

MAY HAVE CAPTURED CYCLOPS.

Conviction Now is That Ship Was Taken to Germany.

Washington, August 11.—Interest in the fate of the naval collier Cyclops, which disappeared with 293 persons on board some time after March 4, of the present year, has been revived by the story of the finding off quarantine, Baltimore, of a bottle containing a note signed by John Rammon, of Chicago. The author of the note wrote that "our ship Cyclops" had been captured by a submarine.

Navy officials today did not regard the find as of any great importance. The belief is held that the bottled message is simply a hoax, and is only one of innumerable instances in which the mystery of the missing vessel has been "cleared up." Letters giving information about the collier's disappearance continue to arrive at the navy department in great numbers. One day recently 15 communications touching on the Cyclops case were received and filed.

The persistent fact, it appears to navy men, is that the most popular theory of all the informants is that the ship was captured by a German submarine. In the present instance of the floating bottle the U-boat idea bobs up again.

Crew May Be Interned.

But this time the place of capture is given off the Virginia coast. It is pointed out by navy officials, however, that at the time of the disappearance of the Cyclops German submarines only had been reported as being in Caribbean waters. The Cyclops was last heard from at the Barbadoes on March 4.

That there were submarines in that area was reported from time to time by the governor general of one of the British colonies in that vicinity who visited the United States shortly after the disappearance of the collier.

The belief is stronger than ever in the navy today that the Cyclops actually was captured by a submarine. It was stated today by one of the officers most concerned in the mystery that the belief had become a conviction, that the crew of the missing ship now are interned in Germany.

Experts have gone over all evidence that was obtainable as to the last position of the collier, the fact that one engine was out of commission, possibility of a storm, possibility of a sudden shifting of her cargo of manganese, mutiny on board, and all other possible causes which could have resulted in the destruction of the vessel.

These experts all have settled down to the only theory consistent with the facts in the case—that the Cyclops was captured and taken to a German port. It is pointed out that no theory except that of capture could explain away the fact that not a single vestige of the wreck, if such occurred from any physical cause, remained on the seas along the route she would have followed to the United States.

The track of the collier, bound as she was to the United States, was thoroughly explored, and all the islands in the Caribbean sea, in which she might have been taken temporarily by the prize crew, were systematically searched.

Taken by Ruse of Forged Orders.

The supposition that the Cyclops was given over voluntarily by any of the officers in command was gone into very carefully by the navy department, especially with reference to

FULL VOTE NECESSARY.

Over-Confidence of Anti-Bleese Forces to Be Avoided.

Columbia, Aug. 7.—If there is a full vote cast on August 27 Cole L. Bleese will be defeated for the senate by an overwhelming majority. The size of Mr. Dial's majority depends entirely on the size of the vote cast.

This is the best information obtainable in Columbia at this time. Estimates of the majority that the Laurens man will get vary very greatly. That he will be elected is very generally conceded. It is said that some of Mr. Bleese's supporters concede this fact.

There is only one thing that gives the opponents of Mr. Bleese worry and that is a fear that over-confidence as to the result may cause many not to vote. For instance, there will probably be a great many voters away from home the last week in August. It is feared that many of these, feeling that there is no doubt as to the result, will not take the trouble to come home and vote. Over-confidence on the part of the anti-Bleese forces came very near proving disastrous two years ago.

An effort will be made by the Dial forces to see that a full vote is cast. If they are successful in this there is not the slightest doubt in the world as to the result. A majority of the people of South Carolina are against Bleese.

When Greek is Useful.

"Do you believe in the study of Greek and Latin?"

"Sure," replied farmer Cornstossel. "Everybody has his rights. And a man who hasn't anything worth expressing in plain English ought to have something to occupy his mind with."—Washington Star.

To help make the supply go round and to divide with the soldiers and the people of allied countries, everyone must save sugar.

Lieutenant Commander Worley, U. S. U. R. F. The investigation showed there was no evidence to support such an assumption.

It was held, however, by one of the officials who followed the investigation, that the cellier was taken by a ruse of forged orders to the commander, and that in consequence of these he sailed for a British, instead of a United States port, and thus became easy prey.

The theory in this explanation is that there was connivance between someone on board and the commander of the submarine in Caribbean waters. Indirectly the belief that the Germans did not destroy but held the Cyclops was fortified by the fact that the Germans realized the value of a cargo of manganese. The latter alone would have been worth about \$20,000,000 if delivered in Germany.

Efforts have been made by the navy department to get from Germany any information to prove the Cyclops was the victim of a submarine. But the Germans, it is pointed out, would have the best of reasons to keep the matter secret, inasmuch as they could only hope through secrecy, for a repetition. The department today declared the name "John Rammon" did not appear on the lists of those on the Cyclops when she left the Barbadoes nor was it included on the official "missing list" given out by the navy on April 15.

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