

U-boat Raid Along Atlantic Coast on Monday, June 3, 1918, Caused Liveliest Day of War for Navy Declares Daniels

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When the U-boats came to America—The Sunday session and the Monday alarm—Why did you recall our destroyers from Europe?—How we kept the ocean lanes of transport open—Not a day lost—all records broken for carrying troops while some stayed in our front yard—Story of the six that crossed the sea—Deutschland, our friendly visitor in 1916, came with guns and torpedoes in 1918.

One of the liveliest days of the whole war for the Navy department was Monday, June 3, 1918. It will be many a year before I forget it. Sunday a U-boat had suddenly bobbed up about 40 of 50 miles off the New Jersey coast and sunk four schooners.

That was hard-hitting for a war hypothetically 3,000 miles away. It certainly stirred things up in our corner of Washington. When I received the newspaper correspondents that Monday morning I faced a lot of questions as rapid as that of any machine gun in France.

"What is the navy doing to protect our shipping?"
"Why did it let the submarine sink those vessels?"
"Have you sunk the U-boat?"
"Won't you recall our destroyers from Europe?"

Gets 5,000 Calls.
While I did my best with the eager, inquisitive and persistent gentlemen of the press, telegrams were pouring into the department by the hundred, and the telephones were ringing without cessation. In 24 hours 5,000 telegrams, radio messages, phone calls and other inquiries were handled by the navy. The mails and offices of the department were thronged with anxious people, shippers and ship owners, and friends and relatives of captains and crews. And everybody wanted information.

There was general alarm along the coast, from Cape Cod to Cape Sable. If one U-boat was over here, two might be, or three, or four. There was no saying where the enemy would strike next. Such was the feeling and, of course, we heard them.

The last of the four questions which I have given as coming from the newspaper correspondents came from all over the country, but especially from the coast:
"Won't you recall our destroyers from Europe?"

Nor was it always phrased so politely or as diffidently as this. Sometimes it passed from the interrogative to the imperative, and became an emphatic demand.

Obviously it was quite impossible for the Navy department to satisfy all these inquiries, or to answer the very pointed questions of the newspapermen. We could not tell the public what we were doing; what ships were being sent where; where we might just as well have cabled the information to Germany.

Most of our destroyers and other patrol craft were in European waters, but we had no idea of recalling them.

In the first place, to cover every point where submarines might appear, to patrol adequately the waters of our long coast line and to convoy all coastwise shipping—which was what excited individuals were insisting we should do—would have taken not less than a thousand vessels.

In the second place, nothing would have suited Germany's purpose better than to scare us into withdrawing our forces from the European hunting grounds and perhaps abandoning our mine barrage across the North sea.

We were doing everything possible, but we realized that we would have to accept the likelihood of some small craft being sunk—possibly a few steamers; but that at all costs we must keep the line of communication clear by which troops and supplies were carried to the fighting front.

Germany had sent her U-boats across the sea mainly for the purpose of interrupting the transportation of troops and supplies. Failing in this, their long and perilous adventure would be without military effect.

"Our first duty," I said to the newspaper men that morning, "is to keep open the road to France, to protect troop ships and supply vessels. We are doing all we can to protect all shipping and commerce, but that must be our first thought."

And that policy was so well carried out that not one troop ship or transport was delayed in sailing a single day, and the months in which enemy submarines were operating almost continuously off our coast were the very months in which we broke all records in troop transportation.

Deutschland Comes Back.
There were six U-boats which made the voyage from Wilhelmshaven or some other German port to the region of American waters in 1918—the U-151, the U-156, the U-140, the U-117, the U-155 and the U-152. The U-155 was the Deutschland, which doubtless you remember as the submarine that arrived in Baltimore.

Ralston Townsite Company Hits Wall

The Ralston Townsite company with real estate holdings worth \$229,947.33 in Ralston, Neb., filed a voluntary bankruptcy petition in federal court yesterday.

This action was taken following a conference of the board of directors of the company in the office of R. S. Horton, 306 Peters Trust building.

A suit for \$11,707.69 filed in district court by Fressie Denny and Louise Brunken against the Ralston Townsite company led to the filing of the bankruptcy petition, it was stated.

Liabilities of the company are listed at \$173,493.61, with creditors numbering 29, according to the petition.

Groom "Cleaned Out;" Judge Goes Feeless

Municipal Judge Holmes didn't collect a marriage fee yesterday when Lyman Kennedy, 37, of Sioux City, Ia., asked the judge to marry him to Susie Kennedy, 32, also of Sioux City.

The groom was coatless and his vest lacked several buttons when he joined hands with his bride.

"Judge, I'm cleaned out," spoke the groom at the ceremony. "What'll I do?"
Judge Holmes couldn't see any way of untying the knot, so bade the couple to live on love and kisses.

merchantman, Newby Hall, returned its fire, and a shell put its forward gun temporarily out of action. The U-155 made off.

For a week it seems to have engaged in mine-laying off Halifax and the Nova Scotia coast. Then it got back in the fighting game and had a battle with the American steamship Amphion, to which it did serious damage. After an hour's duel, however, the Amphion was still afloat and the Deutschland abandoned the fight.

Sinks the Unsinkable.

On its way back to Germany it sank the Lucia, known as the "unsinkable" ship, because it was fitted up with buoyancy boxes. This device did not keep it from sinking, but it kept it afloat 22 hours after it was torpedoed.

The Deutschland reached home on November 15, four days after the armistice ended hostilities.

The U-152 never came within close range of our shore. It operated far out and in midocean, but it was after American ships. It fought a thrilling battle with the Ticonderoga. The navy crew of the cargo transport fought for two hours, suffering serious losses in life and casualties. Both ships' guns were disabled, and the ship itself finally sank. Survivors of the crew had a terrible experience escaping in open boats. Only 24 of 237 men aboard the Ticonderoga were saved.

The U-152 was recalled on October 20 by the German radio order, "All submarines return to Kiel." That meant the great Tirpitz plot to torpedo civilization had failed.

(Another article by former Secretary Daniels will be printed tomorrow.)

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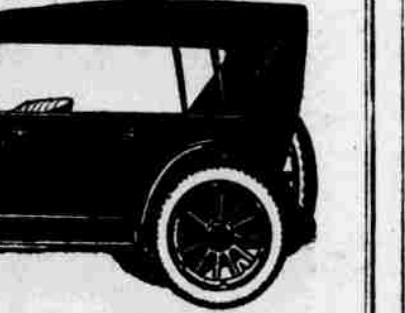
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You can imagine how pleased mother would be with one of the following books:

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has just arrived. You can surely find any number of cards and booklets with beautiful sentiments which will delight the heart of Mother or some one who has been like a Mother to you.

FRIDAY, in the DOWNSTAIRS STORE

May Sale of 100 Women's Coats Priced at \$5.00

is sure to interest you, for they are wonderful values. The material is all-wool serge, and all coats are full length. Some are half lined. You can choose from either the loose or fitted back models in both navy and black. 36 to 44.

A May Sale of Brassieres 35c - 50c 75c

Whether you require brassieres or bandeaus for morning wear or dress-up occasion, you'll find the assortment very complete; in three special groups.

Silk Remnants On Special Sale at \$1.00 yard

This lot of silk remnants are in lengths from 1 to 4 yards in a piece, in plain colors, figures and stripes; suitable for skirts, shirting, dresses, linings, trimmings, underwear and kimonos, in such weaves as taffeta, messaline, silk poplin, satin, foulard, wash satin. All 36 inches wide. On special sale Friday, \$1.00 yard.

Wash Satin, \$1.00 yd. 36-inch flesh wash satin for blouses and underwear. On sale Friday, \$1.00 yard.

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Polly Prim Aprons 65c

Downstairs Store

Priscilla Dean Tam Very Special, \$2.50

At last the joy of every girlish heart is realized, for the innumerable calls for the popular make of tam has made it necessary for us to purchase a very large assortment of Priscilla Dean Tams for our Downstairs store.

Both the Material and Boning of the Burgess-Nash Special Corsets Priced at \$2.00 to \$5.00

are of the dependable kind. Our new line has just arrived and every woman can find the model best suited for her figure in this large assortment. The materials include batiste, broche and coutil. Sizes 21 to 32.

If You Carry Lunches, One of These

Vacuum Bottles at \$1.39

would add to your enjoyment, for they keep liquid hot for 24 hours, cold 72 hours.

Toilet and Bath Soap 2 for 15c

This is a splendid soap for toilet and bath. It lathers freely.

Summer Gingham 19c yard

Summer gingham of beautiful plaids, checks or stripes in excellent quality.

Black Sateen 39c yard

36-inch black sateen; a very good quality with beautiful finish that sold at a much higher price. 39c yard.

Cheese Cloth 6 1/2c yard

Bleached cheese cloth; 10-yard limit to a customer.

Striped Flannel and Figured Challies 19c yard

These are of good quality and come in handsome figures.

Pillow Cases 25c each

These are made of good quality of muslin and come in sizes 42x36 or 45x36 inches.

Muslin Sheeting 9 1/2c yard

Unbleached muslin sheeting, 36 inches wide; no dressing or filling; excellent quality; limit of 11 yards to a customer.

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