

British Achilles Heel Real Target Of Adolf Hitler's New Nazi Fleet

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NEW YORK, March 20.—Germany is building a navy obviously intended for a single purpose: to strike a deadly blow at Great Britain at her most vulnerable point—her sea-borne trade and supply routes.

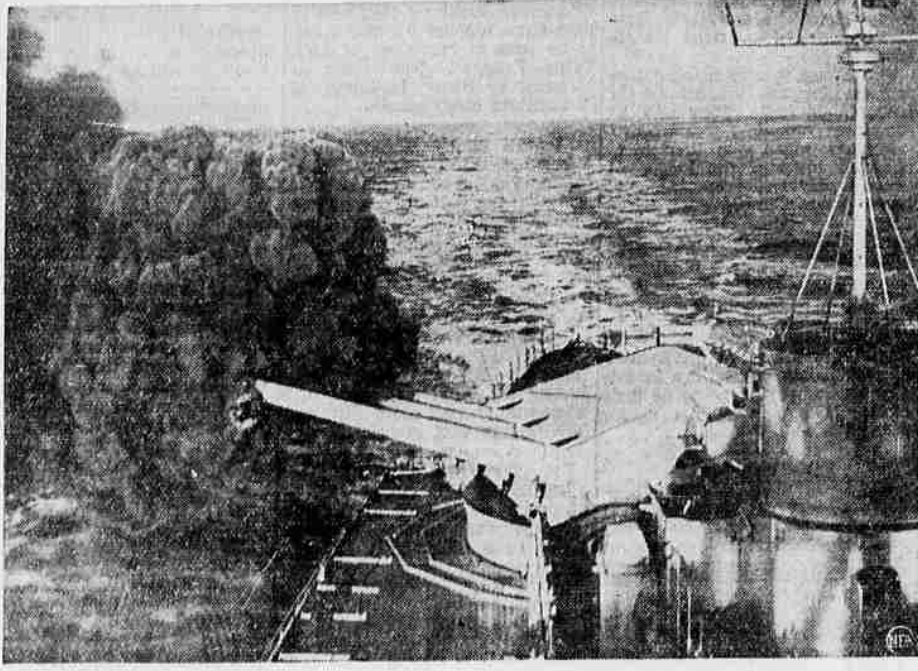
Else why is Germany building a navy at all? Obviously, it will be many years, indeed, before Germany can hope to even approach the power of the British fleet in equal combat. As yet, Soviet Russia has no modern capital ships and the rest of the Soviet navy is not very imposing.

Yet Germany is building a powerful navy, in addition to all her air and land armaments. Why? German strategists have not forgotten that they came very near to winning the last war by ruthless and unrestricted use of the submarine against British merchant shipping. The British Isles are particularly vulnerable to this sort of attack. Cut off from sea-borne supplies, the British people must starve. This lesson both Germans and Britons learned in the grim days of 1917, when the toll of submarine losses was mounting month by month.

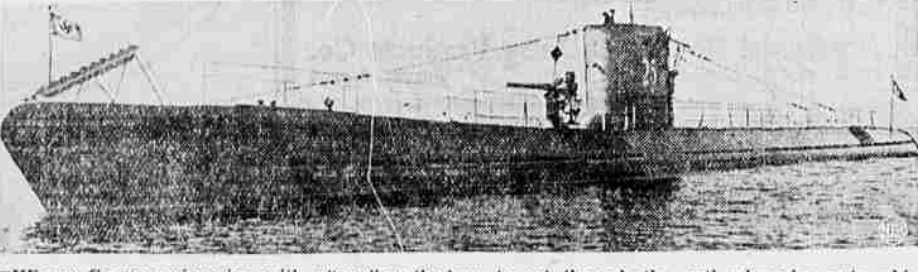
Fortunately for Britain, the answer to the submarine was found—an answer in the finding of which American naval officers had no small part. It was the convoy system. Merchant ships sailing in groups from regular convoy-assembly ports, escorted by destroyers, patrol vessels and armed trawlers, put an end to the submarine menace, and saved Britain.

Only once was it seriously threatened; and that was on October 17, 1917, when a convoy of twelve ships, escorted by two British destroyers, was attacked by three German cruisers. Both destroyers went down, and nine of the twelve merchant vessels under escort fell prey to the Germans. This lesson, also, German naval strategists have taken to heart—that just as convoys is the answer to the submarine, so the answer to convoys is attack by superior surface forces.

But, under normal conditions of sea warfare, this is not an answer which the inferior navy can make. So long as Britain possesses a superior battle-fleet, on which all of her naval operations are based, and by which they are supported, she should be able to bottle up the German surface forces in their fortified harbors, or destroy them if they come out. So it should prove in the next—so it proved in the last war, and except for one very important



THE black smoke belching from the turret guns of the German pocket battleship "Deutschland" make an impressive picture—but in range and power they can't compete with the batteries of England's great ships of the line. The "Deutschland's" real value lies in being speedy enough to attack merchantmen convoys and run away from most of Great Britain's naval heavyweights.



THE new German submarine, with a "saw" on the bow to cut through the anti-submarine nets which trapped many U-boats in the World War.

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That factor is the matter of time. Even a very superior navy cannot, on the declaration of war, IMMEDIATELY wipe the wide oceans clear of enemy warships and merchant ships.

Today Germany is building a navy precisely adapted to take advantage of this factor. In fact, some of its most important units would be of comparatively little use for any other purpose.

The two battleships recently completed, "Gneisenau," and "Scharnhorst," are vessels of 26,000 tons, armed with a main battery of nine 11-inch guns. Obviously these are not intended to fight in the line of battle against British, French or American ships armed with 13 to 16-inch guns.

But the German ships have designed speeds of 27 knots, and are said to have done 30 on trial. This means they can run away from any present British capital ship except the "Hood," while they can easily destroy any British cruiser. They have steam turbines for high speed and Diesel cruising engines which give them an enormous radius of action at economical speeds.

They are reinforced by the three so-called "pocket battleships." Diesel-engined, armored ships carrying six 11-inch guns in 10,000 ton hulls. These also can destroy any British cruiser, and can get away from any British capital ship except "Hood," "Re-

nown" and "Repulse."

Germany is also building five 10,000-ton cruisers, armed with 8-inch guns; and two aircraft carriers of very peculiar design. All the characteristics of the latter were made public, there was some wonderment as to why Germany should want any aircraft carriers, for all her home waters are within easy reach of her shore-based aviation.

He new carriers are ships of 19,000 tons, carrying about 40 aircraft. They are well armored, and in addition to the anti-aircraft battery, carry 16 six-inch guns—a very powerful armament, enabling them to fight large cruisers.

Now the U. S. S. "Enterprise," recently commissioned, is a carrier intended to work with the fleet. She is about the same size as the new German carrier, "Graf Zeppelin," but she carries 100 aircraft. Of course, she has no heavy battery; only anti-aircraft guns. Why did the Germans reduce aircraft capacity to increase gun powder? Obviously, because like the German "battleships," the "Graf Zeppelin" and her sister are not intended for fleet work, but for commerce raiding.

Finally, the Germans are rapidly building up their submarine force: they have 71 submarines, built and building, and have announced their intention to build up to parity with Great Britain.

They almost won the last war by commerce raiding, and they mean to do a better job the next time. For their submarines will compel the British to convoy merchant shipping. And their armored ships can strike deadly blows at the convoys themselves, which the aircraft of their carriers and cruisers can locate and assist in attacking.

British cruisers and destroyers can do little to protect convoys against such attack. British capital ships with sufficient speed to bring the raiders to book are too few in numbers to have much hope of dealing effectively with the menace in time to save the British people from starving.

And as for bases, one is now able to perceive the real reason for the German interest in Spain, and especially for the concentration of German activity on the north coast of that country—admirably located, indeed, for this purpose of convoy-raiding.

The German airforce may not be able to win a decision by bombing London. But nothing can be more certain than that the German navy, provided with Spanish or African bases and capable of operating directly against the food supply of the British Isles, can present a far more serious menace to the people of those islands than any air force—a menace which may well prove decisive unless means are found for quick and effectively dealing with it.

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me: what hast thou done? Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

Bishop Howard To Speak Over Radio

The Most Reverend Edward D. Howard, D.D., archbishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, is arranging a series of broadcasts preliminary to the great celebration next May of the one hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the Catholic missionaries in Oregon. All the stations in western Oregon are cooperating by offering the use of their facilities. Most of the speakers are prominent Catholic laymen.

A partial schedule of the series follows: Tuesday, 5:25, KMED; 5:45, KORE; 7:15, KALE; 7:30, KOAC. Wednesday, 4:30, KWJJ; 5:25, KMED; 7:30, KOAC; 8:30, KORE. Thursday, 5:30, KMED; 5:45, KORE. Friday, 4:15, KALE; 5:30, KMED; 9:30, KORE. Saturday, 4:30, KWJJ; 5:25, KMED; 6:15, KORE.

As active preparations for the centenary are under way, with committees working in every parish throughout the archdiocese, the radio news services will broadcast the principal developments as they break from day to day.

Dr. Robert Leeper Will Speak Tuesday

Dr. Robert Leeper, assistant professor of psychology at the university, will deliver an address on "The Need for Consumer Co-Operatives," at the Community Liberal church, Tuesday evening, March 21, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. This address is being presented at the first meeting of an adult education class, which is taking up the study of the American co-operative movement. It is planned to have a guest speaker at every meeting. This class will meet every Tuesday night for the next ten weeks. Anyone interested is urged to attend.

THE GOOD EARTH SALEM, Ore., March 21.—(UP)—George Hastings of Salem literally dug up his tax money this year. He said while spading his yard, he unearthed a rusty tin can containing \$35. He promptly applied it upon his tax bill.

TO HOLD HONOR COURT WENDLING, March 21.—(Special)—Nathan Chaffee, scoutmaster, announces that there will be a court of honor held Thursday evening at the hall. Everyone is invited.

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Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man? They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.

Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death;

That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die. Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto

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Miss Maxine Horton will speak on "Reactionary Feeding" at the meeting of the Eugene Hunt Club Wednesday evening at 9 p. m. at the fairgrounds clubroom. The program was postponed from last week. The usual social drill hour, to which the public is welcome, will be held in the riding hall, beginning at 8 p. m.

TAKE CARDS NORTH BEND, March 21.—(P)

Theft of 800 cards which designated the congress for industrial organization as bargaining agent for millworkers was reported by the local CIO lumber and sawmill workers' union, No. 116, yesterday.

STILL FLICKERING

PORTLAND, March 21.—(P)—Commercial vice is still doing business in Portland despite the police crusade, the Right Rev. Benjamin D. Dagwell, Episcopal bishop of Oregon, told the chamber of commerce yesterday.

TERROR AGAIN

SHANGHAI, March 21.—(P)—Terrorists, inactive for nearly a month, today shot and killed Wong Shih-Zung, an official of the Japanese-sponsored shipping control bureau, while he was shaving in his hotel room in the international settlement.

ENTERTAINS CLUB

HAYDEN BRIDGE, March 21.—(Special)—Mrs. Crabtree was hostess last week to the Hayden Bridge Improvement club. Mrs. Merwin will be hostess, March 31.

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