

As Captain Carpenter made clear at the Canadian Club luncheon, he was no orator of the prolonged speech-making variety, but he had a story of practical personal experience to relate which in itself was calculated to make, if not an eloquent orator, a word-artist of any man.

Through Captain Carpenter's narrative and descriptions the unquenchable spirit of the British navy was revealed "incidentally." Incidents will stand out in the memories of all who heard the hero. For instance: The sole survivor in the gun tower of the "Vindictive"; the four or five men who, after landing on the "mole" rushed a machine-gun, all being killed but one who, though wounded, attained the object; the amazing fact that one of the ships engaged in blocking the entrance brought back every man—including those who were meant to leave the ship sooner, but somehow fought the fate which would have had them miss the "fun"; that greatly-daring hero who swam ashore, made a detour at the narrow part of the channel, "silenced" a German machine-gunner and swam back—safely; those who, under fire at close quarters, managed to arrange successfully for the blowing up of the railway part of the pier, and then, when seeking to escape, found their steering gear at fault, etc.

The difficulties and untried conditions that had to be faced, and the dangers that had to be risked in making the attack were surpassed only by the simply marvellous success that crowned the plans and efforts of the attacking party. That Captain Carpenter himself came through unscathed seems something of a miracle when we know that men

who stood within a yard of him were killed, and when, as the photograph showed, the upper portion of the "Vindictive" was literally riddled with shot and shell.

"A glorified trench-raid," said Captain Carpenter—with an extended application of that fine spirit which makes officers give all the credit to their men, and prompts naval men in their triumph to give due honour to the sustained efforts of the men of the sister service; but all hearing the story and understanding the conditions under which the attack on Zeebrugge was made, could not doubt that no raid into enemy territory was ever made under more daring, dangerous and disadvantageous circumstances, and with less prospect of the complete success that followed.

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#### TURNING A "TRIAL" INTO A "REBELLION"

Among the many copies of the Bible which, even if only few were distributed, became notable for printers' errors, there was one in which "Printers" took the place of "Princes," so that a sentence in holy writ proclaimed—

*"Printers have persecuted me without a cause."*

General readers, without experience of printing work, who scan publications and note a typographical error here and there, may think it remarkable that errors get through. But acquaintance with the condition of some of the "copy" received by the printer, especially in the days before typewriting was so common, and also with proofs as occasionally passed to publishers, would lead people to ponder, with another application, the words of Burns: