

BERLIN SHIFTS BLAME

PARIS, Sept. 11.—The German ambassador at Madrid has handed to the Spanish government a new note on the submarine question, stating that British submarines, and not German, were responsible for the torpedoing of the Spanish steamers Carasa and Alts-Mendi.

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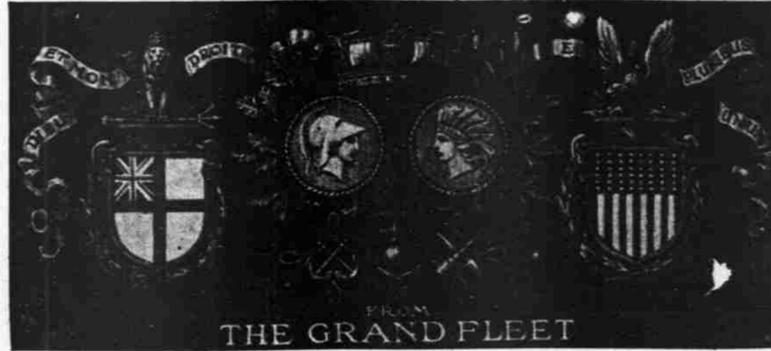
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YANKS WANT ICE CREAM AND SMOKES

With the single exception of letters from home, ice cream and "smokes" are prized above all things by the American soldiers in France, according to a letter recently received from Private Harry H. Millard, Medical Department, American Expeditionary Forces, by friends at the Federal Trade Commission, this city. "At this station we are very well fixed as far as cats and comforts go," he writes. The Government issues us four

sacks of tobacco every ten days. We can also buy a limited amount of the much prized "tailor mades." But don't mention ice cream to me, for I would commit murder for one big dish of the Washington brand. "Over here we swear by the Red Cross. I have found the Red Cross in all of the principal railway stations. At those stations a soldier can get a good meal for a very reasonable sum. If he happens to be "broke" he gets it anyway. That is more than can be said of many other organizations, though they deserve a great deal of credit. "Mail is the one thing that we really crave and look forward to. Nice long letters are really appreciated. "There are different kinds of "smokes." What do YOU think of the kind that make written pledges to buy War Savings Stamps and then fail to make good on their promises?"

U. S. and British Fleets United



GRAND FLEET LETTERHEAD Showing American and British insignia blended in harmonious design.

AMERICAN SHIPS IN "GRAND FLEET"

"The Grand Fleet did it!" This is the explanation each time a thrilling exploit against the common enemy is reported in the cables from abroad, yet few Americans realize that the American navy is doing share and share alike in the great naval operations over there.

In Combined Fleet Expressing the American-British spirit of the grand fleet, which is usually taken to mean the high-seas fleet of England, a letterhead used by the enlisted men of the fleet has been received in this country. It was used at the top of a letter written to Mrs. Emma G. Livingstone of Chicago, Ill., from her son, Henry Livingstone, a former Maryland boy who spent a lot of time in Washington before he went into the navy. It bears the insignia of the British navy in the center, the arms of the United States at the right and the British coat-of-arms at the left, while underneath, one reads, "The Grand Fleet"—American and British.

There was a shadow of uncertainty when the letter was received as to the propriety of serving messages that the American and British fleets were amalgamated into one Grand Fleet, until the Navy Department was interviewed.

Ships of Two Nations. To an inquiry, a high official replied that while the two fleets were united—a portentous statement to every person in the allied nations and even more portentous to the German navy, which may some day meet those fleets—still the title "The Grand Fleet" was more a popular title for the two fleets than an official one.

Interesting to every American—and German—as this information is, even more interesting to many readers with relatives or friends serving in those waters is the letter of Henry Livingstone to his mother. While the name of the ship on which Livingstone is serving must be omitted for military—or naval—reasons, it may be said he is serving on one of the newest and most powerful ships in the American navy. His letter was written during a period of cold weather. It follows:

Predicts Foch's Victory. "Dearest mother: "Probably you have heard quite a bit of the offensives that are being launched on our front over here, but due to the space confined to our own troops' doings, there is comparatively little said of it. Makes the billboard look as if a world's series is being pulled off, but the serious faces of the men deny this. It surely is a serious time over here, and everyone is anxious nowadays."

Livingstone's letter was written during the grave period of the Ludendorff offensive against Paris, before American marines and infantry operating with the French stopped him at the Marne. His judgment that Foch would win is borne out almost uncannily.

"Perhaps you have already seen the maps showing the wedge-like fronts of the enemy thrusts reaching out to grasp Paris—wedges that are dangerous both to ourselves and to the enemy. The enemy is in a position where he is able to a flanking movement by Foch, with the result that he will either be cut off or have to retreat. "He has two objectives, and hopes to reach them very soon. How he will succeed only the summer will show. I personally do not think he will reach either of them. Undenially Anxious. "We are undeniably anxious over here, but there is no cause for us to be dependent, as in Foch we have a man who is equal to all the brains of the Hindenburg bunch put together. Everyone has absolute confidence in General Foch. "Although this is June, the weather is very cold, and it is raining most of the time. We are in that part of the world, as somebody put it, that is "The Land that God Forgot." There is nothing to greet the eye but dreary desolation around, and overhead the storm-clouds are moving, accompanied by a strong wind that makes our base a rough little spot. "The only good word that I can say for this place is that it is an ideal spot to save money. Yes, you can really save it, for there's nothing to spend it on. There isn't, at the present time, even a pair of socks on the ships that could be bought for love or money. Spirits Not Depressed. "But the surroundings have not affected the spirits of the crew in the least. It is the same happy-go-lucky bunch that sailed out of New York harbor almost seven months ago. When times are slow and there is nothing to do, they have the habit of lying down whenever they can lie undisturbed, and "prone" as we call it—means sleep. You cannot understand what we do at night! That's simple. We gather together and start an argument about something or other—any old thing will do—or we move on to argue, why a little game of chess knocks the deuce out of a lonesome evening. "I want to say, before I quit, that it is daylight over here most of the night. The sun sets at about 10:10,

and it never gets really dark throughout the night. I must close, as it is pretty nearly dinner time, and I couldn't dare think of losing out on my "chow," as that is one of the principal things we live for. "The food is very good now. When

we first came over here it was not so enticing. The menu used to be hard-tack, boiled potatoes, and beans. But after the supply-ships began to get here it turned for the better, and is now very good. "Cold As the Deuce." "It is as cold as the deuce. I will quote a little poem written by an English naval officer, which describes the weather very well: "Driving snow and blinding spray, Opening up the northern day; Heavy seas and moaning gale, Carry on the daily tale. Sudden squalls and stinging sleet, Lash the dreadsnaughts of our fleet; Dies the daylight in the west; Men on shore shall seek their rest. But the men who serve their king—

Living on the gale's wild wing. Through the winter hours' slow flight— These men work and search the night. God, we thank Thee, for those men, North-of Sixty, west of Ten. "Think of us as a happy, straggling bunch, eager for the fray and looking for the victory. "Lovingly, "HENRY."

GERMAN PRINCE KILLED AMSTERDAM, Sept. 11.—The official German Wolffe News Agency announces that Prince Albert of Saxa-Weimar has been killed in battle on the west front.

CHEMIST BANISHES TRAGEDY

"The most tragic moment in a woman's life is when she discovers the first gray hair, because it is Nature's warning that youth is passing," an elderly Memphis matron said recently at a Newport hotel. "Then you are very fortunate," a Chicago lady remarked, "because apparently you never have experienced that moment of tragedy." "Indeed I have," the Memphis lady confessed, with a laugh. "Only my tragedy was intensified because several gray hairs appeared at the same time. I felt heartick, but I could not bear the thought of using a dye. "Fortunately, about that time a chemist in Memphis developed a preparation which is called Q-Ban Color Restorer. You can imagine my delight when I tried it and found it restored the uniform color and luster of my hair."



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