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### THE SUBMARINE AND DEFENCELESS CIVILIANS

By one of the amiable rules of war, soldiers may take fearful reprisal for any attack on them by a civilian. Immediately on entering Belgium the German Army let it be known that if a civilian fired on them, not only he but every male in the house whence the shot came would be executed; and they applied this rule with that rigorous thoroughness for which Prussia's military conduct has long been famous.

A standing cause of unhappiness to American war correspondents was the certainty that if any intoxicated or otherwise irresponsible citizens should happen to shoot at a uniform from their habitations, they would be introduced to a firing party first, and the detailed circumstances of the case—possibly—investigated afterward. Louvain was laid waste, with much bloodshed, because of a civilian attack on soldiers. Many smaller towns suffered the same fate for the same reason.

The excuse is that soldiers must know whom they are fighting. They assume that a man in civilian dress is a noncombatant and, therefore, let him alone; but he must strictly live up to that assumption or he would have them at a disadvantage.

It is, of course, a barbarous rule; it is binding in whatever military law there is, and in practice. If it is binding its converse ought to be, and the deliberate killing of an actual noncombatant by a soldier ought to be regarded as mere murder. To take a horrible vengeance for a shot fired by a supposed noncombatant, and then in cold blood to kill an actual noncombatant, will never do.

If a submarine cannot operate effectively without killing noncombatants, then it must not operate at all. Unquestionably that will be the world's judgment. As a matter of fact, the effectual operations of submarines in this war that have really counted at all have consisted in the sinking of war vessels.

The sinking of merchant ships has not changed the military situation in the least. So far it has merely generated an odium, which counts as a heavy liability in a world where public opinion is, after all, a great force. War may temporarily suspend its operation, but not abrogate it.

We have no doubt Germany could have better afforded the loss of a dozen army brigades than the sinking of the Lusitania.

### WAGERS MADE AS TO END OF THE WAR

At Lloyd's in London—the cables say—they are betting seventeen to one that war will not end with August. Expressed in terms of insurance, you pay something over ninety-four pounds premium in order to recover a hundred pounds if the war runs to September. Recently orders were placed in the United States for tools used in making shrapnel—deliveries to run up to August first.

Nobody at this writing, in fine, can see any tangible promise of peace this summer; and even on the proposition that war will end this calendar year Lloyd's offers less than even money.

Nine months of continuous fighting has simply developed the ancient problem as to what will happen when an irresistible force meets an immovable body. East and west, the German lines hold about where they were planted after the first victorious rushes. Considering the force already expended in vain against them, pushing those lines back across German soil is a stupendous undertaking.

On the other hand, Germany's colossal effort has so far been in vain. Nowhere has she yet reached an objective. Nowhere has she definitely gained the upper hand.

The military resources of five great Powers have been strained to the utmost for three-quarters of a year without accomplishing anything which even points in the direction of a settlement through military means. That, unless other factors of a decisive sort develop within the next three months, will probably inspire a resort to other means of settlement.

### "A LITTLE FUN NOW AND THEN—"

"Madam, are you a woman suffragist?" "No sir, I haven't time to be." "Haven't time? Well, if you had the privilege of voting," whom would you support?" "The same man I've supported for ten years." "And who is that?" "My husband."

Guest: "Landlord, you may bring me a sirloin steak. Let it be fresh and juicy, broiled half through, but not too rare, very tender, and be sure that you use real fresh butter."

Landlord: "Why, if I had such a fine thing as that I'd eat it myself."

Old Backwoods: "No, I thank ye. I don't keer to read until after I've had somethin' to eat."

Waiter: "Here is the bill of fare."

## Latest War News

(Supplied by Homer L. Gibson)

### Canadian Second Contingent Safely Over The Channel

French Capture Much War Material -- Germans Heavy Losers in Engagement-- No Newspaper Comment by Germany on the United States Note.

Berlin, June 12--Baadina in Hungary has been occupied by the Italian Army in force.

London, June 12--Every member of the Second Canadian Contingent crossed the channel safely.

Paris, June 12--The French captured enormous quantities of war material in the village of Neuville Stevat. The Germans fought practically to their last man.

London, June 12--The British Admiralty announces that a small cruiser was hit by Austrians but only slightly damaged and arrived safely in port.

Berlin, June 12--The papers here have made no comment on the note from the United States.

Paris, June 12--The French gained upwards of two thirds of a mile in the Hebaterne district.

### THE DELUSIVE HOPE OF UNSINKABLE SHIPS

Every ocean disaster brings reflections on the delusive hope of an unsinkable ship. Ships must be of steel which cannot be made unsinkable, but it is possible to construct vessels that will survive a great amount of injury below their water lines. The first difficulty is with the travelling public.

A vessel designed to survive serious external injury by collision or torpedo, and, on account of such design, in subjecting passengers to inconvenience and requiring higher proportionate rates, would have a poor chance in competition with vessels designed primarily for comfort and financial economy, taking the ordinary risks of ocean travel.

As to means of safety, the simplest is the division of a ship into watertight compartments. This makes her a number of ships instead of one. If her bow is smashed by a collision, only the forward compartment fills, and the others keep her afloat. An injury to her side fills only the compartment broken into. But the doors in the compartment walls are almost invariably open for convenience or ventilation. When the sudden need arises they fail.

It is said that the Titanic's side was ripped by the iceberg, opening a sufficient number of compartments to sink her. Permanent blank wall divisions would increase the expense and inconvenience of operating, but would afford a greater measure of safety in case of accident or injury.

A construction plan not yet fully developed may roughly be described as that of the inverted pail. A tin or iron pail will float as well bottom up as in its ordinary position. An inverted dinner plate will float. Wreckers can raise a vessel with the bottom completely stove by closing the

hatches and other openings and forcing out the water by pumping in air. The air trapped below the deck prevents the water from entering farther through the stove bottom. The vessel is as a pail floating inverted.

Compartments tight above to keep the air from escaping would be quite as effective in keeping the vessel afloat as compartments tight below to keep the water from entering. This is a principle of unsinkable construction that can and doubtless will be more fully worked out by naval architects in future. Such compartments would be traps, and life could not long be sustained in them.

A vessel thus supported would have little stability, and her upper works might capsize her if she took a heavy list. But it should be quite feasible to design liners so that compartments would form a series of air traps with sufficient buoyancy to keep them afloat by offering resistance to an inrush of water.

### LEAGUE FOOTBALL AT SCHUMACHER SATURDAY

In connection with the Porcupine Football League the Hollinger-Timmins combination play Schumacher tomorrow (Saturday) at Schumacher the kick off being at 7 p.m.

This is announced by the officials as a very important game and it is accordingly necessary that a strong turn out be made. Train leaves Timmins at 6.30 and it is expected that a large number of enthusiasts will accompany the players.

Hollinger-Timmins Team:—Goal, Dunsford; Backs, Staples and Wainwright; Halves, Rutherford, Wylie, Halliwell; Forwards, Callum, Spencey, Roberts, Dower, and Mullen. Reserves, Keith, Rodgers and Cousins.

### MORE PHOTOPLAY FEATURES AT TIMMINS

Empire Theatre Will Use Special Attraction To Aid Local Red Cross Society Monday

After the decided success created by the photoplay "The Spoilers" last week the management of the Empire Theatre at Timmins are filling up their season's schedule with other world renowned features and will continue to present to their patrons some of the very best plays that have been thrown on the screen in any city.

Next week, on Monday and Tuesday evenings they will show Wilton Lambaye's greatest stage triumph, "The Pit" in five reels.

It is an unusually exciting drama with the scenes laid in Chicago during a period of speculation in the wheat pit and intimate pictures of society life from the prologue.

Crossler, a victim of rash speculation in "The Pit," commits suicide just as Curtis Jadwin, a prosperous young broker, wins the hand and heart of Laura Dearborn, a rich and lovely society girl. Their married happiness is menaced by Jadwin's infatuation for wheat speculation, which leads him to neglect his young wife. Corthell, a former lover, appears to her, charms her with music, and almost wins her away from her husband. The latter is temporarily won from his passion for money-making, but succumbs to it again and leaves the path open for Corthell to make further onslaughts on Laura's heart.

Jadwin now plans a great wheat corner, and starts in by winning back a fortune, of which his friends deprived him years before. The market recedes, and Jadwin quarrels with his partner, accusing him of trying to sell him out. Jadwin thereupon plunges into the market, but falling in his frantic efforts to corner it, hears the name of his firm "read out" by the secretary. The corner has been prevented; he is ruined.

Quitting the tumult of the Board of Trade, he makes his way home, a beaten man. His wife is on the point of eloping with Corthell, but when she sees her unhappy husband her heart is touched. Dismissing her lover, she returns to Jadwin and promises to help him commence life afresh far from the feverish temptations of speculative business life. He has lost a fortune, but has a devoted wife, whose love has returned to him.

In addition to the above special feature there will also be other universal features all of which are attractions worthy of witnessing in themselves. Those who wish to support the local Red Cross and Patriotic Society will have an excellent opportunity to combine with the Empire management Monday night when thirty per cent of the receipts will be handed over to that organization. This inducement in itself should lead to very large attendances on that occasion. Tickets may be secured from any of the ladies connected with the Red Cross Society of which Mrs. R. M. Chapman is local secretary.

An attraction specially interesting at this time is the moving pictures of the ill-fated Lusitania leaving New York on her last voyage before the passengers were, to quote world-wide expressions, "ruthlessly murdered by the Germans." This will be shown on Wednesday and Thursday, June 23rd and 24th.

The serial pictures of "Trey O' Hearts" will again be continued on the usual evenings.

### STRAY NUGGETS.

The man who wants to roll up a fortune must first learn to roll up his sleeves.

The editor who could run a newspaper to suit everybody went to heaven long ago.

There are some people who do not talk about hard times, but go right along doing business and making themselves and others happy, just as though they were right in the swim and leading the way. What is the use of always and everlastingly talking hard times, why not go right ahead without grumbling and do the best you can.

If a man thinks a great deal of his wife, he gets a lot of nice things for her when she is sick—which he eats himself.

The man who calls out in the morning that he is getting up when he isn't, simply lies in bed.

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