

## The Submarine Scare

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Less than two years ago the German submarine was in American waters just out side the three-mile limit engaged in the Hun pastime of sinking defenceless enemy ships. At that time American naval vessels were standing about—perfectly neutral—watching the torpedoes do their work and giving aid to the poor souls that were cast adrift. If we had not gone to war a little later to avenge such things, these exhibitions in home waters would have stuck in the American throat for many a day. The German conduct was tantamount to a declaration of war. Americans who had a spark of humanity and love of fair play in their compositions.

About that time too, we were applauding the Deutschland merchant submarine that made the port of Baltimore. The announcement early in 1917 of unrestricted submarine warfare against enemy and neutral, from Berlin, broke up a number of receptions Baltimore had planned in honor of the "distinguished visitors". It does us good to recall these happenings.

Yesterday the German U-boat returned to this under different conditions. It came secretly to attack us as an enemy nation. Its first venture, naturally, accounted for a number of ships, big and little, principally little. The Atlantic coast had heard the cry of "wolf" so long that when the wolf did come, the latter was able to surprise merchant marine and navy, although it was wise enough to give fighting ships a wide berth.

German frightfulness is coming near to our doors. That is all. If the U.S. expected to get through this war unscathed from submarine and other contraptions of the shriek-likelihood its optimism is greater than its appreciation after four years of the realities of modern warfare of the Hun kind. If German Zeppelins or bombing planes can reach the Atlantic coast or Gulf points, they will be used to frighten and destroy as in England. The German war psychology runs that way—there is no help for it. It is an adaptation of the weapon of the berserker who clothed himself in animal skins and then worked himself into the frenzy of the infuriated animal he impersonated.

The people most affected and the nation as a whole took to this last German assault in good grace. There were no signs of panic or flight—it was a part of the day's work. The presence of the German vermin near our coast will have the effect of stir-

ring the country to greater activity and a firmer resolve to put down the miscreants. It will compel us to consider preparations as never before, and result in placing the nation on a war basis much sooner than otherwise would be the case. It will also place the industries of the country behind the men in uniform as this is a crying need at this time.

But there is no occasion for alarm over the U-boat three thousand miles from its base. If it failed, as it surely has at home, it will fall away from home. The super-submarine, which was going to create havoc in the original zone, is only proving a fine target for the allied submarines as well as destroyers and airplanes. It is like the Zeppelin, too unwieldy and furnishes too large a target to the foe. The so-called cruiser submarine is to the wasp aeroplanes and the anti-aircraft guns. But I presume professional alarmists will soon demand the return to this side of the whole American navy and other stupid things. It is fortunate that this species of the home genus is now becoming very scarce, here as elsewhere.

We hear rumors now-a-days, that the German navy is to come out and give battle, which news is very welcome for Germany on the ocean is not different from Germany on land—it is now or never. Every day means an addition to the allied strength from this side of the Atlantic. The potentialities of the allied nations in shipbuilding is very much greater than that of the enemy.

It is the conviction in allied naval circles that the German navy will come out in the open, if and when the German land forces are within striking distance of the Channel ports now aimed at in the great drive that began last March. The enemy battle fleet seems to be waiting for the signal that has been long deferred. Failing to reach the Channel with its armies it is felt that Germany may venture to stake a great deal on a single expedition, and let out its hidden fleet from behind Kiel and Heligoland, to strike at enemy transports and shipping on the North Sea and close around trade routes, sacrificing a contingent for the sake of the damage wrought and the terror expected to be created. There is no sign of an offensive from the allied fleets, and this is disappointing to many, but why should they risk entering the rat's hole except an absolute necessity demanded it? They can afford to wait.

## Reception to Soldiers

It was a unique crowd that gathered in Fox's Methodist Church, Eldorado, on Monday evening, May 27th, to welcome and do honor to two of our returned soldier boys. The Madoc band and male quartette were present in full force and the entertainment they gave was as unique as the crowd.

The gathering was called to order and our worthy Reeve, Mr. Simeon Fox, was unanimously chosen to guide the deliberations and his wise control and modest leadership graced the position.

After several band and quartette selections were received with great enthusiasm and encores, Mr. Fraser Arisworth was called upon to address the gathering and, in his own characteristic manner, introduced the band and quartette, making mention of every individual member, qualifying each in their varied calling in his own peculiar style.

The gathering was favored with the presence of Rev. Dr. McTavish and Rev. Hall of Madoc. Their addresses were listened to with rapt attention and the impression made will not soon be forgotten.

In the course of the evening an opportunity was given to the returned boys to reply to the welcome. Pte. Bernard Shemels readily responded saying he was the youngest of seven sons, four of whom passed through the South African Boer war without a scar. These, with the remaining three, heard the Empire's call and responded. Two have since paid the supreme sacrifice; one is a prisoner in Germany; the other three are in the front line trenches. Bernard enlisted in the 39th Battalion in Belleville in May, 1916, from thence to Bermuda in June and in July to England, and to France in August. He received a compound fracture of the left thigh in the bat-

## Passing of David J. Hay

Well-known Citizen's Career—Forty-five years as G. T. R. Conductor

Ex-Ald. David John Hay, who passed away on Saturday afternoon at his residence on Fort St., was born in Trenton on April 19th, 1837, and had been a resident of Belleville since the year 1870. He was one of the best known employers of the Grand Trunk Railway system, having been a conductor for forty-five years. In 1862 he was engaged as switchman at Kingston, Ont., under the supervision of Superintendent W. J. Spicer and Agent H. Nelson. In 1863 he was promoted to be conductor in charge of the suburban train running between Kingston Junction and Trenton. He was in 1867 transferred to the main line service, his run being between Brockville and Kingston and his place of residence, Belleville. In 1870 he was transferred to Belleville and Toronto. Then for the next thirty-seven years he was conductor on this line. After faithful service, he retired in January 1907.

In his early days he opened the Madoc branch of the G. T. R. and was the first conductor to run between Belleville and Madoc, this being an excursion from Belleville to Madoc under the auspices of the I.O.O.F. The late Mr. Hay left a record for faithful public service. For nine years, from 1887 to 1896 and in 1897 he represented Blecker Ward as Alderman in the City Council. He was a member of Belleville Lodge No. 31, I.O.O.F., the Sons of Scotland and of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. In 1866-67, he answered the call of Canada and served against the Fenians.

Mr. Hay was married in Kingston on May 14, 1863 to Miss Marjory Dunn Reid. She passed away in October 1908.

given at an opportune time—Madoc Review.

## Address and Presentation

On Friday evening, May 31st, a number of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Bolshaw, to spend an evening with their son, Claude, before his departure to Barriefield Camp, where he has been called to train for overseas service. The following address was read by Mr. Geo. Mumby while Miss Louise McCabe presented Claude with a purse signet ring, and safety razor.

To Mr. Claude Bolshaw: Dear Claude,—On the eve of your departure to answer the call of your country for service overseas, we gather here tonight to express our appreciation of your life both as a boy and a man. Among us you have spent your boyhood days, and as you grew to manhood your life has been such that everyone of us here tonight are proud to be numbered among your friends. In the home in which you were reared, in the church of which you were a devoted and faithful member and in the community in which you have lived there is no misgiving for the future. We realize that good citizens make good soldiers and your uprightness of character, your generous disposition and your loyalty and devotion to your home, your friends and the flag of your country, all these things create in us a sense of security that your life as a soldier will equal your life of service as a citizen of this country and we could ask for no more.

As you are about to leave, we ask you to accept these gifts, not for their value but rather as a token of our regard and esteem. To your parents we simply wish to say tonight that mingling with their anxiety should be also a feeling of pride in the knowledge that when you go as a soldier, that this home has given to the service one who can be numbered among the truest and best in the glorious legion of the Canadian army.

Signed on behalf of your friends, Nicholas Stout, Annie Brown, Louise McCabe. Claude most feelingly replied thanking his friends and neighbors for the many remembrances. Mr. Geo. Mumby most ably filled the chair and addressed the gathering. Speeches were made by many of the men present also, many plans of selections by Miss Molly Tanner which formed the most enjoyable part of the program. Lunch was served after which the guests dispersed all wishing Claude a bon voyage and a safe return.

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Three sons—David John, inspector of the Industrial Accident Prevention Association under the Workmen's Compensation Act, Toronto; Joseph, general foreman Motive Power Department of the G. T. R., Portland, Maine, and Robert, city passenger and ticket agent C.N.O.R., Vancouver, B.C. His brother Thomas Hay died as a result of injuries received in the Spanish River wreck on the C.P.R. of which railroad he was claims agent with residence at Sudbury.

A large body of citizens mourn the passing of the late D. J. Hay and the deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

Obituary

ALBERT E. GILMORE

Mr. D. M. Clark, of the Belleville High School Staff left yesterday for Toronto to attend the obsequies of Mrs. Clark's father, the late Albert Edward Gilmore. Mrs. Clark had been at his bedside for some time. Mr. Gilmore was well known as a real estate agent. He passed away Saturday at his home, 6 Vermont avenue. Mr. Gilmore was born in Markham township, and was fifty-five years of age. He left his farm in 1906 and removed to Toronto. After three years in the produce business he commenced to deal in real estate. He is survived by his wife and eight children. One son has returned from overseas, another is training with the forces in England; and a third is a member of the R.A.F. There are two daughters, Mrs. Clark of Belleville and Vera, at home. He was a member of Walmer Road Baptist Church and of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends. The funeral took place this afternoon at Forest Lawn Mausoleum.

DAVID HAY

Ex-Ald. David Hay, a well known citizen and former employee of the Grand Trunk Railway System, died this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at his home 34 Fort St. He was in his 82nd year. An account of his life will appear in Monday's issue.

Cheese Board

Campbellford.—The Cheese Board met on Thursday, the president, Mr. W. S. Grills, in the chair.

The buyers present were Messrs. Watkins, Thompson, Kerr, Bird, McCreary, J. Cook and W. H. Cook.

Mr. G. G. Publow, chief dairy instructor, was present and addressed the Board.

Among other things he observed that the make of cheese was smaller up to the present than last season, but with the present conditions of vegetation he thought the season's output would continue to increase.

He accounted for the small amount of cheese made by the fact that the farmers had fed calves, which gave them a good return of profit.

In some localities he noted that cheese had been a little bit open and acid. He asked farmers to cooperate with the makers in sending their milk in prime condition for the manufacture of the finest quality of cheese. It is in the interest of all to maintain the highest standards for the Canadian product. The second grade of cheese brings half a cent less than the first.

Every effort should be made to increase the output. He advised farmers to have some sort of summer feed for cows, peas and oats being splendid for green feed.

Mr. Linn, Inspector for Stirling district, was also present and made a few remarks.

There were 615 cheese boarded. J. Cook getting 180, Kerr 240, and Bird the balance at 22 7/16 cents—Herald.

STIRLING

At the meeting of the Cheese Board on Thursday last there were offered for sale 765 boxes. Kerr got 250 boxes, Sprague 215, and H. Cook 270, all at 22 7/16 cents. Balance unsold.

The W.M.S. of the Methodist church were represented at the District Convention by Mrs. Howard, Mrs. J. T. Cook, Mrs. W. S. Martin, Mrs. Coulter, Miss Ella Currie and Miss Lobbie Kingston.

An aviator from Camp Mohawk had our citizens wondering which roof was his choice as a landing spot yesterday morning. His plane was used as low as was safe to avoid the telegraph wires at times and his little exhibition of stunts was quite entertaining.—Argus.

Mrs. Jas. Lagrow is spending a couple of weeks in Buffalo with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dillon.

We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of Mr. William Montgomery. He has been confined to his bed for some time. We trust for a speedy recovery.

Rev. B. F. Byers has been appointed private chaplain to His Lordship

the bishop of Ontario. We are delighted to hear of the continued improvement of Mr. Wm. Bush, Oak Hills, whose horse ran away Saturday, throwing him out of the buggy and badly injuring him in the head and body.—Leader.

## 100,000 Troops by Next August

FLOW OF CANADIAN REINFORCEMENTS UNDER M.S.A.

Some Elasticity for Agricultural Workers.

Ottawa, June 8.—The 100,000 men whom the Government were authorized to draft under the Military Service Act are likely to be in khaki long before Parliament meets again. The last few weeks of operation under the act has brought a big rush of men, and unless action is taken by order in Council under the War Measures Act, or unless the military authorities may by August next be at the end of their tether pending authorization by Parliament to proceed further under the conscription, and may have to revert again, temporarily, at least, to the voluntary system after the 100,000 men have been enrolled. Before Parliament prorogues, Sir Robert Borden declared that it was not the Government's intention to exceed the 100,000 limit of the Military Service Act without first receiving authority from Parliament.

The last report received by the Military Service Council show that some 83,000 men of Class 1 have been notified to report, and 73,900 have actually reported. The number of defaulters is given as 14,756, but included in this total are many men who are turning up gradually in units other than those which they were supposed to report to; for instance one man listed as a deserter from the Halifax district was located a few days ago actually serving at the front. He had joined a battalion leaving Halifax last December. Defaulters are now being rapidly rounded up. For the week ending May 25, the Dominion Police brought in 773 men and investigated no less than 16,958 men who were made to produce evidence, of exemption. The cost of rounding up the defaulters averages so far \$31.25 per man.

It must be noted, however, that of the 73,900 men who have reported under the act, there are included perhaps 13,000 or 14,000 who were either found to be medically unfit, or further re-examination, or who are now out on furlough for agricultural work. The net reinforcements secured under the act and now in uniform are estimated to be fully 60,000.

Results from Quebec Province are now satisfactory. So far, 7,112 men have reported from the Montreal district and 1,886 from the Quebec district. Some 20,000 appeals by the military authorities from exemption decisions of the Quebec Province Tribunals have now reached the Central Court of Appeals and will be dealt with as speedily as possible.

There is every reason to believe that by the end of July Quebec will have added at least 30,000 men to the steady stream of reinforcements now going overseas.

The better and prompter results secured during the past month or so may now enable the Government to give a little more elasticity to the new regulations in so far as agricultural workers are concerned, whose drafting would actually mean decreased production. It would also seem that, for the present, at least, there will be little likelihood of any call on the boys of nineteen years.

TO-DAY'S CASUALTIES.

Killed—

C. Crawford, Brockville

T. Elliott, Brockville

Died—

S. McGinnis, Lindsay

A. Russell, Bancroft

Wounded—

B. F. Fitchett, Belleville

R. E. Carr, Brockville

F. Spencer, Kingston

M. Smith, Peterboro

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J. S. Dickson, Campbellford

D. J. McCormick, Kingston

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A resolution for the grant of \$30,000 to the Y.M.C.A. was carried by the Middlesex County Council.

## Letters From Our Soldiers

Mrs. J. F. Orr, Grove St., has received the following interesting letter from her son, Pte. Leo Orr, now with the overseas forces in France:

France, May 2, 1918. Dear Mother and Dad—The time is certainly going fast. It's May already. A few more months and I'll be getting my Blighty leave I hope, and then I'm going to send you all something to make up for all you have sent me.

I suppose you have seen in the papers what Helme has been doing. Believe me, I've worked harder lately than I ever did. That's all war, is work, work, and then some more. Some of the fellows have got Blighties, others not so lucky. But while I've had some narrow escapes have got away so far and thanked God for it. I have learned a lot that way in the last month and have changed my way of living considerably, so the question you asked me in your last letter I can truthfully think, say I am ready if anything happens.

In one of his letters dad said he was continually worrying because he did not know where I was or what I was doing. You know I would tell you if it were allowed, but it isn't, so don't worry as long as you hear nothing at all about me, you'll know I'm all right. If anything happens you will be immediately notified. I would write to you both separately if I could, but I generally have neither the time nor the paper, so I want you to feel that I mean this letter for both of you equally, and Goldie. I am getting the Intell's now and it's just like a letter from home to get one.

I suppose the garden is up now and things are pretty nice looking around home. I get so homesick at times to see you all and my friends and I miss my books and the music so much. About the only music I hear any more is the whistle of a shell overhead and the roar of them when they hit—sometimes too close to be comfortable. And then you hear the shrapnel singing to itself a deadly little singer indeed. I used to like making shells but I don't go back to it again if I never had a job. Such is the result of closer acquaintance.

I suppose Vernon and Billie are both busy and happy. I hope so, for I'm not very happy right now as I was paid this afternoon and the Y.M.C.A. is sold out so I can't buy anything. The Y's are a wonderful help over here.

I often think of Goldie and wonder what she's doing. I don't suppose I'll know her when I come home. Tell her to hurry up and write me another letter. Her previous letters have been kept all safe so far. Tell her not to forget me, and write soon you and dad.

Your loving son,

Leo.

## Mysterious Disappearance Solved

The mystery which since the 28th of last April has surrounded the disappearance of Miss May Johns, was solved on Sunday afternoon, when Miss Dorothy Behan who was walking with a friend, discovered the body on the lakeshore about opposite the Front Road East tollgate.

Mr. Sidney Franklin who, with his brother-in-law was walking along the shore, discovered the body about the same time. Mr. Franklin remained with the body and drew it up on the shore, and the other gentleman and Miss Behan were probably phoning the Chief at the same time. This was between three and four o'clock and shortly afterwards Chief Ruse and Dr. Lapp went in Mr. Leonard's car and brought the body up to town. Mr. Fred Precious also accompanied them.

On Monday morning a jury was empanelled composed of Messrs. G. F. McLaughlin, Jas. Leonard, Harry McGuire, Evor Leonard, Leslie Wilson, Joseph Fox, T. B. Lapp and Peter Duncan, with Mr. John H. Davidson as foreman and Dr. T. C. Lapp as coroner. They viewed the body at 11 o'clock, and adjourned until Wednesday evening when Crown Attorney W. F. Kerr was also present.

Miss Dorothy Behan gave evidence as to finding the body, also Mr. Sidney Franklin. Miss Bray and Miss Giblin, who are employed at the Lydia Pinkham Co. along with the late Miss Johns gave evidence as to her bright and cheerful disposition, but stated that for a few days before her death she was not quite so cheerful.

Mr. George Strong, Manager of the Pinkham Co. spoke very highly of Miss Johns as an employee and of her cheerful and buoyant disposition but noticed a quietness for several

days before her death.

Dr. Field stated that he had treated Miss Johns for exophthalmic goitre which he said would naturally have a depressing effect on her physical and mental condition. This was intensified by her condition at the time of her death.

Mr. Roy Johns, brother of deceased said that the Saturday night before her disappearance that she was a little later coming home to supper than usual; that he started out and met her; asked why she was late. She gave some excuse and laughed it off. He did not see her again as he stayed away over night with a friend.

Mrs. Johns testified that her daughter had an exceptionally severe headache and she put some cold cloths on her head. She was in bed, her hair was down, and she could not say whether she was undressed or not. Her hat was left in the room and her money. She last saw her about 11 o'clock and did not know that she was gone until about nine o'clock the next morning.

Mr. Johns identified the clothing taken from deceased's body as belonging to his daughter; also a ring taken from her finger with the initials "M. J."

Chief Ruse gave evidence as to going down for the body, along with the others, as stated above, exhibited the ring that Mr. Nelson Tait, undertaker, had removed from her finger, and swore that he identified her not only by her clothing as described to him at the time of her disappearance, but also by her features, and a gold filling, a description of which he had received later. The jury brought in the following verdict: "That Miss Johns came to her death by drowning at the town of Cobourg on the 28th day of April.—Cobourg World.

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