

BRITAIN LOSES SECOND WARSHIP

Explosion Entirely Destroys Bulwark, With Crew of Nearly Eight Hundred Men.

REAL CAUSE IS UNKNOWN

Only 14 of the Men on Board Saved—Petrograd Claims Victory in Poland, but Gives No Details—French Claim to Have Recaptured Dixmude.

Sheerness, England, Nov. 28.—It is believed that the explosion on the Bulwark was caused by the fall and bursting of a 12-inch lyddite shell in the vessel's magazine.

Sheerness, Nov. 28.—The British battleship Bulwark was blown up Thursday while lying at its moorings in Sheerness harbor.

About eight hundred lives were lost, as the vessel sank before the dense cloud of smoke and flame cleared away. Fourteen members of the crew escaped death and were picked up by vessels which quickly came to the scene.

Next to the dreadnaught Audacious, sunk by a mine off the north coast of Ireland on October 27, the Bulwark is the most serious single loss that the British navy has so far suffered in the war.

Plan to Sift Disaster. It is believed that the Bulwark's explosion occurred in the ship's forward magazine. Whether it was caused by accident or design is a question to be determined by the commission which has been appointed to investigate.

There is little evidence that the ship was torpedoed or struck by a mine.

The force of the explosion was so great that on some of the other vessels lying in the harbor there was not a piece of glass or crockery left whole, even half-inch plate glass in the port-holes being shattered.

Houses seven and eight miles distant were shaken and windows broken. Pieces of the ship even were thrown six or seven miles on the Essex shore.

The Bulwark, which was one of the older battleships, cost £1,000,000 (\$5,000,000). It displaced 15,000 tons and had been in service about fifteen years.

Churchill Announces Loss.

London, Nov. 27.—It was officially announced by Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, that the British battleship Bulwark had been blown up off Sheerness, on the Thames, 35 miles down the river from London.

A vice-admiral and a rear-admiral who were at Sheerness reported that they were convinced that the disaster was caused by a magazine explosion.

Mr. Churchill, speaking in the house of commons concerning the disaster, said: "The loss of the ship does not sensibly affect our military position, but I regret the loss of life, which was very heavy. Only 14 men were saved. All the officers and the rest of the crew, which ordinarily numbered between 700 and 800, perished."

German Naval Victories.

German submarines have sunk two more British steamships and a German mine has sent to the bottom a British naval collier, according to admission of the British admiralty.

The submarine victims were the merchantmen Malachite and Primo. They were destroyed in the English channel.

Coming on the heels of the appalling disaster which befell the British battleship Bulwark, when it was blown up with the loss of more than 750 officers and men, these new evidences of hostile naval menace at the very gates of London has served to spread consternation over England.

Churchill Seeks to Allay Fear.

A supreme effort to allay the growing terror of the British people was made in an extraordinary speech in the house of commons by Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty. He reviewed the operations of the British fleet in the war and contrasted the present and prospective strength of the British fleet with that of the German fleet, declaring new warships were being finished so rapidly in England now that Great Britain could lose one dreadnaught every month for a year and still retain her present superiority over the Germans.

"At the beginning of the war we had 31 dreadnaughts and Germany had 21," Mr. Churchill said. "We have lost six of our older armed cruisers; Germany has lost two. Great Britain had 36 modern light cruisers; Germany had 25. We have lost two; Germany has lost or interned six; we have added six."

Referring to criticism of the ad-

TO SEE GERMAN IN ACTION

Six More American Army Officers Allowed to Follow the Kaiser's Forces.

The war department has been informed that the German government has granted permission for six officers of the regular army to join the German forces in the field as military observers. With Maj. George T. Langhorne, who is already with the German armies, this will make seven American

officers with the Kaiser's forces. The officers selected by the war department are Lieut. Col. Joseph E. Kuhn, corps of engineers; Maj. Dwight E. Aultman, field artillery; Maj. Samuel G. Shurtle, coast artillery; Capt. Samuel D. Roebenbach, cavalry; Capt. William B. Burt, infantry, and Capt. James B. Dillard of the coast artillery.

NO DETAILS OF VICTORY.

Petrograd Claims Success in Poland but Report is Meager.

London, Nov. 27.—The Russian general staff still is withholding the details of the victory which all other dispatches from Petrograd say the Russians have won over the German forces which penetrated Poland.

Tonight's official report simply says the battle continues to develop to the advantage of the Russians and that the Germans are trying to extricate themselves from a position very unfavorable to them.

The Germans, on the other hand, claim they have inflicted heavy losses on the Russians between Lodz and Lowicz.

The military authorities in Petrograd, assuming that the unofficial reports of a victory are true, express astonishment that the Germans should have attacked Lodz, for they say defeat there was inevitable.

The Germans who advanced from the north and south, these military observers add, doubtless intended to seize the railway between Skiernewice and Piotrkow and interrupt communication between the northern and southern armies, but that Grand Duke Nicholas, with the enormous number of men at his command, was able to sandwich them and direct his attacks from all points except due west.

The reported failure of the German crown prince's army to advance on the Cracow-Czenstochowa front is contributing to the checking of the Germans.

Germans Report Successes.

Berlin, by wireless to London, Nov. 26.—It is officially announced in Vienna that the fighting in Russian Poland continues. Twenty-nine thousand prisoners have been taken in this battle as well as 49 machine guns and a quantity of war material.

The official German report says there is no change in the situation in East Prussia. The report continues: "Our troops at Lodz and Lowicz inflicted heavy losses on the Russians. In addition to many killed and wounded we have in our possession about 40,000 uninjured prisoners, 70 cannon, 160 ammunition wagons and 156 machine guns."

"We have not succeeded in bringing the fighting to a close, due to the enemy bringing up extra strong reinforcements."

"Yesterday we repulsed their attacks everywhere and the final result is still pending."

FRENCH AGAIN IN DIXMUDE.

City is Reported to Have Been Taken From the Germans.

London, Nov. 27.—Dixmude has been entirely recaptured by the allies and there have been two other heavy engagements along the battle line in France, say the latest dispatches from the western seat of war. In the recapture of Dixmude it is reported the French marines lost 300 men, but they drove the Germans seven miles away from the town.

Heavy losses were inflicted on the Germans, say the French, in one of the other engagements, while the Germans report that in the third fight the French lost heavily.

Although the Germans bombarded Arras their infantry did not renew its assaults in the effort to batter down the allied line and make an opening for a German advance to Calais.

German and French official reports give details of the latest fighting.

England to Repel Foes.

London, Nov. 27.—England is preparing rapidly to repel any possible invasion of Germany. Along the east and south coasts of England these preparations, begun some time ago, are being pushed forward as speedily as possible. Emergency committees of prominent citizens have been formed in several of the large towns. The principal measures already planned look to the safe withdrawal of women and children from the areas which may be threatened, and also the removal of live stock.

French Losses Heavy.

Berlin, Nov. 26 (by wireless).—Included in the information given out by the German press bureau is the following:

"A dispatch from Berne says reports from a reliable source set forth that the French losses up to November 1 were 130,000 men killed, 370,000 wounded and 167,000 missing."

Wounded Flood Hungary.

Vienna, Nov. 27.—Wounded soldiers from Serbia are pouring into Hungary in such vast numbers that nearly all the school buildings in the country have been requisitioned for their accommodation.

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The officers have already sailed for Germany.

If a man has a nagging wife, he knows all about silence that is golden.



KEEP AWAY FROM CHICAGO

FORCES OF VILLA CONTROL CITY OF MEXICO.

Y. W. C. A. Sends Warning to Young Girls Seeking Employment—Lincoln Man Shot by Tramps.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—While no definite advice has been received as to the situation in Mexico City, administration officials credited reports that General Villa's troops had joined the Zapata forces there. The last dispatch to the state department reported the Zapata men and agents of General Villa as in control of the city. All official dispatches say order is being maintained in the capital, the only looting mentioned being that of a ranch owned by an American named Hill in the outskirts of the city.

Yardmaster Shot by Tramps.

Lincoln, Neb.—Richard C. Sutton, night yardmaster of the Burlington, was shot just above the knee in a gun duel with tramps early Friday night. The wound is not a serious one. Sutton ran onto the tramps in the old switch yards and was alone at the time. He saw two men hanging about a bunch of freight cars near the crossing. When approached they evaded him, and when he persisted in the pursuit one of the men opened fire. The first shot from the tramp's gun knocked Sutton down.

KEEP AWAY FROM CHICAGO.

Warning Sent to Young Girls by Travelers' Aid of Y. W. C. A.

Chicago.—"Keep young girls away from Chicago."

This is the substance of a warning letter planned to be sent over the country by the travelers' aid department of the Chicago Young Women's Christian association. Difficulty of obtaining employment has augmented the dangers to which young women strangers in the city are exposed.

"There never was a time in the history of Chicago," said Mrs. Wilhelmina Barr, secretary of the travelers' aid, "when it was so difficult to obtain employment for strange girls. This condition necessarily increases the dangers to which they are exposed."

Live Stock from Canada.

Calgary, Alberta.—The raising of the embargo on live stock by the United States government will release for immediate sale nearly \$1,000,000 worth of fat heaves in Alberta alone, said Patrick Burns, who exports more cattle than any other man in the west. Much of this live stock will be shipped to Omaha because Minnesota is still under quarantine.

Omaha—Roy Milner of Cleveland.

O., aged 23, unmarried, one of the professional motorcycle racers, who has been taking part in the recent motorcycle races at the new motordrome in East Omaha, was instantly killed on the big new speedway track through losing control of his motorcycle.

Objects to the Merger.

Lincoln, Neb.—Unison of Nebraska members of the Fraternal Aid association of Kansas, merged recently with the Fraternal Union Insurance society of Denver, and dissatisfied members in other states for investigation purposes may be the next step undertaken as a result of that combination. H. J. Whitmore, secretary of the Fraternal Aid lodge here and a prominent attorney, declares that he will bring the affair to the attention of the attorney generals of Kansas, Colorado and this state.

Many Articles Must Be Stamped.

Lincoln, Neb.—Beginning the first of the week, a stamp will appear on many articles of commerce and business, the first appearance of such evidences of internal revenue except of liquor and tobacco for almost fifteen years. There is a possibility that the government, moving with its accustomed deliberation, will not have the stamps ready, but orders for them are now flooding the office of the collector in Omaha.

SOUTH AMERICA WOULD BE RID OF EUROPEAN WARSHIPS.

Belgians Do Not Receive Enough to Keep Them Alive—Appeals to College Men for Help.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—The United States government has been asked by the principal nations of South America to co-operate with them in negotiations with the belligerent powers of Europe to bring about the exclusion of all belligerent warships from the waters of the two Americas and safeguard the trade of Pan-American countries with each other. Argentina, Chile, Peru and Uruguay have laid their suggestions before the Washington government, while the Brazilian government is considering the advisability of taking a similar step. Practically all the Central and South American countries have been circled by some of the principal nations, resulting in a series of diplomatic conferences in Washington and the capitals of South America, which are now in progress.

Appeals to College Men.

Washington.—An appeal to university, college and school pupils for assistance in alleviating suffering and distress in Europe has been issued by the American Red Cross.

"Frequently operations have to be performed without anaesthetics," the appeal says, "the lack of gauze bandages and absorbent cotton produces infection, ending often in death from gangrene or tetanus. The armies engaged are composed of young men of our own age and for this reason it seems particularly fitting that their suffering should appeal to you."

SEVEN MILLIONS STARVING.

Not Half Enough Sent Belgians to Keep Them Alive.

New York.—Thanksgiving day found 7,500,000 starving persons in war swept Belgium crying out for bread, and only half enough food on hand to appease their hunger. Three thousand tons of food are required each day to feed the sufferers, yet to date the United States, upon which the Belgians must depend in the main for sustenance, has furnished less than half that amount. Ten ounces a day will save a human being from death by hunger. The foregoing epitomizes a statement issued by the American commission for the relief of Belgians, carrying a plea for the small quantity of food specified for each inhabitant of the stricken land.

Has a Narrow Escape.

Falls City, Neb.—An automobile in which Congressman-elect C. F. Reavis, Mrs. Reavis, their son Jack, and a nephew, Joseph Reavis, were riding, turned turtle on the road east of Barrada Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Reavis sustained severe bruises and Mr. Reavis narrowly escaped death, the backs of the seats pressing on his neck and almost stopping his breathing. The boys were uninjured.

Jury Finds Sammons Guilty.

Omaha, Neb.—Walter S. Sammons, who has been on trial here in federal court for two weeks, on a charge of robbing the Kearney postoffice last Christmas, was found guilty on four counts. Sentence will not be passed until later.

Sammons was charged with having robbed the postoffice at Kearney last Christmas night, of a package of registered mail valued at \$5,000. The chief witness against Sammons was Delbert Smith, a clerk in the postoffice.

Two Killed in Pistol Duel.

Lexington, Ky.—Bud Strong and Mrs. James McIntosh, wife of a deputy sheriff, are dead as the result of a pistol battle between Strong and Deputy Sheriff McIntosh near Jackson, in Breathitt county, according to a report reaching here. McIntosh, in attempting to arrest Strong, met with resistance and the pistol duel followed, with the result that Strong was instantly killed and a stray shot penetrated the home of McIntosh, nearly striking Mrs. McIntosh.

ABANDON OUTLAWRY

GOOD ORDER BEING MAINTAINED IN CITY OF MEXICO.

FORMING A SAFETY LEAGUE

Developing Plans to Boom National Defense—Momentous Arbitration Case Began in Chicago Monday.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Except for a few isolated cases of robbery and violence, which resulted in severe punishment to the offenders as soon as detected, the Zapata forces have maintained good order in Mexico City, according to advices from the Brazilian minister to the state department. As no mention was made by the minister of any injury to Spanish subjects, officials here do not credit the rumors that several Spaniards were killed, though telegrams of inquiry have been dispatched to Mexico City for definite information.

The Brazilian minister declared in his dispatches that the people of Mexico City were rapidly regaining confidence and that the situation in the city was being well handled.

Momentous Arbitration Case.

Chicago.—What those at interest declare is the most momentous arbitration case in the history of the country, brought about by the interposition of President Wilson, began here Monday morning. The case is that of the employes of ninety-eight western railroads belonging to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers and their employers, represented in the proceedings by the conference committee of managers, which was named for the purpose by the association of western railroads. The number of men involved is 55,000 and the railroad mileage affected 140,000.

FORMING A SAFETY LEAGUE.

Conference at Chicago Plans to Boom National Defense.

Chicago.—With its object to convince Americans of the unpreparedness of this nation for war, the conference which will be held in Chicago on December 29 to 31 will resolve itself into a permanent organization, to be known as the United States Safety League. The purpose of the league, according to Colonel Henry L. Turner of Chicago, will be to "convince every American citizen that immediate steps should be taken toward placing the nation in ample preparedness for self-defense, and to electrify this conviction into action."

Methodists at Omaha.

Omaha.—Over 1,000 delegates are expected to attend one of the biggest Methodist conventions ever held here, at the First Methodist church Thursday and Friday, December 3 and 4. These delegates will be from the districts of Omaha, Council Bluffs, Tecumseh and Lincoln. The convention will be almost entirely educational in character and will concern the work of the seven benevolent boards into which the Methodist church efforts are divided. These include foreign missions, home missions and church extension; the Freedmen's Aid society, the educational board, the Sunday school union, the church temperance society and the American Bible society.

Violent Earthquake in Greece.

Paris.—A violent earthquake shock occurred in western Greece and the Ionian islands Saturday, according to a dispatch from Athens to the Havas news agency. The shock was particularly severe between the island of Santa Maura and the island of Corfu. Three deaths so far have been reported. Considerable damage was done to property.

Much Wheat Will Be Planted.

Washington.—The greatest wheat area in the world's history will be planted for the 1915 harvest as a result of the European war, in the opinion of Charles M. Daubert, statistical expert of the department of agriculture.

Passports Being Rejected.

Washington.—Applications by naturalized Americans for passports to visit their native lands are frequently meeting with rejection by the state department, which is enforcing strict application of the new passport regulations recently promulgated by President Wilson. In each case officials require it to be clearly shown that the purpose of the applicant is to make a short business visit and that he has no intention to seek exemption from local obligations while resident abroad because of his American citizenship.

Fatalities from Football.

Chicago.—Twelve deaths were attributed to football in the United States during the season which ended Thursday, according to a record kept by a statistician here. Only two were college men. One of these died of heart disease and the other from injuries received during a class contest. The others were members of high school, preparatory or free lance teams. None was more than 20 years of age, and tackling was responsible for the greater number of fatalities.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

University Place people will send a carload of flour to the Belgians.

Norfolk has voted a new contract and will improve the lighting situation in that place.

The seven-month-old babe of John Hudson of Weeping Water was smothered to death in bed.

The Congregational church at Beatrice will begin the erection of a \$15,000 brick edifice.

Over 400 students were enrolled at the district short course in agriculture at Norfolk last week.

There are 128,450 men over twenty-one years of age, and 103,000 women on the farms in Nebraska.

Lincoln high school clinched the state football title by defeating the York eleven by a score of 34 to 3.

Judge James Gow, aged 102, thought to be the oldest inhabitant of Nebraska, is dead at his home at Bellevue.

Clarence Lomax, a Hastings boy, will go to England to take charge of a telephone system to be established there.

Detectives are at work in Hastings gathering evidence to be used in a suit concerning the sale of cigarettes to minors.

William McKay, an Albion blacksmith, was severely injured by the explosion of a gasoline tank he was repairing.

Henry Seymour, secretary of the state board of assessment and equalization, died very suddenly at his home in Lincoln.

Foreman Keesley, of a railway fencing crew at Plattsmouth, was knocked down, gagged and relieved of \$50 by a couple of footpads.

F. H. Hein, 22 years old, of Lincoln, may die as a result of a mistake in taking bichloride of mercury tablets for headache medicine.

The Elmwood Mill and Elevator company is installing an electric light plant and will furnish current to residents of that community.

Nebraska apples for Nebraska consumers will be the keynote of the apple show to be given at the Lincoln auditorium, January 18-23.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Sherwin Drug company building at Omaha, together with its contents, causing a loss of over \$60,000.

Nebraska devotees of My Lady Nicotine consume 125,000,000 cigars annually, of which 27,000,000 are manufactured by home labor.

Harry Worthen, a Plattsmouth lad, lost his right hand by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of a companion while out hunting.

Patrolmen Rock and Hanning, who were shot during a battle with gunmen at Lincoln a week ago, are out of danger and improving rapidly.

Gus Gumpert whose department store was burned out at Fremont with a loss of \$175,000, has leased a new building and will reopen at once.

The first fire in that place for over twenty years occurred at Loomis last week when almost the entire business section of the village was destroyed with a loss of \$55,000.

Herbert Dana, captain of the Fremont high school basketball team, suffered a compound fracture of his right arm when he slipped and fell during a practice game.

Little Mildred Isabel Francis, the year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Francis, of Lincoln, enjoys the unique distinction of having six living grandmothers, four of whom are great grandmothers.

Nina Workman, a Lincoln woman, whose husband was electrocuted when he took hold of a live wire of the Lincoln Telegraph and Telephone company was awarded a judgment for \$15,500 against that corporation by a jury in district court.

An exhibit of fifty paintings from the Carnegie art institute will be hung in the state university art gallery the first of December. It will remain in Lincoln for three weeks and then commence a round of some half dozen other large western cities.

The Charity Organization society at Lincoln collected \$3,200 on tag day. This is a larger sum than has been collected on any of the previous tag days.

Donations of flour are being sent to Belgium from Lincoln. One car containing 70,000 pounds was sent last week and it is expected that further shipments will be made.

A country-wide search is being made for 18-year-old Kamilla Fredrickson, who mysteriously disappeared from a train between Omaha and Hartington two or three weeks ago. Her parents live in Denmark.

A farmers' mass meeting was held at Brady, and a local organization of the farmers' society of equity was formed with fifty charter members.

Making two touchdowns in the first five minutes of play Wesleyan university defeated Morningside at University Place Friday by a score of 13 to 1.

Ed Johnson, near Fremont, who discovered coal on his farm several years ago, has given up efforts to mine it, principally because he has been unable to finance the undertaking. Mr. Johnson continues to use the coal in his home and the supply seems inexhaustible.

Milford Turner, a Lincoln boy, is dead from injuries received when he was accidentally struck on the head with a brick by a companion during a game of ball.

The loss of livestock throughout the farming section of Cass county continues. Hog cholera continues unabated in spite of the fact that vaccination is practiced to a large extent.

Dierk von Hyzelandom, once a member of the German nobility, but now an ordinary tramp in this country, was given time on the Grand Island municipal coal pile by Police Judge Krog.