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INTERNED TARS BECOME INSANE

New York, Dec. 21.—The peril, hardship, cold and loneliness that has driven mad some of the tars who man the British blockade fleet outside the 3-mile limit off our Atlantic coast, has been written of by an Englishman riding "The Tides of Barnegat," aboard the Sydney, to an old mate in this city.

Light also is thrown by the letter upon the recent chase through a midnight fog of the freighter Aelandria by a mysterious armored cruiser—the Sydney. This is the same Sydney which ran the notorious German raider Emden ashore on an Indian ocean island and shot her to bits. The Sydney recently has been transferred to the Atlantic blockade fleet. The letter says in part:

Dear Jerry:—It looks as though we were to spend another Xmas on the briny deep. It has been terribly cold out here and we have had a hard time of it. The other night we ran short of coal and had to shoot down to Bermuda.

Jerry, of all the places God ever made, Barneygat, or whatever they call it, is the worst. If it ain't blowing it's snowing or raining, and there is a continual swell running that keeps your insides against your main companionway for days at a stretch.

There's nothing to do but hang on and off, watching for some louse of a freighter that's expected up from somewhere in South America. The only excitement we've had was the funeral of poor old Bob Siddons. You remember we three were together in Chatham last year, after I had been invalidated home from the sub, patrol on the Dogger? Bob had been ailing for months, but he wouldn't quit. To tell you the truth, he was too bloody old to stand the strain. So we dropped him over night before last.

We sank a shot with him and his hammock, and God knows we could spare it because we don't ever expect to need any off here. Give me the life in the North sea chasing perrys (submarine periscopes). You could get a bit of a thrill doing that, and it was worth while getting hit. Out here you might as well be on a training ship.

The men are mostly sickly and you

can't exactly call them happy. They have nothing to think of except the arrival of the cutter with papers and letters. Lord save us from another job like this.

I heard some of the boys in the Coronica (former Cunard liner, now converted cruiser) went crazy and I don't blame them a bit. A lot of us will be going the same way before long.

We are looking for the cutter today and expect to get a supply of fresh greens. But she'll smash herself to pieces against our side I suppose and lose everything. That's what happened last time. The bloody pilot must have been a tram conductor in Putney.

We lost a man over the side who was reaching for a sack of lettuce or something.

God! He shot down between us and the rotten little tug so quick that there was no chance to save him. He was a young fellow, too, and had a mother living in Fulham Palace Road, Hammersmith.

I wonder if you heard about any ship being run down about three days ago not far from the Sandy Hook. We had a narrow squeak, although we laughed afterward about it.

It has been very hazy lately, and the other night it was exceptionally thick. We spotted an old cargo boat that looked suspicious and bore after her.

In the fog the old man must have misjudged her speed or ours, because we ran so close across her stern side and our guns swept right over her poop.

Well, the gang on that ship will be taking nerve tonic for a month I guess. We heard afterward that she was the same bloody ship we anchored alongside in Progresso, the Zeelander, or some name like that.

Oakville Hopes to Get Creamery. Centralia, Washington, Dec. 20.—Indications are that Oakville will have a creamery. J. L. Jorgensen, a creamery man of 17 years' experience has been in Oakville for the past week looking over the territory and it is reported he is favorably impressed. He went to Seattle Saturday with the reported intention of purchasing machinery for a plant.

Novel Rules For Girls Milwaukee, Wis, Dec 7.—Rules and regulations and statutes in such case made and provided have been promulgated at the Milwaukee Normal School. Then apply to women students at

school. They include the boarding-house mistress and the renters of "furnished rooms" in the city. They provide for clean sheets and pillowcases and towels. They impose quiet after 10 o'clock. They ban tete-a-tetes on the front porch in the mellow light of the harvest moon. They banish the chafing dish as a competitor to the boarding house menu unless the landlady consents to let it in. They chase men roomers from under the roof where a normal girl finds domicile. They then turn around and offer compensation for they rescue the parlor from the private domain of the landlady and insist that the normal girl roomers have the right to entertain company there.

President Carroll G. Pearse announced the rules at the assembly

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some of them, he said were suggested as good form. Others he insisted would be rigidly enforced. Which was which he did not specify, but merely announced the new rules. Here they are:

"No men roomers shall be kept in kept in house where normal girls have rooms.

"Room and board shall be paid for the end of the week.

"Rooms are to be thoroughly cleaned at least once a week.

"Rooms are to be kept at a temperature of 68 or 70 degrees in winter.

"Clean sheets, pillowcases and towels are to be provided weekly.

"Girls are not to be left alone in the house over night.

"There shall be no noise in the room after 10 o'clock at night.

"No lingering on porches, steps or walk shall be permitted on returning from evening entertainments.

"A reasonable use of the parlor for company shall be permitted. (Not oftener than two nights a week nor later than 10:30 o'clock.)

"No chafing dishes shall be used nor any food kept in rooms, except with the permission of the landlady."

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London, Nov. 20.—(By Mail)—"Beware of black stockings; better wear them white," is the candid warning of the Fashion Art League to British women. German dyes are not obtainable and British dye cannot do the work, the League explains. It pertains to several of the colors. They run when washed and are harmful to the skin.

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FOR RENT—Five room modern cottage on Oak between Adams and Jefferson—Call Black 711. 12-20-6t.

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Sawmill Owner Stabbed. Chehalis, Wash., Dec. 20.—On Saturday night about 10 o'clock, Ira Wright, who operates a sawmill plant four miles southeast of Chehalis was stabbed and dangerously wounded by a neighbor, W. L. Jones, who was arrested. Wright was going home from Chehalis and claims that Jones attacked him without warning, when near his home, the trouble arising over the return of an ax Jones had borrowed. Jones claims he was attacked and acted in self-defense. Jones is in jail. Wright had a narrow escape from death, as his left side and left arm were badly gashed, one blow barely missing the heart.

Carrying Grudge Pretty Far. Bangor, Eng., Nov. 20.—(By Mail)—Bangor's most patriotic man is Noel Savage, a citizen who heard the call of war in Borneo. He traveled home to enlist via Japan, Russia, Finland and Sweden and on arrival did not wait for the local recruiting sergeant to ask him to get into khaki. He is now in training.

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