

CAPTAIN'S \$2,054,000 FIB FOILS KARLSRUHE'S OFFICER

Skipper of Royal Sceptre, Captured, Saves Ship and Cargo
By Ruse—Says Van Dyck May Be
Afloat Still

(From "New York Sun")
The British steamship Royal Sceptre, Captain W. H. Estill, which tied up at Pier 7 Bush Terminal, Brooklyn, yesterday with a \$2,054,000 cargo of coffee, brought along a story of how it feels to be captured by a German cruiser and then let go.
It was the cruiser Karlsruhe that captured the Royal Sceptre and the capture of the taking of the Lampport and Holt liner Van Dyck, which the Karlsruhe is reported to have sunk. A London despatch printed in the Sun on Friday said that the Karlsruhe is reported to be cornered now.
Captain Estill's ship is of turret construction with sides that swell out capably above and below the water line. She was eleven days out from Santos, whence she sailed on October 16, when she fell in with the German cruiser. It was the night of October 27, fine, clear, warm and moonlit, and the Royal Sceptre was making her eight knots about 120 miles off Maranhao, in north Brazil. Precisely she was fifty-two miles south of the equator, in longitude 41 degrees 37 minutes.
There were 84,525 bags of coffee below deck, nearly all consigned to Toronto. Besides the usual ship's papers

armed sailors—a prize crew. The superlatively tall German called out in English "You're a British ship, aren't you?"
In honest Yorkshire accents Captain Estill replied that he was. The tall German lined up his prize crew and then came to the bridge. He asked to see the ship's papers and Captain Estill took him to his cabin and set them forth, except for the bills of lading.
All the other papers showed merely a vessel bound for New York and with a cargo ostensibly for New York, too. Captain Estill spread them all out—manifest, bill of health from the United States consul at Santos, and so on. The German officer looked them over and saw nothing wrong.
"And your bills of lading?" he asked.
"Sent by mail," responded Captain Estill, not looking at his chief officer, who hastily left the cabin.
The German officer found nothing suspicious in the answer. He asked if Captain Estill had any news of the war. The skipper said he hadn't heard a word in Santos.
"Well, we hear nothing except the messages we catch, exchanged by wireless on your ships," the officer commented. "From what we have heard that way I understand we have sunk seven or eight of your warships—I don't know whether they were British or French."
"We have the Van Dyck here, captured this morning. She had a great many passengers on board and we have been busy all day transferring them."
Van Dyck Afloat, Possibly.
"Are you going to keep her and

use her?" ventured the British skipper.
"Rather!" was the reply. It is from this that Captain Estill thinks that maybe the Van Dyck wasn't sent to the bottom after all.
Meanwhile, those on the British ship had guessed that besides the Karlsruhe and the Van Dyck the other two ships with her were a collier and a supply ship. The supply ship looked to Captain Estill as if she might be the Patagonia or a twin ship of the Hamburg-American line. He is sure she was a Hamburg-American boat.
The Germans in command now signalled with Morse lamps to the Karlsruhe, which answered. They he announced that it had been decided to let the Royal Sceptre go. He took the ship's log from the mate, Mr. Marsh, and wrote therein in German script, which no one aboard could read, a dozen words to say that the Royal Sceptre had been stopped and boarded by the Karlsruhe, and ordered release at 12.10 on the morning of October 28. This he signed in a bold hand: "Schroeder, Oberlieutenant zur See," which means Junior Lieutenant Schroeder.
With a last remark: "Captain, you're a lucky man; good-bye," to which Captain Estill replied with a cautious "good-bye," and the Oberlieutenant and his men went over the side. They were no more than clear when Captain Estill had his engines going full speed ahead.
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PRO-GERMAN RAPERS TELL TALL STORIES

One Yarn Published in the
New York Staats-Zeitung
Says Some Canadians Are
Conscript

The New York Staats-Zeitung, which despite many protests is sold at many Montreal news stands, has a front page article in its last issue, dealing with the Canadian army and "how Swiss citizens were forced by the Canadian authorities to enlist in the First Canadian contingent, says 'The Star.'
Directly translated the article reads:
"The French consuls in the various Canadian cities have informed the Swiss citizens that Germany has declared war against Switzerland and have invaded Swiss territory. These consuls went even further and demanded that the Swiss at once enlist in the Canadian expeditionary army in order to defend their mother country against the Germans. A few of the Swiss in Canada believed this and enlisted in the Canadian expeditionary corps and are now fighting the Germans on French soil."
"Turkish Victory."
A sensational report of how the Russian army is in wild retreat from the Caucasus where "the Turkish-

inferior in numbers—won a glorious victory," appears also.
"The Russians," the report says, "have been so decisively beaten that they can no longer defend themselves."
The Deutsches Journal prints stories in the same vein, of wonderful German victories and of British atrocities and defeats. The Russians, according to this paper, have been driven from East Prussia and in Serbia the entire army is in mutiny.
An incredible story of how the inhabitants of Liege are praising the German invaders as "saviours of their liberty" and "good Samaritans" is printed. The article is written—so the Deutsche Journal says—by a Belgian priest and "endorsed by practically the entire population of Liege."
Dislikes American Attitude.
Herman Ridder, the champion of the German cause in the United States, complains in a long English editorial of the attitude of the American press to the war. It is towards the "New York Sunday World" that Herr Ridder turns his wrath. And his terms are by no means moderate. Among other things he says of this editorial which speaks kindly of the cause of the Allies:
"It is sinister of intolerance and devoid of wisdom. Uncouth in its manner it is rooted to ignorance. With no measure of imagination it dismisses logic and stifles thought."
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