

## LANCERS CHARGE GERMAN BATTERY

Emulate, with Great Success, the Historical Light Brigade Dash

HOW the 9th Lancers charged and put out of action eleven of the enemy's guns at Thulin was graphically described by Trooper Walter Charman, who was wounded some weeks ago, and is now staying at his home at Blindley-heath on sick leave. He said:

"We spent the morning, under a hail of whizzing shells, in holding back the enemy in order that our infantry might withdraw. After we fed the horses we were ordered to mount and take shelter behind some cottages. The enemy's fire became more galling to our men, and we were told to prepare for action. There were eleven of the German guns on the outskirts of a wood a mile or so away. We could not see them, but they kept up an incessant fire.

**Bugle Sounded "Charge."**  
The A, B, and C Squadrons of the 9th Lancers joined up, the 18th Hussars and the 4th Dragoons being in support. I was in the C Squadron, and my officer was Captain F. O. Grenfell, and his twin brother, Captain R. N. Grenfell, was in command of B Squadron. Colonel Campbell said that the guns must be taken, and the bugle sounded the charge.

Away we galloped, over several fields of corn, under a hail of shells and rifle fire. We could then see the

gunners at work, and we became furious. We yelled and shouted, and frantically rode at them, all the time meeting a withering fire. The hissing and the scream of the shrapnel was terrific, but nothing could hold us back or check us. The rifle fire ceased. We must have ridden their infantry down.

**On to the Guns.**  
We cleared everything in front of us, and dashed through the barbed-wire entanglements. When within one hundred yards of the guns the gunners ran for shelter in the wood. Those who did not get away were cut up. We put the guns out of action and yelled like madmen.

Away we raced through another hail of shells from guns on our left, and there was a neck-to-neck race with death. When we pulled rein there were only seventy-two live horses of the 400 odd who faced the guns as the bugle sounded the charge, and many of those had to be killed because they were badly wounded.

**Took Shelter.**  
We took shelter under the railway embankment for three quarters of an hour, and shells from a distant hill were still bursting over our heads.

Our own battery of five guns was gradually being silenced, and my leader, Captain Grenfell, shouted, "We had to save those guns or the 9th Lancers will be wiped out." Out battery was being shelled, and the position looked hopeless.

We were again racing away, but this time to save our own guns. We had to face heavy fire, but we got our guns. There was only one gunner left, and he was about to fire his last shell when we rescued him and took the guns away.



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It was in this action that Captain F. O. Grenfell was wounded, and he was taken to the hospital, but would not remain there. He insisted on leaving, and as we withdrew from the village, he led his squadron.

The commander of the infantry division thanked us for what we had done, saying we had undoubtedly saved his men from being cut up. General French sent a letter of praise, which was read to the troops, who highly appreciated his action.

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## COULD GERMANS PAY INDEMNITY?

Financiers Say They Could, and Point Out How the Money Could be Raised

THAT Germany will have to pay a tremendous indemnity in the not improbable event of her being unsuccessful in the war, and that she can pay it, although it may take her decades to do so, is the opinion of bankers.

With conditions in the fighting zones as they are at present, it is considered premature—although the bankers have no misgivings as to the ultimate result—to definitely express opinions on the question of how Germany can pay, should she be called upon to do so.

**Lots to Adjust**  
Many matters may come up for adjustment, assuming Germany is—to use a slang expression—"put where she belongs"—which might mean relegation to a fourth rate power. Not only the allies, but also other countries may demand indemnity recognition.

The question of Germany's ability to pay, therefore, depends on what the demands will be; whether the war will be a short or a long one; and whether Germany's final defeat will come on present battle grounds or after prolonged fighting, and a march through to Berlin. If, and when, final defeat does come to her it is the opinion of a leading local banker that the enormous elimination of her fleet, and the tremendous reduction of her standing army, will enable the nation to take care even of the huge bond interest which will come from the indemnity.

**Germany Could Pay**  
"The war indemnity which will have to be paid by Germany in the event of her being defeated—which we all certainly expect will be the case," says a financier, "would, of course, be enormous, and would, I think, have to be done by a bond issue, and I believe an enormous quantity of these bonds could be absorbed, first, because the situation there is normally sound, and secondly, because of the patriotic standpoint."  
"A result of the success of the allies will mean that there will be an enormous elimination of the German fleet, except to the extent of police duty, and a reduction of the peace footing of the standing army to not more than 500,000 men."  
"This terrible burden being removed will, at once, enable the nation to take care of the bond interest which will come about from the huge indemnity."

**Another View of It**  
That the German financial position has been a precarious one for at least two years, is the opinion of another financier who goes so far as to say that Germany was nearly bankrupt before the war. He believes that her financial conditions had a considerable amount to do with the intention of Germany to force on a war as a possible means of extricating herself from a desperate financial position.

He is confident that Germany will have to pay, but he considers she will have great difficulty in doing so, and that the process will have to extend over many years. Germany, he points out, would have no right to complain if the allies demanded an immediate cash settlement, for this course has been pursued by themselves in regard to Liege, Louvain, Brussels and Antwerp.

**Indemnities Easy to Raise**  
"It is a wonderful thing," says an American money broker, "how quickly a large war indemnity can be raised. Suppose, for instance, that every man, woman and child in Canada had to pay ten cents a day. It does not sound much but it would mean \$800,000 daily."  
"Germany's indemnity would have to be raised by tax. To compete for the business which had been lost through the efforts of the Allies and the sympathy of those friendly to them, wages in Germany would have to be much reduced in order that lower prices could be quoted so as to get the orders. This would mean that many luxuries and semi-luxuries would have to be given up, owing to the tax."

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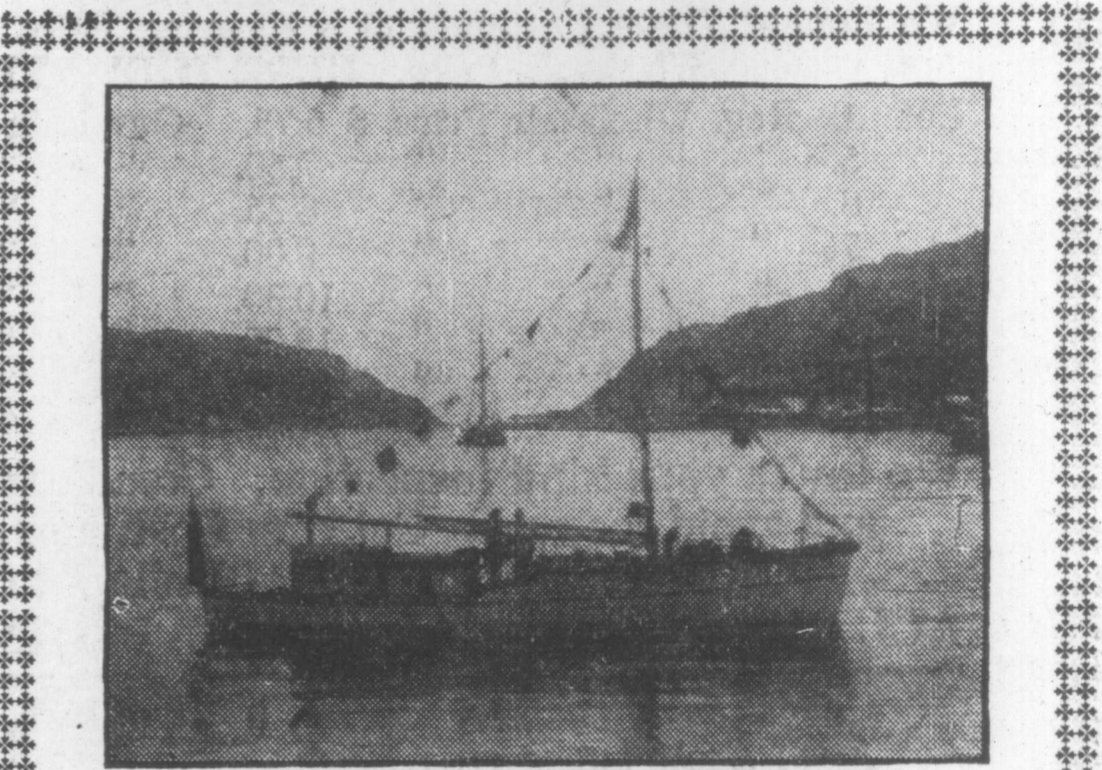
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