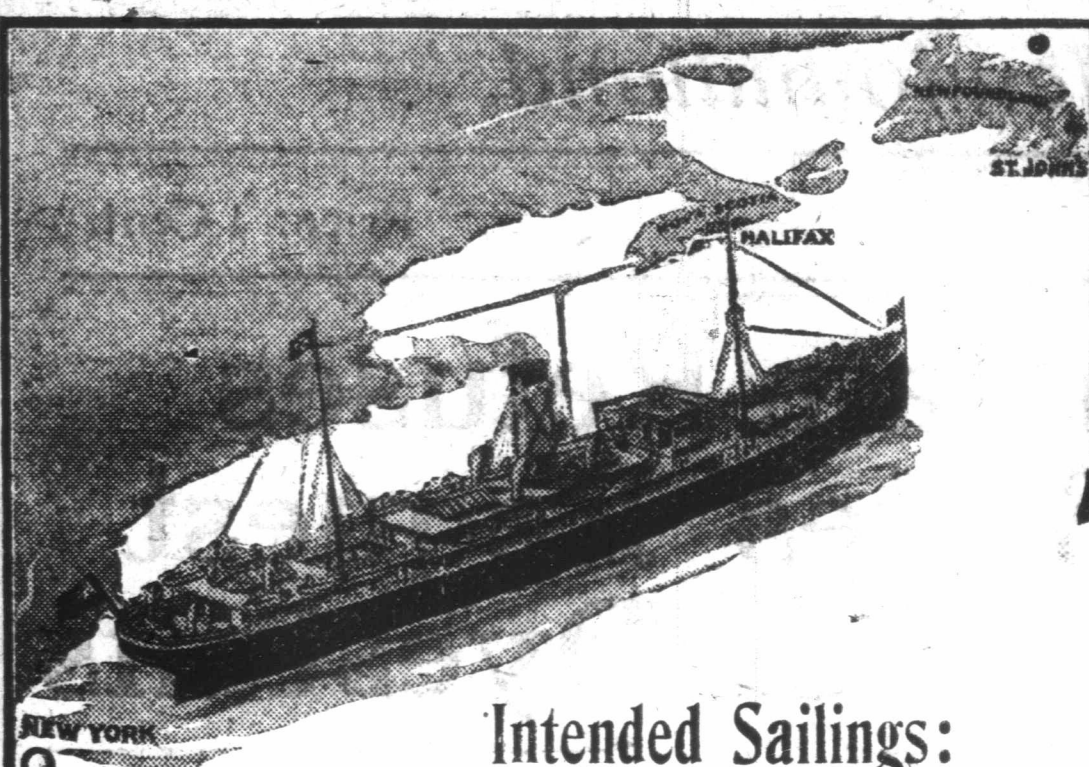


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## Hid in a Trunk In Wife's Cabin

Daring Attempt of Young German Reservist to Reach Germany—Could Not Get Passport—Sailed on Frederick VIII, at New York, Caught at Kirkwall

COPENHAGEN, May 14.—The daring attempt by a young German reservist to reach Germany on the steamer Frederick VIII, by hiding in a trunk in his wife's cabin, on the trip from New York to Copenhagen is related by the ship's physician in the newspaper, Politiken. He writes: "On the day the Frederick VIII was to leave New York I was informed that one of the passengers, Mrs. Agnes Roever was ill and needed medical aid. I went to her cabin and found that she was suffering from a bad case of 'nerves.' Otherwise nothing seemed to be the matter with her health. She told me that the condition of her nerves was the result of her extreme worry about her husband, who, she said had had a position in Japan and had been interned after the war broke out with Germany.

"The woman told me that her husband had had the one burning wish to be able to go back to Germany to fight, but that he had been unable to get a passport in New York.

"I visited Mr. Roever daily and found her nervousness growing worse and worse, though I was unable to discover the cause. Curiously enough her appetite was excellent. She took her meals in her cabin, and nothing was ever sent back.

"To my great astonishment, I noticed that every day she ordered a large amount of sandwiches. Upon my enquires she explained that her nervousness caused insomnia, that she often woke up during the night and always was very hungry. A few hours before the Frederick VIII, arrived in Kirkwall, however, the word was passed that all baggage would be inspected by the British authorities.

### The Discovery

"When we arrived at Kirkwall, the usual visit of the British authorities was made. The papers of the passengers were inspected and the passport of the German woman was found to be perfectly all right, so she was in no way inconvenienced.

"Next morning one of the ship's officers came to me and said: 'We have a blind passenger on board.' Asked to explain, he told me that my great surprise that the man in question was the husband of my German woman patient, who had hidden throughout the trip in the trunk. Just before the search by the British commenced he had left the trunk and hid in an unoccupied cabin. It was here he was discovered.

"I was led to the cabin of the first officer and there I saw a pale-faced, apparently terribly exhausted young man sitting in the corner. Upon my entering he tried to get up to greet me, but he staggered and reeled back on the sofa.

"It took him some time to gather his strength, and he then explained that he had been in hiding all the time in his wife's trunk. One of the British officers came, and he was led away. A heart-rending scene occurred when Mrs. Roever was allowed to bid her husband good-bye. The woman became hysterical and refused to let him go.

"Roever, however, had meantime regained his presence of mind. Calmly he consoled his wife as best he could, and only shook his head when she tried to give him some money. With the words: 'Greet the fatherland for me. I have tried my best; but wiederehnh—' he shook his wife off and stepped into the boat, which took him to shore and to prison.

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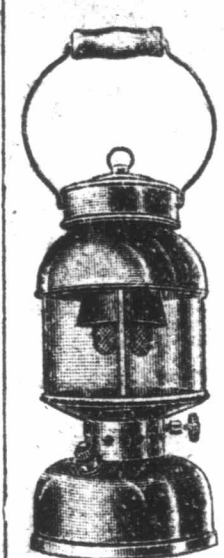
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### Australia's Big Land Scheme For Returning Boys

A London paper says: The Federal and State Governments of Australia have taken definite steps with a view to settling returned soldiers upon the land as occasion arises. At an important conference held in Melbourne a very complete scheme was adopted under which the money is to be found by the Commonwealth Government, and the actual provision of the land for soldiers is to remain in the hands of the State Governments.

It is suggested that a sum of over £20,000,000 be set aside for this most laudable object, and that money should be advanced to the settlers through the State agricultural banks and kindred institutions at a very moderate rate of interest during the pioneering stages. Most of the States have the machinery already in existence for their purpose, and if the scheme protected be put in force the result must be good, not only from the point of view of the individual settlers, but also from that of the States generally.

The New South Wales Minister for Lands has stated that 200 farms are available for returned soldiers. One hundred of these are on the irrigation area, 55 in North Coast dairying districts, some others suitable for wheat in the Dubbo district, and about 23 ideal orchard blocks just beyond Windsor. In each case the soldier settler would receive financial assistance to the extent of about £300 if necessary. The Government also intended to provide about 3,000 additional farms, two-thirds of them on Crown lands and the remaining one-third on resumed properties.

In Canada preparations for returning soldiers are not so far advanced as in Australia, but there is a good deal of talk about immigration plans. The New Brunswick Provincial Government is considering a comprehensive scheme of immigration. It is understood that this Government favours the community plan of settlement. This will provide for several hundred families, and will probably mean an expenditure of \$1,500,000 or more. The province owns thousands of acres of fertile lands along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific, the Kent North-western, and other lines of railway, and it is probable that some of these lands will be set apart for this purpose. Commissioner Lamb, of the Salvation Army, has suggested to the authorities the taking over to Canada of war widows and their families, and the provincial immigration authorities are considering the scheme.

### BUT MILK IS VERY HIGH

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"How do you know I can't? I can start her on bread and milk, same as you did."

## No Foe Reserve To Hit Verdun

(By Col. E. P. Repington, Military Expert of The London Times.)

LONDON, May 18.—The Germans Staff boasts that their 25 divisions before Verdun have been opposed by 51 of the French. Of course, there have been 30 divisions of Germans fighting at Verdun, but for 25 or even 30 divisions to attack an entrenched enemy who have double that number of divisions at his command is not an act of sanity, and we are sure that the only reason General von Falkenhayn has not piled on more troops is that he has no more to pile on.

He has called to Verdun the one and only German division in reserve at his disposal on the whole eastern front, and has also probably brought up a few divisions from Siberia to try to make good. He can do no more without weakening the armies holding the rest of the line, unless he has fresh formations in the interior of Germany, and it is certain that no such formations have yet been at the front.

Naturally the moving spectacle of the gallantry of the French at Verdun and the much less moving spectacle of the passivity of France's allies elsewhere, has caused much impatience in many quarters, and we in Britain are not exempt from this feeling. We are positively sick of seeing the initiative with the Germans and ask what our great armies in France are about. But this impatience should be curbed.

We can only attack with success, 40 strong German divisions, well entrenched and provided with formidable obstacles and armament when we have the necessary superiority to make success assured.

Meanwhile, assuming that the German figures for Verdun are correct, we hold up 40 German divisions and enable 54 French divisions to exhaust 25 German divisions.

This suits us all except Germany very well. And meanwhile we have our own ideas of what we shall do and when we shall do it, and do not intend to allow the Germans to choose our hour for us.

Similarly, on the Russian front we must not expect too much at the present. Much of this theatre is without roads, and it would be impatience and mad to expect the great armies of Russia to move without roads.

LONDON, May 18.—(New York Times).—The Daily Chronicle correspondent in Paris sends the following despatch:

"Although the German commanders dare not confess failure in their Verdun enterprise, by closing it down, and cutting off the losses, the stress of public interest here, now altogether relieved of anxiety, is passing to other fields, where events of a different character are preparing.

"Now that 300,000 of the best German soldiers have been lost, on the hillsides of the Meuse, a very grave and daily aggravated situation faces the Kaiser and his grand staff. The tide has definitely turned. From west and east, their long eyed destiny is closing in upon them.

"At no moment in the battle of Verdun have they dared to bring thither any unit from before the British front.

"Other parts of the German front, have been stripped of all the superfluous strength and the force in Russia is similarly crippled, to feed this adventure. Since last September, at least, twenty-two divisions have been transferred from the east to the west front, fifteen of these coming from Russia direct, and five or six others by way of Serbia or other indirect ways.

"There is thus left in Russia, a mere curtain of German troops, while Bulgaria and Turkey are being gradually left to shift for themselves.

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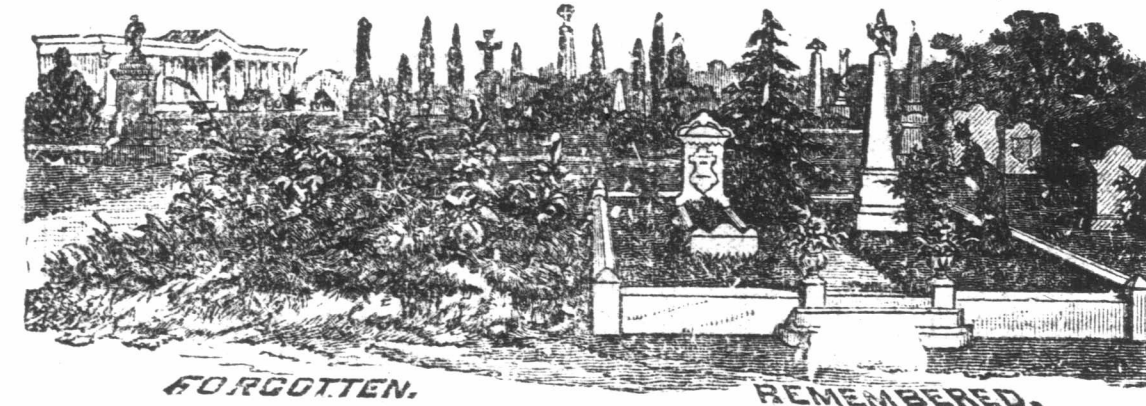
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