

SUBMARINE IS SUNK BY STEAMER NAVAJO

Crew of Standard Oil Tanker Burned at Sea Brings Story of Victory Over German U-Boat.

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 24.—The Standard Oil tank steamship Navajo, destroyed by fire at sea on August 15, while homeward bound, had an encounter on its trip over with a submarine and sank the enemy vessel with its guns after a four-hour battle, according to members of the crew of twenty-seven who arrived here today on an American steamer.

The Navajo had three separate encounters with the submarine before it sank it, one of the officers said. It first met the German craft off the Irish coast and drove it off. The next day it was heard and a large sailing vessel appeared, pursued by what those on the Navajo identified as the same U-boat.

Sailing Ship Sunk. The German sank the sailing vessel and then engaged the Navajo for a second time until a British hydro-airplane appeared and the U-boat submerged.

A fog settled down and the airplane returned to shore. When the fog lifted the U-boat was found still lurking near, and the third engagement ensued. The tanker was damaged in the stern, but registered a hit "squarely beneath the U-boat's periscope." The officers described the sinking stern first. The Navajo proceeded to France for repairs. When it caught fire on the return trip the crew was rescued.

U. S. PREPARES TO FIX RETAIL PRICE OF COAL

Atlantic or lake ports. Bituminous profits for jobbers are fixed at 15 cents a ton of 2,000 pounds, and the same restrictions that govern ratings by a number of anthracite jobbers apply to bituminous transactions.

The president's order forbids railroad-owned mines from selling to other mines and prohibits dealers from selling coal products by railroad-owned mines on a basis of prices fixed for other mines.

Effective immediately. The bituminous jobbers' prices become effective immediately, as do the bituminous mine prices announced last night.

The coal administration will be organized as soon as Dr. Garfield has completed his work of recommending to the food administration a government price for the 1917 wheat crop. Dr. Garfield's price-fixing committee, it was said today, would be ready to announce a price within a few days.

Dr. Garfield announced tonight he would institute a licensing system for all coal dealings from the mine to the retailer and that if prices were fixed for retailers the licensing would be extended to cover retail dealings.

Government Confiscation. Under the law giving the president control of fuels the government can take over and operate any mines failing to observe regulations prescribed. A corporation similar to the wheat corporation of the food administration was suggested tonight as a possibility to prepare the government to handle the situation if the price-fixing plan does not work out satisfactorily.

In the last resort under the law is government requisition of the output of all mines and the sale of it to the public. The organization of an operating and purchasing corporation would provide all the machinery necessary to put the commandeering provision of the law into operation.

Labor Biggest Problem. The biggest problem ahead of the coal administration as seen by officials who have studied the situation is the labor situation. The general reduction of prices in the bituminous fields probably means that labor will be disappointed in many requests for wage increases based on the high prices producers have been receiving for their output.

If there are strikes and production is reduced, the government can take over and operate the mines, but it has no power to compel labor to work. Officials of the government and labor representatives are conducting negotiations over this problem. Some operators have declared it would be impossible for them to grant wage increases under the new scale of prices and throughout the middle west and in other parts of the country general coal mine strikes are pending.

Early extension of government control to fuel oils was predicted tonight by officials. Power to fix prices for fuel oils and to govern their distribution and sale is given to the president in the coal clause of the food bill.

U. S. to Release Grain to Ship to the Netherlands. Washington, Aug. 24.—Agreement has been reached between the United States and Holland whereby some quantities of grain will be released for shipment to the Netherlands with the condition that certain portions of it will go for relief of Belgians.

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New Head of Fraternal Congress Of America is Leader of Ben Hur

Dr. R. H. Gerard of Crawfordsville, Ind., who has just been elected president of the National Fraternal Congress of America, an organization composed of nearly 100 of the leading fraternal beneficial orders of the United States and Canada and representing 10,000,000 members, has been the head of the Tribe of Ben Hur since 1910 and is one of the charter members of this society. He is a son of its founder, the late D. W. Gerard, and was a neighbor and personal friend of General Lew Wallace, author of the book, "Ben Hur," upon which the order was founded in 1894.

Dr. Gerard has successfully guided the Tribe of Ben Hur through the period of readjustment to adequate rates and the congress by elevating him to the presidency renews its endorsement of this principle so necessary to the perpetuation of the fraternal system.

Dr. Gerard graduated from Wabash college in 1895 and from Indiana Medical college in 1899. He was married in 1904 to Mary Bruce Bryson, daughter of E. R. Bryson of Covington, Ky.



Dr. R. H. Gerard

Trail of Death Is Left by Negro Soldiers in South

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The negroes had reported the happening to their officers. A conference followed between Police Superintendent Brock and army officers. This led to an order being issued to the effect that the negro troops are to be called "colored" troops by members of the police department.

Evidences of Riot. Evidences of the brewing riot became apparent as early as 7:30 o'clock last night. Major K. S. Snow, in command of the negro troops, said he noticed that the troops were wrought up over the treatment from the police. A little later word came to him that the negroes had entered the ammunition tent and armed themselves.

The commanding officer rushed to the scene and made an effort to stop the riot. The mob was beyond control. His estimate is that 150 negroes left camp. They began shooting at the camp and proceeded toward the city.

It was not until the negroes reached the Reichert store that the taking of life began. Alma Reichert, 15 years old, the first victim, was struck by a stray bullet as she sought safety in the store of her father.

Victims Singled Out. It was a block further south, as the negroes turned in that direction on the Sandman road, that victims were singled out. Fred Winkler and W. J. Drucks were selected as targets for shots from the rifles of the troops.

East Finley and Fred Schofield were dragged from an automobile. Later Finley was found dead, his body pierced by more than a dozen bullets, while Schofield was wounded in both arms.

Officers Daniels and Rainey were killed and Moody, Wilson and Patton were wounded a considerable time after the outbreak started in a battle with the negroes.

Eagle Protests. Congressman Eagle at midnight sent this telegram to Washington: "Houston, Tex., Midnight, Thursday, Aug. 23.—Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.: As congressman from this district I report death and wounding of several persons, result of sending negro soldiers here. Without stating who is to blame, it is clearly a race riot and is a tragedy sufficient to compel the statement that it is a tragic blunder to send negro troops to southern camps. I protest vigorously against the Illinois negro soldiers ordered to Houston being sent. By all means order them to northern training camps and promptly order the negro troops who are already here sent elsewhere.

"JOE H. EAGLE." Martial Law. As a result of the rioting Houston and its environs are today under martial law, with Brigadier General John A. Hulen in command. This action was taken by Governor Ferguson upon request by Acting Mayor D. M. Moody about 12:30 this morning and later was followed with an order by General James Parker naming General Hulen as the officer in command. General Hulen at once gave orders for the dispersing of crowds which still

thronged the streets at that hour, for the prompt arrest of such of the negro soldiers as were not in camp under guard and for the closing of all saloons and drinking places until such time as he may direct.

General Hulen has a considerable force in the city and has been reinforced with 350 coast guardsmen from Galveston who have five machine guns.

To Withdraw Negroes. Washington, Aug. 24.—Senator Sheppard of Texas, after a conference with Secretary Baker today, announced that the negro troops concerned in the rioting at Houston would be withdrawn from Texas immediately.

Later Secretary Baker, after reading first official reports, announced that he could take no action of any kind until the affair had been investigated fully.

Secretary Baker also said that the Houston affair did not affect the policy of training negro troops in the south.

It is within the jurisdiction of the commander of the Southern department to move the troops to any other point in his territory without orders from Washington.

Head of Jap Mission To Address the Senate. Washington, Aug. 24.—Arrangements were made today for Viscount Ishii to address the senate next Thursday. The invitation was tendered by Senator Saulsbury, president pro tempore of the senate, when the Japanese mission made a formal call before the senate convened.

Viscount Ishii and his aides also called upon Speaker Clark, but no arrangements to address the house were made.

Army Orders (From a Staff Correspondent.) Washington, Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram.) The following named officers of the national army will proceed to Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Ia., for duty as indicated after his name: Lieutenant Colonel Samuel C. Vestal, (Coast Artillery corps) quartermaster corps, quartermaster corps, as colonel of heavy field artillery.

Lieutenant Colonel George E. Houle, (Twenty-sixth Infantry, as colonel of an infantry regiment.) Major Herbert B. Crosby, cavalry, detached officers' list, as colonel of an infantry regiment.

Major Clyde E. Hawkins, quartermaster corps, as colonel of an infantry regiment. Major Charles W. Lewis, infantry, detached officers' list, as colonel of an infantry regiment.

Major James B. Harbison, Twenty-first Infantry, as colonel in command of division train. Captain George R. Greene, Field artillery, as colonel of light field artillery.

Major Ernest G. Blingham, Medical corps, is relieved from duty as commanding officer at the base hospital at Fort Des Moines, Ia., and is designated as commanding officer, medical officers' training camp. Following named officers of the Medical Reserve Corps are assigned to active duty at Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Ia.: Captain William S. Brown, First Lieutenant Walter C. Bissan, First Lieutenant William H. Hyford, First Lieutenant Charles M. Coen, Captain Edward C. G. Francis, First Lieutenant Arthur W. K. Downe.

Postoffice Orders. (Special Telegram.) John R. Denkin has been appointed postmaster at Kalena, Harding county, South Dakota, vice E. M. Lewis, resigned. Thomas L. Craven has been appointed rural letter carrier at Belle Fourche, S. D. The following named officers have been appointed in the Omaha postoffice: Dee O. Long, Edward D. McCarthy, Arthur G. Young, Albert J. Angelo, Clifford V. Harrow, Maurice H. Lipp, Benjamin Kassel.

SENATORS CLASH OVER INCOME TAX

Upper House Gets Down to Business of Disposing of Question of Conscripted of Wealth.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The battle over conscription of wealth to pay for the war continued in the senate with the leaders hopeful of disposing of the war tax bill's income tax section before night. Once incomes have been disposed of, the way will have been cleared to begin the fight over war profits.

Today's chief contest was expected to come over Senator La Follette's substitutes for the income tax schedules proposing to levy about \$600,000,000 and \$505,000,000, respectively, and Senator Hollis' substitute designed to raise about \$550,000,000.

Predict Defeat. Leaders who oppose additional increases expressed the belief today that the new proposals would be defeated. They based their belief on the senate's action yesterday when in the first test vote the La Follette proposal to raise \$658,784,000 from individual incomes instead of \$490,154,000 as proposed in the bill was rejected, 58 to 21.

The debate developed charges that those who desire to make the war unpopular and embarrass the administration were behind the campaign to increase the war tax burdens.

Momentarily Sidetracked. The La Follette and Hollis amendments to the income tax section were passed over for the moment when the debate began today and the senate took up consideration of the administrative provisions of the section. Senator Norris announced that he

would oppose reducing minimum incomes subject to tax to \$2,000 for married and \$1,000 for unmarried men. An amendment to provide a minimum of \$3,000 and \$2,000, respectively, as the present law, has been introduced by Senator Trammell.

Subject to further consideration later, the senate tentatively adopted committee amendments creating additional tax on corporate incomes from 2 to 4 per cent.

Another revision tentatively approved without objection was the elimination of the house provision for the retroactive tax of one-third on 1916 incomes.

While both provisions were approved only in committee of the whole, it was thought probable that the action would finally stand.

Bryan to "Stump" Iowa In Prohibition Cause. Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 24.—William Jennings Bryan will be one of the big "gunners" when the closing shots are fired in behalf of the Iowa prohibitory amendment this fall.

In a letter from his summer home at Asheville, N. C., Mr. Bryan sets October 11, 12, 13 and 14 as his dates in the state, and he may be in Iowa for October 10. The election is to be held October 15.

Mr. Bryan will speak at several of the larger cities of the state, and will hold at least one meeting at the Thirteenth division cantonment—Camp Dodge—near Des Moines. Mr. Bryan said he probably would be accompanied by Mrs. Bryan.

Frontier Day at Silver Creek. Central City, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Silver Creek has set aside four days in September during which period frontier life will reign supreme. The best attractions, which have served to make the Cheyenne show a winner of nation wide popularity will be shown.

Name Teachers To Train Officers At Fort Snelling

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—The War department announced the assignment of the following reserve officers as assistant instructors at the second officers' reserve training camp at Fort Snelling: Captain Walter F. Beyer, Lake Elmo, Minn.; Captain James G. Nye, Minnesota National Guard; Captain Edmund S. Simons, St. Paul, Minn.; Captain John R. Gardner, Lisbon, Ia.; Captain Nelson A. Kellogg, Minneapolis, Minn.; Second Lieutenant Orrie F. Triplett, Fremont, Ia.; Captain Silas Bryan, Lincoln, Neb.; Captain Abbot M. Washburn, Duluth, Minn.; Captain John N. Johnson, jr., Minnesota National Guard; Captain Clarence B. Winter, Minneapolis, Minn.; Captain Joseph O. Hay, Ong, Neb.; Captain Royal H. Drummond, Kearney, Neb.; First Lieutenant Charles W. Biggs, Wapello, Ia.; First Lieutenant Arthur Strum, Chicago, Ill.; Captain Arthur L. Burnham, Strauton, Neb.; Captain K. C. Brown, Papillion, Neb.; Captain G. R. Kingham, Fairbault, Minn.; First Lieutenant Joseph E. Fraser, Omaha; Captain John H. Nichols, Minneapolis, Minn.; Captain Richard Rumsey Campbell, Chicago, Ill.; Major Fletcher Rockwood, Minneapolis, Minn.; Captain C. McKibben, St. Paul, Minn.; Captain Ralph W. Page, Minneapolis, Minn.; Captain Timothy McCoy, Thermopolis, Wyo.

TEACHING AMEXES ART OF DIGGING

American Soldiers in France Are Learning How to Construct Trenches and "Dig Themselves In."

(By Associated Press.) American Training Camp in France. Aug. 24.—One of the greatest problems American officers have before them is impressing upon their men the absolute importance of learning the best ways of keeping under cover. The American soldier is not a natural "digger-in." He is much like his Canadian brother in arms in that respect, for it is an old saying on the British front that Canadians will die in the last ditch but never dig it.

The German belief that they can dig faster than a modern army can advance is one of the principles of their defensive tactics. Notwithstanding all that has been told along this line, notwithstanding the heroic efforts to rouse his enthusiasm over the pick and shovel, the American soldier has remained decidedly lukewarm.

The American fighting man just now is put through a pretty stiff course of digging. This does not apply to digging trenches alone. He is being taught how to dig himself in individually, while lying flat on the ground in face of enemy fire, thus getting temporary shelter and the protection of a sort of grave-like excavation. It is not so often nowadays, however, that a man has actually to dig himself in on solid ground, for their is seldom an infantry advance made over anything but ground all pitted and torn with shell craters.

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