

# *Danish Seamen Saw 45 German Ships and 19 British Warcraft in Battle*

*According to an Eyewitness the Kaiser's Warships Were Retiring  
Before Foe—Another Account Says Germans Chased Foe First,  
Then Withdrew as More British Vessels Came Up.*

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COPENHAGEN, June 2. (Dispatch to The London Daily Mail.)—The steamer Naesborg, from Sunderland with coal, arrived today. The officers state that the German fleet in the North Sea battle consisted of forty-five ships of different kinds, among which they noticed several of the largest type.

The British fleet consisted of eleven vessels, which steamed southward at full speed after the German fleet. Later on eight British ships appeared from the north, firing heavily.

Many sailing ships were seen passing through the firing line. The weather was clear and the sea smooth.

The German fleet retired in a southwesterly direction uninterrupted, and heavy firing was heard from both sides until midnight.

A Zeppelin crossed directly over the Naesborg, the crew of which say the concussion of the shell explosions were felt on board their ships as if their legs were being violently beaten with sticks.

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