

GERMAN RAIDER CAPTURED OFF BERMUDA?

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REPORTED CRUISER ROON CAPTURED OFF BERMUDA BY BRITISH WARSHIP DRAKE AFTER THREE-HOUR ENGAGEMENT

BRITISH DRIVE ENEMY FROM CRATER BY GRENADE ATTACK

Two Merchantmen Flying German Flag, One of Them Armed, Also Said to Have Been Caught

Authorities at Hamilton, Bermuda, Profess Ignorance of Fight and of Capture—The Roon Supposed to be Raider Which Captured the British Steamer Appam.

New York, Feb. 9.—Advices received here today assert that the German warship Roon, alleged to be the capturer of the Appam, has been captured by the British armored cruiser Drake after a three hour fight, 200 miles east northeast of Bermuda, according to a story printed by the New York Evening Globe.

The capture of the Roon is said by the Globe to have been followed by the seizure of two merchantmen which were flying the German flag and one of which was armed.

The story is contained in a message which the Globe states it received in code from a reliable source in Bermuda. The message follows:

"Drake here today towing Roon. Took her 200 knots east northeast Bermuda, three hours running fighting. Lost Danforth eighteen men. Her losses about one-third. Struck as we came abeam. Two merchantmen with her, one armed. Took both. Brought here. Seagrave, on sighting Roon, said: 'Please God, today I will avenge Craddock.' Roon badly knocked about by 9.2. Thirty officers and 718 men taken in the three prizes."

The Seagrave mentioned in the message is supposed to be Captain Seagrave who was with Admiral Craddock when the latter went down with his flagship, the Good Hope, which was sunk in an engagement with a German squadron off Chile. There is no Danforth among the officers in the British navy list.

The British embassy today received advices from British agents in New York that a man living on Staten Island, whose name was not transmitted, had received a private despatch from Bermuda, saying the British cruiser Drake had taken the German cruiser Roon and some German ships. The embassy had no further advices.

Captain John R. Seagrave was in command of the auxiliary cruiser Orama, which formed part of Admiral Craddock's squadron in the battle off Chile. After the battle the Orama escaped and later in company with the cruisers Glasgow and Kent, sank the German cruiser Dresden off Juan Fernandez island. A few days later, in March, 1915, Captain Seagrave fought a battle with the German armed merchantman Navarra off the River Plate and sank her. The Orama was last reported at Calao in June, 1915, and since that time neither it nor Captain Seagrave have figured in the news.

For several days reports have been current in maritime circles here that the German commerce-raider had been either sunk or captured by the British. The British consulate, however, has had no official confirmation of this report.

NOTHING OF IT AT HAMILTON

Bulletin—Hamilton, Bermuda, Feb. 9.—If a battle has taken place between the British armored cruiser Drake and the German cruiser Roon off Bermuda, nothing is known here of the occurrence. Numerous inquiries have failed to confirm the report that the Drake attacked and captured the Roon. These vessels have not reached this port, and so far as can be learned, no advices have been received at Hamilton to indicate that the Drake has taken a prize into any other port.

OTTAWA ALSO IN DARK

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—(Via leased wire)—General Sir Sam Hughes stated tonight that his department had no information from any of the wireless or cable stations regarding the reported naval engagement near Bermuda in which the British cruiser Drake is said to have captured the German commerce-raider Roon. Enquiries have been made at the various stations for corroboration of the reported capture of the raider, but no news of any kind is available.

SIR CHAS. R. WILSON DEAD, FORMER C.T.R. PRESIDENT

London, Feb. 9 (11 p. m.)—Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, former president of the Grand Trunk Railway, died at his London residence tonight. Sir Charles was born in 1821.

URGES DISMISSAL OF ALL GERMANS IN GOVERNMENT EMPLOY.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—At a public meeting called by Mayor Church tonight a resolution was adopted urging the dismissal of all Germans, naturalized or not, in government employment.



GERMAN CRUISER ROON
The Roon is believed to be the raider which captured the British steamer Appam. Earlier in the war the Roon figured in a brisk engagement with Russian ships in the Baltic, but finding the fire of the Russian warships too hot after half an hour abandoned her slower consort, the Augsburg, and fled at full speed.

GERMAN AIRCRAFT MORE DARING MAKE DAYLIGHT RAID ON COAST OF KENT

Two Women and Child Injured—British Airmen Go After the Raiders Which Evaded Attack—All Bombs Fell Near School.

London, Feb. 9.—Two women and one child were injured this afternoon when two German seaplanes raided the Kent coast, dropping bombs. Three missiles fell on the outskirts of Ramsgate, and four near a school at Broadstairs. The material damage is said by the war office to have been confined to the shattering of glass. The attack was made in broad daylight. At 3.30 o'clock this afternoon two seaplanes were reported approaching the Kentish coast, and a few minutes later they flew over Ramsgate and Broadstairs.

A number of naval and military aeroplanes and seaplanes ascended to attack the Germans, but they immediately retreated. As no engagement between the airmen has been reported it is presumed that the Germans made good their escape.

Of the four bombs dropped in Broadstairs all fell near a school house. Three of them exploded.

The following official statement was given out tonight: "At 3.30 p.m. today two German seaplanes were reported approaching the coast of Kent. A few minutes later these two seaplanes dropped three bombs in a field on the outskirts of Ramsgate. Four bombs were dropped near a school at Broadstairs. Three of the latter exploded.

"No casualties have been reported and no damage was caused other than to glass."

N.C.O. MISTAKEN FOR GERMAN IS UNDER ARREST AT SYDNEY, N.S.

Corp. Crossman Gets Bullet in Leg Through Mistake of Guard who Thought Him a Sympathizer of Germans in Amherst Detention Camp.

Amherst, N. S., Feb. 9.—Corporal Crossman, one of the non-commissioned officers with the guards at the detention camp, received a bullet wound in the leg last evening. One of the sentries fired upon Corporal Crossman by mistake, taking him to be a German sympathizer seeking to speak to the German prisoners. The wound was but slight. Surgical aid was immediately summoned and the injured man is now on the way to recovery.

MONTREAL MAN PRESIDENT.

Bellefleur, Ont., Feb. 9.—At the fourth annual convention of the Canadian Produce Association, held today, Mr. R. B. Caldwell, Halifax, and Mr. J. R. Ritchie, Charlottetown, were

AUSTRIAN UNDER ARREST AT SYDNEY, N.S.

Has Been in Places Where incendiary Fires Occurred Recently and Left Without Permission.

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 9.—Captain D. A. Noble arrested an Austrian who arrived here Tuesday from Ottawa without the proper endorsement of his card by the authorities. The man claimed to have worked on the streets of the capital during last summer and has lately been employed in the woods. The fact that he left a district where there have been so many incendiary fires of late, without permission, is considered suspicious, and the authorities have been communicated with. He is being held at the city lockup for the present. His leaving the capital without permission defines him for the internment camp in any case.

elect directors. Mr. A. H. Dalrymple, Montreal, was elected president, and Mr. A. Vallancourt, Montreal, secretary-treasurer.

BUDGET TO BE BROUGHT DOWN NEXT TUESDAY

War Fiscal Policy of Last Year Success, Only Minor Changes Likely.

LOOKING AFTER THE RETURNED SOLDIERS

Premier Borden Informs House that Present Pension Scheme is to be Revised this Session

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—Canada has been taking better care of her soldiers than any other portion of the Empire, and much better than any of the countries at war with the Allies, but there have been found cases where the conditions were heavily upon some classes of men who have gone forth to fight Canada's battle. These cases have been noted by the government, and the Prime Minister announced today that the pension scheme which is at present in force will be revised during the present session.

The matter was introduced by W. S. Middlebro, who moved a resolution calling upon the government to give preference in the matter of civil service appointments to properly qualified men who had been to battle with the Canadian overseas forces. The terms of the resolution struck a responsive chord in the House. There was hearty agreement, but the Premier announced that the government had already taken action along these lines. He then mentioned the matter of the pensions and asked the adjournment of the debate so that the question could be considered more fully later. This was done.

Sir Thomas White announced that the budget would be brought down next Tuesday. Regarding it there has been considerable speculation, and while this is a matter upon which the Finance Minister preserves a customary silence, it seems to be taken for granted that the war fiscal policy instituted 4 years ago has been so satisfactory that if there are any changes they will be of a very minor character. (Continued on page 3)

The French and the Germans have been engaged in furious combat on the sector of the western battlefield between Lens and Arras, where recently there has been great activity. Berlin reports that to the west of the town of Vimy the Germans captured French positions over a length of 800 yards. Paris admits that the Germans, after the explosion of two heavily charged mines, got a foothold in portions of a French trench but says that they were driven out by hand grenade attacks.

Paris also reports that the French, in a grenade attack, drove out the Germans from a small post between Soissons and Rheims, and that the French batteries have badly damaged German organizations in the forest of Apremont, southeast of St. Mihiel.

On the Russian front Berlin reports the repulse of Russian infantry attacks at several points in the Riga region. A Petrograd despatch says severe fighting is in process of development in this district, the preliminary artillery duels having changed into bombardments of great intensity. Nothing new has come through concerning the situation on the Austro-Italian line, in Belgium or in Asia, where the Russians and British, at various points are engaged with the Turks.

Two women and one child have been injured in a daylight raid by two German aeroplanes which dropped bombs on the outskirts of Ramsgate and near a school house at Broadstairs, in Kent county, Southeast England.

Owing to ill-health General Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien has given up his command of the British forces in East Africa. He has been succeeded by the 300 general, Jan Christian Smuts.

Italian Statement
Rome, via London, Feb. 9.—The official communication issued by the war office today says:

"The artillery actions on the whole front have been most intense. On the Isonzo we obtained good results from our fire directed on various enemy positions, and behind the enemy's lines and also against columns of troops and wagons in motion."

Austrians Take Prezija?

Vienna, via London, Feb. 9.—The following official communication was issued today:

"In the Russian and Italian theatres there is nothing important to report. Southeastern theatre: Vanguards of the Austro-Hungarian troops operating in Albania have crossed the River Im, and occupied Prezija (about twelve miles northeast of Durazzo) and the heights northwest of the town. The enemy, composed of remnants of Serbian units, Italian detachments and Essad Pasha's mercenaries, avoided battle and retreated toward the south and southeast.

"Only when occupying Valja (about five miles northwest of Tirina) did a short battle develop. In it the enemy was repulsed.

"Our airmen have recently repeatedly bombed with success the troop camps near Durazzo, and Italian steamers lying in the harbor there.

"In Montenegro, the situation is quiet. The disarming of the Montenegrins has been completed."

British Report

London, Feb. 9, 3.50 p. m.—The following official statement was issued tonight:

"With reference to the German official communication of Feb. 8, stating that a German aeroplane squadron had attacked Poperinghe, General Sir Douglas Haig reports that a host of aeroplanes dropped four bombs near Poperinghe station, no damage being done."

Intense Artillery Duelling in Belgium.
Paris, Feb. 9, via London, 9 p. m.—The following official statement was issued by the war office tonight:

"In Belgium our heavy artillery continued the bombardment of the Vauxban Fort and the trenches in the region of Hetsas.

"In Artois a rather intense artillery duel has been going on between Hill 115, and the road from Neuville to Thelus. The enemy, after having exploded a mine in front of our trench to the southwest of Hill 140, directed against our positions an infantry attack which was repulsed.

"Between Soissons and Rheims, to the south of Ville-Su-Bols, we attacked with grenades a small post which the enemy was obliged to evacuate.

"To the southeast of Saint Mihiel our batteries caused extensive damage to the German organizations in the forest of Apremont.

"Between 5.30 and 6.40 o'clock today the enemy threw seven shells on Belfort and its environs."

French Front of 800 Metres Stormed, Berlin Says.
Berlin, Feb. 9, via London.—The text of the official statement issued tonight is as follows:

"Western theatre of war: West of Vimy our troops stormed the first line French positions over an extension of 800 metres, securing more than 100 prisoners and five machine guns.

"South of the Somme, the French again penetrated during the evening a small German trench section.

"In Bois Le Pretre an enemy aeroplane was shot down by our infantry. It fell in flames, its two occupants dead.

"Eastern theatre of war: Minor Russian attacks made in the neighborhood of Iloukiet, northeast of Dvinsk, and against the field guard post that we captured on the sixth, on the Baranovitch-Lyakhovitch railway were repulsed.

"Balkan theatre of war: The situation is unchanged."

Bulgarian King in Berlin.
Berlin, Feb. 9, via wireless to Sayville.—King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, accompanied by Premier Radoslavoff and General Joffe, commander-in-chief of the Bulgarian forces, have arrived at the German headquarters, according to the Overseas News Agency.

British Take German Crater.
London, Feb. 9 (10.45 p. m.)—The British official communication issued tonight says:

"Last night we fired a mine south of crater No. 8, and after some fighting with trench mortars and hand grenades occupied the crater.

"The enemy's artillery has shown some activity today about Anthuille and Loos, and against our line northeast of Ypres. Our artillery replied vigorously, considerably damaging the enemy's trenches."

Who wants to chum with a quitter?

