

PAGES OF BRITISH HISTORY.

Historical Battles—Noteworthy Events in the Story of the Creation of the British Empire.

(Continued from our last.)

CHAPTER X.

Off the North Foreland, 1666.

In our last we gave an account of the protracted naval fights with the Dutch, which after a deplorable series of losses of men and ships on both sides and unprecedented carnage left England mistress of the seas.

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On the approach of this armament, the Dutch drew off, as if intending to bear away for the coast of Holland; but were overtaken by the English fleet near the north-eastern extremity of the coast of Kent.

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By one o'clock the Duke and Prince Rupert made a furious attack upon De Ruyter; and after a three hours' engagement, with cannon and matchlock, in which they were roughly handled, they were compelled to leave their ship and go on board of another.

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Captain Ruth Maximilian, another of De Ruyter's seconds, was killed, and two others, the Captains Nyhoff and Hogenhoeck, lay bleeding on their decks, mortally wounded.

Being at length deserted by all but eight ships, this brave seaman was compelled to make all the sail he could and follow the rest.

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being the authors of this defeat; and the loss they sustained was, according to Echar, twenty ships burned or sunk, 4,000 seamen killed, and 3,000 wounded.

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The loss on the side of the English was found to be small. The Resolution, the guns of which were all brass, under Captain Haiman, was burned by a fireship, and about 300 men were killed.

It is worthy of remark that it is in the year of this last encounter that we first find gratuities given to captains of the English navy who might be wounded in the service.

England was now incontestably the Mistress of the Sea! The Dutch were insulted in their own ports and harbors, and all Holland became filled with melancholy and consternation.

The Dutch saw their opportunity to inflict a blow on England, and a fleet of 76 sail was collected to help the French to drive the English off the seas. The Dutch were under De Ruyter, Everezen and the younger Van Tromp, Admiral of Amsterdam.

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The English though outnumbered, inflicted terrible losses on the enemy and suffered severely themselves. At the end of the four days, what remained of the fleets returned to their respective ports to refit.

The Dutch soon put to sea again with 80 regular men-of-war and 23 fireships, and in 1668 appeared off the mouth of the Thames. Not until the 25th of July did the English and Dutch come together.

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