

14 SHIPS DESTROYED

FOURTEEN BRITISH MINE SWEEPERS SUNK BY AUSTRIAN TRIANS IN ADRIATIC.

CRUISER HIT BY TORPEDO

London Says Vessel Reached Port After Attack by Submarine—Italian Airmen Damage Two Warships—150 Die on Transport.

London, May 21.—It is officially announced that the transport Camerouna has been sunk. One hundred and forty men on board are missing.

The British admiralty announced on Friday that 14 mine-sweeping steam vessels, known as drifters, had been sunk in a raid by Austrian light cruisers in the Adriatic sea and that the British light cruiser Dartmouth was torpedoed in a subsequent engagement with the Austrian warships, but reached port safely.

The text of the statement reads: "The admiralty announces that from reports received from the rear admiral commanding the Adriatic squadron, supplemented by the Italian official communication, it appears that early Tuesday morning an Austrian force, consisting of light cruisers, subsequently re-enforced by destroyers, raided the allied drifter line and succeeded in sinking 14 British drifters, from which, according to the Austrian communication 72 prisoners were taken.

"His majesty's ship Dartmouth, with the Italian rear admiral aboard, and H. M. S. Bristol immediately chased the enemy off, assisted by French and Italian destroyers.

"The chase continued with the enemy under heavy and continuous fire until near Camaro, when, some enemy battleships coming out in support of their cruisers, our vessels drew off.

"Italian airmen, after a battle in the air, attacked the Austrian warships outside Camaro and confidently affirm that one of the enemy's cruisers was on fire and was taken in tow off Camaro in a sinking condition. One other of the enemy's cruisers was reported by the British admiralty as badly damaged.

"During her passage back the Dartmouth was struck by a torpedo from an enemy submarine, but returned into port with three men killed, one officer and four men missing and believed dead, and seven wounded. There were no other casualties to our ships."

HERE'S TO THE DAY



U. S. FLEET ON DUTY BILLIONS FOR WAR

AMERICAN DESTROYERS JOIN IN PATROL OF WAR ZONE.

Have Brush With Submarine—People Give Sailors Warm Welcome—Greeted Officially.

London, May 18.—The British admiralty announced on Wednesday that American destroyers had arrived in British waters.

"The British admiralty states that a flotilla of United States destroyers recently arrived in this country to cooperate with our naval forces in the prosecution of the war," is the text of the official statement.

Rear Admiral Sims, U. S. N., who is in general command of all the United States naval forces that are sent to European waters, is in daily touch with the chief of the British naval staff.

The admiralty announcement says the services which the American vessels are rendering to the allied cause are of the greatest value and are appreciated deeply.

Messages of greeting were exchanged between Admiral Sir David Beatty, commanding the British grand fleet, and Admiral Mayo, commander of the American Atlantic fleet.

The American navy's actual entry into the war zone has already been productive of a brush between a destroyer and a German underwater boat, according to an announcement by the British admiralty, but the result of it has not been made public.

The destroyer squadron arrived here and almost immediately put to sea again for the hard work that is before it.

A crowd of several hundred persons, some of them carrying tiny American flags, lined the water front and cheered the destroyers from the moment they first sighted the flotilla until it reached the dock.

ALL RECORDS BROKEN IN ARMY AND NAVY BILL.

Calls for \$3,390,946,000, Including \$400,000,000 for American Merchant Marine.

Washington, May 17.—All appropriation records of congress were broken on Tuesday when the senate appropriations committee reported the war, army and navy deficiency bill, carrying a total of \$3,390,946,000, including \$400,000,000 for construction and purchase of an American merchant marine.

The committee added \$563,392,000 to the house bill. Among the senate increases were \$500,000 for the council of national defense, \$1,000,000 for detention of interned Germans, \$26,000,000 for army machine guns and \$35,000,000 for heavy army ordnance.

For the new American merchant fleet they directed immediate appropriation of \$400,000,000 and authorized \$350,000,000 more for use later as an "emergency shipping fund."

The bill authorizes the government to commandeer shipyards, factories or the products of such factories and to take over existing shipbuilding contracts of private individuals or foreign governments. Construction facilities taken over are to be paid for at a reasonable price. Persons refusing to deliver requisitioned factories or establishments would be penalized.

PRESIDENT SIGNS DRAFT MEASURE; TROOPS TO FRONT

Division Under Command of Major General Pershing.

REGULARS FIRST TO FRANCE

Executive Sets June 5 as the Date of Registration for All Men Between the Ages of 21 and 31—Rejects Roosevelt Volunteer Army—Declares it Would Interfere With Present Plans.

Washington, May 21.—Flatly rejecting that section of the measure which would permit Colonel Roosevelt to organize volunteer divisions, President Wilson signed the conscription bill.

The president signed the army bill just after dinner at 8 p. m. on Friday, without formality, and set June 5 as the date of registration for all men between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one for military service.

President Issues Proclamation.

President Wilson's proclamation, putting into effect the selective draft provision of the war army bill, signed last night, follows in part:

"A proclamation by the president of the United States:

"Whereas, Congress has enacted and the president has on the 18th day of May, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, approved a law which contains the following provisions:

"Section 5. That all male persons between the ages of twenty-one and thirty, both inclusive, shall be subject to registration in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the president; and upon proclamation by the president or other public notice given by him or by his direction, stating the time and place of such registration, it shall be the duty of all persons of the designated ages, except officers and enlisted men of the regular army, the navy and the National Guard and naval militia while in the service of the United States, to present themselves for and submit to registration under the provisions of this act, and every such person shall be deemed to have notice of the requirements of this act upon the publication of said proclamation or other notice as aforesaid given by the president or by his direction; and any person who shall willfully fail or refuse to present himself for registration or to submit thereto as herein provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction in the district court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year, and shall thereupon be duly registered; provided, that in the call of the docket precedence shall be given, in courts trying the same, to the trial of criminal proceedings under this act: Provided further, that persons shall be subject to registration as herein provided who shall have attained their twenty-first birthday and who shall not have attained their thirty-first birthday on or before the day set for registration, and all persons so registered shall be and remain subject to draft into the forces hereby authorized, unless exempted or excused therefrom as in this act provided.

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President's Statement.

The president issued the following statement at the White House:

"I shall not avail myself, at any rate, at the present stage of the war, of the authorization conferred by the act to organize volunteer divisions.

"To do so would seriously interfere with the carrying out of the chief and most immediately important purpose contemplated by this legislation:

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that is in France than the men beneath the battle flags. It must be so with us. It is not an army that we must shape and train for war; it is a nation. To this end our people must draw close in one compact front against a common foe. But this cannot be if each man pursues a private purpose. All must pursue one purpose.

"The nation needs all men, but it needs each man, not in the field that will most pleasure him, but in the endeavor that will best serve the common good.

"It is in no sense a conscription of the unwilling—it is rather selection from a nation which has volunteered in mass.

"The day here named is the time upon which all shall present themselves for assignment to their tasks.

"It is essential that the day be approached in thoughtful apprehension of its significance and that we accord to it the honor and the meaning that it deserves. Our industrial need prescribes that it be not made a technical holiday, but the stern sacrifice that is before us urges that it be carried in all our hearts as a great day of patriotic devotion and obligation when the duty shall lie upon every man, whether he is himself to be registered or not, to see to it that the name of every male person of the designated ages is written on these lists of honor.

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"The power against which we are arrayed has sought to impose its will upon the world by force. To this end it has increased armament until it has changed the face of war. In the sense in which we have been wont to think of armies there are no armies in this struggle. There are entire nations armed. Thus, the men who remain to till the soil and man the factories are no less a part of the army



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In the midst of it all, a man in Philadelphia, a professor, is calmly translating a Babylonian epic. He has before him certain tablets which were buried in Mesopotamian ground thousands of years ago, upon which, in the time of Abraham, certain queer cone-shaped characters were inscribed. Not many years ago the key to these characters was discovered, in the form of an inscription in two languages, one of which was known, and the meaning of the queer characters slowly emerged. The Philadelphia professor has discovered that the tablets bear an epic poem. He is translating the epic and finds it to be the story of the way in which a half-barbarous chieftain, named Enkidu, was redeemed from a career of tyranny and violence by the love of a woman. And day after day, while the papers are full of woes and wickedness, and the drums of war bent on the streets, indifferent to all the uproar this patient man goes on translating into good English the poem of Enkidu and his love.

Their Method.

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