

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.

GROVE, NAVY FLYER, FORMER ATHLETE, STILL MISSING

Edward Grove, 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.

Grove 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.

Grove 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. Grove, lives.

Grove 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."

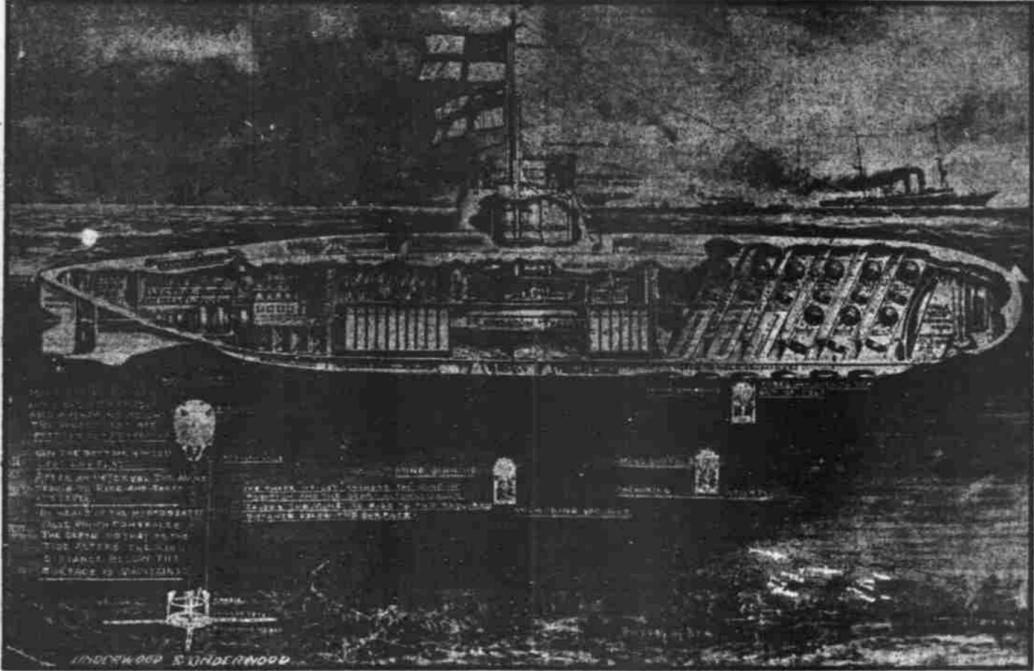
On the reverse side is printed short and easily understandable instructions on coal conservation and proper firing to save coal and get the best results. Householders are urged to use the damper and not send all their heat up the flue.

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

(Continued from First Page.)

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.

Charles E. Prevost, of 616 L street southeast, was the driver. An unidentified aviator who pulled up to his auto and shooting up the neighborhood.

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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."

"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."

"I opened the window and was just about to jump when I remembered my cap, which my brother had given me. It was across the room, and I saw it. I rushed across the room and grabbed it and ran back to the window, thinking that every minute Cook would come back and catch me. Then I let myself drop out of the window."

"I ran along the roof of a sort of a shed covered with beer kegs and jumped down in a blind alley that led to the street. (He says it was Ninth street, but is not certain.)"

"All this time I was expecting to hear bullets whizzing by me or through me."

"I ran out to the street and back to the office and told them my story."

"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."

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 bring an end to the misfortunes of Germany, 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."

Judge Pugh, in the United States branch of the Police Court, will try his last case in that court tomorrow morning.

Judge Robert Hardison, of Kentucky, who was appointed several months ago to succeed the present incumbent, but who suffered a nervous breakdown shortly afterward, arrived in Washington today and is ready to be sworn in for duty January 1.

Both Capt. Wylie and Lt. White 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."

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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.

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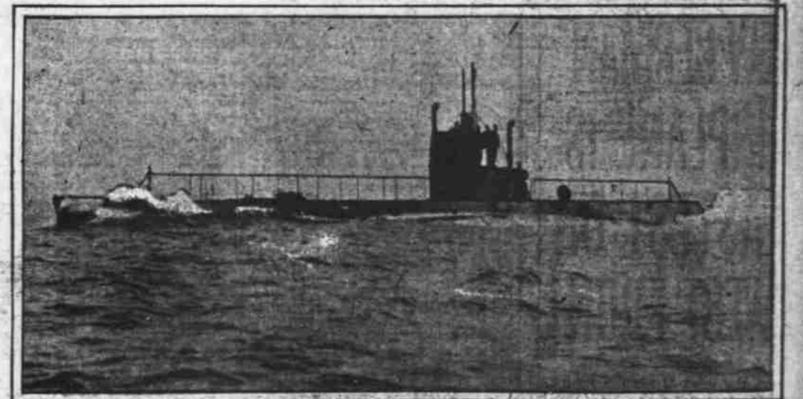
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The latest type of United States submarine, the K class, in which Uncle Sam is making improvements, learning by studying captured German vessels. This is the K-5.

GERMAN TROOPS FAIL TO STIFFEN TURKS' MORALE

LONDON, Dec. 30.—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."

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American Prisoners To Get No Consideration From German War Lords

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

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Dec. 30.—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.

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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.

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