

PERISCOPES OFF THE ATLANTIC COAST

IF AMERICA is better prepared to combat submarine attacks near the Atlantic coast, it is partly due to the early vigilance of Henry J. James, son of a Provincetown, Massachusetts, fisherman. Twenty-two years ago, James was aroused when German submarines attacked U.S. fishing vessels to cripple the food supply. One U-boat shelled barges for an hour or more off Cape Cod. Thirty fishing vessels were sunk off the Grand Banks. Six U-boats sank a total of 91 American ships, with 368 lives lost.

In a book, *German Subs in Yankee Waters*, James warned of coastal dangers from submarines in possible future wars: fishing vessels sunk, food supplies reduced, major ports subjected to poison-gas attacks. Now the Government has built mosquito-boat fleets, requisitioned beam-trawlers for mine sweeping, registered all small craft for coastal defense. James had advocated all of these measures in his book.

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