

security for their submarines. This at least the "Cologne Gazette" tells us :

"We have before all things to procure the requisite respect for our U-boats, for the life and security of our gallant, self-sacrificing bluejackets are of incomparably greater importance to us than the life of a criminal Englishman, which is in any case justly forfeit."

But if the Germans hope by such means to deter British merchant captains, they have blundered. "Small is their knowledge of our merchant seamen," writes the First Lord of the British Admiralty, whose "trade, indeed, is not war—they live by the arts of peace. But in no class does patriotism burn with a purer flame, or show itself in deeds of higher courage and self devotion. I doubt whether there is one of them to be found who is not resolved to defend himself to the last against piratical attack, but if such a one there be, depend upon it he will be cured by the last exhibition of German civilisation."