were unknown to the outside world.

From a diary kept by one of her petty

means of communication with the out-

The rest of the time, as the weather

steamers, captured another collier.

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The Exploits of her Captain who against the will of the Greek captain, by his Gentlemanly Conduct and was subsequently released by us; Earned for Himself and Crew but both ships had been reported as the Warm Admiration of the accompanying the raider, and were, British People who Always Ad- in fact, two of the craft upon which mire a Manly Clean Fighter- she relied for her stores and coal. After 30th September, however, the

German Raider 'Emden'

The Story of the Bold

The Emden's Reign of Terror Will Stand out as One of the Emden herself had again disappeared, Most Notable Naval Events of and until 20th October her movements the Present War

THE Emden, a small cruiser of over officers, however, it is known that three thousand five hundred tons the visited Diego Garcia, an unfredisplacement, armed with twelve 4.1- quented island in the middle of the inch guns, and capable of a speed of Indian Ocean, and that she spent the about 24.5 knots, was one of the day replenishing her depleted bunk squadron at Tsing-Tau, the German ers. The spot was well chosen, for port in north China, on the commence- none of the islanders were aware that ment of hostilities. On the outbreak war had been declared, while the only of war Admiral von Spee, the Commander-inChief, was absent in south- side world is by a three-monthly ern waters with the Scharnhorst, steamer. The inhabitants, though Gneisenau, and one other ship. The British subjects, were treated kindly, squadron from the north, however, and the diary states that the cruiser's joined up with him, and it was not engineers even repaired the local until about the middle of August that motor-boat, and that they were given the Emden was finally detached, with baskets of fish and coco-nuts in re orders to do what damage she could turn for their labours. to the Allied trade in Eastern waters. Her captain, Von Muller, undoubted- was fine, was probably spent at sea

y a consummate seaman and a brave in the vicinity cleaning the boilers man, the son, it is said, of an English and overhauling the engines but on mother and the husband of an English 20th October the Emden made another wife, was eminently fitted for the di- dash out to the well-traversed trade fficult role he had to play; and the route midway between India and story of the Emden's short but event- Africa. Here she sank five more ful career, and of her final destruction by H.M.A.S. Sydney, will never

According to one account, Von Muller's adventures started soon after have realised that the Indian Ocean leaving Tsing-tau. He realized that would soon be too hot to hold him he might meet one of the vessels of so, with his usual cunning, he doubled the Japanese squadron outside, though back to the eastward, entered the as yet that country had not declared Strait of Malacca, and at dawn on 28th war upon Germany. Still, he had no October suddenly appeared off the wish for his ship to be shadowed and British port of Penang. His arrival her movements reported to the Brit- was utterly unexpected, and here it sh; so, before sailing, he had had his was that he brought off the most vessel disguised as a British light audacious and amazing exploit of hi cruiser by providing her with a career. dummy fourth funnel of canvas and wood, and by displaying the white the Russian light cruiser Jemtchug, ensign. Within a few hours of sail- one of the vessels which had fought ing, the story goes, he actually did in the battle of the Sea of Japan in meet a Japanese armoured cruiser, a May 1905. The Emden arrived off the ship which could have blown him out harbour in the gray half-light of of the water with one broadside; but dawn, when a thick mist overhung the Japanese vessel, satisfied that the the water. She knew the British Emden was what she purported to be, cruiser Yarmouth was not very far suffered her to pass unmolested and off, and disguised herself as that ship

For the next six weeks the Emden's and displaying British colours, and movements were shrouded in obscur- steaming on into the anchorage withity, and it was not till 10th September out exciting suspicion, is said to have that she suddenly reappeared in the replied to the Jemtchug's challenge Bay of Bengal. Here, between the 10 by saying she was the Yarmouth. 10th and 14th of the month, she cap- When she was about six hundred tured seven large merchantmen, of yards from the hapless and unsuswhich six were sunk, and the other pecting Russian, the white ensign sent into Calcutta with the crews. On came down with a run, and the blackthe 20th of September the raider was crossed German flag fluttered out in reported to be in the neighbourhood its place. At practically the same of Rangoon; while two days later she instant a torpedo was fired. The suddenly appeared off Madras after range was so short that a miss was dark, and, using her searchlights, impossible, and the weapon struck fired one hundred and twenty-five the Jemtchug amidships and exploded shells into the town. Some oil-tanks A second torpedo was discharged, and were set ablaze and a few natives the unfortunate ship heeled over were killed, but very little other dam- rapidly and began to sink. Then the age was done; and presently, when inhabitants of Penang were awakened the shore batteries returned her fire, by the roar of guns, and sheet after she extinguished her lights and van- sheet of orange flame broke out from ished in the night. On sailing, Von the Emden's gray sides as her quick-Muller purposely steered to the north- firers poured shell into her already eastward to give the impression that stricken adversary. The Jemtchug's he was making for Calcutta; but on decks were soon littered with dead getting out of sight of land he altered and dying, for most of her men were course to the southward along the asleep down below, and rushed

The presence of the hostile cruiser of the first torpedo explosion came in Indian waters had caused no little The watch on deck made valiant efalarm and anxiety amongst ship- forts to work the guns and return the owners and insurance brokers, and fire, but their gallantry was useless. all the British and Allied men-of-war The surprise had been so complete in the vicinity were soon set to work that they had no chance. They were to hunt her down. But at first search- mowed down in heaps, and the terrifor a single small ship in that vast fic close-range bombardment continarea of ocean was rather like looking ued until the Jemtchug heeled over for the proverbial needle in a hay- and sank. Then her destroyer turned stack, for Von Muller was an adept at and steamed rapidly from the harbour. covering his tracks, never carried out two successive raids in any one local- yet complete. The French destroyer ity, and made full use of his wireless Mousquet, a craft of three hundred telegraphy in determining the posi- and three tons, twenty-eight knots tions and movements of his pursuers speed, armed with two torpedo-tubes

Between 25th and 30th September ling outside the harbour, and had he sank four more ships to the south- apparently sighted the Emden on her ward of Ceylon, the collier Buresk way in; but, deceived by her appearwas captured, and one other vessel ance, she had apparently mistaken her was liberated with the crews of the for a British cruiser. Soon afterremainder. It was during this period wards, hearing the sound of guns, she that a British merchantman is said to came hurrying back, and sighted the have been in communication with the raider a few miles outside the har-Emden herself by wireless telegraphy, bour. The Emden sighted the destroyquite unaware whom she was talking er at much the same time as the to . "Have you any news of the Em- Frenchman saw her, and promptly den?" she is supposed to have asked, opened fire on the Mousquet at a "Am I steering a safe course?" "I am range of three thousand eight hunit!" eventually answered the German dred yards. The gallant little dewith grim humour after further con- stroyer replied with her light guns, versation, and shortly afterwards and endeavoured to use her torpedoes, overhauled and sank the inquisitive but without success; for the German questioner. On 15th October the high-explosive shells swept her decks British cruiser Yarmouth sank the and perforated her thin hull, until she German, Hamburg-America liner eventually sank by the stern with her Markomannia off Sumatra, and cap- colours still flying. Thirty-six of her tured the Greek collier Pantoporos, men were rescued by the Emden,

last vessel, full of coal, had previously Indian Ocean at full speed.

been commandeered by the Emden Throughout this affair Von Muller

had behaved according to the usages of war, though at first it might be thought that he acted in an underhand manner in approaching a hostile port displaying false colours and his ship disguised. International law, however, lays it down that a ship may not attack under any flag but her own. and the German took the precaution of hoisting German colours before firing her first torpedo at the Jemtchug. In war, too, the disguising of a ship for the purpose of misleading an enemy has always been perfectly legitimate.

For thirteen days after the Penang affair the Emden disappeared; but early on the morning of 9th November, the Sydney, Captain John C. T. -Glossop, then on convoy duty in the vicinity of the Cocos Keeling Islands -a group of coral islands in the Indian Ocean well to the southward of Sumatra-received a wireless message from the station there reporting a strange man-of-war off the entrance. It was the Emden again, and with her imitation fourth funnel rigged, and flying no colours, she had appeared off the islands at daybreak. According to personal narratives which have since appeared the newspapers, it would seem that the dummy funnel of canvas and wood was seen flapping in the wind, and so established the raider's identity; upon which the wireless and cable operators promptly despatched the wireless message giving the news, and informed the neighbouring cable-stations that they were about to be raided.

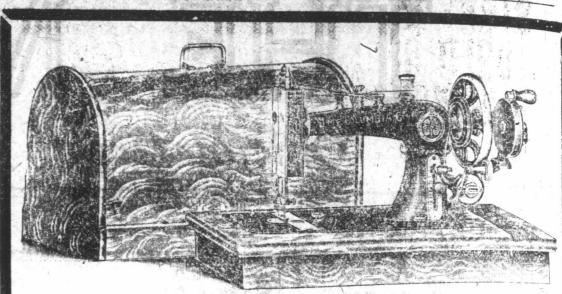
treating the inhabitants, proceeded ments with gun-cotton charges and flogging-hammers, and to cut the shore ends of the telegraph cables passing through the islands. The that a raid was taomfwyharodilnu cable-operators, however, realising that a raid was by no means unlikely had placed dummy cables to mislead the enemy, and had buried a spare set of instruments. The consequence was that though the wireless installation was completely demolished, the mast blown down, and the cable instruments in place shattered, only one dummy cable and the Perth cable were actually cut, while the other two cables, to Batavia and Rodriguez. were left undamaged; and having, as they thought, completed their work of destruction, the Emden's men then set about commandeering supplies.

At about 9.20 a.m., while this work was still in progress, the cruiser blew her siren to recall her men. Soon afterwards a cloud of smoke was seen on the horizon, and presently this resolved itself into the Sydney steaming toward the island at twenty knots. Von Muller, leaving his part ashore, at once proceeded to meet he and soon afterwards fired the fir oplied, and to start with the firing o both sides was very accurate. The Australian ship however, being the faster vessel, armed with the heavie guns, could choose her own range fighting, and steaming to and fi across the bows of her opponent poured in a heavy fire without receiv effect of her 6-inch lyddite shell must have been appalling, for the raider's fire slackened very rapidly and before long her foremost funne and foremast were shot away. Ther the second and third funnels fell. Bu even then Von Muller did not intend to surrender his ship, though, over matched as he was, he certainly had a justifiable excuse for doing so; and at eleven o'clock, with his decks cov vessel little more than a wreck, he turned for the North Keeling Island. At about 11.20 olazing furiously, but with her colour still flying. The Sydney approached, her a couple more broadsides to then steamed away in pursuit of a merchant-ship which had hove in sight during the action.

This vessel was the collier Buresk, which had been captured by the Emden at the end of September, and from which she had doubtless intended to replenish her coal during her stay at Keeling Cocos. But when the Sydney came up with her it was found that H she had been badly damaged by her A prize crew and was in a sinking condition; so Captain Glossop removed the men, fired a few shells into her to expediate the foundering, and then returned to the Emden and asked by Y signal if she surrendered. No reply & was instantly forthcoming; but after C another brief bombardment the German hauled down her colours and showed the white flag. She could do M little else; her career was at an end. P Meanwhile the three German offi- A cers and forty men who had landed N on the other island had seen their V

ship steam away to engage the Sydney, and after, watching the preliminary stages of the action and guessing what the result would be. which was in company with her. This which then steamed out into the had seized and provisioned the 70-ton schooner Ayesha, belonging to Mr.

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