

COURTED DEATH
BUT LIKED 'SUB'Man Who Went Down
with S-4 Wrote Interest-
ing Poem Recently

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Knowledge that he courted the death which is now his within the steel confines of the wrecked submarine S-4 was held by Walter Bishop, of Washington, radio man aboard her, but, like his comrades in peril, he was fascinated by "life in a damned old sub."

Prophetic in its recital of the dangers he braved abroad a "pig boat" a poem, written some time ago by Bishop has come to light as a self-sung requiem over those who went to their death with the S-4 off Provincetown. Entitled "The Submarine," the poem fits particularly well into the story of the S-4 with its description of the close quarters of an undersea boat.

Opening with the observation that many "rave of battleships, spotless and clean," but that not much is said of "life on a submarine," the poem continues: In the cankerous and of the devil they festered a fiendish scheme; He called his cohorts to round him and downed the submarine. They planned and plotted to do their worst, In perfecting this awful thing; And since completing their hideous work

Are waiting what evil it will bring. The after battery is where we eat— That is, when we roll the least— While hanging on to keep our place.

Like some precious beast Most of us in the battery room are close to a lurking death; With the storage cells giving off gas

That smothers our every breath. The torpedo room is a deadly spot, But we have small choice you know;

So some sleep there, next the over-head.

With tons of T. N. T. below The C. O. C. is a little place Just crammed with levers and tools.

And let me tell you, on a dive, It's not a place for fools. It takes ten good men to operate The diving gear that's there;

And each man knows that a queer cool brain

Means his return to the air. We know it's a serious business You never hear laugh or yell; Efficiency prevails supreme— Our lives are forfeit for a slip.

Yes, daily we make a risky dive.

SEATS FOR THE GENTLEMEN?



Here are the gentlemen from Pennsylvania and Illinois, with their champions who are trying to get seats for them in the United States senate. At the top are Senator David A. Reed of Pennsylvania, who is defending Senator-elect William Vane (right) of Pennsylvania in his fight for a seat. Below are Senator-elect Frank L. Smith of Illinois (left) and his defender, Senator Charles S. Deneen of the same state. Source and size of Smith's and Vane's campaign expenditures are the disputed points.

While Uncle Sam, with his brim-
ming cup
Bets us a dollar, while we're alive,
A dollar to nothing we don't come
up.

We're bottled up, just like a trap,
With nothing in between
The sea and death but a metal cup,
Like the lid on a soup tureen.

We get a five dollar bonus,
They call it extra pay;
But it always goes for duncanoes
That the acid eats away.

The best blood in the service
You'll find on the old pig boat.
For it takes more than a common
mind,

To sink and still to float
The officers are real he-men
Of character and nerve supreme;
It takes the keenest intellect

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Broadminded men and strong,
Capable of quick decisions,
Should anything go wrong
With all this it may seem strange,
When you ask a gob off any pig
boat.

He'd rather be there than any
where.

As long as there's a sub afloat,
There's a sort of fascination
Attends this job of ours
That could only be duplicated
By a rocket trip to Mars.

We come and mutter "never again"
Until we get paid off;
But the blamed old life will drag
us back.

No matter how we scuff
We all come back, come back, for
more.

And there, friends in the rub,
We like the life beneath the sea—
Life in a damned old sub.

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Newest Song Is
"Calvin Coolidge"

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—A song entitled "Calvin Coolidge," will be sung for the first time in public by Samuel C. Coleman, an assistant U. S. attorney at a meeting of the Young Republican club tonight.

The club is withholding the name of the writer. The tune is the same as "Lord Jeffrey Amherst," famous college song of the president's alma mater.

CHICKEN PALYS SANTA;
BRINGS \$200 DIAMOND

SAN ANGELO, Tex. (AP)—A chicken played Santa Claus at the Mickey Rathbone home.

Rathbone promised his wife a diamond ring for a Christmas present, but a chicken which Mrs. Rathbone purchased for a Sunday dinner brought the gift in its gizzard. The diamond was appraised by a jeweler at \$200. Mrs. Rathbone paid \$1.95 for the fowl.

Her husband protested when he learned there would be chicken for dinner, but he withdrew the complaint when his wife discovered the gem.

Radio Commission Trying Plan
To Cut Heterodyne Interference

WASHINGTON (AP)—Broadcasting stations must work out a general system for maintaining correct frequencies in order to eliminate interference, federal radio commissioners are convinced.

Broadcasting will eventually have to be directed along lines similar to the operation of trains with a central station or "master clock," O. H. Caldwell, New York member of the commission, declares. He says a plan for unified control of the carrier frequencies of all stations devised by Olive B. Meredith, technical director, and True McLean, consulting engineer of Station WSYR, Syracuse, N. Y., has been submitted by the commission to several radio experts for study. Mr. McLean is a member of the communication staff of the engineering college of Cornell University.

The plan involves a method of holding the carrier frequencies to assigned values without using accurate standards in the stations themselves. The present separation of radio transmission carriers for broadcasting is 10 kilocycles. If a single highly accurate frequency of 10 kilocycles were to be transmitted to all broadcasters, all the now assigned carrier frequencies would fall upon frequencies which are harmonics of this single 10 kilocycle standard, Mr. Meredith explained. He said if all broadcasters use for their carrier, the particular harmonic assigned to them from the 10 kilocycle standard, the only heterodynes possible between transmitted carriers will be integral multiples of 10 kilocycles, therefore the only audible heterodyne possible between any broadcasting station carriers will be 10,000 cycles.

Any number of stations operating on the same channel will interfere as at present if they are near together, but heterodynes below 10,000 cycles will be impossible, Mr. Meredith claims. Since this frequency is above the usual range of reproduction, it may easily be filtered out of receiving sets, and the result would be a total elimination of audible heterodynes.

Mr. Meredith and Mr. McLean

CONVERTED NECKLACES
WORN AS BRACELETS

PARIS (AP)—A Parisian actress tired of wearing her million franc pearl necklace around her neck slipped it around her wrist and wore it as a bracelet one night at the Ritz.

That is credited by a Parisian pearl specialist with being the beginning of the present vogue for necklace-bracelets. Nowadays everyone is copying her, and Rue de la Paix jewelers receive dozens of orders a week to transform pearl necklaces permanently to bracelets. Carlier shows rows of graduated pearls made up in bracelet style.

COLOR FOR DULL WOMEN

LONDON (AP)—Dull women should never wear black, say British modistes. It takes a smart mind, they assert, to give brightness to a black gown.

Black gowns are copied in blue or yellow for customers lacking the proper amount of vivacity and mental alertness to wear the original becomingly. This trick was borrowed from the shops in Paris, propose the direct radio transmission of this frequency from a central point.

Cold Calls Halt
On Hotel Work

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (Special)—Construction work on Walla Walla's Marcus Whitman hotel building will cease until such time as pouring of concrete may be resumed, it was announced by W. W. Baker, chairman of the trustees representing local stockholders in the hotel company.

Forms for the concrete to the top of the third story are now being completed and as soon as they are finished, work will have progressed as far as it is considered safe to go with temperatures constantly below freezing. The basement, main floor and second story have been poured and when work is resumed, the third story will be ready to receive concrete.

Smokers 4 in 50
At Woman's Meet

NEW YORK (AP)—Four out of 50 women smoked at a week's luncheon meetings of the National Council of Women. It was estimated at the close of the annual sessions.

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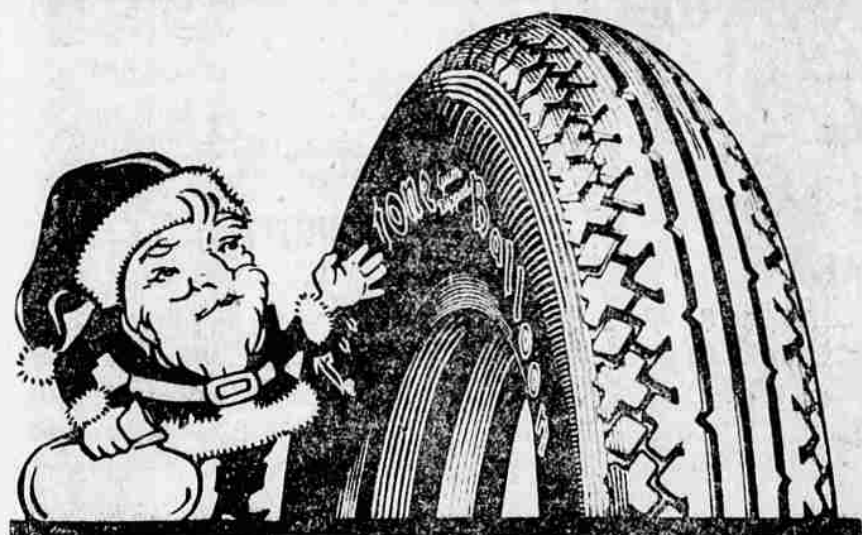
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