How the 'Undaunted' Sank the Destroyers.

London, October 24.—The first good description of the sea fight last Saturday which resulted in the sinking of four German torpedo boat destroyers off the Dutch coast by the British cruiser Undaunted and the torpedo boat destroyers Lance, Lennox, Legion and Loyal, is given by an officer of the Undaunted.

"When heading northward," the officer said, "we saw the smoke of four German vessels. The captain immediately ordered us to clear for action and to chase them. We steamed at top speed with the destroyers in chase of the Germans. It was an unforgetable sight. Our nerves were strained and everybody was as keen as mustard over our luck.

"The Germans turned about and fled, but we had the advantage in speed and soon they were in range of our six-inch bow chasers. Seeing themselves cornered the Germans altered their position, and answered our fire, aiming mostly at our destroyers.

Lusty cheering rang from our ships as the first German destroyer disappeared. A shell struck her just below the bridge and she toppled over on her beam ends like a wounded bird, then righted herself to a level with the surface and finally plunged bow first beneath the waves. It was over with her in two minutes.

"In less than an hour after we had sighted the Germans the second destroyer was out of action. She was ablaze fore and aft, showing what the fearful shell work was doing. As one shell hit her the funnels, bridge, torpedo tubes and deck fittings all disappeared like magic.

"We actually passed over the spot where the first vessel was sunk and for the space of a couple of seconds as we tore through the water at the rate of over thirty knots an hour, we saw poor wretches floating about, clinging to charred and blackened debris and other wreckage. It was a pitiable sight, but we had two more combatants to put out of action and were forced to speed along and try to forget the sight.

"The second ship, still a mass of flames, had sunk to the level of the water, and we soon had the remaining two holed and maimed. Their firing was poor, though several of their shells flew around us and cast shrapnel bullets about us.

"The enemy fired many torpedoes, one of them missing the Undaunted's stern by only a few yards. Fortunately we saw the bubbles it made as it approached and thus avoided the fate of the Aboukir (a British cruiser sunk recently by a German submarine).

"An hour and a half after the Germans were sighted all was over with them and the order was given to save life."

"Bell" Chartered.

BY DOMINION COAL COMPANY.

The s.s. Bellaventure, Capt. Randell, which is now returning from the far north, having finished her engagement with the Canadian Government, will not come on to St. John's, but will call at Sydney where she will take up a new charter, negotiations in that direction having been completed between the Dominion Coal Company and Messrs. A. Harvey & Company, the owners of the ship. She will be engaged for about a month and will run to Newfoundland ports, bringing coal cargoes from Sydney. Possibly she will make a trip here.

Reids' Boats.

The Argyle is due at Placentia to-day from west.

The Bruce leaves North Sydney to-night.

The Clyde sailed from Lewisporte at 2.40 p.m. yesterday.

The Dundee left Port Blandford at 5.35 a.m. to-day.

The Ethie left Clarenville at 10 a.m. to-day.

The Glencoe left Harbor Breton at 2.15 p.m. yesterday, going west.

The Home reached Lewisporte at 4.40 p.m. yesterday.

The Kyle is due at Twillingate from north.

The Lintrose arrived at Port aux Basques at 6.50 a.m. to-day.

The Meigle is north of Flower's Cove.

The Sagona arrived at Domino at 3 p.m. yesterday, going north.

A "K'nut."

"There's many of us have had to treat ourselves to new suits wherever we could pick them up. There's a Highlander beside me who is rigged out in the boots of a Belgian infantryman killed at Mons, the red trousers of a Frenchman, the khaki tunic of a Guardsman, and the Glengarry cap of his own corps. When he wants to look particularly smart he wears a German cavalryman's cloak."—Sapper T. Gilhooly, R.E.

Cape Report.

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-Day.

Wind E. N. E., light, weather dull and rainy. The dredge Priestman passed in yesterday; the S. S. Eretria passed west at 10 a.m. to-day and Nascople inward at 10.05 a.m. Bar. 29.84; ther. 40.

Ten Thousand are Held Off Five Days

BY FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY IN FORT.

Paris, Oct. 23.—It has already been related how gallantly the little Fort de Troyant defied the Germans on the Meuse, but it is only now being realized what a service its garrison rendered the Allied forces.

For five days, four hundred and fifty of them kept ten thousand Germans at bay, notwithstanding their awful pounding from the guns that overthrew Liege, Namur and other strongholds.

After two days' bombardment the Germans tried to take the fort by storm. They got within ten yards, but fell back in such numbers that the survivors had to withdraw. The next day they summoned the garrison to surrender. "Never," was the reply. "Then we shall shell you with our heavy guns until your fort is only a heap of cinders."

When the siege was raised, practically nothing was left of the forts, while more than half of its defenders had been buried alive in its ruins. The captain in command was wounded in 28 places, and his lieutenant lost a leg.

The Governor of Verdun came in person to congratulate the garrison on its magnificent defence, and, ever since, a stream of generals and high officers from all sides has come to see the damage done.

Every regiment that passes has orders to halt and render the garrison military honors. The defenders are being loaded with presents in recognition of their bravery.

Children Hate Oil, Calomel And Pills

"California Syrup of Figs" best for tender stomach, liver, bowels—tastes delicious.

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a teaspoonful given to-day saves a sick child to-morrow.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. See that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

Have You an Itchy Spot?

Somewhere on your body? If so, attend to it at once. In Eczema—and itchy spots, whether dry and scruffy, or moist and inclined to "weep," are generally eczematous—delays are foolish, allowing the disease to spread and affect more of the good skin. Your best chance for a cure is to use Zylex, which will give almost instant relief, and if used in the earlier stages of the trouble will almost certainly bring a cure, and in any event will greatly ameliorate the trouble. Ask your druggist about it. Price 50c. a box. Zylex Soap, 25c. a cake.

ZYLEX, London.

Otto Hess.

Red McGhee says:

When Hobson, Dewey, Roosevelt, Schley an' all the rest o' the girls, then stuck his Stetson on his curls an' hiked. 'Twas Otto Hess.

He lit some in the Philippines an' southpaw forked canned beef an' beans till Unk Sam called him back. Not wantin' to be president, he lot 'Ted grab that job an' went to learn the pitchin' knack. His slants turned out so bullet-like it didn't take him long to hike from bushleague to the Naps. But Otto loved the old balloon an' might take passage for the moon 'bout half way through his scraps.

Back South the ring-haired soldier went an' he hung 'round New Orleans' tent to tame his wild left wing. When he came back it brought a laugh. Nobody thought he'd stand the gaff around the all-star ring. But Otto sticks along somehow—he's with that battling Brave gang now an' cops wins once'n a while. He ain't no winnin' pitcher, bo, but some must do the losin'. So, ol' Hess adopts that style.

FADS AND FASHIONS.

All kinds of gold laces and tassels give the season's fashions a note of richness.

Full racial frocks with wide hip girdles are all the rage, both for girls and women.

The new long Russian coats not only flare around the foot, but are long waisted.

A foreign model was made with skirt of blue-and-white-striped silk and a blue blouse.

Opalescent sequins, which give the effect of mother of pearl, are seen on evening gowns.

Very soft silk, with a bit of military braiding, makes a charming blouse for a young girl.

Children's hats are frequently of the mushroom shape, and are very soft with velvet crowns.

Germany's Big Canal.

Up to the present the Kiel Canal has proved a much more profitable investment for the German people than the vast fleet which is at present hiding.

For many years Prince Bismarck had cherished the idea of connecting Emden with Kiel Harbour by means of a great waterway, which would enable squadrons of warships to traverse the whole coastline free from external interference. The construction of the canal was begun in 1887, and after eight years' work—in 1895 —it was formally opened to commerce in the presence of a large international fleet.

The length was sixty miles, and it then had a normal width of 72 feet at the bottom and 220 feet at the water level, with a depth of 29½ feet. Although it is a sea-level canal, twin locks were built at each end, those at the western entrance to rectify the large tide variations of water-level due to gales in the practically tideless Baltic. These locks were 492 feet long, 82 feet wide, and 32 feet deep. Those at Kiel remained open most of the time, while those at the mouth of the Elbe did not need to be used at certain tides.

By saving a dangerous voyage round the stormy coasts of Denmark, the canal proved of great value to trading vessels, but, as recent events have demonstrated, its strategic value is even greater.

With the coming of the Dreadnought type of battleship it was found necessary, however, to reconstruct the canal, in order that it might accommodate these huge vessels.

The normal width of the canal is now 335 feet at the surface, and 144 feet at the bottom, with a depth of 36 feet. New twin locks have been built alongside the old ones at each end. They have an available length of 1082.6 feet and width of 147.6 feet. Intermediate gates may be used to cut off a chamber 328 feet long.

The work of reconstructing the canal cost about £11,000,000. The new locks were formally opened by the Kaiser last June by the Emperor's yacht Hohenzollern breaking a ribbon of black, white, and red stretched across one of the new locks.

Sulphate of Ammonia.

St. John's Gas Light Company.

Dear Sir,—I have analyzed a sample of Sulphate of Ammonia made at your Works, and I found 20.5 per cent. of NITROGEN, Sulphates of Ammonia and Nitrate of Soda are the two principal Nitrogen manures.

Sulphate of Ammonia is less soluble than Nitrate of Soda, consequently it is a safer manure to use during a wet season.

Yours truly,

D. JAMES DAVIES, B.Sc., F.C.S., Analyst and Assayer.

STREET IMPROVED.—The lower section of Prescott Street which was recently repaired has satisfactorily withstood the test of the heavy rains of late. The catch pits have been improved and the street is well graded. When the upper section is completed the whole street will be in first class condition.