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DETAILED ACCOUNT ISSUED OF BRITISH NAVAL VICTORY OVER THE GERMAN FLEET OFF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Big Battle Rages At Sochaczew 30 Miles West Warsaw, Poland

Warsaw, Dec. 17.—A great battle is in progress at Sochaczew, thirty miles west of Warsaw, the German wedge which is proceeding in a south-easterly direction from Ilow has managed after heavy fighting in which serious losses are reported to have been inflicted to establish itself a quarter of a mile west of Sochaczew.

The Polish campaign now centres at that point. The German columns were met at Sochaczew by fierce resistance on the part of the Russians. Fighting was extremely severe at points leading to hand to hand encounters. Artillery fire on both sides are heavy and continuous. Reinforcements are being poured in rapidly on both sides.

Turkish Suzerainty Is Abolished Egypt Now British Protectorate

London, Dec. 17.—The Press Bureau to-night issued the following statement concerning making Egypt a British protectorate: His Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs gives notice that in view of the state of war arising out of the action of Turkey, Egypt is placed under the protection of His Majesty, and will henceforth constitute a British Protectorate.

The Suzerainty of Turkey over Egypt is thus terminated, and His Majesty's Government will adopt all measures necessary for the defence of Egypt and the protection of its inhabitants and interests. The King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Lieut. Col. Sir Arthur Henry M'Mahon to be His Majesty's High Commissioner for Egypt.

Kaiser Entirely Queered Plans Of The German Staff In Flanders

London, Dec. 12.—Arthur W. Leech brought to the western front from Germany. "At the end of October, while these operations were maturing, the Kaiser arrived on the scene and was present at the attacks on Ypres, which thereby gained a false importance in the whole scheme and wrecked the German plans. The Bavarian lieutenant states that (Continued on page 6)

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Germans Were About To Seize The Falkland Islands, British Possessions in the South Atlantic

BRITISH WERE THERE BEFORE THEY CAME

Enemy Saw Only the Canopus at First, Rushed to Attack Her and Were Received by a Whole British Fleet

ACTION LASTED HOUR

And Resulted in Sinking Four Ships Out of Five—Dresden Escaped—Glasgow Sank the Zeipzig

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 18.—The first detailed accounts of the naval battle of Dec. 8th, when four German cruisers were sent to the bottom, reached here today from Puerto Gallegos, Patagonia.

According to these accounts the Germans were on their way to seize the Falkland Islands, British possessions, when they came unexpectedly upon a lone British warship. The other members of the British fleet were taking on supplies from the neighboring islands at the time.

Before the Germans were aware of the strength of their opponents, these ships closed in on them and the fate of Admiral Von Spee's squadron was soon sealed.

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SAW ONLY CAOPUS.

Only the Canopus was visible at first to the Germans who steamed straight at her. The Canopus opened fire and the other British warships rushed to her assistance.

The Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig formed in battle line, but the Nurnberg and Dresden, however, dropped back from the firing line. The British warships concentrated their fire on the Scharnhorst which sank after an hour's fighting. When it became evident that the Scharnhorst, flagship, was doomed, her crew assembled on the forward deck. The Scharnhorst refused to surrender and soon plunged beneath the waves.

CHEERED AS THEY SANK.

The crew preserved its formation as the ship went down and cheered as the waters closed about her.

The Glasgow engaged the Leipzig and sank her.

The Gneisenau went down eighty miles from Port Stanley.

The Nurnberg attempted to escape but after a pursuit of two hours was sunk.

The Carnarvon pursued the Dresden, but was not swift enough to over haul her and the German warship escaped.

After the battle the British picked up 194 Germans including a few officers.

The cruiser Cornwall was damaged slightly below the water line. None of the other warships were damaged.

SHIPS ENGAGED IN FALKLAND I. FIGHT

British—8.	Germans—5.
Canopus	Scharnhorst
Invincible	Gneisenau
Invincible	Nurnburg
Kent	Dresden
Cornwall	Leipzig
Carnarvon	
Bristol	
Glasgow	
Total Tonnage, 89,000.	Total Tonnage, 33,240.
Men Engaged, 4,744.	Men Engaged, 2,511.

On December 10th, funeral services were held for the eight British sailors who were killed.

THE BRITISH FLEET.

The Canopus, the only British battleship that fought in the Falkland Islands engagement and the ship which lured the Germans to their doom is a comparatively old ship as ages go in the Navy. Built in 1895, at a cost of almost \$4,000,000, she is a light draught ship, one of several designed for voyages through the Suez Canal. Her speed is eighteen knots, and she has a tonnage of 12,950. Her main armament consists of four 12 in. and twelve 6 in. guns.

The battle cruiser Invincible of this British squadron is nameship of her own class of warships. The Invincible is a sister ship, but slightly smaller, having a tonnage of 17,250, as compared with the 18,750 tons of the Invincible. Both are fast ships, having a speed of 25 knots. Their main armament comprises eight 12-in. guns, sixteen 4 in. and each is also equipped with two torpedo tubes.

THREE ARMORED CRUISERS.

Of the remaining five ships of the British squadron three, the Cornwall, Carnarvon and Kent, are armored cruisers.

The Carnarvon is a ship of 10,850 tons, built in 1905 and steaming 23 knots. She is equipped with four 7.5 in. and six 6 in. guns.

The Cornwall and the Kent both are sister ships of the ill-fated Monmouth sunk in the battle off the Coast of Chile. Their speed is 23 knots, tonnage 9,800 and main armament fourteen 6 in. guns. The Kent was built in 1903 and the Cornwall in 1904.

The Bristol and Glasgow are sister ships, unarmored cruisers of 4,800 tons each, but steaming at the high speed of 27 knots. The armament of each consists of two 6 in. and ten 4 in. guns.

Special interest attaches to the presence in this fight of the Glasgow, which escaped the Germans in the

Chilean Naval battle. The report says that she sank the German cruiser Leipzig in the Falkland I. fight. Her opponent and victim was a ship of 3,200 tons, carried a complement of 300 men and had an armament of ten 4.1 in. guns. Her speed was 22 knots.

The crews carried by the British ships are as follows: Canopus, 700 men; Invincible, 790 men; Inflexible, 780 men; Carnarvon, 655 men; Cornwall and Kent, 537 men each; Bristol and Glasgow, 375 each. Total for the British squadron engaged, 4,744 men.

FOUR GERMANS SUNK.

Four of the German ships engaged, the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Leipzig, and Nurnburg, were sunk. The Dresden escaped.

She has a speed of 24 1/2 knots and got away from the Carnarvon which steamed 23 knots. The Scharnhorst and Gneisenau were sister ships, being armored cruisers of 11,500 tons each. The speed of these ships was 22 1/2 knots and the main armament of each consisted of twelve 8 in., eight 5.9 in. and sixteen 3 in. guns, with four torpedo tubes. Each carried 764 men.

The Nurnburg was an unarmored cruiser of 3,420 tons, steamed 23 1/2 knots and carried a complement of 322 men. She was armed with ten 4.1 in. guns.

The Nurnburg was a sister ship of the Koensburg, now bottled up in a river of German East Africa.

The Leipzig, as stated was 3,200 tons burthen, steamed 22 1/2 knots and carried 300 men. Her armament was similar to that of the Nurnburg.

The Dresden, the only ship of the German flotilla of five escaped destruction, is an unarmored cruiser of 3,620 tons. Her speed is 24 1/2 knots and her complement 361 men. She is armed with ten 4.1 in. guns and has two torpedo tubes.

The total complement of the German squadron was 2,511 men and the tonnage of their ships 33,240.

The Civic Commission held their annual meeting this evening.

6 New British Battleships To Be Added To Our Navy Within The Next 6 Months

New York, Dec. 16.—From an American visitor to England, just returned to New York, who through merest chance was afforded exceptional opportunity to inspect the vast naval plant at Devonport, the World has obtained a close-range description of the secret fruition of the British Admiralty's most closely guarded plans for the crushing of Germany on the high seas.

What is going forward at express speed behind the walls of Britain's navy yards, if it were known to the German authorities, would dispel decisively any Teutonic belief that Admiral Jellicoe's fleet intends to restrict its activities to blockading the North Sea and keeping the Atlantic and other oceans clear of enemy vessels.

Within six months the lists of the royal navy will be augmented by six super-Dreadnoughts and eight battle cruisers from its yards at Devonport and Portsmouth alone.

All of these ships will be equipped defensively and offensively more powerfully than any men-of-war of their respective classes now afloat. At least one of the super-Dreadnoughts, for example, has an arrangement of turrets which is quite new, and which permits big calibre guns to be fired broadside or straight ahead with equal facility. Probably all of that class have the same equipment, but The World's informant personally saw only one during his visit to Devonport.

Working Night and Day

Obviously it is impossible to reveal what the circumstances were under which an American was enabled to roam practically at will about an establishment which British naval men declare is the biggest of its kind in the world. It is equally out of the question for him to narrate for publication all that he saw, particularly as not being a naval expert he could not understand fully the more technical features of the spectacle. Under the new Defence of the Realm Act, recently

passed, even the wholly harmless parts of his description render him subject to trial by court-martial.

For instance, it cannot harm the Admiralty's program to have it known that no less than 9,000 men are employed night and day at the Devonport station, and that there are always some 5,000 sailors and marines on guard there against attack from without or within—which latter refers to the very real peril of espionage. Yet were the identity of The World's informant known he might be proceeded against for such a disclosure.

Recently in the House of Commons Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, stated that Great Britain could lose a super-Dreadnought every month for twelve months without her superiority over the German navy being affected, even if during that period Germany suffered the loss of not a single ship.

Six New Dreadnoughts

It is easy to understand the First Lord's meaning when one realizes that within six months there will be six super-Dreadnoughts ready to go out of Plymouth and Portsmouth harbors into the battle-line, and furthermore, that from the time plans for the construction of such a monster are drawn up until the day she sets out on her trial only eighteen months must elapse. Incidentally, every part of a super-Dreadnought except her guns can be built in the navy yard.

Stories from war correspondents in Northern France have already mentioned the fact that British naval guns have been used on land in siege operations against the Germans.


Therefore there can be little harm in disclosing the fact that at present a very large number of men are engaged constantly at Devonport in turning 12, 13 and even 15-inch battleship guns into siege howitzers.

Super-Dreadnought Described.

The following is the World's informant's description of the super-Dreadnought. (Continued on page 6)

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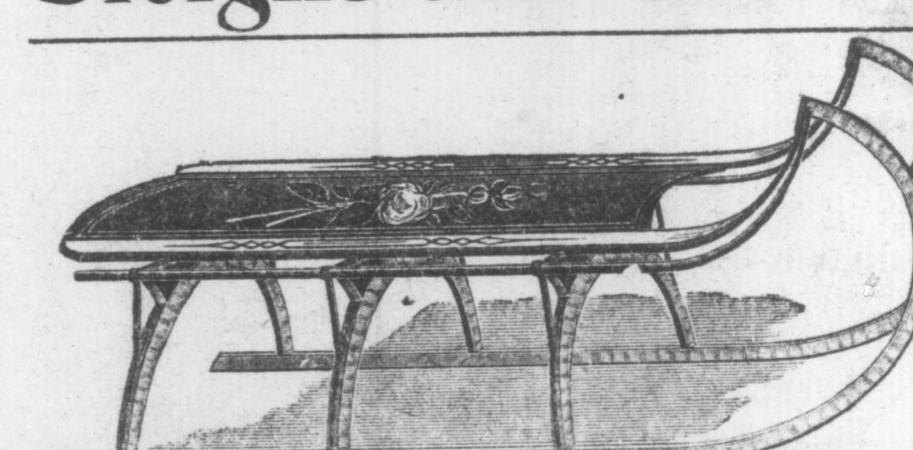
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