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the latter, her present opponent, and thus winning full freedom of action in the Pacific. But for this object the destruction of the German Fleet would be sufficient and it would not require the complete destruction of the German Empire, which Homer Lea considers necessary.

Great Britain has acquired another arm through her network of cables by which she has bound together all parts of the world with the Island Kingdom. A rapid means of communication of news is of exceptional importance for commerce as well as for naval warfare. It enables a concentration of management which can take advantage of every favourable situation and which is in a position to avoid every threatening danger and to spring on the enemy, who is excluded from this news service, the most unpleasant surprises. So long as England was the sole mistress of the whole cable service she could at will close its use to other nations and impose complete deafness and blindness on them with