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**DID YOU EVER  
HEAR OF A MAN SO  
UNREASONABLE?**

(Chicago News.)

There was an unhappy pucker in the forehead of the girl in the leatherette coat as she said "Men are certainly the most unreasonable beings!"

"Marvellous discovery," commented the one in the brown fur as she conveyed the contents of her tray to the not overly dainty cafeteria table. "I see I might as well listen so get it off your mind."

"You remember," said the leatherette one, "I told you Saturday about having so much money to take care of at the office at closing time? Well, Saturday night robbers broke into the office safe. The night watchman heard them, but while he was flourishing his pistol at them and ordering them to 'hands up' they beat him up and got away."

"With all that money?" moaned the now interested Miss Brown Fur.

"Wait!" commanded Leatherette. "The watchman called up the manager of our branch and the police. Then Mr. Giles, the manager, sent for me the first thing Sunday morning. He asked me how much money I had taken in Saturday after banking hours. I told him a little over \$2,000. He turned sort of creamy looking. They were all standing there—policeman, detectives, the bandaged watchman and my boss—looking at that empty money drawer in the safe as though they were waiting for it to 'Speak up like an' 'spress yourself.'"

"Did you want that money new, Mr. Giles?" I asked, not appreciating all the gloom of the situation.

"Want it!" he roared, and they all looked at me with that expression which says "The poor girl has gone dippy."

"Then I had to explain that I had locked the safe Saturday night before I had taken care of the money in the till. I was in a hurry, 'cause Clyde was waiting to meet me at closing time, and so I just slipped all that money into an envelope and stuck it in the filing cabinet."

"So then I took the money out of the envelope and handed it over to Mr. Giles. He counted it and they all feasted their eyes on it as a father gazes upon a long lost son."

"Haven't you omitted the point as to man's unreasonableness?"

"No, I am just coming to that," responded Leatherette. "This morning Mr. Giles called me into his office and told me that if I could not be more careful with the firm's money he would feel obliged to discharge me."

From the way it seems disposed to help him, Col. Hohenzollern must be paying Holland pretty stiff board.

When a man talks about purifying politics he wants an office.

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**SUCCESSFUL EXPLOITS OF  
"Q" SHIPS OF BRITISH NAVY**

**Small Merchantmen Camouflaged as Tramp Steamers, Put One Over on the German Submarines—Would Allow the Pirates to Come Within Short Range Before Opening Fire—Believed That Mystery Ships Accounted for Two-thirds of the U-Boats Which Went to the Bottom.**

(New York Sun)

The successful exploits of the "mystery" or "Q" ships of the British navy H. M. S. Hush and H. M. S. Hush have no prouder admirer than the soldier novelist, Major Ian Hay Beith of the 10th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who arrived in New York on the Mauretania.

Major Beith, better known as Ian Hay, author of "The First Hundred Thousand" and "All in It," says the "Q" ships were small merchantmen camouflaged as old tramp steamers. Their business, as most people have guessed was to sink U-boats.

"They used to pound along slowly Major Beith explained in a reminiscent chat, 'until a submarine came alongside. The submarine thinking she had an easy mark, would start shelling and encouraged by getting no response, came within close range. Then the big guns which were carefully concealed behind a harmless looking screen on the tramps deck would open fire.'"

**"Waves" U-Boat to Bottom**

An expressive wave of Major Beith's hands indicated that this was the end of the submarine.

"After several submarines had been

sunk in this way the Germans 'got wise' and never came to the surface until after they had fired a torpedo. These little British merchant ships of two or three thousand tons then actually made it their game to allow themselves to be torpedoed. They stuck to the letter of international law, which demands that a merchant ship must be hit before it fires back, and if the first torpedo did not register they put themselves in the way of the second

"As soon as the torpedo struck a 'panic party' took place. Men ran about the decks screaming and boats were lowered in the greatest confusion. The crew then took to the boats, leaving a few men hidden on board, often with the deck burning beneath them to fire the guns. When the submarine finally came to the surface the guns let loose."

"Mystery" ships have been sinking the Hun pirates for three years, Major Beith said. Statistics are not yet available, but it is believed they accounted for at least two-thirds of all submarines sunk. The first "Q" ship he said was the S. S. Baralong, about whose part in the alleged killing of a German submarine crew a lengthy

**COLLEGE GIRLS  
GIVE VIEWS ON  
MATRIMONY**

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long that we do not realize them as underhanded?"

The girls were silent for a moment examining their own consciences.

Then Miss Wisconsin whose scarlet cheeks betrayed her deep thoughtfulness finished her argument. "All this evading and masking has absorbed a lot of our time and energy. We have been luring men in such a way that they would think we were running away from them. And it has been strenuous business."

"You've got us analyzed all right, Wis., admitted Miss Chicago.

"What do you say girls, to starting a movement of wooing by a shorter, more time-saving method?" Miss Wellesley was great on starting movements, anything from suffrage to food control.

"Who will begin?" asked Miss California.

Miss Simmons broke the silence that followed. "I will" she said, determinedly.

The girls covered their astonishment as best they could. But Miss Chicago could not wait to hear more. "Who's the man, Sim?"

"The young captain I met last night, she answered.

Miss Wisconsin looked earnestly at Miss Simmons, and in her heart she hoped the man would not exert his "right to refuse."

correspondence was carried on between England and German in the winter of 1916.

The complete story of the British navy's activities is yet to be written (Continued on Page Six)

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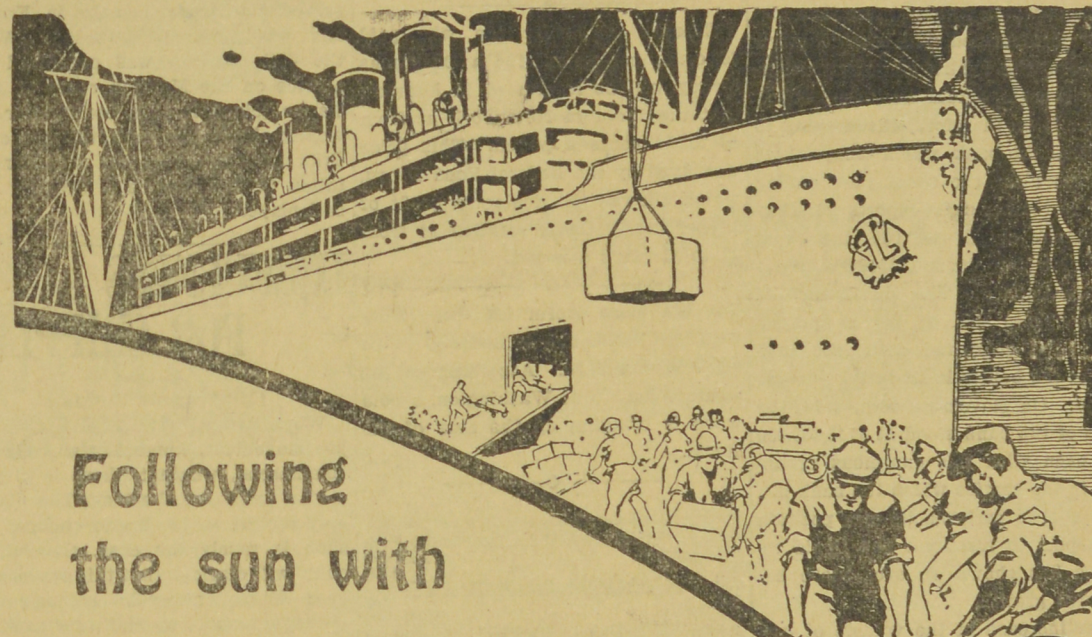
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