

BRITISH MADE SHORT WORK OF THE GERMAN DESTROYERS

Raced Into Action at Full Speed—Battle Was Over an Hour and a Half—Victors Get Great Reception On Returning to Harwich

London, Oct. 19.—The Post has published a despatch from Harwich dated Sunday, October 18, on the return to port of the British warships which vanquished four German torpedo boat destroyers in the North Sea last Saturday. The despatch follows:

"Bearing their battle honors proudly, the cruiser Undaunted this afternoon led into Harwich from the North Sea, the destroyers which participated in the engagement last Saturday, the result of which was the sinking of four German destroyers. The spectacle ashore and afloat was a moving one. Sailors, soldiers and civilians swarmed on the pier and to points of vantage, cheering the victors, as did the crews of the Fearless which was in the Heligoland light and other vessels.

Forced Them to Fight

"Interviews with the crew of the Undaunted show that this vessel, together with the four British torpedo boat destroyers, left Harwich early Saturday morning and sighted the Germans early in the afternoon. By fine seamanship the enemy was forced to fight. The German destroyers faced the odds bravely. With her big guns the Undaunted opened fire at a range of five miles. Then the smaller vessels closed in and became busy. Then began a running fight. While the cruiser, protected from torpedoes by her fighting consorts, devoted her attention particularly to two of the enemy's ships, the destroyers attacking the other two. The reply from the Germans was very poor in comparison. The first of the enemy's craft sank after a half hour's fight-

ing. Within an hour and a half the battle was over.

Fought Well

"One sailor pays tribute to the pluck of the Germans. They fought well, he says, and kept firing till they sank.

This accounts for the smallness of the number of the German survivors. "The destroyer Loyal brought back three British wounded, together with the bodies of four German men and one German officer who had succumbed to their injuries on the way.

Removed to Hospital

"The wounded have been transferred to Shotley hospital, and the prisoners of war have been taken from the Undaunted and removed to barracks."

From another source it is related that a trawler sighted the German destroyers before the British warships came up. When the German boats saw the enemy they made frantic efforts to escape. The British ships came rushing forward at full speed, and began the engagement as soon as they were near enough.

Saw the Engagement

Lowestoft, via London, Oct. 19.—The trawler United, the crew of which witnessed the naval engagement off the Dutch coast Saturday, has arrived here with two German survivors, one of them a warrant officer. Both men were picked up from a boat which had succeeded in getting away from the German destroyer "S-118" as that vessel was going down.

The trawler's crew watched the battle from start to finish, and saw the four German destroyers sink one after another.

S.S. Nascopie will not make a trip to New York for freight. She will likely load fish for Mediterranean ports within the next fortnight.

Rhodes Scholarship For 1915.

The qualifying Examination for the 1915 Rhodes Scholarship has been deferred till March 1915, and the election will take place in April.

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GERMAN NATION FORCED TO SHOULDER HUGE BURDEN

As a Leading Manufacturing Country, She Will Suffer Heavily by War—Five and a Half Billions is Estimate of War Losses and Costs

PROBABLY no nation has ever shouldered a heavier burden than that which Germany is now attempting to carry. The difficulty of carrying it is increased by the industrial changes of recent times, says the Boston News Bureau. During the past generation the German Empire has been transformed from an agricultural to a manufacturing nation. In 1876 three-quarters of the working population was engaged in agriculture; but according to the census of 1907 no less than 31 per cent. were so engaged. The present significance of the changes lies in the fact that the losses of war are much larger for a manufacturing than for an agricultural nation.

How the German people are employed is shown by the following extract from the last census, namely, that of 1907:

	Number engaged	Number	P.C.
Agriculture, cattle raising, etc.	9,732,472	30.99	
Forestry, hunting & fishing	150,785	0.48	
Mfg. and Mining	11,256,254	35.73	
Commerce & Trade	3,477,626	11.04	
Domestic and other service	1,736,450	5.51	
Professional occupation	1,738,530	5.52	
Other employment	3,404,938	10.82	
Totals	31,497,100	100.00	

The Meaning of War
With an agricultural nation the losses of war are comparatively light, not only because the market for agricultural products, excepting cotton, is not much interfered with, but also because farming operations them-

selves are not seriously curtailed by the loss to industry of the men sent to the battlefield. These operations are then carried on by other members of the family or community. Hence it was that in times past, when agriculture was the principal business of all countries, great wars some times continued for five to thirty years, without exhausting the resources of the nations involved.

Markets Cut Off

A manufacturing nation finds the case altogether different; for war cuts off or destroys markets for manufactured products, interferes with the supply of raw material, and almost completely suspends the consumption of certain manufactures which are not absolute necessities. With Germany this war probably means a complete loss for the time being of a market for approximately \$1,900,000,000 worth of goods wholly or partially manufactured. Her exports were recently running at the rate of \$2,095,000,000 per annum, and of these only about \$195,000,000 were agricultural products.

Multipled

Moreover, this loss is passed around within the German Empire, from one class of people to another, thus increasing itself by arithmetical progression. The reduced production and income of manufacturers means less business for those engaged in trade, transportation and commerce; and this in turn reduces the fees and incomes of professional men. In consequence of the curtailment, manufacturer, trader and professional man all discharge domestic and personal servants; and all of these classes of necessity reduce their consumption of agricultural products. Every one feels the loss.

Big Curtailment

This \$1,000,000,000 curtailment in manufacturing apparently represents about 13 p.c. of the total German output of manufactured goods. Besides

this, there is the loss involved in war expenditure of at least \$2.50 gross daily to maintain each of probably not less than 2,350,000 men in the field—the total being fully \$2,053,125,000 per annum. The number of persons thrown out of employment by the suspension of her foreign commerce apparently involves a loss of fully \$160,000,000 yearly, and the transfer of at least 1,578,000 men from industrial to military occupation may be estimated to cost roughly \$475,000,000 yearly. If the war shrinkage in general business, excluding the items just mentioned, be estimated to higher than ten per cent, here is an additional loss of over \$1,000,000,000 per annum.

Long War Impossible

In all one can thus count up war losses and costs estimated at \$5,600,000,000 or more, whereas the total income of the people of the German empire probably does not exceed \$13,000,000,000. In brief, if "long" means a period of years, then a long war seems an utter impossibility.

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German Casualties Amount To 700,000

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