

ONLY GERMAN NEWS IS THUS FAR RECEIVED OF THE NAVAL BATTLE

Admiralty Announces That Battle Cruiser Canopus Was Despatched to Strengthen Admiral Craddock's Squadron.

ADMIRALTY STATEMENT.
LONDON, Nov. 5, 6.30 a.m.—The Times to-day under date of Valparaiso prints the report of Admiral Von Spee, regarding the fight between British and German cruisers off the Chilean coast on Sunday night, which, report the despatch says, was made to the Chilean authorities.

No other news of the fight is available up to date, according to the despatch and there is no news of the Glasgow, Good Hope or Otranto.

The Times despatch says that it is believed all of the Monmouth's crew were lost, and it also relates that the German officers testify to the great gallantry of the crew of the Monmouth, which while in a sinking condition attempted to ram one of the German vessels. The universal opinion in Valparaiso is that the German squadron was always well provided with wireless information, while the contrary was the case with the British squadron.

LONDON, Thursday, Nov. 6.—The Admiralty has issued a statement in which it says it has received from German sources details of a naval engagement off the Chilean coast, in which the British cruiser Monmouth, was sunk and the cruiser Good Hope

severely damaged. The statement says the Admiralty has no confirmation of the report.

The Statement was issued through the official Press Bureau, in the name of the Secretary of the Admiralty, and says:

"Rumors and reports have been received at the Admiralty from various sources of a naval battle having occurred off the Chilean coast. The Admiralty has no official confirmation of this, and such accounts as they have received rest admittedly on German evidence.

"It is reported that the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Leipzig, Dresden and Nürnberg concentrated near Valparaiso, and that an engagement was fought with a portion of Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Craddock's squadron on Sunday last. The German report asserts that the Monmouth was sunk and the Good Hope very severely damaged. The Glasgow and the Auxiliary cruiser Otranto broke off action and escaped.

"The Admiralty cannot accept these facts as accurate at present, for the battleship Canopus specially was sent to strengthen Rear Admiral Craddock's squadron, and would have given him a decided superiority not mentioned in them. Further, although five German ships concentrated in

Chilean waters, only three entered Valparaiso harbor. It is possible, therefore, that when the full account of the action is received it may considerably modify the German version. Effective measures have been taken to deal with the situation in any event."

The battleship Canopus, mentioned by the Admiralty as having been sent to reinforce Admiral Craddock's squadron, has four 12-inch, twelve 6-inch, ten 12-pounder and six smaller guns. Thus her fighting strength is probably superior to the combined armament of the Gneisenau and Scharnhorst, which consists of sixteen 8 1/2 inch, twelve 6-inch and 58 smaller guns. The Canopus was built in 1899, has a complement of 60 men, and a speed of 18 1/2 knots.

LEFT VALPARAISO.
LONDON, Nov. 5.—The German armored cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and the Light Cruiser Nürnberg steamed away from Valparaiso at noon on Wednesday, according to a despatch to the Reuters Telegram Company from Santiago, Chile.

HE LIKED THE GAME.
Sporting Editor:—

I wish through the columns of your paper to make a few remarks concerning the game between Brantford City and Hamilton. Perhaps it is late in the day, but still, I would like to say as an interested spectator, that I consider that it was certainly a great example of what Brantford can do. As a game of football it was excellent in every way, clean, the refereeing good, spectators well behaved and above all most exciting. I have been watching local football for some time and I never saw a better game and it certainly does credit to the organizers. Whenever Brantford City play I shall do my best to be present. If we only get one or two games of the same style I am sure it will do more good than five hundred local football games. Thanking you for your space.

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SIR NIGEL

BY A. CONAN DOYLE

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Nigel cast open the door, plucking torch from its bracket as he did so. Half a dozen men-at-arms sat on their horses outside, but one had dismounted, a short, squat, swarthy man with a rat face and quick, restless brown eyes which peered eagerly past Nigel into the red glare of the well-lit hall.

"I am Sir Aymery de Pavia," he whispered. "For God's sake, tell me the King wishes?"

"He is at table, fair sir, and he bids you to enter."

"One moment, young man, one moment, and a secret word in your ear. Now you why it is that the King has sent for me?"

Nigel read terror in the dark cunning eyes which glanced in sidelong fashion into his. "Nay, I know not."

"I would I knew—I would I was sure ere I sought his presence. You have but to cross the threshold, fair sir, and I have sent word to learn from the King's own lips."

Sir Aymery seemed to rather himself as one who braces for a spring into ice-cold water. Then he crossed with a quick stride from the darkness into the light. The King stood up and held out his hand with a smile upon his long handsome face, and yet it seemed to the Italian that it was the lips which smiled but not the eyes.

"Welcome!" cried Edward. "Welcome to our worthy and faithful Seneschal of Calais! Come, sit here before me at the board, for I have sent for you that I may hear your news from over the sea, and thank you for the care that you have taken of that which is as dear to me as wife or child. Set a place for Sir Aymery there, and give him food and drink, for he has ridden fast and far in our service to-day."

Throughout the long feast which the skill of the Latin Ernoulade had arranged, Edward chatted lightly with the Italian as well as with the barons near him. Finally, when the last dish was removed and the grumpy-sounding rounds of coarse bread which served as plates had been cast to the dogs, the wine-flagons were passed round; and old Weathercote the minstrel entered timidly with his harp in the hope that he might be allowed to play before the King's majesty. But Edward had other sport afoot.

"I pray you, Nigel, to send out the servants, so that we may speak alone. I would have two men-at-arms at every door lest we be disturbed in our debate, for it is a matter of privacy. And now, Sir Aymery, these noble lords as well as I, your master, would fain hear from your own lips how all goes forward in France."

The Italian's face was calm; but he looked restlessly from one to another along the line of his listeners.

"So far as I know, my liege, all is quiet on the French marches," said he.

"You have not heard then that they have mustered or gathered to a head with the intention of breaking the truce and making some attempt upon our dominions?"

"Nay, sire, I have heard nothing of it."

"You set my mind much at ease, Aymery," said the King; "for if nothing has come to your ears surely it cannot be. I was told that the wild Knight de Charny had come down to St. Omer with his eyes upon my precious jewel and his mailed hands ready to grasp it."

"Nay, sire, I have come. He will find the jewel safe in its strong box, with a goodly guard over it."

"You are the guard over my jewel, Aymery."

"Yes, sire, I am the guard."

"And you are a faithful guard and one whom I can trust, are you not? You would not barter away that which is so dear to me when I have chosen you out of all my army to hold it for me?"

"Nay, sire, what reasons can there be for such questions? They touch my honor very nearly. You know that I would part with Calais only when I parted with my soul."

"Then you know nothing of de Charny's attempt?"

"Nothing, sire."

"Liar and villain!" yelled the King, springing to his feet and dashing his fist upon the table until the glasses rattled again. "Seize him, archers! Seize him this instant, and close by either elbow, lest he do himself a mischief! Now do you dare to tell me to my face, you perjured Lombard, that you know nothing of de Charny and his plans?"

"As God is my witness I know nothing of him!" The man's lips were white, and he spoke in a thin, sighing, reedy voice, his eyes wincing away from the fell gaze of the angry King.

Edward laughed bitterly, and drew a paper from his breast. "You are the judges in this case, you, my fair son, and you, Chandon, and you, Manny, and you, Sir Hubert, and you also my Lord Bishop. By my sovereign power I make you a court that you may deal justice upon this man, for by God's eyes I will not stir from this room until I have sifted the matter to the bottom. And first I would read you this letter. It is superscribed to Sir Aymery of Pavia, nomme Le Lombard, Seneschal of Calais. Is not that your name and style, you rogue?"

"It is my name, sire; but no such letter has come to me."

"Else had your villainy never been disclosed. It is signed 'Isidore de Charny.' What says my enemy de Charny to my trusted servant? Listen! 'We could not come with the last moon, for we have not gathered sufficient strength, nor have we been able to collect the twenty thousand crowns which are your price. But with the next turn of the moon in the darkest hour we will come, and you will be paid your money at the small postern gate with the rowan-bush beside it.' Well, rogue, what say you now?"

"It is a forgery!" gasped the Italian.

"I pray you that you will let me

see it, sire," said Chandon. "De Charny was my prisoner, and so many letters passed ere his ransom was paid that his script is well-known to me. Yes, yes, I will swear that this is indeed him. If my salvation were at stake I could swear it."

"If it were indeed written by de Charny it was to dishonor me," cried Sir Aymery.

"Nay, nay!" said the young Prince. "We all know de Charny and have fought against him. Many faults he has, a boaster and a braver, but a braver man and one of greater heart and higher of enterprise does not ride beneath the lilies of France. Such a man would never stoop to write a letter for the sake of putting dishonor upon one of his high rank. If for one, will never believe it."

A gruff murmur from the others showed that they were of one mind with the Prince. The light of the torches from the wall beat upon the lines of stern faces at the high table. They had sat like flint, and the Italian shrank from their inexorable eyes. He looked swiftly round, but armed men choked every entrance. The shadow of death had fallen all about his soul.

"This letter," said the King, "was given by de Charny to one Dom Beauvais, a priest of St. Omer, to carry into Calais. The said priest, smelling a reward, brought it to one who is my faithful servant, and so it came to me. Straightway I sent for this man that he should come to me. Meanwhile the priest has returned so that de Charny may think that his message is indeed delivered."

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