Wire Cables, As Nets, Suspended From Patrol Boats, May Doom the U-Boat

DEVIL'S EGGS ARE CRACKED BY RIFLE FIRE OF SEAPLANE

It is reported that the German U-boats are now being destroyed as fast as they are built. When the American shipping program is complete the doom of the underwater boats of the central empires will be sealed—or at least that is the hope of the allies.

Encounters with submarines are always interesting, especially if the censors permit them to be described in full.

Recently, for instance, says the Scientific American, an American steamer had a brush with a U-boat which resulted in the probable destruction of the latter. It appears that the crew of the steamer saw a torpedo coming toward them, but there was not time enough to stop or alter the course. Fortunately, however, the torpedo missed and the master of the steamer, with rare presence of mind, ordered the course to be shifted so as to follow in the wake of the torpedo.

Having gone but a short distance along the foamy path left by the torpedo, the steamer suddenly came up to the U-boat, which was then rising to the surface. The submarine tried to avoid the blow, since it was too late to submerge. But the steamer's wheel was shifted, and it crashed full tilt into the U-boat. The badly-battered hull of the German raider was seen to sink rapidly after that.

Bagging a Mine-Layer.

Again, a seaplane had spotted a submarine lying on the sea bed. Instantly the observer's finger commenced to tap a key, and ten miles away a long, lean destroyer and four squatty, trawlers detached themselves from a pack of hounds working a covert and hastened to the kill. Meanwhile the seaplane circled around, but when the surface ships arrived her instructions, delivered by wireless, were curt and precise. Acting upon them the trawlers stationed themselves at the four corners of a wet quadrangle, while the destroyer kept her guns ready to talk to the enemy should he appear above the surface.

The trawlers at the corners of the quadrangle got out their sweeps—long wire hawsers of an incredible stoutness, with a heavy "bite" in the center to keep their bights down on the sea bed—and commenced to steam toward each other. As the pairs of vessels met, their wires simultaneously engaged themselves under the U-boat's bow and stern and commenced to work their sinuous way between her hull and the sea bottom.

Then the strange thing happened. Two round, black objects seemed to detach themselves from the hull and float surfward, to hover a second and then to commence bobbing down the tide—bobbing down a lane much frequented by those ships that brought food, munitions of war and hundreds of other things to England's shore.

"Mine layer, eh?" called the seaplane's observer.

"That's it, lad," came the telephoned answer, "but her eggs can wait for a minute."

Struggle to Escape.

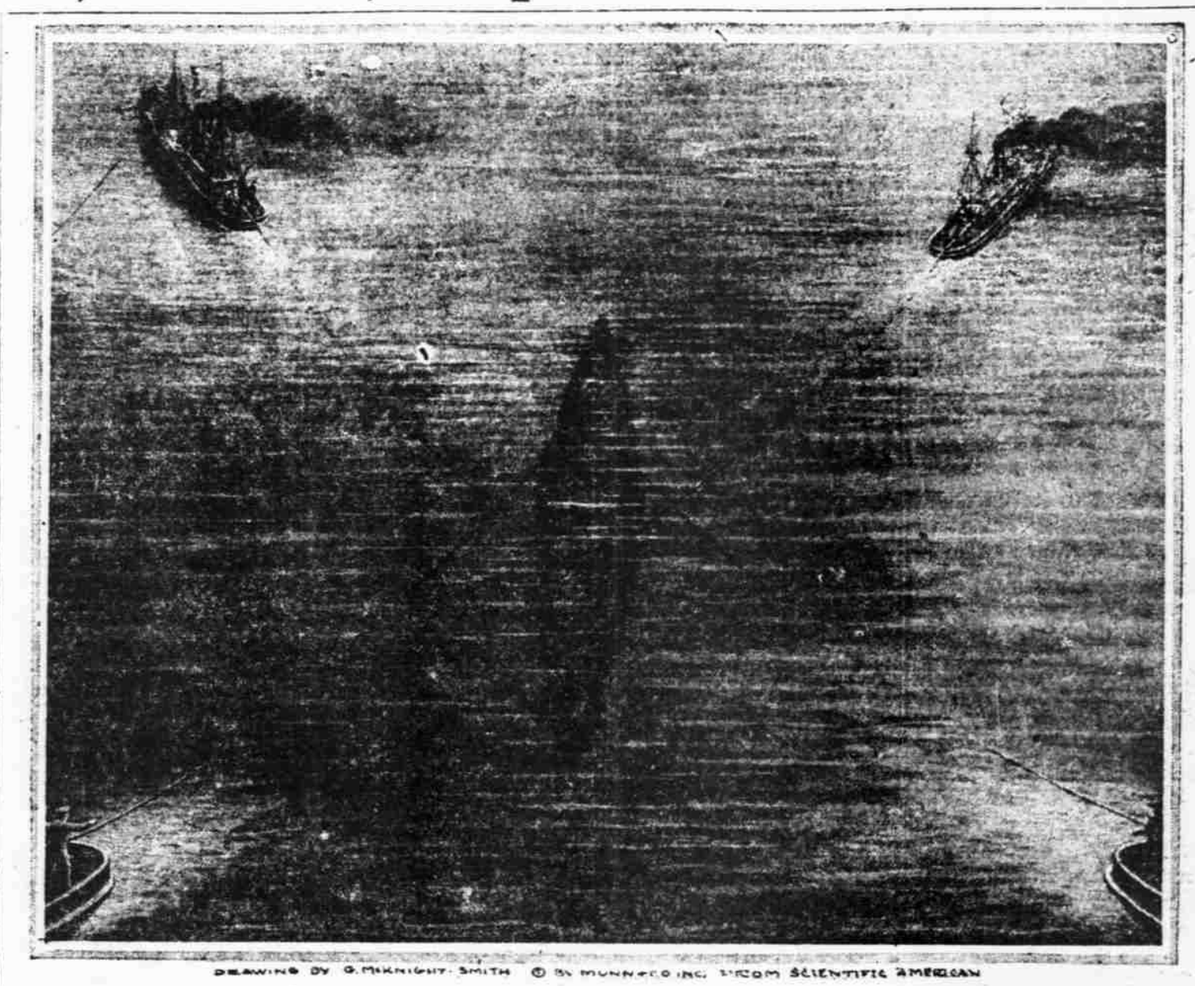
The trawlers now crossed their dependent cables and thus held the U-boat in a kind of cat's cradle. She seemed suddenly to wake up to her danger, for with a bound she tried to disengage herself from the meshes which held her. But it was no use; the trawlers had been too long at the game to leave any loopholes and the submarine was doomed.

"Slot him," signaled the seaplane.

"Thanks," replied the destroyer. "We'll give him five minutes to come up and breathe, but no longer." That time passed, but still the submarine made no further move.

At a flagged signal from the destroyer the port foremost trawler and the starboard after one clipped a small red tin of high explosive to the bar-taut wire and allowed it to slide down till it touched the U-boat's hull. It was the seaplane's turn to wave a flag, and immediately there followed the crashing of two fists upon two firing keys the uprising of two gray mounds of water and a rumbling, muffled explosion.

The seaplane circled twice above the patch of rising oil, ascertained that the German U-boat had been destroyed and notified the destroyer of the fact. Then, with her observer slipping a drum of cartridges into his machine gun, she sped on after those objects bobbing down the tide. A burst of rapid firing, and the first of the devil's eggs, its buoyancy chamber punctured, sank with a gurgle; the second gave a better show, for it exploded grandly and harmlessly as the bullets reached it.



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Capturing a U-boat with wire cables is a feat that puts all the Izaak Waltons and their flies completely in the shade. The drawing pictured here shows how such a capture may be effected. The submarine was sighted lying on the bottom in a shallow part of the ocean. Four patrol boats took part in the effort to enmesh her with cables. She was a mine-laying submersible, and two of her mines—"eggs," the sailors call them—were detached, but the U-boat refused to come to the surface. A depth charge destroyed her and her "eggs" were exploded harmlessly with rifle shots.

5 HURT IN ACID EXPLOSION.

PITTSBURGH, April 14.—One workman was injured probably fatally and four others were slightly hurt when a vat of acid in the reducing department at Crescent plant of the Crucible Steel Company exploded yesterday.

HER BOY IN NAVY, SHE IS GRATEFUL FOR INSURANCE

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has made public a letter he received from a Pennsylvania woman with a boy in the navy, thanking the Government for its war insurance. She said:

"I will state that I urged my only son—a mere lad—to enlist in the navy in 1914. I felt that this war was coming and I wanted him to be trained. Only God knows what it cost me to let him go, as I had just buried my idolized husband and was just recovering from typhoid fever myself.

"Hospital bills, etc., had taken nearly all I had, but I knew God would take care of my little girls and myself. I have given my brave, handsome boy to Uncle Sam, and my only regret is that I have not six to send instead of one to fight for the flag that my father fought four years to save.

"Although I do not know just how much insurance I will get or allowance, I know it will help. In one letter my boy wrote thus: 'Mother, I am not afraid to go to battle or to face a gun. If I have to give up my life for my country I will do it gladly, but I cannot sleep nights, thinking of what will become of my sweet little sisters and you.'

"Later he wrote: 'Today I am the happiest boy on the Atlantic, for the insurance bill has passed, and I am taking the full amount. Now I can face anything with a smile, knowing my loved ones will be cared for.'

"God grant he may return. May God and his angels forever bless you, is a mother's daily prayer."

The reply of the Secretary is as follows:

"Owing to the pressure of public business, I have not been able to acknowledge sooner your letter thanking the Government for its war insurance.

"Not your boy alone, but you and your two daughters as well, have joined the colors in the battle to save democracy. It is in genuine gratitude, therefore, that our great nation provides the liberal and far-sighted benefits of the military and naval insurance law.

"The lofty devotion of your son to his country and to his mother and little sisters is equaled by your own noble patriotism. America is proud of you and your son, and I feel that it is a privilege to express my own admiration. Your spirit is the spirit of America—the spirit that makes America invincible."

FLORODORA GIRL AGAIN FIGURES IN SUIT FOR DIVORCE

TAUNTON, Mass., April 14.—Thompson Newburry, local clubman and son of the late Charles T. Newbury, yesterday entered suit for divorce against Mabel Gould Newbury, of Newport, R. I., naming Corp. William J. Duggan, of Camp Devens, a former professional polo player.

This is the second action in which Mrs. Newbury, a member of the original Florodora sextette, has figured, as she was granted a divorce in 1910 from Harold De F. Stickney, also a Taunton society man.

CONG. HOWARD TO RUN FOR HARDWICK'S SEAT

Congressman William Schley Howard of Georgia has made formal announcement of his candidacy for the United States Senate to succeed Thomas W. Hardwick, whose term will expire next March. William J. Harris, a member of the Federal Trade Commission, is also a candidate.

Hardwick was one of the group designated by the President as the "willful twelve," who opposed the armed neutrality bill at the last session. In the present session he has opposed many of the Administration measures.

DUPLICATE KEY MAN ROBS MAJOR'S HOME OF JEWELS

The mysterious and elusive duplicate key thief who has been boldly operating in Washington recently, made a good haul yesterday afternoon, when he gained entrance into the apartment of Major T. Q. C. Gardner, U. S. A., 1850 California avenue northwest, pocketing jewelry valued at $595, and $33 in cash, and making his getaway as secretly as he came.

Major Gardner discovered his apartment had been ransacked when he returned there last evening. He found the jewelry and money had been taken from a "strong box" in one of the bureau drawers.

Headquarters detectives and police of the Tenth precinct who are investigating the robbery have found no clew to the identity of the thief. That he used a duplicate key is certain, say the police, as investigation showed that no attempt had been made to force an entrance. The stolen jewelry includes diamond rings, scarf pins, pendants, and bracelets.

Hamilton Block, stopping at the Driscoll Hotel, First and B streets northwest, reported to the police that a duplicate key thief got into his room and stole two Government passes issued by the Norfolk navy yard.

MRS. DANIELS WILL SPONSOR BENEFIT FOR AMBULANCE

Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, is today the sponsor for the benefit entertainment and dance to be given in the auditorium of Woodward & Lothrop's department store Friday evening to raise funds to purchase an ambulance. The affair will be given under the auspices of the "J. C. N. Unit," a patriotic organization of women employes of the store.

Mrs. Daniels pledged her aid to the league in an address before the members last Wednesday. Organization of the several units of the league for the development and advancement of patriotic work along various lines was effected by the employes several weeks ago.

Members of the groups are actively engaged in many branches of war work. Some of the members are knitting useful garments for United States troops in France. Others have undertaken the support of orphans in France and Belgium.

The "J. C. N. Unit," composed mostly of young women employed in the first floor departments, has pledged itself to raise the funds to buy and equip an ambulance to send to the American front. This unit will give the entertainment and dance Friday night. Through the influence of some of the leading society women in the Capital the city's favorite entertainers have been secured for the occasion.

2 CAMP MEIGS MEN HELD FOR ROBBING CHAUFFEUR

Accused of having robbed John J. Jones, chauffeur of a hacking automobile Wednesday night on Good Hope road, Prince George's county, Sergt. Noah Koeser and Private Roy H. Bacon, of the quartermaster's corps, Camp Meigs, Third street and Florida avenue northeast, are locked up at the Ninth precinct police station.

The arrest of the two soldiers followed their identification by Jones, who, with Headquarters Detective O'Dea went to the camp yesterday. According to Jones, Sergeant Koeser and Private Bacon hired him from in front of Union Station and after passing the District line into Prince George's county, under threats of death, demanded his money. He said he gave them $7. He then drove them back to the Florida avenue entrance to the camp, where, he says, they left the machine.

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TODAY'S CASUALTY LIST

General Pershing has reported the following casualties to the War Department:

KILLED IN ACTION.

Lieut. Wilmer E. Herr.
Corp. Harry A. Miller.
Corp. Almon R. Pingree.
Private Toney Moniac.
Private Cincenty Wilinski.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

Private George W. Rifford.

DIED OF DISEASE.

Sergt. George A. Lumb (pneumonia).
Private Walter Davis (meningitis).
Private Elmer M. Frederick (pneumonia).
Private Clinton Hurd (pneumonia).
Private Samuel J. Kline (pneumonia).
Private Marion Alger (pneumonia).
Private Richard Woods (pneumonia).

DIED OF ACCIDENTS.

Corp. Larry Cornell.
Corp. Harry L. Goodpasture.
Private Sidney H. Durkee.
Private Samuel J. Smith.

WOUNDED SEVERELY.

Corp. Frank R. Stiles.
Corp. Thomas H. Wetherspoon.
Private John Collins.
Private Howard P. Fitzgerald.
Private Arthur H. Glode.
Private William Lebis
Private Peter Levendowski.
Private William P. Rooney.
Private Foster V. Rix.

WOUNDED SLIGHTLY.

Capt. John R. Pitney.
Sergt. Frank Doughney.
Sergt. John Kaiser.
Sergt. Bernard J. McElroy.
Sergt. Robert E. Quinn.
Sergt. Stanis Zukowski.
Corp. Edmund Cassidy.
Corp. Theodore N. Cottrell.
Corp. Henry C. Edwards.
Corp. James H. Flynn.
Corp. Arthur J. Hall.
Corp. Edward Thomas Harrea.
Corp. Joseph A. Lynch.
Corp. James T. Slamon.
Wagoner Carl G. Duncan.
Private Harry E. Bailey.
Private Harry E. Beckwith.
Private Samuel D. Buchannan.
Private Henry T. Byrnes.
Private James W. Cassel.
Private John Peter Christy.
Private John J. Comefry.
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Private Edwin E. Erickson.
Private Alexis J. Goonette.
Private Ralph P. Gates.
Private Edwin R. Grover.
Private Joseph Gully.
Private William R. Henion.
Private Robert H. Hix.
Private Hubert L. Horton.

BODY OF DROWNED YOUTH FOUND; NEW MYSTERY ARISES

Missing since March 26, the body of Paul Lumpkin, nineteen years old, 1001 Twenty-third street northwest, was found floating in the Georgetown channel, a short distance from the Highway bridge, by John E. Donaldson, 1237 Thirty-fifth street.

Since his disappearance, police of Washington, Baltimore, Richmond and Norfolk searched in vain for him. It was suspected he might attempt to enlist in either the army or navy, but his relatives stated the youth was in poor health and would not be accepted because of his poor physical condition.

Find No Clues.

How young Lumpkin was drowned is a mystery. Coroner Nevitt, who made an investigation, stated he was unable to say. The body was identified through a bank book found in his pockets. The lad had saved a small sum from earnings.

Last night, Park Policeman Reese found a soldier's overcoat lying under the Inlet bridge entrance to the Basin. He turned it over to Lieutenant Simon, of Company M, Fiftieth Infantry, detailed to Tacoma Park. It was stated that the coat might belong to a private of Company M who has been absent without leave for three days.

Will Drag Basin.

On the theory that one of the soldiers committed suicide by drowning, the Harbor police today will drag with grappling irons the basin in the vicinity of the inlet bridge in an effort to find the body if a soldier was actually drowned. While the police are working on the theory that a soldier might have drowned himself, they also feel that the coat could have been left under the bridge as a "stall" by a soldier who has deserted.

HIT BY AUTO; DIES.

J. E. Frable, forty-three years old, of Scranton, Pa., who on March 30 was slightly injured on the forehead when struck by an automobile operated by Henry K. Decatur, of 1926 New Hampshire avenue northwest, died last night at the Emergency Hospital. After an investigation Coroner Nevitt decided that Mr. Frable's death was due to natural causes and not the result of the automobile accident.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE TO MEET

Mrs. Stephen G. Porter and Mrs. Goldthwaite Higginson Dorr, joint chairmen of the house-to-house canvass of the Women's Liberty Loan Committee, have called a meeting of the thirty-three members of their executive committee for 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. They are making ready to line up 4,000 Washington women for the last week's intensive Liberty Loan drive.

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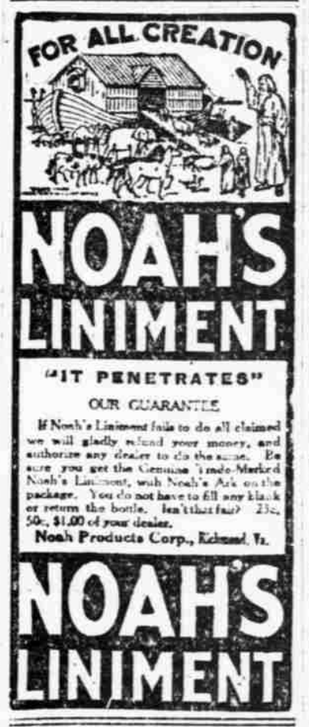

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