BRITAIN'S NAVY AT WAR

SINKING OF THE AUDACIOUS WAS FIRST SERIOUS LOSS

Churchill Tells How Destruction of Capital Ship Was Kept Secret From Public For Three Weeks-Lord Fisher Replaces Prince Louis As First Sea Lord.

XI.—CHANGES AT THE AD-

By WINSTON CHURCHILL. After giving a full account of the anxieties of the Grand Fleet in the autumn of 1914 with re-gard to submarine attack, which prevented its resting secure in any of its bases, and of the strenuous efforts of the admir-alty to agreet the danger. alty to arrest the danger, Mr. Churchill proceeds:

The commander-in-chief, in accordance with the admiralty authorization, withdrew at the end of Ocfor a few days' rest and gunnery German mine-layer to those waters. route, but the shot aimed at the crow brought down an eagle.
On October 27 Prince Louis hur-

Audacious had sunk, he repeated his hope that the loss could be kep! secret. I saw great difficulties in this, but promised to bring the matter before the cabinet. Mean-while, I telegraphed to the commander-in-chief, October 28, 12:30

without the loss of a capital ship. I am sure you will not be at all expected three or four by this time, and it is due to your unfailing vigilance and skill that all has gone so well. The army, too, though with at least 14,000 killed and wounded, to your unfailing ask for all you want

First Serious Loss. Measured by military standards, the Audacious was the first serious

HEAD NOISES

and GET HELP

French had lost an army corps, every effort would be made to conceal it from the enemy. Why, then, should the navy be denied a similar free-dom? Lord Kitchener strongly supported me; and our views were eventually accepted by the cabinet. In the upshot, it took more than five weeks before the German admiralty learned that the Audacious had been sunk, and even then, they

they were not the victims of I do not remember any period when the weight of the war seemed tober to the north coast of Ireland to press more heavily on me than these months of October and Nofor a few days' rest and gunnery practice. By extraordinary ill-luck the arrival of the fleet off Lough Swilly coincided with the visit of a course was obvious, and when taken, we had only to wait for decis-German mine-layer to those waters.
The mine-layer had no idea of catching the fleet, or that British warships would be in those waters.

October and November the beast ships would be in those waters. Her objective was the Liverpool trade objective was the Liverpool trade grappling with and being overpowned. ered by a monster of appalling apparently inexhaustible strength on land, and a whole array of constant.

My own position was already My own position was already to some extent impaired. The loss of the three cruisers had been publicly attributed to my personal interfermatter before the cabinet. Mean-while, I telegraphed to the commander-in-chief, October 28, 12:30 and of having wantonly sent the squadron to its doom. Antwerp became a cause of fierce reproach. One might almost have thought I had brought about the fall of the city. ome through three months of war without the loss of a capital ship, am sure you will not be at all iscouraged by Audacious episode. I brigades was generally censured. The internment in Holland of three of their battalions was spoken of as a great disaster entirely due to my inexcusable folly. One unhappy has held its own along the whole phrase — true enough in thought line. Quite soon the harbors will be about "digging rats out of made comfortable for you. Mind you holes," which had slipped tongue in a weary from my speech at Liverpool, was fastened upon and pilloried. These were the only subjects with which my name loss we had sustained. She was one of those vital units in which we never were at that time more than six or seven to the good, and upon

six or seven to the good, and upon opportunity of defending myself. In spite of being accustomed to years of argued out in public or in parliamentary attack gave me an with them. The questions could be spite of being accustomed to years of argued out in public or in parliament. No formal indictment was six or seven to the good, and upon which all strategic calculations were which all strategic calculations were based both by friend and foc. When I brought the question of keeping her loss secret before the cabinet, there was a considerable division of opinion. It was urged that public confidence would be destroyed if it were thought that we were concealing losses, that it was bound to leak out almost immediatetly, and that the Germans probably knew already. To this I replied that there was no reason why the Germans should not be left to collect their own information for themselves; that the moment they knew the Audacious was sunk they would proclaim it, and that then we could quite easily explain to the public why it was we had preserved secrecy. I cited the effective concealment by Japan of the loss of the battleship Yashima off Port Arthur in 1904. If Sir John

CUT OUT THIS COUPON.

tow long have you had the noises? so the sound sometimes a hissing one? so the sound something a ringing

were by no means convinced that

news that the Audacious had been struck by a mine or torpedo north of Lough Swilly, and that it was feared she was sinking. In the afternoon the commander-in-chief telegraphed, urging that every entelegraphed, urging that every entelegraphed, urging that every entelegraphed, urging the telegraphed to be a day without the necessity of the world-wide trade of Britain protein some part of the world-wide ceeding almost without hindrance. Impossible, in the hearing of the enemy, to explain the intricate movement of reinforcements or expeditions escorted across every ocean from every part of the empire, or to unfold the reasons which rendered it impossible to bring the German fleet impossible to bring the German fleet to battle. There was our little army fighting for its life and playing, to British eyes, almost as large a part as that of France; and meanwhile our great navy—the strongest in the world—lay apparently in an inertia diversified only by occasional mishap.

Thus it happened that the adniralty was inconsiderately judged in this opening phase. To me, who saw the perils against which we had prepared and over which we had triumphed, and who felt a sense of profound thankfulness for the past and absolute confidence for the future, these manifestations of disconsiderations. ure, these manifestations of discor tent seemed due only to lack of understanding and to impatience par donable in the general stress of the times. But they were none the less disquieting. Nor was it easy to deal

I saw with anxiety and distress the growth of very widespread misgiving. I gather also from occasional remarks which he made that this atmosphere was becoming apparent to the first sea lord. He was thus coming to be placed in the invidious position of having to take great responsibilities and risks every day without that support in public considered in with that of the First Sea Lord. I slept usually an hour later in the morning, being called at eight instead of seven, and I slept again, if possible, for an hour after luncheon. This enabled me to work continuously till one or two in the morning without feeling in any way fatigued. We thus constituted an almost unsleeping watch throughout the STOP WORRYING ABOUT YOUR Don't worry about those head noises of yours, and don't neglect them. Worry only makes them worse, but something must be done or you may be deaf. without that support in public confidence to which he was absolutely fidence to which he was absolutely entitled, and with the certainty that accidents would occur from time to time. I was therefore not surprised when, towards the end of October. Irvince Louis asked to be relieved of his burden. The uncomplaining dis-

one? Have you had discharges from the Are the noises worse when you have a cold? Do the noises ever keep you awake at night?

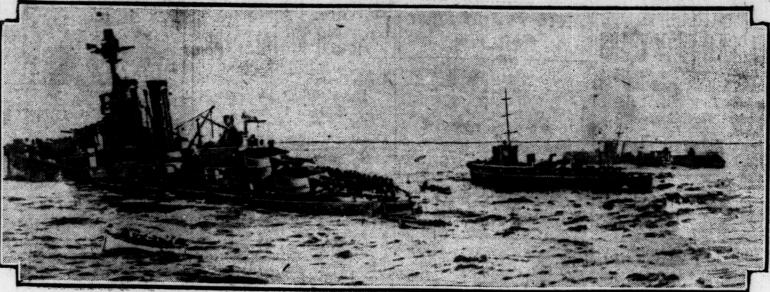
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Marlborough Blenheim for good or for ill, I had my way.



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H. M. S. AUDACIOUS SINKING AFTER BEING MINED IN LOUGH SWILLY.

trigue at home or the foe on the sea.

What Press Agents Say

About Coming Events

Marie Gladke and her associate

players are to open a season of

dramatic stock at the Majestic Theatre starting Thursday, March 1. The

company numbers ten players who have played together consecutively for three seasons, having filled long engagements in several cities of the

Dominion, including Winnipeg, Fort William, Kitchener, Ottawa, etc. This

is their first appearance in London.

All the Theatres

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Today-"The Dangerous Age,"

featuring Lewis Stone. Ionday, Tuesday—Lewis Stone

Monday, Tuesday—Lewis and Bebe Daniels in "The World's Applause." Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and

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Moments."

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FRITZ KREISLER, MASTER OF MELODY.

a new picture of Fritz Kreisler, one of the world's great masters n, who is to be heard here on March 7.

acclaimed as fine achievements. But with the first few incidents of misfortune a different note prevailed in circles which were vocal. The loss of the three cruisers marked a turning point in the attitude of those who in the evil times of war are able to monopolize the expression of public opinion. As the expectation of an imminent great sea battle faded the complaint began to be heard, "What is the navy doing?" It was perhaps inevitable that there should be a sense of disappointment as week succeeded week and the tremendous engine of British naval power seemed to to the admiralty was very important. He was as has been here contended, the was as has been here contended. He was as has been here contended. He was perhaps of his mind and the spontaneity of his mind and the spontaneity of his nature freed him from conventionalities of all kinds. His genius was deep and true. Above all, he was in harmony with the vast size of events. Like them, he was built upon a titanic scale.

Put he was 74 years of age. As in a great castle which has long contended. To this agreement we both scrupulously adhered. We had thus formed, for the first time, an overwhelmingly strong control authority over the whole course of the naval war, and were in a position to make our will prevail throughout the fleets and all branches of the naval administration, as well as to hold our own tended with time, the mighty central for a long time been accustomed to

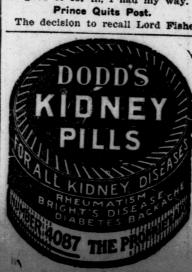
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Is the sound sometimes a hissing one? his burden. The uncomplaining dig-nity with which he made this sacri-of us from slumber fice and accepted self-effacement as a requital for the great and faithful service he had rendered to the Britservice he had rendered to the British nation and to the royal navy was worthy of a sailor and a prince. I had now to look for a successor, and my mind had already turned in one direction, and in one direction alone. Lord Fisher used to come from time to time to the admiralty, and I watched him narrowly to indee him miralty beat so strong and regular. watched him narrowly to judge his physical strength and mental alertness. There seemed no doubt about either. On one occasion, when invelghing against someone whom he thought obstructive, he became so convulsed with fury that it seemed that every nerve and bloodvessel in his body would be ruptured. However, they stood the strain magnificently, and he left me with the impression of a terrific engine of mental and physical power burning and throbbing in that aged frame. I was never in the least afraid of working with him, and I thought I knew him so long, that we could come through any difficulty together. I therefore sounded him in conversation without committing myself, and soon saw that he was flercely eager to lay his grasp on power, and was strongly inspired with the sense of a message to addit the sense of a message to a different the sense of a message to the sense of a message to a different the sense of a message to the sense o ness. There seemed no doubt about

coadjutor. I was well aware that there would be strong natural and legitimate opposition in many quarters to the appointment of Lord Fisher, but having formed my own conviction I was determined not to remain at the admiralty unless I could do justice to it. So in the end,

The decision to recall Lord Fisher



tended with time, the mighty central for a long time been accustomed to mass of the Donjon towered up intact and seemingly everlasting. But the outworks and the battlements had been declared lights. As long as the port and starboard lights, shone together all went starboard lights, shone together all went fallen away, and its imperious ruler dwelt only in the special apartments and corridors with which he had a tion which, while it remained unbroken, could not have been overthrown by inlifelong familiarity. Had he and his comrade, Sir Arthur Wilson, been To be Continued Monday.

(Copyrighted. All rights reserved.
Exclusive serial publication rights in London and district held by The London Advertiser. Copyright in United States of America.) born ten years later, the British nava direction at the outbreak of the great war would have reached its highest state of perfection, both at the ad-miralty and affoat. The new figures which the struggle was producing-Seatty, Keyes, Tyrwhitt—had not yet attained the authority which would have made them acceptable to the navy in the highest situations. Fisher

nd Wilson had outlived their con emporaries and towered above the aval generation which had follo hem. It was to these two great old men and weather-beaten sea-dogs, who for more than half a century had raved the battle and the breeze, and were captains affoat when I was in my cradle, that the professional conduct of the naval war was now to b The policy of the company is melo-dramic offerings with vaudeville be-tween acts, thus eliminating waits

Lord Fisher's age and the great strain to which he was now to be subjected made it necessary for him to lead a very careful life. He usually retired to rest shortly after 8 o'clock, awaking refreshed between four and five, or even earlier. In these morning hours he gave his greatest effort, transacting an im-

almost unsleeping watch throughout the This arrangement was also conveni-

ent from the point of view of business. miralty beat so strong and regular. We made the agreement between ourselves that neither of us should take any between acts. Popular prices will pre-

The opening play is entitled, "Here Comes the Bride." It is a comedy in three acts. This play was recently presented by the Vaughn Glaser Co. at Toronto, and elicited most favor-

Miss Gladke is known among people of the theatre as the "best gowned leading woman in stock," Her ward-robe is extensive and unusually biz-

INCOME TAX RETURN

April 30 Is Grace Date Only For Those Overlooked by City.

There are approximately 100 civic ncome tax payers who have not filed their earning returns, reports A. S. Glass, chief of that department in the

city hall. city hall.

"There is a misunderstanding," he said, "in connection with this. The recent bylaw passed by the city council does not mean that everyone has until April 30 to file returns, it means that April 30 is the latest date for the receipt of their return if they the receipt of their return, if they have not been notified by this office. "It is our intention to notify everyone with the customary form. compels a return within 10 days. Those whom we may overlook, how-ever, must file voluntarily by April 30. Just because they have not received notice does not exempt them and will not save them from police court action and conviction, if we choose to take such procedure, as we contemplate this year."

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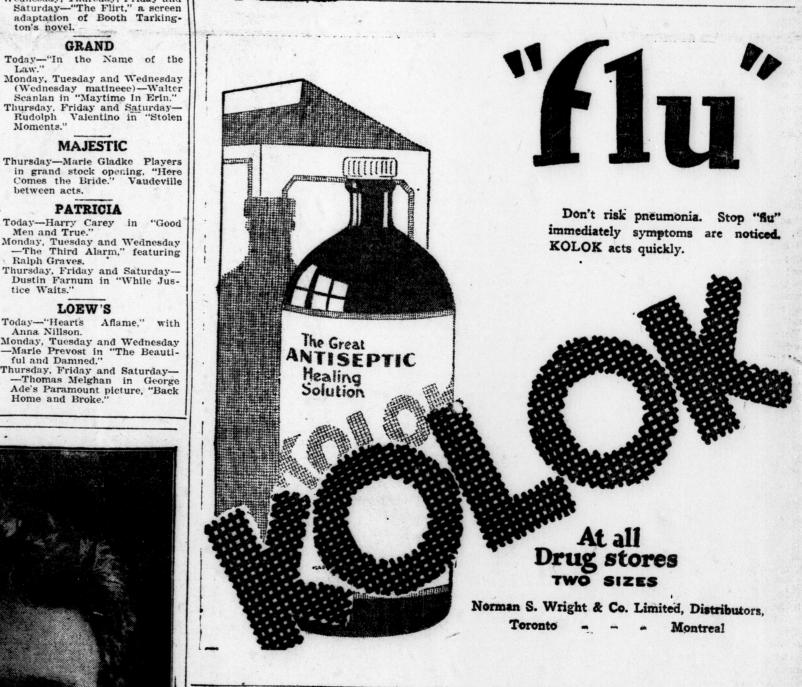
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