

FEAR MERCHANTMEN MORE THAN WARSHIPS

Baltimore, Md.—Some time, some place, perhaps the fiery-eyed young German sailor lad who leaned beside a reporter over the railing of the Neckar's upper deck today and talked for well high an hour of the U-boat Deutschland's wondrous transatlantic trip, will meet with the interviewer again and give him his name. He said so himself before he put out his hand in parting and, with a hearty handshake and a confident "Auf Wiedersehen," took the steep stairway to the lower deck of the big North German liner in two leaps and disappeared swiftly across the gangway leading aboard the little blockade runner to whose crew he belonged.

On this, the first visit of the history-making stranger, interviews and names are taboo for reasons best known to the "old man," Capt. Paul Koenig, who gave the order. And it certainly was not an interview, not at least, so far as the Deutschland's man was concerned. Gazing most of the time dreamily upon the muddy waves of the Patasco, this young man talked in his native tongue, as if filling in some pages of mental diary. Only an occasional question stirred him into the realization that he was not alone and then he did not know he was talking to a reporter.

"I've been with this green little devil," he said, "from the moment she got her nose wet for the first time. I've been with her on every trial trip—and we've had many, many of them—and have been with her even when she was put back into dock. This is the first time I'm off and do you know I'm homesick? No, no, not as you think, for my country and my family—das its verboten on trips like this one—but I'm homesick for my little bunk there on the Deutschland and for the whole of her.

"Bad air? Oily? Oh, well, whoever is bothered by such things better keep off a U-boat and get a job on the Vaterland.

"You get so attached to a boat like that and to the service on her that you are unhappy the minute you get away from her. I suppose it's much like the feeling aviators have when they are not plying. It's a sort of craze perhaps; it gets you and stays with you for the rest of your life."

"I noticed the old man told the reporters our trip was uneventful. Ha! Ha!—Potatausend nochmal, there's excitement in every minute, every second. Of course, that does not mean that there is a warship lurking overhead in every spot of the ocean. Anyway, warships are not our chief concern. In fact they bother us little. It's these damned merchant ships of all sorts and sizes that we are worried about. And you know, the meanest feeling about the whole business is when you see one of them glide by quite near and have not got a torpedo to send into her bowels.

"For you know full well if she caught a glimpse of you she'd head straight for you and ram you and have a good laugh at the men struggling in the waters—that's what they did with the L-29, wasn't it? No, we're not afraid of warships. Nearly all the experience of U-boats in this war has shown that the British naval officers and regular sailors are fair. They give you a change for life. They are sportsmen.

"But it's these vendamate little travelers and schooners and such craft that we hate—yes and dread. Who wouldn't dread a ram death in a submarine—we call it faler Tod.

"What is the hardest job on a submarine? 'Stoker.'

"The best, to be on guard in the conning tower, still, that is in a way the hardest one. But there isn't that stifling heat that threatens any minute to make you fall dead—Mause Tod—and you won't have to go any further down to be punished for your sins in life, for there's a hell right around you; there can be none worse.

"But in the conning tower, Hat that's different. You see it over there, don't you, that funny little hole that can just hold two men if they're not too fat? There you stand, legs spread far apart so as to give you a firm hold, your elbows on the sharp edges and keep watch. And you feel like the guardian of the old girl, this ship that you have learned to love more than life itself, and you peer out in the darkness—that is, as much as often as old man Neptune lets you, for he plays hell with his playmate, the ocean.

"Like a nutshell the boat higgles and puts and staggers and stamps—up and down, up and down—and all the time your face is spanked and the splashed by the salt water and the storm wind whips your ears. There's

not a light around. All is black and around you goes a howl that you dread the first few nights but that you get to love. I becomes music to you. Wagnerian music played by the elements that alone can play it as old Richard would like it played.

"And here is the biggest thing of it all; You know the furies of the elements have been turned loose to destroy you; but you also know that brains properly employed beat all elements combined and that brains are downstairs. You are in safe hands. Those fellows know their business. You know this nutshell is going to get through—we knew it at Bremen and we knew it when we sighted the first enemy warships off the capes. And we did, didn't we?"

"And down below?" ventured the reporter.

"Ah, it's different down there—quite different, deafening, deadening noise and heat; that's what makes up the hell below. You see, there's not a single opening to let the heat out; the sea would quickly stop such business. You have to stick it out down there until the storm is over and the storms in the Atlantic don't blow over in a hurry; that we found out on this trip.

"You cannot think, you cannot sleep down there when there's a storm and the hatches are shut. You can do nothing but mechanically do your duty. If you're off duty you wish you were on, for you can't sleep and can't think; you're continually at the verge of becoming crazy. Yes, Verrueckt.

"The only thing that saves you is the dull realization that you have to pull through and keep your reason."

NEW HOMESTEAD LAW.

Additional Entry Can Be 20 Miles From Original.

First definite explanation of the recent amendment to the enlarged homestead act, has been made public by the La Grande land office. The amendment became effective July 3rd but to date little has reached newspaper columns of its precise working details. Inquiries are pouring into the land office, and Register F. C. Bramwell and Receiver Nolan Skiff, have been busy writing letters on this subject. As a comprehensive and detailed explanation of the new law may be cited a letter forwarded to Joe H. Parkes of Pendleton. In this letter to Mr. Parkes the officials say:

I am in receipt of your inquiry relative to a bill introduced by Congressman Sinnott, as an amendment to the enlarged homestead act, authorizing additional entries for land not contiguous to the original entry. You ask to be fully advised as to the provisions of this bill.

You perhaps have reference to the act of July 3rd, 1916, (public No. 142) amending the Act of February 19th, 1909, commonly known as the enlarged homestead act, by adding thereto an additional section to be known as section seven.

This act provides: "Section 7. That any person who has made or shall make homestead entry of less than three hundred and twenty acres of land of the character herein described, and who shall have the right to enter public lands subject to the provisions of this act, not contiguous to his first entry which shall not with the original entry exceed three hundred and twenty acres;

Provided, That the land originally entered and that covered by the additional entry shall first have been designated as subject to this act, as provided by sections one thereof; Provided further, That in no case shall patent issue for the land covered by such additional entry until the person making same shall have actually and in conformity with the homestead laws resided upon and cultivated the lands so additionally entered, and otherwise complied with such laws, except that where the land embraced in the additional entry is located not exceeding twenty miles from the land embraced in the original entry no residence shall be required on such additional entry if the entryman is residing on his former entry; And Provided Further, That this section shall not be construed as affecting any rights as to location of soldiers' additional homesteads under section twenty-three hundred and six of the revised statutes."

Under departmental construction as announced in Circular No. 486, approved July 8th, 1916, additional entries will be allowed only in the states where the enlarged homestead act is in force and where final proof on the original entry has been submitted.

Where the additional entry is within twenty miles of the original entry, and the applicant still maintains his residence on the land first entered no residence on the additional entry will be required; but cultivation, under the act of June 6th, 1912, must be shown on the submission of final proof. If the additional entry is more than twenty miles from the

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original entry, both residence and cultivation, under the three-year law will be required. To determine the distance between two entries, measured on a straight line will control. In all cases, the land in the original entry, as well as the land applied for under the additional application must be designated under the enlarged homestead act; but where the land in either entry has not already been designated, the applicant may file a petition for designation, in duplicate as provided by the act of March 4th, 1915, and Department Circular No. 402, except that separate petition must be filed if the land in both the original and additional entries has not been designated.

Where an applicant for an additional entry made his original entry in a different land district, inquiry will be made of the proper land office to ascertain whether or not the land in his original entry has been designated.

If not already designated under the enlarged homestead act, the applicant will be allowed thirty days in which to file a petition for designation, covering the undersigned land. Under this act, any person who has heretofore made a homestead entry on which proof has been submitted, may make a second, or additional entry, for such an area as will, when added to the area heretofore entered, not exceed 320 acres. However, if such person, for example, has made a timber and stone or desert land entry for 160 acres, he would still be entitled to make an additional entry for 160 acres more, under the provisions of this act, which would make in the aggregate 480 acres. Application under this act must be prepared on Form 4-004, "Additional Homestead Applications, Act of February 19, 1909," which will require two witnesses and the description of his original entry, giving the number and date thereof.

The "Act of July 3rd, 1916," will be added thereto when the application is filed in this office; but in the preparation of the application, "Section 3" should be changed so as to read "Section 7." The fees and commissions on applications under this act will be the same as other homestead entries. For 160 acres, the filing fees will be \$16; for 120 acres, \$14.50; for 80 acres, \$8.00 and for 40 acres, \$6.50.

If you desire to make any further inquiries as to the provisions of this act, we will be glad to answer them promptly.

Yours very respectfully,
F. C. BRAMWELL,
Register.
NOLAN SKIFF,
Receiver.

GROWING CLOVER SEED.

The Stephens orchard folks are now cutting alsike clover for seed purposes. This will be closely followed by cutting two tracts of Red Clover of first crop, saved for seed.

The Red clover tract cut for hay June 10 has now been in bloom a long time and is developing seed. The red clover seeded March 22 to 25 and clipped to check the weed growth about July 10, will show bloom in a few days. A seed crop is expected this season.

All the seed clover will be stacked

when cured, as the stacking and allowing to stand six to eight weeks in stack, it is found changes the honey dew caused by aphid to another condition which does not stick the seed together.

Alsike clover is not troubled by aphid so badly and is not so sticky. The alsike seed crop however should be handled the same as other seed according to experience of leading growers.—Nampa Record.

One of Willis Webb, Sr.'s hens recently hatched a setting of eggs in

the meadow. Evidently a quail had laid eggs in the same nest, as there are four young quail in the brood. They are doing well and seem to be as much at home as the young chickens are. Mr. Ross, who lives on the bench, had a similar experience with Chinese pheasant eggs and one of his hens is mothering a number of young pheasants.—Emmett Index.

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