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168 AMERICANS LOST ON TROOP SHIP

2,179 American Troops on Board British Transport Sunk by U-Boat.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine, the Cunard liner *Tuscania*, bearing 2,179 officers and men of the Thirty-second national guard division, lies at the bottom of the North Atlantic ocean today and at least 168 troopers—probably more—are missing.

On the basis of figures reported to the war and state departments here the missing would be 267; the figures of the British Admiralty as they stood early today, however, placed the missing American troopers at 168.

Convoys Do Heroic Work.

There is every hope that the lower number will prove to be correct. British convoys near to the torpedoed ship closed in quickly and did heroic work as the comparatively small number of losses show. The position of the *Tuscania* off the north coast of Ireland, evidently headed for England, also was such that numbers of British patrol ships and other vessels rushed to her side and in that way the losses were minimized.

Such reports as were at hand early this morning gave no details of how the transport, heavily convoyed, fell in with the submarine but it was regarded as more than probable that the ship stumbled on the submarine, rather than that the disaster was the first shot in the much advertised German offensive against the line of American troops and supplies.

This was made public about 10 o'clock and until the arrival of the state department dispatch two hours later it was feared that more than 1,400 including the *Cunard's* crew, had perished. The state department message said 2,173 troops were aboard the *Tuscania*.

Convoys Rescue Survivors.

No mention of the fate of the crew was made in the state department advice nor were the landing points of the rescued American troops indicated, but the war department's message said that 1,100 survivors had been put ashore at Buncrana and Larne, Ireland, that the convoy vessels got alongside the sinking transport quick and relief ships made the scene of the disaster within a few hours.

Buncrana is on Lough Swilly on the north coast of Donegal, not far from Londonderry, while Larne is a north channel port on the east coast of Antrim, near Belfast. The landing points indicate that the *Tuscania* was taking the northern route around Ireland to England and the distance between Buncrana and Larne leads officials to believe the number of rescue ships searching the vicinity is large.

No mention of the time of the sinking was made in either of the official messages but news was received in London at 3 p. m. yesterday.

A coded list of survivors was coming into the war department early today but officials declined to give out the names already received. The official list was expected today as soon as it is decoded.

Mainly Michigan and Wisconsin.

The troops aboard the *Tuscania* were mainly former Michigan and Wisconsin national guardsmen now attached to the Thirty-second division trained at Camp MacArthur, Texas. Several aero squadrons and several companies of the Twentieth engineers,

a forestry regiment, were aboard. The list of units as made public by the adjutant general's office last night is as follows:

List of Units Aboard.

Headquarters detachment and Companies D, E and F of the Twentieth engineers.
107th engineer train.
107th military police.
107th supply train.
No. 100 aero squadron.
158th aero squadron.
213th aero squadron.
Replacement detachments Nos. 1 and 2 of the Thirty-second division.
Fifty-one casual officers.

Makeup of Units.

The 107th engineers was composed of the first battalion of Michigan engineers; the 107th military police was made up from the Fourth and Sixth Wisconsin infantry and the 107th supply train from the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Wisconsin infantry.

The Twentieth engineers, a forestry regiment, and the aero squadrons probably were recruited from various sections and the place they trained was not mentioned by the war department.

President at Theater.

President Wilson, who was attending a theater when the news of the sinking was received, Secretary Baker and many other officials remained up late for more details, but only the terse war and state department messages came through until the list of survivors began to arrive from the American army headquarters in London early today.

Relief is Rushed.

The state department's dispatch said Ambassador Page had sent two army officers to Belfast and representatives of the American Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. had gone with full power to spend all the money needed in the relief.

Although the American transport *Antilles* was torpedoed and sunk in the war zone while returning from France and fourteen of those on board lost, the *Tuscania* was the first ship carrying American troops to Europe to be sunk by a submarine.

Convoyed By British.

The *Tuscania*, until last fall, had been in the trans-Atlantic trade, but the sinking indicates that she had recently been engaged in transporting American troops. She carried a British crew and a British armed naval guard and was convoyed by British warships.

The use of British ships to carry American troops has been hinted at recently in connection with decision of the supreme war council to make every effort to increase Gen. Pershing's army.

Attack on Troop Ships Expected.

Navy department officials have believed that the Germans might concentrate their submarines on ships transporting American troops and the recall of many submarines into their bases recently was interpreted as preliminary to such a campaign. Despite the most careful plans, navy men say, there is always a chance of a troop ship stumbling upon a submarine and the general belief here is that this is what happened off the Irish coast.

Some Land in Scotland.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Additional dispatches reached the war department today saying that some 600 survivors are at Larne, Ireland, and that seventeen are at Islay, Scotland. The dispatches said the British authorities were doing everything to make the survivors as comfortable as possible

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Existing high prices and the terms of the people that we buy and borrow of have forced us to do this.

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and were sending supplies to the places where they landed. This does not materially change the number saved, which stands at 1,912.

Golden Wedding.

Fifty years ago on January 31st, in far away New York state, at the town of Greenwich, were married Mr. Newton Carson and Miss Isabelle Brady. Eleven years they lived together in that state and then went over into Canada, where Mr. Carson worked in the timber helping to saw lumber. Like the majority of the people at that time the longing for home life in the west where their children could grow up and settle around them, overcame the love for old home ties and in 1880 they came to Saline County, Nebraska, where they lived for nine years coming to Holt County in 1889, where they have lived, an honor to their community, their county and their state, for twenty-nine years next March. Around them and with them have grown to perfect man and womanhood seven children. The oldest child, a little girl whom they named Jessie, passed to the other side at the age of two years.

Of those who remain are James, Johnny and Mrs. Floyd Wolfe, of Red Bird; Mrs. Frank Hunter, of Star; and Lizzie and Edward, who are yet in the old home, near Red Bird postoffice, surrounded by its beautiful cedars and memories never to be forgotten. There on Thursday, with the snow blowing and piling the roads with drifts and the thermometer registering 20 degrees below zero, relatives and friends met numbering twenty-seven people. This was a disappointment to many as the roads were impassible. Nevertheless a splendid time was enjoyed as all of the children were there with their families, the grandchildren numbering eleven, besides a few neighbors.

Mr. Carson has arrived at the age of seventy-one years young and his good wife is sixty-five. Both are enjoying good health and help with the chores and housework. Mr. Carson can still dance a jig and does so every once in a while for the benefit of his little grandsons. Mrs. Carson is knitting for the soldier boys. The ladies present were doing this work during the day and the bride did her share.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Newton Carson, Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Rosenkrans, Mrs. Ladely, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brady and son, Clarence, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pickering and daughter, Vera, Mr. and Mrs. Slack and son, Forest, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Carson and daughter, Margret, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. John Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunter and Lizzie and Eddie Carson.

Owing to war and need of conservation only a two course dinner was served. The table decorations were gold and white lace doilies and center piece of white carnations yellow tulips and ferns. A platter fifty years old was in use being one of their first dishes. After dinner a program was given. Two letters of greeting were read. Mrs. John Carson gave the reading, "An Old Sweetheart of Mine," by Riley. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carson, Mrs. Hunter and Mr. Wolfe sang "Silver Threads Among the Gold," and "Down by the Old Mill Stream," and Mrs. Will Carson and Mrs. Lee Brady sang a song written thirty-nine years ago by a brother of Mrs. V. V. Rosenkrans for a golden wedding of that date.

Mr. V. V. Rosenkrans made a presentation talk and the bride and groom

each received a gold watch which was the gift of the children and some other friends and relatives. The other presents were: A picture, a dresser scarf, two cream ladles and three gold spoons. The only thing regretted was that the weather was so inclement only a few of those invited could go. Their many friends unite in wishing them many years to come of happy wedded life. ***

LOCAL MATTERS.

M. F. Harrington came up from Omaha last Tuesday night.

Lloyd Bergstrom went to Ewing Tuesday to look after some business matters.

Hugh O'Conner, of Emmet, was in the city Tuesday attending to business affairs.

A. A. Hardy, of Ewing, was in the city Tuesday attending to some business matters.

W. B. Cooper and Chauncy Porter, of Chambers, were O'Neill business visitors last Tuesday.

Louis Weber and George Haigh, of Atkinson, were visiting with friends in this city last Friday.

J. B. Ryan and son, Clement, went to Omaha the latter part of last week and spent several days visiting.

Jack McCafferty, who has been visiting relatives here for the past two weeks, left Sunday for Butte, Mont.

Attorney D. L. Jovenat, of Atkinson, came down Tuesday and attended to some legal affairs in court.

John Mullen returned Monday night from Omaha, where he had been for a few days visiting with relatives and friends.

Dr. O. K. Tickler went to Stuart Wednesday afternoon and returned this morning after looking after business affairs.

John L. Quig returned the first of the week from a business trip of several days, that took him into South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Hans Peterson, who has been working in Omaha for the past two months, arrived here Monday night for a week's visit with friends.

Roland M. Whitmore, 27, of Elgin, Nebr., and Florence E. Bethea, 27, of Ewing, were granted license to wed by the county judge on Tuesday.

Hugh J. Boyle went to Omaha Saturday morning and will spend a few days there looking after business affairs.

F. O. Hammerberg and Nelson Whitnell, both of Celia, were in the city last Monday and favored this office with a short call.

W. J. Hammond and M. F. Harrington went to Omaha Thursday morning and will stay there for some time attending to some legal matters.

L. E. Chapman left Wednesday afternoon for Billings, Mont., where he will remain for a short time visiting with his family, which is located there.

Mrs. Richard Stryker, who had been visiting with her sister, Mrs. H. J. Boyle for a few days, left the latter part of last week for her home at Lincoln.

Mrs. O. K. Tickler left this morning for her home at Harvard, Nebr., being called there to attend the funeral of her grandmother, who died Wednesday night.

Charles Pruss was down from Emmet today and favored this office with a pleasant call. Charles recently had a sale of his personal property and

will move to Emmet where he will take life easy.

Clarence Gladhill, the efficient foreman of the Stuart Ledger, was in the city today, having come down to take the physical examination for admission to the army.

Dan Holland, who has been visiting with relatives here, and also attending to business affairs for the past ten days, returned to his home at David City, Nebr., Thursday morning.

George Clinton, who is now employed by the Burlington railroad, and working out of Sioux City, came up Tuesday night and visited with relatives and friends here Wednesday and Thursday.

Joel Parker, who was in the second draft contingent that left this county, arrived home Wednesday night from Camp Funston, Kans., being called here by the death of his father, Byron Parker, who died Tuesday morning.

Byron Parker, one of the pioneer residents of this county, died at his home just east of this city last Tuesday morning, after an illness of several months. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Webb Kellogg will entertain twelve of his young gentlemen friends at a turkey dinner at the Kellogg residence this evening. The minimum age of any of those who will dine with Mr. Kellogg will be over seventy-five years.

Neligh News: E. Templin, of O'Neill, father of Mrs. Harry Krebeck, and a brother and sister of Mrs. Krebeck, one of Lincoln and the other from Iowa, came in Tuesday from O'Neill for a visit at the Krebeck home.

Mrs. Thomas Quinn returned from Mapleton, Iowa, Monday night, where she had been helping to nurse her little grandson, Earl Quinn, who has been down with bronchial pneumonia, but was on the road to recovery when she left.

Tuesday night, Etta Froelich entertained the Martez club at her home. A delicious three course luncheon was served and after seven games of whist the remainder of the evening was spent dancing. Virginia Testman won the prize, a silver cream ladle.

The Knights of Columbus are to have an initiation here next Sunday, the program for the day is as follows: All assemble at the K. C. Hall, and march in a body to the church for High Mass. The initiation will take place at one o'clock, and the banquet, which will be served by the Catholic ladies, will start at eight thirty p. m.

The Cribbage tournament held at the K. C. Club rooms last Monday night was won, after a hard battle, by Parnell Golden. A number of the members were tied when the tournament ended, and they had to settle the dispute between themselves. They all played for the prize, but the god's of luck favored Golden and he took the prize.

Col. James Moore, the genial auctioneer, was passing around the cigars last Friday morning with the smile that wouldn't come off illuminating his countenance and hollering to every one in sight, "It's a Nine Pound Boy." Jim has been so happy ever since that he came near losing the opportunity to cry a sale, being so busy telling about the wonders of the little fellow that he hardly had time to talk business.

Tuesday, February 12th and Friday, February 22, have been designated as

thrift stamp days and the ladies in charge of the postoffice thrift stamp booth hope that all persons will be very liberal with their patronage on the above two days. They have been making a splendid record of sales and Mrs. Stout, who has charge of the postoffice booth, hopes that all records will be broken on the two thrift stamp days. Don't forget them.

State Journal, Feb. 6: Father M. F. Cassidy, for thirty years a priest at O'Neill, visited friends in Lincoln Tuesday and was a visitor at the state house. He is taking an active interest in war work and expresses regret that he is not a young man so that he might serve in the trenches. He is personally acquainted with and is a friend of everyone of the forty-two Holt county boys who are in military training camps. Nearly everyone of the young men keep in touch with him by correspondence.

The Rev. G. W. Bruce was the victim of a surprise Monday evening when friends to the number of eleven couple walked in to the parsonage about 8 o'clock and announced that they had come prepared to properly celebrate the anniversary of Mr. Bruce's birth. The latter had just returned from a day in the country and was entirely unsuspecting of the affair until the visitors arrived. The evening was most enjoyably spent with games, music and fishing and hunting tales, followed by refreshments.

Ed. F. Gallagher entertained at a dinner Thursday evening at the Golden Hotel, the ladies who are devoting their time to the sale of war stamps. Covers were laid for Mrs. Stout, Beatrice Cronin, Etta Froelich, Mary Fitzsimmons, Mae Hammond, Evelyn Stannard, Sue O'Donnell, Florence McCafferty, Virginia Testman and Messrs. Weekes, O'Donnell and Gallagher. After dinner the girls went home with Mrs. Stout and spent the evening playing whist. Mae Hammond won the first prize and Florence McCafferty the all-cut.

The O'Neill Basket Ball team added another game to their string of victories last Friday night, when they sent the Ewing five on their way home, with the short end of a 46 to 19 score. The game was well attended, a large crowd on the bleachers and many standing, their cheering is sufficient evidence, that the game was appreciated. The Ewing team while they were good, could not, in any way be compared with the O'Neill team, they were out of their class. The O'Neill quintet will have a game here in the near future and for their past record they should have a good attendance.

State Journal, Feb. 5: Judge P. Boothe testified in district court Tuesday morning that his wife, Lena K. Boothe, had gone in bathing with men and that they did not trouble themselves to don even bathing apparel. This was about three years ago and soon after the occurrence she left him, remaining away continuously since. She is now in Wisconsin, he said. Prior to the bath scene it was declared Mrs. Boothe had harbored disreputable women at the family home in Holt county and had gone away to a hay camp, where she is alleged to have been guilty of infidelity with a man named Bivens. Other acts of indiscretion and misconduct were charged, so Judge Lansburg granted the plaintiff a divorce. The parties were married in 1887 and have three grown sons.

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