilometers directly south of Verdun. We were there for four days and I thought we were going to get a fine rest when we got orders to move again. My leg was stiff by this time and I couldn't bend it and the gas had done me, so at the end of the first night's hike which took us to Vabecourt I knew it was only a question of time before I was carried back, so I decided to go to the hospital while I could still walk.

That covers, I think, as well as I can, the story of my tour of France. There is a whole lot of it that I want to see before I go back to the states. I hope to get leave when I am relieved here to get down to the Mediterranean and see what it is like. The circumstances of this life is slightly changed, as you see below. Take care of yourself and give my love to everyone.

Affectionately, EDMUND, Convalescent Camp No. 6, Hospital Center, A. P. O. 909.

IMPERIAL PALACE IN BERLIN IS GOAL FOR PLUNDERERS

Damage by Theft or Vandalism Estimated Above \$1,500,000

Berlin, Jan. 2.—The damage to the imperial palace in Berlin during the recent excesses by theft or vandalism is estimated to exceed \$1,500,000. Five hundred persons implicated in the plundering, which is said to have been going on for the past six weeks, have been apprehended and much of the stolen property recovered.

The former Emperor's warden succeeded in bringing the bulk of the imperial art treasures to a place of safety after the flight of the Emperor. The wardrobes of the former Emperor and his wife were almost entirely denuded of their contents. In one of the former imperial dress-rooms the old uniform of a soldier was found. His owner had exchanged his uniform for imperial raiment and disappeared.

The damage to the palace as a result of the bombardment was comparatively slight. The marines now occupy the castle and taken up their quarters in the former royal stables.

The men, who arrived here Sunday, were attached to the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Infantry Regiment, now at Coblenz. They were absent without leave and unexpectedly ran into members of the American military commission now here in connection with the repatriation of the German people of the city and state.

CITY MAY BE PUT ON AERIAL ROUTE

planes will be used by the American Army. On a recent day ninety carloads of airplane supplies and airplanes were delivered at the plant. The great warehouses are filled with airplanes, machine guns and all manner of air equipment. Within a year fast aerial express and passenger carrying lines, connecting all parts of the United States, will be an accomplished fact, according to a declaration made yesterday by Glenn L. Martin, of the Glenn L. Martin Company, inventor of one of the many flying machines developed during the war. In the next three years Mr. Martin believes this form of commercial transport will be developed which will be cheaper than other modes now in use.

State Needs Furniture Loaned to Red Cross; Call Goes Out For Assistance

By the end of the week, Red Cross headquarters in the basement of the Public Library will be stripped of every chair, desk and table in the building. It was learned to-day in "S. O. S." calls flashed out to Harrisburg this morning it was stated that unless people of the city come to their aid with contributions of substantial office and workroom furniture, it will be necessary for

women to stand while doing their work and to lay their goods on the floor. The reason for this startling condition of affairs is explained as follows: When the Red Cross headquarters were moved to the present location, George A. Shreiner, superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings, very generously loaned the workers a supply of state office furniture lying in storerooms in almost forgotten corners of the Capitol. The opening of the Legislature next Tuesday makes it necessary that this furniture be returned to the state.

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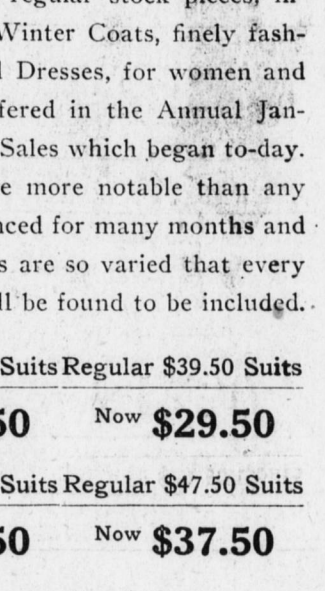
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