



# To the Bitter End

10<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers (Forest) World War One

Over There, Over Here

2011 Montana History Conference

Saturday September 23, 3:15 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Missoula, MT

**J. B. WHITE, LT. COL.  
OFFICER COMMANDING**

**HEADQUARTERS  
382 SHERBROOKE ST. W.  
MONTREAL**

**CONSTRUCTION MEN, BUSHMEN  
SAWMILL MEN & CHAUFFEURS  
WANTED**

**JOIN THE  
242<sup>ND</sup> CANADIAN FORESTRY  
BATTALION**

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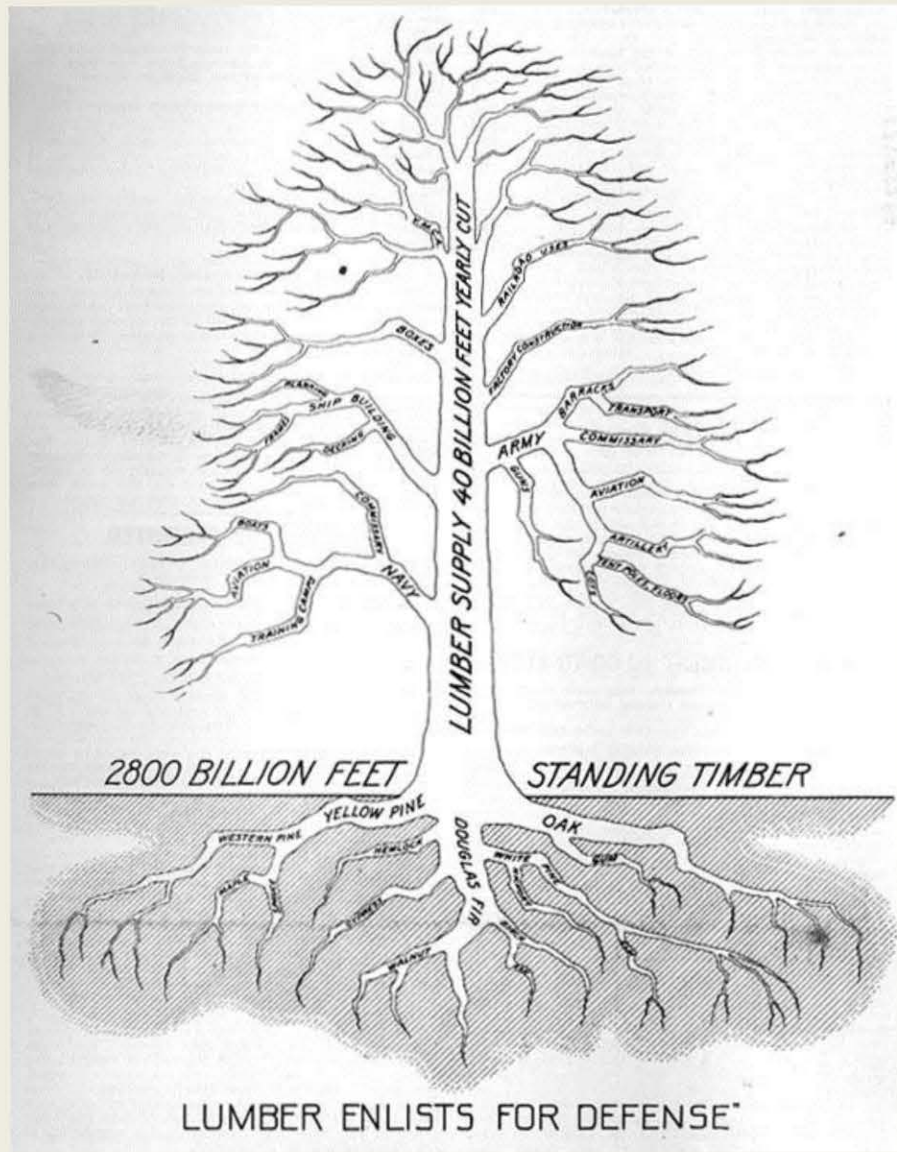
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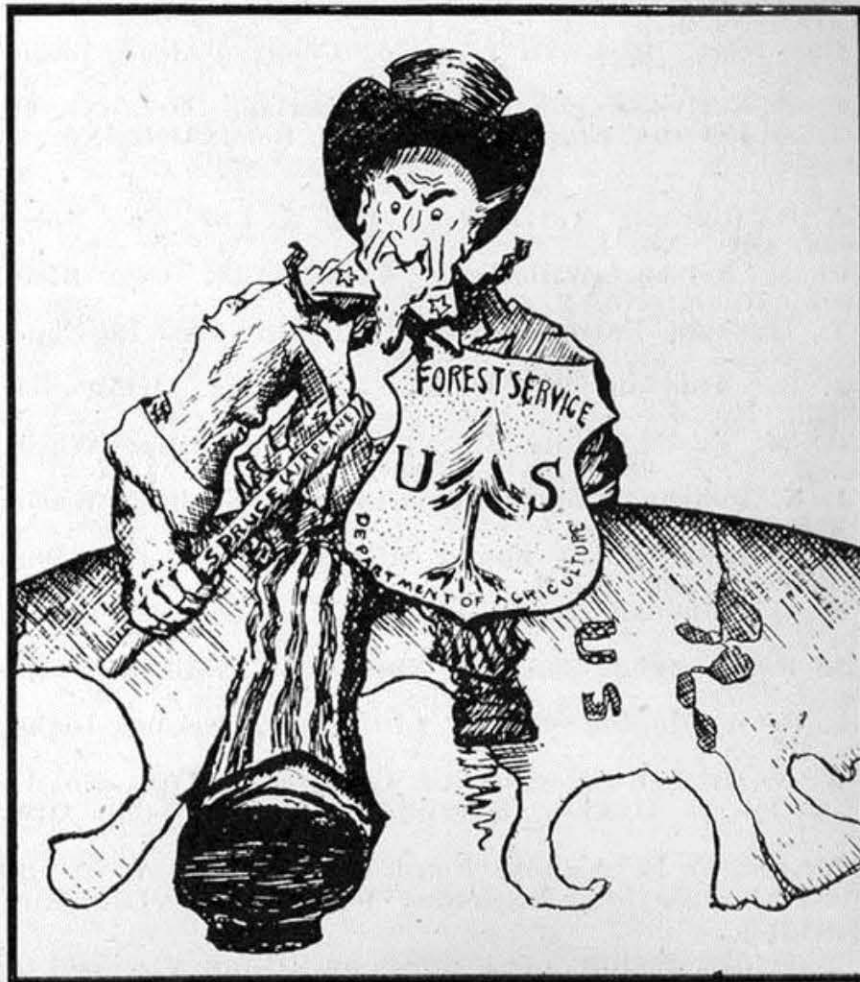
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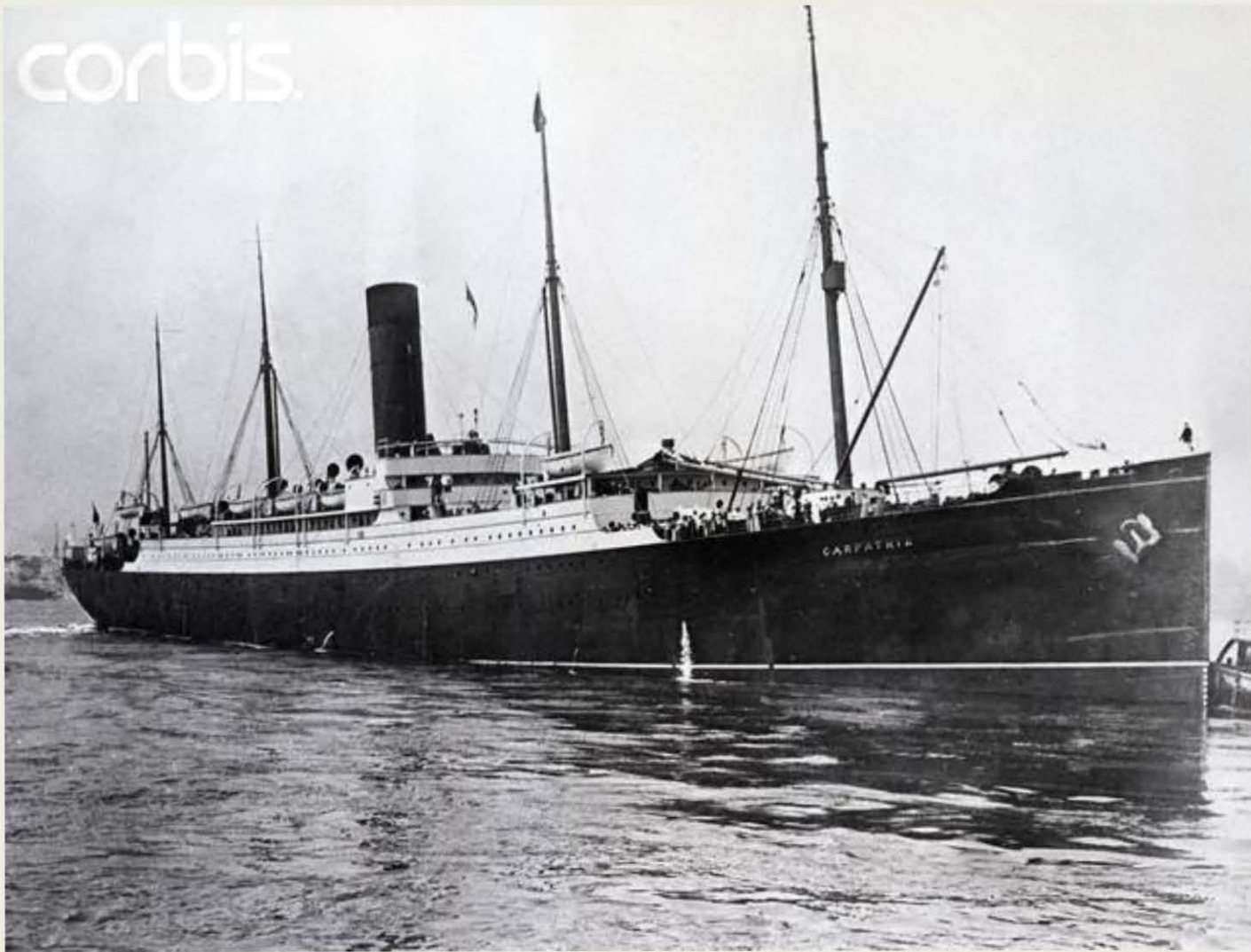


**HERE COMES THE KNOCKOUT!**  
A Cartoon by R. H. Browning, Forest Guard, Cleveland National Forest, Escondido, Cal.



CAPTAIN DORR SKEELS

corbis.



**S.S. Carpathia**

# JOIN THE Largest Regiment in the World

THE TWENTIETH ENGINEERS WILL BE THE WORLD'S LARGEST REGIMENT—7500 men will fill its ranks. There will be ten battalions of 750 men each. Each battalion will be divided into three companies of 250 men each. All but 3000 have already been recruited—3000 skilled woodsmen and lumbermen are needed at once.

Your work in this Regiment will be in France. There will be no delay. The Regiment will go across as soon as it is fully organized and equipped.

On the other side your Regiment will back up every activity of the Army Engineers at the Front. You will help convert the French forests into railroad ties (sawed and hewn), bridge timbers, piling, telephone poles, trench planks, pit props, lumber for cantonments, hospitals, firewood, charcoal, etc.

## You are needed NOW!

### YOU NEED NO MILITARY TRAINING

Previous military training or experience is not necessary. Office work or sales work in the lumber field will be no qualification either for officers, non-commissioned officers, or privates.

This is no "white-collar" job. Skilled men are needed—men who know how to work without supervision.

Here are some of the 3000 men who are needed:

#### FOR WOODS WORK

Woods Bosses	Logging Teamsters
Woods Filers	Saddlers
Top Loaders	Skiddermen
Wagoners	Gasolene Motor
Blacksmiths	Truck Drivers
Gasolene Motor	Gasolene Motor
Tractor Drivers	Repair Men
Stationary Engineers	Stationary Firemen
Log Scalars	Tie Hackers
Pole and Piling Men	Charcoal Burners
Cooks	Woods Laborers
Woods Sawyers	

#### FOR LOGGING RAILROADS

Track Bosses	Laborers
Locomotive Engineers	Track Men
Brakemen	Locomotive Firemen
	Machinists

#### FOR SAWMILLS

Sawmill Foremen	Machinists
Operating Millwrights	Filers (Circular and inserted tooth only)
Sawyers	Trimmer Men
Carriage Men	Stationary Firemen
Edgermen	Gasolene Motor
Stationary Engineers	Truck Drivers
Boilermakers	Gasolene Motor
Gasolene Tractor Operators	Repair Men
Cooks	Mill and Yard Laborers
Construction Millwrights	

(This space is donated to the Chief of Engineers, Washington, D. C., by the Stimson Mill Co., Ballard Station, Seattle, Wash.)

### HOW TO ENLIST

Able-bodied white men, not subject to draft, age 18 to 21 and 31 to 40, citizens of the United States, with experience as woodsmen or sawmill employees, or any of the classes of work specified, can enlist at any United States recruiting station for service in the 20th Engineers. The recruiting office will forward them to a concentration camp, where they will be outfitted and then sent to Regimental Headquarters of the 20th engineers, at Camp American University, Washington, D. C.

Able-bodied white men subject to draft, between the ages of 21 and 31, can be inducted into the 20th Engineers under the Selective Service Law, provided their number is so low that they do not come within the current quota of their local board.

The local board will furnish transportation as provided in Section 170, Selective Service Regulations, and with meal tickets covering travel to Regimental Headquarters, 20th Engineers, Camp American University, Washington, D. C.

However, men subject to draft must obtain permission to enlist in the 20th Engineers, and this permission is granted only to men who are qualified by reason of experience in woods, sawmill work or similar work.

### RATES OF PAY

Will be Regular Army pay, which is clear money, for the Army furnishes all food and clothing free. Your Army pay can all be saved.

Good men will be chosen at once to act as non-commissioned officers. And there's plenty of room at the top.

# Lumbermen and Foresters Over the Top!

It's up to America to win this war. To do it, your country needs *skilled workers* behind the lines in France. Uncle Sam needs *you*.

No bunglers will do. Common soldiers, who never handled a stick of lumber, who don't know a double-bitted ax from a cross-cut saw, can't be expected to get out timber like a regular lumberman.

So you're needed over there. A Special Lumber-

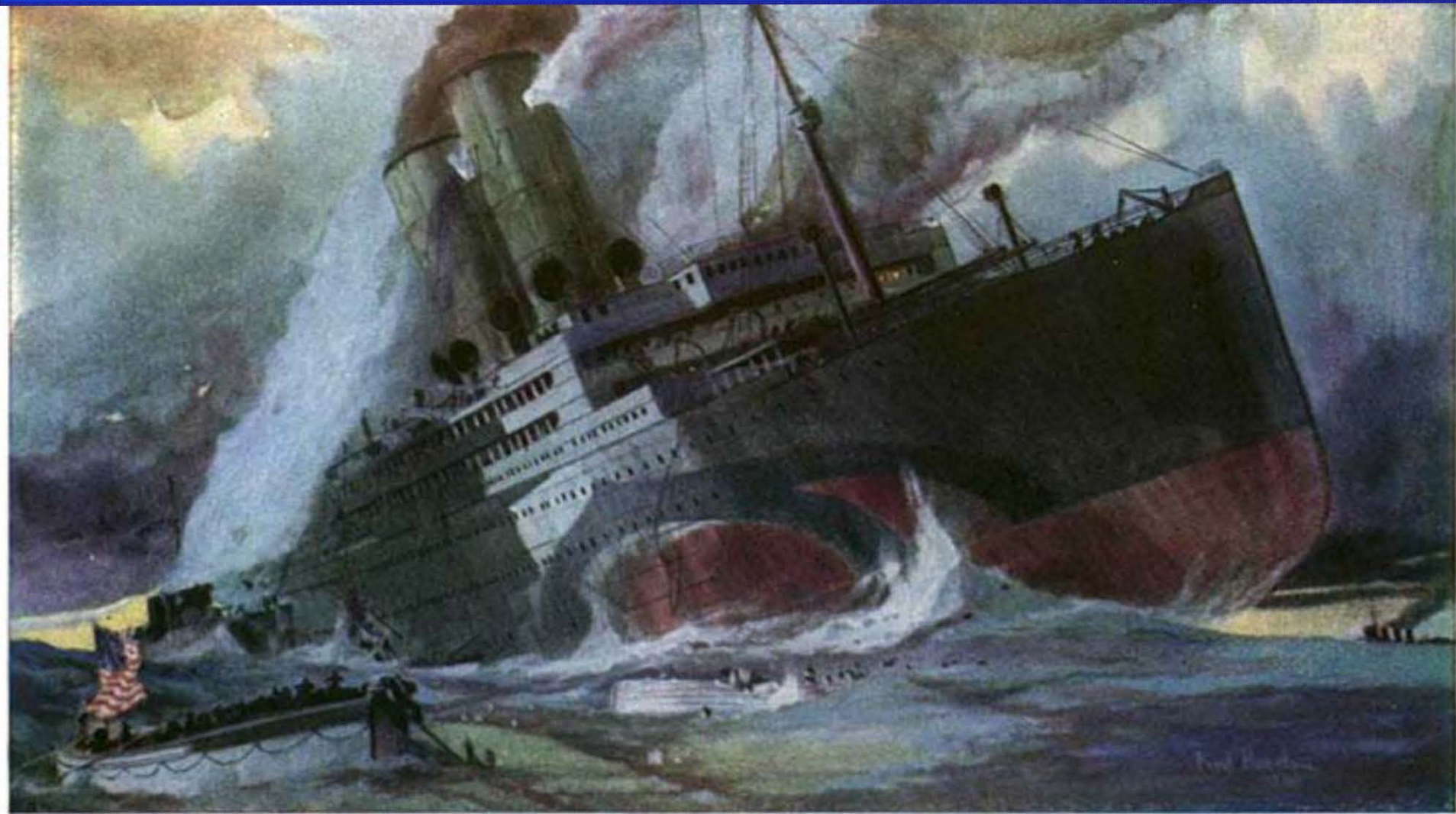
men's Regiment is being organized. It is the 20th Engineers, a Special Regiment made up of *woodsmen* and *sawmill workers*.

You are needed *now!*

Look over this advertisement. Call it to the attention of your friends and—*act*. Fill out the coupon and mail it right away. You're needed over there.

## Southern Lumberman

## Timberman



The sinking of the Tuscania. This British transport, which carried American forces, was torpedoed by a U-boat off the coast of Scotland on Feb. 7th, 1918, with a small loss of life.

## S.S. Tuscania - Cunard Line



U. S. TRANSPORT SUNK; MISSOULA MEN ON BOARD

PRESIDENT ASKS REORGANIZATION BLANKET POWER

Non-Partisans Start Trouble in Great Falls

BINGHAM FIGHTS AGAINST EFFECT OF DEADLY DRUG

MANY MONTANA MEN ON VESSEL SUNK BY ENEMY

When Interests Menace Improving His is Make Over Department.

THE A CHANGING FRONT ON NEW WAR CABINET

Summers Royal Hunt's Accents to Raid Lines

2,179 TROOPS ON SHIP WHEN SUBS ATTACK

THE WEATHER

RAIL CONTROL TO LAST TWO YEARS

PEACE SESSION NEARING BREAK

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HOUSE COMMITTEE SETS TIGHT LIMITS FOR STEAM AND RAILROAD MEASURES

15 BILLS IN CONGRESS

PEACE SESSION NEARING BREAK

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HUNS SINK TRANSPORT 200 SAMMEES DROWNED

Big Steamer Tuscania Goes Down With 2,000 American Soldiers of Unknown Units on Board

BINGHAM STRUGGLING IN GRIP OF REMORSE

CONTINUE SEARCH FOR MISSING MAN

SURVIVORS LAND ON COAST OF IRELAND; CENSOR PUTS BAN ON REGIMENT NUMBERS

Chicago Historian, Victim of Shipwreck, Planning to Write Book on Disaster

Physician Says He Has a Chance

Disaster Occurs in War Zone; Details Not Known Though Survivors Reach Shore; First Sinking Since Troop Movements Began

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# THE DAILY MISSOULLIAN

ALL THE NEWS OF EVERYWHERE

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MISSOULA, MONTANA, FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 8, 1918.

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## SAMMEES' BODIES WASHED ASHORE

### WILSON BLANKET AUTHORITY BILL STIRS UP G. O. P.

Republican Caucus, First Since War Started, Called for Saturday.

### DEMOCRATIC LEADERS OPPOSING MEASURE

Other Administration Measures to Be Considered at Conference.

### Bingham's Will Power Winning Battle for Life

Man Who Took Deadly Poison Still Up in Bed and Talks Cheerfully of Recovering in Few Days.

The first indication of recovery was given by Mr. Bingham on the 6th of this month, when he was able to get up and walk about the room. He has since been able to get up and walk about the room. He has since been able to get up and walk about the room.

### WISH TO AVENGE TUSCANIA'S LOSS GRIPS OFFICIALS

'Strike Back at Huns' Common Emotion Among Army and Navy Heads.

AMERICA IT BELIEVES LOSS NOT GREATER Sinking of Transport Retrays Talk of 'Bottling Up' Submarines.

### Convoys Repel Fresh Attacks by Submarines

Survivors of Tuscania Describe Aftermath and Marvels of Precision of British Naval Men.

Survivors of the Tuscania describe the aftermath of the attack and the precision of the British naval men. They describe the attack and the precision of the British naval men.

## 44 VICTIMS OF U-BOAT ATTACK ARE RECOVERED

Troops Show Wonderful Discipline While Waiting for Lifeboats.

University Men Aboard Vessel

News Available From Book Post, Full Number of Dead at 101.

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# BARE I. W. W. SABOTAGE PLOT

## MEMORIAL URGES MORE ATTENTION TO AGRICULTURE

Farmers in Communication to President Emphasize Farm Importance.

## SUGGEST ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF NINE

Want Skilled Land Workers Kept at Home to Assure Ample Production.

## Missoula Girls and Women to Provide Valentines for Homesick Soldier Boys



Washington, Feb. 8.—(AP)—A group of Missoula girls and women are organizing a campaign to provide valentines for homesick soldier boys.

## REVISED FIGURES TUSCANIA DEATH LIST PUT AT 166

Remains of 126 American Troops Recovered Following U-Boat Attack.

## MOUNTING TOLL PUTS GLOOM IN CAPITAL

Loss Dispatches Continue to Fringe Coast of Men When Blow Falls.

London, Nov. 28.—(AP)—The death toll from the U-boat attack on the Tuscania has risen to 166.

## FEDERAL AGENTS GET 55 LEADERS ON INDICTMENTS

Systematic Plan Along Pacific Coast to Cripple National Industry Uncovered as Result of 'Attempted Blowing Up' of California Executive Mansion.

## GREAT STRIKES PLANNED

Washington, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Federal agents have secured indictments against 55 leaders of a sabotage plot.

## OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT INTENT OF CONSPIRACY

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Federal agents have secured indictments against 55 leaders of a conspiracy to overthrow the government.

## Sedition Law for Montana

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# Depth Bomb to Follow!

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## U. S. TO MAKE UNSI

### AMERICA'S BEST EFFORT MUST BE GIVEN INTO WAR

Dr. Fisher, Recently Back From Europe, Tells of Conditions There.

### FRENCH LOOK TO US AS NATION'S FAVORITE

Declares United States Has Noble Part to Play and Must Go Along.

Dr. Fisher, recently back from Europe, tells of conditions there. He declares that the United States has a noble part to play and must go along. He says that the French look to us as their favorite nation. He also says that the German press is now rejoicing.

### The Weather

Forecast for the week ending Feb. 17, 1918. The weather is expected to be clear and sunny with a high of 60 and a low of 30.

### "GOTT MIT UNS" WILHELM TELLS GERMAN PEOPLE

Keiser leaves message saying War Will End Favorably for Troops.

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### GERMAN PRESS NOW REJOICING

Declares Germany Close to Victory. German press is now rejoicing and declaring that Germany is close to victory.

### Bing! Fig fo

Atlanta takes title in chess match.

### SOCHI

Progress being made in the city.

## MISSOULLIAN

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# 14 SOLDIERS LOST?

### Eyes of the Big Guns



## UNIVERSITY STUDENT LISTED AMONG THOSE YET UNACCOUNTED FOR

### Marcus Cook of Como and Elmer Cowan of Victor May Be Numbered With Victims of Sinking.

University student Marcus Cook of Como and Elmer Cowan of Victor are listed among those yet unaccounted for. They are believed to be victims of a sinking.

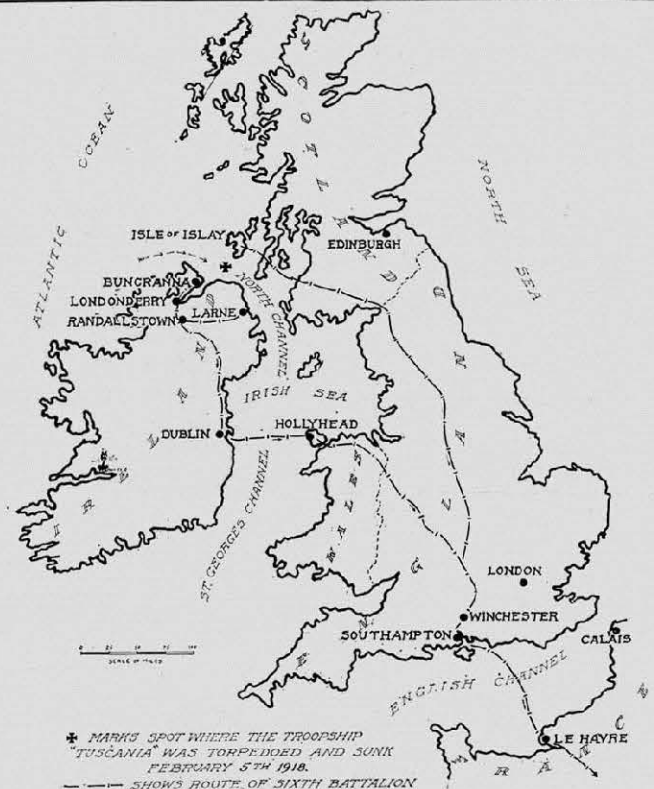
### LIST OF VICTIMS COMES IN SLOWLY

Names of victims are being reported slowly. The list includes names of soldiers and civilians who were killed in the sinking.

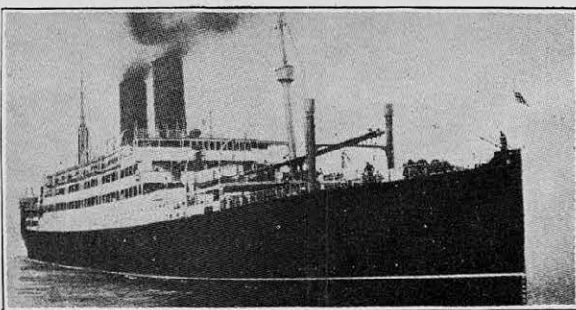
### Ukraine Pact by Resigning War

### FINN REVOLUTION BECOMES WIDER

News of the Ukraine pact and the widening Finnish revolution.



\* MARKS SPOT WHERE THE TROOPSHIP  
 "TUSCANIA" WAS TORPEDOED AND SUNK  
 FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> 1918.  
 — SHOWS ROUTE OF SIXTH BATTALION  
 20<sup>TH</sup> ENGINEERS, FOLLOWING TORPEDOING.



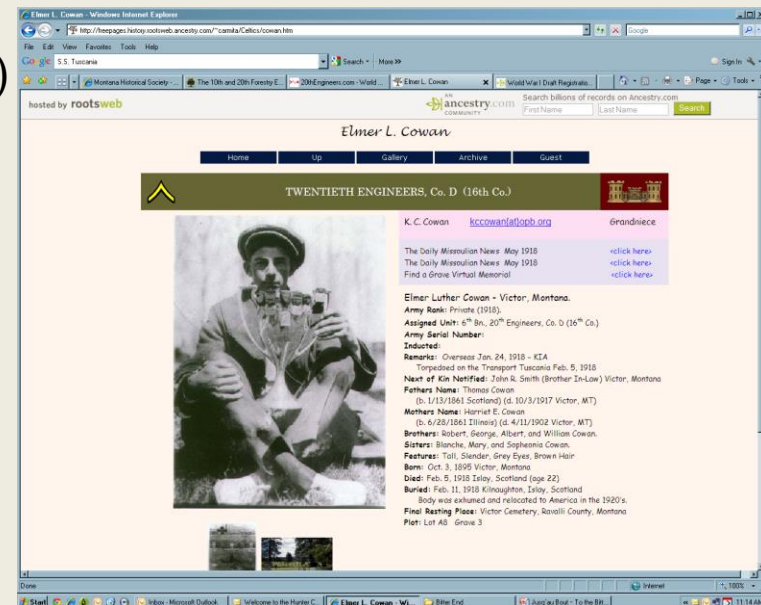
S.S. "TUSCANIA"



Island of Islay  
 Tuscania Funeral Service 1918

# In Memoriam of the Seven 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers S.S. Tuscania

- Private Elmer L. Cowan Company D (Victor)
- Private Marcus B. Cook Company D (Como)
- Private Jack J. Byrne Company E (Butte)
- Private Leonard H. Dethman Company E (McCabe)
- Private John Edwards Company E (Butte)
- Private George N. Bjork Company F (Polson)
- Private Chauncey J. Davidson Company F (Anaconda)





BARKED WIRE STAKES, TO BE USED LATER AT THE FRONT, CUT AND STACKED ALONG BROAD GAUGE RAILWAY IN A HARDWOOD FOREST IN CENTRAL FRANCE



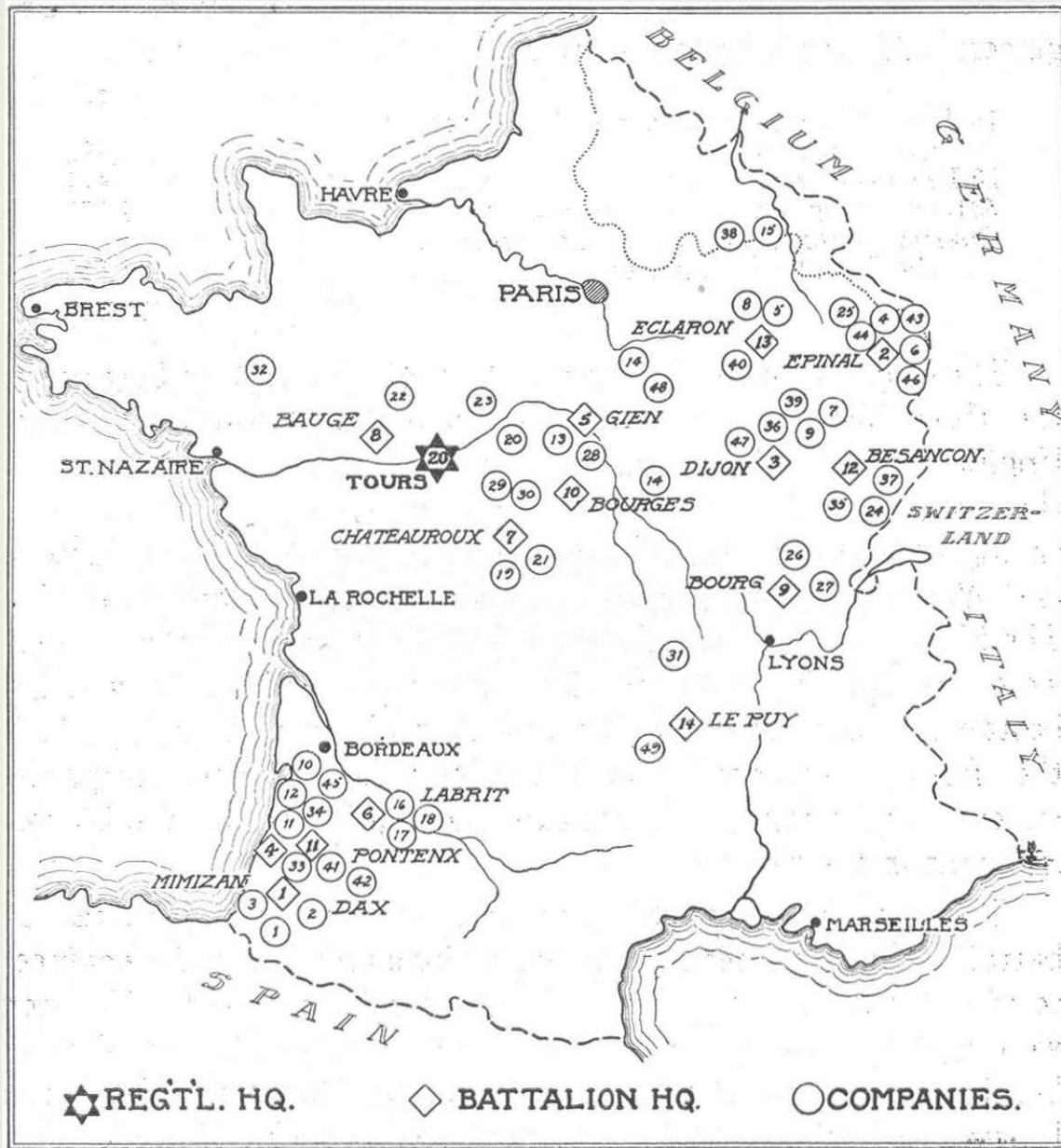
LOADING MARITIME PINE PILING IN SOUTHWESTERN FRANCE, NEAR POUTENX, LANDES



AN AMERICAN 20" SAWMILL IN THE SAND DUNE COUNTRY OF SOUTHWESTERN FRANCE, NEAR THE COAST. MARITIME PINE FOREST IN THE BACKGROUND.



AMERICAN 20" SAWMILL NEAR PONTSEIX, LANDES. COL. BENEDICT WITH HIS BACK TURNED, IN THE FOREGROUND, STANDING NEAR NARROW GAUGE TRACK OVER WHICH LUMBER IS TRANSPORTED THREE MILES TO THE SHIPPING YARD.







20th ENGINEERS LOADING LUMBER AND TIES ON FRENCH CARS. THE CAR AT THE LEFT IS LOADED WITH BARBED WIRE STAKES. THE BUILDING AT THE END OF THE RIGHT-HAND CAR CORRESPONDS TO AN AMERICAN CABOOSE



TYPE OF WAGON USED BY THE AMERICAN FORESTRY ENGINEERS IN FRANCE. NOTE THE SIZE OF THE LOAD

5<sup>m</sup> CAPACITY  
MILL

AEF  
64047 ft.



Repping Time 10 HOURS

Record

RUNNING TIME  
10 1/2 hours

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## THE AMERICAN LUMBERJACK IN FRANCE

BY LIEUT.-COL. W. B. GREELEY, 20TH ENGINEERS

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# American Forestry

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 20TH  
ENGINEERS (FORESTRY)

WE HAVE THE HONOR TO OFFER YOU HEREIN A PARTIAL  
ACCOUNT OF THE PATRIOTIC WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY YOUR  
REGIMENT IN THE WICKING OF THE WAR.

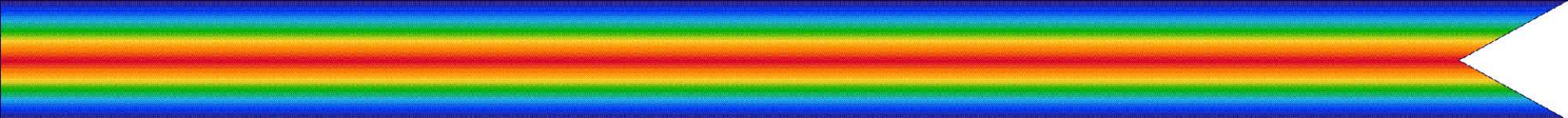
THIS WAS PREPARED FROM LETTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHS RE-  
CEIVED DURING THE WAR, IN ORDER THAT YOU MAY HAVE IN  
PERMANENT FORM TO CARRY HOME WITH YOU, A DETAILED  
RECORD OF DEEDS, AND MEN, WHILE THE FACTS ARE STILL FRESH,  
A RECORD THAT YOU MAY IDENTIFY THROUGH AS DEEDS WITH  
SOLDIERS' PERFORMANCE, AND BECAUSE YOUR ACTS HAVE NOW BE-  
COME HISTORY.

A PATRIOTICARD WOODSMAN YOU ANSWERED THE FIRST CALL OF  
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W. R. BROWN,

ACTING CHAIRMAN OF WELFARE FUND FOR LUMBERMEN  
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