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Have Hun Submarines Been Trapped or Sunk in the North Sea?

The Large Decrease in the Number of Ships Sunk is Causing Much Speculation as to the Network of Mines Laid Across Entrances to the Chief German Ports.

London, March 5.—Have the German submarines given up their campaign, or have they been trapped in a British net?
That is the subject of an interesting discussion in naval circles here to-day. To understand the situation that has given rise to such speculation, it is necessary to consider the following figures relative to the submarine campaign, which has dwindled down to almost nothing since the close of February.

In the first five days of March the aggregate of shipping destroyed has been three ships, of 6,376 tons, or a daily average of only 1,275 tons. During the twenty-eight days of February there were sunk 208 ships, aggregating 433,070 tons, or a daily average of 17,232 tons. In other words, by the terms of this comparison the daily toll of destruction has fallen off eighty-seven per cent.

Decrease in Sinkings.

The abrupt decrease in the submarine operations is shown even more strikingly in comparisons of the results of the first and last five days of February with the first five days of March. In the first five days of February there were sunk 31 ships, of 41,887 tons; in the last five days 23 ships, of 109,165 tons; and in the first five days of March three ships, of 6,376 tons.

These figures cannot be taken as exactly accurate, for the reports have not always been definite, and undoubtedly news will be received at a later date of additional sinkings during the last five days. However, they afford a sufficiently accurate basis for the conclusion that beginning with the

first day of March there was an abrupt decrease in the number of vessels that fell victims to the enemy's undersea craft.

Naval men explain this fact in two ways. Some argue that the German authorities have decided the submarine campaign is not worth the candle, and consequently have recalled all or most of the raiders. The majority of experts consider it in the following light, however: They contend that the submarines sent out from their bases early in February had exhausted their supplies of food, fuel and torpedoes, by the end of the month, and started back to replenish them while other submarines came out to take their places. Their explanation of the sudden falling off in sinkings is that most of these returning submarines were caught in a British trap laid along the shallow waters bordering the German coast.

Network of Mines.

A week back, when Britain declared the extension of her blockade in the North Sea to cover virtually the entire coast of Germany, it was rumored persistently that an almost impenetrable net work of mines had been laid by British boats across the entrances to the chief German ports. Nets similar to those protecting the Straits of Dover were also reported to have been stretched for miles and miles across the lanes of travel for enemy commerce.

This barrier was said to be so firmly and extensively constructed that no vessels could enter or leave German North Sea ports. If these reports were true, it is not unlikely, as the naval officers argue, that the larger part of Germany's submarine fleet, seeking to return to their bases for fresh supplies, were either sunk or are now trapped in the North Sea far from help, victims of the British navy.

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Judgment of Mr. Morris, J. P.

Constable Edward Whelan vs. Edward Sinnott.

This action was taken against the defendant, Edward Sinnott, for selling intoxicating Liquors on the 2nd day of January, 1917, in violation of Sec. 4 of the Prohibition Act, 1916.

The defendant, who was a Licensed Publican previous to the 2nd day of January, 1917, entered a plea of "Not Guilty."

The evidence of the witnesses called on behalf of the Crown, elicited the following: An order was given by George Hampton to the defendant in his shop on the 26th of December, 1916, for one gallon of brandy, one gallon of gin, and five gallons of rum for which forty dollars (\$40.00) was paid on account.

The liquor was packed in a barrel marked with the purchaser's name and address, and remained in the defendant's shop until the 2nd of January when it was shipped to the purchaser's address at Brigus.

The foregoing facts were corroborated by the defendant in his testimony. Hunt, B.L., and Dunfield, B.L., who appeared for the Crown, contended, although the sale was made on the 26th of December, still the delivery on the 2nd of January being a material part of the sale, was in violation of Sec. 4 of the Prohibition Act.

In support of their contention they quoted the case of "Bristow versus Popper," reported in 1915, L.R., K.B.D., page 27, and "Noblet versus Hopkins," 1905, 2 L.R., K.B.D., page 214. McNeilly, B.L., for the defendant, moved for dismissal of the complaint as the sale had been completed on the 26th of December, when the goods were appropriated to the customer.

In support of this position he quoted the decision of the Supreme Court in the appeal case of "Newhook vs. Ryan," reported in Morris's Law Reports, 1904, page 220. In that case the liquor was sold on the licensed premises of the appellant in St. John's and delivered and paid for in Carboneau, a town then under the Local Option Law.

In giving judgment the Chief Justice, Sir William Horwood, on behalf of the Court, said: "We hold that the sale here was made by the appellant upon his licensed premises in St. John's, when he accepted his customer's proposal to purchase, appropriated the specific liquor to his customer and forwarded it to him in accordance with his instructions."

In Pletts vs. Beatty, 1896, 1 Q.B. D., 518, which was quoted as a leading authority in support of the appellant in the above case, Judge Wells says: "Sale and delivery are two distinct elements in a contract of sale. Delivery may be necessary in order to create a debt, but nevertheless there may be a sale without a delivery of the thing sold, and such a sale, it seems to me, is sufficient to satisfy the statute in this case. All the law requires is that the elements which substantially constitute sale shall take place on the licensed premises."

Chalmers Sale of Goods, 17th, Ed. Part 1, Sec. 18: "Where there is an unconditional contract for the sale of specific goods, in a deliverable state, the property in the goods passes to the buyer when the contract is made, and it is immaterial whether the time of payment or the time of delivery, or both, is postponed."

Sec. 1, Sub-Sec. 3: "If there has been a sale and the seller breaks his engagement to deliver the goods, the buyer has not only a personal remedy against the seller, but also the usual proprietary remedies in respect of the goods themselves, such as actions for conversion and detinue."

Sub-Sec. 3, Sec. 17: "Whereby the contract itself," says Lord Wensleydale, "the vendor appropriates to the vendee a specific chattel and pays the stipulated price, the parties are then in the same situation as they would be after the delivery of goods in pursuance of the general contract. The very appropriation of the chattel is equivalent to delivery by the vendor, and the assent of the vendee to take the specific chattel and to pay the price is equivalent to his accepting possession. The effect of this contract, therefore, is to vest the property in the bargain."

"The essence of Sale is the transfer of the property in a thing from one person to another for a price"

In my judgment a complete sale occurred at the Defendant's licensed premises on the 26th of December, 1916. An appropriation of the liquor was made to the purchaser, the price paid, and delivery on the 2nd of January was not a violation of Sec. 4 of the Prohibition Act, 1916.

The complaint against the defendant is therefore dismissed.

Dated at St. John's this 19th day of March, A.D. 1917.

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Sugar Famine

And High Cost of Living in the States.

Mr. A. E. Hickman who was on an extended business trip to the United States and Canada, accompanied by his wife, is back in the city. He reports that there is a strong pro-Ally sentiment in the many American cities that he visited. The cost of living has increased enormously in the land of Uncle Sam, the rates of transportation and hotel accommodation having advanced beyond all proportion. Fabulous prices are asked for foodstuffs; for instance, potatoes are \$16 per barrel. He also informs us that there is almost a famine in refined sugar in New York. Three of the principal refineries were closed down recently, caused by a strike amongst the employees. In consequence refined sugar is being imported from Canada and sold at a high rate. Because of this the masses of people in the States are using sugar in its raw state.

The munition concerns are kept going night and day in the interests of the Allies and the people employed therein (many of them Newfoundlanders) are earning as high as \$60 to \$80 per week. The tonnage problem is gradually growing acute, said Mr. Hickman, who is looking well after his trip.



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