

BRITISH COMMAND OF SEA, FROM BEGINNING OF WAR, DOOMS GERMANY TO DEFEAT

(By Archibald Hurd, Naval Expert of The London Telegraph.)

There is no better way of concealing the truth than to use trite phrases which have passed into our every day speech. They are so familiar that they make little impression on the mind; no one pauses to think what they mean. We can trace their atrophying process in religion, natural science and politics. Just now in all the Allied countries there is talk of "the command of the sea." Who stops to consider what the words mean? Who ever calculates what the cost in human life and treasure would have been had the Allies not had "command of the sea"? Who, again, ever examines the facts to ascertain exactly why the Allies possess this advantage?

What course, for instance, would the war have taken if the British fleet had stood by, had not intervened in the struggle? The naval situation at the moment when Germany determined to trample on Europe's freedom was not a little remarkable. By means of successive naval acts Germany had first overtaken Russia, then Italy, and finally France, and she could count on the support of the Austro-Hungarian navy, which under her guidance had greatly expanded until it rivaled that of Italy. The Germans had so completely outdistanced all the other Continental Powers of Europe in ships of war that on the outbreak of hostilities they with the co-operation of Austria-Hungary were absolutely assured of the command of the sea if the British fleet did not move. The two enemies had an enormous preponderance in effective ships of all classes over France and Russia, and those ships, every seaman admitted, would be handled with enterprise and skill. The relation of the four navies is not generally appreciated. The following statement showing the ships of the four countries on the outbreak of war reveals the preponderance possessed by the Central Powers:

Deadweight	Germany	Austria	France	Russia	Total
Battle ships	16	3	19	4	42
Battle cruisers	5	5
Pre-dreadnoughts	20	12	32	19	83
Armored cruisers	9	3	12	19	43
Cruisers	48	10	58	13	129
Destroyers	130	15	148	84	377
Torpedo boats	80	58	138	150	426
Submarines	30	6	36	53	125

Barred German Landing on French Coast.

Sea command is still exercised by armored ships and cruisers. In the first line of battle, the dreadnought class, the odds were twenty-four to four at the outbreak of war. In the second, thirty-two to twenty-seven, but of the Russian ships several were shut up in the Baltic. In armored cruisers the struggle between France and Russia—the ships being mainly obsolete—was more apparent on paper than real in scouting ships. The Central Powers had no mean advantage. Even if Italy had joined the Powers in the dual alliance, Germany and Austria-Hungary, with strategic advantages of no mean value, would have possessed a sufficient margin against their opponents.

There would have been no blockade of the North Sea. What of that? It may be said, Well, it would have meant that the Germans could, with slight risk, have transported troops to any point on the French coast, taking the French army in the rear or flank. The advantage of the Germans would have lain in the ignorance—unavoidable—ignorance—of the French authorities of the spot chosen for disembarkation. The French fleet would have been tied in the Mediterranean by the menace of Austria-Hungary and the German navy would have had no difficulty, owing not to superior seamanship but to superior numbers, in seizing the command of the North Sea and English Channel. The sea in itself is no defence to a country like France, but menace in the absence of naval protection, for armies can be moved in these circumstances more easily by water than by land.

Would it have been a matter of no consequence if the Germans had had this sort of strategic surprise in their hands? There is good reason to believe that they had laid their plans for the invasion of France from the sea. It is reported that they had transports ready, as well as the troops to put in them, in the assumption that the British people, secure in their island, would conclude that the war was none of their business. But that is not all. The Germans would not only have obtained this overwhelming military advantage, but they would have been able to shut off all French overseas commerce. Think what that would have meant! No merchant ships throughout the duration of the war would have been able to enter or leave French ports without running the gauntlet of the enemy's patrols—cruisers, destroyers and submarines.

Not again is that all. France and Russia had no men-of-war of great fighting weight in the outer seas; the Germans were represented by some of their most powerful and swift cruisers. What would have been the fate of the mercantile marine of France? These merchant vessels represented in value many king's ransoms. About sixteen thousand sailing ships and two thousand steamships would have been in danger, together with their cargoes. What the fate of many of them would have been may be judged from the exploits of the Zenden, Konigsburg and other enemy cruisers before they were destroyed. Russia's merchant ships would have shared the same misfortune.

Strength of British Fleet Cause of German Hate.

For the period of the war—how long would it have lasted? Russia and France would have been to all intents and purposes, besieged. Neither country would have been able to use the sea for any purpose. That condition would have reacted on their military and economic power. They would have been in a position to bring in no food, raw materials nor munitions. The Germans, and not the countries of the Dual Alliance, would have had the run of the neutral markets of the world for munitions, men and money. On the American continent alone there were—and are—about 20,000,000 Germans and Austrians, who could have supplied not only men to reinforce the armies of the Central Powers in Europe, but men to make munitions and other men of great financial and industrial experience—some of them millionaires—to assist Germany in getting gold, raw materials for all purposes, and even luxuries. Life behind the lines of the German armies would have continued much as under peace conditions. The population of the German empire were eager for war because they believed that even if Italy joined Russia and France they could count on

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STORY OF ESCAPE FROM GERMANY

Major Anderson Eluded Guard and Transformed Uniform Into Shabby Suit—Saxons Kindly to Canadians

(Correspondence Toronto Telegram.)

London, Oct. 26.—After six months of captivity and a journey full of hair-breadth escapes, Major Peter Anderson of the Third Battalion, a Toronto regiment, prior to the war a wealthy brick manufacturer of Edmonton, is back again under the Union Jack, breathing the air of freedom.

Surrounded by overwhelming masses of Germans after the battle of Ypres, the major, one of the few survivors of the companies in the neighborhood, had perforce to surrender. In due course, he, together with a number of Toronto men, Major Arthur Kirpatrick, Captain Straight and others, was taken to the officers' prisoners-of-war camp at Keigelsheimenlager, Blieshoywarden, Saxony. And here he remained in captivity until a couple of weeks ago.

Just how he managed to escape, the Major will not say. In fact his lips are sealed as far as the press is concerned. He will vouchsafe no information whatever. Anyway he managed to elude the guard and to make his way through the barbed wire fences which surround the camp. Once out he discovered a place of hiding where he performed a lightning change operation in the way of apparel.

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Since his return to England, Major Anderson has been a visitor at the War Office, where it is said he was interrogated thoroughly concerning the condition of the prisoners' camps in Germany. He is one of the very few who have managed to escape.

The major, who has been in excellent health despite his long sojourn in Germany, is naturally delighted to be free once more and will probably get leave to go back to Canada for a month or more.

Since his arrival in England, four days ago, he had been staying in Lon-

don, but last night went down to Shorncliffe Camp to see Major-General Steell and a few old comrades. He will probably report there for duty, prior to getting leave to go to Canada.

A levy of British newspapermen besieged the major's hotel in Russell Square when they learned of his arrival, but the soldier had nothing to say to them. There are official reasons for his reticence.

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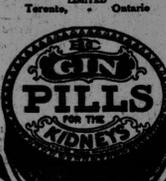
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