

# BIG NEED OF SHIPS TO SUPPLY ARMIES ON FOREIGN DUTY

Lord Northcliffe, Before Return to England, Sounds Note of Warning Against German Policy at Sea.

And if Prussianism Isn't Crushed in This War America May Expect Attempt at Its Establishment Here.

That the war will create a community of interest among the allied nations that will make war in future impossible was the declaration made by Lord Northcliffe, celebrated British publisher, before a gathering of newspaper men from five states at Kansas City, shortly before his return to England, as reported in the Editor and Publisher.

But while the war lasts — and his utterances gave no hope of an opinion of an early peace realization or the grim fact that it demands the application and utilization of the full resources of the allied nations is essential.

"We are up against a people who have been preparing in every possible direction for 40 years," Northcliffe declared. "These people inherited the principles of thoroughness, and they have left no details unattended. They are predominated by a lust for property which is a basic cause of this war. This principle has been proven again and again."

**German Lust Tremendous**  
"Their self-confidence has been exaggerated as a result of success in the Danish war of '64, Austrian war of '66 and the Franco-Prussian war of 1870. Now, to imagine that a people who have been educated to this lust for territory and have been trained for these military tactics for years and years, and who have given their life for this cause — to suppose that people who are untrained and who were unprepared for war can conquer the Germans in a short time — that is the height of folly."

"Of course, you people can't realize that we are at war, because you are so very far away. You don't see the soldiers come back, you don't see the wounded soldiers, your homes and property are not destroyed and, of course, you can't realize those things until they are brought home to you."

"What the Germans are after are the ships containing cargoes of food and munitions — not merely passengers. Now, what they are after is to let you get your men over there, and then destroy ships containing munitions and food supplies — and if you aren't careful you will find yourself in the position of having a large army marooned in France unable to get supplies."

**Ship Program Essential**  
"One very important item is the building of ships. Building ships is not like building a newspaper office. First of all, you have to choose a place to build these ships in then you have got to erect and equip your buildings and get your force together and make arrangements for the supplying of the various kinds of material, and decide on the best designs for the best kind of ships to offer."

"The newspapers have shown the enthusiasm of the people in raising the Liberty loan, which will go a long way toward the building of machines, supplying ammunition and building the machines for fighting in the air. I find in this enthusiasm further means to get these things to the war — which is very necessary. Of what use would ammunition, big guns, etc., be without means to transport them over to Europe?"

**What Germany Wants**  
"And now there is one question that would like to ask you, and that is: What is to prevent the Germans from coming across the Atlantic in large numbers? They sent one submarine over to report — just to give a gentle hint that they could do it. What is to prevent them from coming across the Atlantic? One mistake and they would be across. If a mistake had been made by our men in council, there is no doubt but what they would have been across the Atlantic long ago."

"I can see no reason why you can have any hope that we will have a short war. Of course, we could have a

## SEES SUBMARINE ATTACK



Felton Murray, son of Mrs. B. F. Murray, Hammond, Or., at mess "somewhere in England."

peace tomorrow, but it would be a short peace, and it would mean a more terrible war than we are in now, for you can rest assured that the Germans wouldn't make the mistake that they have made in this instance — of having so many people against her.

"You know what she is after? The people who have the goods. She has an attachment for the country that has the coal and iron and many other valuable resources, such as Great Britain and the United States. There is not much sentiment about German warfare."

**Propagandists Resonant**  
"The work of the I. W. W., the German propaganda in your country, the burning of your stock yards, and the destruction of your munition plants — all these are proofs that Germany had planned a war against you and was working as carefully in your country as she was in ours before the war."

"We had many Germans at the outbreak of war in our country. Many of them held high positions of trust and honor — such as mayors of towns, etc. — and we were amazed when the war broke out to find that most of these men were working against us and had been for years. We found papers on them showing they had worked for this war and had provided their government with valuable information for some time."

## Fuel Oil Shortage May Be Relieved

William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific Railroad company, will meet with the fuel oil committee appointed by Fuel Administrator Fred G. Holmes and will lend his assistance in any way possible in the effort of the fuel administration to secure a supply of oil for Portland.

Mr. Sproule is hopeful that the increased supply furnished by the recently developed oil fields at Casmaalia and Montebella, Cal., will relieve the shortage on the Pacific coast.

Mr. Sproule arrived in Portland Friday morning from San Francisco and will be in the city several days.

## 'GOD SPARED US BY A MIRACLE,' WRITES OREGON BOY ABROAD

Felton Murray Gives Graphic Description of Attack by Submarine and Its Defeat.

### NEW "DEPTH BOMB" USED

Death Dealing Device Hurled Into Sea by U. S. Destroyer, Declared to Be Invention of Thomas A. Edison.

"God spared us by a miracle," writes Felton Murray, former Portland boy in a letter to his mother, Mrs. B. F. Murray of Hammond, Or., in describing his experiences of being torpedoed at sea and in turn witnessing the destruction of the attacking submarine.

The letter, which was passed by the censor, is of unusual interest in that it describes the first sinking of a submarine by the "depth bomb," dropped by a United States destroyer, which Murray declares to be a contribution of Thomas Edison for the anti-boat campaign. The bomb is exploded by pressure after attaining a certain depth, crushing any hull that happens to be within a given radius. The terrific impact of the explosion is felt over a wide area.

Murray, who four years ago was employed as an office boy by the Portland Lumber company, entered the army some months ago and left Fort Stevens for New York, August 22. He now is stationed in the northern part of England in a machine gun camp where he soon expects to be made an instructor with the rank of sergeant. His letter, written under date of September 24, is as follows:

**Protest Against Better Food**  
"The first day out of New York — I mean the first 24 hours out of New York — we were forced to turn off our course by three hours because of a German raider, who was captured."

"We left Halifax harbor on the night of September 6, at 5:30 o'clock. On one shore, near the entrance to the harbor, we could see a large ship that had run aground in the fog. The prov was up high and dry and the after portion was submerged."

"Nothing of interest happened during the first few days that followed, only we were in the middle of the large bunch of ships. All were within sight. "Now I will take you down in the ship mess hall to one of our meals. Bread, tea, rotten meat or fish, worms in our boiled cabbage one of them of an inch long, and I will not tell you about the maggots."

"At last we took our plates and went to the first class dining room with them and showed the grub to the medical lieutenant. We raised hell. Results turned out favorably. From then on, we received food we could eat. The lights were visible from the ships, except flash or radio light signals. No smoking was allowed after 8 o'clock p. m."

"Two days out from England three ships, including our own, left the other ships behind and, accompanied by a fleet of United States navy destroyers, came on at a rapid rate. One destroyer kept dogging around us, zig-zagging in every way imaginable. The other two boats each had a destroyer with them. And we went zig-zag."

**Periscope Is Sighted**  
"I was standing by the rail on the port side of the ship on deck C, my life preserver hanging over my arm, for we were ordered to have them within our reach at all times. We even took them to our meals with us. I could see the Irish coast on the starboard side."

"It was about 6:45 p. m. I saw two British Zeppelins fly over us earlier in the afternoon, but it was just getting dusk when I felt our ship shift to the port side on a right angle turn. Then the bells in our pilot house sounded the stop signal for the engineer, and I heard the speaker of the wireless as it flashed out the warning to the two other boats, who were about two miles to our rear. Now this all took place in the wink of an eye."

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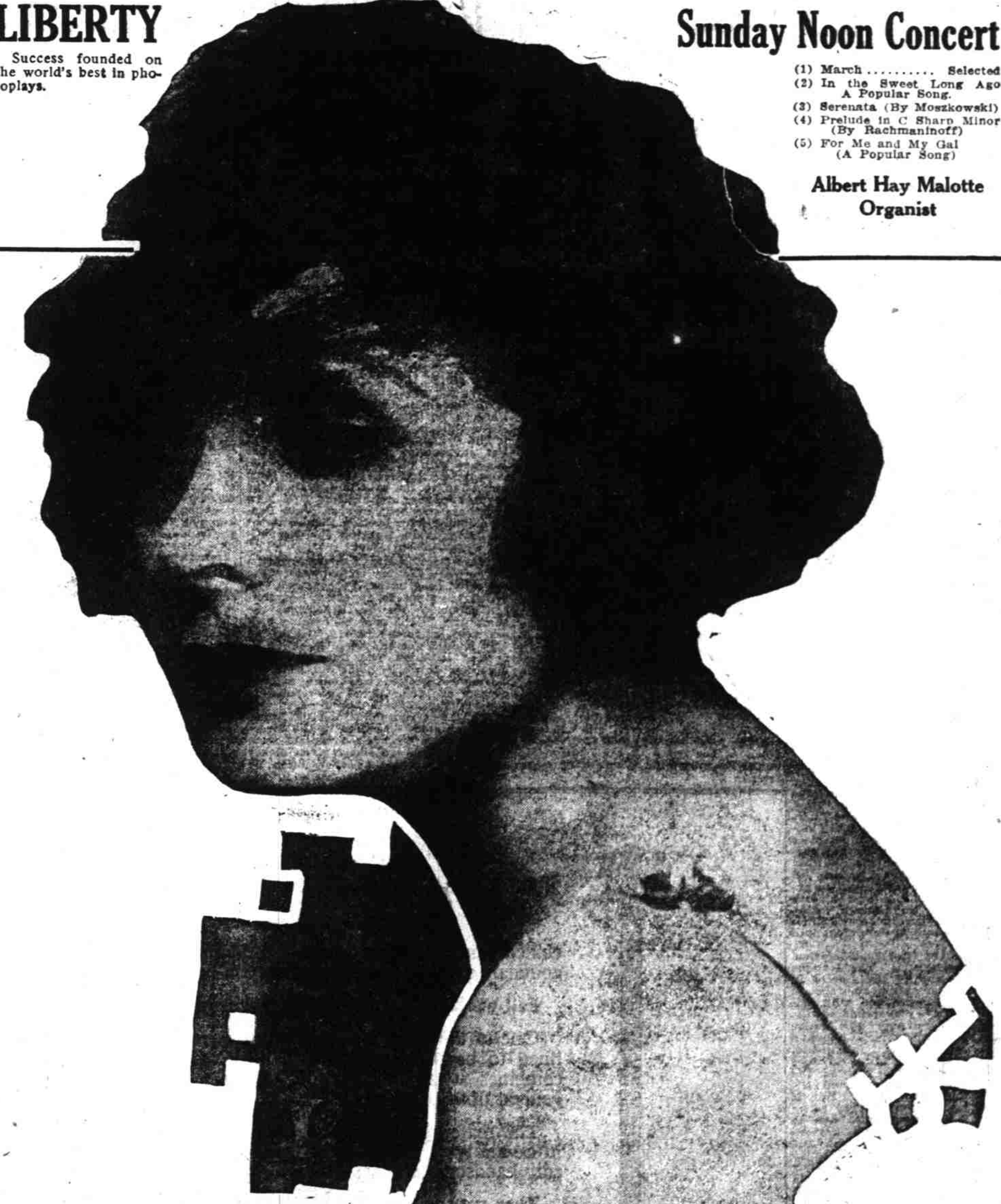
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