

CAPTAIN'S STORY OF GOING DOWN WITH THE ARABIC

(By Capt. Finch Current Opinion)

The Arabic went down in less time than any craft that has been torpedoed since the war began.

"Reports have varied from eleven to fifteen minutes, but the truth is that the ship disappeared in just six minutes after she was struck.

"Of course, the fact that we lost only thirty-nine out of the four hundred and twenty-nine on board was due largely to the preparations we had made against just what happened.

"But, in my opinion, had similarly favorable conditions surrounded the torpedoing of one of the big loss of life would have much greater, for the simple reason that the great distance from the boat deck to the water makes successful launching of heavy boats filled to capacity almost impossible.

"Ever since the war began, on every voyage in and out of Liverpool I have practiced the same caution as soon as we entered what we supposed is the danger zone. As a matter of fact, I, for one, do not dare to try to put a limit on this danger zone. It would not surprise me in the least to hear of ships being sunk a hundred miles or more to the west of the spot where they caught us.

"In fact we were beginning to believe that we had passed the extreme limit of the submarine zone a full half hour before we sighted the Dunsley.

"Probably no ship has been better prepared to meet or avoid a submarine since the war began. In our engine room, where, instead of the usual three shifts, we were working only two through the danger zone, the stokers and oilers redoubled their exertions after I had telephoned a warning.

"In the stern there were two lookouts, in the crow's nest two, and in the bow two, besides three of us on the bridge. Every one of us was scanning every inch of sea within reach of our glasses, but there was never a sign of a submarine. How that German managed to spot us without showing her periscope amazes me, but she did it, too, when within less than 300 feet from us.

I was looking at the very spot where he must have been laying under the surface, for I saw the greenish white wake of the torpedo instantly it shot out its tube.

"I yelled to the man at the wheel to port the helm in a forlorn hope the old Arabic might answer quickly enough to dodge, but it was absolutely impossible. The torpedo was coming fifty miles an hour and had only 300 feet to travel.

"In the few seconds that elapsed a great many things happened. Almost all the passengers were on deck—another stroke of luck—looking at the Dunsley. Almost all of them saw the torpedo and their shouts told the operator in the Marconi house what had happened.

"The operator actually got off two 'S. O. S.' messages in that one second. When the torpedo hit us a glancing blow, about ninety feet from the stern, directly under the Marconi house, the operator was hurled out of his seat and his instrument was smashed.

"From the bridge I watched each boat fill up, in the meantime shouting to the engine-room to go full speed astern. The third engineer who took the orders responded without a quiver in his voice. Not one man left his post, and mind you, they all knew what sticking at their posts meant, for when the torpedo hit us the poor old Arabic staggered like a drunken man. The rest mass of almost 16,

300 tons was actually slewed around by the force of the impact.

As soon as way was off the ship I ordered the engines stopped and again my order was repeated in absolutely level tones. At the same moment I shouted to the men at the falls in the boats to lower away. Every boat landed in the water on a level keel, perfectly.

"It looked like a case of 'Good-by William' because in the last five seconds the old Arabic slid downwards. She dropped like a shot. I never expected to come up alive, but the next thing I knew my head came up against the bottom of a raft with awful force. The shock served to cheer me enough to make my way from beneath it.

"That raft saved my life, for all the strength I had was just enough to hang to it. Soon afterward a life-boat came along and took us aboard."

FORTUNE MADE FROM A SAUCEPAN

In 1893 Mrs. Elizabeth S. Taylor, of Oragne county, Cal., sent some preserved fruits as Christmas presents to friends in the East. They were so good that these persons cried for more. Mrs. Taylor sent her son East to take orders. So successful was he that she gave up her kitchen stove and began putting up fruit over gasoline ranges in a shed. Mrs. Taylor puts up fruit today exactly as she put it up twenty years ago, but she is now shipping 300 tons a year from a great concrete building with a battery of electric cookers. Mrs. Taylor uses nothing but fruit that has been ripened on the trees; it is all peeled by hand and cooked in shallow porcelain pans. She will use nothing but the finest cane sugar imported from Manila. She has no assistants but members of her own family and today this business brings her in \$100,000 a year.

This is merely an illustration of what a woman with common sense and a good recipe can do.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice is hereby given, that at the store of the Alaska Lumber and Box Company, at Hadley, Alaska, on Saturday, the 30th of October, 1915, at the hour of two o'clock p.m. the undersigned will offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder the following property constituting part of the estate of the Alaska Lumber and Box Company, bankrupt, to-wit:

1. a. All lumber belonging to the said estate at Hadley and amounting to approximately 1,100,000 feet board measurements.

b. Stock of general merchandise in Alaska Lumber and Box Company's store at Hadley.

c. Sawlogs consisting of spruce, hemlock, cedar in sawmill boom at Hadley.

57 boom chains

13 lumber trucks

1 Lumber wagon.

d. Mill supplies

e. The household goods belonging to the estate at Hadley.

f. The cooking utensils.

g. Typewriter.

h. Donkey Engine

i. All box shooks amounting to approximately 5,000 boxes.

2. Gasoline launch "Freya."

The sales will take place in the order given. Sealed bids will be received for each of said classes of property above mentioned, which sealed bids will be opened in public at the conclusion of the oral bids. The sealed bids must be enclosed in envelopes upon which is clearly indicated what property the bid is intended for. 15t.

C. W. SWANK,
Trustee in Bankruptcy.

AT THE HOTELS

AT THE STEDMAN

P. B. Nelson, Seattle. H. Ruddat; Wm. Trubach, Boonerville, Ore. Mrs. Olaf Lystad, Port Conclusion; Fred Oliver, Port Conclusion; Arnold Kobler.

HERE IS A BOTTLE STOPPER THAT LOCKS

A bottle stopper that locks is a recent Paris idea, and will be very useful for keeping fine liquors out of reach of persons for whom they are not intended. A metal cap fits over the bottle neck with a small felt lined collar which is pressed on by turning a wing nut, and when all is in place a small arm comes down along side the wing of the nut so as to allow of running a padlock through the two holes. This prevents any turning of the screw and keeps the bottle shut tight.

FOR SALE—One Rip Saw Table, One Counter Shaft, 16—1 1/2 Steel Shafting And numerous pulleys.
SULLY'S CARPENTER SHOP.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Wm. Angel, who has been away from town most of the summer with the Geological Survey party, announces that he has returned and that the gas boat "Harry" of which he is the owner, shall be for hire as usual.

HEY THERE! THANKSGIVING MASQUE BALL GIVEN BY KETCHIKAN F. O. E. Adv. 4t.

NOTICE TO GAS BOAT MEN—Copies of notices to mariners, light and buoy lists issued by the Bureau of Lighthouses can be obtained free of charge on application to the Division of Publication of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

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PERSONAL MENTION

The Thimble Club met with Mrs. Ray Hall this afternoon and nearly all the members were present.

DON'T FORGET THE CIVIC CLUB CARD PARTY

Keep in mind the card party to be given by the Civic Club next Thursday evening. The game of progressive whist will start at 8:30. Prizes will be given and a lunch served, all for the small sum of 25 cents. Remember the date.

ENTERTAINS AT CARDS

Yesterday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. Robert. Randolph, Mrs. E. S. Stackpole and Mrs. Harvey M. Stackpole entertained their many friends at auction bridge. Eight tables were in play and at the close of an enjoyable afternoon dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses. The prizes were won by Mrs. J. C. Barber and Dr. Beatrice Dickinson.

MISS BUOR ENTERTAINS

Miss Claire Buor was hostess at a charming luncheon today at one o'clock. The occasion was in honor of Mrs. H. C. Field and Miss Evadna Field, who are soon to leave for California.

Those present beside the hostess and the guests of honor were Miss Kent, Mrs. Rivard, Miss Neita Mitchell and Miss Mary Mitchell.

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THE H. R. THOMPSON STORE

Mrs. Washburn has just received a full line of trimmed hats. Call and see them. They are the very latest. Adv. 4t.

DANCE AT THE RINK OCT 16th.

Another one of those popular Saturday night dances at the Rink. The management now has procured the Raymond Orchestra with Cliff at the piano, Andy Wold at the violin, and Frank Brooks at the cornet. These boys have all played at dances here so need no further introduction.

Admission, Gentlemen, \$1.00 ladies free. Adv.

GRAND MASQUERADE AT THE RINK OCT. 23rd.

The Raymond Orchestra will furnish the music. Good prizes will be announced later. Get your costumes ready.

Gentlemen \$1.00 Ladies Free. Adv.

EASY WATERPROOFING

A quick and easy method of waterproofing clothing has been devised by a French scientist as his contribution to the comfort and health of the French troops in the field.

Old coats can be made waterproof as easily as uncut cloth, and the whole operation is simpler than dyeing. He explained his method to the French Academy of Science, with the assurance that it was practical and satisfactory.

The requirements he set out to meet were: Waterproofing that would wear well in the rough usage of a campaign; that would not change the colors nor injure the fabric; that would leave the cloth permeable to air and perspiration, so that the waterproofed coats would not be uncomfortable; and, most difficult of all, that would permit the treatment of old coats without destroying or even injuring the buttons and other attachments.

Wool fat was his answer. With a little chloroform or carbon bisulphide the scientist reduces the wool fat to a liquid and this liquid is then diluted with gasoline or benzine in the portion of one part of wool fat to from ten to twenty parts of gasoline or benzine.

The rest of the operation is simple: The old overcoat is dipped in the solution and allowed to remain there a few minutes. Then it is wrung out and dried by hanging on a line in the open air. The fibers are, as a result, lightly impregnated with the wool fat.

The Frenchman suggests that the complete uniforms of all the men at the front be given this treatment; and, as the French government gives much weight to suggestions made in the Academy of Science, it is quite likely something will come of his idea.

CANCERS THAT CURE THEMSELVES

In the annual report of Dr. Bashford of the imperial cancer research fund, an announcement of great importance is made. It is to the effect that transplanted tumors fall into two categories, a very small group progressively because they do not produce resistance to their own growth, and a large group that tend to disappear spontaneously because they induce in the body a powerful resistance to their growth.

While this remark is applied only to tumors artificially produced in animals for experimental purposes, it may be that some at least of the apparently extraordinary cures of cancer in human beings have been due to this power of the body to resist the growth of the cancer. If further experiments shall result in the discovery of the method by which certain resistant methods throw off the cancerous growth, it will be a long step toward finding a way of conferring this upon those who do not possess it.

For Sale—Number 7, Standard Visible Oliver Typewriter, practically new for \$40. Apply at this office.

ACCOUNT OF RECENT LOSSES BY THE GERMANS

Paris, Oct. 13—The reports of the night indicate that the German losses in the offensive of yesterday against the positions of the Allies near Loos were very heavy.

This information was given out by the French war office.

Other violent attacks on the part of the Germans southeast of Neuville-St. Vaast were completely repulsed. All the French advances of recent days have been maintained.

There have been fairly spirited cannonading in the sector of Lisons as well as at Quennevières and Nouvron.

A German counter attack last night at the Navarin farm in the Champagne district was checked by the French.

To the southeast of Tahure there has been a violent bombardment attended by the use of suffocating shells which also caused irritation of the eyes.

In the Argonne French batteries put an end to German artillery fire in the sector of St. Thomas.

In the Lorraine district several German reconnaissances have been completely repulsed.

NOTICE—Members of the Bartenders' Union are hereby notified that a meeting will be held tomorrow at the usual hour and place, and that every member is requested to be present.

SECRETARY.

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