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The Wet Blanket Parent.

By RUTH CAMERON.



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A little friend of mine had a perfectly glorious plan for building a tiny tea house. It was to consist entirely of a veranda and an open fire place "because those are things people like best."

She took her plans to the carpenter and he told her he could build it for the sum she was willing to use. She stopped at my house on the way home radiant with excitement and hopes. She is a clever little cook, and she has an excellent location. Her one fear had been that the carpentry work would be beyond her.

She fairly bubbled over with hope and happiness. "I must run home and tell mother," she said as she went out.

People Aren't When They Get Older.

The next day I met her and asked what her mother said. "Oh mother just said, 'they'll promise anything,' when I told her about the carpenter."

She sighed, "Mother isn't very enthusiastic, you know. I suppose people aren't when they get older."

The radiance was gone from her face and voice.

I could just picture the way her mother looked when she said that. I know her mother. I know just what kind of a wet blanket she can be.

Isn't "Wet Blanket" A Good Phrase?

"What an excellent description that phrase 'wet blanket' is, by the way! We say it automatically and forget the wonderful simile it contains. Could anything be more uncomfortable and depressing than coming into contact with a cold, wet, clammy blanket?"

And considering that my little

friend's enthusiasm had passed through that process what wonder it had faded in a day? One of the nicest mothers I know—and one of the busiest—has been squeezing out some extra time to help her little girl get subscriptions in a pony contest. "No," she said, "I don't think she'll get it and her father thinks it's all nonsense but when she came to me all enthusiastic and wanted me to help I just couldn't bear to be a wet blanket. I know too well what that's like."

Like Pushing a Dead Weight. Another girl who has accomplished quite a little in a rather unusual business told me that every step she took was taken to a family chorus of "You can't possibly do that." "That's no kind of work for a woman." "It will be too much for you," etc.

"It was like pushing a dead weight all the time," she said, "and if I ever have any children I'm going to try above all things not to hang back. Of course I'll try to give them good advice but I'll give them sympathy and encouragement first."

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Why The Germans Think They Are Winning.

By D. THOMAS CURTIN,
Author of "The Land of the Deepening Shadow."

If you were a German patriot getting practically all your war information from the German newspapers, what would you think of your chance to win?

Though you reluctantly admitted that your country's supreme military offensive was at Verdun and had failed, though life became ever more irksome under increasing food privations, though, while rejoicing in the chaos of Russia which makes it possible for you to hold a comparatively thin eastern front with third and fourth class troops, you feel that a separate peace cannot be achieved, you would still have one great hope of winning. You would lay down your newspaper each day, or several times a day, refreshed in spirit. You would resolve to bear with food shortage a little longer and let your U-boats do the rest.

Submarine news is copiously and scientifically served to the German reader in each edition. The official German announcements, which, unlike the British, do not appear regularly every week but at irregular intervals, seldom less than twice a week, and often on several successive days, usually give: (1) the total tonnage with the total sinkings; (2) the name of the boat sunk, or a description in case this could not be ascertained; (3) the course and the cargo; (4) the nationality. British, French, American, Italian, Norwegian, Danish, Dutch, and Brazilian are calmly set down in a matter-of-fact way, as though the somewhat remarkable procedure of the promiscuous letting loose of torpedoes and shells on anything that happens to be floating between a periscope and the horizon were really nothing unusual.

A TYPICAL LIST.

The following typical list will give an idea of the comprehensive accounts supplied to the German public. It was preceded by a list on May 3 and followed by a list on May 5, and has been read in Germany and wireless to neutral countries:—

Another 18 Ships of 56,000 Tons Sunk.
Official, Berlin, May 4.

Eighteen merchantmen of 56,000 tons, including 8 of 24,000 tons, sunk in the English Channel. Among these were: A great transport of 11,000 tons, sunk south of the Lizard while being conveyed by destroyers; the British armed liners Boonah, with 8,500 tons of coal for Italy, and the Alafia, with 4,000 tons of coal for the British Mediterranean Fleet; the British steamers Towergate (3,697 tons), with a cargo of wool, and the Abosso (7,782 tons), bound for England; the British tank steamer San Hilario, with 18,000 tons of oil from America to England; the British sailing vessels Ellen Harrison, with coal for France, and the Mermala; the British fish-cutter Pursue; the French three-master Marie Blanche; the Russian barques Endymion (1,345 tons), and the August (1,596 tons), with wood for England; and the Russian ship, Ehrglis, with wood for England; a large unknown tank steamer proceeding in the night to Havre with lights out was hit despite escort, and blew up with a heavy explosion; the British steamer Avrozet (1,219 tons), with a cargo of cork from America to England; the Emma, with 3,600 tons of maize from Baltimore to Glasgow; the Diadem, a newly completed vessel of 4,500 tons, with 6,200 tons of maize from Rangoon to London; the Oswald, with 7,000 tons of sulphur from America to England; the Dykland (4,291 tons), from Halifax to Falmouth, with a cargo of wood; the Swamore (6,373 tons).

The captain of the British vessel San Hilario, who carried on a long artillery battle with the U-boat, was taken prisoner.

The Chief of the Admiralty.

In the middle of each month the German Admiralty gives the total tonnage alleged to have been sunk in the preceding month, which announcement is duly displayed in huge first-page headlines in the Press. The Germans embarked on unlimited submarine in the previous belief that if they could sink 600,000 tons of shipping per month they could bring Britain, the keystone of their enemies, to her knees before the United States could play any great part in the war. They unfurled the black flag in the face of the world on that assumption. More than 80 per cent. of the Germans clamoured for unlimited submarine warfare. Therefore is it unreasonable to suppose that to-day they believe they have an excellent chance to win, inasmuch as it is officially proclaimed that 2,800,000 tons have been sunk in the first three months which is 55 per cent. ahead of the rate set as sufficient?

The German Government rightly realizes that a proportion of confidence and will to win are tremendous factors in success. Therefore the German Press Bureau builds upon a foundation of statistics of loss an elaborate structure which shows the effect of the U-boat war on the Allies, with the limelight, of course, never switched from the British Isles.

HIDDEN CASUALTIES.

Such a far-seeing German as Captain Persius, the naval correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt, though he might properly take hope from the reports of the strenuous campaign in Great Britain for increased cultivation of the soil, more ships, more devices to meet the submarine, and drastic food restrictions, would in the long run deduce that the British Empire is awake to the danger which threatens its very existence and consequently stands a better chance to pull through. To the majority of his countrymen, however, all these pieces of news, impressively grouped under such headings as "The Hunger War Against England" and the "Starvation of England," support the belief that, had as conditions are in Germany, her chief enemy is approaching starvation at a destructively more rapid rate.

Such lying items as the following Wolf despatch from the Hague, which appeared in even such a moderate paper as the Berliner Tageblatt of April 27, constantly recur:

All recent reports reaching here indicate that the effect of the U-boat war on England is tremendous. Food difficulties are already so great that within two months a great part of the English population will be completely without food.

In the "U-boat Terror" and "U-boat Anxiety" lists one learns that "the Seamen's Union at Barcelona was offered a great sum of money if it would supply officers and men for the regular steamship services between the east coast of Spain and Marseilles, but the offer was refused." From the same port comes the news to Germany that "the crew of the American steamer Susanna refused to put to sea, whereupon an attempt is being made to get a Spanish crew to take the vessel to New York."

With regard to the military situation, the most casual student of the monthly return of German casualties can ascertain for himself that the figures are, as I pointed out in the account of my visit to Potsdam, studiously minimized. Let any reader, for example, compare the last published German list with the known fact that the British and French in the last offensive have captured 40,000 prisoners, not one of whom has been included in the list. The appalling slaughter of Germans at Arras in the last month is well known to neutrals, but is being concealed from the German people.

And so two great German parties in the Reichstag are becoming more open in their demands for what they themselves are beginning to call a "German peace," and that is why they recently forced the issue against those Social Democrats who are willing to sit around the table on a basis of status quo ante. That they continue to direct German affairs had proof in the Chancellor's recent speech, when he made a declaration which was tantamount to saying that Germany would hold what she could and give up what she must.

We trust that the Socialists from Allied and neutral countries will keep this in mind when they confer at Stockholm with their loquacious but impotent German brethren.

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GERMAN BRIT

LONDON.

The submarine (with steamer Adda) fired on boat from a distance of and 400 yards. The boat's stern completely submarine continued men were swimming, also on the chief officer was pierced by shells killed, though several wounded. All the ship picked up by a French o'clock on the afternoon.

RUSSIAN ELECT

PETROGRAD.

The Provisional Government a decree fixing for elections to the assembly. October 13th for the first meeting of

DENIES SWISS EXP

BERNE.

During a debate in the Council to-day Dr. Shaw criticised the papers for

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