

CAN'T KEEP A GOOD SHIP DOWN

Half of Torpedoed Craft of Great Britain Have Been Salvaged.

METHODS GREATLY IMPROVED

Much Greater Weights Than Believed Possible Are Now Being Lifted—No Hope of Ever Raising Lusitania.

London.—Of 400 British ships sunk in the last two and a half years at least 50 per cent have been raised from the bottom of the sea. The organization responsible—the Admiralty Salvage department—is composed entirely of experts employed by a commercial firm which engaged in the business before the war. Ships were so cheap then, however, that often it did not pay to raise a sunken wreck and restore her to seagoing condition.

Things are very different now, and the result is that invention has been stimulated to an extraordinary extent. It used to be considered that 1,500 tons was the greatest weight that could be lifted from under water by wire ropes. A sunken government collier that was obstructing a fairway was lifted out of the mud recently and carried away by four lifting ships, with sixteen derrick wire ropes, and the deadweight carried was calculated at 2,750 tons. The wreck was shifted one mile at the first lift, and so was gradually taken to the beach, patched up and sent off to the repairing yard. She went back into service and made several voyages before a torpedo ended her career altogether.

Cannot Raise Lusitania.

Ships sunk in deep water cannot be salvaged. It is not expected that the Lusitania, for example, will ever be lifted. Divers cannot work in more than 25 fathoms successfully, though for special purposes they may sometimes go down to 35 fathoms for a brief spell of work.

The bulk of the ships saved have been sunk in less than 20 fathoms, or have been towed inshore by rescue tugs, and have gone aground in fairly easy positions.

The salvage men face considerable risks, not only from bad weather but also from submarine attack. Only one salvage ship, however, has been lost through enemy action.

One of the largest oil tank steamships was mined and caught fire. There was a heavy explosion and the decks were flooded with burning oil. The cargo consisted largely of benzine. Most persons would conclude that the case was hopeless. Not so. The vessel was scuttled by gun fire and thus the fire was extinguished. Then divers plugged all the shot holes, besides closing other apertures. On being pumped out the vessel floated and was forthwith taken to a repairing port.

New Pump Is Valuable.

As showing how valuable is the new submersible electric motor pump, a recently torpedoed ship which carried a cargo (mainly foodstuffs) of more than \$15,000,000 value had a hole 40 feet long by 28 feet deep in her side. She was taken in tow by rescue tugs, but went down before time had served to beach her suitably. No ordinary pumping power would have served the need, but the new type pump enabled stokehold, engine room and all her after holds to be pumped out, so that cargo could be discharged and the vessel taken higher up the beach. Then the lighting process was continued until the vessel was floated and taken into dock, practically all her cargo being saved.

The number of the ships of the mercantile marine actually saved by the department in two years from 1915 to 1917 was 260. All these vessels were of big tonnage. For the present year the monthly totals of such vessels salvaged were: January, 14; February, 41; March, 37; April, 36; and May, 10. Thus the department has saved 407 important vessels of the mercantile marine. This does not include vessels salvaged outside of home waters.

The larger figures of the latter period were due, not to increased enemy activity but to improved salvage methods.

Many risks are run by the divers, particularly from gases generated by decomposed vegetables and meat in the holds of sunken ships, deaths having resulted from this cause. Grain, it is said, develops sulphuretted hydrogen, which occasions blindness and violent sickness.

A chemist, however, has found a preparation which when sprayed on a rotting cargo immediately kills the gases and enables men to carry on their work in safety.

SLAPS WAR PROFITEER TWICE

Mother Hands Boatful Passenger Wallop for Each of Her Sons in Service.

Monessen, Pa.—"I'm making big money, and for my part I wish the war would keep up awhile longer," remarked a man on a street car here. A well-dressed, motherly-looking woman arose and gave the man a stinging slap, with "That's that for my son in France! And take that for my other son who is in camp waiting to go to France!" she said as she applied the same treatment to the other cheek. The man took his punishment without saying a word.

To Clean Painted Woodwork.

Peel, wash and grate a half-dozen potatoes. Put them into a pan of water. Let stand half an hour, strain and apply to the woodwork with flannel. The white woodwork and mirrors use whitening in the water.

A WANT AD will do it.

Smallest Public Library.
What is perhaps the world's smallest public library is claimed by a village not far from London. The village itself is very small. The library is merely a newspaper file that hangs upon a wall in the village street, but the community is grateful. This was attested to a stranger by an accident. A white-haired villager who, pointing to the "library" with his stick, said: "Wonderful useful that be these days when folks can't get the papers as they did."

Unskilled Supplication.
A Scotch minister was asked to pray for rain and his prayer was followed by such a downpour that the crops were injured. During the storm one old farmer said to another: "This comes o' trusting sic a request to a meenister who'sna acquainted wi' agriculture."—Boston Evening Transcript.

Marked.
Mother—"Don't cry, dear. Which one of the naughty boys was it that hit you?" Tommy—"The one with the black eye."—Boston Transcript.

Classified Ads

FOR RENT—FURNISHED

ROOMS FOR RENT—With bath; \$7 a month. 1317 N. Ave. 9-4tf

FOR RENT—Housekeeping rooms, near High School. 908 3rd St. Mrs. Louise Larson. 8-31-6t

WANTED.

WANTED—At once, cook on ranch; from 3 to 5 people to cook for. 9-3tf

WANTED to rent a six or seven room house. Phone Red 2281. 8-29 tf

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WANTED.—To Rent, Wheat Ranch 120 acres or more. Must be partially or fully equipped. Address P. O. Box 139. 8-29 tf

WANT TO RENT—Five or six room furnished house, for about two months. Address D. E. Myers, care Sommer Hotel. 8-29tf

FOR SALE OR TRADE

FOR SALE—Kentucky Wonder Beans for canning. Phone Black 3931. 9-6-31 p

FOR SALE—Ford Car in good condition. 2005 First Street. 9-6-6t p

FOR SALE—One ten used auto truck. McCarty Auto Co. 7-17tf

FOR SALE—Used Maxwell car, in first class condition. Inquire 1420 Y avenue. 8-14

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FOR SALE—Household goods, including Rag Carpet and canned fruit. Call Black 1391. 8-31-6t

FOR SALE—Four foot dry wood. Yellow pine. Farmers 22X5. 8-29 1m.

FOR SALE—Three large work teams and harness, two wagons and logging truck. You can pay for these in hauling or will make easy terms. Phone M711. W. R. Rivette. 9-3-5f

FOR SALE—One Studebaker car and one Chalmers truck, both in good condition; cheap. Phone Black 1012. 8-26tf

FOR SALE, HOPS.—Three pound package of Oregon hops delivered anywhere in the U. S. by parcel post, prepaid, \$1.00.—P. M. Morley, Silverton, Oregon. 8-22-1m

LOST AND FOUND

LOST.—Eastern Star Badge; initials "E. J. B." Return to Ob. server Office. Sept. 4-6t

LOST.—A package of laundry, between La Grande and Cove. Return to Richard Piano House. 8-31 tf

Security Insurance Agency

CHAS. H. REYNOLDS, Manager.

We write every form of insurance, from burglary to fire; every form of a bond, from fidelity to bank depository, and dispatch our policies expeditiously as a cannon ball. Our experience is your protection.

Insure with us and get "Insurance with Service"

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DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

BY ALLMAN



THE LOCAL MARKET.

Sugar 10c lb
Creamery Butter 60c lb, \$1.20 roll
Country Butter 55c lb, \$1.10 roll
Eggs, Fresh 50c doz
Flour \$2.75@\$3.00
Cantaloupes 15c, 2 for 25c
Green Onions 5c, 3 for 10c
Radishes 2 for 15c
Oregon Tomatoes 2 lbs. for 25c
Beets 5c bunch
Cabbage 7c lb
Head Lettuce 10 and 15c
Cucumbers 5 for 25c
Green Beans 3lbs 25c
Wax Beans 3lbs 25c
New Spuds 4 1/2c lb
Watermelons 3 1/2c lb
Beaches, 15c, 2 for 25c; \$1.50 box
Musk Melons 7c lb
Concord Grapes 20c lb, 80c box
Egg Plant 20c lb
Bell Peppers 20c lb
Cauliflower 20c head
Green Corn 30 and 35c doz
Butterfat 40c
(Less 1 cent per lb. of cream.)

Don't
Never tell a city girl that she has a complexion like strawberries (advises Materfamilias). She knows that strawberries come in a box, too.

Tire repairing is work for an expert. Our tire man knows his business. Bring your tires to us. W. H. ROBINSON & CO. 9-7-11

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Professional Directory

ATTORNEYS

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DR. MARGARET INGLE, Osteopathic Physician, specializing in diseases of Women and Children. Hours 10 to 12 a. m.; 1 to 6 p. m., and by appointment. Phone: office Red 1761. Residence Red 831. 37 New Foley Bldg. Dr. J. L. Ingle has entered the U. S. Army.

MECHANOTHERAPY.

DR. A. N. MAYVILLE—Mechanotherapy; chronic diseases my specialty. Physical and Mental. Hours: 1:30 to 4:30 p. m.; 7:00 to 8:00 evenings. Phone Black 2311. Rooms 1 and 2 over Coolidge Paint Store, Adams Ave.

VETERINARY

DR. H. W. RILEY—Graduate Veterinarian. Hospital, 1409 Madison Ave. State Stallion Inspector and Inspector of stock for shipment. Home Independent Phone, Black 11; Farmers Co-operative Phone, Main 112.

Fraternal Directory.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—La Grande Camp No. 169 meets every first and third Monday at Eagles Hall. All visiting neighbors welcome. Dues payable at the office of the clerk, New Foley Bldg., 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.
J. J. MURCHISON, C. C.
R. J. KITCHEN, Clerk

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Red Cross Lodge No. 27 meets every Monday night in Castle Hall (K. of P. Hall)

PUBLIC SALE

Thursday, Sept. 12, '18

At the Farm of

MIKE WALLER

Two Miles East of La Grande. Near Grange Hall.

Five head horses

1 Black Mare, 8 years old 1400 lbs.
1 Gray Gelding, 6 yrs. old, 1600 lbs.
1 Black Gelding, 4 yrs. old, 1400 lbs.
1 Bay Mare, 8 yrs. old, 1100 lbs.
1 Bay Horse Colt, yearling.

7 Head Cattle

2 Cows, four years old, milkers.
2 Cows, 6 years old, milkers.
2 Heifers, coming 3 yrs., milkers.
1 Heifer, coming 2 years old.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS—

Including 1 Davenport, New Dresser, Chairs, etc. Many other articles.

TERMS OF SALE—

All sums of \$10 and under, cash; over \$10, Six Months' time, with bankable note, at 8 per cent. Two Per Cent Off for Cash.

Sale to Begin at 10:00 A. M. Free Lunch at Noon

MIKE WALLER, Owner

T. B. JOHNSON, Auctioneer. ED. REYNOLDS, Clerk

A Pythian welcome to all visiting Knights

C. K. McCORMICK, C. C.
DELILE GREEN, K. of R. & S

ROYAL NEIGHBORS—Iris Camp meets every second Friday afternoon and every fourth Friday evening, every month in K. P. hall. All visiting members cordially welcome. WENRIETTA GHARST, Oracle. MARY L. WEST, Recorder.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA

La Grande Camp No. 7703 meets on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month in the K. of P. Hall. Visiting neighbors welcome.

L. J. MUNHALL, V. C.
W. F. ASHMAN, Clerk

K. of L. of Security—

Mt. Emily Council, No. 246, meets the second and fourth Monday evening at 8 o'clock at Eagle hall. Visiting members are welcome.

J. K. FITZGERALD, Pres.
ABE HARRIS, Fin'l. Sec.

FLORENCE BRYANT, Rec. Sec.

L. O. O. M.—

La Grande Camp No. 7703 meets regular meetings every Wednesday night at 8 p. m. in Eagle hall next to Elks' Bldg. on Washington Ave. Visitors always welcome. Dues payable at Young's Sweets.

W. C. HANSEN, Dic.
HARRY SWART, Rec.

O. E. S.—

Hope Chapter No. 13, O. E. S. holds stated communications the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Visiting members cordially welcomed.

SADIE E. GIVEN, W. M.
MARY A. WARNICK, Sec.

REBEKAHS—

Crystal Lodge No. 50 meets every Tuesday evening in the I. O. F. Hall. All visiting members are invited to attend.

ROSA GLASS, N. G.
LUCIA HALEY, Rec. Sec.

A. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M. holds regular meetings first and third Saturday at 7:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all Masons.

ROBERT S. EAKIN, W. M.
A. C. WILLIAMS, Sec.

F. O. EAGLES, Aerie No. 259—

Meet first and third Friday of each month at Eagles Hall. Visiting members welcome.

J. F. STACEY, W. P.
LEE BELLINGER, Secretary

B. P. O. E. ELKS, La Grande Lodge

No. 423. Lodge meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Dinner and club privileges cheerfully extended to all Brother Elks.

R. J. GREEN, Exalted Ruler.

A. B. CHERRY, Secretary.

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