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MINING THESEA

It is the opinion of a well known naval officer, a leading expert on the subject of submarine mining, according to the Scientific American, that both the Russians and Japanese have been sowing the waters in the neighborhood of the Liao Tung peninsula with submarine mines on a most extensive scale, each of the combatants aiming to render the harbors and roadsteads and the courses that would naturally be followed by the enemy's warships so perilous that they would either keep clear, or if they did venture into these waters, would do so at the imminent peril of losing their ships.

That such a policy has been followed with reckless abandon is suggested by the fact that during the present war no less than eight vessels, from the 15,000-ton battleship down to the small torpedo boat, have been either disabled or entirely destroyed by contact with mines. On the part of the Russians, as far as can be made out from despatches, the torpedo cruiser Yenesei, the protected cruiser Boyarin, a torpedo destroyer or a torpedo launch, and the battleship Petropavlovsk have been utterly destroyed by these deadly weapons, while the Pobeda was so badly injured as to have difficulty in getting back into the shelter of Port Arthur. The Japanese acknowledge that they have lost by the same instrumentality a torpedo boat, the protected cruiser Miyako, and the battleship Hatause.

Both the Russians and Japanese freely admit that they have resorted to mining, the latter claiming that the Petropavlovsk was sunk by mines that were placed for the express purpose of intercepting Admiral Makarov's fleet on its way out through the certain channel that led from Port Arthur. It seems also to be pretty well established that one form of mine that has been freely employed makes use of connecting cables between two or more separate floating mines, the idea being that if the mine does not happen to hit the mine itself, her stem will engage the connecting cable, and as she moves forward through the water, the mines will be swung in against a hull and explode on contact. This is a strong confirmation of this in fact that in the sinking of both the Petropavlovsk and the Hatause seems to have been two explosions at different points of the ship length, the second following very closely upon the first, which is exactly what would happen if a ship steamed across the cable, and drew them in upon herself, particularly her stem engaged the connecting cable at some other point than mid between the two mines. Now that this double explosion proved in the case of both the Russian and Japanese battleships, would it be either that both contestants using the same form of mines out the loss of both battleships be attributed to a Japanese scheme?

It is more than probable, however, that finally upon the loss of the Petropavlovsk, the Russians set about to what the Russian press has been asserting was done, namely, by the waters frequented by Japanese in their bombardment of the mine which were laid by torpedoes under cover of the night. It is probable that these mines have been sown and that in the heavy sea which have been frequent of late, many of them have broken up and floated far outside the mine theatre of war. According to Admiral Togo's report, the Hatause sunk ten miles off shore. It is said that the mine which sunk her was anchored, for the chance of a vessel coming directly over such a small object, anchored far outside the mine theatre of war. The mine, it is said, was so remote that the Japanese would not consider the chance of the mine sinking and risk that it would place a mine in such a doubtful position. This particular mine, it is said, was seen floating three miles off the coast of Port Arthur, by a correspondent of the London Times, was one of the derelicts has been broken apart.

Immediately upon the sinking of the Hatause, it was announced from Tokyo that the Japanese were sowing floating mines in the high seas outside of the mine theatre of war. The matter was taken up by the British press, and Russia was accused of violating the unwritten rules of international law, as it is the rights of neutrals on the high seas. We must confess that common sense demands that no such charge should be made until the point has been proved. There is no question that several hundred

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of these terrible weapons have either broken loose or been deliberately cast loose, to float out on the high seas where they must, for many months, and possibly years, remain as a deadly menace to ships of all nations. It will probably never be known whose ships were blown up by whose mines, or what character of mines have been laid by whom, or where or how they were laid; but the terrible menace which undoubtedly exists will, we hope lead to some international regulations that will put a strict limit upon the uses that are to be made by belligerents of this method of warfare.

Now that it is certain that an unknown number of mines, any one of which would be certain destruction to a merchant vessel, have been floated out onto the high seas, to be carried by wind and weather Heaven knows where, the question arises as to the length of time during which they will retain their deadly efficiency. The United States navy has some experience on this subject, purchased happily at no cost to itself; for when our ships were entering various harbors of Cuba during the Spanish war, no less than three of her vessels came in contact with Spanish mines which, most fortunately, had been clogged by the marine growths, which accumulate so rapidly in tropical waters. These mines were provided with projecting levers which, upon being struck by a ship, should have acted with a trigger-like effect and discharged the mine. There are two of these mines on exhibition to-day at the New York navy yard. Although they had been but a few months in the water, they were so infested with barnacles that the triggers refused to work, and our ships escaped. Many mines, however, are not dependent upon any projecting levers for detonation, the outer case being entirely free from openings, and the firing mechanism being contained within the water-tight shell; and there is no reason why, especially in the colder waters of northern seas, such a mine should not retain its efficiency for the probable duration of an ordinary war, say for one or two years. In course of time the high explosives, through chemical changes, will lose its efficiency, and ultimately the salt water will attack the shell and leakage will take place. It can safely be said, however, that for at least twelve months to come, the world at large may thank the contestants of the Russo-Japanese war for having set off a retort on the high seas a tremendous peril to navigation; and we repeat, that the United States could not do better than improve the present opportunity, by bringing about a thorough discussion of this subject, with a view to rigidly circumscribing the area—the accident as well as the intended area—of mining operations and risks.

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Toronto Telegram.

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THE WEEKLY REST-DAY.

Goldwin Smith, in New York Sun.

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Westbound, the morning train for Detroit will leave at 8:23 a.m., instead of 8:15 as at present. Train now leaving at 4:23 will leave at 4:13, and the International Limited will be 2 minutes earlier, viz., 6:05.

The Muskoka Express trains between Buffalo, Toronto, Muskoka and Huntsville will run at same time as last year, the Buffalo-Muskoka Express starting on Saturday, June 11. The Grand Trunk will also run between Toronto, Lindsay and Peterborough a new fast train in each direction, also new train between Woodstock and Toronto, and are running their night train from Montreal through to Chicago, carrying through Pullman and coach to Chicago without change.

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OTTAWA AND ART.

H. F. G. Sizes Up the Capital's Yearnings in This Direction.

Ottawa is full of aesthetic yearnings, writes H. F. G. in Toronto Star, and one of her chief desires is an art school with Government encouragement. The Government encouragement is, of course, a necessity because Ottawa has the habit. Besides anyone can see that the finer impulses must not be starved for lack of money.

The artistic palinogenesis began with the establishment of the Ottawa Improvement Commission, a body of inspired landscape gardeners, who, in twenty years, are to convert the capital city into a thing of beauty and a joy forever. A spot of scenic magnificence and architectural splendor that Washington will be proud to be called the Ottawa of the South. In her mind's eye Ottawa views the happy day when the river shall be cleared of sawdust and yellow foam, the mills be banished behind the Deschênes Rapids, the lumber yards be hidden somewhere behind the Laurentian Hills, the pine-clad cliffs be clipped and shaven to some symmetrical design, and the whole terraqueous prospect from the Chaudière to Rockcliffe shall glitter like the Mediterranean littoral. On the noble bluff which overlooks the river shall rise, as they are required, new Government buildings of classic outline, the white marble or native limestone glinting through the trees with magical effect. The picturesque canyon where the Rideau Canal descends after its mad career up country is to be spanned by bridges as buoyant and graceful as the swallow's wing. In a word, Ottawa is to be the brightest jewel in the British crown.

But the Ottawa Improvement Commission moves with the deliberateness of a Government institution. It promises to do as much as L'Enfant did for Washington, or Napoleon for Paris, but it asks for time. It cannot keep pace with the fervid, impetuous aestheticism of the best people at the capital. It has cleaned up Major Hill Park and given Ottawa the drive, but Ottawa grasps precipitately the vision of the city, and hopes for the substance of things not seen. She would become a dream city in a night, and to tell the truth, Government commissions do not work that way. Under these circumstances Ottawa clamors for an art school, something which will not only teach people to paint, but which will also fix a standard of criticism, and provide a spur to the Ottawa Improvement Commission.

The weather classes at the capital do not know much about art. Their religion has been white pine so long that art is like a new creed. Still, thing, very respectable, you know, and a proper object of munificence. They look up the authorities, but Ruskin, being mystical, tells them nothing, and Tolstoy, being revolutionary, does not find favor. One thing they do realize—that the modified circus posters which cover the walls of the National Gallery are, in no sense, immortal efforts. Beyond that, all is vague and hesitant. It is obvious that an art school is needed to define and illuminate the brouncon conceptions that prevail in the circles of culture.

Also there are business reasons. Ottawa is a place where people are always having their pictures taken. In ordinary circumstances every public man or State dignitary goes under the camera twice a year. 'Tis a photographer's paradise. The trade has reached such proportions that the photographers keep agents in No. 16 and the lobbies of the House. No member of Parliament feels quite safe or patriotic until his counterfeit presence in the frock coat and et ceteras of a Statesman—his hand on the Revised Statutes, and a few Doric columns in the background—appears in the photographer's window. This edifying spirit pervades all classes. There is no doubt that Ottawa is an art centre, and justly claims an art school for those who cannot spend enough money at the photographer's. An opportunity to rid of five hundred dollars at a crack for one portrait in oils is what Ottawa needs to make her truly great.

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