

# Uncle Sam Gets Points For Improvement of Navy From Captured Submarine

## U-BOAT TAKEN BY BRITISH GIVES "TIPS" TO U. S. NAVY

Uncle Samuel is one proud old boy, but he's not letting pride stand in his way these days, when nations are striving to learn all they can about the finer points of war.

So, when a German submarine mine layer was brought into New York a short time ago, Uncle Sam got out his drawing board, his T-square and compass, and set to work.

He drafted the inside and outside of the submarine. He took pictures. He made diagrams of the nose, tail and the anchor.

And then he turned loose a bunch of mechanics and super-mechanics and inventors, and so on, who picked out all the "finer points" of the ship and put them back for future reference.

Uncle Sam is learning, and he's just as willing to take lessons from the Germans as from anyone else.

The mine layer brought to this country is not the very latest type used by the Germans, naval men say, but it has some features which are being given close study, and may be tried out in some of the ships now building in American yards.

The modern United States undersea boats are adopting, as fast as possible, all the improvements that Uncle Sam can devise or learn.

The K-type, among the latest of undersea types, are subject to minor changes almost constantly.

It was in connection with boats of the K type that the navy had a strenuous shakedown two years ago, the battles being fought in the Atlantic.

The investigation that followed resulted in a closer watch on supplies and material for the navy and in many suggestions for and closer scrutiny of improvements.

Edward Crowe, former Georgetown University football star, is still missing from the naval station at Pensacola, Fla. Aviators and men in boats are searching the coast for him.

Crowe has been missing since last Wednesday, when he started in his plane in the direction of the Everglades. The last seen of the young aviator was when he was heading toward a fog bank at a height of about 500 feet.

His comrades fear that he struck an air pocket and, because of the fog, misjudged the distance to the earth.

Crowe had recently passed the technical examination for the rank of pilot and was making a series of flights necessary to his acceptance.

He graduated from Georgetown last June. He came from Parkersburg, W. Va., where his father, Michael F. Crowe, lives.

Crowe played center on the football team during his entire college career and was rated as one of the best line men among the colleges of the South.

### TAG YOUR SHOVEL DAY PLANNED FOR CAPITAL

Federal Fuel Administrator John L. Weaver is making plans for "Tag Your Shovel Day" in Washington.

Washington's school children, and possibly the Boy Scouts, will be called upon to do the actual tagging of every furnace shovel in Capital homes.

The fuel administrator has just received samples of the shovel tag from the United States fuel administration. The tags have the appearance of shipping tags.

On one side of them in big letters is the legend: "Save that shovel full of coal each day for Uncle Sam."

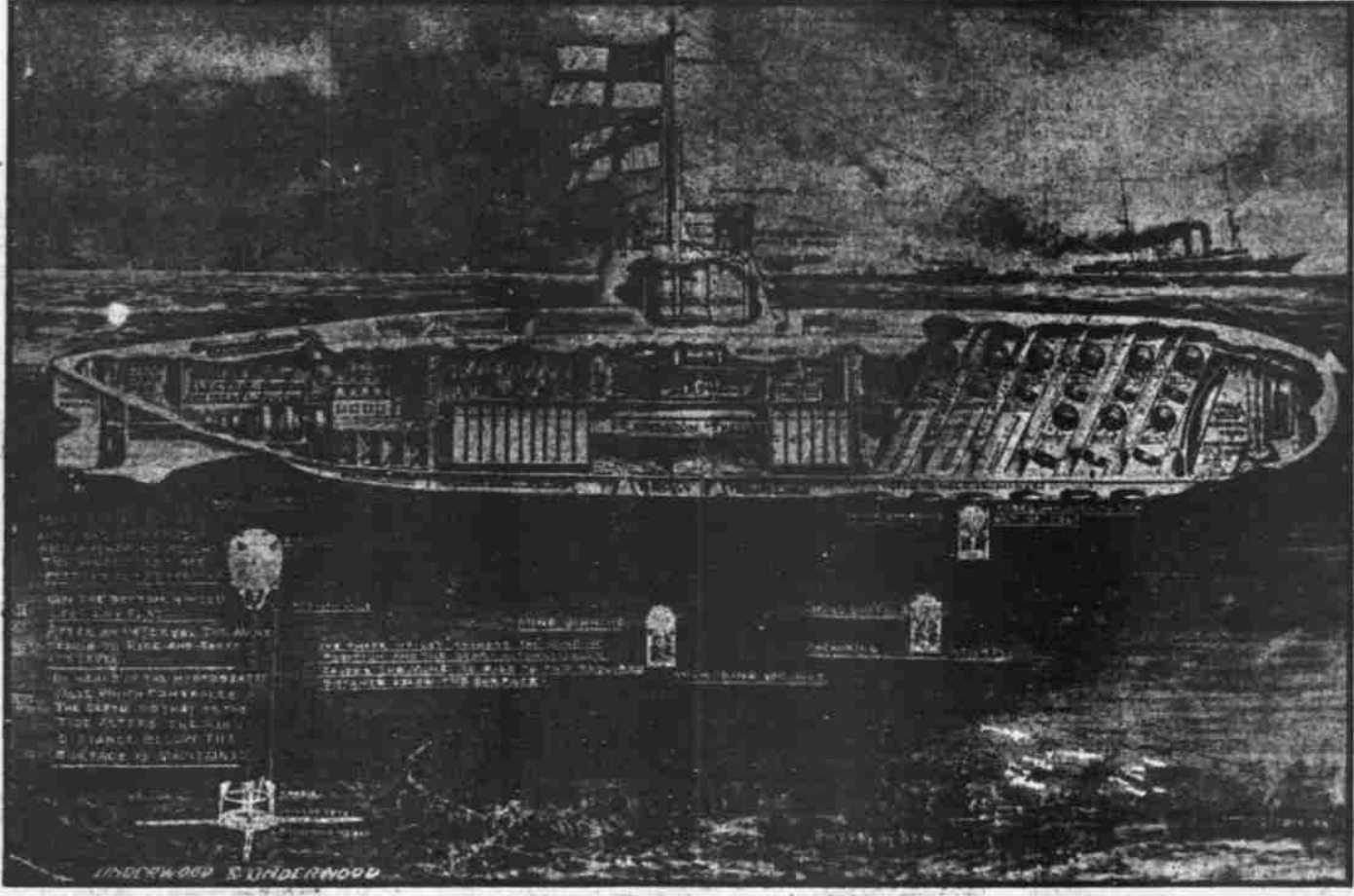
On the reverse side is printed short and easily understandable instructions on coal conservation and proper firing to save coal and get the best results. Householders are urged to use the damper and not send all their heat up the flue.

A national publicity campaign is to precede the shovel tag day, to be held the latter part of January.

### CITY'S CHANCES FADE FOR BUCHANAN SHAFT

Washington will not receive the \$100,000 monument President James Buchanan provided for in the will of his niece, Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnston, who was at one time mistress of the White House, unless a site for it is provided soon.

The time limit on the bequest expires in March, at which time the money will revert to the Johnston estate if Congressional approval is still withheld.



The above drawing shows the workings of the German submarine mine layer U-5, which was brought to New York and placed on exhibition in Central Park. It was a powerful stimulus to Liberty Loan sales.

## TWO WOMEN BROUGHT HERE, ACCUSED OF DAYLIGHT HOLD-UP

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Kelly, O'Dea, and Waldorf left Washington for Baltimore yesterday afternoon. They accused Baltimore for the men and women, but failed to find them.

Coming back to the Capital at 11:30 P. M., the headquarters men saw a man running toward them as they neared Halesboro, thirty-three miles from Washington. He declared himself a fugitive and fled.

In the afternoon had threatened to kill him after his car became stalled on the way back from Baltimore and that they were "sitting in his auto and shooting up the neighborhood."

Charles E. Prevost, of 616 L street southeast, was the driver. An unidentified autist who pulled up to offer help to Cook and Carroll was received with a shower of revolver shots. It is claimed.

As the detectives approached the car Cook and Carroll got out. Carroll surrendered. Cook put up a rough and tumble fight.

While Kelly and O'Dea were subduing him one of their revolvers was discharged, wounding Cook's chest over the heart. Then he gave in. The woman offered no resistance.

Mormon settlements have been laid waste, many have been slain, and Mexican girls have been kidnaped in large numbers from Cruces by Villistas.

The American border patrol all along the Rio Grande is on the lookout to keep the Mexicans from crossing into American territory.

Lieut. William St. Clair are recovering from the wounds which they received Thursday night, when the latter, in charge of a "purity squad," mistook Captain White's home for a blind tiger and attacked it. All of El Paso is being cleaned up by the "purity squad" in preparation for the reported moving of one of the big army cantonments to this city.

S. C. FOOD ADMINISTRATOR.

The United States Food Administration has announced the appointment of William Elliott as Federal Food Administrator for South Carolina, to succeed David R. Coker, resigned.

## NERVY LAD TELLS TIMES OF HOLD-UP AND HIS ESCAPE

William Nobbs, the youthful messenger of Chandler & Chandler, has written the following account for The Times of his adventure with hold-up men.

By WILLIAM NOBBS.

"I left the Columbia National Bank about noon with the money for the payroll, and started for the office. In front of the Le Droit building I met Cook. He stopped me and began to talk. I had known him when he worked for us, and I thought him a pretty good chap. I thought nothing of his stopping me and talking, as I thought he only wanted to chat for a minute.

"We talked a bit, and he worked me around so that the first thing I knew he had me inside the door of the building. Then he pulled a gun on me and ordered me back into his office, which is on the first floor.

"I thought he was playing a joke on me, and went on back. We went into his office, where I expected to see a stenographer or some one at work. Instead it looked deserted, unswept, and dirty, with cigarette stumps all over the floor.

Just Like James Brothers. "Just then another man stepped out from behind the door. He pulled a gun on me. They were both hollerin' 'Hands up!' at me.

"But I still thought it was some sort of a joke, and was looking around the place.

"I was standing with my hands in my pockets, and the other man came over and pulled my hands out and put them over my head. That was the point when things began to look serious to me.

Thief Secures Money. "They reached into my pocket and pulled out the money, and then tied my hands in front of me with my necktie. I remonstrated with Cook, telling him that I did not think that he was that kind of a chap, but they told me to shut up.

"Then they began to talk to me. 'We don't want to get you in any trouble,' they said. 'If you lose your money, we will give enough money to keep you for a year.' And at the same time they were threatening to 'plug me' if I told on them.

Would Shoot McCarty. "I am going to get McCarty's money or shoot him," Cook said. He said McCarty would be along in a few minutes, and he was going to get his money.

Then Cook went out and left me backed up in the corner, with his gun pointing at me, and telling me to keep quiet, and that he would 'plug me' if I told on him.

He opened the chamber of his revolver to let me see the bullets, so that I would know that it was loaded, and he kept brandishing the weapon.

"By this time I had gotten all over the idea that it was a joke, and I was pretty nervous, and I was wondering how I was going to get out of the place. I didn't see any chance to get the money back.

Mr. Woman Appears. "Then Cook came back with a young woman. I was so nervous and excited that I couldn't describe her except that she was slender and very good looking. She talked to the men for a minute in low tones and I couldn't catch what she said. But when she left she walked to the door and said to Cook: 'Are you coming?' and he said: 'In a minute.' She went out alone.

"Cook and the other man discussed what they were going to do. They arranged for the other fellow to go out. Then Cook was to go out and get McCarty and bring him in and the other fellow was to come in behind as a sort of rear guard.

"They talked to me and tried to calm me, telling me that I wouldn't get into any trouble. I tried to argue with Cook, but he wouldn't listen to me. The other fellow went out and I was left alone with Cook. He said: 'He made me lie down on a couch in the office and he told me not to leave the room, as he would be back in a minute. He said if anyone came to be on the couch. He again said he

## JAPAN MAY SEND ARMY TO WESTERN FRONT, SAYS ENVOY

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 29.—Japan will probably send an army to the western front if a separate peace between the central powers and Russia endangers the ultimate success of the allies, was the view expressed here today by Takemoto Sakaguchi, special business commissioner of the imperial Japanese government, now touring this country promoting trade relations.

"If Japan is forced to undertake military operations in France the burden of supplying her troops with munitions will have to be borne largely by France and England," he said.

WINTER PUTS HALT TO MILITARY OPERATIONS ON ALL FIGHTING FRONTS

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Winter weather appears to have enforced a lull on all the fighting fronts. German gunfire was active on the British front. Berlin reported the repulse of British reconnoitering attacks.

On the Franco-German front there were trench raids. French aviators raided the German fortress of Metz and the strategic points of Bethel and Thionville.

On the Italian front there was violent artillery activity, but no large scale infantry action.

Berlin reported the repulse of an Italian attack on Monte Tomba.

MEDIUM ARTILLERYING LIVELY AT BEAUMONT, SAYS FRENCH REPORT

PARIS, Dec. 29.—"Medium artillerying" over the greater part of the front at Beaumont, which was reported in tonight's official statement.

SINKING OF BRITISH DESTROYERS CAME AS PSYCHOLOGICAL COUP

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 29.—The Germans carried out a "psychological" naval coup last night in an effort to depress the chances of Sir John Jellicoe's successor in the eyes of the British public. A German flotilla of light forces dashed out into the North Sea and barged three into the coast of Holland. The British admiralty, admitting the sinking of the trio, says 18 officers and 180 men lost their lives.

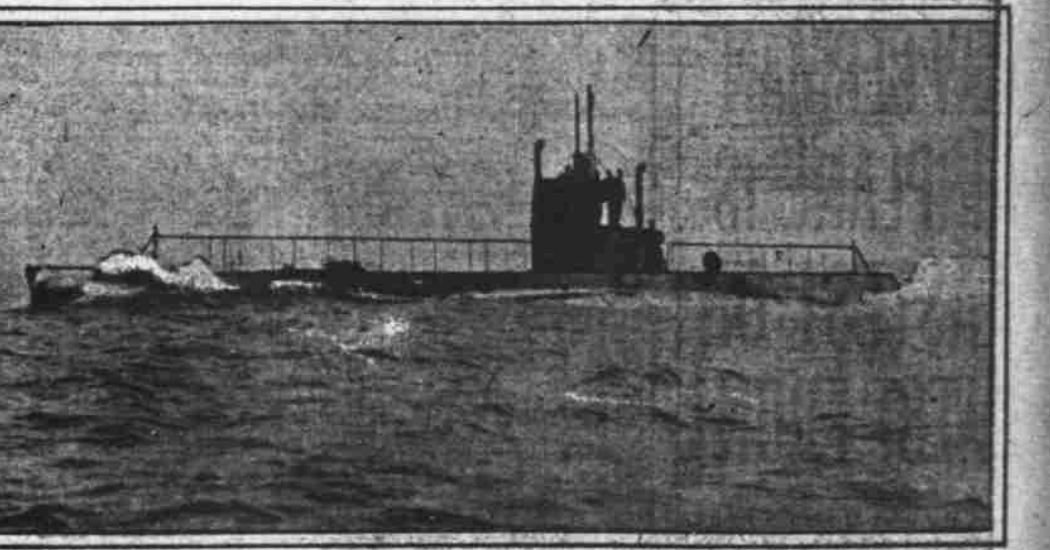
The German raid came coincidentally with German press comment on the appointment of Sir Rosslyn Wemyss as first Lord of the British Admiralty.

"Wemyss will not send the British fleet into battle," was the jeering comment of the Lokal Anzeiger, while all the leading journals insist that Jellicoe is "a victim of a victory for the U-boat."

HAIG TELLS KING ALBERT NEW YEAR WILL PUT END TO BELGIAN MISFORTUNES

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig sent to King Albert the following telegram on December 25: "I have the honor to offer to His Majesty and to our Belgian allies the sincere wishes of the British armies in France and Belgium on the occasion of Christmas and the New Year. We have the firm hope that the New Year will put an end to the misfortunes of Belgium, which her people have borne with so great a courage."

Marshal Sir Douglas Haig has received from King Albert the following telegram in answer to the wishes expressed to His Majesty and his army by the British army: "Pray accept for you and the British armies in France and Belgium the most sincere wishes we all form here on the occasion of Christmas and the New Year. I thank you for your kind message, and will not fail to express you once more my deep admiration for the heroism displayed by the troops under your command. (Signed) Albert."



The latest type of United States submarine, the K class, in which Uncle Sam is making improvements, learning by studying captured German vessels. This is the K-5.

## GERMAN TROOPS FAIL TO STIFFEN TURKS' MORALE

LONDON, Dec. 29.—German reinforcements rushed to the aid of the hard-pressed Turks to stiffen their morale have failed to stop the British advance beyond Jerusalem.

Another two-mile drive forward along a front of thirteen miles is officially reported by General Allenby. After stiff fighting the Turks were beaten back, the statement adding: "This advance gives us the high ground of Ras Arkub and El Suifa, which is four miles from Jerusalem and one mile north of the Jericho road, and also Anatastaram and Kuldun, respectively east and west of the Naballa road and five and six miles north of the city."

11 GERMAN AIRPLANES DESTROYED, HAIG REPORTS; 3 BRITISH AEROS MISSING

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Unusual aerial activity is reported in Field Marshal Haig's despatches today, the destruction of eleven German aeroplanes and the downing of three British aeroplanes, the latter being missing, presumably as the result of a raid on three enemy

## American Prisoners To Get No Consideration From German War Lords

By J. W. FEGLER. (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Dec. 29.—Americans who may be captured by the Germans are to be regarded as not entitled to the ordinary courtesies accorded prisoners of war, according to information reaching here.

It is presumably the intention of the Germans to employ American prisoners in low forms of labor and under conditions such as the Teutons imposed on Russians in the past, who were kept in surroundings little better than that accorded animals.

Nothing else of interest, except unusually violent enemy artillery activity around Hargicourt, is reported by Haig.

ROME, Dec. 29.—Bombardment of four open cities, in violation of all international law, by German aeroplanes, with the resultant death of thirteen persons and the wounding of sixty more, is announced in today's official communiqué.

Padua, Treviso, Montebelluna, and Castelnuovo were the cities attacked, but all the casualties were confined to the first-named town. Art treasures in Padua escaped unscathed. Most of the victims of the air raids were women and children.

## MORAN APPOINTED HEAD OF FEDERAL SECRET SERVICE

W. H. Moran, assistant chief of United States Secret Service, has been appointed chief of the Service by Secretary McAdoo.

Moran, who succeeds W. J. Flynn, recently resigned, will assume office January 1. He has been connected with the service thirty-five years.

Mr. Moran for the past ten years has been assistant chief. He entered the service December 1, 1908, as assistant secretary, and has risen through the various grades.

Mr. Moran has handled some of the most important investigations conducted by the Secret Service. One of the most remarkable accomplishments of the Secret Service was the detection of the \$100,000 head stiver certificate in 1907. It was Moran who declared the certificate counterfeit after experts pronounced it genuine. The discovery resulted in the recall of the entire issue of \$100,000 certificates, as the only means of protection against a similar fraud. It also led to the uncovering of a general counterfeiting scheme, and to the arrest of twelve persons.

Moran had charge also of the Copley leak case and many others.

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