

Ghost Vessel Seen in the North Sea

Ship Without Crew Directed by Radio Control in German Experiments.

Berlin.—Travelers on the North sea may see at times a large dummy ship with masts and funnels, but not a living soul on board, prowling around those waters.

Reminiscent of the Albatross haunted ship of the Ancient Mariner, this weird craft, propelled by a normal ship's engine, will move slowly and then fast, according to the will of its invisible human masters, or zigzag across the waves.

But few persons are aware that this "ghost vessel" represents the first experiment of the new German navy with a wireless controlled dummy ship. The vessel itself is the former German battleship Zaehringen, with 11,800 tons displacement. The Zaehringen has been rebuilt at a cost of more than \$500,000 especially for this purpose. The German navy decided upon this experiment after similar successful tests had been undertaken by the American navy.

To Serve as Target.
Ultimately, the Zaehringen will become the target for German naval gun practice. But the initial experiments are limited to trying out the efficacy of wireless control of a moving vessel. The preliminary trial will last a month.

The naval bulk, once the stalwart Zaehringen, after pulsing out of Wilhelmshafen, without a man aboard, will be guided and completely controlled by the German naval radio station on an escorting torpedo boat. In order to avoid a collision of the Zaehringen with other North sea craft, the escort will remain constantly within sight of its dummy ship, although many miles removed.

In view of the high cost of constructing the ghost vessel, precautions have been taken to avoid the sinking of the Zaehringen even during the gun practice later in the year.

To Use Dummy Shells.
Shells to be fired at the Zaehringen also will be dummies. They will be nonexplosive and will, at worst, tear a hole in the bulk of the target ship. But the vast empty spaces in the bulk of the Zaehringen have been stuffed with cork, solid cork, so that the ship must either be hit below the water mark or literally torn to pieces by the nonexplosive shells before it is in danger of sinking.

The solid cork sink-proof scheme was decided upon as being more effective than the use of empty beer barrels, used by the German navy during the war to keep mine sweepers afloat.

Bird Fetish Rewards Mesa Verde Explorers

Mancos, Colo.—The discovery of a prehistoric bird fetish, the finest thing of its type ever found on the Mesa Verde, was one of the rewards of the 1928 annual archeological investigations conducted by a party of seven men, under the guidance of Supt. Jesse L. Nussbaum of the park, who is also archeologist of the Department of the Interior. The explorations of this year were carried on among the cliff dweller ruins of Wetherill mesa on the west side of the park. The expedition was financed with special funds donated for this purpose.

The fetish, which is about three-quarters of an inch in length, served as a pendant on a string of beads, being strung by a hole drilled through its breast. The carving on the little bird is especially beautiful. Its eye sockets were carefully drilled out and small pieces of rock crystal set in with pinon gum to simulate eyes.

Through this year's explorations the Mesa Verde museum's collection of cliff dweller pottery will be in-

creased by over forty restorable jars and bowls. According to Superintendent Nussbaum the newly uncovered pottery contains some of the best specimens received at the museum up to this time, both as to technic and decoration.

Wall Street Using Photostatic Bills

New York.—Three and four million share days on the New York Stock exchange have brought about one innovation in sending out of monthly statements—photostatic copies of ledger sheets.

For years leading commission houses in Wall street have prided themselves on the practice of mailing statements to customers promptly on the first of each month. Recently many of them have been two to ten days late through sheer inability to overworked clerks to copy the voluminous entries of purchases and sales after the close of the last business day of the month.

One firm hit upon the idea of having photostatic copies made of all active accounts after the books had been posted and balanced and its sending them to customers, claiming that considerable time is saved in the process. The question of any saving in expense is still to be determined, but the experiment will be continued and if found practical, other large firms probably will follow suit.

Paper Money Taboo in Gold and Silver Zone

Tonopah, Nev.—One and two dollar bills, omens of ill luck of desert rats and miners, are scorned in the vast sagebrush reaches of southern Nevada.

Banks do not carry them to cash small checks or to make change, and most business houses refuse to place any piece of currency under \$5 in the cash register.

Before 1917 gold and silver coins were almost the only medium of exchange. Aversion to paper money is natural in a region where men live and die for the yellow or silver ore. Southern Nevada owes its place on the map to the coined money.

Today there is an actual boycott on \$1 and \$2 bills in Tonopah and other mining camps of the state. Local banks ship away twice a month the accumulation of that denomination.

Japanese to Invite U. S. Boy Scouts Over

Tokyo, Japan.—The Union of Boy Scouts in Tokyo is planning to invite seventeen representatives of Boy Scout organizations from the eastern part of the United States to visit Japan at the time of the coronation of the emperor at Kyoto next November. It is expected that the expenses of the visitors will be defrayed by the Japan-American association.

The program of entertainment for the American Boy Scouts includes several days' stay in Tokyo, and visits to Nikko Kamakura, Hakone, Nara

Hermit Steer Exiles Self in Grand Canyon

Denver, Colo.—Living alone in the mysterious canyons of the Colorado river in Grand Canyon National park is a hermit steer, now about fifteen years old.

In 1916 when the Grand canyon was a national monument supervised by the forest service a grazing permit was given Scott Dunham of Fredonia, Ariz., and he brought his stock down Bright Angel canyon and headed them out to the plateau to Haunted and Phantom canyons. Upon creating of the Grand canyon as a national park the steers were driven out but one was missing. Now the national park service has discovered the hermit, first by tracking him by extra large hoof prints noticed in April, and he will likely be permitted to spend his declining years in solitude.

Dog Finds Aid Mile Off for Stricken Master

Elizabeth City, N. C.—A seaman's white collie was given credit for procuring aid one mile distant while the owner lay with serious injuries.

Capt. Earl Davenport, Elizabeth City, told the story as he lay in a hospital here with a broken leg and other injuries, received when a boat motor exploded and hurled him into the water. He managed to crawl ashore, he said.

The nearest resident, Will Snowden, was a mile away. Snowden, awakened by a dog's bark, followed Laddie, a collie, to the spot where Captain Davenport lay. Snowden said his front door was badly scratched, indicating the dog had tried persistently to wake him.

Nail Down Desk Covers Way to Stop Heckling

Belgrade.—While members of European parliaments have resorted to varied methods of heckling a speaker, the favorite method of parliamentarians in the Yugo-Slavian skuptchina is banging the covers of their desks up and down.

They have found this noise the most disconcerting to unpopular speakers in parliament. Before opposition speakers ascended the platform to attack the government recently, they took advantage of the absence of government members to nail down the covers of all desks.

The speaker was able to deliver his embittered speech almost undisturbed.

Brimstone in Rain

Buhusi, Rumania.—Peasants have been thinking the end of the world has come. Rain, composed of water and brimstone and smelling of sulphur, fell for seven hours. It was the second phenomenon of the kind in the country in two months.

Skeleton of Extinct Bird Found in Rocks

The prehistoric rocks of Wyoming have yielded up parts of the skeleton of a huge flightless bird that lived on this continent many hundreds of thousands of years ago. The fossils were found last summer, but their discovery was announced for the first time before the recent meeting of the American Philosophical society in Philadelphia by Prof. William J. Sinclair of Princeton university.

The bird was similar to other giant extinct birds found on this continent, but constitutes a new genus, which has been named omorhamphus. It

As a substitute for glass stereopticon slides, film strips may now be shown on a screen from a flashlight projector and this method has been made simpler still by a camera which enables the operator to make his own negative rolls, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. A length of the film which will give as many pictures as would 30 pounds of glass slides weighs hardly an ounce. The rolls can be printed directly on positive film for use in the projector. With this outfit, travelers may have a convenient record of their trip to show their friends and the apparatus is especially serviceable to lecturers, etc.

Her Recipe

Some friends were kidding Blanche Mehaffey about her brief marriage, which is almost a record in Los Angeles courts.

"But," said one sweet young thing, coming to Blanche's defense, "you can talk all you want, but I don't see what protection anyone has against love at first sight!"

"I can answer that!" cut in Blanche. "Love at first sight can generally be cured by taking a second good look." —Los Angeles Times.

Uses for Western Cedar

The range of the Western cedar in Canada is confined to the province of British Columbia. More shingles are made from the Western cedar than from any other species. Over 2,500,000,000 were cut in Canada from this tree in 1926. In addition over 130,000,000 board feet of lumber, 10,000,000 laths, and an immense number of poles and posts were produced from it in the same year.

Electricity in India

As part of a program for electrifying rural India, villages and farms within a radius of ten miles of the main centers of electric power distribution will be supplied with power lines for irrigation purposes at the expense of the Mysore government. The demand for electric irrigation pumps has suddenly increased as a result, and the government has a long waiting list of applicants.

Diagnosis

"Is this a doll hospital?"
"Yes."
"What does my doll need?"
"A transfusion of sawdust."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

His Wish

"There is no such thing as can't," remarked the Thoughtful Guy.
"I wish there was no such thing as can," growled the hub of the can-opener wife.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

Style Hint

"Ruth, do you favor the long, or short ballot?"
"I like a knee-length effect."

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Train Disturbs Nap of Deer on Tracks

Middletown, N. Y.—A sleeping doe, on the tracks of the Wallkill Valley railroad, caused a train to halt near here recently. The engineer saw what appeared to be a bundle stretched across the rails. He blew his whistle and started the engine bell ringing. When the car neared the object he was started to discover that it was a deer fast asleep.

Just as the train stopped the deer lifted its head, gave a startled glance at the mechanical monster that had interrupted its slumber and bounded off into the woods that border the tracks.



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