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War News.**Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.****BRITISH DESTROYERS SUNK.**

LONDON, Oct. 21. Two German raiders attacked a convoy in the North Sea on Wednesday and sank two British escorting destroyers. It was announced officially by the British War Office. The text of the admiralty statement reads: Two very fast and heavily armed German raiders attacked a convoy in the North Sea about midway between the Shetland Islands and the Norwegian coast on Wednesday. Two British destroyers, the Mary Rose, Lt. Commander Chas. Fox, and the Strong Bow, Lt. Commander Edward Brooke, fought till they were sunk after a short and unequal engagement. Their gallant action held the German raiders sufficiently long to enable three merchant ships to effect their escape. Attempts to make good their escape before British forces could intercept, no effort was made to rescue the crews of the sunk destroyers; but British patrol craft which arrived shortly afterwards, rescued 30 Norwegians and others, regarding whom details are not yet known. The German navy by this act has further degraded itself by disregard of historic chivalry of the sea. The German official on this subject states that the attack took place within territorial waters in the neighborhood of the Shetland Islands, and that all the escort vessels, including the destroyers, were sunk, with the exception of one escort fishing steamer. The statement as to the locality of attack is untrue, as also is the statement regarding the destruction of escort ships. It is regretted that 86 officers and men of the Mary Rose and 47 officers and men of the Strong Bow were lost.

THE GERMAN STORY.

BERLIN, Oct. 21. The Admiralty statement reads: On Wednesday light German forces in the northern part of the North Sea, within territorial waters in the neighborhood of the Shetland Islands, attacked a convoy from Norway to England, consisting of thirteen ships, including in the way of protection

two modern destroyers G-29 and G-31. All ships of the convoy and protection vessels, including destroyers, were destroyed, with the exception of one escorting fishing steamer. Our fighting forces sustained no damage.

RUSSIA'S PEACE PROGRAMME.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 21. The Russian peace programme drawn up by the central executive of the committee of Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates in the form of instructions to M. Skobloff, Minister of Labor, and its delegates to the Paris conference consists of twelve articles covering the whole ground from Panama to Persia. The programme of the executive committee follows: First, the evacuation by the Germans of Russia and the autonomy of Poland, Lithuania and the Lettish Provinces; second, the autonomy of Turkish Armenia; third, the solution of the Alsace-Lorraine question by a plebiscite, voting being arranged by local civil authorities after the removal of troops of both belligerents; fourth, the restoration of Belgium of her ancient frontiers and compensation for her losses from an international fund; fifth, the restoration of Serbia and Montenegro, with similar compensation, Serbia to have access to the Adriatic; Bosnia and Herzegovina to be autonomous; sixth, disputed Balkan districts to receive provisional autonomy followed by a plebiscite; seventh, Roumania to be restored to her old frontiers on condition that she grant Dobruja autonomy and equal rights to the Jews; eighth, autonomy for the Italian Provinces of Austria, to be followed by a plebiscite; ninth, the restoration of all her colonies to Germany; tenth, the re-establishment of Greece and Persia; eleventh, the neutralization of all Straits trading to inner seas and also the Suez and Panama Canals, the freedom of navigation for merchant ships and the abolition of the right to torpedo; twelfth, all belligerents to renounce war contributions or indemnities in any form, but money spent on maintenance of pensions and all contributions levied at the beginning of the war be returned.

RUSSIAN FORCES LEFT MOON SOUND.

BERLIN, Oct. 21. Russian forces which were behind Moon Sound after an engagement last week with a German squadron in the Gulf of Riga, has left Moon Sound and are sailing in a northerly direction, it was officially announced by the German war office.

RAIDERS BROUGHT DOWN.

LONDON, Oct. 21. Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in France telegraphs that the four Zeppelins brought down in France were the ones that had taken part in a raid on England last

night. It is believed, says the correspondent, that a fifth was destroyed. The text of the despatch says: A fleet of Zeppelins returning from England was routed by French air defence last night. Four of them were brought down, all being forced to land in France. It is believed a fifth was destroyed. There were eleven Zeppelins in the original group that appeared over French territory. Later they scattered over various parts of the country, when attacked, after a general warning was sent out. They dropped no bombs in France.

GERMAN CASUALTIES.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 21. The Cologne correspondent of the T.H.J. reports that German casualties lists, comprising killed, wounded, prisoners and missing, from August 1914 to September 1917, fill a thirty-folio volume of 22,000 pages. He calculates the total number of names as \$250,000.

WAR SUMMARY.

The Russian Riga fleet has started northward from Moon Sound, possibly with the intention of endeavoring to escape through the tortuous channels and maze of islands lying between them and the Gulf of Finland, or it is possible that the armada, although far inferior in gun power and tonnage, sallied forth from the sheltered waters where it took refuge last week to give battle to the dreadnoughts and other craft comprising the German fleet. The announcement of the sailing of the fleet is contained in the latest German official, which says it left behind the wreck of the battleship Slava, which was sunk in last Wednesday's battle, and four additional vessels which have run aground since the naval activities in the Gulf of Riga began. If the Russians are endeavoring to make their escape instead of offering battle, doubtless their destination is Revel, the Russian fortress situated on the Gulf of Finland, in Northern Estonia. Meanwhile the Germans have captured in its entirety the Island of Dago, lying at the southwestern entrance to the Gulf of Finland, and the Island of Schiedau, situated between Moon Island and the Estonian coast in the Gulf of Finland. Several hundred prisoners were taken on Dago Island to be added to the large number captured during the past week on Oesel Island.

The preliminary parliament has opened at Petrograd. Premier Kerensky made the opening speech. There was loud applause when he announced that while Russia desired peace, she never would bow her head to force. We must fight only to save the country, the Premier added, amid renewed applause. Only the Bolshevik faction of extreme radicals are withholding a full meed of encouragement. The German Emperor having con-

cluded his visit to Constantinople, is on the return journey to Berlin where on Monday he will take part in the celebration of the birthday of the Empress. The Emperor is expected to visit German naval bases, at some of which disaffection recently has been reported, and also to go to Heligoland. He is expected to discuss with leading statesmen the political situation, which recently has been acute.

HAIG'S REPORT.

LONDON, Oct. 21. The report from Field Marshal Haig to-night indicate heavy fighting by artillery in Flanders. The text of the statement says: The Irish troops carried out a successful raid at noon northwest of Croisilles and captured twelve prisoners. There was great artillery activity to-day on both sides of the battlefield.

GERMAN ASSAULTS REPULSED.

PARIS, Oct. 21. German forces last night attacked French positions west of Mont Cornillot, in Rhineland area, on both banks of the River Meuse, in Verdun region, and in the sector of La Chelle. The French War Office statement this afternoon says all assaults were repulsed, the French capturing a number of Germans.

OSTEND ATTACKED.

BERLIN, Oct. 21. The part of Ostend which is the submarine base of the Germans on the North Sea, has been bombarded from the sea, the German war office announced to-day.

EXPECTING FRENCH ATTACK.

BERLIN, Oct. 21. On a nine mile front between Vauxaillon and Braye, on the Aisne, the French last night began an artillery bombardment of the greatest violence the German war office announced. Infantry attacks have not yet been launched.

THE MINISTERIAL SITUATION IN FRANCE.

PARIS, Oct. 21. The French ministerial situation to-day remains uneasy. The opposition to Alexander Ribot, Foreign Minister in the Painleve cabinet, persists.

AIR RAID.

LONDON, Oct. 21. After an interval of twelve months London last night experienced another Zeppelin raid. Nobody saw the raider which flew at a great height and dropped only one bomb on London and a few missiles in outlying districts. The people who had been given an early warning of approaching air craft had left their shelters and were going home when the bomb fell from an unseen and unheard air-

ship breaking many plate glass windows. The sound of the bomb was unlike anything in previous raids, it was less shrill and heavier. The Evening News commenting on the raid says: Last night another of our fond delusions, due we suppose to the phlegmatic perversity of our national character, was shattered. Statements from authoritative quarters made at various times had led us to believe the airship menace had been mastered. How far this is from being the case is shown by the official report. It may be pointed out that the moon set at eight minutes past seven, it seems therefore that the moon is not a factor in German calculations which most people supposed. The silent raid is the name given to the Zeppelins' visit to London last night. Many Londoners awakened this morning with a feeling that there was a good deal to say for the official view against the warning of night air raids. Although the warning was given early in the evening the people after waiting hours for the sound of gun-firing went to bed believing the raiders had been interrupted. Suddenly two loud reports startled light sleepers, but as nothing followed the majority thought it merely the firing of anti-aircraft guns in distant districts.

IN MESOPOTAMIA.

LONDON, Oct. 21. British troops in Mesopotamia on Friday began an enveloping move-ment near the Persian frontier north of Baghdad and drove the Turkish forces in the vicinity of Kizil Robat across the Diala River. An official statement issued to-day reports these operations says: We have carried out successful operations in the vicinity of Deltawa and Kizil Robat. Our columns began an enveloping movement on Friday and drove the enemy across the Diala. The Turks destroyed the bridge at Kizil Robat and retreated to the southern hills of Jebel Hamrin ridge. We took some prisoners and captured wagon loads of ammunition.

IN GERMAN EAST AFRICA.

LONDON, Oct. 21. Heavy fighting is going on between British and Teuton forces in German East Africa, the British war office announces. The text of the statement follows: Our right column after advancing southward occupied Rupundo on Oct. 11th, and established itself at Lukiet mission on Oct. 17th, the enemy withdrawing to the eastward. On Oct. 15th an attack on the enemy's position at Napama was commenced, the German force being driven on Nyangao on the 17th. An enveloping around the mission station resulted in severe fighting, but by nightfall Nyangao had been occupied. Next day more hard fighting was begun to the west of Nyangao and is still proceeding. The British

casualties were considerable and the enemy's losses were severe. In Mahenge area Belgian columns advanced southward and are in touch with the British advancing from the west. In Luwega valley the British are engaged at Ringoli, 43 miles south of Mahenge with a strong enemy detachment which had been driven from the vicinity of Mypondas.

BOMBS DROPPED IN BRUGES.

LONDON, Oct. 21. British naval planes dropped a large number of bombs on Engel air-drome, and docks at Bruges, Belgium on Friday night causing fire in the German establishments. All our machines returned.

ARTILLERY OPERATIONS.

LONDON, Oct. 21. Reporting military operations on the British front in France and Belgium last night, the British war office announcement to-day says: There was the usual artillery activity on both sides of the battlefield. There was nothing interesting to report.

FOUND GUILTY.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21. Gustav H. Jacobson and three co-defendants, were found guilty last night of conspiring to foment revolution in India.

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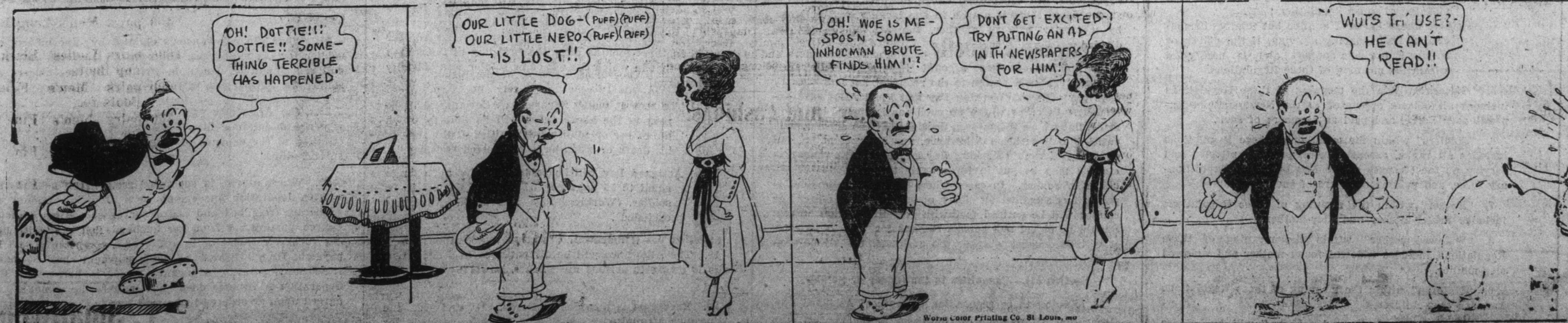
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