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THE BOASTFUL GERMAN TONE NOW MISSING

New York, June 30.—A cable to the Herald from London says:

The newspapers reaching London from Germany are particularly interesting just now. For the first time since the war began the old boastful tone seems to have subsided, and while in many quarters there are significant allusions to peace prospects—significant because they are in accordance with official sanction—there is a general realization that the naval and military outlook is not so promising for the Fatherland as appeared a few months ago.

In the course of a lecture on sea power of Germany's enemies, which was delivered by Herr Geheimrat Flamin at Berlin a few days ago, the following statement was made:

The British Fleet.

"Today the strength of the British fleet in ships of the line and cruisers is hardly less as compared with ours than at the beginning of the war, for they possess ninety-five of the first class and sixty-nine of the second class, in spite of the losses which they have incurred which amount to sixteen and thirteen per cent. respectively. The reason for this is that Britain retained all the ships which she was building for foreign states. Our submarines still have a great deal to do."

Only Half a Truth.

This, of course, is only half the truth. Since the war ships have been completed in British yards and the strength of the British navy is greater today than it was a year ago. It is becoming clear to the German critics their submarines are not likely to conquer the sea from British control.

In the Dardanelles.

The terrible effect of the British warships in the Dardanelles also was described. He visited the town of Tschaneh Kaleh, which he found a heap of ruins. The forts are still standing, just as complete and strong as they ever were. But the whole town inside is a smoking mass of ruins.

"Where his shells could not reach, the enemy sent airmen to destroy any life that was still left in the town and supplies that could be concealed in the deserted buildings. These unwelcome guests no longer throw the old-fashioned dynamite bombs but cleverly devised machines which are the last word of technical science.

A Terrible Broadside.

"And now, on the other side of the straits, in the town of Malids, a great flame shoots up from a cloud of smoke, for a great building is on fire. The place is burning at many other spots and the reflection of the fire dances on the foam-crested waves with ghostly movements. Above the hills on the European side, the searchlights of the British warships play. Suddenly there is a flash of light as clear as day over the entire horizon and a terrible broadside is delivered at Malids, to be followed by two sharp detonations.

Make Existence Difficult.

"A fresh fire starts, new and meaningless destruction is inflicted on the peaceful inhabitants, with the idea of making all existence as difficult as possible in the Dardanelles. And now, as the inhabitants, with the help of the soldiers, put out the fire, the rattle of the machine guns sounds on the ear, broken by the thunder of the ships' guns, which sends a hail of shrapnel on the attacking ranks of the Turkish infantry, or attempts to destroy their camps. The roll of the machine guns sounds for an hour at a time without any break.

Night Battle and Bomb.

"And if, for an instant that guns are silent, there one knows that on the other side of the waters the night battle with the bayonet and the bomb, the revolver and the side arm, that bloodiest conflict of man with man, is going on, and one recalls the fact that the Turkish troops have proved themselves the most terrible combatants with the bayonet in these night affairs. In spite of all his efforts the enemy still stands where he landed, under the fire of his ships. Plan the allies have, what resources they may be able to develop, no one can say. Perhaps they do not know at Tenedos. No one can say what significance the illness of the French general, d'Amande, may have for the operations on the Dardanelles."

Exploits of E-11 Show Pluck in Danger Zone

London, June 30.—The Daily Chronicle publishes the following account, by one of the crew, of the exploits of the British submarine E-11, for which Lieut.-Commander Nash received the Victoria Cross and each of his men the D.S.M.

"We left Imbros one morning about 3 a.m. and steamed toward the Dardanelles, and dived as day was breaking and—well, got through the Narrows O.K. Arrived on the other side and saw two battleships. We were getting ready to torpedo one of them, when they spotted us, opened fire on us, and nipped, bunked, and ran away.

"We then journeyed on for a mile or two and went to the bottom and rested until about 8 a.m., when we came up. It was dusk. We looked around; nothing in sight. We broke the surface and entered the Sea of Marmora and bumped around for a few days without sighting a thing until Sunday morning, when we were diving outside of Constantinople, and saw a big gun boat, and at 6.25 a.m. she gave her a 'tin fish.' By 6.30 a.m. she was no more; but before she sank, while listing over they opened fire on us. The second shot hit our periscope and 'done it in.' That gunner must have been a cool card, eh?"

Some Yankee Bluff.

"On Monday we sighted a steamer, came to the surface alongside her and told her to stop. She stopped, and the men were so anxious to get clear that one boat capsized. No lives were lost. There was a Yankee correspondent aboard who tried to bluff. No good, though, 'cos an officer and two men boarded her and discovered a six-inch gun, several gun mountings and 16-inch ammunition aboard. So we blew her up. 'A few minutes after we sighted another steamer and told her to stop. She would not. We chased her into the harbor and when she was securing along a pier we torpedoed her.

"Soon after we sighted another steamer and chased her until she ran ashore. We were about to board her when some cavalry came up and opened fire. We replied and dropped a few, then dived and torpedoed the ship.

"Next day (Tuesday) our skipper decided on entering Constantinople. To make a long story short, we got into the harbor without mishap and fired two torpedoes, one of which sank a transport loaded with troops, and the other exploded on shore somewhere. We learned afterward that it caused some panic. The troops refused to go to another transport, the shops closed, and people ran up the hills—in fact, it caused uproar for a time.

Caught Them Napping.

"The following Friday morning we saw five transports escorted by destroyers. We banged the first and biggest one, which sank in about three minutes.

"A few days later we went back to our old corner, where we sank those other three, and caught a supply ship napping.

"A few days after, we torpedoed a German transport, and then we got no more blood until last Monday morning, on our way back, just before entering the Narrows, we sank another transport. That was our farewell smack.

"When we broke surface that evening we found a mine hanging over our bows. We chucked it off as quick as possible, when our escort came up, gave us three cheers and off we went.

"When we entered the harbor, it was dark. Had it been daylight the admiral would have made us steam around the fleet. All the ships we passed as we were making for the Adamant cheered us. The Adamant, although the smallest ship of 'em all, gave us the best cheers. It was good to hear and to know that we had at last done something worthy of praise."

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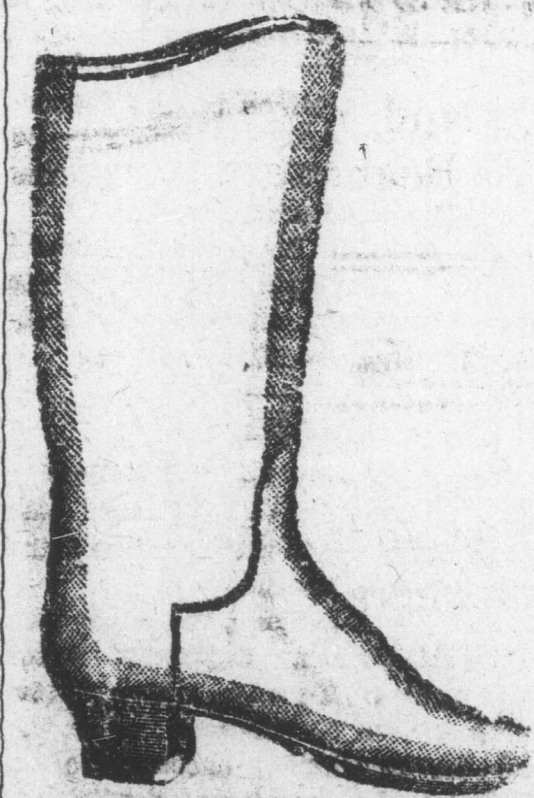
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