

Blockade of the British Isles

Submarine Fleet and System of Mines to be Used by Germany, the Latest Report

New York, Jan. 25.—People arriving from England report that Germany soon would send out a warning to neutral nations similar to the war zone note of February 18, 1916, of her intention to establish deep sea barriers around the British Isles, to cut off the supplies and establish a blockade.

This, it is said, will be done by thirty submarines, which will operate in a radius of ten miles each in the north channel around the north of Ireland, the St. George's Channel, blocking the approach to Liverpool, Bristol, Newport and Cardiff by the south of Ireland. Another barrier will be formed across the English Channel.

The new submarines, it is explained, are now ready for service and will begin operations at their respective stations on February 1. They have a speed of eighteen knots on the surface and carry supplies to last their crews five weeks. In addition to torpedoes they carry a big supply of bombs to be used in sinking food ships bound to British and French ports.

At present hundreds of mines are being laid by submarines along the British and French coasts in the fairway of navigation, and more than 2,000 mine-sweepers are employed by the Allies in cleaning them up, so that vessels can pass in safety.

The mines are anchored from fifteen to twenty feet below the surface by "mushroom" anchors, which operate on the principle of the "sucker" used by the scuba divers. When they are shot out of the submarine they sink to the bottom of the sea. The action of the salt water dissolves a composition and releases the mine, which is attached to the anchor by a wire, permitting it to rise to a certain depth below the surface, where it remains until the mines on the top or sides come into contact with some passing object and explode the mine.

Americans arriving here said that the United States was liable to be drawn into the war by this mine laying, because a neutral steamship filled with passengers was just as liable to hit one of them as a liner belonging to the Allies. It was owing to the work being carried on by the mine sweepers in the English Channel, Irish Sea, St. George's Channel and other waters in the danger zone, in which the crews risked their lives hourly, that no serious catastrophe had already occurred, it was said.

Passengers on the Bergenfjord from Germany said that two new merchant submarines had been completed for the New London trade, which would have been named the Koenigsberg and the Hamburg. A third one, nearing completion, it was said, is to be called the Bremerhaven.

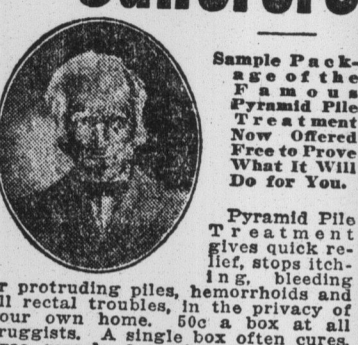
"Just a moment," interrupted the man, patiently. "I may have no objection to testing this article you are trying to substitute, all other things being equal—but are they? For example, what I want can be used internally for coughs, colds, sore throat, cramps, chills, etc., as well as externally for sprains, strains, muscular rheumatism, various other aches, pains and almost any soreness anywhere. Now can you guarantee me this double value of internal and external use? Can you also guarantee that yours is the favorite prescription of an old family physician? Do you also guarantee that it has a wonderful record of over 100 years of splendid success? Do you also guarantee—"

"Oh, of course," interrupted the more embarrassed store-keeper, "I can't guarantee all that, but—"

"Then," said the man, wearily, "give me my bottle of Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, and let me be on my way."

The Popular Understudy. Aren't you going to church today? The man who was afflicted with Sunday weariness asked his wife. "No, I am not feeling well," she said. "Then call a messenger boy and send him 'The family must be represented.'"

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Seven Recruits

Seven recruits were secured in the city yesterday. They were—Edward Connolly, Cranville, Ont., 280th Battalion; Albert Watson, St. John, Canadian Engineers; Frank McKenna, York, N. B., 1st Battalion; Donald McLean, Nova Scotia, 287th Battalion; Henry Bilson, Quebec; Elzire Tremblay, Quebec, 160th Battalion.

Naval Recruiting. A concert was given last evening for the visiting members of His Majesty's navy, in the recruiting rooms, Prince William street. The Ladies' Naval League, assisted by members of the Young Women's Patriotic Association, served refreshments.

Want Act Applied. A military conference at the University of Toronto concluded yesterday afternoon. It was the unanimous belief of those present that the militia act should be put into force with regard to the first class, which means the calling out of all single men between the ages of eighteen and thirty, and widowers, without children, of the same age, for service in Canada.

Wins Medal. Sergeant-Major G. A. Biddiscombe, who is mentioned in the official list of honours as having been awarded the meritorious service medal, belongs in St. John, residing at Adelaide street. He went from here with the divisional unit, and was mentioned in Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Harrison, D. S. O.

Mrs. James Long is dead and her husband and two children, Lillian, aged six, and Roy, aged eleven, are in the Moncton hospital suffering from wounds received in the gas explosion of yesterday morning. An inquest into the death of the mother began last night before Dr. H. L. Balfour, coroner.

Owing to coal shortages, the railway department is contemplating taking one of the winter steamers to P. E. Island, the Stanley, leaving the car ferry to make tri-weekly trips between Georgetown and Pictou, carrying freight and mails.

The annual meeting of the Welsford and Telephone Company took place at Welsford on Tuesday. A delegation of the residents from the Clones district visited the meeting and urged the extension of the lines to Clones Settlement. The proposition was met with favor and a public meeting will be held at Clones in the near future. The directors for the ensuing year are—Dr. Lewis, J. Willard Smith, H. W. Woods, John A. Kerr, of Summer Hill, and Conn. W. H. McCrackin, of Armstrong's Corner.

There are said to be 800 users for the palmyra palm, which grows throughout tropical India.

THOUGHTS ON SOCIAL SERVICE CONGRESS

To The Evening Times-Star—Sir:—May I crave a small space in your valuable paper for the expression of a thought in relation to the Social Service Congress?

I have been a silent spectator many and many a time, in different lands, at the birth of a day, and I feel it is impossible to put into mere words, or utter in cold language, just what one's feelings are longing to give expression to after witnessing the departure of night going over to the morning—the fascination of the moon giving over her sovereignty to the sun—the sun with its increasing strength lifting the veil of darkness and bringing in a single shaft of light, hope and cheer—and so gradually morning is born, full of fascinating power and light for the business of the day.

I have witnessed, in many countries, with different scenic settings of Nature's own make, with a feeling of awe and inspiration. But you say "Well, what has this got to do with the Social Service Congress?" Just this—That as I have sat in my corner in the knights of Columbus hall, in the stone church school house, in Centenary church, and as I have heard speaker after speaker handle his subject, not only in a masterly way, but with an under-tone of pleading in the words, my thoughts have taken shape, thus—That during these months I have been present at the birth of a great body of work. The speakers were now engaged in making the brains, in the crowd, come the eyes. Yes, they would create sights for surely they would make the people of New Brunswick see that their reform was greatly needed.

Then the hope—this body would need that most important member, and would use it in many ways, possibly in a more efficient sanitary inspection. Now come the ears. It would have a keen sense of hearing, and would use that sense justly in every way pertaining to all manner of things and Henry Bilson, might be called upon to investigate and handle. This brings us to the mouth—a very important part, ravenous body. It is going to eat heartily to be satisfied with such ration: food it will eat, and every way have, if it is to grow in health, strength and stature. What is that food to be? Money! So, during these months, I have seen, pouring it into a mouth, that will, for a little while, (while it is growing) be content means delectation: a child so are scant means delectation: also have arms. Arms are protection. Oh! how many maternal and paternal arms will be put into force with regard to protection. Next, but not last, comes the feet. It certainly will have feet, and know how to use them in health, in the towns, in the rural districts, in the city, and then it will gather confidence and strength and in run, yes, all a clean, pure body, for, is it not going to look into, and walk over the marriage laws, age of consent, protection of birth, the protection of children, etc. And when this body of arms, feet, formed, when all its members are created, when its unity begins to find its way around your towns, it will be found that in its entirety it is human, that it has a soul, and heart, and that as it goes on its journey of existing conditions it is going to suffer, it's very heart and soul is going to be wrung in sympathy, it's eyes are going to shed tears of sorrow, joy, and death, too, to know that such things have been and are.

But do not think there was ever a rest to a liver. I can only suggest to you that keep clear and watch, when this liver is slightly out of order. It may be due to having been wrongly fed (small coils, instead of chess and bills). It may be because of not seeing its way clear to go ahead with some important movement of the moment. Love it all the help you can, but keep out of its way. Remember it has feet, and will use them, for kick it will, and save its mark, too. In this way it is going to win its way, and you will hear of its wrong's retinue. You will hear of its going, a voice not coming from stammering lips, with inarticulate sound, but a dignified voice, a voice that will be heard because of its very truth and integrity.

This brings me to the end of my memory to cherish along with my many memories relative to the birth of days. The future holds yet many unborn days, but can I ever expect to be present again at the birth, the very creation of such a great work that is bound to be born through the Social Service Congress?

Yours, A LISTENER.

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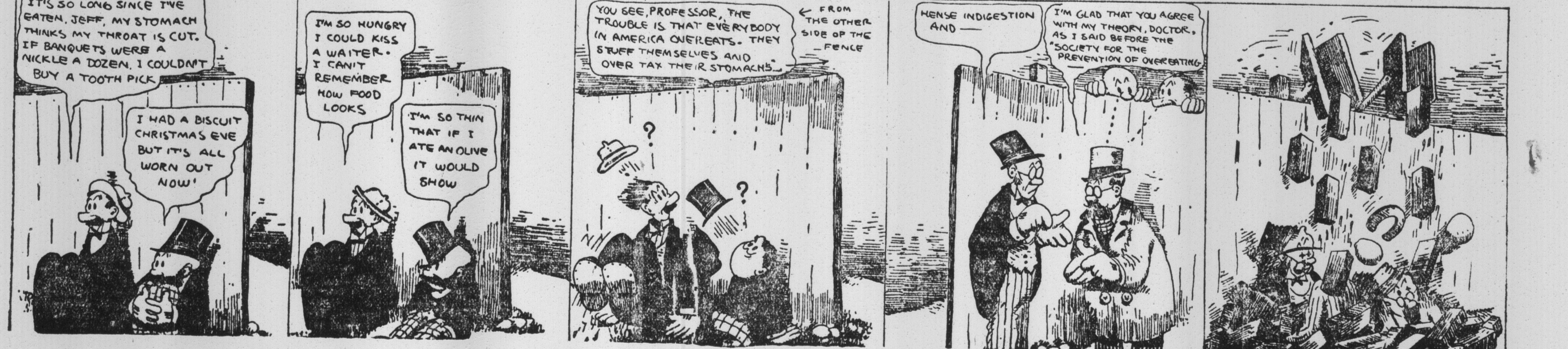
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