Then, English Writer Declares, Will Huge Armies and Fleets Be Nightmares of the Past.

By SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE Is it possible that there are still some of our people who do not understand the enuses of this war, and are ignorant of the great stakes at issue which will causes and the possible efforts, and to implore them now, before it is too late to make these efforts and sacrifices which the occasion demands. The tauses of the war are only of moment to us, at this stage, in that we gain more strength in our arms and more iron.

What have we gained? No colonies which we covet, no possessions of any sort that we deare, is final proof that the war has not been provoked by us. But one enormous indirect benefit we will gain if we can make Germany a penceful and harmless State. We will surely break her naval power and take much of the same than the control of the cont speedily have so important a bearing for all that is honorable and sacred for

at for many years Germany, intoxicated by her success in war and by her crease of wealth, has regarded the British Empire with ever of tealmost and those who gave expression to this al-

with which that desire might be fulfilled.

The nation perceived Germany, under the lead of her Emperor following up her expressions of enmity by starting with restless energy to build up a formidable fleet, adding program to program, out of all possible proportion to the German commerce to be defended or to the German const line exposed to attack. Alcommerce to be defended or to the Ger-man coast line exposed to attack. Al-ready vainglorious boasts were made that Germany was the successur to Britain upon the seis. The Admiral of the Pacific, said the Kaiser ater in a message to the Czar What was Britain going to do under this growing menace? She took the steps which were necessary for her own safety and she appropriate for her own safety and she appropriate for her own safety and she composed her dif-ferences with France and Russia and drew closer the friendship which inited her with her old rival across the Chan-nel. The first fruit of the new German fleet was the Entente Corphale. We had driven into our present combination. JUSTIFIES HER PELENDSHIP.

And now we had to matify our friend-hip. For the first time we were comship For the first time we were some pelled to open oppose German in the deep and dangerous game of world pointies. They wished to see if our understanding was a reality or a sham fould they drive a wedge between is a sham fould they drive a wedge between is a sham fould they drive a wedge between is a sham fould they drive a wedge between is a sham found that we were a fortweetness friend whom any stress would alter the friend the stress world alter they drive as a conference at Ajgeorita out found that Evitain was firm at her side, and again in 121. When in a time of profound coars they stress up the stress of the opposite the admirality after the event's point to cry 'En avant' was from an opposite to the stress of the stress of the stress of the opposite the stress of the

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and that from the lake him to the late of the same and though they were It was clear that she should take her enemies separated in their from together. If Britain were stillaxed it was climated to the stillar certain that France and Russia sould stand by her side. But if on the contrary, the quarest could be made with these two Powers and reservable with Russia, in the first instance then it was by no means so rettain that first lift and would be drawn this the struggle. Therefore, if the quarte could be so arranged as to search to be entirely are her twen Testen and Size there was a good. ranged as to seem to be entired one he tween Tenten and Slav there was a good chance that Britain acould sermin should and done its work. Then with the gran seed and done its work. Then with the gran seed and pulsecence of our descreted Allow the still hand second to be tween the discharge of the second would be turned into our selves and that great has recknown. The Absolute same in 35 minutes, after those and that great has recknown to the discharge of the second torpedoes.

Such was the plan and festine favored it. A british marder have put Servia into a position where a State may be blamed for the sees of individuals. An ultimafor the size of individuals. An ultimation was ballinged as phrasid that it was impossible for and Stare to accept it as it should and not remain an independent State. At the first size of argument or remonstrance the Abstrian acroy matched upon Belgrade. Russin, which had seen already numbered to less by the forcible annexation of Rossia could not possibly submit a second time to the Caudine Forks. She laid her hand upon her award hilt Germani aprang to the side of her ally. France ranged herself with Russia. Like a thunderclap the war of

of her ally. France ranged herself with Russia. Like a thunderciap the war of the nations had begun.

At that very moment Germany took a step which removed the last doubt from the most cautious of us and left us in a position where we must either draw our sword or stand ferever dishonored and numiliated before the world. One has my to tend our Ambussa-dor's description of his interview with

the German Chancellor after our decision pledged its word to observe and to en-extraordinary mental aberration the Ger-

pledged its word to observe and to enextraordinary mental abertation the German rulers did actually believe that a
vital treaty with Britain's signature upon
it could be regarded by this country as a
mere "scrap of paper."

What was this treaty which it was proposed to lightly set iside? It was the
guarantee of the neutrality of Belgium
signed in 1830 confirmed verbally and in
writing by Bismarck in 1870, by "russia, France and Britain, each of whom
pledged their word to observe and to enforce it. On the strength of it Belgium
had relied for her security amid her formidable neighbors. On the strength of it
also France had lavished all "r defenses
upon her eastern frontier, and left her
northern exposed to attack. Britain had
guaranteed the treaty, and Britain could
be refled upon. Now, on the first ownsion of testing the value of her word, it
was supposed that she would regard the
treaty as a worthless scrap of paper, and treaty as a worthless scrap of paper, and stand by unmoved while the little State which had trusted her was flooded by the

DIE IS CAST. The die was cast. No compromise was possible. We surely have our quarrel

is little which Germany can yield to us save the removal of that shadow which has darkened is so long. But our children and our children's children will never, if we do our wark well now, look across the North Sea with the sombre thoughts which have so long been ours, while their lives will be brightened and elevated by money which we, in our darker days, have had to spend upon our ships and our suns.

those who gave expression to this almost universal national passion that Great Britain had in any way, either historically or commercially, done Germany a mischief. Never in any way had we interfered with that great development of trade which has turned them from of the poerest to one of the richest of European States. Our markets were epen to them untaxed, while our own manufacturers paid 20 per cent, in Germany.

And yet they hated us with a most bitter hatred, a haired which long antedates the days when we were compelled to take a definite stand against them In all sorts of ways this natred showed itself, in the diatribes of professors, in the pages of books. In the columns of the press Sametimes it would flame up suddenly into bitter utterance. And yet this bitter antagonism was in no way reciprocated in this country.

AMERICA FIRST ALLY.

If a poll had been taken at any time up to the end of the century as to which up to the end of the century as to which up to the end of the century as to which the vote would have some overwhelmingly the vote would have some overw Up to the end of the century as to which the vote would have some overwhelmingly for Germany. "America first and then Germany" would have been the verdiet of nine men out of ten. But then occurred two events which steadled the easy-points. two events which steaded the easy-going Briton, and made him look more intentive and with a more questioning gaze at his distant cousin over the water. Those two events were the Boer War and the building of the German fleet. The first showed us, to our amazement, the nitter desire which Germany had to do us come to us only the rant of scolding prosome mischlef, the second made us come to us only the rant of scolding pro-realize that she was forging a weapon fessors with their final reckenings, their

## IN NAVAL ACTIONS ADMIRALTY ORDERS

British Officer Forbids Res-

powerful ships, they belonged to a class of organics whose speed has been sor-raised by many of the enemy's battle-

Three torreduces were fired at the Gressy and two of them struck her. It is possible, according to the officers, that the same submarine fired all three

Hogue turned turtle five minutes after the was struck. The Crease floated from \$5. to 45 minutes before she turned

### MILITANT RUSSIAN PRIESTS BEAR CROSS AT HEAD OF TROOPS

Peasants, Inspired by Spiritual Advisers, Regard War as Crusade — Religious Influence Important

PETROGRAD, Sept. 36. Acting under orders from the Hely of Russia for weeks before the war broke stimulating a zeal for war. The peasants, it must be remembered, are very largely under the influence of their spiritual ad-

Germany has been held up to execuation as the sworn fee of the Orthodex Church and this feeling has gained as eager adhas added to the supporters of the Government in its warlike attitude the middle and better educated classes. These two things, more than anysian and ended, at least temporarily, the threatened internal strife. Evedy body of marching Russian troops is preceded by a priest of the Orthodox Church, who, with his flowing heard and long, black garment, is a striking enough figure. The priest carries a cross, or is attended by a cross-bearer, who bears the burden of the holy image for him. The mintary bands play sacred music alternately with the barbaric march music that suits these warriors of Tartar blood.

warriors of Tartar blood.

It is not merely a war; it is a holy crusade on which the soldiers of Russia feel that they are engaged. In the camps and places of bivouac, in the forts of the fortified towns, wherever troops are assembled or moving, the religious element is very much in evidence. The priest plays as important plays as important a part as the officer in the preparatory stages, at least, of the campaign. Nor will the majority of the priests be content to confine their ad-Many go right into the fighting lines to solution of religion on the battlefield.

These priests in Russia are of the peo-ple, and they feel with the men in th ranks to a degree astonishing to Western observers. Altogether, an impressive spectacle—this Russia under arms. They do not look like barbarians, these soldlers the Czar; they are mostly simple minded, docide reasnts, full of religious ardor, which will turn them into fanatical fighters when the decisive moment ar

They may be slightly inferior in training, but they are the best raw material of any country in Europe, and the hard training of the war will transform them

#### CAPTIVES FORCED TO LURE COMRADES TO DESTRUCTION

French Soldier Declares Germans Make Prisoners Shield Attacks. PARIS, Sept. 26.

A woman friend has given the corre-spondent of the London Standard a letter received from her son, a soldier at the It speaks for itself. Part of it

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quence of North Sea Dising to keep in touch each with another, I had a narrow shave myself, for a Ger-

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#### SOLDIERS CUT OFF HANDS OF RED CROSS WORKER

American Woman Writes of Alleged

German Cruelties. NEW TORK, Sept. 28.—A story of atrocious deeds, said to have been committed by German soldiers, was told in a letter written by Mrs. Ernest G. Waymouth, wife of Major Waymouth, of the

mouth, wife of Major Waymouth, of the Royal Artillers, which was received here restered by by her father. Rear Admiral John V. B. Bleecker, United States may retired. The following is an extract from Mrs. Waymouth's letter:

"This is one of the true things. The Germans cut off the hands of the Royal Army medical men, who wear a large red cross on their arms and ure non-combatants, therefore are not allowed to carry arms of any description.

"There is a man here in the hospital (Portsmouth, England, where Mrs. Way-

(Portsmouth, England, where Mrs. Way mouth lives), with both hands cut off at the wrists. He and six others went out with a stretcher to pick up the wounded. They were attacked by the Germans. The other aix were killed, the man on the stretcher finished off with bayonets and awords; this man's hands were cut off and he escaped only by pretending he was dead. He was rescues

Mrs. Waymouth's letter was dated Sep-

#### ENGLISH TRANSPORT LEAVES **BOSTON FOR HALIFAX TODAY**

Bohemian, of Leland Line, Will Take Horses to British Army.

BOSTON, Sept. 26.
The Bohemian, of the Leland Line which was scheduled to sail for Liverpool next week, will leave today for pool next week, will leave today for. Halifax. The vessel will take to Europe several hundred horses for the Britisi, army. The Devonian, of the same line, will leave tomorrow for Halifax. The Devonian also will transport mounts for

the British army.

The British steamship Kent, which arrived Monday from Sydney, N. S. W. with a consignment of 36,000 quarters of beef, left yesterday for Liverpool under orders from the British War Office and turn the meat over to the army The Kent will stop at New York to take n more cargo.

#### FRENCH PUGILIST WOUNDED

Georges Carpentier, Champion of Europe, Gets Battle Hurt,

LONDON, Sept. 26.-Georges Carpentier. heavyweight boxing champlon of Europe, heavyweight boxing champlon of Europe, is reported as having been seriously wounded while serving in the French army, and is said to have been taken to a hospital in Lyons.

### VAST ROCK QUARRIES INTRENCH GERMANS IN SOLID FORTRESS

Miles of Connecting Galleries, Bought Before Battle, Give Teutons Powerful Defenses.

LONDON, Sept. 25. The Morning Post correspondent, in a lispatch from Complegne, dated Tuesav. says:

"The defense of the River Aisne by he Germane was merely another of their clever masking movements to cover heir real objective, and, owing to the opographical conditions, it is tolerably ortain that comparatively few troops were required. The river, once taken by he French, the Germans lost no time in falling back to their real positions. which proved of extraordinary strength.

"The key to this position is a nat nal horseshoe of quarries extending around the Oise from Giraumont and antheuil to Machemok. The whole poition is marked by Mont Gauelon, opasite Complegne, the quarries, situated on the face of a steep declivity forming he boundary of the plateau, consisting f galleries. They are ordinary stone marries, and the galleries extend. I understand, for miles in some places, comunicating with each other underground "About five years ago they were ac-

uired by German Interests, since wher ensiderable work has been done seretly in them in the way of reinforced encrete traverses and possibly gun emplacements. The result was that the extensive plateau constituted a most power ful fortress capable of containing large numbers of troops.

"By a curious chance, the population of the neighborhood, in endeavoring to save their stock from the invaders, had driven herds of cattle, sheep and pigs into the galleries for concealment; consequently the defenders could not lack provisions.

Further protecting the German right

ing, as the position did, with means of communication open to Noyon and all along the rear of the German lines eastward, its base strongly established upon the the Olse with the forest of l'Aigne on the other side of the river, it faced any turning movement by the allied left wing. Consequently, in the taking of it, the essential bombardment began seriously on the 14th, which the heavy French guns began to come up, but the Ge rmans-also having big artillery-were able to

eply on equal terms.
"At this pe riod the German troops were not yet entirely thrown back on their fortified position, and heavy infantry fighting took place at some little distance in broken wooded country. The French artillery stuck to its work, and after a night of continuous cannonading had the mastery. The Germans apparently were leaving the quarries even toward the porthern limit and falling back east-

"It may be said that the efficient work of the quarry position was largely due to the fact that the approaches were clear of trees and gave little cover to attack-ing infantry. This also applies to the ing infantry. This also applies to the line of retreat of their heavy guns, which I judge has taken place via Coucy toward Anizy. This line leaves fairly open plain country between high ground and the

"In fact, the whole of the German manoeuvres, so far as I have recently followed them, shows evidence of remarkable ability in seizing the best pos-sible strategic position, either for offense or defense, thus demonstrating their thorough knowledge of the ground."

## FINLAND PROVING LONG-PROFESSED LOYALTY TO CZAR

With Commerce Injured There Have Benn No Outbreaks, Writes Westminster Gazette Correspondent

LONDON, Sept. 16. There has been no outbreak in Finland against Russia and no agitation whatever since the war began," writes a correspondent of the Westminster Gazette who has entered Helsingfors, the one open gate to Russia in Northern Eu-

rope.
"There has been no temptation to dis-order, for the Germans have neither landed troops nor attacked Finnish har-

throwing a few shells into different ports "The Finns hold that Germany is not likely to land troops, as in her present

position a dispersion of forces would be contrary to sound strategy. "Finland is loyal, Resentment to the anti-Finnish policy pursued by a small group of Russian politicians is as strong as ever, but the Finns have always pro fessed to be loyal to the Czar and the Russian connection as it existed before Bobrikoff. This profession is sincere and

the Finns desire to show it now, "When the Dowager Empress Marie returned from western Europe by way of Finland, the Finns demonstrated their friendship, and the Empress is said to have been pleased. Another Finnish motive in wishing for Russian success is that they care more for economic pros perity than anything else.

perity than anything else.

"Finland has been badly hit by the stoppage of exports in all bulky goods, which it does not pay to send by rail by way of Sweden and Norway; also by the stoppage of all trade with Germany, the famine in chemicals and the closing of the saw mills and wood pulp factories.

"Relations between Russians and Finne have greatly improved since the bester. have greatly improved since the begin ning of the war. The Finnish sense of oppression has been mitigated. The whole empire is under martial law, and the

Finns do not complain of restrictions which they share with all other subjects of the Czar."



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