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DESTROYER RECRUIT SANK A SUBMARINE WHICH ATTACKED HER; ANOTHER STRUCK A MINE AND WENT TO THE BOTTOM

GERMAN TORPEDO BOATS WERE SUNK

Two Were Sent to the Bottom by British Destroyers After a Running Fight—Forty Six Members of the Crew Were Made Prisoners of War—The British Destroyer Recruit Sunk by a German Submarine.

London, May 2—The British admiral stated this evening two German torpedo boats had been sunk in the North Sea. The British torpedo boat destroyer Recruit also was sunk.

The text of the admiralty's statement follows:

"A series of small affairs took place in the neighborhood of the Gallipoli and North Hinder lightships on Saturday.

"During the forenoon H. M. destroyer Recruit was sunk by a submarine, four officers and twenty-one men being saved by the trawler Daisy.

At 3 p.m. the trawler Columbia was attacked by two German torpedo boats who approached her from the westward and commenced an action without hoisting their colors. The Columbia was sunk by a torpedo, only one deckhand being saved by other trawlers.

"A division of British destroyers, comprising the Laforey, Leonidas, Lawford and Lark, chased the two German vessels and after a brief running fight of about one hour sank them both.

"The British destroyers sustained no casualties.

"Two German officers and forty-four men were rescued from the sea and made prisoners of war."

ON PATROL DUTY

The destroyer Recruit was on patrol duty Saturday morning when the submarine sank her. According to details received here she was struck amidships by the torpedo and began to sink. The wounded vessel signalled for assistance, and her call was answered by the trawler Daisy and thirty men out of her complement of sixty-five were saved.

It is stated that a torpedo was fired at the Daisy, which was forced to leave one of her rescue boats behind, and that the submarine chased this boat and fired her gun at it, wounding four men.

British torpedo boat destroyers, sighting in the distance two German torpedo boats which had sunk the trawler Columbia and apparently were supporting a submarine, engaged the Germans at long range in the vicinity of the North Hinder Light. The Germans endeavored to run away but the British boats pressed them hard and shortly afterwards sank them. The British boats rescued some of the crews of the Germans and landed them today.

The lost torpedo boat destroyer Recruit was one of an old class "C" in the present listing of the navy. She was nineteen years old. Since she was launched by Brown & Co. in 1896 not fewer than nine classes of destroyer, each class consisting of between twelve and thirty vessels, running in the alphabetic order up to "M" have been put into service, while of the class of the Recruit herself there are still thirty-five vessels. The Recruit had a length of two hundred and eighteen feet and a beam of twenty feet and while her displacement was only three hundred and fifty tons as compared with the nine hundred and thirty-five tons of the "M" class, she had an indicated horse power of 6,000, which enabled her to steam thirty knots an hour. She carried fifty-eight officers and men and was armed with one 12-pounder and five 6-pounders.

Great Britain had about two hundred and forty destroyers when war broke out as against Germany's one hundred and fifty-two, while France had eighty-seven, Russia one hundred and forty-one and Austria-Hungary

nineteen, a total for the allied power of four hundred and sixty-eight to the enemy's one hundred and seventy-one.

CAPTAIN SHOT

London, May 2—The British steamer Fulgent was sunk by a German submarine northwest of the Skelling Rocks on Saturday morning, says a despatch to Lloyds from Kilmish, Ireland.

A boat containing nine survivors and the body of the captain of the steamer, who had been shot and killed, was rescued by a trawler and landed at Kilmish. The trawler was unable to find the second boat of the Fulgent, containing the remainder of the crew.

COLLIER SUNK

London, May 1—The Russian 2,000 tons steamer Svorono, bearing Welsh coal to Archangel, a Russian port on the White Sea was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine believed to be the U-23, on Friday at noon, near the Blanket Islands, on the west coast of Ireland.

The Svorono's crew of twenty-four men, mostly Russians, barely had time to take to the boats when the vessel sank. All were rescued by a passing boat.

A FRENCH VICTIM

London, May 2—The French steamer Europe, from Barry for St. Nazaire, with a cargo of coal, was torpedoed by a German submarine Saturday morning near Bishop's Rock and sank, says a despatch to Lloyds from Penzance. The crew was rescued by a steam drifter.

AMERICAN SHIP TORPEDOED

London, May 2—The oil tank steamer Gulfight, flying the American flag, was torpedoed at noon Saturday off the Scilly Islands, according to a despatch received by the Central News Agency.

The captain of the Gulfight, according to the same advices, died of heart failure as a result of a shock. Two seamen jumped overboard and were drowned. The other members of the crew were taken off by a patrol boat and landed. The vessel was towed into Crow Sound and beached.

The Gulfight was a steel steamer of 3,200 tons, built at Camden, N. J. in 1914. She was owned by the Gulf Refining Company. The vessel was three hundred and eighty-three feet long, fifty-one feet beam and thirty feet deep. She was equipped with wirelens. The Gulfight sailed from Port Arthur, Texas on April 10, bound for Rouen, France.

CREW LANDED

Scilly Islands, May 2—The crew of twenty-four of the British steamer Edale which was sunk off these islands by a submarine Saturday while on a voyage from the River Platte, South America, to Manchester, with a cargo of grain, have been landed here by a British patrol boat. They say that the Edale was torpedoed without notice and that they did not see the submarine until after they were in their life boats. The patrol boat is reported to have been struck and severely damaged by a shell fired from the submarine.

Mr. H. A. Corbett of J. H. Corbett & Sons, Valley Railway contractors, is a guest at the Queen today.

Paris, May 3—Paris papers this morning contain fresh details of the sinking of the British torpedo boat destroyer Recruit in the North Sea on Saturday and assert that the Recruit sank one of her attackers and another was sunk by a mine. The Recruit was cruising in the vicinity of Gallipoli lightship when she met four submarines. Two of them attacked her and she succeeded in sinking one by a shell. Another submarine joined in the attack while fourth apparently kept watch.

Before The Recruit sank from the torpedo shot into her bow another of the submarines struck a mine and went down.

FIGHTING IN THE BALTIC PROVINCES

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Petrograde, May 3—The Germans are reported to be co-operating by land and sea against the Russian-Baltic Provinces. Shavli region is over run by German cavalry supported by automobile detachments and squadron torpedo boats in the Gulf of Riga. A strong Russian force has been despatched to check the German advance which is regarded as purely of the nature of a diversion. The Russian war minister declares that Warsaw is not in danger. Russia now has 600,000 prisoners of war.

ALLIES SWEEPING ONWARD

Athens, May 3—The British forces have driven the Turks out of all the outer forts in the Dardanelles. The British flag is now flying over the captured positions. The Gallipoli forts are occupied by the Allies. The Allies have also attacked Smyrna.

It is announced that five thousand wounded Turkish soldiers have arrived in Constantinople and thousands more attended elsewhere.

ITALY IN WAR SOON

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

London, May 3—The Morning Post correspondent says May 15 is the date which has been fixed for Italy to enter the war on the side of the Allies.

Aberdeen, Scotland, May 3—Two British trawlers were sunk off here to-day.

Copenhagen, May 3—The Swedish steamer Ellida, was torpedoed in the North Sea by a German submarine on Sunday while enroute to England. Crew was saved.

HEAVY FIRING HEARD

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Amsterdam, May 3—Continual firing of heavy guns was audible Saturday and all day yesterday from Zeeland in the direction of Ostend and Nieuport, says the Telegraf, and it is believed to indicate that the tide of battle has turned north from Ypres and that large forces are meeting nearer the sea.

ATTACKING GERMAN FORTS

Paris, May 2—The official report given out today by the French war office says it is believed that the great German gun, which twice has bombarded Dunkirk from a range of 23 1-2 miles has been put out of action. It also announces the bombardment by the French of one of the German Forts at Metz, the

Lorraine capital. The night report claims the Germans are using glass tubes which, in breaking, throw off either bombs charged with inflammable materials, and gasses, which however do not reach the French lines.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, May 2—Nearly four hundred members (Continued on page five.)