REPORTED FROM A JAY CORNER

(Chicago News)

I heard that Bill Higgins was sick in bed and went to his house to see if there was anything I could do. He was propped up against a lot of pillows. His face had a nectic flush and he groaned dismally.

Higgins is our leading lawyer and it is whispered that his income amounts to \$10,000 a year—a fabulous sum in the alfalfa belt. Before the war he

"What's the matter, Bill?" I inquired, my voice throbbing with sympathy There's nothing more affecting than to see a strong man braced up with tive's exploit and is the first survivor

"I'm afraid my days are numbered," the sick man whispered. "If I am cut off in my prime you can charge it up not been for the German government I wouldn't be stretched on this couch of pain, full of Spanish influenza, Russian grip and Missouri rheumatism

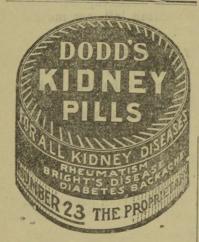
"Until recently Jim McFish came here once a week to wash my car. I paid him \$1.50 for doing it and always felt that I was being held up. It did not take him more than an hour and a half to do it and I felt that a man of Jim's mental capacity wasn't worth a dollar an hour. I often watched him doing the work and it seemed as simple as sliding down a tin roof. I used to think that if it wasn't for the sac rifice of dignity I'd just as soon wash the car myself.

"But you know how it is in a hay seed town like this. If people saw me wishing my car they'd infer unpleasant things and inside of a week every since he was 12 years old he probably He received a V. C. afterward. practice was shot to pieces and I had to get down to manuel labor to scratch out a living.

Higgins had started talking in a whisper but as he went on his courtroom voice came back and reverber ated like distant thunder. It was thrilling to hear him.

'Well," he went on, "McFish resigned his portfolio. He got a job running a jitney down around Camp Funston somewhere, and this looked like real war work to him. I hunted around for I decided to wash the car myself. In

"So I got the car out on the concrete drive, attached the garden hose to a hydrant and got busy with sponges and chamois skins. As I have said the work looked ridiculously easy when I watched Jim McFish. But I wouldn't wash a car again for a million dollars. I held a sponge in one hand and the nozzle of the hose in the



HOW SMALL BRITISH NAVAL FORCE RUSHED HUN FORTS AT ZEEBRUGGE

A Survivor of the Exploit Tells of Vindictive's Gallant Fight—Lieutenant Walker was One of the Leaders of the Hazardous Attack on the German Stronghold—Twenty Heroes Left Behind Now Prisoners in Germany.

wore silk shirts every day in the week the mole at Zeebrugge that glorious our people back than anything else. night last April, according to Lieut. We didn't know but the Vindictive Harold T. C. Walker, R. N., who was would stay there.

one of the leaders in H. M. S. Vindichere to tell it.

to lead the landing sections were not- not allow this, as they thought it ed either as boxers or football men," to the German Government. If it had he says. "I suppose it was thought it officer who was the commandant at might develop into a sort of athletic Dover. Admiral Keyes insisted on truth, it was rather strenuous."

dictive pulled alongside the mole at North Star and the Phoebe. I guess Zeebrugge?

is 24 years old and a ruddy English were to protect us from attack by youth, "I think I felt like that chap German vessels from seaward. in one of Bairnsfather's cartoons. that Tommy who is out in No Man's in command of the Vindictive. It was Land unprotected at night when a a miracle, I guess, the old ship came German star shell lights over him and through, but more of a miracle that the feels as big as a house and as if Capt. Carpenter weathered it. His every German machine gunner could cap and clothing were pierced by eight use him as a target.

as he has been in the British navy the engagement of an hour and a half. has done his bit. He is tall and ath-

Tedium of Preparation

the conception of Admiral Roger explosives which was to run in from Keyes, the commandant at Dover; seaward near the land end of the how preparation began on March 1 mole and blow up that structure so and it was not until April 23 that con- that relief parties could not come

I decided to wash the car myself. In war times men of high standing do their own chores. The either day I are their own chores. The other day I saw teers and so many men volunteered President Butcher of the Normal mow-that only one out of every ten could ing his lawn and the next day I saw be taken. A majority of the boarding ing place. The outstanding feature of were carried on the Iris and the Daffo-

"When I had been at the job ten minutes my shoes were full of water when I turned around I forgot the later. buckets of water into her face. She'll emy discovered us. His lookouts and running down from a shrapnel splinter

you ever saw."

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Admiral Keyes in Escort "Admiral Keyes, who planned the attack, wished to come along on the "At least all the officers picked out Vindictive but the Admiralty would would be unnecessarily risking a high evening along the mole. To tell the going, however, and finally went along in command of a squadron of How did it feel when H. M. S. Vin- three destroyers, the Warwick, the it was the first time an Admiral ever "Well," replied Lieut. Walker who commanded destroyers. These vessels

"Capt. Arthur F. B. Carpenter was bullets or fragments of shell, but the Lieut. Walker lost his left arm at only one that did any damage was a Zeebrugge and so is no longer in ac-bullet which struck his left elbow and tive service, but he has four war ser- smashed it. He fought the ship and vice chevrons on his right sleeve and navigated her with great skill during

"We had about 100 miles of steamletic, was on the football team at ing to do between Dover and Zee-Dartmouth, the British Annapolis, and brugge that night and it took us about was a noted boxer in the grand fleet ten hours, as some of the boats were where he was attached to the Beller- slow and we took of course a circuitous passage."

Lieut. Walker told of the weeks of Lieut. Walker told about the begin- preparing the vessels for the expedinings of the great affair, how it was tion, of the submarine loaded with a man and couldn't get one, so at last ditions were favorable "to pull it off." down and attack the landing party; the entrance a mile and block the entrance to the inner harbor which was the preparation on the Vindictive was the building of a series of twenty stanch wooden gangplanks projecting other, as I had seen Jim do, but when from the port side which would extend I worked with the sponge I was always over the top of the mole when the forgetting the nozzle, and squirting ship came alongside and from which water into the bosom of my shirt. the men could easily leap ashore.

Enemy Sights the Squadron other women, and sidering we were in the North Sea, at bow and

think to her dying day, that I did it patrols apparently had been asleep be- through the neck fore that. But then the stars and "Well, a man of my years can't slop rockets began to go and the fun was around for hours with his shoes full of on in earnest. I was stationed about rific racket stamping around me as water and not suffer. I woke up next amidships in charge of a small gun, they prepared to go on shore, I re morning with a burning fever, and but a half hour previously had an member that distinctly, and the flash now have the three diseases I men- emergency job which was supervising tioned, with others waiting their turn, the rum. A good tot was served out to And the car is the worst looking mess each man, and as the petty officer in charge had a drop in himself when

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the time came I was put in charge of this important matter.

"We came down, made a turn and "We reached the mole on the tick of brought up alongside all shipshape, and I was dripping as though I had 12," said the Lieutenant. "All had with the Iris and the Daffodil the been fished from a canal. My wife had gone well, all the vessels were in posi- "ferry boats," tagging astern of us. been fixing herself up to go to the tion, most of us coming down from the The bursting of shells was terrific, and she stepped out of the back door to and the wind held right for the smoke was deafening. Shells crashed and say good by. She called to me and and the moon did not come out until burst all around our party and I was hit almost at once. My arm went blamed nozzle, and shot about nine "It was about 11.45 when the en- numb and there was a mess of blood

> "I fell to the deck, but did not lose consciousness. The men made a ter and crash of the whole thing.

Twenty Heroes Left Behind

"But I think the impression that was strongest was that of the pom poms hammering away from our fight ing tops. I remember thinking these guns made an infernal racket and wishing that it might be stopped.

"I lay there for some time with fragments and bullets zipping and falling around and finally I was picked up and taken to the lower deck, which had been fitted as a huge hospital. There I was fixed up with first aid, but by the time I got the morphia the great siren of the Vindictive was sounding to recall the living men from the mole. This signal of course had been agreed on previously

"This was scheduled for 1.25 as the start was to be made back at 1.30 that being the limit of time the Vindictive could lie alongside on account of the falling tide. So I heard the men come running back and the order to cast off and then I went to sleep. Only twenty living Britishers were left on the mole They were marines. When Capt. Palmer, commanding them, learned that they had not returned, he went back to the mole to hunt them and was left behind. He and his men are now pris oners in Germany."

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