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BRISTOL CHASES GERMAN CRUISER PUTTING THE LATTER TO FLIGHT AFTER A SHORT ENGAGEMENT

Suffolk Caught Karlsruhe Coaling From the Kronprinz Wilhelm at Sea

SCARED BOTH SHIPS AWAY

Drove Enemy's Warship in the Direction of Her Consort the Bristol and Lively Fight Ensued

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"We were steaming north on Thursday morning last. The crew had just been ordered to general stations when from the foremast head came the hail 'Enemy on the port bow,'" said the flag captain of the Suffolk, in giving out an official statement of the chase of the Karlsruhe, to the Eastern Press.

Prepared for Battle

"As soon as we knew that war was declared, the ship had been prepared for battle. Cabin fittings, all woodwork and everything else that might be at all inflammable was pitched overboard, and the sea for miles around was strewn with debris. Under these circumstances there was very little left to do when the order 'clear ship for action' was given. The gun crews went to battle stations and the stokers were double banked.

"Off on the port bow, about eleven or twelve miles away, we could see the Karlsruhe and the Kronprinz Wilhelm. The Karlsruhe had her boats out coaling from the North German Lloyd, and as we hurried down toward her it was in the hope that she would run short of coal so we would catch her.

Germans Turn Tail

"As soon as the Germans sighted us they took to their heels. The Karlsruhe did not even stop to pick up her boats. Her men clambered aboard as best they could and she hustled away to the northward while the Kronprinz Wilhelm steered off to the east. We knew of course the Karlsruhe had the heels of us. Our only hope was that she was short of fuel and could not keep up her steam, but this hope was fruitless.

"Nineteen thousand yards was the closest we got to our quarry. The Bristol was to the north of us, and the Berwick south. We called both of them up by wireless and ordered them to aid us in the chase, the Berwick trying to cut off the Kronprinz Wilhelm while the Bristol took up a position to intercept the Karlsruhe.

"All afternoon we raced after the fleeing German. By five o'clock her smoke had disappeared, and then all our hopes centred on the Bristol picking her up. At nine o'clock the welcome news came through the air to us from the Bristol, 'enemy in sight.' A few minutes later came the message, 'we are engaging the enemy.'

Made Her Hustle

"Although we must have been fully a hundred miles astern by then we raced on for all we were worth. We had no fear of the result if the German stood up to the Bristol, for we were all sure that our fellows could whip the Karlsruhe easily at close quarters, but we wanted to be in at the finish ourselves.

"The Karlsruhe had the heels of the Bristol too. They were in action for just half an hour. For a few minutes the German stood up and the ships fought broadside to broadside, the Bristol using her two 6-inchers and the five four-inchers on her broadside against the Karlsruhe's five four-point ones. After a few minutes, however, the Karlsruhe turned and ran. The Bristol chased

her, firing her forward six-incher, while the Karlsruhe used her stern chasers.

Difficult Shooting

"It was difficult to make anything like good practice. It was pitch dark and the sea was heavy. None of the German shells landed anywhere near the Bristol, but our chaps think they got some shots aboard the Karlsruhe. However, in long range fighting under those conditions it is pretty difficult to do much and the Karlsruhe's speed saved her again. The Suffolk, Berwick, and Bristol cruised together for several days, but could get no trace of the Karlsruhe or her consort, and finally we heard she had put into Porto Rico for coal.

"We got our prize on Saturday morning. The Leda is a fine oil tanker and was coming up from Baton Rouge empty for New York. She did not know war had been declared and was very much surprised when we ordered her to stop with a blank shot across her bows. However, they took their capture with very good grace. We put a prize crew aboard, and conveyed her over to Bermuda, where we turned her over to the examination service there, and continued her voyage north."

Seven Canadian midshipmen who have been doing duty on various craft connected with the naval service were ordered to report to the Suffolk here, and have joined the cruiser.

SAW BRITISH CRUISER CHASE GERMAN SHIP

The steamer Lovelace arrived in Boston last Tuesday and reported that on the previous Thursday in Lat. 27 N. and Lon. W. she saw a British cruiser chasing a German cruiser. The German came within a mile of the Lovelace, firing her stern gun at the chasing British cruiser.

She came so near that the men on the Lovelace expected that a shell might crash into their ship at any time and a part of the crew went below to help in the stoke hold, and the others prepared the boats for launching. They were so near that the noise was deafening, and the deck shook from the discharge of the warship's batteries. The ships then disappeared.

It was suggested to the captain of the Lovelace that it might have been a British cruiser chasing the North German Lloyd steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm, but he was perfectly certain, as were the officers that both vessels were warships.

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GERMANS ALREADY FACING FAMINE

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Under these conditions it is not to be wondered at that the Kaiser's forces are fighting on empty stomachs. Thus the Empire's madness is already bringing over the whole Empire a blasting wave of hunger and distress.

After the general war had broken out, Herr Hasse, the Socialist deputy, said in the Reichstag: "The Imperialist policy is responsible for the torrents of blood now drenching Europe. Those who put the entire responsibility. We tried to keep peace with France but we failed, and we must fight now to defend her frontiers, but we know who has brought misery on millions of our compatriots."

FRENCH ADVANCE STILL CONTINUING

And Their Troops Have Captured Many Guns and Much Ammunition

Paris, Aug. 17.—An official announcement by the French War Office says the advance of the French armies continues to develop. "Our troops have taken the heights to North of the Alsatian frontier in German territory and the French line now passes through Abrechtville, Lorquin, Aoudange and Marsel.

In the Don Region we have occupied Schirmeck, eight miles from Saales, in Alsace, and we have captured twelve German field guns, eight machine guns and twelve gun carriages with ammunition.

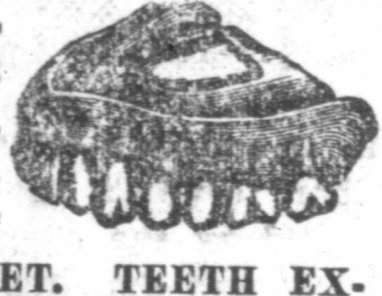
"Our cavalry has penetrated as far as Lutzel-Hausen and Muthbach-Rosheim.

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