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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

**1 of 2 civilians aboard
Larned, Abner Elisha
1871 MI – 1947 MI**



Two civilians aboard – (left) Detroit businessman Abner Elisha Larned (1871-1947) and (right) Edward Thomas Fitzgerald (1886-1964), before the war serving as secretary to the mayor of Detroit, later executive public relations director for the Detroit Tigers baseball team and occasional sportscaster

Excerpt from Marilyn C. Gahm's "The Sinking of the Tuscania" www.tuscaniamemorial.org, page 96 – there are numerous other references to Larned in the document, on pages 84, 95, 96, 97, 108, 111, 116, 121, 122, 146, 162, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 213, 362, 366, 472

Dies at 76



ABNER E. LARNED
Death ends career

Death Takes Civic Leader A. E. Larned

**Served City More
Than 50 Years**

Nearly a half century of service to Detroit was ended with the death of Abner E. Larned Friday in Harper Hospital.

Mr. Larned, 76, was chairman of the Wayne County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis at his death.

That was only one of the many posts he had held through the years to which he had devoted his outstanding talent of persuasive salesmanship.

A NATIVE OF Fenton, Mich., Mr. Larned came to Detroit to work in a small drygoods store on Woodward at \$6 a week. By 1899 he used his \$1,000 in savings and another \$1,000 he borrowed to join David Carter in buying a small overall factory.

When he retired in 1928, the Larned, Carter & Co. was one of the nation's leaders in production of work clothing.

Mr. Larned helped organize Detroit's Board of Commerce and served as its president in 1910-11. But his ability in public service was not fully recognized until he served as a group chairman of a committee to raise funds for expansion of Detroit's YMCA.

HE NEXT WAS called upon to raise money in the financing of the Detroit Athletic Club in 1923. He sold the entire \$600,000 second mortgage in less than two hours.

His next assignment was to sell Liberty Bonds during World War I. He achieved a record unparalleled anywhere.

OTHER POSTS which Mr. Larned held included vice president of the First State Bank of Detroit, president of the Street Railway Commissioner under Mayor James Couzens, president of the DAC and a director for 10 years, general chairman of the first NRA committee in Detroit, chairman of the Detroit Regional Compliance Board.

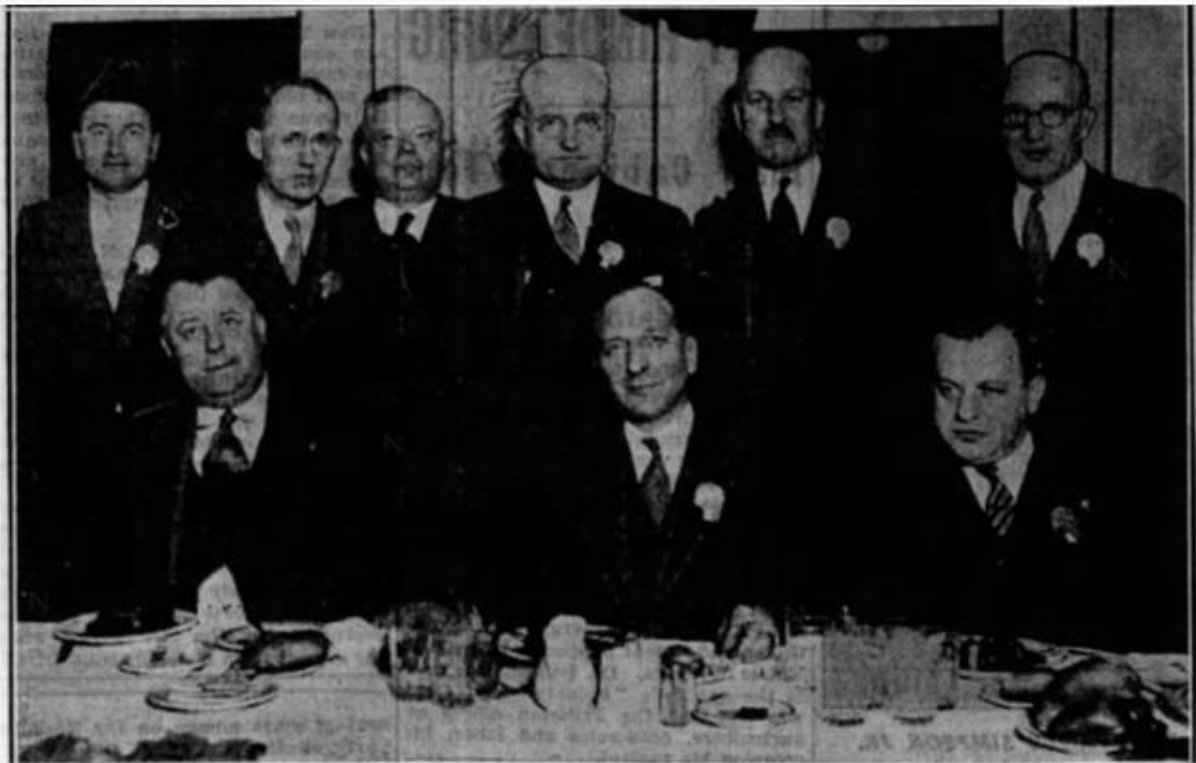
Chairman, Detroit Regional Labor Board, State NRA Compliance director for Michigan, State director of the National Emergency Council, State director of WPA and general chairman of the Detroit Better Housing Program Committee.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edith M. Larned, of the home, 8120 E. Jefferson; a son, Cortland K. Larned; a grandson, Cortland K. Larned, Jr., and a sister, Mrs. Flora L. Anderson.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. Monday in the chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., 3975 Cass. Burial will be in Fenton.

LARNED—June 5, 1947, Abner E., husband of Edith M. Larned; father of Cortland K. Larned; grandfather of Cortland K. Larned, Jr.; brother of Flora L. Anderson. Funeral service at chapel of the Wm. R. Hamilton Co., Cass Ave., cor. Alexandrine, Monday morning, 11 o'clock. Interment in Fenton, Mich.

Obituary of Abner Elisha Larned – “Detroit Free Press” 9 Jun 1947 p 21



Seated (left to right): Edward Kemp, past commander of South Shore post of the American Legion; Arnold Joerns, president of Tuscania Survivors' association; Harry Schostak, vice president of association. Standing: George Zimmerman, Milwaukee, past president of Tuscania Survivors' association; Edward T. Fitzgerald, Detroit; George R. Howitt, commander of Wisconsin American Legion; Abner Larned, Detroit; Roy O. Richardson, and Thomas E. McGee.

[TRIBUNE Photo.]

Abner Elisha Larned standing, 3rd from right - “Chicago Tribune” 5 Feb 1933 p 4

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ORGANIZATIONS AND CASUALS

Organization ⁽¹⁾ **CASUALS** Transport ⁽²⁾ Commercial Str. **526** Sailing Date **JAN 24 1918** Port ⁽³⁾ **New York**

NO.	NAME ⁽¹⁾	RANK ⁽¹⁾	ORGN. OR DEPT. ⁽¹⁾	NOTIFY IN EMERGENCY ⁽¹⁾	RELATIONSHIP ⁽¹⁾	ADDRESS ⁽¹⁾ STREET, NUMBER, CITY, STATE
CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES						
1	FITZGERALD, Edward T.	AME	SC	Mayer Oscar B. Marx	Employer	City Hall, Detroit, Mich.
2	LARNED, Abner E.	"	"	Mrs. Abner E. Larned	Wife	c/o Larned, Carter & Co., Detroit, Mich. <i>264 Howard St</i>

Woodward, Michigan Ave

Tuscania passenger list – 2 civilians -

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As We See It---

Abner E. Larned

ABNER E. LARNED was unique among the citizens of Detroit. He was in this community the great civic evangelist. He was the leader in every worthy cause. By his brilliant oratory and tremendous force of personality he became a Detroit institution.

Coming into Detroit from Fenton as a boy he began his career as a clerk in a small store. With David Carter as a partner he organized the Larned, Carter Overall Co., amassed a fortune because of his flaring genius as a salesman. He retired from business at the height of his career to devote all his time to patriotic, civic and humanitarian causes.

He led the great campaign for the building of YMCA buildings, he was the spearhead in the building of the Detroit Athletic Club, and many other such community needs. But his greatest work was done in the Liberty Loan drives of the First War and in the Red Cross and Community Chest campaigns. It got to a point where it was felt that no such crusade could succeed unless he was at the head of it.

In his later years, before his health failed, he gave all his remaining strength to the campaigns against infantile paralysis. A great soldier in the cause of civic righteousness and humanity has gone to his well earned rest.

Abner E. Larned, Civic Head, Dies

Man Known Here for Two War
Drives Was 76.

DETROIT—(P)—Funeral services for Abner E. Larned, 76, Detroit civic leader, will be held Monday in Detroit, with burial at Fenton, Mich.

He died at midnight Thursday after a long illness.

Head of the local Liberty Loan drive in the First World war Larned sparked many subsequent fund-raising campaigns and, at his death, was chairman of the Wayne county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Describing himself as politically independent, he nevertheless was a supporter of Theodore Roosevelt's Bull Moose party and Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, and once served as state director of WPA.

A native of Fenton, he founded and overall manufacturing firm which he built into the largest of its kind in the nation before retiring in 1928.

He had saved \$1,000 working at \$6 a week in a Detroit drygoods store and then borrowed another \$1,000 to buy a partnership in the overall company which he headed for 28 years.

A co-organizer of the Detroit board of commerce, he helped raise funds for the YMCA, Detroit Athletic club, and his ability as a fund-raiser was recognized nationally.

In gathering material for a First World war bond drive, he was aboard the troopship Tuscania when it was torpedoed with heavy loss of life, but was rescued before the ship sank.

Hardly a civic drive or undertak-

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Abner E. Larned . . .

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ing was planned without his participation in state or Detroit circles. He was a bank official, a DSR official, and held chairmanships in the NRA and WPA, the state emergency council, and in Detroit better housing committees.

Surviving are his wife, Edith, a son Cortland, and a sister, Mrs. Flora L. Anderson.

APPEARED HERE

Mr. Larned had had numerous contacts with Battle Creek, many of which, in a rather historic way, touched upon war activities. An unusually able speaker, he sounded stimulating keynotes on several patriotic occasions here. Early in the progress of the First World war, Mr. Larned came from Detroit to address a victory meeting of the first Red Cross financing campaign. The meeting was held in Post theater, with a capacity audience. The late Fred Stillson had been campaign leader and was able to announce at that meeting that the goal had been reached and passed.

Later, Mr. Larned came here in support of the Victory bond campaigns of the First World war and he was a speaker at the memorable Post Tavern meeting where, when Sousa's Great Lakes band came around the corner playing "Stars and Stripes Forever," the meeting took a new hold on its enthusiasm and went over the bond goal which it previously had thought could not be reached.

Mr. Larned had had a prominent place in WPA activities prior to and at the beginning of the Second World war and in this connection he had directed much of the work in making the enlargements of Kellogg Field. When the field was dedicated to army use, Mr. Larned attended the exercises and spoke at the luncheon meeting preceding the formal dedication.

"Battle Creek (MI) Enquirer" Saturday 7 Jun 1947 p 1 & continued on p 2

Well, he was right. Fred Stillson, Don's father, treasurer out at the then Nichols & Shepard (Oliver Farm Equipment now) took the county chairmanship and organized with a thoroughness which not only put the campaign over but left us with the working machinery of captains, workers, block and school district organizations, that functioned on call, thereafter during the war. 'Twas Fred's idea to have a victory meeting at Post theater. Detroit sent Abner Larned down to make the speech. And what a speech it was! From that time on we knew what war was and what our part in it was.

Mr. Larned was back for the last time, as spokesman for the WPA and its contribution to the building of Kellogg field, at the dedication of the field as an instrument of this more recent war. Some older, Mr. Larned was, but still with the inspiration of word and bearing that had contributed so much to the local participation in the previous war. He enjoyed recalling, in his presence here at the luncheon meeting that day, how he had been present as speaker in the same

room at the Tavern at the time of the historic bond drive in 1918 when our county, with a bond quota substantially higher than that of any surrounding county, by reason of our four percent savings rate of interest here and our consequent heavy deposits, had reached the apparent limit of her buying and still had a million or so to go. Came then (as has been told so often before) Sousa's "jackie" band from the Great Lakes station and, rounding the Tavern corner, played "Stars and Stripes Forever." On the inspiration of the moment the luncheon party dug up the needed million and then some more.

And so, mention of Abner Larned's name here will recall the fancied sound of band music, and the sight of the flag in the sunlight.

"Battle Creek (MI) Enquirer" Sunday 15 Jun 1947 p 4

It's Just Birthdays for Abner Larned

Abner E. Larned was busy Wednesday receiving congratulations for two reasons: Because of his excellent work as chairman of the central committee for the President's Birthday Ball, and because Jan. 31 is his birthday. He was born on a farm in Fenton Township, Jan. 31, 1871, and his immediate ancestors were pioneer settlers in Michigan. Tuesday at midnight, when President Roosevelt's birthday was over, Mr. Larned's began, at the same party.

At 1 a. m., when Charles Hughes, as master of ceremonies, announced that Mr. Larned would report the amount of Detroit's gift to Warm Springs, Mr. Hughes also told the crowd in the Graystone Ballroom of the chairman's anniversary, and as Larned stepped forward, the orchestra played "Happy Birthday to You!"

"Detroit Free Press" Thursday 1 Feb 1934 p 4



Abner E. Larned, left, was the main speaker Sunday at graduation exercises at St. John's Episcopal Church for four blind persons and

the dogs which guide them. At the right is a post-graduate, Al Purnell, of 2963 Phillip, and his dog Joy. Purnell helped to train them.

"Detroit Free Press" Monday 8 Jan 1940 p 5

Parents:

PLACE OF DEATH		STATE OF MICHIGAN	
County <u>Benzie</u>		Department of State--Division of Vital Statistics	
Township or Village or City <u>Eastman</u>		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
(No. _____) (St. _____) (Ward _____)		Registered No. <u>29</u> <u>1913</u>	
FULL NAME <u>Horace J Larned</u>			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
SEX <u>Male</u>	COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	DATE OF DEATH <u>July 3, 1913</u>	
SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word) <u>married</u>		I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from <u>Jan 1, 1913</u> to <u>July 3, 1913</u>	
DATE OF BIRTH <u>June 1, 1842</u>		that I last saw <u>him</u> alive on <u>July 3, 1913</u>	
AGE <u>71</u> yrs. <u>4</u> mos. <u>2</u> ds. OR <u>min.</u>		and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>9 p.m.</u>	
OCCUPATION <u>none</u>		The CAUSE OF DEATH * was as follows:	
a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work		<u>Senility</u>	
b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)		<u>U.S.F.</u>	
BIRTHPLACE (State & country) <u>Michigan</u>		(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.	
10 NAME OF FATHER <u>Elisha Larned</u>		Contributory (SECONDARY) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.	
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) <u>New York</u>		Signed <u>B. G. Parker</u> , M.D.	
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Julia Hellman</u>		<u>July 5, 1913</u> (Address) <u>Eastman</u>	
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) <u>New York</u>		*Write the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.	
THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE		14 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS)	
(Informant) <u>J. M. Christman</u>		At place of death yrs. mos. ds. In the State yrs. mos. ds.	
(Address) <u>Eastman</u>		Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?	
Filed <u>July 4, 1913</u> <u>Ray Parker</u> REGISTRAR		Former or usual residence	
		15 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Eastman</u>	
		DATE OF BURIAL <u>July 4, 1913</u>	
		20 UNDERTAKER <u>J. M. Christman</u>	
		ADDRESS <u>Eastman</u>	

MI death record of father Horace Jesse Larned, 1842-1913 -

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1 PLACE OF DEATH		MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH		125 203	
County.....		Division of Vital Statistics			
Township.....		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		Register No. 15	
Village.....		(No. St. Ward) (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)			
2 FULL NAME..... Mary Larned					
a) Residence No.		St. Ward.....			
(Usual place of abode)		(If non-resident give city or town and state)			
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds.		How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
3 SEX.....	4 Color or Race.....	5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (Write the word).....	16 DATE OF DEATH (Month, day and year) May 7th 1926		
Female	White	Widow			
5a If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of I. E. Larned			17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Apr. 29, 1926, to May 7, 1926, that I last saw her alive on May 6, 1926, and that death occurred on the date stated above at A. M.		
6 DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day and year) Dec 17th 1856			The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:		
7 AGE	Years	Months	Days	18 Where was disease contracted	
80	4		20	If not at place of death? No	
			1 day..... hrs. OR..... min.	Did an operation precede death? No Date of.....	
8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED			Was there an autopsy? No		
(a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work At home			What test confirmed diagnosis?		
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employee)			(Signed) R. E. McHenry, M. D.		
(c) Name of employer.			May 8, 1926, Address Fenton, Mich.		
9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (state or country) Michigan			*State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.		
10 NAME OF FATHER Robt Kile			(See reverse side for further instructions.)		
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (state or country) Penn			19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL		
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Jane Wood			Fenton, Mich.		
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (state or country) Penn,			Date of Burial May 9 1926		
14 Informant William Kile, Clerkston, Mich.			20 UNDERTAKER		
15 Filed June 3, 1926 J. R. Larned, Registrar.			W. R. Davis Fenton.		

MI death record of father Horace Jesse Larned's 3rd wife Mary Kile Matteson Larned - https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60872/images/44471_355119-01948?treeid=&personid=&hintid=&usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true&pid=1715505

1st wife, Minnie Ellen Kellogg

**Mrs. Abner E. Larned
Dies Following a Stroke**



MRS. ABNER E. LARNED
Lost to City

Mrs. Abner E. Larned, of 8210 E. Jefferson, wife of Abner E. Larned, prominent Michigan Democrat and State and Wayne County chairman of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, died Friday morning at the Arnold Home, West Seven Mile.

Mrs. Larned suffered a stroke six weeks ago and had been a patient at the Arnold Home for several weeks. The Larned residence formerly was at 874 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe.

Born at Otisville, Mich., Mrs. Larned attended public school at Pontiac, graduated from Adrian College and later became a teacher

in the music department at Adrian. Married 51 years ago at Muskegon, Mich., she was a former president and member of the board of trustees of Children's Hospital and the Michigan Humane Society. She had been a resident of Detroit for 50 years.

Surviving are her husband, one son, Cortland K. Larned, of Detroit, and one grandson, Pfc. Cortland Larned, Jr., with the Army Air Forces at Midland, Tex.

Private funeral services will be held Monday at Fenton, Mich.

Obituary of 1st wife Minnie Ellen Kellogg – "Detroit Free Press" Saturday 6 May 1944 p 3

LARNED—May 5, 1944, Minnie Kellogg, wife of Abner E. Larned; mother of Cortland K. Larned; grandmother of Pfc. Cortland K. Larned, Jr. At chapel of The Wm. R. Hamilton Co., Cass Ave., at Alexandrine, until Sunday evening. Funeral service and interment in Fenton, Mich., Monday.

Obituary of 1st wife Minnie Kellogg Larned – "Detroit Free Press" Sunday 7 May 1944 p 16

DETROIT WOMAN COLLEGE PATRON

**Mrs. Minnie Kellogg Larned Also
Aided Adrian Choral
Association.**

Great credit is due Mrs. Minnie Kellogg Larned, Grosse Point Farms, for the successful season of the Adrian College Choral association, just concluded, and the payment of \$1,000 on the great organ. Mrs. Larned's philanthropic interest in the association is due to the fact that the college is her alma mater and since her graduation with the class of 1881 her efforts have been applied to the welfare of the college and the association.

Four years ago, when the college was laboring with a heavy debt, Mrs. Larned volunteered to come from her home to Adrian and give lessons in voice, as a teacher of which she had gained no little distinction. At the end of the year she turned \$500 into the treasury of the college. In all she has contributed \$2,700 as the proceeds of her own work and \$2,300 in gifts from friends and graduates of the school.

In the summer of 1908 Mrs. Larned conceived the idea of securing a large pipe organ to replace the smaller one at the college, and as the result of her efforts an instrument costing \$9,000 was installed in February, 1909. The sum of \$1,000 pledged by the alumni last week leaves but \$3,000 more to be raised to defray the cost of the organ.

"Detroit Free Press" Friday 23 Jun 1911 p 4

2nd wife, Edith Anne Maas



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LARNED AND BRIDE—Abner E. Larned, 73, State chairman of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and former WPA and NRA administrator, poses with his bride, formerly Miss Edith Anne Maas, 56, of Alden Park Manor, after their marriage Thursday at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. The Larneds will make their home in the Indian Village Manor.

Abner Elisha Larned's 2nd wife Edith Anne Maas – married 28 Dec 1944 Grosse Point (MI)
Memorial Church – "Detroit Free Press" Friday 29 Dec 1944 p 3

Wife Files to Administer Larned Will

Abner E. Larned left upward of \$10,000 in personal property, his wife, Edith M. Larned, of 8120 E. Jefferson, stated in her petition for administratrix as Larned's will was filed for probate Monday.

Probate Judge Joseph A. Murphy set July 17 for the hearing.

Larned died June 6.

HE WAS CHAIRMAN of the Wayne County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. He had retired in 1928 as co-owner of Larned, Carter & Co., manufacturers of work clothing.

He left 150 shares of Detroit Edison common capital stock to his son, Cortland K. Larned, of 2170 E. Jefferson, and to his grandson, Cortland K. Larned, Jr., of 406 Belanger, Grosse Pointe.

Larned's sister, Flora L. Anderson, of 387 Mt. Vernon, Grosse Pointe, received 100 shares of the same stock.

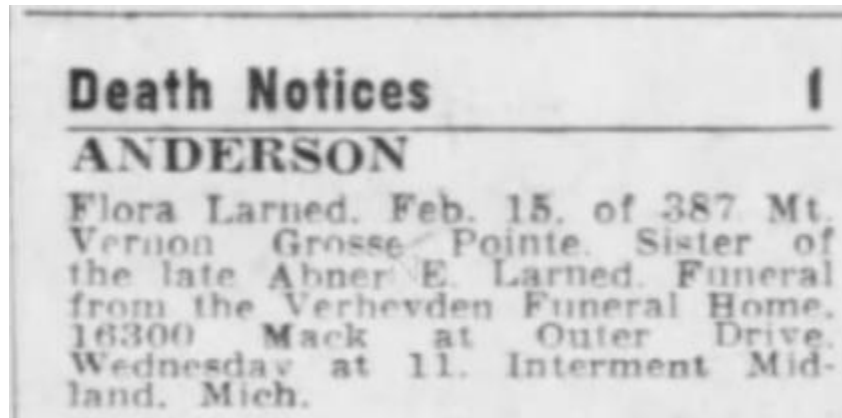
The remainder of the estate and all personal effects went to his wife.

Estate of Abner Elisha Larned, his 2nd wife Edith Anne Maas Larned files to be administratrix
– "Detroit Free Press" Tuesday 17 Jun 1947 p 9

LARNED
EDITH M., Mar. 6, 1966. Wife of the late Abner E. Larned; sister of Mrs. Fred Toepel and Albert A. Maas Jr. Funeral services at chapel of the Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 3975 Cass Ave., Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Interment in Fenton, Mich.

Obituary of 2nd wife Edith Anne Maas Larned – “Detroit Free Press” 8 Mar 1966 p 26

Sibling:



Obituary of sister Flora Larned Anderson – “Detroit Free Press” Tuesday 18 Feb 1958 p 22

U.S., College Student Lists, 1763-1924 for Flora Larned Anderson		
Michigan > University of Michigan > 1923		
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1901		
MARY BELLE ADAMS, A.B. 321 E. Micheltorena St., Santa Barbara, Cal.		
HELEN JOSEPHINE AHNEFELDT, A.B. (Mrs. Philip J. Aaron.) 2004 E. Lynn St., Seattle, Wash.		
KAKUJIRO AKAMATSU, A.B., Ph.D. '03, with Mitsui & Co. Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan.		
FLORA LARNED ANDERSON, A.B. Teacher in Southeastern High School. Detroit, Mich.		

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MISS FLORA LARNED ANDERSON—Funeral services for Miss Anderson will be at 11 a. m. Wednesday at the Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack. Burial will be in Midland.

Miss Anderson, 84, was the sister of the late Abner E. Larned, prominent civic leader. She died Saturday at her home, 387 Mt. Vernon, Grosse Pointe.

At the time of her retirement in 1942, Miss Anderson was an assistant principal at Southeastern High School. She had spent most of her adult life in the teaching profession in Detroit.

Note his sister Flora is called MISS Flora Larned Anderson – “Detroit Free Press”
Wednesday 19 Feb 1958 p 27

Sons:

MISS HUTCHINSON WEDS IN DETROIT

**Former Kenosha Girl Be-
comes Bride of Cortland
Kellogg Larned.**

IS FASHIONABLE EVENT

Mrs. Reynold Dolan has returned to her home at 167 English court after visiting for two weeks with her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Abner E. Larned. While in Detroit she attended the wedding of her cousin, Cortland Kellogg Larned and Miss Olive Cone Hutchinson, formerly of Kenosha.

The following account of the wedding may prove of interest to Kenosha friends:

At Christ Church.

Fashionable Detroiters assembled in Christ church on Jefferson avenue yesterday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, to witness the ceremony which made Miss Olive Cone Hutchinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver C. Hutchinson, the bride of Cortland Kellogg Larned, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abner E. Larned. Cybodium ferns and fluffy white peonies filled the chancel and concealed the choir stalls, making an effective setting for the ceremony, which was conducted by Rev. Dr. William D. Maxon. Cathedral candles shed a soft glow over the wedding party, which included, besides the bride and bridegroom, Mrs. William L. McGiverin, who attended her sister as matron of honor; Mrs. T. Worden Hunter, Mrs. Harold Lee Wadsworth, Mrs. John Scripps Sweeney, Jr., Mrs. Horace E. Dodge, Jr., Mrs. Waldo Hayward Brown, of Waban, Mass.; Mrs. Frederick S. Ford, Miss Eleanor McVeigh and Miss Margaret Begg, who were bridesmaids; Bradford Y. Larned, who was his brother's best man, and William L. McGiverin, T. Worden Hunter, John Scripps Sweeney, Jr., Horace E. Dodge, Jr., Frederick S. Ford, Charles H. Ray, Edward A. Hunter, C. Chapin Hinchman, Frank S. McFadden, of Dubuque, Ia., and Charles M. Tenney, of Springfield, Mass., who performed the duties of ushers.

Miss Hutchinson was very lovely in her slim straight gown of ivory satin, the skirt of which was caught to one side with a spray of orange blossoms, extending to the hem. The upper part of the bodice and the long flowing sleeves were fashioned of rare lace, an heirloom in the bride's family, and the court train from the shoulders was open part way down the center to reveal the back of the gown. The same exquisite lace which adorned the dress, also formed a pointed headdress, and two square insets at the bottom of the tulle veil. She carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley, white spray orchids and gardenias.

Sea green chiffon over charmeuse of the same color created the matron of honor's gown, which was made distinctive by a girdle of violet silk shot with silver and three pointed trains of chiffon, that floated after her as she walked. She wore a hat of green horsehair braid, faced underneath with white tulle and trimmed with purple anemones and lavender lilacs, and silver slippers and stockings. Her flowers were lavender orchids, showered with ribbons.

Reception at Home.

With the exception of the girdles which were sapphire blue shot with the silver, the gowns worn by the bridesmaids were similar to that of the matron of honor. Their hats of green horse hair were ornamented with deep blue gladioli, and their slippers and stockings were of green. They carried large clusters of pansies surrounded with delphinium.

Mrs. Hutchinson, the bride's mother, wore a stunning gown of gray brocaded satin and a black feather-trimmed hat, and Mrs. Larned, the mother of the bridegroom, was handsomely gowned in orchid colored charmeuse with a hat to match, trimmed with French flowers. Both had corsages of Ophelia roses and orchids.

Following the church service, a reception was held at the Hutchinson home, on Parker avenue. As at the church, white peonies comprised the decorations throughout the house, and formed, together with cybodium ferns, a background for the receiving party. Refreshments were served in the garden, where vine-clad arbors, sheltering stone benches, were arranged for the convenience of the guests. The serving table bore a huge mound of white peonies and roses, and white tapers, showered with tulle and orange blossoms. The bride's and bridegroom's cakes, very ornate and wonderful to look upon, were placed at either end of the long table.

Mr. Larned is taking his bride to California for a two months' honeymoon.

Wedding of son Cortland Kellogg Larned to Olive Cone Hutchinson. His brother Bradford York Larned was Cortland's best man. - "Kenosha (WI) News" Thursday 22 Jun 1922 p 3

CORTLAND K. LARNED—A former automobile salesman, Mr. Larned, 53, died Friday in the St. Agatha Convalescent Home, 218 E. Kirby. He lived at 287 W. Grand Blvd., and formerly at 2170 E. Jefferson.

A son, Cortland K. Larned, Jr., survives.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the William R. Hamilton Co., 3975 Cass. Burial will be in Fenton, Mich.

LARNED—Jan. 8, 1954. Cortland K., survived by son Cortland K. Larned, Jr., and his aunt, Miss Flora Larned Anderson. Funeral service at chapel of the Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 3975 Cass Ave., Monday at 10:30 a. m. Interment Fenton, Mich.

Obituaries of son Cortland Kellogg Larned, both in "Detroit Free Press" Saturday 9 Jan 1954
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CORTLAND KELLOGG LARNED, d'19-'21, d. at Detroit, Mich., Jan. 8, 1954; aged 53. Buried at Fenton, Mich.

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Olive Cone Hutchinson Larned, in ad of Furs by Robert, listed as a patron of the Detroit Garden Center – "Detroit Free Press" Sunday 29 Nov 1936 p 34

Sues for Divorce



C. M. Hayes & Co. Photo
MRS. OLIVE CONE LARNED

Wife Asks Decree from Larned Son

Husband Accused of Extreme Cruelty

Mrs. Olive Cone Larned has filed suit for divorce from Cortland K. Larned, sales manager for the Evans Products Co. and son of Abner E. Larned, state WPA administrator, it was revealed Saturday. Both are socially prominent.

The couple was married in 1922 and separated last Oct. 7, the bill of complaint states. There is one child, Cortland K. Larned, Jr. Larned is 39 years old and Mrs. Larned a year younger.

The Larneds had made their home at 8120 E. Jefferson, but Mrs. Larned now is living with her sister, Mrs. W. L. McGiverin, at 329 Rivard, Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Larned, in her complaint, is charging her husband with extreme cruelty. According to friends, the suit will be uncontested.

Divorce of son Cortland Kellogg Larned from Olive Cone Hutchinson Larned – "Detroit Free Press" Sunday 28 Jan 1940 p 4

Death Notices

HENRY

EDWIN BARBOUR. Passed away suddenly, July 12, 1965 at Lake Forest, Ill. Husband of Olive Hutchinson Henry; father of Edwin B. Henry Jr. of Grosse Pointe, Mich. and Mrs. Paul Tuohy of Perrysburg, Ohio; also survived by five grandchildren. Memorial tributes may be sent to the Charity of your choice.

Death of Edwin Barbour Henry, the 2nd husband of Cortland's 1st wife Olive Hutchinson –
"Detroit Free Press" Thursday 15 Jul 1965 p 36

The original and each copy of an application for a passport must have attached to it a copy of the applicant's photograph.
A loose signed photograph of the applicant must accompany the application.
The photograph must be on this paper, should have a light background, and be not over three inches in size.

See This blank must be completely filled out. The legal fee of one dollar, in currency or postal money order, must accompany the application.

A woman's application must state whether she is married or not, and a married woman must state whether her husband is a native citizen.

The rules should be carefully read before making the application to the Department of State, Division of Passport Control, Washington, D. C.

[EXEMPT OF FIA.]

[FORM FOR NATIVE CITIZEN.]

No. _____

Issued _____



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF Michigan
COUNTY OF Wayne ss.

I, Bradford York Larned, a NATIVE AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport.

I solemnly swear that I was born at Detroit, in the State of Michigan, on or about the 6th day of October, 1898; that my {father} Abner E. Larned, was born in Fenton and is now residing at Detroit (that he emigrated to the United States from the port of _____ on or about _____, 1____; that he resided _____ years, uninterruptedly, in the United States, from 1____ to 1____, at _____; that he was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the _____ Court of _____, at _____, on _____, 1____, as shown by the accompanying Certificate of Naturalization); that I have resided outside the United States at the following places for the following periods:
Never, from _____ to _____, from _____ to _____ and that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at Detroit in the State of Michigan, where I follow the occupation of _____ My last passport was obtained from None, on _____ and was _____ I am about to go abroad temporarily; and

SEEN and E. B. O.
DATE

(Disposition of passport.)
 intend to return to the United States within 1 { ~~months~~ } years^c with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship therein; and I desire a passport for use in visiting the countries hereinafter named for the following purpose:

Great Britain
 (Name of country.)
France, Italy, Holland
 (Name of country.)
Spain, Switzerland
 (Name of country.)

Travel
 (Object of visit.)
Travel
 (Object of visit.)
Travel
 (Object of visit.)

I intend to leave the United States from the port of New York City

(Port of departure.)

sailing on board the _____ on May, 1920

(Name of vessel.)

(Date of departure.)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: So help me God.

Sworn to before me this 4th day

of May, 1920

(Seal of Court.)

Carrie Davidson

Deputy Clerk of the U.S. Dist. Court at Detroit, Michigan

* A person born in the United States should submit a birth certificate with his application, or if the birth was not officially recorded, affidavits from the attending physician, parents, or other persons having actual knowledge of the birth.

† If the applicant's father was born in this country, lines should be drawn through the blanks in brackets.
 [over.]

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DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: 21 years. Mouth: medium
 Stature: 5 feet, 9 inches, Eng. Chin: Square
 Forehead: Medium Hair: Brown
 Eyes: Brown Complexion: Dark
 Nose: Small and upturned Face: Clear
 Distinguishing marks _____

IDENTIFICATION.

I, Ellery Anderson, solemnly swear that I am a native citizen
 of the United States; that I reside at 430 Lincoln Ave; that I have known
 the above-named Bradford York Larned, personally for 21 years and
 know him to be a native citizen of the United States; and that the facts stated in his affidavit
 are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Ellery Anderson
Retired

430 Lincoln Ave Detroit
 (Address of witness.)

Sworn to before me this 4 day
 of May, 1920

[SEAL]

Carrie Davidson

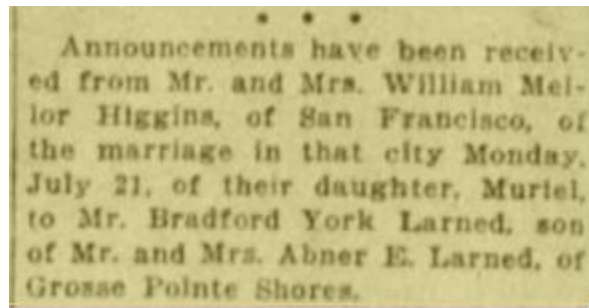
Deputy Clerk of the U.S. Dist. Court at Detroit Michigan

Applicant desires passport to be sent to the following address:

Mr. Agnes E. Larned
70 Larned Carter Bldg
Detroit Michigan



Passport application of Bradford York Larned 4 May 1920 -
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Marriage of Bradford York Larned to Muriel Higgins in San Francisco CA on 21 Jul 19 1924 –
 “Detroit Free Press” Tuesday 29 Jul 1924 p 8

BRADFORD LARNED DIES IN ITALY

Son of Detroit Man Victim of Heart Disease.

Bradford York Larned, 29 years old, son of Abner E. Larned, president of Larned, Carter & Co. and vice-president of the First National bank, died at his villa in Merano, Italy, Monday, according to advices received here last night.

Mr. Larned, who had been suffering from heart disease for several years, went to Italy about three years ago for his health. His wife, Mrs. Muriel Higgins Larned, and his mother, Mrs. Abner E. Larned, were with him at the time of death.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Larned received a part of his education here. Later he attended school in the east and was at the University of Michigan for two years before ill health compelled him to leave his studies. For a time he visited California, where he married an Australian girl.

He is survived by his father and mother, his wife and a brother, Cortland K. Larned.

Death of son Bradford York Larned in Italy on 9 Jan 1928 – "Detroit Free Press" Thursday 12 Jan 1928 p 9

attached hereto and made a part of this petition are my declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States and the certificate from the Department of Labor, together with my affidavit and the affidavits of the two verifying witnesses thereto, required by law. Wherefore your petitioner prays that he may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America.

Muriel Mellor Larned
 Declaration of Intention No. 1422 and Certificate of Arrival from Department of Labor filed this 19th day of November, 1925.
 Note to Clerk or Court.—If petitioner arrived in the United States on or before June 30, 1906, check out the words reading "and Certificate of Arrival from Department of Labor."

AFFIDAVITS OF PETITIONER AND WITNESSES

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
 Eastern District of Michigan. }

The aforesaid petitioner being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the petitioner in the above-entitled proceedings; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; that the said petition is signed with his full, true name; that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

John Doyle occupation Credit Manager residing at 328 Pennsylvania
 and *Edmund A. Ware* occupation all man residing at 29 West 4th
 each being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, deposes and says that he is a citizen of the United States of America; that he has personally known *Muriel Mellor Larned* the petitioner above herein named, in heretofore in the United States continuously immediately preceding the date of filing his petition, since the 6th day of September, anno Domini 1923; and in the State in which the above-entitled petition is made continuously since the 6th day of September, anno Domini 1923; and that he has personal knowledge that the said petitioner is a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and that the petitioner is in every way qualified, in his opinion, to be admitted a citizen of the United States.

John Doyle
 (Signature of witness.)
Edmund A. Ware
 (Signature of witness.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses in the office of the Clerk of said Court at Detroit, Mich., this 19th day of November, anno Domini 1925. [SEAL.]

Jay S. Edmunds Clerk

14-728 [OVER.]

Naturalization petition of Bradford's wife Muriel Mellor Higgins York – b. 21 Jul 1901

Australia – filed 19 Nov 1925

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Grandson:

Woman Says Socialite Attempted to Attack Her

Cortland K. Larned, Jr., 23-year-old grandson of Abner Larned, was arrested Thursday on a warrant charging aggravated assault and intent to rape.

The complainant was the 24-

year-old daughter of a retired policeman. She charged that the youthful socialite knocked five of her teeth loose as she struggled to get out of his automobile.

THE ALLEGED offense took

place as the car was parked on Detroit's East Side Wednesday night, the charge stated.

Young Larned told police he lives with his mother, Mrs. Edwin Barboun Henry, at 406 Belanger, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Shortly after he was surrendered to police in the company of an attorney, Rene W. Mosgrove, the attorney appeared before Circuit Judge Chester P. O'Hara on a writ of habeas corpus on Larned's behalf.

POLICEWOMAN Rosemary Klug told the court that police wanted to question Larned further. Judge O'Hara ordered that Larned be released at 8 p. m. on a \$500 personal bond pending his voluntary return at 8 a. m. Friday for additional police inquiry.

Larned gave his occupation as "salesman." He is a graduate of Detroit University School and in 1944 entered military service as an aviation cadet.

He refused to comment on the charges.

Larned's mother was divorced from Cortland K. Larned in 1940 and recently remarried.

"Detroit Free Press" Friday 23 May 1947 p 26

**Socialite
on Bond in
Damage Suit**

Cortland K. Larned, 25, socialite grandson of the late Abner Larned, civic leader, was released from County Jail on \$1,000 bond pending hearing of a \$10,000 damage suit.

The suit was filed by Miss Carolyn Van Koss, 26, of 741 Seyburn, daughter of a retired policeman. She charged that Larned had beaten her when she rejected his advances in a park car.

* * *

Larned was arrested Thursday at his home, 1736 Seyburn.

Criminal charges against Larned resulted in an acquittal last May, a year after the alleged assault.

Miss Van Koss asked Circuit Judge John V. Brennan to put Larned under bond for her safety.

"Detroit Free Press" Saturday 5 Feb 1949 p 3

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OF TROUSERS, U.S.A.

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Brands [\[edit \]](#)

Lee's and Levi, Strauss & Co. were not the only companies making overalls in the late 19th and 20th centuries.

- One of the oldest brands of overalls, [OshKosh B'gosh](#), founded in 1895 in Wisconsin, specialized in hickory-stripe (blue-and-white stripe) bib overalls. The company produced bib overalls for children in the late 1960s.^[7]
- Larned, Carter & Co., from [Detroit](#), called themselves the "World's Greatest Overall Makers". They marketed their products as uniforms for railroad workers.^[4]
- One of the biggest overall manufacturers was Blue Bell, which began in [North Carolina](#) in 1904. It was popular among railroad workers.^[4]
- Jellico Clothing Manufacturing Co., later renamed Big Ben, was a major competitor of Blue Bell. Big Ben bought Blue Bell in 1926 and continued under the name Blue Bell.^[4] Blue Bell then bought the overalls company Casey Jones.^[4]

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Overalls>



<https://www.amazon.com/Headlight-Overalls-Union-Satisfaction-Advertisement/dp/B00Q7OZP4O>

ABNER E. LARNED.

As president of the Larned & Carter Company, manufacturers of overalls, Mr. Larned has been a distinct factor in promoting the in-

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dustrial growth of Detroit and has exemplified the force and initiative which have made the younger generation of business men in Michigan's metropolis so potent factors in its advancement within the last decade.

Mr. Larned is a native of the Wolverine state, having been born in the village of Fenton, Genesee county, Michigan, on the 31st of January, 1871, and being a son of Horace J. and Flora (Roberts) Larned. The Larned family was founded in America in the early colonial epoch, and the name was prominently identified with the early annals of New England. Elisha Larned, grandfather of the subject of this review, was a native of Massachusetts, whence he eventually removed to the state of New York. From the old Empire commonwealth he came to the wilds of Michigan and became one of the pioneers of Genesee county,—in fact, having been the second white settler in what is now Fenton township, that county. He lived up to the full tension of the pioneer days, having secured from the government a tract of wild land, and having de-

tages of the public schools of Fenton, in whose high school he was graduated as a member of the class of 1889. After leaving school he entered the employ of the wholesale dry-goods firm of Strong, Lee & Company, of Detroit, which concern he represented in the capacity of traveling salesman for a period of three years, at the expiration of which, in 1893, he resigned, to accept the position of manager of the department of domestic goods in the wholesale dry-goods house of Edson, Moore & Company, of Detroit, resigning this position in 1896 to associate with David S. Carter in the founding of the firm of Larned, Carter & Company, manufacturers of overalls, and he has been president of the company from its inception. The industry represented has grown to be one of wide scope and much commercial importance, and data concerning its upbuilding appear in the sketch of the career of Mr. Carter, the secretary and treasurer, on other pages of this work. Mr. Larned assumed the personal supervision of the sales, shipping and buying departments of the business, and the up-

veloped from the same, by herculean labor, a productive farm. He continued to reside in Fenton until his death, and the old homestead which he first secured from the government is still held in the possession of the family. Flora (Roberts) Larned, mother of him whose name initiates this article, was a daughter of Abner Roberts, who likewise removed from New York state to Michigan and became one of the very early settlers of Genesee county. He built in the village of Fenton a hotel, the Fenton House, which is still standing, in an excellent state of preservation, and which is one of the landmarks of that section of the state. Mr. Roberts was a man of prominence and influence and remained a resident of Genesee county until his death. Horace J. and Flora (Roberts) Larned resided in Fenton, where for many years Mr. Larned was engaged in the agricultural-implement business, retiring in 1890. Mrs. Larned died in 1894.

Abner E. Larned was afforded the advan-

building of the fine enterprise has been largely due to his able efforts as its sales representative. In introducing the goods of the concern he has visited every state and territory in the Union, and in the meanwhile Mr. Carter had charge of the factory and office details of the business. A most significant fact in connection with the business is that practically all of the original customers gained by the company still remain its patrons, and the list is constantly increasing in numerical and appreciative strength. Mr. Larned is amply justified in his claim to knowing in a personal way fully ninety per cent. of the patrons of his concern, and this means much when recognition is had of the large and far-reaching trade controlled.

In his political allegiance Mr. Larned is a Republican, taking a loyal interest in the party cause but never having been an active political worker. For many years he has been identified in an active way with the Young Men's Christian Association, and he has done effective service in the promotion of the interests

of the Detroit organization of this noble body. He was made chairman of a committee delegated by the Detroit Young Men's Christian Association to raise the funds necessary for the erection of the new association building, which is now in course of completion (1908), and the committee of which he was chairman succeeded in raising a larger amount—some twenty-five thousand dollars—for the purpose designated than did any other committee of solicitors. The total amount thus placed to the credit of his committee was thirty-five thousand dollars. Mr. Larned is a member of the Board of Commerce and the Detroit Club.

In the Board of Commerce he is a member of the board of directors and also of the executive committee. He was chairman of the fifth-anniversary committee of this splendid Detroit institution, and the committee mentioned had charge of the outing of the body on the magnificent new steamer "City of Cleveland," June 4-7, 1908,—the most successful and interesting gathering of Detroit business men ever brought together. The occasion also

practically represented the dedicatory voyage of the steamer mentioned.

Mr. **Larned** was married, in 1893, to Miss Minnie K. Kellogg, daughter of Rev. Frederick A. Kellogg, a clergyman of the Congregational church and at that time incumbent of a pastoral charge at Adrian, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. **Larned** have two children,—Bradford York, and Cortland Kellogg.

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ABNER E. LARNED. Prominent among the industrial enterprises that have contributed materially to the furtherance of the commercial progress and prestige of the "Greater Detroit" is that conducted by Larned, Carter & Company, manufacturers of overalls, and as president of this valued and prosperous concern Mr. Larned has well exemplified that dynamic and initiative power which has made the younger generation of Detroit business men so potent a factor in conserving the city's advancement to its present high status as a manufacturing and distributing center. Mr. Larned merits classification among the representative young business men of the Michigan metropolis, and the more interest attaches to his career by reason of the fact that he is a native son of the old Wolverine state and has here won success through his own well directed efforts.

Abner E. Larned was born in the village of Fenton, Genesee county, Michigan, on the 31st of January, 1871, and is a son of Horace J. and Flora (Roberts) Larned. The Larned family was founded in America in the early colonial epoch of our national history and the name has stood exponent of loyalty and usefulness as one generation has followed another onto the state of life's activities, the annals of New England showing that numerous members of this sterling family were prominent and influential in civic and business affairs in the early days. Elisha Larned, grandfather of him whose name initiates this sketch, was born and reared in Massachusetts, whence he eventually removed to the state of New York. From the old Empire state he came to Michigan and numbered himself among its sturdy pioneers, his portion having been to live up to the full tension of that formative period in the history of this favored commonwealth. He was the second white settler in what is now Fenton township, Genesee county, where he secured a tract of heavily timbered land, the title to which he received from the government, and there he bent his energies to the stupendous task of reclaiming a productive farm from the wilderness, thus making worthy contribution to the development and upbuilding of that section of the state, where he was long an honored and influential citizen of Fenton township and where he continued to reside until his death, as did also his noble wife, who shared with him the burdens and privations which marked the pioneer era. The names and deeds of such sterling members of the advance guard of civilization certainly merit enduring place on the pages of Michigan history. The old homestead which Elisha Larned secured from the government has never passed out of the possession of the family and the property is now one of valuable order.

Horace J. Larned was born in the state of New York and was a child at the time of the family immigration to Genesee county, Michigan, where he was reared to the sturdy discipline of the pioneer farm and where he still maintains his home, being now one of the most venerable citizens of that county. For many years he was successfully engaged in the agricultural implement business in the village of Fenton, where he has lived virtually retired since 1890, and where he has ever held secure vantage ground in the confidence and esteem of all who know him. His cherished and devoted wife was summoned to the life eternal in 1894. • and of their children one son and one daughter are living. Mrs. Larned was a daughter of Abner Roberts, who likewise came to Michigan from the state of New York and became one of the very early settlers of Genesee county. He erected in the village of Fenton one of its first taverns or inns, long known as the Fenton House, and the same is still standing, in an excellent state of preservation,—one of the veritable landmarks of that section of the state. Mr. Roberts was a dominating factor in connection with material and civic affairs in Genesee county, and there continued to reside until the close of his long and useful life.

To the public schools of his native village Abner E. Larned is indebted for his early educational training, which included the curriculum of the high school, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1889. In the following year he came to Detroit and entered the employ of the wholesale dry-goods firm of Strong, Lee & Company, for which he was a traveling salesman for the ensuing three years, at the expiration of which, in 1893, he resigned this position, in which he had made an admirable record, to assume that of manager of the domesticgoods department in the great wholesale dry-goods house of Edson, Moore & Company, of Detroit. His ambition was not satisfied so long as he remained in the service of others and he had the courage of action which indicates self-reliance, determination and resourcefulness. Under these conditions he consulted ways and means for the initiating of an independent business venture, and in 1896 he resigned his position with Edson. Moore & Company to associate himself with David S. Carter in the manufacturing of overalls, under the firm name of Larned, Carter & Company. The present writer had previously prepared a resume of the upbuilding of this splendid enterprise, and from the article thus formulated are taken the following statements, without formal quotation.

The industrial enterprise thus represented has grown to be one of wide scope, great magnitude and much commercial importance, and its plant and facilities are now of the best order giving it place among the leading concerns of the kind in the Union. Mr. Larned has been the executive head of the business from its inception and forthwith assumed personal supervision of the sales, shipping and buying departments, with the result that the upbuilding of the large and substantial business has been largely due to his energetic and discriminating efforts,—especially in the capacity of sales representative. In introducing the products of the concern he has visited every state and territory in the Union, and in the meanwhile Mr. Carter had charge of the factory and office details of the business. A most significant fact in connection with this flourishing enterprise is that practically all of the original customers gained by the company still remain its patrons, and the list is constantly increasing in numerical and appreciative strength. Mr. Larned is amply justified in his claim to knowing in a personal way fully ninety per cent, of the patrons of his concern, and this means much when recognition is taken of the large and far-reaching trade controlled.

In his political allegiance Mr. Larned is aligned as an unwavering supporter of the cause of the Republican party, in the supremacy of whose principles and policies he takes a lively interest, without being harried with any political ambition or any desire to enter the turbulent stream of so-called practical politics. For many years he has been actively and zealously identified with the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, and he has done effective service in the promotion of the interest of the Detroit organization of this noble body. He was made chairman of a committee delegated by the Detroit Young Men's Christian Association to raise funds for the erection of a new association building, and this committee made the admirable record of raising a large amount—about twenty-five thousand dollars—for the purpose designated than did any other committee of solicitors. The total amount thus placed to the credit of his committee was thirty-five thousand dollars, and this was a worthy contribution to the fund that made possible the erection of the magnificent new building which was completed in 1909 and which is conceded to be the finest association building in the United States.

With the high civic and industrial ideals of the Detroit Board of Commerce Mr. Larned has been in close touch and he has been one of the valued working members of this organization, which has wielded great influence in fostering the commercial and material progress of the Michigan metropolis. During the period of his incumbency of the office of president of the Board of Commerce that organization increased its membership more than one hundred per cent and attained its greatest period of prosperity. In practical achievement his year set a high mark of accomplishment. He inaugurated the movement for a two million dollar bond issue for the purpose of securing good roads for Wayne county and within a space of three months carried same to successful completion, with the result that Wayne county to-day has the finest roads of any county in the United States. He is a member of the board of directors of the Board of Commerce and also of its executive committee, and he had the distinction of being chairman of the fifth anniversary committee of this institution,—a committee which had charge of the Board of Commerce outing on the magnificent new steamer the "City of Cleveland," June 4, 7, 1908,—the most successful and interested assemblage of representative Detroit business men ever brought together up to that time. The occasion practically represented the dedicatory voyage of the fine steamer mentioned, the same being in commission as one of the fleet of the Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Company. Mr. Larned is identified with various social clubs.

On the 29th of June, 1892, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Larned to Miss Minnie K. Kellogg, who is a daughter of Rev. Frederick A. Kellogg, then pastor of the Congregational church in the city of Adrian, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Larned have two children,—Bradford York and Cortland Kellogg

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ABNER ELISHA LARNED, president of the firm of Larned, Carter & Company and one of Detroit's foremost business men and citizens, was born January 31, 1871, in Fenton, Genesee county, Michigan, a son of Horace J. and Flora (Roberts) Larned. The Larned family was founded in America in early colonial times and its connection with Michigan history dates back to pioneer days. Elisha Larned, the paternal grandfather of Abner E. Larned, was the second white settler in what is now Fenton township, Genesee county, Michigan, migrating there from New York state and settling on a tract of heavily timbered land, the title to which he received from the government. Here he reclaimed a farm from primitive conditions and his old homestead, now a valuable property, is yet in possession of the family.

Horace J. Larned, the father of Abner E. Larned, was born in Fenton, Michigan, where he was reared. He was for many years in business in that village. He married Miss Flora Roberts, a daughter of Abner Roberts, who came from New York state to Michigan in pioneer days and was also an early settler in Genesee county. In Fenton he built one of the first taverns or inns, long known as the Fenton House and for years one of the landmarks of Genesee county.

Abner E. Larned was reared in Fenton, Michigan, receiving his education in the local schools and graduating from the high school in the class of 1889. In 1890 he came to Detroit and entered the employ of the wholesale dry goods firm of Strong, Lee & Company and for three years was one of their traveling salesmen. In this capacity Mr. Larned was very successful and he only left it to accept a more important position—that of manager of the domestic goods department of Edson, Moore & Company. He remained with that well known wholesale dry goods house until 1896, when he resigned his position to go into business for himself. In 1897 he became associated with David S. Carter in the manufacture of overalls, under the firm name of Larned, Carter & Company. Mr. Larned has been the executive head of the business since its inception and in the earlier days of the business had personal supervision of the sales, shipping and purchasing departments. In introducing their product, Mr. Larned visited every state and territory in the Union. The growth and expansion of the firm of Larned, Carter & Company has been steady. They are now the world's greatest overall makers, maintaining branch houses in St. Louis, San Francisco, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, Port Huron, Michigan, and Toronto, Canada.

Mr. Larned's value to Detroit as a citizen is not alone measured by the substantial contribution he has made to her industrial greatness but as well by the deep and helpful interest he has taken in about every organized movement for the upholding or betterment of the city's civic standards. He has been for a number of years one of the valued working members of the Detroit Board of Commerce and during the period that he was president of that organization its membership increased more than one hundred per cent. He inaugurated the movement for a two million dollar bond issue for good roads for Wayne county and within three months carried the same to successful completion. This was in the early days of good roads movements and was the foundation for subsequent important projects of that character. He has also served as a member of the board of directors. and also of the executive committee of the Board of Commerce.

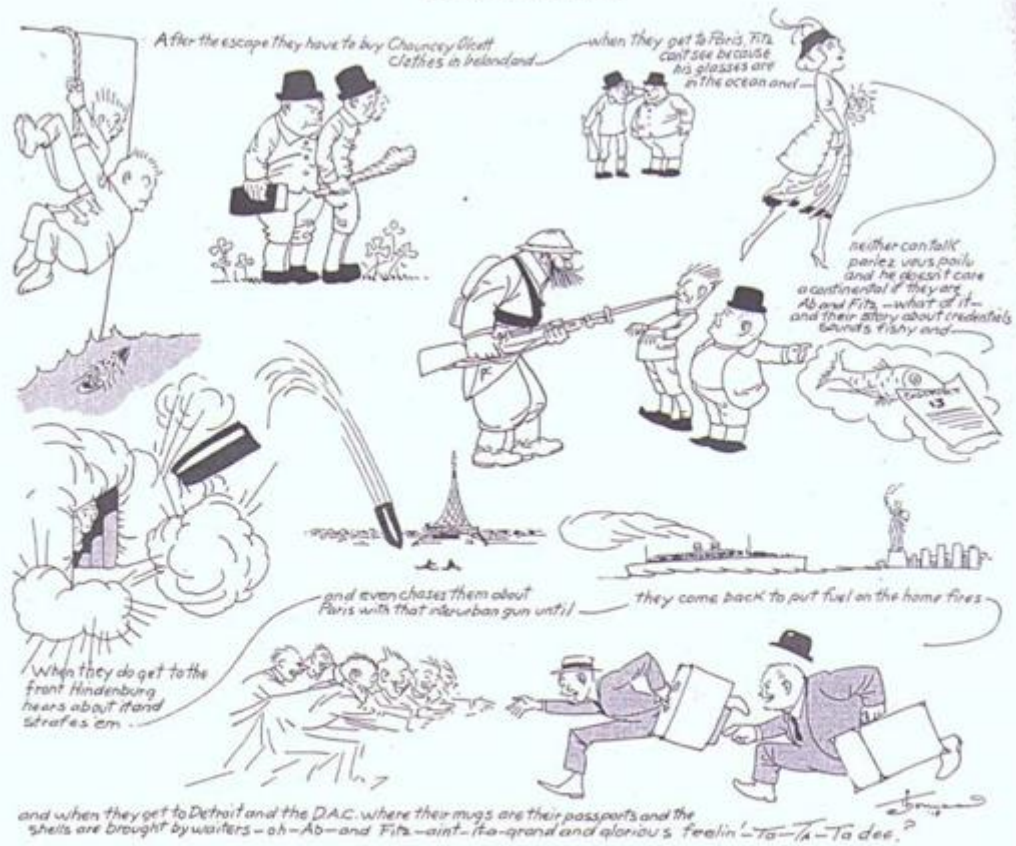
Appreciative of the social amenities of life, Mr. Larned belongs to Detroit's most prominent clubs. In January, 1920, he was elected to the presidency of the Detroit Athletic Club as the successor of Henry B. Joy. Mr. Larned is one of a group of citizens including Mr. Joy, Hugh Chalmers and Charles Hughes which was directly responsible for the organization and success of the Detroit Athletic Club. Mr. Larned was very active in the sale of the bonds issued to finance the project and gave unsparingly of his time and efforts that Detroit might have a distinctive, downtown athletic club ranking with the best in the country. He is also a member of the Detroit Club, Country Club, Old Club, Automobile Country Club, Detroit Automobile Club, Rotary Club, the Players' Club and the Fine Arts Club. Mr. Larned belongs to the Garment Manufacturers' Association and is chairman of the open price committee. While his manufacturing interests have claimed the greater part of his time and attention, he is also vice president of the First State Bank of Detroit.

In his political connection Mr. Larned is a staunch supporter of the republican party and takes a keen interest in its success without being harried with political ambition or any desire to enter the turbulent stream of so-called practical politics. For many years he has been actively and zealously identified with the work of the Young Men's Christian Association and has done most effective work in building up the Detroit organization of this body. He was the chairman of the most successful committee of those that raised funds for the erection of the Association building in Detroit, which was completed in 1909 and which is one of the finest structures of its character in the United States. His work of a similar nature, whether for civic, philanthropic or patriotic purposes, has been valuable and conspicuous. During the World war he was very prominent in those activities whereby civilians could render valuable aid to the government and his executive efficiency became of extreme value in board and committee work and in the promotion of patriotic work in the city. Mr. Larned was chairman of the sales committee, on all the Liberty Loan drives during the World war and was also general chairman of the patriotic fund which raised eleven million dollars in one campaign for patriotic and charitable purposes, following the close of the war. While en route to Europe on a government mission, he was a passenger of the " Tuscania," which was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland, on February 5, 1918, and three hundred lives were lost. The Red Arrow Division of engineers was on board this vessel and ten of the men were lost. He stands as a high type of the American citizen, resourceful, farsighted, public-spirited, and with that steadfastness of purpose which enables him to accomplish his object in the upbuilding of individual fortune and in the support of interests of vital worth to the community.

On the 29th day of June, 1892, Mr. Larned was married in Muskegon, Michigan, to Miss Minnie K. Kellogg, a daughter of Rev. Frederick A. Kellogg, then pastor of the Congregational church in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Larned have two sons: Bradford York and Cortland Kellogg. Mr. Larned's residence is at Grosse Pointe Shores. The city of Detroit, Michigan, 1701-1922, Volume 3 edited by Clarence Monroe Burton, William Stocking, Gordon K. Miller

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plans for increasing our war efficiency. Among these was the mobilizing of all men under 50 years of age, according to their talents and physical fitness.

Before the speechmaking program was started, there was a big dinner to Abner and "Fitz," all available space on the second floor being used. Twice as many

members would have been there if there had been any means of taking care of them. The gymnasium to which the diners adjourned for the intellectual feast was beautifully decorated. It never has looked more attractive and there never was a nicer party in the club.

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LARNED TOUCHES OFF BOMB OF PATRIOTIC FERVOR

FOR such a welcome home as the Detroit Athletic Club gave Abner E. Larned and Edward T. Fitz Gerald Monday evening, April 22, almost any one of the members would be willing to endure the hardships and run the risks incident to a European trip in war time. It was as spontaneous an outburst of friendship and enthusiasm as the club has ever seen—and the club rather prides itself on being nice to its favorites. The tribute paid by fully 1,000 persons, a quarter of them ladies, touched the hearts of the guests of honor. Abner Larned showed his appreciation by giving the best war talk that has been heard in Detroit in months. Eddie showed his by beaming on everyone and shaking hands until his palms were calloused.

Mr. Larned's speech was a piece of consummate art, not the art of the studied orator who seeks to enthrall his audience by rhetorical flights and to stun it by his erudition, but the art of the super-salesman in getting right to the hearts of his hearers. Mr. Larned talked to his audience, not at it. He got on a personal, intimate, chatty footing that enabled him to drive home his lessons with an appeal that seemed personal to everyone that heard him.

The impression gained by each of the 1,000 persons packed into the gymnasium and its gallery was that Mr. Larned was talking to him alone. When a speaker can attain this kind of a success, he need not worry about rounded periods and sonorous phrases. Mr. Larned simply buttonholed his audience and told it the very things it wanted to know about the European trip, the state of things abroad, and the general condition of the war as he sees it.

All the while he was giving information, he was interpreting it in terms of each individual's duty. "This is what is happening over there, Bill, and this is what you've got to do about it, you yourself," such was the general way in which Mr. Larned brought out his points. One simply couldn't leave that auditorium without thinking that he had been called by name and told to go out and do something toward winning the war.

Occasionally Mr. Larned criticised some things, but always constructively. No mere whiner he, wringing his hands and lamenting that everything was all wrong. When he found fault, he suggested a remedy, and he made his hearers realize the need of efficiency without conveying the gloomy idea that the case was hopeless. One got the impression from him that victory lies before us if we develop our maximum efficiency, but he warned the audience that an Allied victory is by no means a foregone conclusion if we go but half-heartedly into a conflict that Germany is fighting with 100 per cent of her population and resources. Boasting never will capture any guns, he said, and he suggested that America cease talking and get down to business. The English, who remain modest and calm despite their tremendous part in the war, were suggested as a fitting guide for us in the matter of war-time good manners.

Hugh Chalmers, first president of the new D. A. C., who came all the way from Washington especially for the purpose, introduced Mr. Larned and did it very graciously, referring to the guest of honor as "the most useful citizen of Detroit." Mr. Chalmers made a very nice speech himself, by the way, and suggested some



Abner Larned (shorter & stouter cartoon figure) & Edward Fitzgerald (taller & thinner) are the only two civilians aboard Tuscania – "Detroit Athletic Club" Magazine May 1918 (courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA)

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LARNED TO BE CLUB GUEST AT PATRIOTIC DINNER

Will Give D. A. C. Members First-Hand Story of *Tuscania*
Sinking and Reports From Western Front

RETURNING from a thrilling trip to the battle fronts of Europe, Abner E. Larned will be the guest of honor at a D. A. C. dinner, about April 17. There will be a gathering of the clan that night which will undoubtedly smash all D. A. C. records for interest and enthusiasm.

When Mr. Larned sailed for "over there" he was asked to give to the members of the club the first account of his trip as soon as he should get back. He said, "Why, yes, if anything develops which the members would care to hear from me, of course I will."

And as everyone knows things began developing at a furious rate before he had even stepped foot on foreign soil. With land in sight, a Hun torpedo connected with the *Tuscania* but through sheer good fortune, Mr. Larned and his companion, Eddie Fitzgerald were saved. The last man to leave the ship was Mr. Larned.

The horrors of that piece of Boche Kultur will be related to us at first hand. And nobody could be selected to paint the picture any better than the guest of honor on this occasion. What Germany gained by sending that vessel and hundreds of its passengers to the bottom of the sea she doubtless will repay with interest as a result of the fury with which Americans take up the cudgel against the enemy when they get all the details of that dark hour.

There have been many enthralling speakers at the D. A. C. during the winter who have given us evidence obtained at first hand of the stirring events in Europe. But none of them could be expected to tell us just what we want to know quite so well as Mr. Larned.

The scheme for handling the crowd on this occasion will be the same as for the Rathorn dinner—dinners on

the main floor of the gymnasium and ladies in the gallery. A ticket to the gallery will be issued, when requested by a member ordering a dinner ticket. That gallery ticket will be for one lady of the member's household.

Obviously, it will be impossible to admit any guests on this occasion.

The keynote of this meeting was sounded by a judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court the other day when he said: "No matter where Larned makes his first speech when he gets back, I am going to be there if I have to fight my way in."

Plans for this meeting are going on despite the fact that at the present writing there are still more U-boats to be eluded on the return trip. But it seems beyond all human laws of chance that Mr. Larned's ship should be rammed by another shot on the return trip.

There is another bit of zest added to the Larned dinner. This is the club's anniversary month. It was just three years ago that the D. A. C. opened its doors. And one very potent reason for there being any doors to open was Abner E. Larned. We scarcely need remind the members that it was he who sold most of the club's bonds. He was the chairman of the finance committee that disposed of \$1,100,000 of D. A. C. bonds. Will anyone who was present at the Board of Commerce, December 16, 1913, ever forget how Mr. Larned sold \$600,000 of second mortgage bonds in two hours? Incidentally, that meeting marked Detroit's awakening to her real powers. She never had done anything like that before.

The dinner to Mr. Larned will be a fitting testimonial from his army of friends in the D. A. C.



ABNER E. LARNED

BRINGING THE WAR HOME TO US

WITHIN the last few weeks we have learned something of the meaning of war. Not all the books, however aptly descriptive, nor all the lecturers, though their eloquence were as tongues of fire, can reach the heart as one personal loss can make itself felt.

When a friend "goes West"—and as life becomes the more complex how much richer becomes that word "friend"—or the bright career we built on the future's opportunities for someone nearer and dearer even than friend is cut away abruptly, irretrievably, then and only then is war the horror that its witnesses try in vain to picture.

It is in this more penetrative sense that the D. A. C. has found war of late.

First there was DeWitt J. Payne, who made the supreme sacrifice. He was killed in an airplane flight at Fort Worth. Mr. Payne was advertising manager of one of the Crowell publications, and no non-resident member perhaps could number more friends among those

who make frequent use of the club. He was the type of fine young business man whom America had bred up to her purposes and ideals. He was well on the way to success. He is numbered now among those who "gave up all to save the world from utter loss."

Captain Payne's death resulted from what the bird men call a "spinning nose dive." He was descending to aid a cadet who had met with a minor accident, Jan. 29. When Payne tried to bring the machine out of the dive, it wouldn't respond and he plunged to earth. He lived two days, but there never was any ray of hope for his recovery. His death was a sad blow to his fellow officers at Camp Everman, for his splendid qualities had made the same appeal to those who knew him in the service as they had in civilian life.

Payne first saw service as a member of Battery C, First Illinois Artillery, on the Mexican border. He entered the aviation corps last June.

A second instance is less tragic. Rollin Harger,

former advertising manager of the Saxon Motor Car Corporation, fell with his plane 1,500 feet into the ocean. He was uninjured and managed to swim to shore. "Managed"—we wonder how much the D. A. C. pool contributed to that management. Harger liked aquatics above all we had to offer. And, utterly unforeseen, there came a day when the things he had done in sport meant the difference between life and death.

Then there was the fortunate escape of two of our members from the *Tuscania*. Both mean a great deal in the life of our city—Abner Larned, citizen, manufacturer, salesman without peer, and Edward FitzGerald, "Efficiency Fitz." One of them—and Fitz will be first to say which it is—is an asset of great value to the nation, a patriot before he is anything else, and a patriot with the ability to make himself count. Both of them are on a mission which is of first importance to the war power of the country. May they have big luck

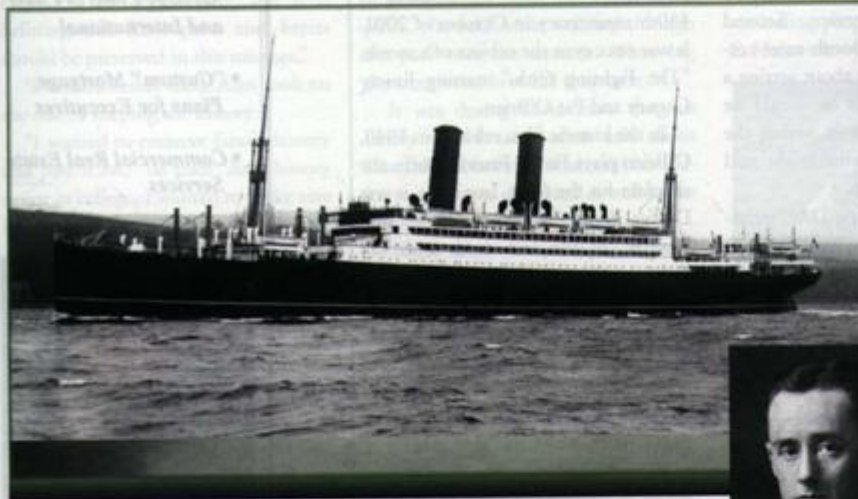
on the return trip! And when they get back, they are dated up to serve as the centerpiece of the rousingest D. A. C. dinner the house can afford.

At this writing there is a dearth of details as to the manner of escape from the sinking *Tuscania* by Messrs. Larned and FitzGerald. However, it is known that they left the doomed ship precipitately, without letters of credit, their passports, or credentials. Inasmuch as Mr. Larned was really a sick man when they sailed, considerable worry was caused his family and friends on account of the disaster to their craft. But word has been received that physically both men are all right. They had planned to spend some time in England before crossing to the continent. (The Liberty Loan committee wishes they were home right now.)

This is the way of war, from cruel tragedy to the most fortunate of escapes. It is also the way of war that the young, the promising, the able and the gallant, should serve and take the risk of service. Youth would not have it otherwise.



CAPTAIN "JACK" PAYNE
First member of the D. A. C. to make the supreme sacrifice in serving his country



Above, Abner Larned; below left, Edward FitzGerald.



Left, the *Tuscania* in 1915. Photo courtesy of the University of Glasgow, Scotland.

Larned, FitzGerald and the *Tuscania*: Prominent DAC members were part of historic World War I incident

By Timothy Wieland

The DAC had a wealth of soldiers serving in the first World War who came back with stories of the time they spent in service to their country. One of the most intriguing stories came from two prominent DAC members who were never part of the active service but were involved in one of the most historic events of the war.

Today, the sinking of the U.S. troop ship *Tuscania* may not be as well-known as the *Lusitania*, another maritime catastrophe during World War I, but the incident captured the attention of a nation going to war.

DAC members Abner Larned and Edward FitzGerald boarded the *Tuscania* for France in late 1917 on a secret mission. Larned, a manufacturer and salesman with Larned, Carter & Co. and one of the most popular members of the DAC, was going to study the work of "airmen" in England, France and other allied countries. FitzGerald, the secretary to then Detroit Mayor Oscar Marx, appears to have been on the trip as Larned's assistant.

Larned's account of the ordeal can be found in the Burton Historical Collection

at the Detroit Public Library. It is a reprint of a speech he gave to the National Association of Garment Manufacturers in Chicago on May 16, 1918. He gave a similar speech to the DAC upon his return from the ordeal.

It appears that Larned and FitzGerald were the only civilian passengers on the *Tuscania*, a luxury ocean liner of the famous Cunard lines that had been converted to a troop ship.

It left Hoboken (NJ) on Jan. 24, 1918 with 2,179 soldiers on board. After stopping in Halifax, Nova Scotia

and leaving men to help with a disaster in the harbor, the *Tuscania* continued on towards France. On Feb. 5, the liner was seven miles off the coast of Ireland when it was struck by a torpedo from a German U-boat around 5:45 p.m. The British cruisers accompanying the boat apparently abandoned the *Tuscania* for fear of being the next target of the U-boat.

"I can never forget it," Larned said about the torpedo hitting the ship. "It was as though a thousand tons of dynamite had suddenly blown up directly below me."

Like history will show in many famous ship disasters, the *Tuscania* crew had problems with lifeboats. Larned said the men had not been trained on how to properly use them. Some boats would tip while being lowered into the water, others were lowered without a plug in the bottom and some boats were lowered on top of others already filled with soldiers.

men.

"The other boys were younger and more active than myself and they got over quite easily, but it was quite difficult for me," Larned recalled. "Finally I got one foot over and then I noticed the destroyer was pulling away. I could see the water opening up beneath there. I wasn't very careful then about getting over the rail, but I made one final jump over the side and grabbed the cable that went around the end of the destroyer and was immediately grabbed by the jack tears and hauled aboard."

While they were loading, another torpedo was fired, narrowly missing the *Tuscania* and the *Mosquito*. After the *Mosquito* was full, other cruisers from the British fleet would aid in the rescue, along with local fishing vessels. Records are unclear as to which of the rescuing ships Larned and FitzGerald boarded, but Larned's account suggests they boarded the *Mosquito*. The *DAC News*, however, reported that Larned was the

ended up saving his life, when the earlier train was bombed.

After Larned and FitzGerald's return to the United States, they were greeted with a rousing welcome at the DAC and a patriotic dinner where Larned, who would serve as president of the DAC in 1920, spoke not only the sinking of the *Tuscania*, but the state of the war. It was said at the time that the gathering would "undoubtedly smash all DAC records for interest and enthusiasm."

No guests were allowed at the party, which ended up with an attendance of around 1,000 people, although one Wayne County Circuit Court judge was quoted in the Club magazine as saying, "No matter where Larned makes his first speech when he gets back, I am going to be there if I have to fight my way in."

Over 200 American soldiers perished on the *Tuscania*, mainly those who were part of lifeboat accidents.

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Just over an hour later, all the lifeboats were in the water, but 1,350 men still remained on board the sinking vessel, including Larned and FitzGerald.

The men of the sinking ship also had to deal with the "life suits" of the day. Larned called them "the most cumbersome things," and said they felt like they had "heavy weights in the feet."

Soon after the lifeboat disaster, the British cruisers returned and came to rescue the soldiers. Larned said the ship had sunken to a level where its deck was even with the smaller cruiser, the *HMS Mosquito*.

Already ill with a cold, Larned was slowed down as soldiers pressed to make the transfer. He was older than almost all of the men on the boat, and being a civilian, was not as fit as the military

last man off the ship, meaning he would have had to enter one of the other British cruisers.

That would only be the first near-death experience for Larned on his mission. After landing in Ireland, Larned and FitzGerald went to London and were greeted by air raids on the city. Upon their arrival in Paris, they were again greeted by bombing of the city.

While Larned was in France near Verdun, his guide and interpreter stopped their vehicle to ask for directions. Only seconds later, a shell exploded a short distance up the road where their vehicle would have been.

When he was leaving Paris at the end of his study, Larned tried to take the 7 p.m. train, but friends convinced him to go out to dinner and he was forced to go on the 11 p.m. train. The delay

The American Red Cross erected a memorial for the *Tuscania* in the 1920s on the Island of Islay, where it still stands today.

Before the events of Pearl Harbor entered the United States into World War II, the sinking of the *Tuscania* was a well-known event in American history, according to Steve Schwartz, a *Tuscania* historian. Schwartz added that the event changed American sentiment towards the war.

"The Army was dependent on the draft as the number of enlistments was low," said Schwartz, whose grandfather George E. Schwartz, was on the ship. "The sinking of the *Tuscania* was an emotional event. The Army recorded a record number of enlistments, men thirsty to revenge the loss of so many American soldiers."

Name: Abner Elisha Larned

Name variations:

Not military – was 1 of 2 civilians on board Tuscania:

Resident: Detroit, Detroit MI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Abner E. Larned

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": wife Mrs. Abner E. Larned, in care of Carter, Larned & Co.,
[handwritten:] 240 Howard St., Detroit MI

Returned from war on: "Saint Paul" leaving Liverpool, England, 6 Apr 1918

Sailed on return ship as: Abner Elisha Larned

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: wife Mrs. A.E. Larned, 264 Howard St., Detroit MI - rank
AME, Signal Corps (sailed with Edward T. Fitzgerald)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939 roster):

World War II draft registration (1942):

Birth & death:

Born: 31 Jan 1871 Fenton (mostly Genesee Co.) MI (also found as Shiawassee MI).

Died: 5 Jun 1947 Detroit, Wayne MI

Find A Grave record: 67745525 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Fenton, Genesee MI

Cemetery: Oakwood

Tombstone:

Father: Horace Jesse Larned, 14 May 1842 Fenton, Genesee Co. MI – 3 Jul 1913 Fenton, Genesee MI. Son of Elisha Larned (1810-1902) & Julia Hillman (b. 1810). Buried in Fenton, Genesee MI but not on Find A Grave as of 13 Jul 2021.

Horace was married to Flora C. Roberts in 1869. She was Abner's mother.

Horace was then married to Adele ("Addie") Springer Larned Bernard, 1857 Highland, Oakland MI – 16 Feb 1939. Daughter of William H. Springer & Phoebe A. Ferguson Springer Moshier. Della Springer, age 18, b. Highland MI married Horace J. Larned, age 32, b. Fenton MI, livery keeper. Both were residents of Fenton MI. – In the 1880 census for Galien, Genesee MI, Horace Larned, age 38 MI, was keeping a hotel. Wife Della was 23, born MI, parents NY, keeping house, with son Abner E., 9 MI. Adele Bernard is buried in Fairview Cemetery, Linden, Genesee MI, F: 110504240. As Adele Moshier, she was married 31 Aug 1886 in Manhattan NY to Abram Bernard.

Horace married Mary Kile Matteson on 7 May 1895 in Flint, Genesee MI. Witnesses were Elisha Leonard & Ellery Anderson, both residents of Fenton MI. Horace J. LARNARD was age 53, b. Fenton MI, resident of Fenton MI, an agent, son of E. LARNARD & Julia Hilenan. Mary Kile Matteson was age 38, b. Springfield MI, resident of Flint MI, housekeeper, the daughter of Robert Kile & Jane Ward. In the 1910 census for Fenton, Genesee MI, Horace J. Larned is age 67 & wife Mary A. is age 53. Mary was born 17 Dec 1856 MI & died 7 May 1926 Genesee Co. MI. The MI death record lists her as the daughter of Robert Kile & Jane Wood. She was widowed.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Flora C. Roberts Larned, 1849 or 1850 Livingston Co. MI – 1875 Fenton, Genesee MI. First of 3 wives of Horace Jesse Larned.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 16 Mar 1869 Goodrich, Genesee MI. H.C. Larned was age 26, b. Fentonville MI, a merchant. Flora G. Roberts was age 19, b. Livingston Co MI. Both were residents of Fentonville MI.

Spouse: Minnie Ellen Kellogg Larned, 20 Oct 1861 [also found as 20 Oct 1860] Otisville, Genesee MI – 5 May 1944 Detroit, Wayne MI. Daughter of Rev. Joseph Frederick Kellogg (1837-1892) & Ellen (ca. 1833 VT). Graduate of Adrian College, where she later taught music. Minnie died at her home at West Seven Mile.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 29 Jul 1892 Muskegon, Muskegon MI [also found as 22 Jun 1893 Muskegon, Muskegon MI] [one record – index only – lists as Minnie K. Kellogg Seger] – Found reference to Mrs. Minnie Seger of Fenton MI in the “Livingston County Daily Press & Argus” (Howell MI) Thursday 5 Jan 1888 p 8, visiting friends in Plainfield.

Spouse: Edith Anne Maas Larned, 1888 – 6 Mar 1966. Sister of Cora L. Maas (Mrs. Frederick) Toepel Jr. (F: 76369266). Buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton, Genesee MI.

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Marriage: 28 Dec 1944 Grosse Pointe (MI) Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne MI

Children: by his 1st wife Minnie Ellen Kellogg

- Bradford York Larned, b. 6 Oct 1898 Detroit, Wayne MI [or Grosse Pointe, Wayne MI] - d. at age 29 on 9 Jan 1928 at his villa in Merano, South Tyrol, Italy. Was educated in Detroit & in the East & at the U of MI for 2 years (which he left due to his health). When he registered for the WWI draft on 12 Sep 1918, he was a student at the U of MI & resided at 872 Lake Shore, Wayne Co. MI. - Married Muriel Higgins (b. 21 Jul 1901 Australia) on 21 Jul 1924 in San Francisco, San Francisco CA. She was the daughter of William Mellor Higgins of San Francisco CA at the time of her wedding. Muriel departed on “Majestic” on 26 Oct 1923 from Southampton, England, arriving 2 Nov 1923 in NYC. Muriel was single, age 23, sailed with Dorothy Higgins, single, age 30. Their last residence was Melbourne, Australia. Their father H. Higgins lived at 60 Queensborough Rd., Bayswater, London, England. – Bradford had heart disease for several years & went to Italy 3 years prior to his death for his health. Survived by widow Muriel Mellor Higgins.
- Cortland Kellogg Larned (Sr.), b. 28 Nov 1900 Detroit, Wayne MI - d. 8 Jan 1954 Detroit, Wayne MI (in St. Agatha Convalescent Home). Married Olive Cone Hutchinson in Jun 1922 at Christ Church, Jefferson Ave., Detroit MI, daughter of Oliver C. Hutchinson. Olive filed for divorce, claiming extreme cruelty in Jan 1940. They had separated 7 Oct 1939 & had resided at 8120 E. Jefferson. Olive then married Edwin Barbour Henry (who died 12 Jul 1965 in Lake Forest IL). – Evelyn A. Larned divorced Cortland Larned in 1972 (“Tampa [FL] Tribune” Friday 28 Apr 1972 p 7). – Had resided at 287 W. Grand Blvd. & 2170 E. Jefferson in Detroit MI.

Sister? Or Cousin? Although Flora Larned Anderson is sometimes listed as MISS Flora Larned Anderson & sometimes as Mrs. Flora Larned Anderson, Ancestry.com family trees list her as the daughter of William Ellery Anderson (b. Jan 1847 MI) & Juliette/Juliet Larned (1845/1847-1922, buried in Midland City Cemetery, Midland, Midland Co. MI, F: 122987424)). William & Juliette married 13 Dec 1870 in Fentonville, Genesee MI.

William is the son of John W. Anderson & Harriet Phillips. Juliette is listed as the daughter of Elisha Larned & Julia Hillman, which makes Juliette the sister of Horace Larned and makes Flora the (unmarried) first cousin of Abner, the son of Horace. Perhaps they were raised together like siblings & Abner always considered her a sister?

William Ellery Anderson turns up in records as the witness to the 3rd marriage of Abner's father Horace Jesse Larned in 1895.

- Flora Larned Anderson, 1873 MI [Find A Grave] or 21 Jun 1875 MI – 15 Feb 1958. In the 1940 census, Flora Anderson, 66 MI, single, lived in Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne MI & was an assistant principal at a public school. She had lived in Detroit, Wayne MI in 1935. A resident of 387 Mount Vernon, Grosse Poinc MI at the time of her death. Buried in Midland Cemetery, Midland, Midland Co. MI. F: 122986637

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

15020 Woodward Ave., Detroit MI

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Detroit Free Press" 7 Jun 1947 p 1 – photo – Died at age 76. Almost 50 years of civic service. With lengthy list of civic positions (YMCA, Detroit Athletic Club, WPA, Board of Commerce, Liberty Bonds sales). Born Fenton MI, with burial in Fenton MI. He came to Detroit MI to work in a small dry goods store for \$6/week. By 1899 he had saved \$1,000 & borrowed \$1,000 to purchase with David Carter a small overall [work clothing] factory. When he retired in 1928, Larned, Carter & Co. was one of the nation's leaders in the production of work clothing. Abner is survived by his wife Edith M., at the family home at 8120 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Survived by son & sister.

"Battle Creek (MI)" Enquirer" 7 Jun 1947 p 1 – obituary has similar information to the obituary in the "Detroit Free Press" plus Tuscania survival

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1880 Galien, Genesee MI

Horace Larned, 38 MI, parents b. NY, keeping hotel

Adela, 23 MI, parents b. NY, keeping house [Horace's 2nd wife]

Abner E., 9 MI

1900 Detroit, Wayne MI – 185 Woodland Ave.

Abner Larned, 28 MI, Apr 1872, father b. MI, mother b. NY, married 7 years, manufacturer, overhauls [sic/overalls]

Minnie, 25 MI, parents b. NY, gave birth to 1 child, 1 is living

Bradford Y., 1 MI, Oct 1898

& aunt Phebe Roberts, 60 NY, Jul 1839, parents b. NY

1910 Grosse Pointe, Wayne MI – Jefferson Ave.

Abner E. Larned, 39 MI, parents b. MI, married 18 years, manufacturer, clothing

Minna, 39 MI, father b. OH, mother b. VT, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

Bradfor [sic] Y., 11 MI

Cortland K., 9 MI

& maid Emma Lang, 27 MI

1920 Detroit, Wayne MI – Detroit Athletic Club [listed on line 30]

Abner Larned, 44 MI, parents b. MI, president of overall company, married, lodger

1930 Cincinnati, Hamilton OH – Garfield Place – Cincinnati Club

Abner E. Larned, 59 MI, parents b. MI, age 21 at 1st marriage, member of firm, overall factory, guest
[on line 40]

1940 Detroit, Wayne MI – E. Jefferson – same place in 1935

Abner E. Larned, 69 MI, state director, government work

Minnie K., 68 MI

Cortland K., 39 MI, sales, wholesale safety products

Marie Dary, 24 SC, “Negro” – maid in private home