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THE SUBMARINE.

The submarine is not a German invention. Nearly a hundred and fifty years ago, in 1774, an Englishman named Day was drowned at Plymouth while experimenting with an under-water boat of his own invention. American engineers, like Bushnell and Fulton, did more than any others to perfect the type and an American, Holland, first solved in a practical fashion the problem of submarine navigation. His vessel was so highly thought of in England, that the construction of others was at once begun, and since 1901 submarines have formed part of the British Navy.

Exactly as with the problem of flight in the air, Germany did not originate; she followed the ideas of brighter and quicker minds. Her experts laughed when Britain first added these boats to her fleet, but anxiety followed premature laughter, and by 1906 Germany awoke to the obvious fact that there was a future in the submarine, especially as the weapon of a weaker power.

DEEDS OF GERMAN SUBMARINES.

In spite of the fact that Germany was inferior to the British in submarine power the deeds of German submarines have filled the columns of our press, while little has been written of the doings of British under water craft. The reason is not far to seek. The sportsman's bag must be large if the game is plenty and if he fire at every living thing he may see. It will be correspondingly small if his aim be to bring down only the rarer specimens and to permit the remainder to pass unharmed.

There is no scarcity of game for the German sub commanders, whereas British submarine commanders have rarely a chance to test their efficiency.

GERMANY'S 'GLORIOUS' ACHIEVEMENTS.

It must be admitted that Germany's subs achieved certain legitimate successes against warships in the earlier days of the war, but these did nothing to alter the balance of power. Her great and less glorious campaign has been against defenceless vessels. Her submarine warfare, however, is a campaign of a desperate nation. On February 18th, 1915, Germany announced that every enemy ship found in the war region would be destroyed. Before that date, however, vessels like the Ben Cruachan had been sunk without warning for the sake, one supposes, of a little preliminary practice. The world refused to believe that men had come to this, that a great nation was prepared to slay both friends and enemies. The world, however, had to revise their estimate when the Lusitania with 1200 victims was sunk.

Germany received the news with joyous applause. Lest we forget, boys, lest we forget.

A CHURCH PARADE FOR THE QUARANTINE CAMP.

Capt. Mutch, our new Chaplain, has kindly consented to hold a Church Parade for the men detained in the Quarantine Camp, on Sunday at 9 o'clock a.m. The service will be strictly an undenominational talk to the boys, with singing and music from our Depot Band and from a special Choir of singers which will be in attendance.

A large number of men are now in the Quarantine Camp, nearly all of whom are from the Western Provinces. They were en route Eastward and were ordered to this Depot for Quarantine. Lieuts. Johnston and Pettitt were in charge of the men quarantined from the 1st Manitoba Regiment, and Capt. Laurie is conducting those of the 1st Depot Battalion, Saskatchewan.

Lieut. Bourdon, C.A.M.C., came with the Manitoba men and is attached to the Quarantine Camp and looking after the medical needs of the men, under Capt. Campbell, our Depot M.O.

We are quite sure that these Western Boys, who are a fine lot, will enjoy the arrangements made for them and derive benefit from their stay in our Depot.



"WHAT WILL BE THE OUTCOME?"

Since the notice appeared in this week's Daily Orders that all Telegraphers, Operators, Telephone and Line men must report to the D. S. M. before 5 p.m., Tuesday, the 30th inst., the Camp, as far as these men are concerned, has been in a state of noticeable excitement.

Till late on in the night, one can hear the noise of the Buzzers and Sounders, rasping out their mysterious codes.

There is great speculation as to what the outcome of the order will be. One ambitious member of the Intelligence Dept. came rushing up, and kindly informed us, that he just had a straight tip from the Orderly Room, that we were to be formed into two sections, one to proceed immediately to Russia, for Railroad work, and the other to Peking, China. I understand it will be nix on the clothes in China, so I hope we can obtain a sufficient Fatigue Party to pull the leaves off the trees around Camp, before they get too thin and transparent.

Another Intelligence Man informed us, they are going to start a Signal Training Depot in Ottawa. If this is anywhere near the mark, a treat is certainly in store for us.

Meanwhile, in this, we must beat the women in patience, and just wait and see, and above all, keep the old "Iddy-umpty" work to the Fore.

J. H. Graham, S.M.

CAN IT BE DONE?

Seems to us little wooden trays or otherwise, might be very handy for distributing the second helping of bread in the Big Dining Hall. Occasionally an orderly may forget and bring in the second supply somewhat after the manner of an armful of wood. Rather unsanitary in this sweaty weather, eh!

"One who got the last piece."

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT?

The Young Ladies of the St. John's Yacht Club have been heard to ask if the Officers remaining in this Depot think that the Dance Floor is condemned. Can't they give the girls a good dance some night. The E. T. D. Orchestra will furnish the music necessary for the occasion. Let us come on and get busy.

Is it necessary to have a pull to get into the Dental Corps?