

# I. W. WEST DRUG CO.

MAIN STREET  
MOUNT AIRY, N. C.

## SUBMARINE WAR GROWS MORE BARBAROUS.

### Deliberate Murder For Every Ship Sunk—Death By Slow Torture For Submarine Captains Who Let Big Liners Escape.

Washington, June 14.—"The submarine war grows more barbarous every day. It has now reached the plane of deliberate murder for every ship sunk and will so continue to the end. It is not the fault of the Germans that every torpedo does not produce a Lusitania massacre.

"Death by slow torture for submarine captains who let big liners escape them is reported to be the fate meted out by von Tirpitz."

That is the Kaiser's unrestricted submarine warfare, in the words of the man who probably knows more about the human side of the sea tragedy than any other—certainly more than any other American.

He is Wesley Frost, American consul at Queenstown, the port on the southwest coast of Ireland, where all the Atlantic ocean lanes to Britain come together. Off the shores near Queenstown the thousands of ships which feed Britain pass by day and night.

#### In Washington for a Rest.

Frost is in Washington for a rest. For over two years he has been in attendance at the funerals of merchant ships struck down by the under-sea terror. It has been his task to collect the evidence as to 65 sinkings in which Americans were imperiled or slaughtered. He has seen the cemeteries on the Irish hillside dotted with fresh mounds. He has heard the shrieks of mothers for their murdered babies, seen men stark mad with the tortures of hunger and thirst, brought in from days and nights in foodless lifeboats.

It is with difficulty that he can be induced to talk, but when he does, the full throated indignation of this clean-cut young American is almost terrible in its intensity.

"The German guilt is double," said Frost to-day. "In the first place, no civilized government would have resorted to such methods, even when it was possible to sink ships occasionally without murdering non-combatants. Now that arming of merchant ships and the effectiveness of the patrols makes it impossible for the submarines to risk giving warning, they would drop it if they were white."

#### Calls Murder by Real Name.

The sporting world he uses explains the sort of man Frost is. Born back in Oberlin, Ohio, his life has been that of the sturdy young American who makes his way in the world by hard work and fighting fair. It is not strange that he has no use for the sophistries of "frightfulness"—and calls murder by its real name.

Now that the submarines have been driven to attack ships submerged—using the torpedo almost exclusively—the murder roll is bound to grow, Frost explained. Most ships, when struck by a torpedo, go down in two or three minutes, which gives no opportunities of escape to those below decks.

Recent sinkings which came under his observation, since the beginning of the ruthless warfare, show this conclusively.

A freighter loaded with iron ore and convoyed by a destroyer went down in two minutes. Eighteen of her crew of 26 perished.

Another sunk in two minutes after being struck. She was hit in daylight but submarine was not seen. Twenty-eight of her crew of 32 perished or by more than one torpedo.

The submarines are now so fearful of exposing themselves to the deck guns of slowly sinking ships that they

seldom come up to question the escaping crews of passenger ships. Out of six passenger ships sinkings investigated by him, this happened in only one.

The Abosso sunk in three minutes and 30 women and children died.

"Sinking of this sort from now on will be the rule—not the exception," said Frost. Only the larger passenger ships will remain afloat long enough to launch the boats and get off the crew and passengers; and these will not float so long if struck in vital one case—that of the Laconia, which was sunk near midnight.

Hideous as this assassination from ambush is, it does not equal the wanton crimes committed in the day before "ruthless" war—when the submarine came to the surface and attacked with gun fire.

The warning given in these cases was simply the beginning of the attack and sailors were often killed by the "warning shots."

#### Sufferings of Survivors Terrible.

This sort of warning was given only to save the expensive torpedoes—worth \$7,000 a piece—of which a submarine can carry only a few. When the ship gave signs of surrender, the firing generally stopped and a boarding party from the submarine destroyed her with bombs. The crew took to their life boats.

Unless picked up they were left to certain death by starvation, or drowning, as these attacks took place 150 or 200 miles off shore. In only one case did Frost find that the submarine offered to assist the victims by towing their boats toward the land.

The sufferings of these crews who were picked up by patrol boats were terrible. Many of them were never picked up. The men probably went mad and leaped into the sea. In the case of the Cairnhill, a British freighter, with a crew of 14 men, five of whom were American, the Germans deliberately gutted the lifeboat, took the provisions which the men had placed in the boat and threw them into the sea, emptied the water keg of fresh water and to make their joke complete filled it with salt water. The boats sails were taken off and that was practically the only hope of getting to land if the wind were favorable. She was attacked 150 miles out at sea.

While the Germans were indulging in these pranks with the lifeboat—a bombing party was wrecking the ship and the men were kept standing on the deck of the submarine. The German officers searched them. Most of them had little ditty bags or bandanna handkerchiefs in which they carried a few little personal keepsakes such as photographs of their sweethearts, mothers or wives. These were taken from them and thrown into the sea.

The first officer, Matthewson, was kept below decks for an hour and put through the third degree as to the routes of other ships.

The Germans overplayed this little drama of frightfulness, as they used up a whole hour in preparing the lifeboat as a torture chamber for the men who were to be set adrift in it. A destroyer smoke was seen on the horizon and the Germans made haste to dive. Matthewson was thrust through the hatchway and the submarine dived with the 16 men still standing on her deck. They were left foundering in the water to swim to the empty lifeboat as best they could.

#### Dirty Work is Carried On.

The American schooner Woodward Abrahams was attacked 400 miles off shore. Captain Van Namme and his crew of eight were put in a lifeboat while the Germans set the lumber-laden schooner adrift with bombs. The American sailors drifted about the Atlantic for two days and nights

when they were picked up by another lumber schooner, the Norwegian Anna Maria. She was submerged 209 miles off shore, and the men again took to the lifeboats. The crew of the Anna Maria were never seen adrift, Captain Van Namme and the Americans were picked up. Their luck held and they landed. The Norwegians died.

Frost believes from the evidence that the submarine commanders are widely different. Some of them delight in making their work as fiendish as possible. Some of them when they can lose nothing by it, put on a little "gentlemanly buccaneer" comedy.

They were very polite to the crews they shoved off into the boats, expressed regret and hopes for a speedy rescue.

In no case, however, did this politeness affect their interests. It disappeared as the smoke of a patrol boat was sighted or as another victim approached. In such cases the mask was dropped and the dirty work was carried out at top speed.

A British stewardess and her husband, a sailor, who were taken below decks and questioned, most politely at first, were taken to the deck and the submarine submerged, leaving them struggling in the water, after they had refused to give up any information. In a very few instances there were signs of regret on the part of the submarine officers. One of them was related by Second Officer Kohlssat, a naturalized British subject, who was allowed to touch off the bombs which destroyed his own ship.

In talking with the submarine captain, the latter expressed disgust with the work cut out for him. With tears in his eyes, he said that submarine captains had been put to death by slow torture in Germany for letting big passenger liners escape them.

Kohlssat was asked by Frost if he really believed that.

"I do not know about it," he answered. "I am ready to believe anything of von Tirpitz. But I do know that whether any men have been tortured to death or not, the captain who was talking to me believed it and feared it."

### THE DANGER OF CARDS Youths Forbidden; Only Old Folks May Play in St. Louis Saloons.

St. Louis Star.

Excise Commissioner Edward S. Lewis issued a second set of instructions for the conduct of saloons following his recent pronouncement of eight commandments. The most striking of the new rules provides that only "old men" may play cards in saloons. No card playing will be permitted in bar-rooms proper, but will be allowed in adjoining rooms. No young men, however, will be allowed to play.

When asked what would be the age limit, the commissioner remarked that that a "policeman or a bartender will know what is an old man." The special permission granted the aged is intended to provide diversion for men who are too old infirm to indulge in athletics; young men are pointed to gymnasiums for exercise.

The old men, however, will not be permitted to play for money, drinks or any other stakes under the latest ruling of Lewis. They may be served drinks, however, at the card tables.

He announced that all excise laws will be more rigidly enforced than they have been in the past, especially laws closing saloons on Sundays and election days.

#### Has a Good Opinion of Chamberlain's Tablets.

"Chamberlain's Tablets are a wonder. I never sold anything that beat them," writes F. B. Tressy, Richmond, Ky. When troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, it taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

### BEST YEAR YET FOR ORPHANAGE.

#### Dr. Archibald Johnson Makes Splendid Exhibit For Institution.

To others besides the Baptist people of Surry county the following editorial from the current issue of Charity and Children will be interesting reading:

"The current fund exceeds by several thousand dollars that of any year in the history of the Orphanage, \$54,000 was the largest ever received heretofore; this year's current fund will go considerably beyond \$60,000. The contributions were steeper this year than ever before. The 'lean' months were not so lean as usual, in the year now closing. The Sunday schools and churches enlarged their contributions and a goodly number of new ones fell into line.

"The memorable Thanksgiving collections of last November was the great event of the year. So far as we know that vast offering was not approached by any other Orphanage of any denomination in the South. It was love-offering indeed, and it reveals the depth of affection of our noble people for this institution. Nobody is the poorer, but many are richer and happier, because of that title of love coined into cash that poured into the Orphanage treasury.

"All the departments of our Orphan-work have done well. The Kennedy Home farm is our strength and stay. Under the skillful management of Mr. Herman Sutton, that fine plantation made a splendid contribution toward Orphanage support.

"Charity and Children and the job department of the printing office will break the previous records in the volume of business for the year nearing its close. We have had some ugly obstacles to overcome. The paper mills robbed us of considerable revenue. All the material that enters into the output of the printing business went soaring skyward, but notwithstanding these difficulties, we are glad to report so fine a net profit which has gone into the treasury to provide meat and bread and clothes for the children.

"The high cost of living will wipe away our surplus, however, but that is so well understood by every body that not a word need be said on the subject. Such prices for the necessities of life we have never paid since the group of faithful founders assembled under the old Hickory tree and started the Orphanage on its glorious way.

"We are very grateful as we look back over the past year and think of the loyalty of North Carolina. Surely no orphanage in all the world has behind it a constituency more loving and faithful and true!"

### JOHN MEDLIN WHIPPED BY MEN NEAR MONROE.

Monroe, June 16.—John Medlin, a white farmer living on the Kaziah place four miles from Monroe, on the Concord road, was taken from his home at 11 o'clock last night and soundly whipped by a gathering of men. It is alleged Medlin so severely whipped a stepson a week ago that he died Friday morning, June 8, and the whipping was the outcome.

An investigation was made by the sheriff at the time of the whipping of the boy, and it was considered the rumors were false, but the neighbors were so positive of the brutal treatment of the child that they have demanded an investigation, and the event last night was a culmination of indignation against Medlin. It is alleged that Medlin struck the 12 year old child with a singletree from a plow and kicked him in the stomach. It is now proposed to have the body exhumed and an investigation made by the coroner and the county physician.

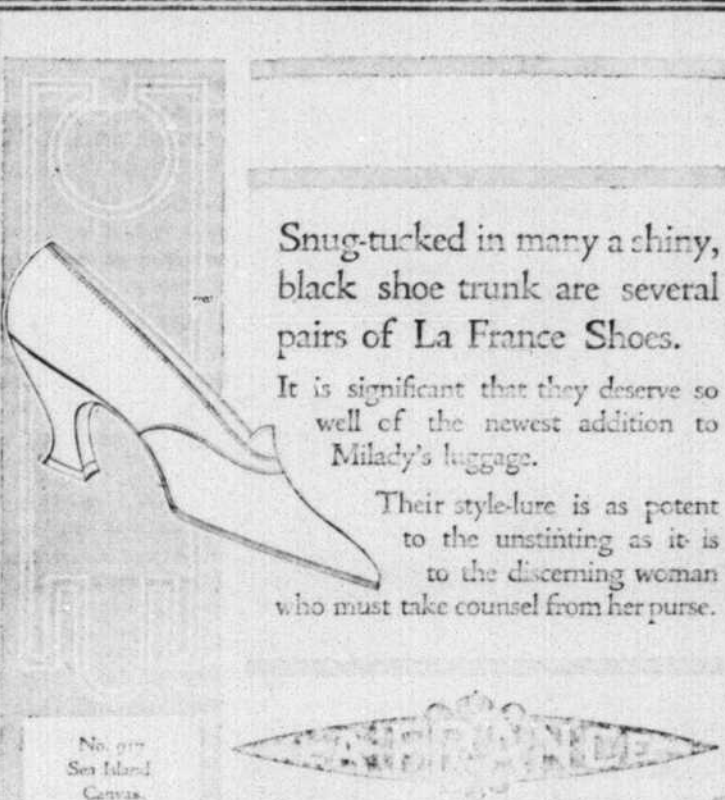
The result of the attack on Medlin last night is to the effect that his upper lip was badly lacerated, his head severely cut and his body terribly injured by kicks and blows that will not result seriously unless complications set in. Merlin states that at least six men attacked him in the assault, and he recognized two of them, but at this time he refuses to divulge the names of the suspects.

Medlin is in a painful condition, but his injuries are not considered serious.



There's nothing of guessing or speculation in regard to Ford cars. Their practical value is being daily demonstrated by more than 1,750,000 Ford owners representing every phase of human activity. Ford Service for Ford Owners is as universal and reliable as the car itself. Dependability and economy in car and service. Better buy your Ford today—you want it and it will serve you every day, winter and summer. Touring Car \$360, Runabout \$245—f. o. b. Detroit. We solicit your order.

For Sale By  
Granite City Motor Company.



Snug-tucked in many a shiny, black shoe trunk are several pairs of La France Shoes. It is significant that they deserve so well of the newest addition to Milady's luggage. Their style-lure is as potent to the unstinting as it is to the discerning woman who must take counsel from her purse.

No. 077  
See Island  
Canvas.

Steele Shoe Store

### 75 years ago everyone wore homespun—

and, likewise, everyone used hand-mixed paint. To-day, when machine-spun cloth is so much better and cheaper, no one would think of wearing homespun. Many people are still using hand-mixed paint, however, because they do not know that



**DEVOE**  
THE GUARANTEED  
LEAD AND ZINC PAINT  
FEWER GALLONS - WEARS LONGER

will save them money and labor. Devoe Lead and Zinc Paint is simply made of the same ingredients the old-time painter used: Pure White Lead, Pure White Zinc, and Pure Linseed Oil. The only difference is that Devoe is mixed by machinery, 500 gallons at a time. Therefore, it is always absolutely uniform in strength, color and covering capacity.

We guarantee Devoe Lead and Zinc Paint to be pure. We know it contains no whitening, silica or other worthless materials. Stop in and ask for Color Card.

**W. E. MERRITT CO.**  
MT. AIRY, N. C.  
PAINT DEVOE PAINT

Let The News JOB OFFICE have your next job printing