

KEPT THE ORE TRAFFIC MOVING

Effective Work of Navy on the
Great Lakes.

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Freighter, Identified as German
Navy Officers—Two Freighters Sunk
in Peculiar Manner—Commander
McMunn in Command of Fleet.

Hidden away in a certain little harbor of the Great Lakes is a gunboat. Its coat is battle gray; its guns peer menacingly from sponsor and barbettes. It is not given to reveal the exact location of the ship.

Anyhow, its captain is the distinctive feature of the craft, for Commander W. N. McMunn, N. S. V., is the man who has "kept the ore traffic moving."

And keeping the ore traffic moving with the nation at war has been no fanciful job. Most of the iron and much of the copper used in the manufacture of armament in this country is produced in the lake region and freighted in the open navigation season in lake vessels to steel mills. Traffic in metals this season has been more than double that of any previous year, and exact figures not yet having been compiled.

Many Plots Frustrated.

Much has been said about the protection afforded steel mills and munitions factories, but little has been printed concerning the equally efficient protection afforded the ore before it reaches these industrial plants. This is the task to which the navy department at the opening of navigation on the lakes last spring assigned Commander McMunn. It gave him more than three-score vessels ranging in size from an open-speed launch to 1,200-ton gunboats. Constant vigilance on the part of Commander McMunn and each of his officers and men has been the price paid to keep the barn door locked before somebody stole the horse.

Commander McMunn will talk little of his experience. Announcements from Washington, however, from time to time have hinted of German plots, anti-American propaganda, I. W. W. agitation, all suppressed by this quietly effective arm of the navy.

There are stories of wheelmen on Great Lakes freighters who have been taken into custody by naval officers and who have been identified as officers of the German navy. There are two large lake freighters, sunk in a most peculiar manner so as almost to close to navigation one of the most important lake ports. There is a report that certain interests in Duluth sent word to Commander McMunn that if he ever set foot in that city he would be shot and killed, and there is the verified statement that Commander McMunn replied by going to Duluth and walking unarmed and unattended up and down the thoroughfares of that city. But no attempt was made to do him violence.

Good Fellow and Good Sailor.

Of him one of his fellow officers recently said: "Just shaking hands now with Commander McMunn gives you the idea that he is a jolly good fellow." He is, but other naval officers tell you that he is also a jolly good sailor, a jolly good fighter, and a jolly good business man, and they will tell you also about his foresight, hindsight, energy, and good old-fashioned all-wool-and-a-yard-wide backbone.

Just a word of history about Commander McMunn who, in addition to his other duties, is assistant commandant of the Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh naval districts with headquarters at the Naval Training station at Great Lakes which has the task of turning thousands of fresh water plowboys into salt-water sailors. An engineer known nation wide, an expert in steel, he enlisted in the Illinois Naval militia as an ordinary seaman in 1894. Serving through the several grades he emerged after the

Spanish-American war, and since has served in each grade until he reached the commander's rank. He holds an unlimited master's license and also a chief engineer's license of unlimited tonnage, and perhaps is more familiar with the Great Lakes than any other skipper operating on them.

JOURNALIST SERVES HIS COUNTRY WELL



Specially posed photo of Lord Burnham, one of Great Britain's famous journalists and owner of the Daily Telegraph, has been of great aid to his country in the solving of war problems.

Lord Burnham was, as Harry Lawson Webster, a popular member of the British house of commons, sitting for the Mile End and Tower Hamlets divisions of London, in the heart of the East end.

His father, the first Lord Burnham, created the Daily Telegraph, one of the largest and influential organs in the empire.

Lord Burnham is an honorable colonel of the Royal Bucks Hussars.

A son-in-law of his has been a captive of the Germans since 1914. Second Lieutenant W. B. W. Lawson of the First Battalion Scots Guards, a nephew of Lord Burnham, was killed in 1914 and a brother of the lord, Col. Hon. L. Lawson, D. S. O., commander of the End Regiment Bucks Yeomanry, is fighting for his country "somewhere." His family, it can be seen, is doing its bit valiantly.

CIVIL WAR ROMANCE

Wedding in Old Age Ends It Finally.

A proof that "love laughs at locksmiths"—and at old age as well—came to friends of Henry D. Sumner, a pioneer dairyman and soldier of the Civil war, and Mrs. John E. Jayne, his antebellum sweetheart, aged seventy-nine and sixty-nine respectively, when they were married at Iowa City, Ia., by the Rev. C. Dreyer.

The bridegroom loved the bride when he and the man who won her, a fellow soldier in the Civil war of '61-'65, were fighting side by side. "Comrade" Sumner remained his good, true friend throughout the years that followed until "taps" sounded for the successful suitor some years ago.

Since then Mr. Sumner's wife died, and in the course of time his heart turned back to the sweetheart of his youth, now widowed. A courtship, interrupted by the flight of years, was resumed and the gallant veteran won.

German Losses Reach 8,250,000.
German casualty lists comprising killed, wounded, prisoners and missing from August, 1914, to September, 1917, include 8,250,000 names and cover 22,100 pages, according to reports from Amsterdam.

CENSUS TAKEN.

E. M. Kearney has finished taking the census and finds there are 2,136 enrolled in Carlsbad, which entitles us to change from a town to a city. Mr. Kearney has worked faithfully and reserves much credit for finishing his work. There will probably be a meeting of the town board tonight to take the matter up and decide just how soon we can call Carlsbad a city.

Why not send your soldier boy a Xmas present that he will always value above all others? Send him a diamond stick pin. See the large selection at
SELLERS JEWELRY CO.

The Presbyterian ladies held their Christmas bazaar Tuesday and feel they were successful, as they have, after all the dainty articles are sold, \$127.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Lusk and little son, Virgil, are in from the ranch at Lovington, today. They are guests of an aunt, Mrs. George Williams and family.

I. G. Yates and H. G. Brooks, both of San Angelo, Tex., were guests of the Bates, leaving for the south this morning in their car. The gentlemen have been here a number of times and are looking for range for cattle.

Mrs. Boone Beech came in from the Black river country yesterday with Earnest Harrison and spent a few hours shopping and visiting friends before she returned home.

COMMUNITY PLATE



We announce a notable showing of COMMUNITY PLATE—the silverware in high vogue for its exquisite designs and rare distinction.

CORNER DRUG STORE "HYAL QUALITY STORE"

Ray Murrah, ranchman from the Lakewood country, is on the streets today, coming down yesterday.

On sale at Shelby's: Wright's Fancy Nancy Hall Sweet Potatoes.

The SWEET SHOP

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Quarantined for Diphtheria.

Herbert Hiltson is very ill with diphtheria. The residence was quarantined this morning. It seems the family is having their share of sickness, and the friends of the family are anxious to learn of a speedy recovery.

Mrs. T. P. Roach of Muskogee, Okla., came Saturday to see their little son, Nesbit Roach, who has been with her aunt, Mrs. Y. R. Allen, attending kindergarten. Mrs. Roach will be here through the Christmas holidays and his father is coming soon to see him.

Don't forget the Baptist ladies' bazaar.

S. S. Leonard, from the Malaga farming district, is here today. He planted cotton this year and the yield has been satisfactory.

Try a want ad. They pay.

C. F. Higlow, who has been here a number of months, engaged as a painter and carpenter, left this morning for the State Agricultural College at Mesilla Park, where he will take up the radio work.

The Methodist conference will convene in Malaga Sunday, the presiding elder will be there and all are asked to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, who have been stopping at the Metropolitan, left yesterday for El Paso to make their home.

Born Thursday, November the 29, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pendleton, at Lowell, Ariz., a lovely baby daughter. Their numerous friends here offer congratulations to the happy parents.

LOST Friday, a blue serge belt or cord with fur trimmings for dress. Finder return to Mrs. H. E. Prichard, or leave at the Current office.

DECEMBER

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