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CAN'T KEEP A GOOD SHIP DOWN

Half of Torpedoed Craft of Great Britain Have Been Salvaged.

METHODS GREATLY IMPROVED

Much Greater Weights Than Believed Possible Are Now Being Lifted—No Hope of Ever Raising Lusitania.

London.—Of 400 British ships sunk in the last two and a half years at least 50 per cent have been raised from the bottom of the sea. The organization responsible—the Admiralty Salvage department—is composed entirely of experts employed by a commercial firm which engaged in the business before the war. Ships were so cheap then, however, that often it did not pay to raise a sunken wreck and restore her to seagoing condition.

Things are very different now, and the result is that invention has been stimulated to an extraordinary extent.

It used to be considered that 1,500 tons was the greatest weight that could be lifted from under water by wire ropes. A sunken government tender that was obstructing a fairway was lifted out of the mud recently and carried away by four lifting ships with sixteen 3-inch wire ropes, and the deadweight carried was calculated at 2,750 tons. The wreck was shifted one mile at the first lift, and so was gradually taken to the beach, patched up and sent off to the repairing yard. She went back into service and made several voyages before a torpedo ended her career altogether.

Cannot Raise Lusitania.

Ships sunk in deep water cannot be salvaged. It is not expected that the Lusitania, for example, will ever be lifted. Divers cannot work in more than 25 fathoms successfully, though for special purposes they may sometimes go down to 35 fathoms for a brief spell of work.

The hulls of the ships saved have been sunk in less than 25 fathoms, or have been towed inshore by rescue tugs, and have gone aground in fairly easy positions.

The salvage men face considerable risks, not only from bad weather but also from submarine attack. Only one salvage ship, however, has been lost through enemy action.

One of the largest oil tank steamships was mined and caught fire. There was a heavy explosion and the decks were flooded with burning oil. The cargo consisted largely of benzine. Most persons would conclude that the case was hopeless. Not so. The vessel was scuttled by gun fire and thus the fire was extinguished. Then divers plugged all the shot holes, besides closing other apertures. On being pumped out the vessel floated and was forthwith taken to a repairing port.

New Pump is Valuable.

As showing how valuable is the new submersible electric motor pump, a recently torpedoed ship which carried a cargo mainly foodstuffs of more than 2,000 tons value had a hole 40 feet long by 4 feet deep in her side. She was taken in by rescue tugs, but went down before she had served to beach her suitably. An ordinary pumping power would have served the

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need, but the new type pump enabled stakehold, engine room and all her after holds to be pumped out, so that cargo could be discharged and the vessel taken higher up the beach. Then the lightning process was continued until the vessel was floated and taken into dock, practically all her cargo being saved.

The number of the ships of the mercantile marine actually salvaged by the department in two years from 1915 to 1917 was 290. All these vessels were of big tonnage. For the present year the monthly totals of such vessels salvaged were: January, 14; February, 41; March, 37; April, 38; and May, 19. Thus the department has saved 497 important vessels of the mercantile marine. This does not include vessels salvaged outside of home waters.

The larger figures of the latter period were due, not to increased enemy activity but to improved salvage methods.

Many risks are run by the divers, particularly from gases generated by decomposed vegetables and meat in the holds of sunken ships, deaths having resulted from this cause. Grain, it seems, develops sulphuretted hydrogen, which occasions blindness and violent sickness.

A chemist, however, has found a preparation which when mixed with a setting charge immediately kills the gases and enables men to carry on their work in safety.

SLAPS WAR PROFITEER TWICE

Mother Hands Boastful Passenger Wallop for Each of Her Sons in Service.

Monessen, Pa.—"I'm making big money, and for my part I wish the war would keep up awhile longer," remarked a man on a street car here. A well-dressed, motherly-looking woman leaned over and gave the man a stinging slap with "Take that for my son in France! And take that for my other son who is in camp waiting to go to France!" She said she applied the same treatment to the other cheek. "This is a tank the punishment without saying a word."

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT The GEM Quartz Lode Claim

Amended Mineral Survey No. 127

Serial No. 019277

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Gem Consolidated Gold Mining Company, a corporation, of Oregon, with its post office address at the City of Baker, Baker County, Oregon, has made application to the United States Government for United States Patent to the Gem lode claim, situated in no organized mining district, in Baker County, State of Oregon, in Sections 17 and 20, Township 8 South, Range 44 East of Willamette Meridian, as shown by the official plat posted, and designated by said plat and by the official field notes on file with the United States Surveyor General for Oregon, as Amended Mineral Survey No. 127.

Said Gem quartz lode claim being described by courses and distances as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at corner No. 1, whence the quarter Section corner between Sections 17 and 20, in Township 8 South, Range 44 East of Willamette Meridian, in Baker County, Oregon, bears South 21° 06' East 469.8 feet;

Thence South 7° 29' West 1498.3 feet

Corner No. 2;

Thence North 82° 23' West 599.7 feet

Corner No. 3;

Thence North 7° 42' East 1498.2 feet

Corner No. 4;

Thence South 82° 23' East 598.4 feet

to corner No. 1, the place of beginning, embracing a total area of 20,694 acres.

Adjoining claims, as shown by the official plat of the survey are:

The Northwest Gem, and Gem Extension North, both unsurveyed, on the North;

The West Gem, unsurveyed, on the West;

The Gem Extension South, and the East Gem Extension South, both unsurveyed, on the South;

The East Gem, and the Northeast Gem, both unsurveyed, on the East.

There are no conflicting claims.

All persons holding adverse claims to any portion of the lands embraced in this application are hereby notified to file notice thereof in the United States Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, during the publication of this notice of application for patent.

C. S. DUNN, Register.

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"Keeping Our Fighters Fit"

is the title of a fascinating book just issued under Government supervision by the War Department. It tells in a most interesting manner what is being done to "keep our fighters fit" and gives a vivid impression of what the big training camps are like. The story will bring comfort and pleasure to everyone who has a relative, friend or acquaintance in the service.

The Government has set the retail price of this book at 25c, and has appointed the Navy as exclusive agent for this section, with instructions to place one in every home if possible. In order to do this the War Department has given as permission to make the following offer:

The Eagle Valley News one full year to any address and one copy of "Keeping Our Fighters Fit" (sent post paid) for only \$3.00.

The book alone will be sent to any address for ninety-five cents.

As the Government reserves the right to cancel the agreement made with us to supply the books, we advise prompt acceptance of this offer. Old subscribers paying subscription in advance and all new subscribers are entitled to the above offer, but "Keeping Our Fighters Fit" cannot be secured alone from any source for less than Government price, 95c.

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Department of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Department of the Interior,

U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Ore-

gon, August 20, 1918.

Notice is hereby given that Victor B.

Wright, of Richland, Oregon, who, on

December 15, 1917, made application

for a patent in right of said Victor B.

Wright, for certain lands in Sections 17

and 20, Township 8 South, Range 44 East

of Willamette Meridian, in Baker County,

Oregon, has failed to make the proof of

claim required by law, and the same

lands are hereby declared to be

public lands. The date of publication of

this notice is August 12, 1918.

Witness my hand and the seal of the

Department of the Interior at Wash-

ington, D. C., this 10th day of August,

1918.

C. S. DUNN, Register.

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