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ALLANT BATTLE OF BRITISH U-BOAT

THRILLING STORY TOLD BY THE COMMANDER OF AN ALL-NIGHT STRUGGLE.

Waterlogged. He Was Compelled to Abandon Ship, and His Half-Filled, Leaking Craft Came Back to Surface to Face Guns of a Cruiser.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Correspondence of the Associated Press.—Death in various forms menaced and played for many hours with the crew of the British submarine E-17, wrecked and finally after a gallant fight for life, off the coast of Holland, according to the story of her commander now for the first time told. His account gives a vivid picture of an all-night struggle to save the submarine and her company from the battering of the waves which hammered the little vessel upon the shoal, of a fight with the crew in her hold, against leaks that threatened to fill her with water and to catch and secure a torpedo thrown from its launchings with its war-head of steel menacing all with instant destruction.

Rescued from the shoal only to be surrounded by an apparently hostile cruiser bent on their destruction, the submarine commander tells how he had to rely on the desperate resources of his crew in a waterlogged craft, and of the suspense of the critical moments when he discovered that his vessel was filling at the bottom of the sea, and of a fight back to the surface to face the guns of a cruiser.

TORPEDO HAN WILD

Writing from a Dutch interment camp, the E-17's commander, after telling of the strain of the submarine and the vain struggle to float on the surface, says: "The antics of the boat were too much for the lashings of the spare torpedoes; the tail fin, bent, and the nose, with the heavy weight in place, commenced thrashing about in the boat, and would have done a lot of damage if it had not been rapidly rescued.

A TERRIBLE TIME.

It was a terrible time, that period waiting for the dawn. None of us knew that the boat could take out. I saw my hat, or to the men that it was simply wonderful. The action showed that the rudder was gone, and the after compartment was now rising very slowly. Suddenly the port motor blew out. The compartment had also been shot and was leaking. Both propellers had been slightly bent by the explosion, and both main engines were damped and were full of electric oil. Six of the big main tanks were leaking and the ship was leaking internally about a dozen places.

CLOSE TO THE SHORE

When dawn came I found we were only fifty yards from shore at about midway along the island. The sea had a clear sea behind us. A rain squall was blowing from the east and we were not interfered with.

before we could distinguish details, but she altered her course toward land before going out of sight. The most hopeful scheme seemed to be to get straight out seaward, in slipping away unobserved in the night. It was painfully slow work; and we began to cheer up, thinking all was well. Then suddenly she spotted her. She had altered her course again, and was now driving up at a great rate on a course that looked as if she meant ramming. When she was a short half mile away she made out the blurred outline of her guns, and immediately afterwards saw them swinging forward! It is an unwritten law of the sea, never to train guns on warships of a nation with whom one is at peace, for obvious reasons. Therefore, her action in training her guns on us at this moment seemed to prove conclusively that she was hostile and about to open fire. To stay on the surface meant certain death, either from gun fire or ramming, so I took the five to one chance for life under water.

CONNING TOWER LID JAMMED.

Comments following my order were rather exciting. When close the conning tower lid my horror that it had jammed the feel of it I fancy a piece of a rope's end had fouled the balance weight. The way it way up the conning tower to do anything, so I start again with the idea of closing the door. I had barely got to the hole when the water came in. The first wave hit the lid and, luckily broke the lid and closed the lid with a high an avalanche of water.

Things pretty serious in soon as the pressure leaks had opened up, and I taken charge of myself. A stone. The water in the aft, depressing the stern angle that it was impossible to hold on to some-

thing of the question to be regarded, the question was whether we would be able to get to the surface at all. The water right down until she was with her tail. As she or of the after compartment to gape and give. I stayed at that depth. Bottom sea commenced because the water blown was sufficient to give buoyancy as soon as her momentum was stopped, a tremendous lot of free interior. Some of the water washed away from

Those who were washed stayed as near their billets as possible, ready to dive back and their valves if it required it. The night had been doing a routine in home waters for all the time it made.

UP WITH A RUSH.

If one down instead of up no doubt have saved us. Once she her mind to come up, she with a rush. We emerged torpedo the German cruiser. I and the men standing win for it as soon as we had seen we broke surface, there ship lying motionless 400 yds. a beautiful shot. But it ed raining, and I was aso find at first sight that she urchman. Her ensign was ble and her silhouette, which for the first time, was un- t was practically in a sink- on, and I signalled to the user for help. Boats were er with the utmost prompt- and we shortly found ourselves the Noord Brabant, of the total Navy, stationed at the We were received and treat- arm heartily. I went up- ge and watched my boat get plunger. As she went public sounded the "attention," Noord Brabant saluted her died."

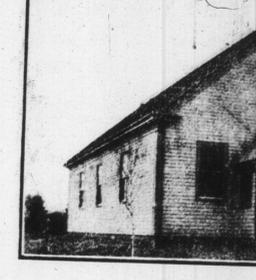
COUNTY HOME AND HOSPITAL

A SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT LAST THURSDAY EVENING.

Recreation Hall was Filled With An Appreciative Audience, Who Enjoyed a Good Programme, the Inmates Receiving Many Christmas Gifts.

An entertainment took place in Recreation Hall, opposite the County Home and County Hospital, Church Road, last Thursday night, which was not only thoroughly enjoyed by the inmates of these institutions, but by many of the residents of Bridgetown as well.

Rev. E. Underwood filled the duties

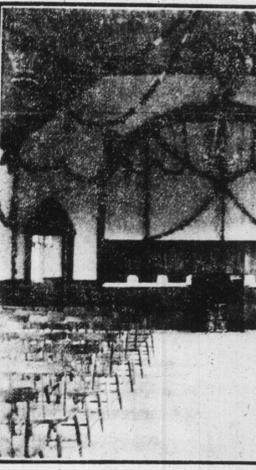


THE RECREATION HALL. Built by public subscriptions, having been completed six years ago.

of chairman in his usual pleasant manner, the programme being as follows:

- Overture The Orchestra
- Song The Misses Jackson and Crowe
- Messrs. R. A. Bishop and C. B. Longmire
- Song Rev. E. Underwood
- Song Miss M. Troop
- Piano Solo Miss M. Heurness
- Song Miss Ethel Daniels
- Song Mr. W. Donat
- Duet Miss H. and Miss M. Troop
- Selection The Orchestra
- Song Miss E. Burns
- Song Rev. E. Underwood

- Address Rev. M. S. Richardson
- Double Quartette Ladies
- Selection Baptist Church Orchestra
- Anthem Baptist Church Choir
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- Accompanists: Miss Cameron, Miss Crowe, Mrs. W. E. Reed.



THE INTERIOR OF RECREATION HALL. Where the entertainment was held Thursday evening.

applauded and greatly enjoyed by all who were there. The hall was beautifully trimmed for the occasion and the whole affair passed off very successfully. One of the features not appearing on the above programme, was the distribution of gifts from two well-filled Christmas trees to the inmates, and those who witnessed the pleased expression on the ones receiving them, could feel themselves well rewarded for the efforts made in behalf of those who are less fortunate than many of us. The Recreation Hall was built by public subscription six years ago.

through the efforts of Mr. A. F. Hiltz and Mrs. Hiltz, who have been in charge of the County Hospital for the past fifteen years.

The keeper and matron of the County Home are Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Myers, who have been there thirteen years.

It would be difficult to obtain a better combination than the above four and their staffs for any similar public position. They are faithful in the performance of their duties, popular with and kind to the inmates, at the same time commanding the highest respect of them all, and popular with the public.

There will be another similar entertainment held in the same hall, Monday evening, Jan. 28th, to which the public is earnestly requested to be present and in any way contribute towards its success, either by assistance, cash donation or both.

Subjoined is the list of subscribers to the Christmas Fund:

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| Anonymous | \$10.00 |
| Joseph I. Foster | 3.00 |
| W. E. Reed | 1.50 |
| Rev. E. Underwood | 2.00 |
| Crowe & Magee | 2.00 |
| J. Harry Hicks | 2.00 |
| B. N. Messenger | 2.00 |
| J. W. Beckwith | 2.00 |
| C. H. Strong | 2.00 |
| J. E. Lloyd | 2.00 |
| S. N. Wear | 3.00 |
| O. P. Cover | 2.00 |
| W. G. Clarke | 2.00 |
| L. W. Hines | 2.00 |
| Karl Freeman | 2.00 |
| W. H. Roach | 5.00 |
| Weston Crawford | 5.00 |
| Mrs. J. P. Harding | 3.00 |
| Mr. Bothamley | 1.00 |
| Miss Bridge | 1.00 |
| George Chute | 1.00 |
| J. W. Peters | 1.00 |
| Gilbert Gibson | .50 |
| Mrs. O. T. Daniels | 2.00 |
| Total subscriptions | \$88.00 |

We have been requested to publish the following:

DEAR SIR: I have examined the

subscription list and vouchers for expenditure in connection with the Christmas festivities for the inmates of the County Home Institutions as submitted by the management and found all in perfect order.

I might also say that on the evening of the entertainment, the sum of \$15.29 was taken at the door and this added to the balance remaining after the provision had been made for the fee of the inmates, together with a special donation of \$20.00 from Mr. Harry J. Crowe, enabled us to pay the debt remaining on the piano. We still need other furnishings and with this in view, steps have already been taken to provide a first class entertainment, a month hence.

Truly yours,
ERNEST UNDERWOOD

A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS MAN

H. T. WARNE, A PROMINENT LUMBERMAN, MANUFACTURER AND MERCHANT.

Began Work Wheeling Sawdust; Now Owner of Several Up To Date Saw Mills, A Large Business Block and Carries on a Big Commercial Business.

One of Nova Scotia's most prominent business men is Mr. H. T. Warne, a native of Digby county. He was born at Hill Grove and brought up on a farm, had few advantages for education and is therefore a self-made man. At the early age of eleven years he began to work in a saw mill, wheeling saw dust. The mills at that time did not operate throughout the entire year, and when closed down, "Tupper," the name by which he was so popularly known among his associates, labored on a farm. He soon became both a practical mill man and a farmer, but had great ambition to work for himself instead of earning money for somebody else.

Less than twenty-five years ago, he established a general store at Hill Grove, which he operates until the present date, but which is now only a branch to his main business, the head office of which is in Digby. There he constructed and occupies the biggest business block in that part of the province, from which he does a large retail grocery trade, with a large staff of clerks up-to-date auto delivery and all modern methods.

In the same building, is his large office, under the superintendence of his only daughter, Miss Dora Warne, a graduate of Acadia University, who has with her a competent staff of stenographers, the latest addition being Miss Annie Walsh, formerly a member of the Courier's office staff, and later with a wholesale firm in Halifax.

Mr. Warne has always been interested in the saw mill business and kept abreast the times in the manufacture of lumber, staves, sheathing, flooring, shingles, laths and various building materials.

He has at present, three mills running full time and has recently acquired the milling property at the south end of Digby, formerly operated by F. M. Steadman.

At Five Mile River, Hants county, he owns and operates Mills No. 2 and 3, with two 75 h. p. boilers and two complete sets of machinery, employing about two hundred men in his enterprise, which also consists of five camps or cook houses in the woods, with the necessary horses, cattle, etc.

His other milling properties are at Hill Grove, North Range, Plympton and other places along the line of the D. A. R.

His Digby mill is situated at the south end of the town, near the Dominion Atlantic's main railway line, with which it is connected with a siding. It is also near the shore of the Annapolis Basin, which gives access for importing logs or shipping manufactured material either by rail or by water. This mill contains two 60 h. p. boilers and modern wood working machinery.

It will also be lighted with electricity throughout as soon as a Delco lighting system can be installed. The wires will likely be extended to Mr. Warne's beautiful residence on Montague street.

Grove, or as it is perhaps a better known as Acadia.

This article would not be complete without referring to Mrs. Warne and their only son Hubert, whose hospitality cannot be excelled. The MONITOR extends to them all its best wishes for continued good health and prosperity.

DEATH OF SAMUEL E. BANCROFT

A Prominent Resident of Annapolis County, Has Passed Away.

Samuel E. Bancroft passed away at his home in Lawrencetown on Dec. 24th, at the age of 71. Mr. Bancroft had been in failing health for several weeks and his death was not unexpected. In his immediate family, Mr. Bancroft is survived by his widow, one sister, two sons and a daughter. The late Joseph Bancroft, Ex M. P. T., and the Rev. James Bancroft were brothers of the deceased.

Lawrencetown mourns the loss of one of its best, most honorable and generous citizens. He was a member of the Baptist church and superintendent of the Sabbath School. For several terms he had been a member of the school board. He was much interested in educational work and devoted time and money to aid the school. Mr. Bancroft was a citizen in its best sense. He was a liberal supporter of everything that tended to the uplift and progress of the community. Several years ago he presented to the town the beautiful Ross Island for a park and picnic grounds. When the Demonstration Building was built he was one of the first and most liberal contributors. In everything relating to the betterment of the town, he was ready with his suggestions and practical aid.

For several years Mr. Bancroft had been Manager of the Valley Fruit Co., and was held in the highest esteem by the directors in his business ability and strict integrity.

In politics, Mr. Bancroft was Liberal.

After a short service at the home, the funeral services were conducted in the Baptist church, by the pastor, Rev. F. H. Beals, B. A., assisted by the Rev. Mr. Boyce. The interment took place at Round Hill, his former home. A large number of friends, citizens and school children joined the relations in following the remains to the railway station. Among the survivors was a wreath by the citizens. Only the home, but also the church, the school and the community have lost a true friend, a liberal supporter and one who strove to aid society in reaching its best and highest ideals.

Death of Miss Altha Northrup.

It becomes our duty to chronicle a sad and sudden death, which occurred at Nictaux West, at an early hour last Wednesday morning, when Altha Northrup, only daughter of Mrs. Emmon Banks, passed away after only a few hours of serious illness, although she had been in poor health for several weeks. She enjoyed her Christmas as usual, but was taken ill after dinner, suffering with a hemorrhage of the lungs from which she failed to recover. She was a member of the Baptist church and of the B. Y. P. U., and had a large circle of friends, who mourn the loss of one who will be greatly missed in church, family and social circles. She is survived by her mother and one brother Loran, a member of the militia at Halifax.

The funeral took place Sunday with interment in Lawrencetown. The services at the home, which were very largely attended, were conducted by Rev. Mr. MacDougall, pastor of the Nictaux Baptist church and at the grave by the Rev. F. M. Beals. The floral tributes were beautiful, including a wreath from the B. Y. P. U. Great sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

The Bridgetown Red Cross.

There was a mistake made by the secretary in a recent Red Cross notice. The pie social held at Carleton's Corner was given by the people of Carleton's Corner generally, and not by the school as stated. We understand that Mr. Tom Borden suggested having the social and did much to make it a success. We are very sorry for the mistake and very grateful for the donation.

In behalf of the Red Cross,
MARY S. JOST, Secy.

Ordinary toilet soap is now selling in Germany at \$1.25 a cake.