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**PIER BLOWN UP.**

A place of pleasure, for thousands of holiday makers, this pier off the East Coast, is now partially a mass of wreckage... A German mine, floating round on its mission of murder, bumped against the pier, a terrific explosion followed. Two lifeboatmen, who were on the pier at the time, had just entered the beathouse, when the mine exploded. To this, they owe their lives. Tom Fairweather was not much hurt, and neither was his companion, (though he had the breath knocked out of him for a time). The fortunate thing about this affair is that no lives were lost. Bad enough, in all conscience, but it might have been worse.