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FOUR GERMAN SUBS WERE CAPTURED BY AMERICAN DESTROYERS

Former Boston Journalist Just Arrived From French Port Has Important News---Another Enemy Submarine Put Out of Business.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Four German submarines were captured recently by twelve American destroyers, according to an American seaman who reached his home here from a French port. The seaman, a former Boston newspaper man, was aboard a troopship at the French port recently, he said, when the destroyers steamed in with their prizes. The submarines were lying upon the surface of the ocean, with their conning towers open, during the process of recharging their batteries, when the American destroyers swept down upon them and took them prisoners without a fight.

While the transport was still at the French port, the seaman said, a German U-boat entered the harbor with a white flag flying from her periscope. The enemy crew explained that they had been lying in wait for the troop ship in the open sea, that when they failed to find her and the supplies ran low, the crew mutinied, killed the commander and decided to surrender.

U. S. NAVAL DEPARTMENT MAKES PUBLIC THE DETAILS OF THE CAPTURE OF A SUBMARINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Full details of the destruction by American destroyers of a German submarine, and the capture of its crew, made public today by the Navy Department, show that the destroyers Fanning and Nicholson were the warships engaged. The incident was reported November 24, but few facts were given at that time. The submarine was sunk, the Navy Department story of the affair indicates, as it was preparing to attack a merchant ship flotilla convoyed by the destroyers.

GERMAN SUBMARINE SENT TO THE BOTTOM BY A U. S. PASSENGER SHIP

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A German submarine was sunk by the fire of guns of an American passenger steamer approaching the British coast Thursday, according to reports of the passengers and gunners aboard. The ship was proceeding at full speed at noon in a smooth sea. The air was such as to make the best visibility. A periscope was sighted by the watch on the bridge and the submarine was seen plainly by the passengers as it came to the surface at a distance of about 1500 yards directly in the wake of the ship. The steamship was brought about sharply and the two guns took a shot with only an interval of two seconds between. The second shell exploded and debris from the submarine was seen flying in the air. Afterwards no trace of the sub was visible. The convoy signalled to the liner: "A direct hit."

SLIGHT FIRE AT OTTAWA

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Fire broke out this afternoon in one of the offices of the House of Commons in the Museum building, but was promptly extinguished. It originated in the room occupied by the caretaker of the building. The accurate working of the automatic alarm prevented the flames getting any kind of a start.

JOURNALIST WON HONORS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Lieut. Rudolph Girard, a well known newspaper man and formerly translator in the House of Commons, who went overseas with some Forestry reinforcements six months ago, has received the French war cross for bravery under fire on the French front.

LICENSES CUT OFF.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—The license commissioners of Montreal yesterday cut off one hundred liquor licenses. The city now is left with two hundred licenses.

A SWINDLER SENTENCED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
New York, Dec. 28.—Elmer Dwigins, arrested some time ago on a charge of using the mails to defraud investors in Liberty bond loans, pleaded guilty when arraigned today and was sentenced to three years in Atlanta prison. Dwigins was the New York agent for the Bankers' Life Insurance Company of Des Moines.
District Attorney Matthews told Federal Judge Hand that Dwigins' crime had bordered on treason for the reason that had swindled nearly 7,000 poor people who had subscribed on part payment for the Liberty bonds and that the frauds tended to interfere with the successful prosecution of the war.

Escaped Injury.
In compiling a list of former Fredricktonians residing in Halifax at the time of the terrible explosion one notable was inadvertently overlooked. The party referred to is none other than Mr. William F. Currie, a prosperous general agent who has made his home in the Nova Scotia capital for fifteen years. Mr. Currie's friends and acquaintances who are legion, will be delighted to learn that he came through the explosion without a scratch and hopes soon to be doing business at the old stand.

Death at Long's Creek.
Sarah Harris died last night at Long's Creek after a lengthy illness. She was aged eighty-one years. Death was due to the infirmities of old age.

HOSPITAL TRUSTEES IN SESSION

Institution Furnished Efficient
Aid for Halifax Relief—
Nurses and Supplies
Forwarded.

The trustees of Victoria Public Hospital met in monthly session yesterday with Hon. Judge Crockett, president, in the chair. The other members in attendance included Vice President Hawkins, Dr. Wainwright, Mr. H. G. Kitchen, Mr. P. J. Hughes and the secretary-treasurer.

Halifax Relief.

A large part of the session was taken up with details of the hurried professional assistance and abundance of medical supplies rushed to Halifax immediately after the terrible disaster. Vice President Hawkins chapmaned two of the hospital's most experienced nurses, Miss Marion A. Hanson, assistant superintendent, and Miss Palmer, and to the credit of the Fredericton institution it should be stated that this delegation was among the very first to reach the stricken city. With indefatigable energy on the part of Mr. Hawkins the cases of supplies were, during the night hours, transferred to the improvised hospital in the Y. M. C. A., where the young lady nurses from Victoria Public Hospital made their headquarters. Two other young lady student-nurses, seniors, Misses Dowling and Groom, followed two days later and rendered valuable aid. Miss Sansom, the superintendent, received much credit for the care with which the supplies were packed and each package and case was correctly and fully labelled. "Doc" Kelley, so efficient in the operating room, feels a little grudge because the president of the hospital said he could not be spared to join the young lady heroines at Halifax. The dressings and medicines sent from the hospital would probably amount to two or three hundred dollars.

Superintendent's Report.

A satisfactory report of the superintendent for last month was read and showed that the nurses were kept busy with all the rooms filled most of the time. Fifty-eight patients received treatment and thirty-three operations were performed. The secretary-treasurer was directed to ascertain if arrangements can be made after vacation to give the junior student-nurses a regular course in dietetics.

Donations.

During November the friends of the hospital did not forget the nurses and

Central Powers Preparing For Great Peace Congress

THREE BRITISH DESTROYERS WERE SUNK

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Dec. 29.—Three British torpedo boat destroyers were sunk by being struck by torpedoes or hitting a mine off the Dutch coast on the night of December 22, with the loss of thirteen officers and 180 men, the Admiralty announced today.

The Admiralty statements reads as follows: "Three of our destroyers were mined or torpedoed during foggy weather off the Dutch coast on the night of the 22nd of December. A total of 13 officers and 180 men were lost."

HE TALKED TOO MUCH

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Alleged to have declared that any man who invested in the Victory Loan was foolish, and that it was not necessary to enlist for active service, Joseph Swan, a barber, was sentenced to one year at the Ontario reformatory by Magistrate Denison today. "We don't tolerate that sort of nonsense in this country while the war is on," said the magistrate.

Spending Holidays Here.

Sergt. Earle Rodgers and his wife are here from Halifax spending the holidays at Sergt. Rodgers' old home. He is waiting at Halifax for transport being a member of an overseas draft. Both came through the recent explosion at Halifax without injury.

patients. Donations were received from the following:

Mrs. H. A. Morris, large box of celery, curtain for closet, dessert for patients; Mr. McMurray and Mr. Simmonds, supply of magazines; Mrs. J. Z. Currie, Cambridge, Mass., flowers; Mr. Walker, from Daughters of the Empire, one pair blankets; Hon. Judge Crockett, half bushel oysters; Daughters of the Empire, two cans Butcher's reviver for Alexandra room floor; Mrs. Charles Parker, two large bottles of pickles, half bushel beets; Eastern Star, chickens for patients and nurses; Mrs. Hamilton Kitchen, cake for nurses' table; Mrs. George Clark, brown bread for nurses; Miss Annie Brook, apples and oranges for nurses.

MINISTERS CONFER WITH THE HALIFAX AUTHORITIES

Hon. Mr. Ballantyne Says Naval Authorities Had Not Been Neglectful and Extra Precautions Had Been Taken.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

HALIFAX, Dec. 29.—At the conference here this morning of a sub-committee of the Federal cabinet ministers and representatives of the provincial and civic governments, the Board of Trade and various relief committees, Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, in answer to a question by Mayor Martin as to who was in charge at the port of Halifax, said that the Canadian naval authorities, of which Captain Martin was the head, were in charge. The minister said that he felt a section of the press of Canada appeared to have been unfavorable to the naval authorities, and he regretted that so many people had been given erroneous ideas. The Admiralty authorities, he said, had not been neglectful and extra precautions had been taken. The administration of the port and control, he said, had not been lax or careless, and he had been well satisfied with the work of ship control here.

Wanted to Know Quickly.

Hon. Mr. Ballantyne told Alderman Goodwin that if there was anything wrong with port control the day of the explosion he wanted to know it, and quickly, but he considered that the port authorities here were the most competent in all Canada.

The conference discussed the appointment of a commission to administer the relief funds here, and there was general approval of such a step, the mayor and several controllers and aldermen insisting, however, that the city should be well represented on that commission. Several private citizens gave their opinions on various subjects, after which the conference adjourned, assurances having been given by Hon. A. K. MacLean, chairman, that the statements made to the sub-committee would be given most careful consideration by the cabinet.

Austro-Russian Peace Proposals Only the Opening Gun is the Belief in London ---Advance Guard of German Delegation Reaches Petrograd.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Dec. 29.—That the Austro-German peace proposals to Russia are only the opening gun in an elaborate peace congress by the Central Powers is the belief here. It is likely that the next step by Germany, according to well informed London opinion, will be a direct proposal to the Allies, either through the Vatican or a neutral power.

The Russian government, in the course of the next few days, is expected to endeavor to get the German offer officially before the Entente Allies, but as a formal reply to it will involve a recognition of the Bolsheviki government, it is doubtful whether any Entente government will make a reply.

MEMBER OF PEACE DELEGATION ADMITS THAT THERE IS WAR TIREDNESS IN GERMANY

PETROGRAD, Dec. 29.—The advance guard of the German peace delegation arrived in Petrograd Thursday evening. It consisted of Baron Admiral Keyserlinck, Capt. Herhan and Lieut. Vierledt, naval officers. Thirty additional representatives of the Central Powers are coming to Petrograd shortly from Brest-Litovsk. Admiral Keyserlink said the naval delegation had come to Petrograd particularly to discuss the cessation of naval warfare.

"There is certainly tiredness with war in Germany," said the Admiral. "We want peace, but we have wanted peace since the beginning. We will not agree to an unfavorable peace. We are prepared to fight for a long time, and have the means to do so. If we make a separate peace with Russia, war with Russia's allies cannot frighten us—in particular war with America. The only power dangerous to us in America; but we are not afraid of her. If we had feared the American fleet we never would have begun our submarine warfare."

THE PAN-GERMAN NEWSPAPERS ANGRILY CONDEMN THE CENTRAL POWERS' PEACE TERMS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 29.—Pan-German newspapers angrily condemn the peace terms of the Central Powers. The Tagliche Rundschau of Berlin says: "Never before have we given up so completely everything we so dearly bought with the blood of hundreds of thousands, with the thrift of millions, with the deprivations of our children, with our own hunger."

The Deutsche Zeitung says that the Entente has won the greatest victory of this war and that diplomats have destroyed all that has been fought for.

The Koelnische Zeitung, on the other hand, regards the conditions as opening the road to a peace advantageous to all.

Peace Conference Continues.

Brest-Litovsk, via Berlin, Dec. 27, via London, Dec. 29.—Discussion by the Teutonic Allies and the Russian delegates of special questions, continued today at the peace conference. The deliberations thus far have progressed to a stage where a brief interruption in the negotiations is expected in order to enable the delegates to communicate with their governments.

Passports for Couriers to England.

Petrograd, Dec. 29.—The British Embassy authorizes the announcement that an agreement has been reached with the Bolsheviki government to issue passports to couriers going to England, on condition that they perform only courier duty and return immediately. The Moscow Bolsheviki authorities have followed the example of those in Petrograd and have taken over all the private banks in Moscow.

German Fleet Withdraws.

London, Dec. 29.—The latest report on the Russian situation is to the effect that the larger portion of the German fleet in Russian waters has returned to German waters. These squadrons now, of course, are available for duty in the North Sea, or elsewhere.

MUST UNLOAD CARS PROMPTLY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—An order in council has been passed, upon the recommendation of the food controller, to prevent unnecessary delay in the unloading or re-shipment of food or food products in freight cars. It provides that no freight car containing such products shall be allowed to remain under load at its destination for more than four days after notice of its arrival has been given by the railway company to the consignee. When any such car is detained for a longer period the railway company is required to notify the food controller.

MAY TRAIN IN QUEBEC

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Toronto, Dec. 29.—French Canadians called to the colors in Toronto Military district under the Military Service Act, are to be given an opportunity to go to the province of Quebec to receive their training, according to an order issued at Ottawa.

FOR HALIFAX RELIEF.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The prime minister has received one thousand pounds from the government of Trinidad for the relief of Halifax sufferers.