



*PERISCOPES OFF  
THE ATLANTIC COAST*

**I**F 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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