

TRANSPORT NORTHERN PACIFIC AGROUND



United States transport Northern Pacific as she lay off Fire Island, where she had run aground when returning loaded with troops, many of them wounded or sick.

YANKS PERFORM AMAZING FEAT

Fort Monroe, Va.—Lying at anchor in Hampton roads off Old Point Comfort is the United States mining quiser squadron whose commanders and crews performed what is now termed by naval authorities the world over as the "greatest naval offensive of the war."

The feat which these men achieved was the mining of the entrance to the North sea from Scotland to the coast of Norway, a distance of 240 miles. It was an undertaking unprecedented in naval history.

It was America's solution of the German submarine problem, a solution so thorough and effective that it rendered the German submarines almost impotent.

The British previously had mined the English channel, but the enemy submarines came out from the bases

at Ostend and Zeebrugge and into the North sea, there to work their havoc. Invite Yankee Aid.

The British naval authorities, realizing late in 1917 that the North sea would have to be blocked, invited the American naval authorities to attempt to lay the barrier. The American navy, having just at that time completed with success experiments on mining apparatus far more dangerous, delicate, and powerful than any heretofore used, took up the task.

For that purpose the mining cruiser squadron was organized in December, 1917. This squadron is made up of ten vessels and is under the command of Capt. R. R. Belknap, U. S. N. One of the officers told a graphic but brief story of the desperately dangerous job to which he and his squadron mates were assigned.

"Navy men now call it the greatest offensive of the war," he said. "It solved the submarine problem and it might have been the agency for the destruction of the German navy sooner or later had not the war ended when it did. We mined almost directly across from Bergen on the coast of Norway to the coast of Scotland. The length of the mine field was 240 miles, and we made it 25 miles wide. It was so complete that no ship could pass either over or under it without absolute destruction."

"We have a record of about twenty submarines that we know were destroyed, and often in running parallel with the field we came upon the bodies of dead German sailors, so probably many more than we actually figured on were destroyed."

"Our men, in fact the entire fleet, faced a constant danger of being blown off the face of the seas, for we carried on the ships 2,000,000 pounds of T. N. T., which is the most powerful explosive known."

"Despite all this, we kept at the task, and at the end of about five months had completed it. We stayed constantly on the inside of the field, that is, on the side nearest Germany. We left only a narrow passageway near Pentland Firth between the Orkney islands and Scotland for our own passage out."

"Our most dangerous task strangely was not the laying of the mines, as dangerous as that was. The most dangerous one came after the mine field had been completed. It was an attempt to draw the German fleet out into the North sea where we were to engage it, so that the British fleet could get in behind the enemy to destroy it by gunfire or drive it into the mine field."

"On October 28 last the British government made it known to the German naval authorities through its agents in Germany that we were engaged in mining operations. We were ordered to lay about as though busy at the task, to act as a decoy for the German fleet. We did it, but in doing it we faced positive destruction ourselves."

"I want to hand it to those new navy lads. There were about 4,500 of them and 250 officers on the ships, and while we waited through that fearful day which we never expected for a moment to see the end of alive, they went about their duties, laughed, sang, and stood to their guns as only American lads can do such things."

"Well, all that day we worked along calmly, watching and waiting for the sight of the Germans that meant certain death. "The Germans never came out after us, and so here I am."

U. S. WINS FIRST PEACE VICTORY

Wilsonian Idea as Regards Russia Is Adopted by the "Big Five."

DRAFTED BY THE PRESIDENT

Country Is to Be Treated as Friend and Patient Rather Than Foe and Outlaw — Conference Is Arranged.

Paris, Jan. 24.—America won her first big victory at the peace conference. The Wilsonian plan as regards Russia, the plan which calls for the treatment of that country as a friend and patient rather than a foe and outlaw, was adopted by the "Big Five."

President Wilson himself had drafted it, and he read it in-person at the morning session. At the afternoon sitting it became the subject of debate, and when the delegates adjourned, all were in accord that the American plan was the most feasible, and most practicable.

The plenipotentiaries of the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan officially sanctioned the Wilson proposal.

The first step toward the execution will be an invitation by the associated powers to all the Russian factions to meet representatives of these powers on Princes' Island, in the sea of Marmora, February 15. The invitation involves a truce between warring Russian factions.

The plan, of course, is for the present an experiment. But it is the only one with regard to Russia that is capable and indeed, promising of success. Its underlying basis, as described by President Wilson himself, is the principle that "peace in Europe and in the world cannot be realized until peace comes in Russia."

An official bulletin issued by the press bureau says:

"The proposals of President Wilson were approved, including recognition by the associated powers of the right of the Russian people to direct their own affairs without dictation from the outside. The powers do not wish to exploit Russia."

"The powers recognize the revolution and in no way countenance a counter-revolution. They wish to serve Russia unselfishly, and invite all organized groups in Siberia or within the boundaries of European Russia as it stood before the war to send representatives to Princes' Island to meet representatives of the associated powers, provided there is a truce of arms meanwhile."

"Such representatives will be expected at the place appointed by February 15."

"A plenary session of the conference Saturday will discuss Mr. Lloyd George's proposals for a league of nations."

BAKER TELLS OF LOSSES

Secretary of War Says Casualties of Thirty-Fifth Division During Service in France Were 827 Men.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Losses of the Thirty-fifth division (Kansas and Missouri National Guard) in killed and died of wounds during its entire service in France up to November 7 were 827 men, Secretary Baker told the house rules committee in connection with a resolution by Representative Campbell of Kansas calling for congressional investigation of reported excessive losses in this division.

"COW KING" LOSES APPEAL

James Dorsey of Kane County, Ill., Must Go to Prison for Fraud.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—James Dorsey, the "millionaire cow king" of Kane county, Ill., must spend eight years in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., and pay a fine of \$3,000, according to a judgment of the United States circuit court of appeals. Judges Baker, Mack and Evans, after hearing arguments, denied Dorsey's appeal. Dorsey was convicted in Federal Judge Landis' court and on January 31, 1918, was sentenced.

YANKS REPULSE BOLSHEVIKI

Lenine's Forces on the Northern Russian Front Attack the American Positions.

Archangel, Jan. 24.—Bolshevik forces on the northern Russian front attacked American and Russian positions on Sunday last. The defensive outposts were withdrawn but the bolshevik attack on the main position was repulsed.

Reds in South Africa.

London, Jan. 27.—Plans for the establishment of a bolshevik movement on the Rand, the rich gold mining region of the Union of South Africa, have been unearthed, according to a dispatch from Johannesburg.

Pershing to Return Soon.

Paris, Jan. 27.—Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the American armies in Europe, will return to the United States with President Wilson on the transport George Washington, it was learned here.

HERO IS DECORATED



A photograph of General Edwards, commanding the Northern department, planning the congressional medal of honor on Lt. Col. Charles Whittlesey for bravery in the battle of Argonne forest, where Colonel Whittlesey and his command were surrounded by the Germans and held out for five days without food or ammunition, refusing to surrender to the Huns, until they had lost 75 per cent of their men, when they were rescued by American troops who cut through the German lines.

BIG GUNS BROKE GERMANS' HEART

New York.—That the capture of the great fortress of Laon was due to American naval guns mounted on flat cars and manned by naval gunners and that the navy men would have blasted the German frontier to pieces if the war had continued, was the assertion of naval railway battery men who arrived here recently on the transport Henderson. The appearance of the big naval guns of the 14-inch type on the west front was one of the most unpleasant surprises the Germans got throughout the whole war, they declared. There were only five of them in action, but they were handled with such rapidity that the bewildered Teutons believed there were 30 of them in France.

Mangin Gives U. S. Credit.

General Mangin, the famous French commander in that sector, himself credits Rear Admiral Plunkett and his naval gunners with the taking of Laon. The big 14-inch guns pounded the fortress to pieces and hurled giant shells on railroad lines communicating with the city. When the guns got into action they were fired every three minutes, a speed which the Germans considered impossible in handling such monsters. It was this which gave rise to the belief of the Germans that there were 30 instead of five of the guns in action.

There were six more of the giant cannon on the way to France when the fighting ended. They were of the same bore, but were far more mobile, as the five in action could only be used from a pit when they had to be fired at an angle of more than 15 de-

grees in long-range bombardments. "Gee, if the war hadn't quit we would have shown those Germans something about handling big guns," sighed John Mason of 1034 Mason avenue, Chicago, "but we showed them plenty as it was."

Three of the five guns, the naval gunners said, were in the American sector in the Argonne and the other two were with the French. One was at Solissons. They had a range slightly in excess of 35 miles. Each shell fired weighed 1,400 pounds and it took 470 pounds of T. N. T. to send it on its path of destruction back of the German lines. When the shell hit and exploded it opened a crater in the earth in which a large-sized American railway box car could be buried.

Amazed the Poilu. On the American sector the three big guns were mounted within 200 yards of one another and were always fired in rapid succession. The concussion was terrific.

The gunners told a story of a French soldier who happened to be standing too near the giant cannon when they were fired. When the first one was fired the concussion hurled him violently to the earth. He staggered to his feet just as the second one let go and down he went again. Up he climbed again, only to be dashed to the ground for the third time as the third gun roared.

He got up, pale but excited, crying in French what in American would mean:

"This will end the war. This will finish the Germans."

Captures Forty Huns, Kills Two—Given V. C.

Seattle.—Private Walter L. Rayfield of this city, who enlisted with a Canadian regiment soon after war broke out, today is wearing a Victoria Cross. He obtained this coveted award by rushing ahead of his company into a trench occupied by Germans. He bayoneted two and captured ten. Soon after he plunged into a group of 30 Germans and captured them all. Then he dashed through heavy machine-gun fire and rescued a wounded comrade.

Cow Has Quadruplets. Adele, Ga.—A cow belonging to Albert Wood, near here, has just landed a sledge-hammer blow at the high cost of beef by giving birth to four well-developed calves, which give every sign of arriving at the beef steak period in a year or so.

SMUGGLING BY AIR

Laredo, Tex.—It is the firm conviction of Mexican customs officials on the lower Rio Grande border that systematic smuggling by means of powerful airplanes is being conducted between that country and the United States. The American authorities on this side of the international boundary are not yet convinced that contraband goods are being carried in this manner from one country to the other, although they freely admit that it is possible if not very probable that this is being done.

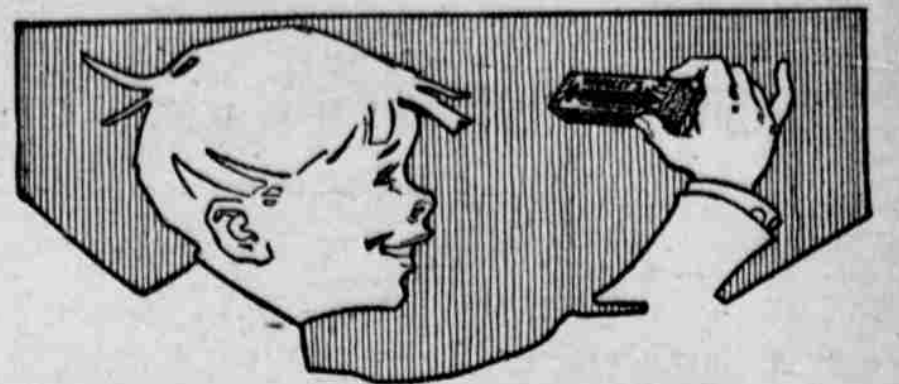
If evasion of the export and import duties by this means is not already being carried on it is only a question of time when the airplane will be brought into service for that purpose. It is predicted by custom officials here and at other places on the Mexican border.

It is with considerable circumstantial detail that the story is told of the aerial traffic by professional smugglers. Jose Longoria, a Mexican

river guard stationed at San Ignacio, about sixty miles below Laredo, made a report to his superior officer about three weeks ago that while on duty late at night he saw moving lights pass high above him and heard the whirr of a motor. The object was headed north and came from some point to the south in Mexico. Similar reports were made by other Mexicans who asserted that they saw the strange aerial machine go back and forward across the Rio Grande on several different nights. Up to this time no corroboration of the stories told by the Mexicans have come from American river guards.

It is recommended by the custom authorities of both Mexico and the United States who are on duty along the Rio Grande that airplane control service be established on both sides of the river at the earliest possible time.

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