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THE "SEA DEVIL"

GERMAN WAR RAIDER HERE.

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Picture.

This 'plane brings a romantic figure of the War. A German naval officer, who is, incidentally one of the best fellows I have ever met, Count Felix Von Luckner, alias the 'Sea Devil'. A raider who did enormous damage to Allied shipping, but never took a single life. While here, Von Luckner will probably meet Admiral Sir Reginald Hall, who as chief of our naval intelligence, organised the chase after the innocent-looking sailing ship 'Headler', commanded by the sea-devil. Von Luckner, who did actually start sailor life before the mast, will himself speak to you.

It is quite true that I was responsible for the destruction of five-million-pounds-worth of British and Allied shipping during the Great War.

It was my job !

In sinking all those ships, I was careful not to deprive one mother of a son, one wife of a husband, one sweetheart of a lover.

It was not my job !

I did not feel like a warrior, I felt just a sailor.

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Life was full of thrills in those days, By Joe !

On one occasion, my clipper "Seeadler", disguised as an innocent Norwegian, got through the British blockade, assisted by a snow-hurricane.

South of Iceland my ship was stopped by a British cruiser, and examined.

My cabin-boy was dressed as a woman, and was presented by me as my wife!

I was believed, they wished us a Merry Christmas, and we were allowed to go.

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After that we sent scores of vessels to the bottom of the sea, but without causing the death of so much as a ship's cat !

It was just fate that, after all the dangers through which we passed, my trusty little 'clipper should end her days wrecked on a coral reef in the South Seas !

That was nearly twenty years ago, and, although they were stirring times, I would not wish history to repeat itself !