

LIFE ON U-BOAT TRIES SOULS OF OCEAN TRAVELERS

Pitching and Tossing of Small Craft Make Things Lively for Those Who Are Aboard.

LOCAL MAN MAKES TRIP

Captured German Undersea Boat Gives Unique Experience to Passenger on Recent Voyage.

By James S. Sheehy, Of The Journal, Who Crisscrossed the U-88 from Portland to Seattle.

"Close the forward hatch, stow away the mess table, make all lines fast."

The U-88 was on her way to sea. She had parted easily and gracefully from Portland and Astoria.

Opposite North Head light the fun started. Heavy ground swells seemed to rise out of the ocean and meet us.

Below in the torpedo room all was a mass of blue. Gobs who had seen perhaps 18 months of overseas service in the American navy swapped stories of their war days and filled the air with the haze of cigarette smoke.

They call the torpedo room of the U-88 the "blue room." And rightly so, for as blue as the sea, the room was filled with the smoke of cigarettes put up in the underwater prison.

Space is at a premium on a submarine. When the men are sold out, that life on board the U-88 was near unbearable during a 10 or 15-day cruise in a rough sea, there was none to doubt.

"Think of the stench, the odor and discomfort of spending 10 days in this walled prison—hatches all closed tight, boat pitching and tossing as if made of water, food low, men unshaven and unwashed—it's a very hell," he said.

And, after we had eaten a inch-thick beef steak and tasted coffee with hard-boiled eggs, we were allowed to pass a fork from plate to mouth, we could know the agonies of an average day on a submarine. Truly, this demon of the seas was born in the shops of a devil.

Submarine sailors are nonetheless backward than their brothers of the sea in spending much of their time in their bunks. Seemed as if every spare minute the gobs had about the U-88 they were tucked in the blankets in their 22 inch wide bunks.

Lesson of the English channel never experienced such a fog as the U-88 encountered opposite Vancouver island early Tuesday. The forward hatch was not visible from the conning tower. For three hours we laid quiet in the open waters while the moaning wall of our area warned approaching vessels of our position.

Tuesday night, at 9 o'clock saw us safely moored in Seattle harbor, there to remain four days prior to leaving for Bremerton navy-yard. Crew and officers are looking forward to the return voyage to San Pedro within the next week.

BRAVING PACIFIC WATERS IN CAPTURED SUBMARINE



German undersea diver carries Journal reporter on thrilling voyage from Portland to Seattle. Left—Group in the conning tower of war time raider. Center—Racing through smooth seas, even as in war days. Right—Glimpse of trim deck of German submarine U-88.

On the way down a stop will be made at Maves Island, where a thorough inspection will be given to the undersea fighter. It is the hope of the crew that she may be submerged on a trial dive. Then she will go the way of the scrap heap, ending her record of having sent 18 allied merchant ships to the bottom of the English channel.

ONE UNION IDEA GETS KNOCKOUT

well received. Ex-Congressman C. C. Dill explained the Plumb plan of railroad control. The next day when the expected fight on it was called the indorsement of the measure was almost unanimous.

The "Red" element hit the floor hard with the defeat of their "one big union" resolution. They hit it again with a proposed petition to President Wilson to release the "class war prisoners," and several minor encounters showed that the measure had a third of the delegates at the most.

W. S. U'Ren, who drew up the "right to work" measure at the request of the last session of the State Federation of Labor, explained its provisions from a legal point of view.

J. R. Herman, manager of the Oregon Single Tax league, explained that he wanted the forces of organized labor to take up the work of securing the remainder of the signatures necessary to secure the single tax measure a place on the ballot.

Enoch Wigmore, fraternal delegate from the Farmers' union, presented the attitude of the farmer toward some of the demands of labor. She warned organizer labor to not inordinate the demand for the freedom of Ireland.

The following day the freedom of Ireland resolution was adopted. Mrs. Wigmore assured the delegates that the farmers would not stand for any six hour day staff, and might go on a strike of their own if the workmen tried to get away with it.

The banquet given by the unions and business men of Bend Thursday night was most enjoyable affair, and was attended by Mayor J. A. Eastes and many city and county officials.

Among the prominent persons attending the convention were O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, who has attended every session for more than 17 years; W. H. Fitzgerald, deputy state labor commissioner, at one time president of the State Federation of Labor.

A. Daskiel, state deputy sealer of weights and measures; ex-Congressman C. C. Dill of Washington; W. S. U'Ren, Portland.

Mrs. L. Gee, representing the garment workers, made several strong and witty addresses.

The selection of La Grande as the meeting place for the state federation in 1920 was made, Pendleton and Astoria being competitors.

The gavel was swung ably by President O. R. Hartwig. E. J. Stack, secretary for the past seven years, positively refused to accept a renomination. Frank C. Simmons of Portland assisted him in the desk work during the sessions.

The following nominations were made: President, Otto Hartwig, Portland, and A. H. Stuart, Portland; vice president, Frank Hannan, Portland, and D. E. Nickerson, Portland; secretary-treasurer, R. F. Geist, Portland, and W. E. Kinsey of Portland.

Arthur Brock, W. R. McWade, A. H. Stein and M. Frove of Portland; C. L. Uter, Astoria; G. H. Baker, Bend; George Dunmyer, Oregon City; R. J. Cotner, La Grande; Sandy McLean, Pendleton.

Except for being unusually tired and slightly deaf, neither Cline nor I are a bit the worse for the trip.

Maynard's home town is Kerr, N. C. His wife and two little daughters now live at Mineola, N. Y.

The flyers were taken to the Palace hotel, where a luncheon in their honor was given by the Pacific Aero club. Thus Maynard made good his promise of early today that he would eat luncheon in San Francisco.

Among the more important resolutions adopted were: Shorter working hours, even to six a day; self determination of Ireland; eight hour day for city firemen; asking for a deputy labor commissioner at Astoria; indorsing the Plumb plan of railroad control by the national government; asking for the repeal of all laws interfering with free speech and free press; for the officers of the federation to investigate and report upon the proposed state fire insurance; that women whose husbands are able to support their families should not work at gainful occupations.

While the competitors are required to cross the continent again to complete the contest, the ocean-to-ocean flight was generally regarded in aerial circles as a race in itself.

Official announcement was made in Washington that the second flight would not be made before October 20, so that the planes may be thoroughly overhauled and the landing fields cleared of the slower machines.

San Francisco, Oct. 11.—(U. P.)—Belvin W. Maynard, a Baptist preacher, flew into the hall of fame today when he sped across San Francisco bay and alighted at the Presidio.

The "sky pilot" had completed a record dash across the country from Mineola to the Presidio in the flying time of 24 hours 59 minutes and 49 1/2 seconds. He averaged 106 1/2 miles an hour in the 21 flights into which the distance of 2701 miles was subdivided.

Of the 69 flyers that hopped off from Mineola and San Francisco on October 3, Lieutenant Maynard was the first to complete the transcontinental journey.

"I'm all ready to start back tomorrow if they want me to," said Maynard.

Among these at the luncheon were Major General Menoher, air service director, U. S. A.; Colonel H. H. Arnold, air service director, western department; Colonel Edmund Wittenmyer, chief of staff western department, representing General Laggett; Supervisor J. C. Kortik, chairman of the air port committee, and Edmund Rainey, representing Mayor Rolph, and S. S. Ebberts, secretary of the Aero club.

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LANDLORD BLAMES PRICE AGITATION ON PRES. WILSON

Dr. H. F. Ong, Whose Apartments Housewives Investigate, Says Profiteer Hunt Politics.

REPORT TO U. S. ATTORNEY

Landlord Who Said, "Glad I've Got 'em at My Mercy," Faced With Federal Probe.

All the evidence in the case of the women of Portland vs. Dr. H. F. Ong, landlord, who is said to have boasted he had his tenants at his mercy, an array of facts and figures dug up by careful investigation and interviews with many tenants, has been presented officially to Thomas G. Farrell, chairman of the federal fair price committee, for transmission to Bert E. Haney, United States district attorney.

It is left for the district attorney to take action if he finds it necessary. Accounts of an interview with Dr. Ong by Portland housewives representing the Housewives' council, was published in The Journal some weeks ago.

LANDLORD: "LET 'EM MOVE" "It serves them right," he is reported to have said in reference to tenants who inquired the reason for the sharp increase they had met at their mercy; now they are at mine. If they don't like it, let 'em move."

Mrs. Henry Cave was chairman of the committee that investigated the Rexford apartments, 345 Clay street, owned by Dr. Ong, and found the conditions outlined in her report, which reads:

HERE'S THE REPORT "The Rexford apartment house is on the northwest corner of Broadway and Clay streets. It is a two-story brick building, without basement.

The building permit was issued December 6, 1915, at a valuation of \$20,000. The structure was erected slowly and was occupied about the middle of the summer of 1916.

"I find that in 1914 the lots now occupied by this apartment house contained only old store buildings which were assessed that year at a valuation of \$150. The total assessed valuation of buildings and lots was \$10,550. Taxes for 1914 were \$243.71.

WATCH VALUES CLIMB "In 1916 the erection of new buildings advanced the building valuation to \$1090, total valuation of buildings and lots, \$11,200, and taxes, \$306.88.

"In 1917, additional building improvement advanced the valuation to \$5000, total valuation, \$15,200, and taxes \$465.05.

"The owner of the apartment house is Dr. F. H. Ong. It consists of 19 apartments and a grocery store. There are no laundry facilities, no janitor service, not a heat furnace.

"Apartments are what is known as two room apartments, and contain a living room, small bathroom, clothes closet and an extremely small kitchen—about three feet by five feet. There is a gas range furnished in the room. A wall bed is furnished in the living room, consisting of bare springs and legs, without mattress or bedding.

CHARGES \$40 A MONTH "Some apartments are furnished with the following articles: One rug, one china cabinet, three chairs and one chiffonier. Apartments thus furnished rent for \$40 a month. The tenant furnishes dishes, cooking utensils, linens, mattress and bedding.

"Other unfurnished apartments in the house rent for \$40 for the bare room.

"The committee for investigation of apartment houses found just one apartment that rented for \$35 a month. The woman occupying it had been there three years. Her rent was raised June 18, 1919, from \$22.50 to \$25. Later it was raised to \$30 and, in September, 1919, to \$35.

BUNDLE THEIR GARBAGE "Tenants are required to wrap their garbage in newspapers and tie the bundles. These are conveyed in a chute to an incinerator by which the hot water is slightly warmed night and morning.

"The committee called on Dr. Ong and inquired the reason for the sharp increase in rents in his apartment house and explained to him that his tenants were complaining that rents were too high.

"His reply was that his tenants were a 'bunch of cattle' and that they were living in a better place than they deserved. If they did not feel they could afford the rent they were free to move. He said also that the depreciation in value of his property made high rents necessary, that he lost money on his investment and that now he is going to make his tenants pay what he demanded, or get out.

"He further said he was not in sympathy with this investigation and refused to give any information unless subpoenaed to do so. The committee was a tool of President Wilson, he said, and it would be a boon to Wilson's party if he could cut down the high cost of living. He said in conclusion that he had his tenants right where he wished them, at his mercy, and he would dictate terms himself."

J. Ham Lewis and Polk Are Candidates For Italian Post Washington, Oct. 11.—(U. P.)—Under Secretary of State Frank P. Polk and former Senator James Hamilton Lewis are leading candidates for the vacant post of ambassador to Italy, according to information in well-informed circles today.

Henry P. Fletcher, ambassador to Mexico, who has been mentioned for the post, will return to Mexico City, it is said.

Stevardes Won't Load Rifles Seattle, Oct. 11.—(U. P.)—Further delay in the shipment of five carloads of rifles destined for Vladivostok, Siberia, was occasioned this morning when union longshoremen failed to report to load the consignment of the United States shipping board vessel Delight.

Having trouble with those false teeth of yours? Dr. E. C. Roseman, plate specialist, in the Journal bldg., can make better ones for you.—(Adv.)

Advertisement for 'Interesting Vocal and Dance Records' featuring a list of records such as 'Ching Chong (One Step)', 'Sand Dunes (One Step)', and 'I'll Say She Does'. It includes contact information for Morrison St. at Broadway and The Wiley Ballen Co. in San Francisco.

Advertisement for 'Some attractive things from a good jewelry store' by Friedlander's. It lists various jewelry items like diamond rings, watches, and umbrellas with prices. The store is located at 310-312 Washington Street, Portland.

Advertisement for 'JUDGMENT' shoes by G.H. Baker. It features a drawing of a shoe and text describing the quality and price of the shoes. The store is located at 380 Washington Street, Portland.

Advertisement for 'HADES' pipeless furnace by Silvertown Blowpipe Co. It describes the furnace's features and provides contact information for the company in Silverton, Oregon.

Advertisement for 'Compare' typewriters by The Rebuilt Typewriter Company. It features a drawing of a typewriter and text comparing the company's machines to other brands. The company is located at 284 Oak St., Portland, Or.