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An Experiment in Sympathy.

By RUTH CAMERON.



A letter friend once asked me to recommend to my readers that everyone of them go about for a day with his ears stuffed with cotton in order that he might understand the sufferings of the deaf, and learn sympathy and patience with them. I must confess that the suggestion then seemed to border on the grotesque and to my present shame I did not pass it on.

To-day I feel quite differently. You see, I have just passed through a period of temporary deafness caused by a violent cold, and the suggestion looks decidedly less grotesque. For though I have had considerable contact with deaf people all my life and have had good reason to know mentally all that they have to bear, I never knew it in my heart until to-day. It seems to me that deafness is one of those miseries which for some reason do not arouse their fair share of compassion. Blindness strikes a spark of sympathy from the heart of flint. No one would laugh or be annoyed at the gropings of a blind man but it is common to see both irritation and amusement displayed at the mistakes of the deaf. Indeed the misunderstandings of deaf people are considered perfectly good copy for the joke-smith. Imagine the blind man's errors being treated in this way!

No Sympathy For Sea Sickness.

Queer, is it not, how capricious we are about our sympathies. There are certain illnesses for which it is not possible to get any sympathy except perhaps from those who love us very dearly—seasickness for instance or a cold in the head. Yet what could make one more thoroughly miserable

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Strategic Move in German Coast Raid.

SEEN BY NAVY OFFICIALS AT WASHINGTON.

Herald Bureau.
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Washington, D.C., Wednesday.
"Where is the British home fleet?" This is the query that was on the tongue of every naval expert here to-night, when reports were received quoting the British Admiralty as stating that the German cruisers which thus bombarded the British coast towns on the North Sea had slipped away under cover of fog.

It is generally believed that the home fleet is not in the North Sea. The news of to-day recalled the disaster to the Audacious off the coast of Ireland and strengthened the impression given at that time that the great British home fleet, the strongest aggregation of big gun ships in the world, has sought refuge off the coast of Ireland, depending upon advice from fast scout cruisers to carry them news of any German raid, so that they may steam toward the North Sea in time to protect the British coast.

This is the supposed retreat of the British home fleet from the North Sea is that it was ordered to prevent the Germans from continuing their torpedo raids which threatened to cost the British navy some of its most costly and powerful units. Destroyer flotillas and mine defenses were evidently depended upon for the protection of the coast before the home fleet could be brought into action.

To-day's bombardment is regarded as a strategic manoeuvre which may have far reaching consequences. The first purpose, as explained by one of the foremost naval strategists, is to create a "scare" which will lead to hurried concentration and change of movement of the main British battle fleet and expose those ships to attack from unexpected quarters.

An examination of the latest naval data shows, this authority says, that the bombarded ports are without docks, yards or defences, and are, therefore, of no military value. For that reason he holds that the chief purpose of the bombardment was strategic—first, to produce a condition of excitement and panic among the English people, and second, to serve as a bait by which the four German cruisers making the attack will at once draw a large force of British ships away from their established lines of defence. The four German cruisers could not in themselves, this expert holds, be a serious menace to the British coast.

Discussion of the raid among the diplomatists friendly to the Allies, led to the expression of opinions that the first direct attack on British soil would in all probability develop advantages to England, by bringing the English people face to face with actual war, and would perhaps stimulate recruiting. Those in touch with the development of the naval situation so far in the war were of the opinion that the raid was rather a piece of strategy than an attempt to land troops on British soil.

At the British Embassy here to-day it was said that Scarborough was in no sense a fortified town, but in the absence of Admiralty reports of the German naval raid, embassy officials did not care to comment on the attack. Scarborough, military observers say, might logically be the ob-



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jective of a landing force because of its position on the two railways leading to Edinburgh and Hull.

In anticipation of such an event, Scarborough, like many other English coast towns, has been protected by barbed wire entanglements along all the roads leading from the coast inland. The famous Foreshore road-way, which formed the promenade of the summer resort along the water's edge, has been protected by sand bag intrenchments.

On the north cliff, overlooking the sea, barracks are situated which in times of peace are used chiefly as training grounds, the excellent race course making it especially practicable for cavalry manoeuvres.

It has been declared that the shallow harbor there, which makes the entrance of large ships impossible at low tide, would be no obstacle to



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small draught barges or transports, such as it is believed the Germans might use.

From information in possession of the Navy Department it also would seem that Scarborough is not fortified or defended. The port of Hartlepool, however, is among the list of defended harbors and consequently is subject to attack by a hostile force without notice of bombardment and without violation of the Hague convention.

The British Privy Council last August, issued in the form of an army order, for the benefit of merchant vessels, a list of all the harbors on the British coast that had been placed under martial law and which consequently were to be regarded as in a state of defence. The list follows:

Cromarty, Aberdeen, Tay, Forth, Tyne, Tees and Hartlepool, Humber, Thomas, Newway, Harwich, Dover, New Haven, Portsmouth, Portland, Plymouth, Falmouth, Milford Haven, Swansea, Cardiff and Barry, Mersey, Barrow, Clyde, Lough, Swilly, Belfast, Queenstown, Berehaven, Dublin, the Orkneys and the Shetlands.

Naval officers here were little surprised to hear of the appearance of German warships on the English coast. They had not only expected some such demonstration but have been puzzled to know why some such attempt had not been made before.

What It Means to Hold the Sea.

A return which the British Board of Trade has issued shows what command of the sea means to the British Empire, and to some extent illustrates the value of economic pressure on the enemy.

When the war began we had 10,123 steamers of 100 tons gross register or more, the total tonnage being 20,500,000. Germany had 2,690 such vessels, of an aggregate tonnage of 5,134,720. The state of things now is that we have lost forty-nine by capture, and Germany eighty; we have seventy-five detained in German ports, while the Germans have 166 detained in British and Allied ports; we have none held up in our ports, whereas the Germans have 329 in theirs; we have seventy-one held up in the Baltic or the Black Sea, while the Germans have 646 in refuge in neutral ports; and we have 9,328 which can still sail the seas, whereas the Germans are only known to have ten at sea, apart from 353 steam trawlers, 125 ships of over 500 tons, and a number of mail coasters, which are not accounted for.

Large Liners Hold German Prisoners.

German prisoners who are being sent to England from the war area are being held in large liners moored off the coast.

A lady correspondent writing to a reader of the Montreal Star, says: "This morning at Westcliff-on-Sea I saw a lot of German prisoners marching through the streets. They are taken aboard four large liners, which are moored off the pier, far enough away to prevent their escape."

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War News

Messages Received
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LONDON.
The Governor, Newfoundland.
The French Government
action chiefly confined to
and a night attack on Metz
acropolis.
The Russian Government
the German offensive check
ous points, and the enemy
heavy losses; also success
tions against the Austrians
ern Galicia.

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ST. PIERRE BULLETIN

PARIS, Jan. 2.—On
During the night 31st Dec.
Many, the enemy attacked
points of the battlefield, but
tack was repulsed. The
north of the line was the scene
New Year's Day of an artill
test, particularly sharp on
Dunes and at Zonnebeke.
George's the enemy ceased
ter attack, and all our
maintained. In Arras, Albe
Reve regions were att
The enemy blew up two of
sons between Beaunez and
court, but we overtook the
tranches at Paviillers Boiss
silenced the German fire op
court. Our artillery was
cessful in the Aisne district
the German artillery and di
several forces. We also
ourselves on Noyron Plateau
cavations effected by minin
tions. The Germans were
reach the position before
were able to dislodge
one of their counter attacks
Rhelms region was fiercely
ed. In the Perthes region
tured and held a wood situat
kilometres northeast of Me
Hurlins. The enemy failed
ter attack. In Gurie Wood
gonne, the slight drawback
yesterday, was insignificant.
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artillery duel, but not very
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gained on 30th Dec., with

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