

TRANSPORT IS SUNK; 200 U.S. TROOPS LOST

The British Liner Tuscania Was the Victim-- It Carried 2,179 Soldiers For England-- The Survivors Are Landed.

London, Feb. 7.—Torpedoed off the Irish coast by a German submarine, the British liner Tuscania has gone down with about 200 American soldiers, marking the first serious blow by U-boats against transportation of American troops.

Convoy Did Heroic Work.

Washington, Feb. 7.—British convoys near to the torpedoed Tuscania closed in quickly and did heroic work, as the comparatively small number of losses show.

Torpedoed at Dusk.

London, Feb. 7.—There was sufficient time for the removal of all the uninjured on board the Tuscania, as she remained afloat, after being torpedoed, for two hours.

The Aurania Torpedoed.

New York, Feb. 7.—The Cunard liner Aurania, 13,400 tons, bound for the United States, has been torpedoed within the last forty-eight hours.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS.

British. Heavy artillery active south-west of Cambrai and Lens. Liverpool troops carried out successful raids near Arras.

French. Heavy artillery fighting on the Aisne and the Verdun fronts and in Alsace is reported in Thursday's official communication.

Board Meets at Stratford. Stratford, Feb. 7.—Judge Wallace, of Woodstock, this morning opened the Board of Conciliation in the dispute between the Grand Trunk telegraph trades, who demand a minimum wage clause, a nine-hour day and other working improvements.

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BIG PEAT DEPOSIT MAY BE DEVELOPED

Government Sets Aside Townships of Hanna and St. John in North.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—Two whole townships estimated to contain millions of tons of peat, have been set aside by the Ontario Government with a view to having them developed as a source of fuel for the province.

RAPS HENRI BOURASSA.

Le Soleil Severely Criticizes the Nationalist Leader. Quebec, Feb. 7.—Under the heading "Is abominable," Le Soleil, the local French Liberal organ, in a leading article severely criticises Henri Bourassa for his writings in Le Devoir, the Montreal Nationalist daily.

Both Against Conscription.

Makes Known His Attitude at Cape Town Meeting. London, Feb. 7.—A recruiting conference, held at Cape Town, was presided over by Col. Mentz, Acting Minister of Defence.

8,000 HOMES DESTROYED

In Guatemala's as Result of the Recent Earthquake. Washington, Feb. 7.—Eight thousand of Guatemala's most beautiful homes, valued at more than \$80,000,000, were totally destroyed in the recent earthquake.

10,000 Men Out of Work.

Quebec, Feb. 7.—While interviews with Quebec manufacturers indicate that they will loyally co-operate with the Fuel Controller in enforcing the latest coal order, it is pointed out that little can be saved in Quebec which uses Hydro-Electric power for the most part.

U.S. To Aid Montana Farmers.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Federal aid for Montana farmers threatened with a cropless season through a seed grain shortage, was urged upon the house agricultural committee today by Rep. Rankin.

Appeals Are Issued to All Bolsheviks to Leave Polish Commands.

Petrograd, Feb. 7.—Ensign Krylenko, the Bolshevik commander-in-chief, has issued a decree ordering that all supplies be cut off from the Polish legion in the Russian army, and declaring its commander, Dvobner Mousnitsky, an outlaw.

Canadian Casualties.

Died of wounds—H. F. Anderson, Anttrim. Wounded—J. A. Dunne, Deseronto; D. C. Gordon, Ottawa. The United States and Canada may adopt a general daylight-saving bill on May 1st. British warships shell the harbor of Ostend.

LATE A. R. MILNE, MARINE ENGINEER

Died in the General Hospital After Brief Illness of Pneumonia.

SIXTY YEARS AN ENGINEER

HE SERVED ON VARIOUS STEAMERS IN THESE WATERS.

He Installed the Machinery of the Steamer Kingston—For Some Years He Was Chief Engineer at Rockwood Hospital.



LATE ALEXANDER R. MILNE.

six sons, William, of Toronto; Thomas and Frank, in the northwest; Frederick Herkimer, N.Y.; Cecil, of Kitchener, Ont.; and Dr. M. R., of Meyerdale, Pa.

Next the engines of the Bay of Quinte steamer owned by Charles F. Gildersleeve, the late manager of the Richelieu line, occupied his attention.

After this Mr. Milne returned to Kingston and built the fine steamer Pierroquet (No. 2). He being only twenty-eight years of age at that time.

For years following this last engagement, Mr. Milne was chief engineer at Rockwood Asylum.

Always fertile in original and practical ideas, deceased became the inventor and designer of the sanitary and no explosive gas machine, which proved a brilliant success, and was used in the Rockwood Asylum many years, being finally superseded by electricity.

himself in his invention, he travelled extensively in the United States, installing gas machines in many cities. Returning to Canada, he connected himself with the firm of George Bertram & Sons, the well-known shipbuilders of Toronto, as traveller. Later he again took Alexandria, for two seasons, when he accepted the position of engineer on the steamer Passport, transferring to the Bohemian of the Richelieu line, then to the overseeing and installing the machinery of the magnificent steamer Kingston, acting as chief engineer for eight seasons.

ENEMY INFERIOR ON WEST FRONT

Gen. Maurice Strikes an Optimistic Note in His Weekly Statement.

AMERICAN TROOPS READY FOR A CRASH BY GERMANS ON THEIR FRONT.

The Number of Tommies in England Always Exceed One Million—Men in Training Number 500,000. London, Feb. 7.—The Germans are stronger on the Western front now than at any time during the war, but they are numerically inferior to the Franco-British forces, Gen. Maurice, Director-General of Military Operations, declared in his weekly interview yesterday.

FIVE GENERATIONS IN CHICOUTIMI FAMILY

An Old Couple Are Blessed With 186 Children and Grandchildren.

Montreal, Feb. 7.—Le Progres du Saguenay says that a very happy family is that of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pearson of Laterriere, county of Chicoutimi. "This brave family, indeed, has seen its fifth generation by the children of the eldest son. Mr. Pearson has completed his 90th year, and his only wife is 87 years of age.

LAND-OWNING PEASANTS TO LOSE ESTATES

Russian Agitators Urged by Premier Lenine to War on Exploiters.

Petrograd, Feb. 7.—With the approach of the spring planting season, land distribution is becoming an acute problem. The land-owning peasants, as well as the bourgeois, are to be deprived of their estates.

WANT POWER FROM TRENTON

Canning Factory Owners Want Upon Sir Adam Beck. Toronto, Feb. 7.—In the Legislature on Friday the Liberal member for Prince Edward intends to ask how much money the Government has been asked to advance under the Farms Loan Act.

ARMIES ARE EAGER TO FINISH THE WAR BUT BAD WEATHER PREDICTED.

British Headquarters in France, Feb. 7.—Post rushing, trench raiding and patrol conflicts are all that is going on at the front, although behind the lines there is ceaseless energy and preparation. The weather remains fine and mild, but nobody cherishes any illusion about this premature touch of spring.

Canada Lends Locomotives.

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—Last year the Department of Railways ordered 100 engines of the Mikado type, of which 70 have so far been delivered. Of the 70, 35 have been rented, 15 to the Canadian Northern, 15 to the Grand Trunk, and four to the Algoma Eastern Railway.

SUNK BY SUBMARINES.

The Loss of the British During the Past Week. (Canadian Press Despatch) London, Feb. 7.—British ships sunk by submarines last week were ten large, five small and four fishing ships.

LEGISLATURE TO RESCUE CITY OF WINDSOR

Toronto, Feb. 7.—On account of extreme conditions prevailing in the city of Windsor and locality, due to the shortage of gas, all rules of procedure in the Legislature were suspended yesterday, and the House passed a bill giving the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines the necessary authority to deal with the situation.

WOULD FORCE RUSSIA'S HAND

By Marching on Petrograd if Teuton Peace Terms Are Rejected.

RUSSIANS ARE FOR WAR

SOLDIERS' COUNCIL CALLS FOR VOLUNTEER SOCIALIST ARMY.

To Continue Resistance—Grand Duke Nicholas Is Reported to be Supporting Gen. Kaledin. Zurich, Feb. 7.—That Germany favors the issuance of an ultimatum to the Russian Maximalists, demanding the immediate acceptance of the Teutonic peace terms—and in case of refusal will march on Petrograd, is the belief expressed in diplomatic circles here to-day.

Support Kaledin.

Copenhagen, Feb. 7.—The Grand Duke Nicholas, Commander-in-chief of the Russian armies under the monarchy, is declared in Berlin despatches to be supporting Gen. Kaledin, hetman of the Don Cossacks revolting against the Bolsheviks. Gen. Kaledin is now said to have 150,000 followers.

BRITISH AIRMEN MUST BE RELEASED

Otherwise Vigorous Action and Reprisals Will be Taken on Germans.

London, Feb. 7.—The British Foreign Office has taken vigorous action concerning the two British airmen, Capt. Scholtz and Lieut. Wooley, who, after being brought down recently were sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for dropping propaganda leaflets over the German lines. The Daily Mail states that through the Dutch Government the Foreign Office has informed the German Government that unless Scholtz and Wooley are released from prison immediately and proper treatment as prisoners of war is accorded them, reprisals will be taken.

NEW SENATORS FROM ALBERTA.

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—Two new Senatorial appointments have been made by the Government, both of them from Alberta. Hon. Edward Michener, leader of the Conservative opposition in the Alberta Legislature, and William J. Harmer are the new Senators.

Schools Closed.

Petroles, Feb. 7.—The Central Public School and some of the ward schools were closed indefinitely today to conserve the gas supply for domestic use. The gas pressure is low, and as the citizens have made no other provision for heating, a further reduction of pressure would be followed by considerable distress.

Sunderland House Taken.

London, Feb. 7.—Sunderland House, the home in the Mayfair district of the Duchess of Marlborough, who was Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, of New York, has been commandeered for the use of officials of the inter-allied council, according to the Mail. The Duchess was given only a week's time to quit the house, but she quickly purchased a small house in Devonshire.

Canadians Are Busy Raiding the Enemy Lines near Lens.

Raiders of the British home troops have been much reduced. The Canadians are busy raiding the enemy lines near Lens.

New Devices Are Destroying U-Boats

London, Feb. 7.—America has inaugurated a unique anti-submarine campaign, which is successful, it was authoritatively stated to-day. New devices are being used in this drive to sweep the U-boats from the sea, it was declared. Guns and torpedoes are also being utilized.