BRITISH WARSHIP MOLDAVIA SUNK

Vessei Carrying American Troops Is Torpedoed With Warning by German Submarine.

ALL ON BOARD WERE COOL.

No Panic Among Crew or Soldiers All Lost Are Believed to Have Been Killed in Compartment by the Explosion.

London. - The British armed merchant troop ship Moldavia, with Amerchant troop ship Mountain, the torpe-ican troops on board, has been torpeed and sunk, according to an cial bulletin issued by the admiralty, which says: "The armed mercantile cruiser Mol-

davia was torpedoed and sunk yesterday morning.

"There were no casualties among the crew, but of the American troops on board 56 have not been accounted for. It is feared they were killed in one compartment by the explosion."

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The Moldavia was torpedoed with-out warning. It was a moonlight night, and, although a good lookout was kept, the attacking submarine was not sighted before the torpedo struck.

Most of the men aboard were in their hammocks when the explosion occurred amidships. The seamen and

moldiers alike showed no panic. They fell calmly into line and awaitod orders. When it was seen that the Moldavia was settling down all cn board were taken off by the escorting

The men lost all of their belongings, but were supplied with new clothing at the different naval ports where they were taken.

It is believed the American soldiers missing from the Moldavia were sleep ing on the bottom deck and were over-taken by the great inrush of water after the explosion when they were trying to reach the main deck. It also is presumed that some of the ladders

as presumed that some of the ladders were destroyed. The vessel was struck below the bridge. She steamed ahead for some time after being struck, and at first it was hoped that her water tight compartments would enable her to reach

part. Dort. The Moldavia was of 9,500 ions gross and owned by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Com-pany. She was built at Greenock in 1903 and was 520 feet long.

Loss on Moldavia Is Confirmed Here. Washington.—The war department authorized the following announce ment:

"Information has been received from London that the British armed mer-chant cruiser Moldavia has been sunk and that 56 of the American soldiers aboard are missing. The announce-ment was made by the British admiralty.

No other information regarding the sinking of the ship or the missing sol-diers was available.

U. S. TROOPS FOR ITALY.

draft age. Secretary Baker's Announcement Wildly Cheered.

New York.—American troops will soon be on the Italian battlefront. lend

soon be on the Italian hattlefront, lend-ing their aid to the gallant troops who have entered upon their fourth year of war against the central powers. Secretary of War Baker, in his ad-dress at the Metropolitan Opera House here, made this assertion. He said: "The time undoubtedly is not far distant when American soldiers will take their places with British and French soldiers on the Italian front, thus making of the army on the Ital-ian front a composite unft evidencing the community of feeling and unity of effort which is characterizing the ac-tivities of the great civilized alled powers on the front in France."



Rome .- The anniversary of Italy's entrance into the war has never been s. solemnly and generally celebrated as it was this year, the chief reason being that the enemy now treads Ital-

ian soil, and therefore the people wish to demonstrate their dogged determi-nation never to lay down their arms until they have redeemed the captured towns of the mother country.

MUST WORK OR FIGHT

Every Draftman to Show He Is

in Useful Industry.

Will Take Nonessential

Posts.

Washington .- Concentration of th

man power of the country that is of

draft age upon industries and voca

tions deemed useful and essential to

winning the war and the infusion of

vomen workers into industries is the object of new and sweeping regula

tions issued by Provost Marshal Genmeral Crowder following their ap-

proval by the President and Secretary

This step, one of the most importan

taken since the selective draft bill was

passed, will change the present em-

ployment of more than 500,000 men of

draft age, it is estimated, and feed

them into other fields of industry re

garded as essential either as war in

dustries or enterprises of recognized

importance to the economic life and

The places of these men will be

taken by women or by men above the

No rigid definition of useful occupa

tions is made in the order. The order

does stipulate, however, that it will ap-

ply to the following classes of persons

in addition to loafers and those of the

Persons engaged in the serving o

food and drink, or either, in public

Passenger elevator operators and at tendants, doormen, footmen and other attendants of clubs, hotels, stores, apartment houses, office buildings and

places, including hotels and hotel clubs

welfare of the nation.

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bathhouses.

Baker.

or Males Beyond Military Age

AMERICAN ARMY United States Can Raise 5,000, 000 This Year Without Going

> **Outside of Class 1.** BRITISH EFFORT EXCELLED.

Our Front and Force Abroad Bigger I Ten Months Than Was Ally's in Year—All Thoroughly Equipped.

Washington.-Representative C. P. Caldwell of New York, Democratic member of the Committee on Military Affairs, placed before the house a com prehensive outline of the war department's military program and accom plishments.

Mr. Caldwell's address resulted from an interchange of letters with Secretary Baker. The statements in it were approved by the war department and were regarded as a semiofficial pro-nouncement on its affairs. He said that in a year the American army would be 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 strong He declared there were at present 2,078,223 officers and men under arms, of whom more than 500,000 were in France, and 1,000,000 additional were amply trained to be sent to France as fast as shipping space could be pro-

vided The United States, said Mr. Caldvell, had raised and sent to the fight ing lines in ten months an army larger than England had found herself able to provide in a year, despite the fact that 3,000 miles of submarine infested At-

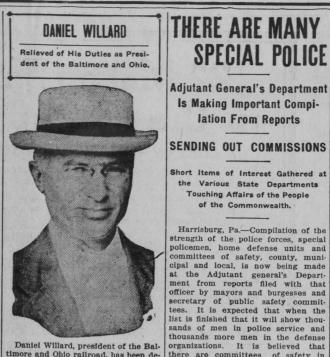
lantic separated America from France, as against 30 miles of the English

as against so miles of the English channel. During the first ten days of May, the representative said, the United States sent 90,000 men to Europe. Mr. Caldwell went into a detailed comparison of the man power strength of the central powers and the allied nations, estimating that the maximum total of men available to the enemy for service was 18,360,000, and the number for the allies was 68,379,500. He said that the United States itself could raise 5,000,000 men this year without going outside Class 1 of the draft. draft.

is now as tonows:		
	Officers.	Men.
Regular army	. 10,205	504,677
Reserve Corps	. 79,038	78,560
National Guard	. 16,906	411,952
National army	. 33,894	510,963
Special and technica	1	
duty		
Drafted in April		150,000
Drafted in May		273,742

2,000,000, of which more than 500,000 have already been shipped to France, and 1,000,000 more have the necessary training to fit them for foreign serv-ice. They are now waiting for the ships to carry them over. "Our critics now complain that we have not done now when the thet we

Dathouses. Persons, including ushers and other attendants, engaged and occupied in connection with games, sports and amusements, except actual performers in legitimate concerts, operas or theat



THE MEYERSDALE COMMERCIAL

Daniel Willard, president of the Balballet wintrd, president of the Sat-timore and Ohio raliroad, has been de-posed of any connection with the op-eration of the line under the govern-ment. Charles H. Markham, newly ap-pointed director of the Allegheny re-gion ombracher this directo comme gion, embracing this district. assume control about June 1.

HUNS RAID HOSPITALS

Nurses Die Bravely Tending to Wounded Charges.

British Wards Filled With Helpless Wounded Ruthlessly Bombed by German Airmen

With the British Army in France

German airmen again have bombed heavily British hospitals in the area behind the lines, and this time have killed and wounded some hundreds among the personnel and patients of many different hospitals in the group. Recorded in the casualty list are the names of several sisters, who,

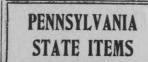
with other women nurses, stood brave-ly by their posts throughout a terrific deluge of explosives. There is in the neighborhood one large American hospital and another in which there are American workers, but neither of these oppears to have

In which there are American workers, but neither of these appears to have suffered. Last summer a number of American doctors and nurses were killed and wounded when these same hospitals were raided by the Germans. This latest horror was perpetrated apparently by four squadrons of en-emy airpianes, which appear to have comprised more than a score of ma-chines. A great number of bombs were dropped, about thirty of them being huge affairs which dug vast craters in the hospital grounds, and the rest high explosive shrapnel, which sent their death dealing builtets tear-ing in every direction through the crowded hospital tents and buildings. In one building which was damaged most seriously all the patients were suffering from compound fractures, which made necessary their limbs be-ing strapped in the air. Reports from a sanitary engineer of the State Health Department investi-gating typhoid fever in Petersburg, Huntingdon county, state that there is a total of sixteen cases, nine living in Petersburg and seven in the adja-cent districts. The source of infec-tion has been discovered to be pol-luited well water and principally from one well one well. Expect Appointment Soon. An early appointment of Alexander Simpson, Jr., as a justice of the State Supreme Court is expected to be made by Governor Brumbaugh.

U BOAT PERIL IS PASSING.

Foe Straining to Beat United States to

Victory Goal. Edinburgh.—Germany is straining every nerve to strike a decisive blow before the American armies can be brought into the field, David Lloyd brought into the field, David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, said in an address on the occasion of the freedom of the city of Edinburgh being tendered to him. The allied commanders, who knew best what the prospects were, he added, felt most confident about the result. The premier was most optimistic as regards the submarine campaign of Germany. He said while the menace of the underwater boat had not been



Wilkes-Barre.--A \$30,000 damage suit has been started against Wilkes-Barre city by Earl Hons, a resident of this place. The plaintiff was seriously injured when he was dumped on his head from his wagon, as his outfit bounced over a hole in the pavement on Pennsylvania support

Reading.—Berks county paid the Pennsylvania railroad \$5233.99 proper-ty damages, arising out of the erection of Penn street viaduct, ending litiga-

tion started five years ago. Oil City.—Sergeant Fred A. Tess-her and William Ward, both of this lity, have arrived in France with the American troops, according to word

American troops, according to word received here. Oll City.—Charles B. Banbury, a rail-way mail clerk, has enlisted with the Canadian army. His only son, Ralph, died about a year ago as the result of wounds received while fighting with the British forces on the western front. The father served in the Buffs, British received during the Beor a British regiment, during the Boer war, and also in the armies of Yuca-tan and Guatemala. Connellsville. — The Connellsville

board of education has decided to eliminate the German language begin-aing with the next term. The French language was substituted.

Herndon.—Mistaking young laurel for tea leaves, Henry Anderson, aged seven years, of Red Cross, near here, ate heartily of the tender shoots. A short time later he was taken violently ill and died in convulsions caused by

Allentown, Mrs. John E. Thomas, a clerk in the Allentown courthouse, has received a telegram announcing that her husband, who was a member of the United States ambulance corps, in France, collisition, last France, enlisting last summer, at Camp Crane, has been brought back to this country, and is now at the base hospital at Waynesville, N. C., re-covering from wounds received in ac-

tion. Lancaster.—Four Lancaster high school boys were formally expelled. They were the ringleaders in an egg-throwing incident some time ago and later were concerned in the absence from school of the entire senior class. Several of the boys were enlisted in the how? working reserve but their

The plan adopted a year ago when the Eddystone munitions disaster oc-curred wNi be followed by the State Workmen's Compensation Board in the Oakdale disaster. Chairman Mackey arranged to have all claim netitions and with Bofores L Several of the boys were enlisted in the boys' working reserve, but their pranks have interferred with this. Johnstown.—County Superintendent of Schools M. S. Bentz has written ta the teachers of Cambria county, re questing them to omit the study of German unless pupils who are about to go to college need two years' of modern language and have already taken one iyear. petitions filed with Referee L. E. Christley at Pittsburgh, and Harry Myers was assigned as investigator to expedite settlements.

modern language and have already taken one year. Johnstown.—That school teachers are not entitled to pay for the month or more of school lost on account of the state infantile paralysis quaran-tine, is the opinion of Judge Moser, of Northumberland county, who heard the test case of Thomasine Holter vs. the Patton school district.

the Patton school district. Altoona.—Finding a shotgun shell, Lester Clark, aged sixteen, tossed it into a bonfire at the rear of his home and retreated. He did not run fast enough, however, for the shell explod-ed and the full charge struck him in the left leg, inflicting a wound that may lame him for life.

Shamokin.—Fourteen drafted men left here for Columbus barracks, Co-lumbus, O. They were given a rousing send-off by a band and hundreds of State Wants More Tractors. Efforts to increase the number of tractors at work in the fields of the state under direction of the State De-partment of Agriculture will be made next week, the plans for buying more machines having been interfered with by the difficulty of obtaining deliveries. The demand for tractors has jumped enormously state officials here been citibens. A committee of patriotic organizations presented each man with tobacco, cigarettes and cigars, while the Red Cross provided each with a comfort kit and luncheon. ormously, state officials have been

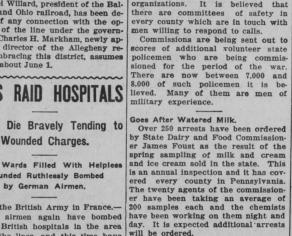
Wilkes-Barre.—Although reported to be worth more than \$15,000, Matt Zur-konis, a blind man of Luzerne, was arrested on a charge of taking a small boy to New York, where the youngster sold needed to the source core sold pencils, turning the money over to Zurkonis. The blind man came home and left the boy stranded in New York

Tork. Hazleton.-John M. Lewis, fifty-five years old, former mine inspector of the Hazleton district, and for some



Representative Caldwell continued: "When war was declared in Aprll, 1917, the standing army of the United States consisted of 136,000 officers and men, many of whom were in the for-eign service, and the National Guard consisted of 164,000 officers and men, many of whom were too old for active service and a large part of them phys-ically unft for the work for which they had volunteered. "Our experts told us it would take two years to raise an army of 1,000,-000 men and five years to train the commissioned personnel. It has now been about one year since the first leg-islation was passed authorizing the in-crease of our army for war purposes. "The strength of our military forces is now as follows: Representative Caldwell continued :

have not done more, yet we have done in one year twice as much as they thought we could do in two years."



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To Advance Oakdale Claims.

Well Causes Typhoid.

State Wants More Tractors.

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WORLD'S NEW? IN	Persons employed in domestic serv-	PITH OF THE	entirely removed, the alled nations now were building ships faster than		ped dead from heart failure on the	
	ice.		they could be sunk and that the un-	Weneral orders were issued from ite-	street while on his way to the plant	
CONDENSED FORM	Sales clerks and other clerks em-		restricted submarine warfare might be	loame of instruction for officers mould	of the Jeanesville Iron works, where	
++	ployed in stores and other mercantile			be held at Mt. Gretna on June 3 to 7	he was employed as a munitions ex-	
WASHINGTON The President has	establishments.	Military officials in Washington ex-	entente nations.	and that the camp of the brigade at	pert.	
issued an appeal asking all Americans-	NO PRINT PAPER EMBARGO	pressed the opinion that the coming	UTAH EXECUTION BY SHOOTING.	Mt. Gretna would be held July 13 to	Sharon.—Lured to a lonely spot	
to join with the foreign born residents		German drive would result in the	SHOOTING.	20, inclusive. Information has also	near the Petroleum Iron works, Jo- seph Scere, aged forty, a macaroni	
of this country in a big loyalty demon-	War Trade Board Opposes Proposal	defeat of the enemy and the offen-	De Weese Asked Firing Squad to	been given that not less than 72 hours of drill will be required during the	merchant, of Meadville, was murder-	
stration on July 4.	by Publishers.	sive power of Germany would be	Make Sure of Aim.	year in addition to camp, but week-	ed, presumably as the result of a	
EDINBURGH.—Lloyd George an- nounced at a luncheon in Edinburgh		finally broken.	Salt Lake City, UtahHoward H.	land an and the set of	Black Hand feud. His body was dis-	
that there was no doubt there had	disapproves the resolution passed by the American Newspaper Publishers'	One million Russian prisoners to be exchanged by Germans are reported	De Weese, who was convicted of the	ed in the total hours, provided they	covered on a bridge over Yankee Run.	
been a conspiracy for a great rising	Association calling for an embargo on	to be total invalids.	Weese, was executed in the state	do not exceed twenty per cent of the	There were two bullet wounds in his	
in Ireland to take place when the Ger-	the export of print paper	British air raids on every city of west-	prison yard here at 6:55 o'clock in the	time.	abdomen and he had been stabbed	
mans were attempting their operations in France.	The War Trade Board declared that	ern and central Germany are pre-	morning.	Assumance has been sirron at Wesh	three times with a stilletto. The man had been dead several hours when	
	there are good reasons why the supply	dicted by the London Daily Mail,	De Weese walked calmly to the	ington that any further drafting of	found	
Superintendents adopted a resolution	of news print paper to countries now	which says the series of raids car- ried out by the British aviators in		men connected with the state police	Reading Jennie M. Goldsborough,	
to eliminate German from the public	depending .upon <i>A</i> nerican manufac- turers for their paper should not be	recent weeks show that the air serv-	comprising the firing squad make cer-	would be "seriously considered" by	of Mount Penn, was recommended a	
schools.	interrupted.	ice is best in the offensive.	instantaneous.	the army authorities. The state has	divorce from her husband, Lloyd B.	
KANSAS CITY Mrs. Rose Pastor		Uncertainty still exists when and		suffered loss of many valuable men.	Goldsborough, of Cumru township. Be-	
Stokes, a New York Socialist leader,	PULLMAN CARS TAKEN OVER.	where the Germans will renew their	VOTES TO END BEER MAKING.	Vacancies in State Police.	fore the master the wife alleged that	
was found guilty by a federal jury of violation of the espionage act on three		offensive in the west, but surprise			she was compelled to ride horses for hours on their farm and that she was	
counts. Mrs. Stokes may receive a	Federal Government to Run Carrier	are well prepared for whatever hap-	House Adopts Amendments to Food	ed that there were twenty vacancies	stoned by the husband. She also ac-	
maximum sentence of \$10,000 and 20	Part of Business. Chicago.—The carrier business of	pens, a dispatch from the French	Bill Barring Use of Grains.	on the state force and that eight men	cused her husband of making chickep	
years in prison.	the Pullman Company has been taken	front says.	wasningtonThe house went on	had been taken from the four troops	coops in the parlor on Sundays.	
PARIS Allied shipping production	over by the government and will be	British aviators destroy sixteen Ger-	record in favor of prohibition on a spe-	through operation of the draft. Un-	New Castle The board of educa-	
soon will pass the rate of sinkings hy	exercited on an integral part of the well	man airplanes and two balloons.	cial roll call taken at the instance of	der the latest order, men in the force	tion has voted to eliminate the study	
more than 500,000 tons yearly, while		down two other airplanes, and drop	Representative Moore of Pennsylvania.	on May 18 will be given deferred classification. The police will enlist	of German in the high school at the	
U boat construction is below the losses.		tons of bombs on enemy positions, causing three fires in Mannheim.	It approved the Randall amendment to	man within the draft age if them and	close of the present school term. Scranton.—Enforcing Mayor Alex T.	
WASHINGTONLegislation offered by Secretary Baker, giving the Presi-	Pullman Company a rental for its car-		the food control act, which provides	In deferred cleaner and this to man	Connell's edict against loafers, the	
	rier industry based on the three-year average earnings. The manufacturing	mitted that their commanders had		the physical examination, but for the	police turned over eleven men arrest-	
of the United States army, is unani-	end of the company will not be inter-	told them the great offensive would	ufacture of intovicents	twenty vacancies there are wanted	ed as vagrants to Director Robert W.	
	fered with.	heain the first week in June,	The vate was 177 to 133.	mon between thirty and thirty-five	Allen, of the department of public	
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