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## TRAWLER CAPT. TELLS HOW FLEETS CAME TOGETHER

Fleet of 50 German Ships Cruising From S.E. to N.W. Come Upon the British Fleet Which Suddenly Appeared From Northward—Firing Started at 1.15 on Wednesday

YMUUDEN, Holland, June 3.—A graphic description of the great naval battle was given to-day by Capt. Thomas Punt, of the British trawler *John Brown*, which was engaged in taking soundings in the vicinity of the fight. Capt. Punt said the battle began at 4.15 p.m. Wednesday and lasted until 11 o'clock at night. It extended over an area reaching from longitude 56.8 lat. 6.25, to long. 55.50 lat. 5.50. These measurements place the scene of the battle about fifty miles due west of the Horn running northward to the Little Fishing Bank. "At two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon I saw a great fleet of 50 ships of different kinds, apparently German, cruising from S. E. to N. W. Two hours later, another great fleet evidently British, appeared suddenly from the northward, and obviously attempted to cut off the retreat of the Germans. The weather was misty making it difficult to distinguish the outlines of the ships. At 4.15 p.m. the first shot came from about two miles away. Fifteen minutes later there were two more shots, and in a few moments there was constant and heavy firing. Many sailing ships passed through the firing line. The British ships did not seem to be so heavily tonnage as the Germans. They were reinforced by larger vessels, which were observed to come up as it was getting darker. The German fleet then began to retire, and as they were withdrawing I saw two big columns of smoke, evidently some vessels which had been badly hit. The next moment I observed two vessels one of either fleet burning. The British fleet pursued the Germans to longitude 56.40 and latitude 5.50, when I noticed two torpedo destroyers and three submarines dashing toward it at full speed, apparently heralding further reinforcements for the Germans. The British ships then drew off.

## REGARD BATTLE AS BIG VICTORY FOR BRITISH

London Press Generally State the Battle Must Rank as a British Victory—The Result of Fight Will Sting British People to Fresh Exertions—Huns Hope to Impress Neutrals

LONDON, June 3.—The morning papers, while admitting the serious nature of the British loss in the naval battle, uniformly insist that the battle cannot possibly have any adverse effect on the naval situation. Most editorials, moreover, declare that, in its ultimate effect, the battle must rank as a British victory, because the Germans were finally compelled to flee, owing to the arrival of the British main fleet on the scene of action.

The Daily Graphic's naval expert says, it is quite clear that the main German fleet was trying to come out and that our battle cruisers interrupted them, and held them up, and that they were finally forced to return to port; in other words, Admiral Jellicoe's Grand Fleet came up, after our battle cruisers had held the enemy, and the enemy retired. The German fleet admitted its inability to meet our Grand Fleet, and is as securely locked up, despite its success, as it was before. There remains, nevertheless, a black page in our naval history, in so far as the loss of splendid ships and splendid lives are concerned. It is illuminated, however, by the glorious fighting against the vastly superior weight of metal, but the blow remains, and it is a desperately heavy one.

The Times says: "We engaged, perhaps, with over confidence in a long-running fight against ships which were more numerous, stronger, and more heavily armed than our cruiser fleet, and we suffered heavily; but the event will not impair the effectiveness of our blockade of the sea, nor will it dispose the Germans to encounter that main part of the British fleet, in avoidance of which they have shown such diligence and alertness. The Germans doubtless hope that the battle will impress credulous neutrals, and even cause some discouragement among the Allies, and to the British people. The result of the fight will sting them to fresh exertion, and it will dispel much idle and harmful optimism. It will steel that unalterable resolution to win or perish, that has ever been the consequence of untoward fortune to our race when they are entered upon a quarrel which they know to be just."

# LATEST

Are Proud of The Part They Took In the Battle

SOUTH SHIELDS, June 5.—Many of those wounded in the sea fight have been brought here and placed in hospital. Even those seriously injured display fortitude and composure and are proud of the part they took in the battle. They relate that the Germans tried to blind the British crews with searchlights. One British destroyer, according to these survivors, did remarkable work. She attacked a German battleship and successfully torpedoed it and subsequently sank a German submarine which was about to attack.

The Frauenlob's men said their ship had suffered severely in the earlier fighting, during which her deck had been swept by murderous British fire. The torpedo hit her amidships which caused an explosion in the engine room, lifting the ship high in water. She sank in several minutes.

## Elbing Was Ramm'd Crew Blew Her Up

THE HAGUE, June 5.—The survivors of the German cruiser "Elbing" left for Germany on Saturday evening by permission of the Dutch Government. They had been landed at Ymuuden. Commander Madlund made a brief report to the German Minister at the Hague, stating to the effect that the Elbing was hit only once by a shot which disabled the wireless apparatus. Afterwards in the night he reported the Elbing was disabled by collision, whereupon the crew abandoned and blew up the ship. The men then got away in their own boats with the exception of those who were picked up by the Dutch trawler which brought them into Ymuuden. Commander Madlund made a longer report to Berlin. The captain of the trawler understood it was a German torpedo boat that ramm'd the Elbing.

## Loss Among British Officers is Heavy

LONDON, June 5.—An official list of casualties among the officers show hardly a single officer of line escaped from the British cruisers sunk in battle. An additional casualty list of petty officers shows 43 of them saved from the Queen Mary, the Invincible, Fortune, Ardent, and Shark. None were saved from the Indefatigable, Defence, Black Prince, Tipperary, Turbulent, Nomad, and Nestor. A list gives the names of 65 killed aboard the Warrior, and 27 wounded. On other ships engaged in the fight 115 men were killed and 85 wounded.

## Were Liberated

LONDON, June 5.—Twenty-one members of the crew of the German cruiser "Elbing," destroyed in the great naval battle and a surgeon of one of the British ships, were brought to Ymuuden aboard the Dutch trawler Bertha, have been liberated, accordance with the Red Cross Convention, because the Bertha after rescuing the men did not communicate with war vessels, according to an official from the Netherlands Government forwarded to the Hague to Reuters' Telegram Company.

## Another Call For Fisher

LONDON, June 5.—The Daily News calls for the return of Lord Fisher to the head of the Navy. "No single event," the newspaper, "would more effectively counteract the danger of diminution of confidence in the Navy if it exists, than the return of Lord Fisher, who in time of peace brought the navy to a state of unexampled efficiency."

## Rear Admiral Arbuth Safe

NEW YORK, June 5.—A despatch from London says Rear-Admiral Arbuth was not lost with the Defence. There were 755 men on board of which every one went down.

## Only Saw One Zeppelin

LONDON, June 5.—The British fleet saw only one Zeppelin during the engagement, and it was fired on so heavily that it retired from action quickly, having been damaged badly.

LONDON, June 5.—The British steamer Golconda, 5,374 tons, has been sunk off Orfordness. Five of the crew are missing.

tion to win or perish, that has ever been the consequence of untoward fortune to our race when they are entered upon a quarrel which they know to be just."

## CANADIANS ACCOMPLISH GOOD WORK

LONDON, June 5.—A British official statement issued at midnight reads: "Fighting of a very severe nature has continued unceasingly southeast of Ypres, between Hooge and the Ypres-Minipen railway. Following their initial advantage obtained yesterday evening in penetrating our forward line in this neighborhood, the Germans pushed their attack, during the night and succeeded in pushing through our defences to a depth of 700 yards in the direction of Zillebeke, Canadian troops, however, who are holding this sector of defences launched counter strokes at 7 o'clock in which they have succeeded in gradually driving the enemy from much of the ground he had gained. The Canadians behaved with utmost gallantry. A large number of German dead were abandoned, Generals Mercer and Williams, of the Third Canadian Division, who were inspecting the front trenches yesterday during the bombardment are missing. Opposite the entrance of our line near Fricourt, north of the River Somme, a small party of a regiment raided the German line last night, bringing back a few prisoners. This party had a sharp engagement on the German trench and suffered some casualties, but succeeded in bombing several German dugouts. Southwest of Angres last night we carried out a successful enterprise. Our party entered a German trench and disposed of the garrison above ground, and bombed five dugouts before retiring, without loss.

"To-day there has been a good deal of artillery activity about the Loos salient. Yesterday our aeroplanes, favored by fine weather, accomplished much successful work."

## OFFICIAL

BRITISH LONDON, June 4.—The British Admiralty to-day made the following statement to the Canadian Press: "We went out within 100 miles enemy waters seeking to fight. Our inferior fleet engaged the entire German battle fleet and forced them to return to harbour, and to give up any plan of action they may have contemplated." It was added that the latest reports received from Admiral Jellicoe and Vice-Admiral Beatty had caused a feeling of elation among naval officers.

LONDON, June 4 (Official).—Canadians have launched counter-attacks that drove the Germans from the site previously captured, Generals Mercer and Williams, of the Third Division, two Canadian generals, are missing. They were last seen while inspecting front trenches yesterday, during a heavy bombardment.

## LONDON PRESS ON NAVAL BATTLE

LONDON, June 5.—The morning papers with fuller details available of the naval battle, show no tinge of depression.

The morning Post calls the fight "A Victory," so momentous that the results may prove the turning point of the war. The Telegraph thus sums up: "The immense forces of the second greatest naval power in the world have been driven to port as before some furious storm of vengeance. Though the British fleet was deprived by circumstances of the complete victory upon which it had set its heart Wednesday's action has completely changed the naval outlook in every sea and ocean in the world." The Graphic says: "The first real trial of strength the British Navy has achieved, a glorious victory, only robbed of its full fruits by the enemy's flight."

The Daily News' view is that the fight serves "to confirm the conviction that the German fleet is determined to refuse to come to action on equal terms."

The Express comments briefly that "victors do not run away." Several editorials lament the misleading wording of the Admiralty's first announcement. The Morning Post typifies this point of view in saying, "The knowledge was unfortunate as the people drew their conclusion that the Government was hinting of defeat instead as the fact discreetly conveyed the news of a magnificent success. The navy won a great victory and the Admiralty announcement likes it to a defeat."

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