

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK; EIGHT DEAD

**Harry Luckenbach, Which Was
Requisitioned by Pershing,
Hit by Torpedo.**

LEFT NEW YORK RECENTLY

**2,798-Ton Steamer Was Part
of Convoy of 24—Details
of Attack Awaited.**

The American steamship Harry Luckenbach, under charter to the United States Shipping Board, has been torpedoed and sunk with the loss of eight of her crew, according to a cable dispatch received here yesterday by her owners, the Luckenbach Steamship Company, 44 Whitehall Street.

The message did not state the date of the attack, the position of the steamship at the time, or the names of the members of the crew who were lost. She carried thirty officers and men exclusive of the naval gun crew of eleven.

The vessel was under command of Captain T. S. Jones, and left New York two weeks ago with a general cargo of munitions for France, but did not carry any ammunition except that for the naval guns abroad. She was part of a convoy of twenty-four ships.

Requisitioned by Pershing.

One of the officials of the Luckenbach Steamship Company stated that the Harry Luckenbach was at a French port on Oct. 15 when she was requisitioned by General Pershing as a supply vessel under the general requisition order of the United States Shipping Board. It is believed that the steamship was sunk in the English Channel when under convoy with other vessels bound for France.

The Harry Luckenbach was a single screw three-masted iron steamship that was built at West Hartlepool, England, in 1881 as the Surrey, and was renamed the Michigan before being transferred to her present registry. She was of 2,798 gross tonnage, 300 feet long, 40 feet 2 inches beam, and 24 feet 5 inches depth of hold, and had a speed of ten knots.

The lost steamship is the fourth vessel of the company that has been sunk by German submarines. The others were the Jacob Luckenbach, sunk July 7, 1916; the Lewis Luckenbach, Oct. 14, 1917, and the D. N. Luckenbach, Oct. 27, 1917.

Five Killed in Former Sinking.

Five members of the crew of the D. N. Luckenbach were killed by the explosion of the torpedo.

The J. L. Luckenbach of the same line had a narrow escape from being sunk off the French coast on Oct. 19, 1917, when she was attacked by a U-boat and had a four hours' running gun fight in which two of the naval gun crew and five of the ship's crew were wounded by shrapnel. The submarine exhausted her supply of torpedoes and could not use her deck guns effectively against the merchantman on account of the heavy seas.

The total tonnage of the four ships destroyed by submarines is 12,508. The manager of the Luckenbach Steamship Company has cabled to Captain Jones to send full details of the sinking of the Harry Luckenbach and the names of the men who were killed.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Up to a late hour tonight the Navy Department had received no report on the sinking of the steamer Harry Luckenbach, the American owners of which received word today that the vessel had been torpedoed.

BRITISH DESTROYER SUNK; 10 MEN LOST

**London Announces Loss of a War-
ship Through U-Boat At-
tack in Mediterranean.**

LONDON, Jan. 7.—A British torpedo boat destroyer has been torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean Sea, according to an Admiralty announcement issued tonight.

All the officers of the destroyer were saved, but ten members of the crew were lost.