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GERMANY EXPECTED TO FIGHT BRITAIN

Fleets of Both Countries Were Held in Readiness: Kaiser Had War Scare: One Writer Claims England was Unprepared Should the Conflict Have Come at That Time

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Simultaneously with the recent significant speech of Arthur Hamilton Lee, civil Lord of the Admiralty, in which he explained the reasons for the redistribution of the British navy, there appeared in the current number of The National Review a remarkable article on the attitude of Germany towards this country, called the "German Emperor's War Scare."

The writer, who hides his identity under the non-de-plume of "Custos," states that last Christmas Eve official Germany actually anticipated and prepared for war. The German Emperor thought he saw looming through the fog, and channel Lord Charles Beresford's "bulldogs" with their noses pointed towards Germany. The German navy, always mobilized, expectantly waited orders to sail. In the dockyards feverish haste was displayed day and night, the men's Christmas leave was stopped, and inquiring journalists in Germany began to scent trouble.

Fortunately, though a severe strain was placed upon it, the wire between London and Berlin did not break down, and after the German Ambassador in London had hastened to Berlin and assured the German Emperor that the British Admiralty was absolutely innocent of any fell design upon the German fleet, the crisis subsided, and Germany breathed freely again. The scare was over on Christmas Eve, 1904.

The Kaiser's war scare was unknown to the outside world, and unknown till quite recently to the Germans themselves. The German Government had been the victim, wittingly or unwittingly, of a veritable war panic, such as had not been witnessed in that country since Prince Bismarck nearly succeeded in administering a second death blow to the recuperative genius of France.

"It may be recorded with absolute truth," continued the writer, "that nobody, from Lord Lansdowne downwards, had, or has, the remotest idea of attacking Germany, with whom our relations are normal and friendly. According to all practical standpoints our official relations with Germany are excellent."

"Indeed, so little were we in England prepared for war at the time of the crisis that had the German navy precipitately descended upon us the possibilities are that half of our ships would have been 'holed' in much the same way that the Russians were one night last February, and the long talked of Ger-

man invasion of England would have been given a practical trial. The German navy is taught to attack first. Had it, under the influence of fear or panic, done so in the week before Christmas, it might have gone hard with England, and a new chapter in the world's history would have been opened."

Turning to the cause of the scare, "Custos" states that the reasons were threefold. The first was an article in "Vanity Fair," which the German Government considered to be "inspired"; and the second article in The Army and Navy Gazette, which appears to have been regarded as equivalent to the German official service organ, which, of course, it is not. The Army and Navy Gazette article was generally regarded as heralding war. Then came the climax—the redistribution of the British navy.

"This very natural and wise step was immediately construed in Berlin as denoting the preliminary steps to hostilities. The withdrawal of four ships from the Mediterranean, it was thought, could signify nothing else than that England desired to concentrate an overwhelming force near Germany in order to pounce down upon the inferior German fleet and effect its total destruction."

"The alarm at Potsdam was great. The German Emperor made official diplomatic inquiries as to the significance of the 'singular' move on the part of England, and in a roundabout way England was

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