

## WAS SHIPS' HAVEN

Lough Swilley of Great Value to Allied Fleets.

Deep-Water Inlet Formed Break in Towering Rocks That Form the Coast Line of North Donegal, on the Irish Coast.

The destroyer guard is gone from Lough Swilley. The Yankee ships no longer round the grim black heights of Knockalla. The hamlets of Buncrana and Letterkenny have settled back into the undisturbed quiet of the north Donegal peasant towns.

Before the war Lough Swilley was little known to the outside world, observes the Kansas City Times. Few ships ever entered between the forbidding walls of granite that rise on either side of the inlet. But the war made it a haven for merchant ships, a base for destroyers, and the only home the wandering trawler fleet of that section of the sea ever had.

The "lough" is pronounced as though spelled l-o-k-h. It is the Irish cousin of the Scottish "loch," and a not far distant relative of the English "lake."

Sheer and sinister rise the cliffs of north Donegal. They form one of the most forbidding coast lines anywhere in the world.

To the steamer torpedoed off this coast there was little hope, for there was no chance there to beach a vessel. When the big 14,000-ton Flavia was hit off the Donegal coast last August she stayed up three hours, but was lost because she could not limp the 50 miles or so to a spot where there was a break in those dark walls of stone.

Lough Swilley is such a break in the towering rocks of the coast line. It is a narrow inlet of water running back into County Donegal some thirty miles. And it is deep enough all the way for ships of heavy draught. It was of incalculable value to the allied fleets and merchant shipping during the war, because it offered alike a haven and well-placed base for operations against the marauding submarines that slipped around the coast of Scotland.

Past Bloody Foreland and Tory Island, where the legendary Fomorians made their haven, swung the convoys on their way to Londonderry, Belfast and Glasgow. And there, too, was a favorite hunting ground of the U-boats. A seemingly perpetual mist and thick rain hung over the sea thereabouts, periscopes were difficult to glimpse, and the course of the merchant squadrons was constricted and easy to follow. So it came to be that many destroyers and trawlers gathered in the vicinity of Lough Swilley. And Buncrana and Letterkenny formed an acquaintance with the outer world.

They are tiny villages of thatched cottages, with a white, high-steeped church in each, and they are indescribably behind in the march of the ages. But they are proud of their history, and the old patriarchs between puffs of their pipes will tell one that the story of Donegal begins with Conall Nolgiallach, the son of Niall Nolgiallach himself. And beyond that Irish history fades away into the haze of time.

### Reviving Heraldry.

In the use of devices and weapons that linked the great war with the wars of preceding centuries, the adoption of a kind of heraldry by the armies revived also the individuality of medieval shields and banners. Sometimes this heraldry turned out to be a mistaken symbolism, as in the case of the German aviator who emblazoned his fighting plane with a Bavarian lion in pursuit of a French cock. The emblems varied according to taste; an Indian shooting an arrow, the flying stork, the Indian head with which Luther decorated his machine; the winged serpent, an ancient token of wisdom and speed; a dove, and a comet. In an older time such insignia would, no doubt, have become hereditary. In the twentieth century they served simply to express the brave gayety and humor of youth.

### Artificiality Fled.

The long line of limousines whirling down the avenue to modistes and afternoon teas stopped short as a tall policeman signaled for a right of way. Under his care a stalwart lad in khaki escorted his little gray-haired mother, timidly glancing from side to side, to safety and the other side of the street. In the foremost car sat a beautiful woman in the sunny thirties, finished like the car in which she sat in every detail. The last touch that marked the lady of elegant leisure was the perky little Pekinese she held tucked away under her arm. And then she who watched saw the monadine, her eyes on the boy, wipe her eyes with a half apologetic brush of her handkerchief, dropping her toy as she felt wiping out artificiality.—New York Sun.

### Some More to Worry About.

Smith—Did you ever stop to think that this national prohibition will be an awful blow to Uncle Sam's ship-building program?

Smith—Howzat?

Smith—Can you imagine the sweet young daughter of the secretary of the Interior christening a new ship with a bottle of Bevo?—Indianapolis Star.

## BALM FOR THE DISHWASHER

According to Writer, Happy is the Man Allowed to Help in Cleansing the Table Utensils.

We have never held with those who think dishwashing a dreary and sordid task, according to Collier's. Give us plenty of hot water, plenty of some abrasive soap and a couple of clean cloths and we will tackle the debris of the evening meal with keen enjoyment. After a long day at the office it is delightful to steep one's hands in hot dishwater (which acts as an excellent fribrifuge for the brain and a tonic for weariness of the body) and pass through the purifying and homely gestures of ablution and wiping. These simple tasks of the hand always induce a pleasant and domestic train of thought. We know one poet, and not such a bad poet either, who always says he can write his best lyrics after a bout with the evening dishes. And no manicurist ever gives so pink and charming a glow to the hands as a half-hour with the dishpan.

How many husbands, we wonder, have learned the first rule of the dishwasher's technique? You must have plenty of hot water, but always use cold water on any utensils where eggs have been broken. Heat hardens the yolk, and boiling water poured upon an egg-smeared plate will so solidify and solder the juices that it will take sandpaper to remove them.

If any husband should ever protest against being asked to wash the dishes let his wife refer him to II Kings, 21:13.

## AVENGED HIS POISONED PET

Mean Way in Which Owner of Marauding Cat Got Even With Its Executioner.

A member of a certain national organization was laughing over certain attacks on the institution.

"These attacks," he said, "are clever—clever but crooked. They bring a story to my mind.

"A man owned a big black cat that used to sneak off to the butcher's and steal meat. The butcher warned the man to keep his thieving cat at home, but no attention was paid to the warning, and so finally the butcher declared:

"If that pesky cat steals any more of my stock I'll poison it."

"Well, a few days later the cat made off with a leg of lamb, and the butcher, true to his word, sprinkled bits of poisoned steak about. The next morning the black cat lay cold and stiff before its master's door.

"The cat's owner waited till the butcher shop was crowded with sausage buyers. Then he tucked the corpse under his arm and strode in through the crowd.

"Here you are, John," he said, slamming the dead cat down on the meat block, beside the sausage machine. 'Here you are. That makes 78. I'll fetch in the 22 others in the course of the day.'"

### Restoring Mesopotamia.

Under British occupation the fertile regions of Mesopotamia are being restored to productivity, for which this region was celebrated in Biblical days. This is disclosed in official dispatches received at Washington from Bagdad. Under Turkish rule in some places nothing was produced.

The British authorities, to save a large part of the population from starvation and to provide work, immediately set about, as soon as the Turks were driven out, to construct canals for irrigation and to encourage the population to plan for the next harvest. An Arabian labor corps was organized locally and three Indian labor corps were employed.

As a result a new irrigation canal has been opened at Mansarich, seventy miles northeast of Bagdad on the Djalal river, by which 300,000 acres already are being irrigated.

### The King Charles Statue.

King Charles I may now breathe freely once more. Workmen have taken away the sandbags and scaffolding of the statue of King Charles I in Trafalgar square. This is the first time the head of the Stuarts has been permitted to breathe freely for many months. All sorts of speculations have been rife as to the reason for the extensive protection that has been accorded this statue, one of them being that there was a Jacobite at the office of works. The probable reason, however, is the undeniable beauty of the statue.—London Mail.

### Identification No. 1.

When a soldier gets his identification disk handed to him and it runs up to 317,541 or 2,783,596—or some such colossal number, he begins to meditate briefly on the subject of who has No. 1.

The Stars and Stripes answers his query with the information that in the infancy of the A. E. F., No. 1 was assigned to Sergt. Arthur B. Crenn of the medical department. Where and what he is now is not vouchsafed, but by this time he may be a lieutenant colonel.

### Another Star Shell.

By the invention of a new "star" shell the night fighting efficiency of the navy will be increased at least 25 per cent, the war department has said in an official statement. The shell is suitable for guns of from three to five-inch caliber. Its value lies in the fact that its increased illuminating power may be used without betraying the position of the craft using it.—Navy Life Magazine.

## Using Hydrometer.

Experienced motorists who really take care of their cars find that unless their storage batteries are tested regularly battery repairs and replacements soon become an expensive habit which could easily have been avoided.

Every motorist should have a hydrometer, and should test his battery every week according to the directions which accompany the instrument. When the battery tests appreciably below .1250 it is an indication that it needs "charging." The engine should then be run with the gears in neutral till the hydrometer shows a reading of more than .1250. If the test shows the battery to be below .1200, it is too far discharged to be remedied by this treatment and should be taken at once to a service station.

Equal in importance to regularity in testing is the necessity for adding distilled water to each cell of the battery whenever it is needed. In summer

it is advisable to see to this every few days, depending somewhat upon the amount of driving that is done. In winter, once every week or two will doubtless answer. The level of the solution in the cells should be kept about one-half above the top of the plates.

## Might Have Been Expected.

"Young Gotrox complains that his wife has commenced to kick over the traces already."

"Humph! That's what comes of marrying a skirt dancer."

## Agrees With Ralph.

"Dis worl' means a heap t' some folks," philosophized Shinbone; "yit as Mistah Emerson said, we gat 'long very well widout it befo' we were bo'n."

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