

ATTACK BY SEA UPON GERMANY HELD TO BE HOPELESS PROPOSAL

Fortifications of Heligoland Too Strong for Allied Fleets to Break Through.

COST TOO HEAVY, IS VIEW

Island Batteries, Says Correspondent, Could Better Ships to Places Before Vessels' Guns Could Be Used.

By Karl H. Von Wiegand

(Copyright, 1917, International News Service) New York, Aug. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Why doesn't England with her vast fleet, the greatest fleet in the world, attack the Heligoland, the German bases at Wilhelmshaven and at Zeebrugge, on the German coast? That is a question much asked. Even in England voices are heard demanding that the fleet attack the German coast.

The answer is simple. It cannot be done. Certainly not without tremendous losses for very doubtful results. And even if Germany herself had not a pretty good fleet aside from her U-boats, it would be more than difficult. The advantages are all with the Germans.

Most Powerful in World A direct frontal naval attack is well nigh impossible. No fleet in the world could get past the Heligoland or "Holly Island." Heligoland is today probably the most powerful fortress in the world, more powerful than Gibraltar, because it cannot be attacked from land. Naval experts have declared that Heligoland cannot be taken by the combined fleets of the world. That is the answer why England has not attacked the German coast.

Heligoland is Germany's powerful and impregnable "outpost" at sea. So far as a naval attack on Germany's coast line is concerned, it practically stands off and neutralizes the entire British fleet. And England gave this island to Germany.

England "Swapped" Island In the eighties, Emperor William must have had an inspiration. He traded Germany's interest in Zanzibar on the east coast of Africa, to England for the little "Holly Island" in the North sea off the German coast. Only 580 feet long and 1445 feet at its widest, with action of the waves rapidly wearing it away, England was glad to make so good a bargain for something that soon would be swallowed up by the North sea any way. The Germans thought so too.

William was rightly abused for his "swap." He was told that the English had "put one over on him." The Kaiser immediately set the German scientists to work to discover a way to prevent further erosions of the soft red cliffs of the island. They succeeded. They encased the little island in something which has hardened the

step cliffs so that the waves no longer wear them away.

Guns Control Approaches Heligoland lies 36 miles from Cuxhaven, the harbor of the Hamburg-American line. Its guns absolutely control the approach to Wilhelmshaven and the Kiel canal, the mouth of the River Ems leading to Hamburg, and also the mouth of the Weser river, leading to Bremen and Bremerhaven, the port and harbor of the North German Lloyd.

Heligoland rises abruptly 195 to 215 feet above the water. It simply bristles with invisible guns of huge calibre and great range. They are largely of the "mortar" or "indirect fire" type which shoot in high curves, the immense shells dropping upon warships from long range naval guns. Every yard of the North sea for miles around the island and all approaches to the German coast is plotted in little squares. The exact range and distance of each of the hundreds of little squares is known. When a warship enters one of these squares, even though it be 16 or 20 miles away a battery of four guns is automatically trained on that square.

The range or fire control officers call out "square 257," or what it may be. One salvo, so accurately placed, would destroy the largest dreadnaught. No ship could even get close enough to the island to use her guns. During the three years of this war no British ship has ventured within range of the little "Holly Island."

Fleet Would Have Little Show Rising abruptly out of the sea to a height of 300 feet there is only one small landing place. The little harbor is a submarine base and a hydroplane station with many machines for sea scouting. In addition, there is or was on the island a sunken Zeppelin and a Zeppelin stationed there.

Behind Heligoland are numerous small islands along the coast on which are large batteries, not to mention the powerful fortifications at Wilhelmshaven, Cuxhaven and the mouth of the Weser river. Then there are the mine fields and the submarines.

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Troops on Guard at Butte Butte, Aug. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Troops today are patrolling the roads leading to copper mines in this vicinity to protect miners against any interference from I. W. W. Orders were issued to the troops to place the troops on guard were received here late yesterday. This action is in keeping with the government policy to keep the copper mines open.

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out dependents or who does not allot half of his pay, may be compelled by the government to deposit, up to half his pay with the government at 4 per cent interest, compounded semi-annually.

If total disability results from injury or disease compensation runs from a minimum of \$40 to a maximum of \$75 a month for enlisted men and up to \$200 a month for higher officers. If an officer cannot receive this disability allowance if he receives retirement pay.

Advances of \$1000 Possible He would be fitted with artificial arms and legs. If he wanted to start a store, he could collect a \$1000 advance on his compensation. The base pay at the rate of \$20 a month.

If the man dies, his funeral expenses, not to exceed \$100, will be paid. If he leaves his wife, two children and a mother, they get \$50 a month, in addition to the \$5000 or \$10,000 insurance he may carry at \$8 per \$1000.

Under the old pension system, this family would receive only \$16 to \$24 a month. Of the \$50 on the death of his mother, \$10 a month will be cut off. If the wife remarried, she would get the \$50 a month for two years; then would drop to \$25 until the first child was 18, and thereafter to \$15, being stopped altogether when the second child was 18.

Can Retain War Insurance This holds good whether a man dies during the war or after he is out of it. If the wounds were suffered in America's service.

After he leaves the service he can retain his \$5 per \$1000 insurance at the rate and change it into a policy maturing earlier than the regular war policy—that is, before death.

The bill provides for reorganization of the war risk insurance bureau of the treasury department to handle this phase of the law. It divides the bureau into two sections, one marine and one military and naval insurance. Each controlled by the bureau.

Passage to Be Pressed The bill was introduced into the senate by Senator Simmons and in the house by Representative Alexander. It will be pressed to passage this session.

"Because we are drafting and compelling men to make, if necessary, the supreme sacrifice, a higher obligation rests on the government to mitigate the horrors of war for the fighting man and his dependents." Secretary McAdoo declared in a letter to President Wilson, explaining the measure.

The compensation should not be offered as a gratuity nor deferred until the end of the war. The wives, children and other dependents should not be left as in other wars, to uncertain charity. The man should know in advance that if they come back armless, legless and sightless they are not going to be left to uncertainties of future legislation or the scandals of the old pension system.

Court Held Not Excessive "It may be suggested that the cost of this system is too great. I have no patience with such a suggestion; only compassion. If the annual cost of doing justice to our fighting men and

their families should be \$500,000,000, \$600,000,000 or \$700,000,000 per annum, it is insignificant compared with what those men do for their country.

"We are contemplating expenditures during 1918 exceeding \$10,000,000,000 for the war, for the creation of armies and death-dealing instruments to be used in destroying enough life to restore peace and justice to the world.

Should we hesitate to spend an amount equal only to about 6 per cent of that for the protection of the widows and orphans, the dependent and the injured who, after all, make the greatest sacrifices?"

MAZAMA CLIMBER IS LUCKY, AS AVALANCHE BARELY MISSES HIM

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urday. Because of the intensely thick underbrush surrounding the base of the peak it is probable that the climbers will spend Friday night in a camp at the timber line.

The Mazama camp is located at the northeast side of Paradise Lake in a place well sheltered by the heavy timber. The lake is a beautiful body of water completely surrounded by very high mountain ridges and the quiet water is an irresistible lure for the fishermen and bathers. Dozens of fishermen are out daily and the camp is well supplied with plenty of mountain trout every morning for breakfast. The fishermen are compelled to clean their own strings, because the cooks say that they could do nothing else if they had to handle the fish.

Fishing Is Good The best strings have been caught so far by William L. Pinkley, state biologist, and Herman Bohlen, Mr. Pinkley came to Mazama after a day of fishing from the lake, after two hours' fishing, with a string of 55.

Daily side trips are being taken by groups of the campers. Hunt's Cove, a beautiful hanging park to the south of the lake, is the favorite side trip.

Rev. A. J. Montgomery, Rev. Henry Marcotte of Kansas City, Mo., formerly pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church of Portland, and Bernard Montgomery, reached the camp Wednesday night after dark. Dr. Marcotte and his son have climbed Mt. Jefferson several times, and Dr. Marcotte, who came to Portland to spend his vacation, is anxious to reach the top of the mountain.

Courtplaster Leads To Suspect's Arrest Cleveland, O., Aug. 10.—(I. N. S.)—A large quantity of supposedly infected courtplaster was found in an apartment raided by detectives this morning.

A man of German-Polish descent, whose name is withheld, is under arrest and will be turned over to the federal authorities later today.

The courtplaster bears the mark of a Chicago manufacturer.

The arrest was made on information given by a negro arrested in Memphis, who said he had obtained his supply of courtplaster from an agent in Cleveland.

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COMPENSATION, INSURANCE BILL IS INTRODUCED

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ly, for a separation allowance to be paid by the government, for a graduated scale of payment for a total or partial disability, for a death indemnity and for the insurance.

If a man who fails to make application for insurance on the \$7 to \$3 per thousand insurance plan is killed, the government presumes him to have made application for a \$5000 policy and pays his widow or his estate that amount.

For separation support of dependents the bill provides that \$15 of the enlisted man's \$33 a month goes to his wife. The government, if there are two children, gives the wife \$29 a month in addition to that, making the minimum income \$47.50. Five dollars additional is allotted for each additional child. The father may give more than \$15 from his pay if he wishes.

If the man's father or his mother is also dependent and he gives \$5 a month of his pay for that, the government gives \$10. Thus a private with a wife, three children and a mother dependent can, by allotting \$20 of his \$33, get \$47.50 from the government, making \$67.50 for his dependents.

Disability Pay Is Provided The bill provides that a man with-

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