

Former Eagle Lake Man on Ship Captured and Sunk by Germans.

Mr. Frank B. Ruwe, the subject of this article, was formerly a citizen of Eagle Lake, being cashier at the Southern Pacific depot. He left here last May for South America looking for adventures offered to a young man in that country. The following account of his experience is taken from the Owensville, Missouri, Republican.

Frank B. Ruwe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Ruwe, of Elmont, Route 1, returned Monday night from a trip to South America. Mr. Ruwe stopped at our office Tuesday morning for a short visit and related many interesting experiences of his journey, showing us mementos he had gathered at various places in the southern continent.

Mr. Ruwe, who had been working for a railroad company in Texas, left May 12 last, for South America. We published a letter from him describing his trip down there but did not hear from him again until he walked

saw a lot of interesting countries and several of the largest cities of South America, spending several months at Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic, but found no favorable opportunities for a young American nor even jobs of any kind which amount to anything. In fact since the European war broke out conditions are very bad there as the larger part of the commerce was with European nations, though of course, some of the larger U. S. firms have commenced to gain a foothold. Cattle and wheat are the two principal products of Argentina and the International Harvester Co. and a few of our great packing companies transact a large volume of business.

Not finding any position to his liking Mr. Ruwe decided to return to the good old U. S. and on October 12 took passage for New York on the Lamport & Holt liner, Vandyck (English), with 510 passengers and crew. About 10:00 of October 23, the Vandyck sighted the Karlsruhe, a long, snaky-looking cruiser, with four

funnels and no flag, accompanied by a small steamer, the Farn, captured some time previously and retained as a tender and collier.

The Karlsruhe stood straight down for the Vandyck. Capt. Cadogan, seeing nothing better to do, kept on his course. Ranging alongside, the cruiser broke out the German imperial ensign, while signal flags gave a peremptory order to stop. Soon a boatload of armed sailors came up and over the side climbed a dapper young German Lieutenant, Count von Issen, as it afterward appeared. He notified Capt. Cadogan that his ship was a prize, then seized the ship's papers, together with about \$3,500. A file of sailors smashed the wireless apparatus.

The passengers were assembled in the saloon, where Count von Issen notified them that they would be allowed twenty-four hours to get together their effects and leave the ship. Then, as it resumed their meal.

The German officers were courteous to the passengers and did everything in their power to make their misfortune endurable. They talked freely with their involuntary guests, told them of the projected movements of the cruiser and that, including the Vandyck, they had captured seventeen steamers.

Next morning the Vandyck was surrounded by four ships, the newcomers being the German ship Asuncion and the captured Indrani. Count von Issen told the passengers they must go on board the Asuncion, and as she had accommodations for only thirty advised them to take with them bedding, provisions, silverware, etc.

Practically all the passengers make the serious charge against the Lamport & Holt line that the boats were so warped by the sun that their seams opened the moment they touched the water and several sank with all the baggage in them.

"I wouldn't send a dog out in

those boats," said Lieut. Freese, according to the passengers, and he signaled the Asuncion and the Karlsruhe to send boats, in which the passengers, crew and baggage were taken to the Asuncion.

Mr. Ruwe was in one of these boats, of which two at a time were tugged by the gasoline launch of the Karlsruhe, when the cable parted and set them adrift. They were picked up in a couple of hours but not until he and many others were more seasick than they had ever thought possible, from the rolling and pitching of the small boats.

The next five days were trying for the walls of the Vandyck. They were not allowed to run directly for Para, only a day's journey away, but were kept with the Karlsruhe, for fear they would on landing, give news of her whereabouts. They had to sleep on the decks in nooks and corners. Moreover, the crew of the Vandyck, repeatedly threatened mutiny, and were kept in order only by German rifle-bullets.

All the second and third class passengers and crew had to eat during the eight days they were on the Asuncion was beef and bread. The Vandyck was loaded with a large cargo of sugar and had plenty of coal but the Karlsruhe was well supplied with these commodities and Mr. Ruwe says the wireless operator of the Asuncion told him the Vandyck was blown up and sunk after the passengers and crew had been taken away.

After landing at Para, Mr. Ruwe was furnished with transportation on the Sao Paulo to New York and arrived there safely on November 18.

We have written the above partly from the description given by Mr. Ruwe and part of it is clipped from an article in the New York World written by one of the passengers on the Vandyck.

Mr. Albert Needham has a car that of late applies near the Southern Pacific depot which he is selling out at bargain prices. The applies are fine for cooking and eating, having a number of different varieties in the car. Look up and read his advertisement in this issue.

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Fifth Sunday Meeting of Colorado Association.

Eagle Lake Church, January 28-31, 1915.

THURSDAY.

7:30 p. m. Sermon, Pastor H. R. Moran.

FRIDAY.

9:00 a. m. Devotional, Pastor P. T. Brown.

9:30 a. m. The Religious Opportunity of the Home. Pastor J. B. Marshall. W. S. Strickland.

10:15 a. m. Literature as a Means of Religious Education in the Home. Pastor W. T. Cobble. J. W. Cook.

11:00 a. m. Sermon, Missionary A. P. Smith.

2:30 p. m. Devotional, Pastor McGraw.

3:00 p. m. The Ideal Young People's Society.

Pastor W. L. Evans. John E. Stephen.

3:45 p. m. The Relation of the Young People's Society to the Other Departments of the Church.

Pastor E. H. Robinson. Pastor J. H. Hardy.

4:15 p. m. Meeting of Executive Board of the Association.

7:30 p. m. Sermon, Pastor O. B. Falls.

SATURDAY.

9:00 a. m. Devotional, Pastor G. W. Newsom.

9:30 a. m. The Relation of the Sunday School to Moral and Religious Training. Pastor R. T. Hanks. L. A. Carter.

10:15 a. m. The Relation of the Sunday School to the Church. Pastor G. L. Neely. Pastor R. H. Jones. Pastor J. A. Stephen.

11:00 a. m. Sermon, Pastor T. L. Fullbright.

2:30 p. m. Devotional, Pastor L. F. Welch.

3:00 p. m. The Influence of Missions on Christian Conscience. Pastor J. W. Israel. Pastor J. T. Dale.

3:45 p. m. Motives to Missionary Work.

Pastor C. E. Welch. Pres. M. M. Wolf.

7:30 p. m. Sermon, Pastor J. T. Dale.

SUNDAY.

9:45 a. m. Sunday School.

11:00 a. m. Sermon, Pastor C. E. Welch.

3:00 p. m. Rally. The Cultivation of Personal Responsibility in Kingdom Service. J. O. Boettcher. R. A. Armstrong.

J. E. Roberts.

7:30 p. m. Sermon, Pastor R. T. Hanks.

A cordial welcome extended to all from the pastor and church of Eagle Lake. Let us Rally, Brethren, to this meeting, the beginning of the New Year.

J. A. STEPHEN, Pastor.

Local Citizens Pay Compliment To Our Home Telephone Girls.

TO THE TELEPHONE OPERATORS:
Eagle Lake, Texas.

It is not our purpose to extend to you by word of mouth or pen, our full appreciation of the many

courtesies and kindnesses you have shown us in the year just passed, such a task were impossible to human ingenuity and the English language.

Your courtesies are fully appreciated wherever in this office, I am sorry to say however they are not so fully appreciated everywhere. Few seem to pause to reflect that the unassuming little telephone operator, with her meek and kindly, "Number, please," and her "Will ring them again for you," ever have any of the occupational worries and pets of other vocations in life, nor even their own personal and domestic worries, heartaches, and crying disappointments, common to all other individuals. I fear that we sometimes lose sight of the fact that she may be annoyed by even the physical ailments to which others succumb, she must stay at her post.

At her post! All of one's earthly possessions are in danger of being lost by fire,—by the timely arrival of the fireman the worldly goods are saved. They were summoned by her who was at her post. Her close touch with police authorities makes the telephone operator at her post, a guardian of life itself.

In the dead hour of night a fierce and earnest anxious battle is being fought by Doctor and Nurse for that which to someone is dearer than all the world of treasure.

A life is saved, loved ones are made happy by the victory due to the timely arrival of those who minister to the sick. Assistance arrived while there was yet time,

because she was at her post.

Truly could the annals of history dispensed to us greater heroes than ever stood or fell on battle field in the fierce array.

To our local operators we must say that should we attempt to enumerate the courtesies received from you, we should say the number is at least equal to the number of calls we have made over the system. If we have at any time seemed grateful or harsh we earnestly crave your forgiveness and forgetfulness. If we have received such treatment it is out of our memories.

If the old year has brought you any grief or disappointment or affliction, may the New Year bring joys and prosperity sufficient to appease.

If the old year brought you any joys or happiness, may the New Year add thereto and extend them on through each succeeding year until at the close of a ripe old age only the memories of you are left to grace the earth.

Sincerely,

(Signed) P. T. Gordon, D. D. S.
T. P. Doole M. D.

The Eagle Lake Racket Store has a big advertisement in today's paper offering some choice bargains, and showing why it is going to be to your interest to give that store a portion of your patronage. The Eagle Lake Racket Store has a big stock of merchandise, and you can get almost any article of them that is carried in a first-class establishment. They are putting on some genuine racket prices on high grade goods. It will pay you to drop in at this store and look over their line.

Closing out Sheet Music, five copies 25c, Calvert's Drug Store.

KOLBERG FAVORS GIRL'S CANNING CLUB WORK

Demonstration Agent Kolberg Tells of Advantages to be Derived From Such an Organization.

At the request of the Headlight the following information regarding the Girls' Canning, Poultry club work and women's demonstration work is found in one of the "Ten Commandments" laid down by the late Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, founder of Farm Demonstration work: Produce all the feed required for men and animals on the farm.

"It would be too lengthy to explain the work in detail through your valuable paper, but suffice it to say that the objects of the work is (1) To encourage families to provide purer and better food at lower cost, to utilize the surplus and otherwise waste products of orchard and garden, and to make the poultry yard an effective part of farm economy.

(2) To stimulate interest and wholesome cooperation among members of the family in the home. (3) To provide means by which girls may earn money at home, and at the same time get the education and viewpoint necessary for the ideal farm life. (4) To open the way for practical demonstration of home economics.

"Those who have given study to the practical value of the girls club work, and to farm demonstration work as a whole know that through this work thousands of dollars are saved to the farmers of the county and interest is stimulated in hundreds of ways

sober and appetizing.

"In many counties the boy club members are helping. Corn club boys are now entering contests in raising hogs, 'baby' beef, and dairy stock, under the newly formed Boys' animal husbandry clubs. These boys are helping their sisters and mothers in furnishing the meat for the home.

"In all cases the basis for either girls' work or boys' club work as well as men's and women's demonstration work is found in one of the "Ten Commandments" laid down by the late Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, founder of Farm Demonstration work: Produce all the feed required for men and animals on the farm.

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FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT

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SENIOR AND JUNIOR CLASSES
TO HAVE ATHLETIC CONTEST

Next Friday the senior and junior classes of the local high school will have a track meet on the school grounds. There has been much class spirit displayed between these two classes and has resulted in the seniors challenging the juniors to a track meet. The program will consist of nine events, viz: Vault, hundred-yard dash, high jump, broad jump, throwing the shot, standing high jump, hop, skip and jump, and the mile run. The winner of five of the events is to be the champion of the school in track. For the seniors, Landa and Heffley and for the juniors, Nussbaum, Buffington, Williamson and Middleton will take part in the various contests. The boys are in training for the event now, and a close race is expected.

Notice to the Public.

This is to inform the public that the firm name of Brown & Schleicher, doing a wholesale and brokerage and commission business, in the city of Eagle Lake, Texas, has been changed and in the future will be known as the S. M. Schleicher Company.

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