

# CAMPAIGN OF RUTHLESSNESS IS A FAILURE

### British Naval Officers Declare Submarine Campaign Merely Big Noise—U-Boats Successfully Combated—Many Are Sunk—Germans Cannot Dent Merchant Marine.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The terrible death dealing, man-eating monster, ruthlessness, having performed before the world for two weeks, Mr. von Tirpitz, its distinguished designer, may now take his interesting contraption home.

As a loud noise it was one of the grandest ever; as a thing to end the war, "starve England" and bring the allies to their knees, it is a burr show and had better be taken off the boards.

The daily toll of ships sunk is not greater now than it was before. "Ruthlessness" was turned loose, and if von Tirpitz thinks he is going to starve anybody that way he will die first of old age.

Fifteen days showed a net bag of 162 ships, amounting to 192,309 tons—an average of seven ships a day, with a total tonnage of 14,990. Only a little more than half of the ships were British.

How much shipping tonnage has Great Britain available? Eleven million tons—that's all. Of her own, that is. Besides 2,000,000 more tons of French and Italian ships she can have if she wants them.

Cannot Dent Marine. So that at the present rate, in a year Germany will not have made a dent in the British merchant marine. In a year Germany will have sunk less than one-fifth the tonnage owned by Great Britain, France and Italy, and less than one-tenth of the tonnage these nations can use if they wish.

After two weeks of blockade, therefore, the seas are practically as free as they were before von Tirpitz, with a horrible yell, forced loose his far-famed monster, breathing fire and destruction.

While he was doing his ghost dance and the other tricks of his stunt, the allies were not sitting in awesome silence, waiting to be blown off the map. We hear about the helpless merchant ship sunk by submarines, but we hear nothing of submarines sunk by chains, nets, mine sweepers and those ingenious submarine destroyers.

Submarine is Vulnerable. A submarine is a snaky thing and gives you the shivers the first time it pops out of the water alongside of you; but it is not invulnerable. On the contrary it is one of the easiest of all war vessels to get if you understand how to hunt the beast.

A small, fast, easy handled cruiser, of very light draft and armed with rapid fire machine guns is the monstrosity of the sea that does the trick for the submarine snake. Because of its light draft, a torpedo slides under it, and with its rapid fire guns it can cut off a periscope or smash in a conning tower.

There is a common belief that a submarine is invisible, it isn't. It isn't always come to the surface to get its bearings and aim its torpedoes, and the instant it shows its ugly aspect the destroyer shoots the hat off it. Whereupon, good night to the submarine.

This is one of the weapons that Union and Carson meant when they said in the house of lords the other day that the submarine menace was wool in hand and would soon cease to bother. Aucting is the long line of small boats, being farmer fishing trawlers and drifters, that are carrying nets and cables and necessarily sweeping the North Sea, the Irish sea and the English channel. They stretch out sometimes, clear across the horizon, and after U has watched their nets some days, I understood why it was that daily countless transports pass to and fro between England and France and no submarine has ever gotten one of them.

Navy Men Impressed. British navy men, who are fairly well informed about things in their profession, never were much impressed with the von Tirpitz terror of the seas and only man-eating submarine in captivity. They told me quietly last August that up to that time they had sunk 151 of them and thought they could take care of the rest.

I remember going into Kingston harbor one morning and seeing a line of mine sweepers going out. The flagship was a converted yacht on the bridge of which stood an old man with a perfectly white beard and hair, in charge of the flotilla. He was 70 years of age and his name was Padgett. He had been a retired admiral in the British navy. When the war broke he insisted upon returning to the service, took rank as lieutenant commander and went to mine sweeping.

Nobody thought that was remarkable. All were doing their bit and expected to, young and old.

To anyone that knows the feeling in the British navy the idea that submarines are going to quell it is just a joke. And to anybody that knows England's resources in ships and food, the idea of starving her is just another.

SLAYER'S BOAST REVIVES NOOSE IN WASHINGTON

OLYMPIA, Wa., Feb. 21.—A bill to repeal the anti-hanging law enacted in 1915, was passed by the state senate here today by a vote of 22 to 18. By the terms of the measure, however, juries are given the discretion of fixing the penalty for murder in first degree at life imprisonment, instead of death. Senators, in debating the bill, made frequent reference to the shooting and killing of E. W. Olson, chairman of the state industrial insurance commission, in his office February 1 and to the alleged remark of John Van Dell, accused of the crime, that "the state would have to take care of me for the rest of my life."

# UNCLE SAM TO GIVE BOYS TRAINING FOR MILITARY DATA

### U-BOATS FATHERED BY LARGER ERMAN TOWNS

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 21.—The Kiel Zeitung, a copy of which has been received here, announces that a new plan for the promotion of Germany's submarine war is starting throughout Germany. Under the plan it is proposed that the important towns each "adopt" one submarine and its crew, entirely defraying the cost of the upkeep of the vessel and men, supplying them with clothes, provisions and luxuries, and paying pensions to disabled men or widows.

Charles Brown of Yreka, Cal., was a Medford visitor Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—A big experiment in training boys in citizenship, and incidentally giving them all the qualities of soldiery that can be obtained in the absence of a few weeks of intensive training in camp, is about to be undertaken by the war department.

Captain E. Z. Steever has just left Washington to take up the work in Chicago, from where it will be extended to Kansas City and Denver. Captain Steever is the man who took the "ism" out of "militarism" by establishing his system of boy training in the high schools of Wyoming.

"Steever can take an army of boys, trained as he has trained these boys, and by putting them into camp under strict working conditions for a month, make as good a body of soldiers of them as you can make out of army material in a year," said an official of the department, who knows Steever's plan.

Captain Steever's work is to take advantage of the gang spirit in boys. He abolishes the military titles and uniforms, and calls his organizations simply "squads" or "groups" instead of "companies," "platoons," or "battalions." His officers are called "group leaders."

The Wyoming boys, trained by Steever, broke all world's records in wall scaling, not by using picked athletes, but by training every boy in the school. The Wyoming high school rifle shooters have exceeded the best marks made by experts. Steever himself is one of the best rifle shots in the United States.

Contrary to all ordinary military methods, Captain Steever believes an army does not need the discipline of compulsion. He believes in the discipline of leadership.

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# KILGORE'S DEATH SHOWN BY AUTOPSY DUE TO DISEASE

ASHLAND, Feb. 21.—The body of David C. Kilgore, who died at the state hospital at Salem last week, and whose remains arrived here Feb. 15 for interment, was held at the local undertaking parlors of H. C. Stock, pending an investigation as to the cause of death. The funeral was to have been held last Saturday, but owing to fear of foul play suggested by discoloration, the burial was delayed.

Dr. Steiner and Griffiths of the state hospital at Salem came down this morning for an investigation of the matter. An autopsy was held and it was shown that death was due to heart failure, caused by alcoholism. The patient had been gradually sinking for a month and during a temporary absence of the night nurse, attempted to get out of bed and had fallen to the floor causing bruises. Discolorations that had the appearance of bruises, were due to the failure of the embalming fluid to circulate.

The deceased was a resident of Langell valley, Klamath county. He formerly lived in Ashland, and in sending his body here it was planned to have the interment in Hargardine cemetery, where his parents are buried, they having been pioneer settlers of this section. A wife and three children survive him, the latter residing in the vicinity of Sacramento. The nearest relatives living here, are Charles and George Hargardine, nephews.

PATRIOTIC SERVICE AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Patriotic services will be held tomorrow evening, Thursday being George Washington's birthday, at the Presbyterian church at 7:30. Addresses on lessons from the life of George Washington will be made by Professor Cramer, principal of the Washington school, Rev. Alfred A. Hogg and others. Special patriotic music will be contributed. The public are cordially invited.

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# OUR ANNUAL SALE OF "DOVE" UNDERGARMENTS OPENS TOMORROW

Owing to the freight congestion in the east, this sale has been delayed for two weeks—Be sure and attend this Sale and get some bargains that it will be impossible for us to give you until after the war is over. Every Garment Guaranteed.

LOT 1—Women's "Dove" Undergarments, consisting of Gowns, Chemise, Combinations Envelope Chemise, Corset Covers and Drawers, values up to \$1.00 at this sale 69c only, each

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Pongee Silk Sale 34-inch Imported Japanese Pongee Silk, worth today, \$1.00, this sale 79c a yd. 34-inch all silk Japanese Pongee, a splendid grade, for this sale 98c only, a yd.

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