

MERCHANT SEAMAN HELPING TO WIN WAR

Once Despised, He is Now Risking His Life Carrying Food and Supplies to the Allied Soldiers and Civilian Population.

Now the old man was 38. Thirty-eight years of wind and sun had dried his face to the resemblance of an overdone steak, but his teeth were as white as ivory. When the war broke it caught him rolling homeward up the bay from Gib. He was 18 hours from England, when a trawler came fussing across his bow and told him what course to steer—a nice thing to tell a British shipmaster on his own bridge! Especially in view of the presence of the helmsman.

And after that it was just one thing after another. First, the authorities issued a minute on the use of running lights. Then they gave him new charts with pink triangles on them, where he mustn't go; they gave him a Morse signal lamp which somebody had to learn how to use; and they gave him a bunker of smokeless coal to fire up with in extremely dangerous zones. Men-of-war

instead of giving him their wash, began bobbing up continually at sea to inquire in a detached sort of way whether he was quite comfy. And about this time they added half a crown a day to his pay and all the skippers suddenly discovered that he was "Britain's hope and pride—the mercantile marine." And from that time on, to Gib or Genoa, or Salonica or sometimes as far afield as Port Said, and then home to England, he was passed from convoy to convoy, the senior escort officer delivering him and taking a receipt just as if he were a parcel in the post office.

Carrying Munitions Now Before the war she had been a rusty tramp, carrying the trash that younger ships scorned. But now she was running a nice trade in high explosives and airplanes. Last trip she had poured \$30,000 into her owner's lap and now she was off in another convoy to double it. True she hadn't

dry-docked for 18 months, and one day her owner come down from Greenock and waved his arms at the admiralty and set their engines were falling to pieces. But the admiralty only said to put a little oil on them and displayed no further interest in the matter whatever. For privately the admiralty held the opinion that, although doubtless the old man could navigate a pine chip and a pocket handkerchief down the bay and into Gib, about his engine room he knew a little less than nothing at all. To the admiralty, the old man's crew was as well disciplined as a chewing gum factory in Brooklyn, and the old man himself was as a battalion of rookies to be trained all over again at each convoy meeting.

For the week before the navy's high caste and the mercantile marine is low caste—only a little above those no-caste landmen who are believed to call themselves the army.

It was twilight of the first day out from England when convoy QGS was intercepted—twilight and the senior escort officer delivering him with the cruiser zigging on ahead, pushing down past Ushant to the bay with foam beads in their wake.

Across the hush—hush—hush under XYZ's barn-like bow, the deep bray of a distant whistle sent a sudden chill up the old man's spine. He got into the port wing at once. A mile off his quarter, slightly astern

of the convoy, XYZ was falling out of position and now lay to bow on under a white, steam-plume, with two destroyers arching toward her their long wakes of boiling white. Excitement Abroad

Already a new host was going up to the commodore's yard and the old man bawled to his helmsman to alter course to 220 degrees. He got to his telegraph, jammed its handle rapidly back and forth with a clamor of gongs below, and stopped it finally at full, exactly where it had been before. Then he bawled to his quarter-master, "Let the starboard engine be peeled slot," and got into the starboard wing and kept an eye peered himself; as XYZ, now dashing away at great speed, dashing at 17 and a half knots, began to nudge on to her new course by piling up an acre of sea with her starboard bow. Up from the sea below her, through the bridge deck, he could hear with his feet a stiff concussion—and another—and another, in rapid succession.

Depth charges.

Twenty minutes later, the cruiser suddenly slammed herself across the old man's stern at 22 knots, sheered through a booming sheet of spray and he brought her to a sudden stop and went past with a whoosh of whelming indifference, leaving the old man a smother of cinders for himself. A wash that matted his hair and blinded his eyes and hung on the cruiser was merely resuming position, a chief radio shack dotting and dashing out to all ships and shore stations: "Allo, allo, allo, something north and something west, fifty-six minutes past seven o'clock."

Shortly afterward, when the blue-gray of this northern twilight was deepening into gray, a quiet trawler came up from astern, advising the commodore by a hoist that it had picked up 26 survivors and had provisions for 36 hours. That sent another chill up the old man's spine, and made him suck hard at his pipe. For XYZ's crew of 48!

Off to Duty Again

"I shall leave you at 8 o'clock," said the senior escort officer.

"Bon voyage," said the commodore.

"Thank you," said the senior escort officer. And presently the little fellows of his escort were all gone, an incoming convoy and escort it through the danger zone into England.

Eighteen hours later, the escort fetched the convoy slowly in past the breakwater and the merchant skippers, with a few days on their hands before reforming into a new convoy around a table in a certain hotel on the beach.

As for the old man, his would be a sherry and lemon.

"Water wagon now," he apologized, "too many subs around."—Toronto Sunday World.

FILED RINGS FROM WOMEN'S FINGERS

Muscles and Joints Terribly Swollen — Rheumatism Disappears After Taking Tanlac

"At the time I began taking Tanlac my condition was such that if I remained in one position for a length of time my joints would get so stiff I could hardly move," said Mrs. Martha Walker, of 262 Evelyn avenue, Toronto, the other day. Mrs. Walker is a well-known woman of education and refinement, and her statement in regard to the benefits she has derived through the use of Tanlac will be of unusual interest to her many friends.

"About six years ago," she continued, "my health began to fail, my blood was bad, my circulation poor, and I was in a dreadfully anemic condition. I suffered from rheumatism and my limbs and feet were so swollen that I had to wear shoes two or three sizes larger than my regular number. I felt bloated all over, even my eyes were puffy and I could hardly put on a pair of kid gloves without nearly ruining them. Why, four years ago I just had to have all my rings filed off my fingers. My flesh was so sensitive I could hardly bear the weight of my hand anywhere and I was almost in constant pain. My nerves were so frayed that I could hardly sleep at night and I was actually afraid to drive my car around.

"Although I tried all kinds of medicines, nothing did me any good, but when I heard so much about Tanlac I decided to try it next. Before I had finished my first bottle I felt so much better that I kept it up till now my nerves are more quiet, I rest well at night and am stronger and better in every way than I have been in years. The swelling and soreness have almost left me entirely, I am wearing my regular size of shoe, I have put on my rings again, and I have been driving my car around all summer. I cannot praise Tanlac too highly and have already recommended it to several of my friends."

Tanlac is sold in Brantford by Robertson's Drug Store, in Paris by

Apps Ltd., in Mt. Vernon by A. Yodanis in Middleport by William Peddie, in Onondaga by Neil McPhadden.

NEW AMERICAN OFFICERS.
By Courier Leased Wire
American Headquarters in France, Sept. 12.—(By The Associated Press).—The offices of chief of the infantry and chief of cavalry of the American Expeditionary Force have just been established by General Pershing. Both officers will be members of General Pershing's staff. The duties of the new staff members will be to act as advisers on subjects

concerning their respective arms of the service, to inspect organizations, training material and equipment methods and to study all phases of their branches affecting general efficiency and make suitable recommendations concerning them. They will also be responsible for the preparation of all details concerning the instruction of training units.

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By Captain H. J. The scout lay behind a little hedge, the ditch was not deep enough cover to view of the enemy's some forty yards away side of the hedge. The day, for he could his own line without could he advance hedge, for a while large calibre shell obstacle.

Twice during the night he crept up to the crevice across the trench, each time a German shell landed in the bankment and it was snip had the gap watching it with lance. Realizing that trying to get near man position, the position with resign still in the ditch wait to pass away.

The day was hot overbearing sun of fiercely upon him, stirred the growing that blazed among all seemed peaceful quiet. Above him aeroplane patrol crossed flight and near by directed insects hummed. The insects and the nuisance. He wished smoke but on such smoke of a cigarette, and the German snip shot or two at the head of the earthbank snip

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MUNICIPALITIES

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as follows, the resolution being signed by all the representatives present: Moved by Controller E. S. Little, London; seconded by Mayor Clements, Chatham:

That whereas the Provincial Legislature has passed an Act providing for a system of Provincial highways; and whereas the said Act provides the system shall consist of a line of highways from the boundary between Ontario and Quebec to the south-western boundary of Ontario, together with highways connecting centres of population, or other important lines of highways passing from Hamilton through Brantford, Woodstock, London, Chatham to Windsor, via the Longwoods road from London to Windsor, is the most direct route, serves the greatest population, and has a route practically free from heavy grades and expensive bridges.

Therefore be it resolved that we, the representatives of municipalities between Brantford and Chatham assembled at the city of London request the Provincial Government to assume as Provincial highways the highways from Hamilton to Windsor through Brantford, Woodstock, London and Chatham to Windsor, following the Longwoods road from London to Windsor.

And be it further resolved that such other highways be assumed as will connect the centres of population and important terminals, and thus form a Provincial system of highways that when completed will render adequate service through the western part of the Province.

USE OF DRUGS ON INCREASE IN U. S.

Drastic Anti-Narcotic Law to Check Habit is Needed

By Courier Leased Wire
Washington, Sept. 12.—Habitual use of morphine, cocaine, heroin and preparations containing other narcotic drugs has increased rapidly in the United States within the last two years, and a drastic anti-narcotic law must be enacted at this session of Congress to check the wholesale spread of the habit. These are the conclusions made possible today by a special investigating committee, together with a partial report on the number of drug addicts actually under physicians' treatment in the States.

The investigation of the committee, which is headed by Representative Rainey of Illinois, showed that thousands of addicted men have been dismissed from military camps after it was found that they were drug addicts and that this number included many who systematically developed the habit after being drafted in order to insure their dismissal. This condition is a result given for the urgency of immediate remedial legislation.

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NOTICE TO UNITED STATES CITIZENS IN CANADA.

By the United States Military Service Convention Regulations, approved by the Governor-in-Council on 20th August, 1918, MALE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES IN CANADA, WITHIN THE AGES for the time being SPECIFIED BY THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES prescribing compulsory military service, except those who have diplomatic exemption, ARE MADE SUBJECT AND LIABLE TO MILITARY SERVICE IN CANADA, AND BECOME ENTITLED TO EXEMPTION OR DISCHARGE THEREFROM, UNDER THE CANADIAN LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

The regulations governing this liability are published in the Canada Gazette (Extra) of 21st August, 1918; copy whereof may be obtained upon application through the post to the Director of the Military Service Branch of the Department of Justice at Ottawa.

UNITED STATES CITIZENS of the description aforesaid who were IN CANADA ON 30th JULY, 1918, HAVE SIXTY DAYS FROM THAT DATE within which TO EXERCISE AN OPTION TO ENLIST OR ENROLL IN THE FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, or TO RETURN to the United States; and THOSE WHO for any reason SUBSEQUENTLY BECOME LIABLE TO MILITARY SERVICE IN CANADA HAVE THIRTY DAYS FROM THE DATE of the accruing OF SUCH LIABILITY within which to exercise the like option. It is stipulated by the Convention also that certificates of diplomatic exemption may be granted within the optional periods aforesaid. EVERY CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES TO WHOM THE REGULATIONS APPLY is required to REPORT TO THE REGISTRAR under the Military Service Act, 1917, FOR THE PROVINCE or DISTRICT WITHIN WHICH he is, in the manner by the regulations prescribed, WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE EXPIRY OF HIS OPTIONAL PERIOD and will be SUBJECT TO PENALTIES IF without reasonable excuse HE FAIL SO TO REPORT. For the information of those whom it may concern Sections 3 and 4 defining the requirements of registration, with which it will be necessary strictly to comply, are set out substantially as follows:—

REGULATIONS

3. EVERY MALE CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE AGES for the time being SPECIFIED IN THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES prescribing compulsory military service, not including those who have diplomatic exemption, WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE EXPIRY OF THE TIME LIMITED BY THE CONVENTION within which the Government of the United States may issue him a certificate of diplomatic exemption, SHALL TRULY REPORT TO THE REGISTRAR BY REGISTERED POST, and in writing which is plainly legible, his name in full, his occupation and the date of his birth; stating also whether he is single, married or a widower; and if the latter, whether he has a child living; also if married, the date of his marriage; and stating moreover his place of residence and usual post office address in Canada; and, if he reside within a city or place where the streets and dwellings are named and numbered, the name and number of his street and dwelling; or if he reside in another place, the lot and concession number, section, township, range, and meridian, or other definite description whereby his place of residence may be located, having regard to the custom of the locality in which he lives; and IF WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE HE NEGLECT OR FAIL TO

REPORT IN THE MANNER and with the particulars aforesaid within the time limited as aforesaid, HE SHALL BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE, AND SHALL BE LIABLE UPON SUMMARY CONVICTION to a penalty not EXCEEDING FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, AND TO IMPRISONMENT for any term not exceeding six months, and moreover he shall incur A PENALTY OF \$10.00 FOR EACH DAY after the time when or within which he should have registered during which he shall continue to be unregistered.

4. EVERY UNITED STATES CITIZEN WHO HAS DIPLOMATIC EXEMPTION, although not otherwise subject to these regulations SHALL WITHIN TEN DAYS after the granting of the same TRULY REPORT TO THE REGISTRAR, in like manner and with the same particulars as required by the last preceding section; and in addition he shall embody in his report a true and complete statement of the particulars of his certificate of diplomatic exemption. NEGLIGENCE OR FAILURE without reasonable excuse to comply with the requirements of this section SHALL CONSTITUTE AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE IN THE MANNER AND BY THE PENALTIES provided in the last preceding section.

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