

HOW BRITISH SINK SUBMARINES.

Series of Thrilling Stories of Recent Actions Against the U-Boats.

London, Sept. 30.—Another series of thrilling reports of recent naval actions against German submarines, illustrative of the manner in which the U-boat menace is being met, was given out tonight by the admiralty. The records are official, but no dates are given.

The statement begins by reciting how a torpedo gunboat sighted a periscope 600 yards away and turned ship so that the periscope was traveling in the opposite direction in that which it was first seen. When at a distance of fifty yards, the periscope disappeared and the gunboat, altering its course, passed over the submarine.

Submarine Sunk.

The impact of the collision was felt and when the captain estimated that the submarine was under the aft of the ship explosive charges were dropped astern. A mine sweeper found an obstruction on the bottom at this point.

A torpedo patrolling in the Atlantic found a steamer torpedoed and sinking. The survivors were rescued and then the torpedo boat circled about the locality for more than an hour. Finally, a white patch of water was seen dead ahead. The torpedo boat dashed over the spot, grazed the submarine and dropped three submarine bombs, oil and air bubbles of gasoline came to the surface and the mine sweeper found another obstruction here.

Submarine vs. Submarine.

The encounter described in the statement was that of a submarine against a submarine. A British submarine sighted a German submersible while both were at the surface. The British submarine dived and later picked up the enemy through the periscope. A torpedo fired at 800 yards, caused a violent explosion in the German vessel.

When the Britisher arose he found a patch of oil in which Germans were swimming. They said that they had been blown out through the conning tower and that their craft had been struck astern and turned over and sank.

A Close Call.

A story characteristic of the mine sweeper's spirit is next recited. A flotilla of sweepers was engaged in western channel waters when an explosion occurred between a pair of them, the wire net parting. When the sweeping wire was pulled in, two mines were found entangled, one on the ship's side and the other just under the surface.

The slightest roll of the ship striking the mines 'whiskers' would have been sufficient to set off an annihilating charge. The officer in command, being responsible for the lives of the crew, ordered them to abandon the ship. Later a senior officer with volunteers reboarded the mine sweeper and coolly cut the wire. The mines fell into the sea without exploding.

Somewhere in France.

It took him just as he went up over the trench parapet—took him full in his bare and muscular throat. It was hardly bigger than one of those rubber erasers tinned to the ends of lead pencils. But with the driving power of high energy powder behind its steel-jacketed nose, it was an altogether competent and devilishly capable agent of destruction. He lay quite still a few yards ahead of the trench, where his rush had carried him. The morning drew toward noon. With night came the beginning of his torment. First it was thirst, then fever, then delirium. Always his spilling wound burned and throbbled. Even on the second night, with the rain beating down upon him, it glowed like a kiln. By the third day his agony spoke in screams. A stretcher party found him and trundled him away, down through the line of Red Cross units, from dressing station to field base, eventually to Paris. He was French, but he was fighting our fight. He was French, but a few months from now his counterpart may be American. There are bullets enough for all. He may be a boy you know, perhaps a neighbor's boy, your own. Fighting our fight. Will you help him, when our fight has broken him, to fight his? Will you help him, when his young body and vivid force are spent and shattered, to retrieve what he may? Join the American Red Cross. It is the wounded soldier's truest ally. It is his minister and guardian. It is his hope. Join the local chapter—it has only a portion of the membership it should have. Take a dollar membership, a five or ten dollar one—a hundred dollar one if you can. Do your part. If you can not give, you can give. Those going are giving immeasurably more.

Close Quarters.

"During the thunderstorm our milk turned; did yours?"
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—Life.

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A correspondent of an exchange advises the people to spend their vacation upon farms. There they can get rest and oceans of pure air. There they can get nutritious food and plenty of it. There they are separate from the dreary gossip of the day and can let their thoughts ramble among the clover, the birds and the dear old cows in the field. There they can escape from business and schemes, the tumult of the market and the clamorous chase after things that ain't worth while. And there, too, they can renew their health and build up their strength for their city duties that will come after while by devoting a little time to helping the farmer in the field. In fact there are many people, not handicapped with much wealth, who can work on a farm for their board and tranquility and help the farmer out in his duty of furnishing the country with food that is so much needed in the war affliction. Don't waste your time at loafing places. Devote it to healthy toil, where the soil smiles back at you in flowers; and wheat, and corn, and boiled cabbage and spring chickens. These are the things to attract one, and not the tomfoolery of the world.—Ohio State Journal.

The Return of Caesar.

The difference between the Roman Empire and all other empires is that the Roman Empire was universal. Its theory involved the gathering together of all of the world, or all of the world that really mattered, into one family, which should be ruled by the city of Rome under the presidency of the Emperor. This ideal was attained. We have lived so many centuries in a society in which nations are independent of each other that we come to regard that society as the only natural one; we have forgotten the principle of universalism and come to accept the principle of nationality as the only possible order for the world. We have forgotten that for a long time it was the principle of nationality that seemed strange and irregular, and the principle of universalism as the natural one. That state of mind existed long after the fall of the Roman Empire; men could not get used to nationalism and kept looking for the revival of the universal dominion which had lasted so long and had made so deep an impression on the mind of mankind.

That impression has never wholly faded away. Its strength even in death was shown in the semi-revivals of universalism, such as the empire of Charlemagne and the holy Roman Empire, the latter being in theory as universal as the Roman Empire itself though the fact never corresponded to the theory. It still lingers in the mind of William II, whose heroes as he tells us, are Theodoric, Frederick II and Charles V; Theodoric, who tried to continue the Roman Empire under the German rulership; Frederick, who tried to make the holy Roman Empire really Roman, and not merely German, and Charles, whose aim was universalism under German hegemony. But, what is more important, the impression is only deep in the mind of William II, but the idea of universalism is the idea pervading the whole caste that rules Germany today.

The reason is simple enough. The theory, if not the fact, of universalism persisted in Germany long after the rest of the world had forgotten it. Nominally, at least Germany was always ruled by the holy Roman Empire, which in the theory was the Roman Empire coming down in a continuous line from Augustus to Franz II. That empire was not destroyed until 1806, and after that Germany had never more than a makeshift government until 1871, when it was gathered again into an empire. Only sixty-five years had intervened between the fall of the old empire and the beginning of the new. The old empire was universal in theory; it was, too the only government Germany had known since Germany ceased to be populated by barbarian tribes. Naturally the German conception of empire was universal, and naturally the new empire began immediately to concentrate its thoughts on world dominion.

Therefore, it is that idea of the Roman empire, long thought dead, that has risen from the grave in the twentieth century, and that the nations of the world are combined in a life and death struggle to thrust it back in its coffin again. The German mind, trained for ten centuries, can conceive of no empire except a universal one. or, at any rate, will have no empire but a universal one, and what William II aims to do is to put on his head the crown of Augustus and to dominate the world as deid did from Berlin, not from Rome. There can be no compromise between universalism and nationalism, for the idea of one excludes the other.—The New York Times.

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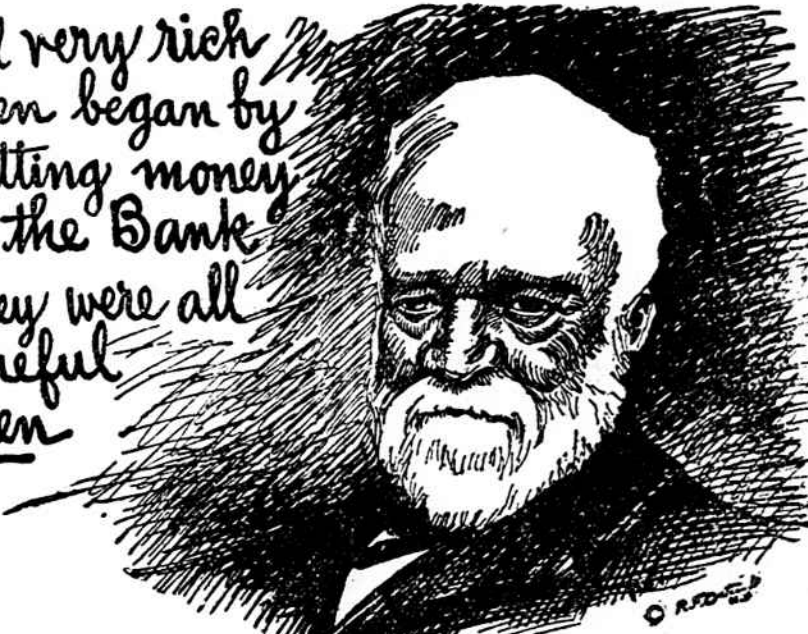
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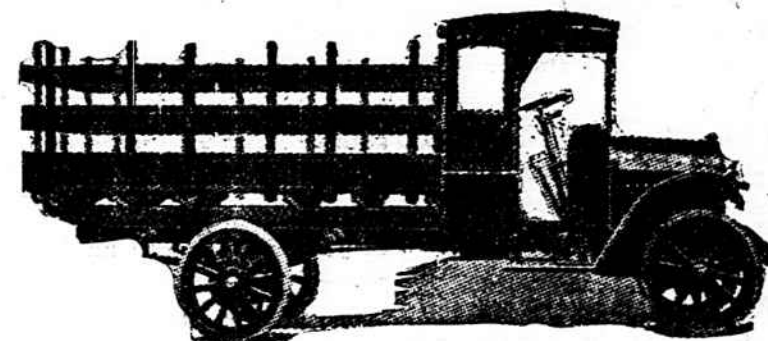
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