

GERMAN RAIDER AT LARGE IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

Ten Merchant Vessels of the Allied Powers Have Been Sunk by Foe

New Offensive May be Launched on West Front

British and French War Leaders Confer in London and Fresh Fighting May Follow -

London, Wednesday, Jan. 17.—There is a possibility that another big offensive by the Entente allies in Belgium and France is in contemplation. A two-days' conference has been held in London between Premier Lloyd George and his War Council and the British and French commanders-in-chief, Gen. Nivelle and Field Marshal Haig. While nothing has been made public concerning the conference from official sources, except that it is described as "important," an unofficial despatch asserts that it differed from the conference recently held in Rome in that military instead of diplomatic questions took precedence. This was Gen. Nivelle's first visit to England since he succeeded Gen. Joffre. He returned to France on Tuesday.

THE GERMAN WAR BUDGET

Minister of Finance Admits That Matters are in Serious Shape—Boasts, However, That Germany Will Fight On

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Jan. 17.—In submitting the 1917 budget to the Reichstag, Dr. Lantze, the minister of finance, according to a Reuter despatch from Amsterdam, made the following statement: "Each time we have submitted a budget in the last years we have entertained the hope it would be the last with which we would have to deal. Again we submit a war budget, and we should not like to abandon the same hope, despite the fact that the German peace offer has been refused by our enemies with the announcement of their policy of war to destruction." After professing that the attacks of Germany's foes would fall before the bravery of the German people, Dr. Lantze continued: "The war has severely taxed our budget and has demanded special efforts. Although a balance of receipts and expenditures was established on the estimates, this was only in appearance, because many important financial questions had to be postponed until later. This means that after the war we must continue to conduct our political economy on narrower, more stringent lines than formerly." "The principal thing today is that

Eight British Vessels and Two French are Given Up as Lost; Believed Sunk Off South American Coast

By Courier Leased Wire.

Bulletin, London, Jan. 17.—Eight British and two French merchant vessels are believed to have been sunk by a German raider.

The ships sunk by the German raider are: British—Dramatist, Radnorshire, Minieh, Netherby Hall, Mount Temple, King George, Georgic, Voltaire; French—Nantes and Asnières.

Most of these boats when last reported were in the South Atlantic, indicating that the German raider has been at work off the South American coast. At Norfolk last night there was picked up a wireless warning that a German raider was off the Brazilian coast near Pernambuco last Friday. The message, addressed "to all ships" placed the raider in latitude 7 degrees south and longitude 25 degrees west. The German vessel was described as a ship of about 4,000 tons, well armed and with torpedo tubes. She had one black funnel and two masts.

The steamships St. Theodore and Yarowdale were captured. Their whereabouts is unknown.

The Voltaire and Georgic, long overdue, had been virtually given up for lost. The Voltaire left Liverpool, November 28, for New York and was not heard from again. She was believed to have been sunk by a mine or a submarine. The Voltaire was a vessel of 8,618 tons gross. She was 485 feet long, 58 feet beam and built at Glasgow in 1907. She was owned by the Liverpool, Brazil and River Plate Steam Navigation Company.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Jan. 17.—According to information received here to-day from a British official source, seven vessels, in the Atlantic have been sunk and nine captured by a German raiding vessel.

First news of the raider came in messages were addressed "to all ships" and were repeated in English and French. They placed the raider in latitude seven degrees south and longitude 25 degrees west, which would put her off the Brazilian coast near Pernambuco.

The German vessel was described as a ship of about four thousand tons, well armed and with torpedo tubes. She had one black funnel, capable of extension and two masts and probably was of high speed.

A subsequent message reported the sinking of "English and French merchantmen off the Brazilian coast, including the Voltaire." A despatch from Rio added the Steamship Samara, Drina, Ortega, and Hammershuf to the list of victims.

In all 237 survivors from the victims of the German raiders were landed at Pernambuco, the despatch said.

Rio information to-day was that the raider had also torpedoed French schooners Nantes and Asnières and added the following ships to the list, which had been sunk:

Steamers Newportland, Nounat, Sempell, San Giorgio, Nesser, Kitord, Yamanet, St. Hiodor, Michmet, St. Saal, Snowdon George, and Gally, the latter of Norwegian register.

Among the sailors landed were many Indians, according to advices reaching here, which contradicted the earlier report from Pernambuco as to the identity of the raider. They asserted that the vessel's name was indecipherable owing to the fact that she was painted a dead black. These survivors described the raider as armed with twelve cannon and four torpedo tubes. Some of the survivors were aboard the vessel for twenty-eight days.

A late Rio message to-day quotes the Steamship Helberby as authority for the information that "another English ship has been sunk without warning and with a loss of 400 persons." The despatch did not make clear whether the number included passengers and crew, or includes the total number of losses from all ships sunk.

Still another version from Rio to-day as to the raiders activities said only seven ships had been sunk and nine captured.

Official Statement London, Jan. 17.—The following announcement was given out here officially to-day:

"For some time past it had been assumed that the following British and French merchant ships, which had long been overdue, had been sunk by a German raider:

"British—Dramatist, Radnorshire, Minieh, Netherby Hall, Mount Temple, King George, Georgic, Voltaire, French—Nantes and Asnières. "Definite information has now been received from Pernambuco confirming this assumption.

"On the evening of Monday the Japanese Steamer Hudson Maru arrived off Pernambuco having on board the masters and 237 men of the crews of some of the lost vessels which were sunk on various dates between December 12 and January 12.

"In addition the steamer St. Theodore was captured and a prize crew put on board and the steamer Yarowdale was captured and sent away with about 400 men, the crews of others of the sunk vessels, who were to be landed. No further news has yet been received of their whereabouts."

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 17.—Wireless warnings that a German raider was off the Brazilian coast last Friday were picked up here last night. The

Bremen is Not Lost, Nor is Deutschland, Says Huns

The Former is Now Operating in Mediterranean, While the Latter Prepares for Another Trip to U. S.

Bremen, Jan. 16.—Preparations have been made for the sailing to-day for an American port of the merchant submarine Deutschland.

According to the Kolding Newspaper Avis, the German submarines Deutschland and Bremen had not been lost, as variously reported. The Deutschland, says the paper, which returned shortly before Christmas from America, left Bremen yesterday (Monday) for New York.

"As to the Bremen," adds the paper, "she has been in the Mediterranean and the Gulf of Bothnia, where she was mother ship to the submarines operating there."

The Deutschland, according to a New London, Conn., despatch, Jan. 11, left its home port Jan. 2 on another trip to the United States. Another report said that the Deutschland was four weeks overdue.

HOT COMMENT

Of an Austrian Paper Regarding Washington Scandal

By Courier Leased Wire.

Amsterdam, via London, Jan. 17.—The Leipzig Neueste Nachrichten, commenting on speculation in the New York Stock Exchange at the time of the issuance of President Wilson's note, under the heading of "The Washington Scandal," says:

"What interests us most in the scandal, so characteristic of American adroitness in making dollars out of a horrible slaughter by rustling peace palms, is the searchlight falling on national institutions and administration. The war shows anew what peace taught us a hundred times—jupiter mammon is the real ruler of these states which prides to us stay at home Germans their free constitutions and which, so far as they are linked with our enemies, talk to us of their aim to liberate us from militarism and monarchy and offer to bless us with their patented liberties."

"Germany declines with thanks the offer to improve us. Though there be many respects in which we need reforms and are susceptible of improvement, the inner purity and unassailability of our monarchical government raises it high above the pseudo-democratic-republican profusion and cause us to thank God that we remain protected from this all too western progress."

Charles Powers, a Sarman, who brought over from Port Huron several copies of the New York Staats Zeitung and the Fatherland to be mailed to other persons, was arrested and was fined \$5 and costs.

VADENI VILLAGE IS RECAPTURED

Russians Take Roumanian Village Near the Danube Shore

Petrograd, Jan. 17.—via London 2:35 p.m.—The war office announces the recapture of the village of Vadeni, in Roumania, six miles southwest of the Danube town of Galatz.

The official statement reads: "Our detachments, after artillery preparation, gained by storm the village of Vadeni, ten verst south-west of Galatz. The enemy, having received reinforcements and assisted by an artillery crew fire, himself took the offensive with the object of regaining the village. His dense formations, which came under our concentrated fire, suffered great losses and failed to reach our trenches."

"Our detachments, by a night attack, succeeded in driving the Germans out of the village south of Vadeni, on the River Rimnik, capturing two machine guns, but as the result of a counter-attack by superior enemy forces, we were obliged to withdraw from the captured village. German attacks southeast of Geresch were checked by our fire."

GERMANY FACES METAL SHORTAGE

Lack of Cars to Carry Coke, and Lack of Labor, Bring Bad Results

London, Jan. 17.—(New York Times Cable)—Francis Gribble, in an article on Germany's munitions, published in The Daily Chronicle, says:

"Although the censorship is strict in Germany awkward truths have a way of leaking out through the columns of trade organs and technical papers, and it may now be gathered from these instructive sources that the munition supply is a cause of increasing anxiety.

"The present complaint is that there is not enough cars to convey coke to the blast furnaces, with the result that the production of steel is menaced. Difficulty exists even in Westphalia and the Rhine provinces, where the Essen syndicate had to diminish its deliveries of coke by one half. It is even more acute in Silesia, where, according to a recent market report, the number of trucks available is only about 20 per cent. of the number required, and the water transport hardly relieved the situation at all, owing to the scarcity of carts for conveying combustibles to the barges. That is one reason why a metallurgical crisis is imminent.

"Another may be found in the increasing lack of labor, which is diminishing the output alike in the coal mines and iron mines, as a few selected figures will show."

IMPORTANT MEASURES

London, Jan. 17.—Important measures for augmenting the British military strength are announced. Half the men under the age of 26 who are now employed in agricultural work are to join the colors. A number of men under 30 years of age who are engaged in shoe-making have been summoned.

The official announcement of the call of the men promises farmers that arrangements will be made as quickly as possible to supply them with several thousand men from the exempt military class to replace their farm hands, and appeals to them in the national interest to carry on their work meanwhile as best they can.

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