

# SAILORS DRIVEN INSANE BY HORRORS OF BATTLE

(By Associated Press.)  
THE HAGUE, Netherlands, July 31.—Scenes on board the German flag-ship Lutzow during the Jutland naval battle when some of the newest and largest of the German battle cruisers were battered or sunk by Admiral Beatty's British squadron in June, 1916, are vividly described by P. Krug, one of the Lutzow's survivors in a pamphlet which has just been published here. It is believed to be the first detailed story of that great battle from the point of view of the German sailor to reach the public eye.

Torpedoed by a British warship early in the engagement, the Lutzow, which was the flagship of Admiral Hipper, was hammered unmercifully by the big guns of the British vessels, and soon became a complete wreck, a "ship of the dead," as Krug describes her.

According to his story, twenty-seven German sailors were trapped in the Diesel dynamo room before the battle had been long in progress and remained there when the Lutzow, a disabled hulk was abandoned and sent to the bottom by a torpedo from a German destroyer. Two of these imprisoned men had been driven insane and were kept tied by their shipmates.

After describing the first part of the battle and telling how the arrival of British battleships turned the tables on the Germans, Krug writes: "Suddenly the entire ship is roughly shaken. The colossal heavens far over, and everything that is not fixed is upset. The first direct hit! The torpedo pierces the fore part of the ship. Its effects are terrible. Iron, wood, metal, parts of bodies, smashed ship's implements are all intermixed, and the electric light, by chance spared, continues to shine upon this sight.

Two decks lower, in the Diesel dynamo room, there is still life. That compartment has not been hit, and 27 men in the prime of life have been spared, but the chamber is shut off from all others, for the water is rushing into all sections. They are doomed to death. Several 38-centimeter shells squarely hit their mark, working terrible havoc. The first hit the wireless department. Of the twelve living men who a moment ago were seated before the apparatus, there is nothing more to be seen. Nothing is left but a smoking heap of ruins. The second shot again

pierced the fore part of the ship. The entire fore part of the vessel, so far as the Diesel motor room was past saving. Another broadside meant for the Lutzow fell short, but a torpedo-boat close by disappeared, leaving only a few odd pieces of wood and a smashed lifeboat drifting past. It is now half-past 7, and the hostile circle grows ever smaller. The Lutzow and the Seydlitz lie with their bows deep in the water; both are badly mauled. The fore part of the Lutzow was in flames. Shells burst against the ship's side in rapid succession. A terrible sight is presented on board the Lutzow, and it needs iron nerves to look upon it coolly. Hundreds have lost their lives, while many have lain for hours in torture, and the fight is not yet over. The bow is now crushed in and is entirely submerged. The four screws are already sticking half out of the water, so that the Lutzow can only make 8 to 10 knots an hour, as against the normal 32.

"The admiral decides to transfer to the Moltke. He gives orders to turn and get away from the scene of the fight but the Lutzow has not gone a mile before she receives a broadside of 38-centimeter shells. The entire ship was filled with the poisonous fumes of the shells, and anyone who failed to affix his gas-mask was doomed to be suffocated.

"It was three-quarters of an hour before the lighting installation was restored. Then for the first time could the extent of the damage wrought by the salvo be seen. One of the shells had landed in the sick bay. There were three doctors and fifteen attendants besides 150 to 130 wounded. Of all these only four remained alive. These four were hurried into the next compartment by the air pressure; there they lay unconscious.

"The Lutzow was now a complete wreck. Corpses drifted past. From the bows up to the first 30-centimeter gun-turret the ship lay submerged. The other gun-turrets were completely disabled, with the guns sticking out in all directions. On deck lay the bodies of the sailors in their torn uniforms, in the midst of the empty shell cases. From the masts fluttered torn flags, twisted signal lines and pieces of wire of the wireless installation. Had not the lookout man and the three officers on the commander's bridge given signs of life, the Lutzow would

have truly resembled a ship of the dead. Below, on the battery deck and in the coal bunkers, there still lay numerous wounded, but there was no longer a doctor to attend to them.

"Night came on and hope was entertained of getting away without a further encounter. But at 3 o'clock in the night news of the approach of two British cruisers and five destroyers was received and just at that critical time the fore and middle bulkheads gave way.

"Orders were given to quickly carry the wounded to the stern. Then the order rings out: 'All hands muster in division order aft.' A tumult arises on the lower deck, for everybody is now bent on saving his life. It is impossible in that short space of time to bring up all the wounded, for they are scattered everywhere. Eighteen men had the good fortune to be carried up, but all the rest who could not walk or crawl had to be left behind.

"The 27 men shut up in the Diesel dynamo chamber had heard the order through the speaking tube, for many, mad with anguish, screamed through the tube for help, and it was learned that two of their number lay bound because they had become insane. Inspired by their sense of duty, these sealed-up men had continued to carry on their work in order to provide the ship with light.

"The torpedo-boats now quickly took off the crew of the Lutzow, and those left behind were doomed to death. It was resolved that no piece of the vessel should fall into the enemy's hands. An order was given and a torpedo cleft the waters. Just then seven men were to be seen running like madmen round the rear-deck. Over-fatigued as they were, they had apparently dropped off to sleep and only just awakened. As the torpedo exploded, the Lutzow's bow quickly dipped, and the stern rose until she stood on end. Then she heeled over and sank, forming a great whirlpool that carried everything within it into the depths.

"When the roll was called it appeared that there were 1,003 survivors of the Lutzow; 597 men had perished in the battle."

# RAISING A REVENUE OF FIVE BILLION DOLLARS

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Revision of the war tax bill so as to increase its total from \$1,570,000,000 to about \$2,000,000,000 mainly by additional taxes on intoxicants and on personal and corporation incomes, was definitely decided on today by the senate finance committee.

Detailed schedules and the exact total remain to be determined but committee members said last night they expected the bill to aggregate at least \$1,998,000,000 and not more than \$2,008,000,000. They plan to have the measures ready to report by the end of the week.

The following new levies have been definitely decided upon:

Incomes of individuals of \$15,000 and more, \$27,500,000.

Distilled spirits, \$90,000,000.

Malt and fermented liquors (beer) \$25,000,000.

These new taxes total \$304,500,000. The committee considered the following further revisions in providing for the remaining \$23,400,000 necessary to attain the minimum of \$1,998,000,000.

Increase of taxes on brandy for fortifying wines to yield about \$10,000,000.

Increase of rates on wines to yield about \$2,000,000.

Increase of consumption of excise taxes on sugar, coffee and possibly tea, together with a few new taxes, possibly to include gasoline and fire arms.

Reduction of the 15 per cent tax in the so-called Jones amendment on corporate undivided surplus to ten or five per cent.

Although the committee has ordinarily planned to secure much of the additional revenue from war excess profits, committee sentiment today was said to be strongly against increasing the pending schedules, estimated to raise \$22,000,000 more than under the present law, or a total of \$748,000,000.

To secure \$162,000,000 more from incomes of incorporations, joint stock companies and associations including life insurance companies, the committee decided to increase the normal rate on such incomes by 2 per cent,

trebling their present rate and doubling the rate provided in the bill. Modification of the Jones' amendment was virtually agreed to, with the exact change to be decided later, because of the income increases ordered.

The new surtax rates on individual incomes of \$15,000 and above remain to be definitely fixed.

The graduated surtaxes in the pending bill run from five per cent on \$15,000 incomes up to 33 per cent. The new rates probably will graduate from six to 35 per cent. With the increases the total income tax returns to the government would be \$1,052,000,000 of which \$719,700,000 would be the war levy against \$532,700,000 proposed in the house bill.

The committee decided to add a tax of \$1 per gallon more on distilled spirits and 50 cents more per barrel on malt and fermented liquors. These taxes would provide a total increase of \$2.10 per gallon on distilled spirits which now pays \$1.10 and of \$1.50 per barrel on beer, now paying \$1.50.

Chairman Simmons said that while new and increased consumption taxes

are being considered by the committee, he thought the few millions of revenue needed to bring the bill to about \$2,000,000 probably could be found without raising the consumption taxes. The tentative increases proposed for these are of 14 cent a pound on sugar, half a cent on coffee and one or two cents on tea. The rates now in the bill are half a cent a pound on sugar, two cents on coffee and five cents on tea.

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# STEEL COMPANY TAXES \$200,000,000 IN 1917

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NEW YORK, July 31.—The enormous sums which the big industrial companies of the country will pay to the government in the form of excess profits and income taxes, was strikingly illustrated when the United States Steel corporation issued its financial statement for the second quarter of the year. Total earnings for that period were reduced to \$90,579,204 after deducting \$53,918,872 or about 59 per cent, as the amount which it is estimated will be turned over to the government.

But for the huge tax to be imposed by the government, total earnings of the steel corporation for the second quarter would have amounted to \$144,498,076, exceeding the previous high record of the preceding quarter by more than \$31,000,000.

The corporation, during the first six months of the current year, expended 43,000,000 for new construc-

tion and additions to its many subsidiaries.

On the basis of the taxes already set aside, the steel corporation expects to turn over to the government during the present year approximately \$200,000,000. This exceeds total earnings of almost any year prior to 1916, but leaves a balance, at the present rate, of almost 59 per cent applicable to the common stock.

The usual dividends of 1 3/4 per cent on the preferred stock and 1 1/4 per cent on the common were declared, with an "extra" 2 per cent on the common as in the previous quarter.

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