

# OH THUNDER!



## BRITISH AFFECT TO FEAR NEW GERMAN DREADNOUGHTS

London, Jan. 22.—An attack by German superdreadnoughts, armed with 17-inch guns capable of throwing shells weighing more than a ton a distance of twenty miles, may startle England before many months, the Daily News asserted today.

The naval critic of the News reported that the Germans are arming their new battleships, including probably the Hiconburg, with the 17-inch guns. He expressed the belief that the same guns were used in the long-range bombardment of Dunkirk a few months ago. He pointed out that a superdreadnought

thus armed would outclass any fighting vessel in the British navy and that the Germans might well risk a sortie into the North sea and a challenge of the British fleet.

The English newspapers for several days have been filled with reports of the new German battle aeroplane, the Fokker, which is reported to have destroyed 16 British biplanes in the past month. They admit the Fokker's superiority over any British plane.

Amsterdam.—The Frankfurter Zeitung openly proposes that Germany negotiate separate peace with Belgium and adds that Belgians probably will look with favor upon peace offer,