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## BRITISH FLEET SINKS BIG GERMAN CRUISER IN NORTH SEA BATTLE

The Blucher, a Ship of 15,500 Tons Capsizes and Sinks After Four Hours' Engagement With the British Fleet

123 MEN SAVED OUT OF CREW OF 885

Sunken Battle-Cruiser Formed Part of a German Squadron Intercepted as They Steamed Toward English Coast

NO BRITISH KILLED

And Not a Ship Lost—British Squadron Included Lion, Tiger, Princess Royal and the Indomitable

London, Jan. 25.—The Times' naval correspondent, in his review of the naval fight, assumes, from the composition of the German squadron, that it was intended that the adventure should be on a large scale at a long distance from the German base.

Probably, the correspondent adds, the squadrons met in early morning, and apparently a running fight of hundreds of miles or more occurred at thirty miles an hour. The great credit of the marksmanship of the British gunners that at such a rate of speed it should have inflicted such serious damage on the retreating enemy.

The names of four German cruisers include all the effective vessels of this class in German waters, except the Von der Tann, which recently was reported to have sustained injury of some sort.

Thus, with the Blucher sunk, and two others damaged, the strength of the German battle fleet in this respect has been reduced to a couple of ships. Probably if the Derfflinger was leading, it may have been the Seydlitz and Moltke which were damaged. By this action the Germans are deprived of the services of the fast wing of their battle fleet, if they were challenged for a decisive fight for sea command.

The Times, in common with our morning newspapers, congratulates the country on what it says has proved the vigilance of the Navy.

The Times adds that only the Admiralty and the Commander of the squadron know, by how very small a matter of half an hour and the fog, the German squadron escaped after the Scarborough raid.

German Airmen Hit U.S. Consulate in Dunkirk Raid

Broke the Windows and Smashed the Furniture—South African Rebels Dejected

(British Official Bulletin.)

London, Jan. 25.—The French Government reports slight progress, or the enemy checked at various points. The Russian Government reports the German offensive checked on the left bank of the Vistula and in Galicia. On Friday twelve German aeroplanes dropped bombs on Dunkirk, one bomb breaking the windows and smashing the furniture of the United States Consulate.

On the same day two British aeroplanes at Zeebrugge dropped bombs on the submarines and guns on the Mole. It is believed that one submarine was badly damaged, and that there were many casualties among the guns' crews.

In South Africa, the enemy under Kemp and Maritz attacked Upington yesterday. They were repulsed, leaving thirty-five killed and wounded, and ninety-six prisoners.

Schr. Crescendo, which loaded fish at Smith & Co.'s, sailed for Brazil, Saturday.

## Chased The German Ships Close Back To Home Port

(British Official Bulletin.)

London, Jan. 24.—The Admiralty issues the following announcement:

Early this morning the British patrolling squadron of battle cruisers and light cruisers, under Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty, with a destroyer flotilla under Commodore Tyrwhitt, sighted four German battle cruisers, several light cruisers and a number of destroyers making for the English Coast.

The enemy at once made for home at high speed. They were at once pursued and at about 9.30 a.m. action was joined between the battle cruisers Lion, Tiger, Princess Royal, New Zealand, and Indomitable on the one hand, and the Derfflinger, Seydlitz, Moltke on the other. A well-contested running fight ensued.

Shortly after one o'clock the Blucher, which had previously fallen out of the line, capsized and sank.

Admiral Beatty reports that two other German battle cruisers were seriously damaged. They were, however, able to continue their flight and reached an area where dangers from German submarines and mines prevented further pursuit. No British ships have been lost, and our casualties, as at present reported, are slight, the Lion, which led the line, having only eleven wounded and no killed.

One hundred and twenty-three survivors were rescued from the Blucher's crew of eight hundred and eighty-five, and it is possible that others have been saved by some of our destroyers.

No reports of any destroyer or light cruiser fighting have yet been received at the Admiralty, though some have apparently taken place.

Their Lordships have expressed their satisfaction to Vice-Admiral Beatty.

(Sgd.) HARCOURT.

## King George Congratulates Adml. Beatty

And the Admiralty Flatly Denies Reported Loss of British Ship in Battle

London, Jan. 25.—The King today sent to Vice-Admiral Beatty a personal message of congratulation on the victory won by his fleet. The entire English nation is celebrating the triumph in what naval experts term the "most important naval battle of the war."

The statement issued in Berlin saying that a British cruiser was reported to have been sunk in the battle, is declared by English naval officials to be an attempt to minimize the victory of Admiral Beatty.

The reported loss of an English cruiser is flatly denied, and the Admiralty has reaffirmed its declaration that English casualties have been few.

## General French Praises Navy

Sends Congratulations on the Naval Victory of Sunday

(British Press Bureau.)

London, Jan. 26.—The Press Bureau last night gave out the following message received by the Admiralty from Field Marshal Sir John French: "I and the army in France hope that you and our naval comrades will accept our congratulations on the victory of the British fleet in the North Sea. I convey to Vice-Admiral Beatty and Commodore Tyrwhitt and their officers and men our congratulations and good wishes."

S.S. Lintrose docks to-day for repairs.

## Chief Warships Engaged in Sunday's North Sea Fight

THE GERMAN SQUADRON.

The Blucher, armoured cruiser, commissioned in 1910; carried 885 men; speed 25.3 knots; tonnage displacement 15,550; Guns 12 x 8.2 in. and 8 x 5.9 in.

The Derfflinger, battle cruiser, commissioned in 1914; carried 1,150 men; speed 27 knots; tonnage 28,000; guns 8 x 12 in. and 12 x 5.9 in.

The Seydlitz, battle cruiser, commissioned in 1913; carried 1,073 men; speed 29.2 knots; tonnage 24,640; guns 10 x 11 in. and 12 x 5.9 in.

The Moltke, battle cruiser, commissioned in 1911; men 1,013; speed 28.4; tonnage 22,640; guns 10 x 11 in. and 12 x 5.9 in.

THE BRITISH SQUADRON.

The Lion, battle cruiser, Flag Ship of Admiral Sir David Beatty; Capt. Chatfield; commissioned in 1912; men 980; speed 28.5 knots; tonnage 26,350; guns 8 x 13.5 in. and 16 x 4 in.

The Tiger, battle cruiser, Capt. H. B. Pelly, M.V.O.; commissioned in 1914; men 1,000; speed 28 knots; tonnage 27,500 guns 8 x 13.5 in. and 12 x 6 in.

The Princess Royal, battle cruiser, Capt. Osmond De B. Brock; commissioned in 1912; men 980; speed 28.5 knots; tonnage 26,350; guns 8 x 13.5 in. and 16 x 4 in.

The New Zealand, battle cruiser, Capt. Halsey; commissioned in 1911; men 780; speed 21.78 knots; tonnage 18,800; guns 8 x 12 in. and 16 x 4 in.

The Indomitable, Capt. F. W. Kennedy; battle cruiser; commissioned in 1908; men 780; speed 26 knots; tonnage 17,250; guns 8 x 12 in. and 16 x 4 in.

## Busted Up Auto Shop Of Germans

British Air-Raid On Essen Resulted In Destruction of Four Hundred Autos

Amsterdam, Jan. 26.—The British air raid last week on the town of Essen, resulted in the destruction of four hundred automobiles.

According to a correspondent of The Handelsblad, these cars were in the repair shops, which were wrecked by British bombs.

The loss of this large shop and its elaborate equipment has been a serious blow to the Germans, who have been compelled to take over a private auto factory at Aix La Chapelle.

## H.M.S. Viknor Is Presumed As Wrecked

Some Bodies and Wreckage Washed Ashore on Irish Coast—Armored Merchant Vessel

London, Jan. 26.—It is officially announced by the Admiralty today that the British armored merchant vessel Viknor, has been lost off Ireland, with all hands. The vessel, it is stated, either struck or foundered.

The Viknor has been missing for some days and it must now be accepted that she is lost with all her officers and men.

The cause of the loss is uncertain but, as some bodies and wreckage have been washed ashore on the North Coast of Ireland, it is presumed that during the recent bad weather she either foundered or had been carried out of her course and struck a mine in seas where the Germans are known to have laid them.

The Viknor was formerly the Viking and was commandeered by the Admiralty on Dec. 12. She is in charge of Commander E. O. Ballantyne. The number of her crew cannot be ascertained.

## Allies Report Slight Progress East of St. George

A German Counter-Attack Fails Completely—Allied Artillery Destroys Some Mused Bridges

(French Official Bulletin.)

Paris, via St. Pierre, Jan. 25.—In Belgium there has been slight progress east of St. George's. On the remainder of the front artillery contacts.

At Berry au Bac the Germans counter attack failed completely.

In Argonne, at Gurie woods, sharp shooting was checked by our artillery.

On the Meuse occurred the destruction of the St. Mihiel bridges by our artillery.

At Aber mini in Lorraine we surprised a detachment of Bavarians and made them prisoners.

In the Vosges and Alsace, dense fog prevails.

## Zeppelins On The Move

Said to be Prepared to Make a Raid On Date of Kaiser's Birthday

Geneva, Jan. 25.—Two of Germany's biggest and newest Zeppelins sailed secretly from Friedrichshafen last night for a German base in Belgium.

It is believed they will make a spectacular raid on the Kaiser's birthday on Wednesday.

Const. O'Neil who accompanied the remains of Norman Avery to his late home in Trinity Bay, returned to the City last night.

## WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Fresh W. winds, clearing.

Wednesday—Moderate West winds, fair and colder.

## AUSTRO-GERMAN ARMY TRIES SAVE HUNGARY

### British Air-raid on Zeebrugge Damages Submarine and Guns

London, Jan. 24.—While German airmen on Friday morning were dropping bombs on Dunkirk, one of which damaged the American Consulate, two British aviators paid a visit to Zeebrugge, and succeeded in damaging a submarine, and killing or wounding the crews of the guns mounted on the Mole, to prevent attack on Zaon, the new German base.

British official reports issued last night say that apart from breaking of windows and the smashing of furniture of the American Consulate, no particular damage was done. It makes no reference whatever to Paris reports that six persons were killed and a number of others wounded at Dunkirk.

One of the British aviators was squadron commander R. B. Davies.

Prior to reaching Zeebrugge Commander Davies was surrounded, succeeded in making his flight along the coast and returning safely.

## Now Calls Out Untrained Men

Fifty-Year-Old Class in Germany Is Called To Colors

Amsterdam, Jan. 26.—A telegram received here from Berlin, sets forth

that in the province of Brandenburg, in which Berlin is located, there have been called upon for medical examination, the fifty-year-old untrained men of the Landstrum of 1886, 1887 and 1888 classes.

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## Resistance on Southeastern Theatre of War Stiffens up in an Attempt to Check the Russian Invaders

BUT LITTLE CHANGE IN WEST THEATRE

British Press Greatly Pleas-ed Over the British Naval Victory—Swedes Irritated Over British Contraband Policy

London, Jan. 26.—The sudden stiffening of the Austrian front at the 11th hour to check the Russian invasion of Hungary as a natural sequence to the occupation of Bukovina, seems for the present to be the chief event of military importance, and the Russians seem to recognise this.

All recent despatches from Petrograd have emphasized the Austro-German offensive in the south-eastern theatre.

Of secondary importance perhaps are the Russian movements near the east and west Prussian frontiers; movements of which a German statement received by wireless today takes cognizance, though at the same time insisting that no new advances into German territory are now feared.

In the western theatre there has been so little change that the British newspapers print official communications with scant comment, preferring to feature Sunday's naval action. It is pointed out that this engagement is not as detailed as might be desired. The Admiralty up to last night added nothing original.

Though the announcement has been made that great battles will be fought outside her door, Roumania, has not yet decided to join in the conflict, but it is patent that the situation in the Balkans is simmering, and it is believed action will soon come. The Italian, Greek, and Bulgarian Ministers were among the callers at the Foreign Office yesterday.

The Swedish press is showing a renewed irritation against the British contraband policy. Stockholm papers suggest reprisals in the way of forbidding transportation of goods destined for Britain over Swedish railways. One paper says the country should strengthen her defences, by means of which she would be able to command respect for her neutrality.

## Austrian Cruiser Is Sunk?

Venice Hears That She Struck a Mine Near Harbor of Pola and Went To Bottom

London, Jan. 26.—A despatch from Venice says it is reported there from Trieste that an Austrian cruiser has struck a mine near Brioni Islands and sunk. Brioni Islands are at the mouth of the Harbor Pola, Austria's big naval base on the Adriatic.

## On The Trail Of More Trouble

"Intimation" of Austrian Minister Won't Please Italy One Bit

Vienna, Jan. 26.—The Wiener Tagblatt, which is the mouthpiece of the Foreign Office, credits to Foreign Minister Burian a statement that he will refuse territorial concessions to Italy and Roumania, even if such course makes inevitable the intervention of these States on the side of Britain, France and Russia.

## Stephano Sails

The Stephano sails at 6 p.m. taking a small freight and the following passengers: Mrs. G. Miller, H. Power, H. M. Dix and Mrs. Keegan.