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## Notes on the War

### Losses of the British Merchant Marine

Last month the British Admiralty gave out valuable statistics regarding the losses of merchant ships sunk by submarines was 183, of which 93 were destroyed by torpedoes. In addition to these, 175 British fishing vessels were sunk. At the outbreak of the war, Great Britain possessed 11,028 ships—about 40 per cent of the world's shipping. Because the 2,845 merchant ships of the German and Austrian fleets had been destroyed or driven into port, the proportionate strength of the British merchant navy had been considerably larger than 40 per cent. Due to the activity in ship-building, the losses of the British merchant marine have been more than offset by its growth, the fleet being larger by 88 ships and 343,616 tons than it was when the war commenced.

### The Total German Resources in Men

Commenting on a characteristic German propaganda article in a neutral country, Belloc criticises the statement that "the German Empire alone was prepared to put in the field a total of 12,000,000 men." It is generally agreed that a nation is able to mobilize about one tenth of its population; but Belloc admits that when the effort is extended to a second year and when a supreme effort is made and a few elements not quite desirable are introduced, you may just reach 12 per cent. Twelve millions of men for Germany, however, means over 17 per cent, and it would include children, elderly men, invalids, lunatics, cripples, blind and paralytics. The French General Staff have calculated as a maximum for the Germans somewhat over 8,000,000, this calculation being based upon the knowledge of what they can themselves do with a population at least as healthy.

### England as a Future Military Power

A writer in the United Service Magazine lays emphasis on the fact that when the armies now under training have been brought up to full efficiency, England will be an important military power, even when compared to the great armed nations of Europe. He draws attention to the influence on the world-power of England that the existence of a great army, available for service in any portion of the Empire, must have in the present and the immediate future. Military strength is not counted in numbers, but it is the power to be strong at the strategical point. With her new land forces England's supremacy on the seas gives her this power. The writer thinks that after the war there will not be a reversion

to the old order of things military since the popular prejudice against the profession of arms will have largely, if not completely, broken down.

### Submarine Activity in the Baltic

It will be interesting to learn when the war is over how the British submarines managed to break through the narrow straits leading from the North Sea into the Baltic. That they have done so, probably in considerable numbers, is shown by their great activity against the contraband trade between Scandinavia and the German Baltic ports. Apparently the fleet has recently been augmented by at least two flotillas of submarines; for according to a dispatch from Copenhagen, a flotilla of destroyers headed by a light cruiser of the "Undaunted" type convoyed the submarines to the entrance of the Cattegat, at the Northern-most point of the Jutland coast. The light cruiser remained here while the destroyers convoyed the submarines to the narrowest part of the Sound of Elsinore, whence they made their way unaided into the Baltic. Once they are in these waters, they can be operated from bases on the Russian coast; and in their attacks upon German shipping they are not handicapped by the vast distances which had to be covered by the German U-boats before they reached the trade routes.—Scientific American.

### Autos Compete With Steam Roads

In the year ending last June, 368,000 fewer passengers passed through one railway station of Boston than three years ago. The falling off from 1914 was 7 per cent.

Part of this decrease in traffic is doubtless due to the late industrial depression, the curtailment of travel being one of the simplest forms of practicing economy in lean years. But in the opinion of railroad men the slump was due mostly to automobile competition. For the greater part, the traffic of that Boston station is short-haul. It has been made up principally of suburbanites, and these people, as is well known, have become heavy investors in motor cars, running second only to the farmers.

For a long time, people were looking for the bottom to drop out of the automobile industry. That little amusement has been given up—because every few days new applications of the motor car are being demonstrated, new fields for its employment are being broken. If in three or four years the automobiles can become measurable competitors of the big transportation companies what new feats will they have performed by the time the present decade has ended?—Toledo Blade

### Real Estate Transfers

In Polk County.

The following is a list of realty transfers recorded during the week ending Dec. 9, 1915, and reported to the Herald by Sibley & Eakin, Abstracters, 515 Court street, Dallas, Oregon:

J W Kelly and wife to Frank B and Adell Kelly, 40 acres, t 8-4, \$500.

J W Kelly and wife to Chas. D and Mary H Simley, 37 acres, t 8-4, \$500.

J. W. Kelly and wife to Ernest A and Carrie E Simley, 22 acres, t 8-4, \$500.

B E Lewis and wife to Abraham Bechtel, 11.70 acres, t 7-3, \$1.

J. C. Morrison and wife to W A Hanor, lot in Dallas, \$1040.

Arthur M Purvine and wife to J F Purvine, 157.54 acres, t 6-3, \$1.

J. F. Purvine and wife to Arthur M Purvine, 150 acres, t 6-3, \$10.

David Martiny and wife to J C and Esther Cockerham, 375.38 acres, t 6-7-8, \$1.

George L Hawkins and wife to A W and Ed C Dunn, 15.99 acres, t 7-5, \$10.

G W Newbill to Mary C Newbill, tracts at Ballston, \$1.

L A Bollman etal to William Schroeder, lots in Dallas, \$7000.

W M Schroeder to L A Bollman and V C Staats, 160 acres, t 8-5, \$700.

Dorothy Dolp to Henry V Dolp, 91.71 acres, t 7-5, \$1.

C. F. Waltman and wife to W S Kurre, lot in Independence.

### Polk County Institute

A teachers institute was held at Independence Saturday, Dec. 11, with a good attendance.

A splendid musical program was presented by the people of Independence.

The following program was carried out:

Prof. H. C. Ostien of the Oregon Normal School gave an excellent address on the subject of "Wasted Time in Arithmetic." This address contained many points which the teachers need.

Miss Ina B. Graham, Primary Supervisor of the Falls City School gave an address on the subject of "Play Games for Primary Teachers," which was very interesting and helpful to the primary teachers.

Miss Katherine Arbuthnot, Critic Teacher of the Oregon Normal School gave a class exercise on class dramatization in 5th grade work, which was well received by all.

Mr. Frank K. Welles, Ass't. State Superintendent, handled the subject of "School Management" in his pleasing way.

The teachers of the county organized a high school department with E. L. Keezel as president. It will be their plan to put on one period in the program in each of the following institutes.

The following teachers from Monmouth were present: Mr. T. H. Gentle, Miss Katherine Arbuthnot, Mrs. Aultman, Miss Lillian Dinius, Mr. H. C. Ostien and Miss Vida Fatland.

H. C. SEYMOUR,  
Polk Co., School Supt.

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