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"Sahib, the regiment is my father and mother, but in this matter my honor is concerned, and if I do not get the leave I ask I will desert; the night will find me there" said the East Indian soldier, pointing into the distance when his officer expressed unwillingness to grant the desired furlough. The trooper was a Pathan whose service record was a splendid one, and at last the leave he craved was reluctantly allowed him. The officer had consented rather than force the Indian into insubordination. True to his promise, the soldier returned to his post on the

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very hour. Then it was that his commander questioned him about the reason for the leave which had been asked for well nigh with a threat. The reply was: "Well, Sahib, the matter was thus: My brother was killed by one of another clan, and on me, as his nearest of kin, the feud devolved. Had I failed in my duty shame would have been on me, but by the pleasure of Allah that is not so. Our enemy's village is now mourns one of its best and bravest." Such are the Pathans, who constitute a very considerable element of England's native troops in India, although the general public has heard less of them than of some of the others. Once interested in his soldierly work under British leadership the Pathan is intensely loyal a fighting man which can be counted upon to battle with all his strength and to the last drop of his blood in the cause of his adoption. Indeed, he loves the intoxication of strife, and he is a foe to be reckoned with until either dead or physically unable to deal a blow. Somehow in stories of India the writer of fiction likes to bring in the picturesque Sikh, and for this reason many people have been led to the conclusion that the Indian native army is composed mostly of this race. That is not really the case, but it is a fact that the Sikh is a fighting man

of proved quality, and upon more than one battlefield he has won renown and shown amazing dauntlessness in the face of desperate odds. Before British annexation the Sikhs held and ruled the Punjab, and being born soldiers they presented a very difficult problem to their alien masters until their admiration was won by the battling superiority of the British, and then they were ready to cast their lot with their quondam foes. GHOORKAS SOCIABLE. While the Sikhs and the Dogras and the Pathans give a strikingly ornamental character to the Indian army, Tommy Atkins will tell you that his preference is for the little Ghoorkas, those grim but humorous soldiers of the Crown who have won many laurels in their native land in the last eighty-odd years. Somehow the smile comes more naturally to the Ghoorka than the frown, but don't mistake his cheerfulness for a sign of subservience or lack of courage. The Ghoorka is one nervous, ever ready bundle of aggressiveness. It would be hard to imagine more fighting spirit to the ounce that has been crowded into the muscular bodies of these born warriors. They are a sturdy lot, hardened by hill climbing in the land of their birth, Nepal, the mountain kingdom resting on the southern slope of the

Himalayas at the northeast corner of India. They are unfortunately not hampered by caste prejudices and will sit down in camp with white troops and eat and drink with them without ceremony. There was the time when the Ghoorkas were Great Britain's liveliest and most troublesome foe. A hundred years ago the English had the Ghoorka war on their hands, and for two years the military authorities had a troublesome problem to deal with. The conflict grew out of encroachments on British territory by these aggressive hillmen. LIKE CLOSE FIGHTING. In the early stages of the war the Ghoorkas not only held the English troops in check, but defeated them decisively on a number of occasions. Following one of these fights several of the Ghoorkas wandered into the British camp without guns and asked to have their wounds dressed, saying that they thought the English doctors would be able to make them quicker in the fight. In the end these battling children of the soil were beaten and cornered, and after that they became lasting friends and allies of the English. It is said that since then, now ninety-eight years, "no battle or expedition of importance has been without its green-coated little riflemen with their deadly kukris in their belts." The native soldier makes an excellent marksmen and among the Indian contingent there are a great many first-class sharpshooters. But long range fighting is not to their liking; they love the intoxication of hand to hand and the work with the bayonet and the knife is enough to chill the blood of any but the most courageous of antagonists. A bayonet in their hands becomes a doubly dangerous weapon, and in close fighting they excel.

business in a workmanlike fashion—that is the measure of the credit the Emden is entitled to, and no more. Merchant skippers whose ships have been taken or sunk, mention the apologetic air of these German naval officers in the role of buccaners. "It is a painful duty," said the captain of the Karlsruhe, on one occasion. Of course it was. Muller of the Emden and the others indeed, have been most considerate in the treatment of crews and passengers falling into their hands. Accounts agree that considering the disagreeable job they had to do, the German officers have behaved like gentlemen. To speak of 'glory' in this connection burlesques the naval profession— Providence Journal.

NO CHRISTMAS CAKE ALLOWED THE GERMANS

Melancholy Message on Account of Food Shortage Throughout Country.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A special cable to the Herald from Amsterdam says: "No Christmas cake for the Germans is the tenor of the melancholy message, which Germany received this morning when all the general commanders, acting under special orders from Berlin, issued proclamations ordering that flour, especially for Christmas cakes, be used with the utmost economy. It is clear from the proclamations which were issued, that the question of food is greatly worrying the German authorities, who clearly perceive that the empire is steering towards starvation. From Munich it is learned increasing dissatisfaction among the Bavarian troops, who contend that they are not getting proper recognition for the sacrifices they have made during the present war. The feeling is spreading quickly throughout Bavaria that King Ludwig has been deceived by the Kaiser, and that Bavaria is now engaged in a war which can bring no profit to the kingdom whichever may be the outcome, while in case of Germany's victory the Prussians will reap all the profit and honor, notwithstanding the fact that the Bavarians have sacrificed, proportionally, three times more men and money than Prussia. The Bavarians now also are beginning to inquire what the war is about and are angry at the Kaiser's ambition, which is simply ruining the Bavarian finances, while crippling the army. This feeling, if not speedily counteracted, may possibly lead to a formation of a union of the South German states as a counter-poise to all Prussian tendencies prevalent at Berlin.

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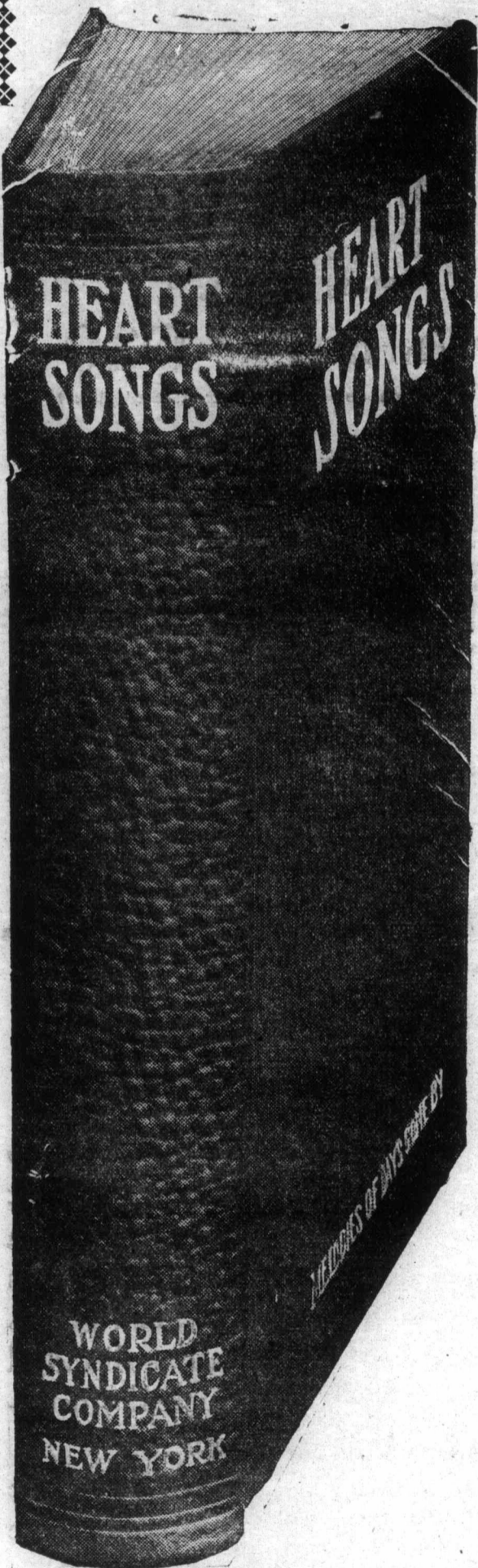
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THE EMDEN'S GLORY

U. S. Paper Says Her Exploits Were Merely "Dirty Work," Which War Demands.

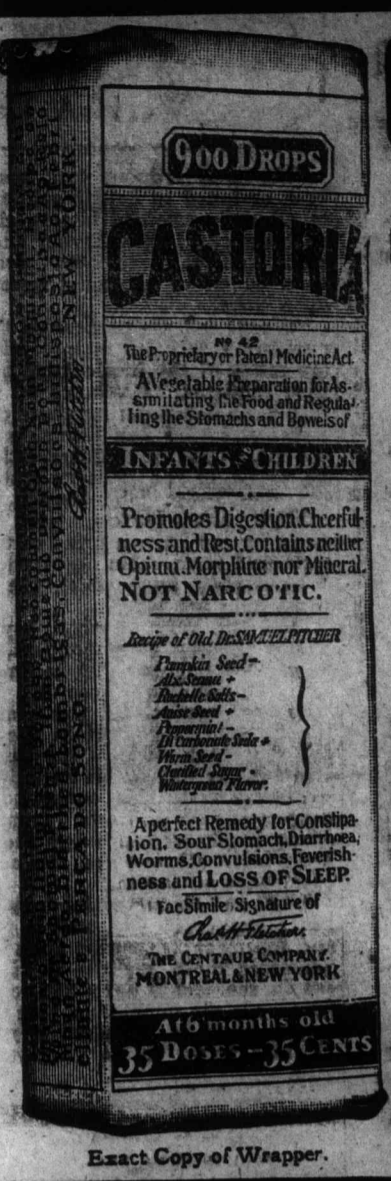
That Wilhelm is a man of sentiment, as well as kultur, is again illustrated by his message to the town council of Emden, in response to a telegram of sympathy from the latter: august body on the 'sad' but heroic end of that cruiser Emden. A new and stronger Emden will be built, the Kaiser assures the sympathetic town fathers, "on whose bow an Iron Cross will be affixed to commemorate the glory of the old Emden. To replace the lost Emden in the fleet, and with a better ship in her honor, is an arduous plan. But to lay emphasis on the glory of 'the old Emden' is rubbish—which is not to say, of course, that it could not be explained satisfactorily to the mind of a person versed in the subtleties of Kaiserkultur.

There was nothing glorious in the spectacular career of the Emden. Her captain showed himself a resourceful naval navigator, that all. The kind of warfare he was called upon to wage probably did not strike him as glorious. He attacked only the defenceless. All authorities agree that biligerents should not destroy where military results are to be gained. The laws of war on land expressly forbid it. On the sea it is still sanctioned, but it is not applauded.

The Germans in Belgium have done fearful damage. But, crushing, here the indignation of the civilized world they are constrained to defend themselves with the excuse of military necessity. A German army officer would not raze a village or confiscate the property of non-combatants unless he could at least offer a military pretext. But the sea rovers may commit acts of a nature exactly corresponding without apology.

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