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**Heligoland in War Time**

THE following account of a visit to Heligoland has been communicated to "The London Times." Such a visit by a foreigner to this fortress during the war is an undoubted achievement. The island, from which the civil inhabitants have been removed, is in the hands of the German Navy. Work is proceeding on the fortifications, which are being strengthened, while gunners are engaged in testing and marching with new, big guns.

**Something New.**  
Kiel, Nov. 15.—"Very few people are allowed to go to Heligoland, and when I heard that no foreigner had gained admittance, to that holy of holies since the end of July, in order not to arouse suspicion I decided not to make a risky attempt of any kind. However, a better opportunity for going to Heligoland than I could have hoped for was awaiting me. For several reasons, which will be easy to understand, I shall not give the exact details of the means by which I succeeded in getting to the island. It is sufficient to say that I got there in a perfectly honest and fair way through a gentleman whom I entertained in a distant country two years ago and who knows the Bight of Heligoland and the island extremely well.

**Nervous Work.**  
When we left the little coast place in the Heligoland Bight in the afternoon it was already getting dark, and twenty minutes afterwards the very few miserable lights of the coast were no longer visible, and one could only see the lantern in front of our little steam launch. It was a pretty dangerous game to hurry along at full speed in these waters; it was so dark that we could hardly see a yard ahead. Suddenly we heard the noise of another boat so near us that I thought we were bound to crash into it the next instant, but just as suddenly it went past us. It was a torpedo-boat reconnoitering in the Bight.

My companion told me to look in a certain direction, and after two or three minutes a light appeared. Torpedo-boats were reconnoitering in the Bight and signalled to each other every few minutes.

**Warships Collided.**  
The necessity of such signals was demonstrated by an accident which occurred in the middle of October, when reconnoitering ships hurried along with all light out. Two of the fast-going German torpedo-boats collided in the light. Both were badly damaged, and one of them was in a sinking condition on reaching Wilhelmshaven. I had heard of this in Lubeck, but it was all very much brought home to me as we went on in the pitchy darkness of the Heligoland waters.

On arriving at Heligoland, I had no difficulties whatsoever, thanks to my companion. I could do nothing and see nothing of interest till the next day, as I had to stay indoors.

**Trials of Big Guns.**  
In the morning I heard a heavy cannonade. The gunners were practising and trying new big guns. I was not allowed to go anywhere near them.

The whole appearance of the island

has been entirely changed since the outbreak of war. Instead of the beautiful little bathing place of olden days one finds a huge fortress tremendously fortified.

Every inhabitant had to leave the island in order to lighten the work of the garrison. In the streets one sees nothing but sailors and naval officers. They are all busy from early morning till late at night improving the fortifications. A few skilled workmen and engineers are the only civilians to be seen, and they take a part in the defence works.

Five nurses are the only women on the island. The inhabitants, who are being housed and provided for in Altona, had to leave Heligoland at a moment's notice after the declaration of war.

The part of the island which is most altered is the Oberland. Many houses have been destroyed, many trees torn down to clear the way for guns, and there is everywhere an un-interrupted view of the sea.

Despite the change of scenery, the spirit of the garrison is good and bands are playing every afternoon.

I heard German sailors praise the humane behavior of the British blue-jackets, who without fear for their own lives, try in battle to save enemies as well as friends in distress.

Between 6 and 7 in the evening the hard and difficult night service commences—the careful watching of the sea. They watch and wait, night after night, hour after hour, in order not to be surprised by the powerful enemy.

**FRENCH FORCES  
MAKE HEADWAY  
TOWARD RHINE**

Have Been Very Successful  
in Their Invasion of Alsace  
and Lorraine—Captured  
Positions All Retained  
Preparing For Special Effort

Paris, Dec. 31.—The most intense interest is felt here over the development of the French invasion of Lorraine and Alsace. It is neither permissible nor ethical to reveal all that is known of the operations in the provinces so ardently desired by the people of France. All that can be said is that great events are imminent. Unwilling to publish a single phrase which might mislead or disappoint the people, the Government has taken an ultra-conservative view of the steady advance of the French troops toward the Rhine. There is no doubt, however, that great expectations are on the verge of being realized. Germany is menaced in a vital spot. Relaxation of activities in the west has resulted in great advantages to the advance in the east.

The German official reports contain a plain hint that the French are massing troops for a great effort in Upper Alsace. Apparently there is news of similar import in Paris but this cannot pass the censors. It seems probable that General Joffre has diverted large forces from Flanders and Northern France for the purpose of striking a hard blow in the east.

For several weeks the French columns have pushed forward from the bases at St. Die and Belfort, and have gained a firm foothold in Upper Alsace. The advance is broadly maintained and now controls the high roads leading to Colmar, to Meulhausen and to Altkirch. Aspath and Steinbach are either in French hands or invested, and Altkirch is virtually surrounded.

The French have repulsed every counter-attack and have pressed their invasion, thanks largely to a superiority of heavy artillery, the lack of which caused a precipitated withdrawal last August. The German artillery activity to the north, along the heights of the Meuse, has been due partially to an effort to force a withdrawal of the Alsace invaders by breaking the French strength near Metz and along the Lorraine border.

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**RAISED ARMY  
FOR TURKEY  
OVER-NIGHT**

Serve or Pay Up, Was the Order Issued and the Minister of War Soon Got the Men and Lots of Money as Well

Constantinople (via courier to Saloniki and mail to New York), Dec. 16.—Enver Pasha, Turkey's thirty-two-year-old self-styled "man of destiny," raised money almost overnight for the mobilisation of Turkey's soldiers. He did it by a wholesale threat of assassination of those who failed to find money.

How poor, nearly bankrupt, Turkey was able to maintain on a war footing, a respectable-sized army, has been one of the wonders of the war. The answer has been found in Enver Pasha. The War Minister alone saved the problem.

"We must have an army at once, to save our neutrality," he told his colleagues when the war broke out.

"It is impossible," was the unanimous cry of the other ministers. "We can't do it, Turkey hasn't enough money to properly equip one regiment, let alone an army. And we haven't enough men."

"Leave that to me," was Enver's answer. "I'll get the men and the money too. In the first place I'll threaten with death every man who doesn't answer the mobilisation orders. After I've had a dozen or so executed, and they find we mean business you'll see that we'll have all the men we want. Next, I'll announce that those wishing exemption can have it for £43 (\$190) and that will give us all the money we need."

**Scheme Works Well.**

The War Minister was a good prophet. His scheme was put into practice, and men and money both came rolling in. Employers found themselves facing the prospect of either giving up their employes or paying £43 each for their exemption.

As to give up their employes meant the ruin of their business, most of them paid the money demanded.

The ambassadors from all countries were hard hit. All employ many Turkish servants. United States Ambassador Morgenthau found himself about to be deprived of the services of ten men, whom he needed badly. He went at once to Enver Pasha.

"Surely, Your Excellency," he protested, "you don't mean to tell me that you are are going to deprive me of this help."

Enver looked him squarely in the eye and replied: "And, surely, Your Excellency, you don't mean to tell me that a great country like the United States is going to ask a poor struggling country like Turkey to give it £43. Why, only this morning my wife on her bended knees, begged me to exempt her favorite servant. I refused her saying that my country must either have the man or £43."

Ambassador Morgenthau made a profound bow. "I understood perfectly, Your Excellency," he said. "You need say no more."

**All Powers Assist.**

That afternoon Morgenthau sent his cheque to Enver for nearly \$2,000. What the American Ambassador did was also done by representatives of the other Powers. Britain, France, Russia, Belgium and Serbia, at the out set of the European war all helped to pay for Turkey's mobilisation. Likewise every rich Ottoman merchant who needed his servants contributed to the cause.

All Christians were kept out of the army, too, by the exemption rule. They would have hampered the Government in declaring a holy war. The Christians knew that they would be assigned to the very first ranks, so almost to a man they paid the exemption fee and escaped service.

Altogether, Enver not only succeeded in raising funds for the mobilisation, but he raised an army of 500,000 men, completely equipped on a war footing.

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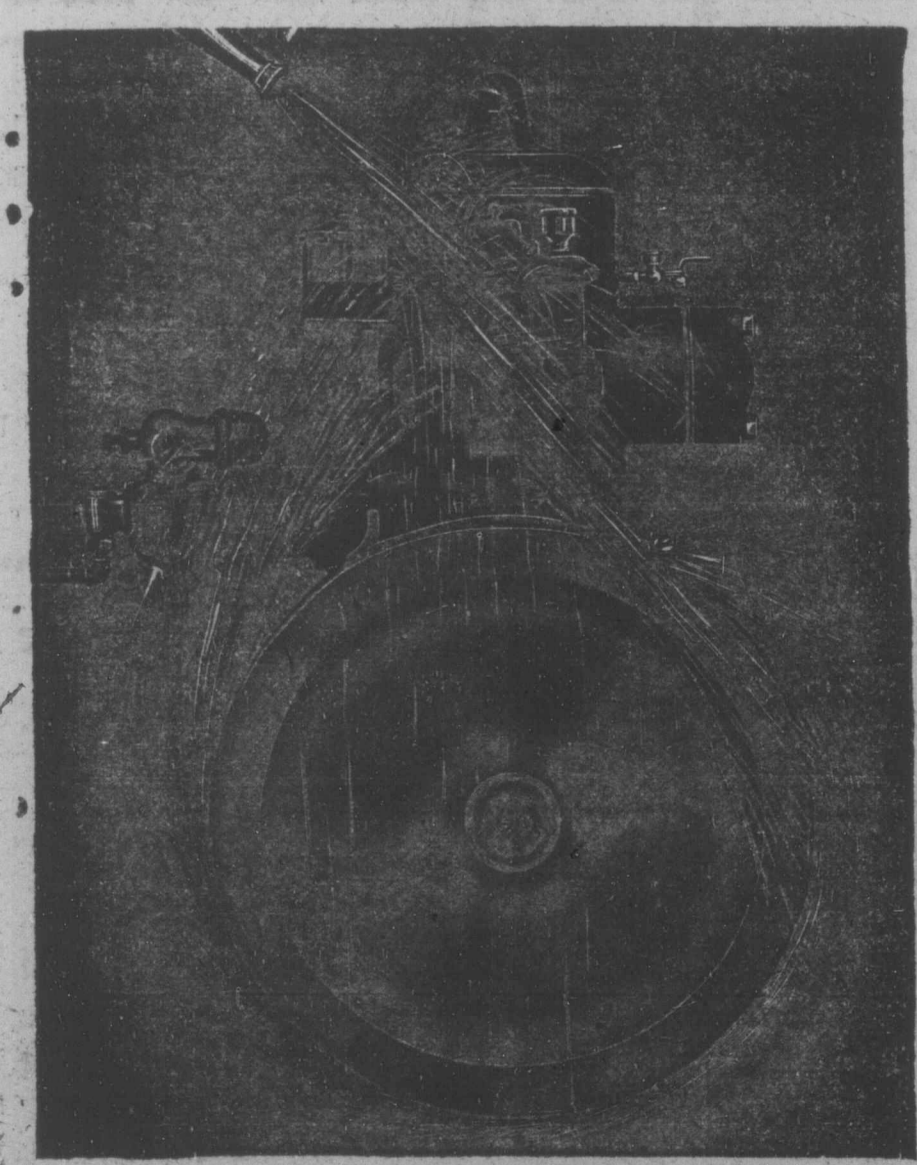
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