

"Camouflage," Born of Trenches and Ruined Towns, Now U-Boat Accessory

SHIPPERS TAX INGESTION TO LURE UNWARY WITH HURRY RANGE

High Seas Offer as Wide a Field for New Art of Deception as Military Operations on Land. Costly to Allies.

No word born of the bloody trenches and demolished towns and hamlets of Europe has created greater interest or excitement in the United States than has "camouflage"—a term adapted from a disputed source, but meaning, in contemporary English slang, the art of "faking" or persuading the enemy to believe that "things are just what they seem."

The current issue of the Scientific American, under date of September 1, contains a most interesting article on "camouflage" as used by the German submarines to lure their prey within striking distance of their deadly Whitehead torpedoes.

In view of the fact that the U-boats of the Kaiser are quite likely to be among the decisive factors of the war, a glance at some excerpts from the Scientific American article is edifying.

Camouflage—the new art born on the battlefields of Europe—appears to be more and more a factor in the U-boat campaign, says the author of this absorbing article. "True, it is not a factor of the first importance as so far developed; but nevertheless its application by both ourselves and the enemy is having an important bearing on the success of either side. And it is particularly in the future when the marine branch of this art will have been developed to a higher degree, looked to."

Bringing the new art to the high seas, it appears that much can be done with torpedoes, indeed, the branch should offer wide a field for skill and inventiveness as do operations on land. Aside from the painting of surface craft, it is, of course, so as to be less conspicuous at a distance—an elemental but crude form of camouflage. It appears that the Germans were the first to apply the lessons of the trenches to the sea.

Decoys Replace Patrol. In the earlier attempts they applied various designs to the painting of the U-boats to make them less conspicuous, and of late they have extended marine camouflage to include decoys of different kinds.

A favorite ruse of the U-boats is to make use of neutral vessels as screens in order to unsuspecting prey within ready torpedo range. Time and again reports have told of nefarious acts of this kind, when themselves have suddenly found a big U-boat emerging from behind a neutral ship, the latter being forced to aid the Germans in their work.

Some U-boats Raise Sails. Using their wireless mast as supports for sails, German U-boats have on occasion disguised themselves as harmless sailing yachts luring freighters to their doom. It is said that the sails are so cleverly arranged that the victim comes within shell range long before the true nature of the strange craft is discovered.

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Periscope hidden from steamship by drifting rowboat which acts as a decoy to bring the steamer within the range of a torpedo from the U-boat lurking below.



Sails rigged on a submarine to make it resemble a small craft with none of its deadly real nature, and to deceive the steamer seen approaching into a false sense of security.

GERARD ANSWERS HOLLWEG'S DENIAL OF WAR INTERVIEW

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 2.—A sarcastic reply to former German Chancellor Hollweg's denial of his revelations of "inside" German affairs is made by former Ambassador Gerard, in a statement telegraphed from Hamilton, Mont., to the Philadelphia Public Ledger, which published Gerard's story.

"The chancellor's denial was to be expected, I suppose he was ordered to make it just as he had to announce the unjustifiable invasion of Belgium and the assumption of ruthless submarine war and to approve the sinking of the Lusitania. But notice that he says these terms were not his. I believe that, but they were Germany's terms as laid down by the military dictators.

Talked Peace Terms. "He admits he talked peace terms; were these terms any different from what I said he stated? Let him state them.

"He admits he spoke of guarantees about Belgium. Does any one suppose he did not specify them? "I am sorry for the chancellor. If he had resigned when the military dictators of Germany determined to defy the United States, he would be today the great Liberal rallying point. As it is, he walked his convictions, and got what every man gets in the end who does so.

"As for the ethics of publishing my memoirs now, I pass over the obvious repartee that to hear a German speak of ethics borders on the ludicrous, and especially the man who openly in the Reichstag announced that he was ready to know no law, and that the German troops were at that moment deliberately violating the neutrality of Belgium.

"But I believe that the old style diplomats in the dark caused this war. Of course, it is hard for a German official to conceive that the people have a right to be enlightened about this awful calamity. I hope one of the results of this war will be the end of back stairs diplomacy.

Violated World Law. "When the Germans, with the chancellor's approval, violated the usage of all nations and times and kept me as a hostage after I had demanded my passports, I think the talk of ethics comes with a bad grace from the German side.

"I am fond of the old chancellor, however, and I am glad to hear his potatoes are doing well, but I will not let them touch the potatoes on my mother-in-law's ranch in this bitter West valley."

ACCOUNTANTS PLAN TO SERVE NATION IN BODY

The expert accountants of the United States will be mobilized to serve their country, if plans prepared for their annual meeting at Washington go through, according to Secretary Richardson of the American Institute of Accountants.

TURK REPLY TO POPE TO BE SYMPATHETIC

BERLIN, Sept. 2.—A sympathetic answer to the Pope's peace proposal will be delivered in a few days by Turkey, together with the replies of the other central powers, reports from Constantinople stated today.

BROWN SAYS NEW ELEMENT IN ARMY HELPS DEMOCRACY

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colonel in Egypt who drew up his men and told them:

"Don't Call Me 'Bill'" "An English general is coming here today to inspect the regiment, and remember, damn you, don't call me 'Bill' until he goes."

An instructor at a British training camp told me that the Canadians were now among the best disciplined troops in the army, but that the Australians still gave occasional trouble.

The question of discipline in the American army is complicated by many factors. Before the war there was a gulf between officers and men fully as wide as that in the English army. It was not due to lack of democracy. It was a gulf founded on fundamental differences of character.

An American regular of no great promise was bewailing the fact that an officer had hopped him because he executed a command imperfectly.

Things are largely changed now. More than half the American army in France is made up of men who joined after the declaration of war. They were not trained in the traditional statures of reasons sent them into the ranks. A few wanted to make the world safe for democracy.

All Sorts of Officers. There are men drawn from many classes in the army, and there will be more. Already there are all sorts of officers. There is the regular from West Point, the occasional regular from civil life, the officer who came through the Fort Leavenworth training school, the reserve officers, and a number of former "non-coms" recently elevated to commissions.

SUES HER FATHER FOR PAY. READING, Pa., Sept. 2.—Suing her father for six years' pay as bookkeeper at \$16 a week and for nearly a year as house servant at \$10 a week, Mrs. Minerva H. Tyson, daughter of Irwin Shaneman, a flour miller of West Reading, asks \$5,315 in the local courts.

'Taps' To Sound For Distilleries Next Saturday Night

Old Demon Rum is on his last legs.

Preparing for "funeral services" at 11 o'clock next Saturday night, Acting Internal Revenue Commissioner Gates has issued a warning to distillers of the grape, wheat, and corn, that their stills must cease their labors promptly on the hour until the war is done.

No beverages can be distilled after that hour from cereals, tubers, fruits, molasses, grape, or apple cheese, fruit parings, canner refuse, best sugar, molasses, sour wine or the products thereof.

Wine, merry nut brown ale and beer will still be brewed, however, and those who thirst for whiskey will still find a couple of million gallons in storage, which can be sold despite the food control law.

BAKER HOLDS UP PROMOTIONS OF STAFF OFFICERS

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Mr. Baker appears to have taken the stand that promotions made possible by the existence of the new national army should be confined to line officers constituting the "fighting forces" of the nation. He naturally has the support of the line to a man, but staff officers feel that proper recognition is not being given them by this policy.

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BERLIN SOCIALISTS URGE CONCESSION TO U. S. DEMANDS

BERLIN (via London), Sept. 2.—Germany's Socialists believe the government cannot in honor refuse President Wilson's stipulation that the German people guarantee Germany's peace treaty.

Of all the comment on the American reply to Pope Benedict (some of it is exceedingly bitter toward the American President) this expression from the Socialist organ Vorwaerts stood out today.

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MRS. REEVE NAMES FIVE OTHER WOMEN IN DIVORCE ACTION

Like a soldier's roster of his sweetheart, reads the divorce petition of Mrs. Grace Parker Reeve, daughter of Lieut. Col. Leo M. Parker, of 1842 Sixteenth street, against her husband, Capt. Ernest Manning Reeve, late of Texas, but now of parts unknown.

Breaking all records in the respondent's stakes, Mrs. Reeve names five women in asking for an absolute divorce, custody of her two children and permanent alimony for their support. The co-respondents are called Clara and Emma, Estell, Virginia and Gene, according to the divorce petition, and there were others, according to Mrs. Reeve.

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Woman Has no Son To Give, so Offers Dog to Uncle Sam

Among many offers of war dogs to Uncle Sam since Senator Brady's war dog-bill was introduced, with Secretary Baker's sanction, one has come from a woman who has "no son to give," and therefore offers "Spot," her "pet fox terrier."

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POLICE MATRON LEADS GIRLS HOME FROM DANCE HALL

The action of the police in taking fifteen young girls from a dance hall in the heart of the business section last night and turning them over to their parents is only the first move in a campaign which Major Pullman has inaugurated to safeguard the girls from the dangers which beset them on the streets late at night.

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