

LORD LEE HELD IN ERROR; OBJECTIONS IN FRANCE TRACED

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London, Feb. 6.—A point of apparent minor, although of real importance, inasmuch as it concerns the question of good faith, needs to be cleared up between France and England.

It relates to the articles on German submarine warfare by Captain Castex, which were cited by the first lord of the admiralty, Lord Lee, in a speech before the sub-committee on naval limitation at Washington on December 30.

These articles, Lord Lee contended, expressed approval of German submarine methods. The alleged inaccuracy of Lord Lee's quotations from these articles are used as argument in France—a resentment which was accentuated by his contention that the general meaning of the Castex articles was an original description, when, in fact, the Ambassador Jusserand drew attention to the inaccuracy.

This is a point requiring elucidation. In his original statement Lord Lee said: "Now this officer who has been appointed principal lecturer to the senior officers' course, will no doubt, unless there is a change of policy, be pouring what we regard as infamy and poison into the officers of the French navy. That is justification for what I can only describe as our apprehensions. Even the bitterness we feel in the thought that under any conceivable circumstances our present allies and late comrades in arms should contemplate the possibility of warfare of that kind."

GERMAN SPIRIT SHOWN
Earlier in the same speech, Lord Lee alluded to Premier Briand's quotations from opinions expressed by Ludendorff and Moltke as showing the aggressive tendencies of Germany. By implication he assigned equal importance to the articles in the Revue Maritime by Castex, whom he described as the chief of staff and admiral of the second division in the Mediterranean, and designated as the principal lecturer of the senior officers' course next year.

Whether Castex is or is not the French equivalent of Ludendorff is a secondary matter. The main point is whether Lord Lee quoted and interpreted him correctly. Since at home Lord Lee's quotations made it seem doubtful whether the text of the actual articles were before him, I have made it a point to secure the issues containing them, and to study them carefully. Castex, whose reputation appears to be that of an officer more addicted to the exercise of his literary gifts than of practical navigation, published in issues of the Revue Maritime in January, February, March and April, 1920, a series called "The Synthesis of Submarine Warfare."

Not until the Frankfurter Zeitung called attention to them was their existence revealed to the public. It would be of some importance to ascertain whether Lord Lee's quotations were translated from original French or otherwise.

BRITISH OVERTHROW SEEN
It would be difficult to understand why, when quoting from the first article he read the passage:
"Thanks to the submarine, after many centuries of effort, and thanks to the ingenuity of man, an instrument is at hand which will overthrow for good and all the naval power of the British empire."
Without saying that the paragraph began with the words:
"Thus the Germans reasoned."
There is no doubt that in the form in which he made them Lord Lee's quotations from Castex' first articles were incomplete, unfair and misleading. If he, or any of his advisers, understands French and prepared from the original texts the extracts he read at Washington, these omissions are unpardonable. But if he and his adviser had before them only a general summary of Castex' articles and concluded from such summaries that the general argument of the article was so reprehensible as to merit denunciation in an international conference the question becomes broader and merits closer examination.

Yet, even in this case, it is strange that the first lord of the admiralty should not have maintained more strongly than he did that Castex' thesis was in broad agreement with the contention of the British delegation that submarines are a much over-rated weapon.

That this was not absent from Lord Lee's mind was shown in the following passage from his speech of December 30:
"There are many other passages of similar description (from the Castex articles) interspersed with them is the laying down of a doctrine regarding the submarines to which we heartily subscribe."

Unless I have entirely misread the Castex articles this "doctrine" is "not inspired" among them, but is the essence of his whole argument. This seems to have been overlooked by Lord Lee and his advisers, who fastened it to some questionable passages regarding justification of German submarine warfare from a strictly military point of view and have given this unfair prominence.

UNFAIRNESS IN OMISSION
The unfairness resides not so much from the quotation of these passages as the omission to point out the major premise by which the whole was governed. Castex' articles were written from what Arthur Balfour, in another connection, described at Washington as "a cold, calculated point of view of a member of a general staff." Indeed Balfour claimed on December 23 that this was the point of view from which the sub-committee on limitation of armaments had to look at the whole submarine problem: that although, naturally, it was hoped and believed that international peace would reign in the Mediterranean, her position was that other countries had to be considered from a cold and calculating standpoint.

Why, therefore, Lord Lee should display so much indignation because two years earlier a French naval officer had written from a cold and calculating point of view is hard to comprehend.

Castex' articles begin with a historical sketch of "Great European Perturbations." They outline the histories of wars with the claim that there has been "a disturber nation" approximately every century. He points the coitions formed against these disturbers, adding: "There is a constant English factor. England plays in the conflict a part always identical, the controlling, decisive, salutary political part, saving the liberty of the world. England has always been the pillar and redoubt of coitions against disturbers."

CONDEMNED BY HISTORY
Castex explains the importance of sea power in these conflicts and deals with the failure of regular warfare on British commerce. He defines the expression, guerre de commerce, meaning war

against "commerce and industrial warfare" and declines to discuss the justification of privateering, because "the case has been heard—privateering is condemned by all history." Therefore he condemns the idea of French naval writers who, in the past have advocated privateering or industrial war in order to overthrow England. He reviews the Germans' initial dependence upon surface raiders, then their resort to "submarines, with the argument that 'what had formerly been condemned as a failure became a child's play to the submarine, and after some centuries of waiting, thanks to human ingenuity, there is at least an instrument that will overthrow for good and all the English naval power.'"

This passage is one of the chief passages quoted by Lord Lee at Washington, and it was quoted without its context, so imperfect a translation that it suggests doubt whether he, or whoever made the translation, had the original before his eyes.

But Lord Lee insisted also on Castex' justification of German submarine warfare. This portion of the Castex article must be read in the light of what preceded it.

Castex concludes his article—which seems alone to have been quoted by Lord Lee, and then accurately in passages taken out of their order and out of their context—by claiming that the "German" conduct in submarine warfare was correct only in part, inasmuch as it related to the principle of coordination of naval effort and their main fleet did nothing to support their submarines.

Regarding the other articles, readers may refer to the articles themselves. The question arises, however, whether an apology is not due to Castex and the French naval authorities for the misinterpretation of Castex' arguments by a member of the British delegation to Washington.

Although it may be urged that the conduct of the French delegation was foolish and irritating in the extreme, as French opinion seems now disposed to recognize it, it is clearly to the interest of the good feeling between France and England that the serious mistake on the part of the British minister should not go uncorrected when once it has been pointed out.

PORTERS HAVE NEW SON
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Hotel Guest Says He Lost \$220 in Free-for-All Melee
Mrs. Anna Taloff, proprietor of the Richeieu hotel, and Mike Willes, porter, were arrested Sunday afternoon by police inspectors as the result of a free-for-all in which they are said to have mauled Cedor Romanoff, a guest, who declares he missed \$220 from his person at the conclusion of the melee.

Mrs. Taloff and Willes were charged with assault and battery. They were released by police on \$200 bail each. Romanoff was badly lacerated on the head and face as a result of the encounter. He is said to have been saved from further injury by the timely arrival of detectives.

Mrs. Taloff told police that Romanoff, in the course of a conversation with a young woman, one of her guests, became abusive and struck her. The young woman screamed, when Mrs. Taloff and the porter rushed to her assistance.

Romanoff resented their interference. Mrs. Taloff said, and attacked her and Willes. He was getting much the worse of the battle when detectives arrived.

Romanoff said Mrs. Taloff had ordered him to leave and then summoned her porter to beat him up. He declared that a roll containing \$220 was missing from his person after the fight. Mrs. Taloff said she knew nothing of the money.

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