

# WAS BAD OMEN

## Presence of Thirteenth Ship Now Mystery of the Sea.

### Its Appearance Under the Circumstances Always Unaccountable and Death Twice Claimed the First Man to Sight It.

The "thirteenth ship" remains among the mysteries of the war. I have never heard any one try to explain it, says "Jackfast" in the London Daily Mail. Even the most matter-of-fact people appear content to state facts as they are known and leave it at that.

When the Norwegian convoy that was attacked by an enemy raiding force in November, 1917, left port it consisted of 12 ships. Later a thirteenth ship was added—or added itself. No one actually saw it join, no one in the end saw it leave.

Just before the fight Lieutenant Commander Fox of the Mary Rose, counted and reported 13 ships where there should have been only 12. Thirteen there were at the beginning of the fray and only 12 when it ended. The stranger vanished as mysteriously as she appeared. At least that is what eyewitnesses say.

It will be within every one's recollection that the raid resulted disastrously for us. Among our losses was the Mary Rose, the vessel that first sighted and reported the thirteenth ship.

Can any one suggest an explanation of the occurrence? I have no theory to put forward. But here is a somewhat similar war happening within my own personal experience.

One evening in the bay of Biscay four of us were standing on the bridge of a small warship watching the other vessels of the squadron.

"Look, there are three trawlers over there now," said one of my companions pointing to starboard.

"Impossible," declared the skipper through the chart house window. "All ships are in station and there are only two there. You can't see straight!"

"But there are three!" persisted the first speaker, and we others corroborated him, the signalman adding, "I can't make her out, sir; she doesn't seem to belong to our crowd."

Out from the chart house came the skipper and joined the little group who were watching the stranger. Whoever she might be, from the one undoubted fact was that there she lay, holding steadily along between the "housekeepers" and the "hubby," old trawlers that had been our familiar companions during peacetime days.

While we were speculating as to the stranger's identity our "mottle" gasped out an astonished "Why, she's gone!"

And gone she had. We looked carefully to see whether she had become hidden behind one of her own gunboats. But, no, she was gone as if she were as light as a feather, and we could not understand how. Most of us attached little importance to the occurrence. The skipper spoke a different view of it.

"It wasn't a ship at all," he declared gravely, "but a warning that before the year is out the sea will claim one of us."

We laughed at his prophecy. Yet it is a fact that before the year was out the sea had claimed the man who first sighted the mysterious ship!

Is there any explanation?

### "Sergeant-Majorism."

The war has been responsible for many new words, and the term "sergent-majorism" conveys a meaning which is well understood not only in the British army but by the average civilian, though not always by its title. A good sergent major is invaluable in the army, and it is the ambition of nearly every soldier to rise some day to the dizzy heights of a warrant officer. The sergent major has a certain amount of power, and sometimes tries to make things uncomfortable for those who do not "bow down" before him. Unfortunately, the type of person who flaunts his petty powers in one's face is not confined to the army, and because there are today few people who have not met with this type, the term "sergent-majorism" has, not unnaturally, come into more or less general usage.

### Glass Houses.

The Filipino delegate, Dr. Juan Gomez, said at a Washington tea: "I overheard two ladies talking about my Filipino the other day."

"Those Filipino delegates are lovely," the first lady said, "but as a class the Filipinos are horrid. Do you know, my dear, the Tagalogs actually buy their wives?"

"Fancy! How awful!" said the second lady. "By the way, love, your beautiful daughter's marriage to Mr. Gobsa has been postponed to when?"

"Till Gobsa is up and about again," the first lady answered. "The dear old thing, you know, has had his second stroke."

### Sad Case.

Mrs. White—Why, what is the matter?

Mrs. Green—My husband did not return home last night and I'm afraid he's starved to death because he had only \$100 with him.—Judge.

### Worse.

"There are no more plain drunks now."

"So much the better."

"So much the worse. They're all victims of fancy recipes."

# BOYER ITEMS

Mrs. Claus Frahm left Saturday for Clinton to attend the funeral of her brother, William Thiede, who died there of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Nelson and daughter, Fairy, and Arnold Jerenson were Sunday callers at the Elmer Nelson home north of Boyer.

Mrs. John Fleming returned from Omaha Sunday morning.

Mr. Fred Erickson and Mrs. Hunt were Sunday callers at the Fred Neumann home.

Gertrude Grandelous came from Bessmer, Mich., to spend the summer with relatives and friends.

Fred Frahm is now employed on the section at Boyer.

Pope Foster and Chas. Kropf were Denison business callers Monday.

Herman Schlorpff and S. J. Newcom were Detroit business callers Monday.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Anderson is reported very poorly.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hansen are now nicely settled in their new home.

Mrs. John Lind was seen in Boyer Monday on her way to Denison.

Sadie Frahm was a passenger to Kiron Monday.

Miss Martha Richter was in Kiron Monday having dental work done.

Herman Habicht went to Schleswig Monday to visit August Whitlock. Martin Whitlock returned with him for a few days visit.

Mrs. Carl Koch and Mrs. Ed. Kropf were Denison callers Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hansen were passengers to Denison Monday.

Chris Nissen attended business in Denison Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Chas. Dean of Lake City, came Monday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Darling.

# JACKSON ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Dettbarn autoed to West Side Monday to visit at the former's parents.

John Koek was an Omaha passenger on Wednesday, returning on Friday evening accompanied by Mrs. Koek for the West Side at which place she will remain with the former's parents till she is able to come home.

Misses Hilda and Malinda Rickers and Mrs. Ed. Kropf were Sunday visitors at the J. F. Dreesen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Gertz and children dined.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Malloy passed away at the family residence in Jackson township, on Friday, March 12. The little child had been illing for some time, but on Friday grew worse and passed away at noon, reaching the age of 16 months.

Her short stay on this earth was a great comfort to her parents and nine brothers who have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their loss. The funeral was held Sunday at Vall from the St. Ann's church, Rev. Father Murphy conducting the services. The remains were laid to rest in the St. Ann's cemetery.

Chris Brotherson shipped two car loads of cattle from Herring to Chicago Saturday and Frank Dozare a load of eggs to Omaha Wednesday.

Henry Koek transacted business in Breda Saturday.

Miss Anna Herrig of Arcadia, is at present assisting Mrs. Chris Brotherson with her house work in Denison.

Edw. Rickers and sisters, Misses Hilda and Malinda, autoed to Denison on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Korvigan transacted business and called on friends in Vall on Monday.

The Farmers' Union organized another local in district number 2 on Tuesday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rickers spent Sunday at the Wm. Koek home.

Ma Mac, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Nelson, is down with a sleep of the measles.

Mrs. Francis Voegel spent Sunday evening with her friend, Laura Dreesen.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dixon were Sunday visitors at the Wm. Segeburth home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Rickers and Anna Sohl spent Sunday evening at the Emil Dettbarn home.

# BATTLED OVER PIPE ORGAN

## Its Introduction Into Scottish Church, for Which James Watt Was Responsible, Made Trouble.

The current appreciations of James Watt, inventor of the steam engine, have not, so far as we have seen, called forth any protest from the Wee Frees.

Yet Watt was responsible for the first pipe organ built in Scotland, and round it raged one of the fiercest controversies in the history of the movement against instrumental music in the Scottish church.

The story of the organ itself was told fully when the instrument was given a year ago to the Glasgow corporation. It was built by Watt in his house in High street in 1762, and in 1807 found its way into St. Andrew's church, Glasgow. On hearing that the organ was to be played during divine service, the lord provost of the day, wrote to Dr. Ritchie, minister of the church, and an enthusiastic fiddler, "begging to know of him if such was really the case," and adding that, if so, he would consider it his duty to enter a solemn protest against him and the congregation for all damages which might be the consequence. Dr. Ritchie was also held personally responsible for "any breach of the peace which might possibly be occasioned by the innovation he had attempted to introduce."

After being used for one Sunday, the organ was closed by command of the Presbytery; and then the floods of controversy were let loose. The "friends of music" were forcible, if not very polite, in a series of pamphlets, freely, and in a Presbyterian minute the writer of the pro-organ pamphlets was convicted of culpable negligence and a scandalous violation of the truth.

History, so far as we know, does not record what Watt thought of it all.

The old organ is now the property of Glasgow corporation and stands in the Central hall of the Kelvin-Grove galleries.

Margaret Fillingham, an English ex-service woman, declares that she simply could not perform indoor duties after her out-of-doors work in the army, so she and a friend bought, first a hawk's license, then a caravan and finally a stock of women's small wares, and now they are traveling from town to town in England, dispensing their wares along the way.

According to Miss Fillingham, they have had a hit. Their rural and small town circuits promise them a fat return and invite them to call regularly.

It seems that a carpenter hit upon the same plan, for they tell of meeting him in their travels, carrying his trade in the same manner.

Artistic Versatility.

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"Why?" said his father.

"Because," said Douglas, "I could sit up then as long as I wanted to—all night if I pleased."

Humidity.

Humidity is the moisture or aqueous vapor in the atmosphere. The vapor is really an invisible gas. When this vapor becomes visible it is called dew, fog, mist, haze, clouds, rain, snow, hail, etc., according to the size of the drops of water or the method by which the vapor condenses. A given space at a given temperature can contain only a definite amount of moisture. When a given space contains all of the moisture it is capable of holding it is said to be saturated. The percentage of moisture in the air to what it would hold if saturated is called the relative humidity. When the air is saturated with moisture the humidity would be 100 per cent, and if half saturated 50 per cent, three-quarter saturated 75 per cent. The increased humidity has much to do with the effect of the temperature on the individual, which is the reason the subject is so commonly discussed during hot periods.

Responsibilities.

Thinking of others does not excuse folks from respecting their own responsibilities. The world wouldn't get along very fast if all our time and thoughts were given to others. To get along and have the means to be helpful to others we must do considerable for ourselves. Our job must bring enough returns to the boss to pay him for the trouble of bothering with us. Our home life touches others and we must see to it that our contact leaves them happier for the touch. Life is more than mere routine however much it may seem to be cast in a one piece mold. It's our thoughts for others that lift us out of the humdrum and make life worth living. There's no limit to the enthusiasms of life when concern for another's welfare gets hold of you.

Evaded the Tailor.

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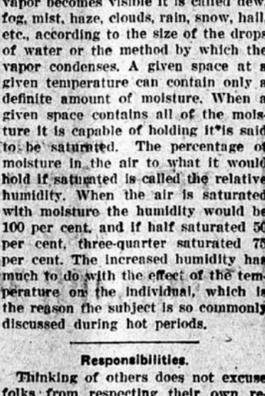
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# AERIAL FUNERAL IN SAN JOSE, CAL.



The coffin of Charles J. Abrames, aviator of San Jose, Cal., on the airplane which carried it to Oak Hill cemetery, outside San Jose. Abrames' dying request was that his body be taken to the cemetery in an airplane.

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