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British and German grand fleets meet in terrific day and night battle off coast of Denmark; full details not available until today, but later news is more reassuring than earlier reports; Germans lost at least 13 ships, including 2 dreadnoughts, 8 cruisers and destroyers; British Admiralty admits loss of 14 ships, including 3 battle cruisers and 8 destroyers; loss of life will reach, it is estimated, at least five thousand.

dicated by Saving of Only Two of 900 Men of the Crew of the Battle Cruiser Indefatigable.

high sea fleet on Wednesday afternoon emerged into the North Sea, and off the coast of tland engaged a British fleet thruout the afternoon and night in what probably was the reatest naval battle in the world's history so ar as tonnage engaged and tonnage destroyed

When the battle ended Great Britain had lost the battle cruisers Queen Mary, Indefatig-Prince and Warrior and eight torpedo boat destroyers, while the German battleship Pommern had been sent to the bottom by a torpedo and the cruiser Wiesbaden sunk by the British gunfire. In addition several German torpedo craft served to be seriously damaged. were missing and the small cruiser Frauenlob

Others in the List.

Aside from Great Britain's conceded losses, Germany claims that the British battleship Warspite, sister ship of the Queen Elizabeth, and one of the largest and most powerful ships affoat, had been sunk; that the battleship Marlby a torpedo and a submarine had been destroyby a torpedo and a submarine had been destroycape. Several of her men were wounded, and
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cape. Several of her supplies had to be thrown overboard.

The British ships went westward, pursued by dreadnought of the Kaiser class—vessels of 24,—is generally stated in Berlin that the activity was renewed, and continued until nine o'clock "The British's 700 tons, and carrying a complement of 1088 of the German fleet was due to energetic demen-had been attacked and destroyed by British torpedo craft, that another battleship of the in-chief of the navy, and Admiral Von Capelle, gunfire, that one battle cruiser had been blown last week to Wilhelmshaven. up and two others damaged, and that a submarine also had been sent to the bottom.

Wiesbaden, of which vessel there is no record. was 15,712. The tonnage of the capital ships sunk by the Japanese in their fight with the Russians in the battle of Tsushima, in May, 1905. tleships and four cruisers. The remainder of the sunken craft comprised coast defence and special service vessels and torpedo boats.

## Casualties Were Heavy.

only two men are known to have been saved.

Full details of the fight, in which zeppelins are declared to have taken part, are being gathered by the British Admiralty, and pending their receipt the censor is withholding permission to correspondents to send out stories from

An additional British official communication just issued, says:

further report has been received from the commander-in-chief of the grand fleet, stating that it has now been ascertained that our total leave seen in the North Sea. Fishermen say

"During the retreat of the German fleet connection with the news of the naval battle in the North Sea. The message of the Saxon king which was successful for us, and which conditions with the news of the naval battle in the North Sea. The message of the Saxon king which was successful for us, and which conditions with the news of the naval battle in the North Sea. The message of the Saxon king which was successful for us, and which conditions with the news of the naval battle in the North Sea. The message of the Saxon king follows:

With the mest of battle well."

A Copenhagen despatch says: The Po of destroyers amount to eight boats in all.

It is now possible to form a closer estimate of saved." the losses and the damage sustained by the memy fleet.

"One dreadnought battleship of the Kaiser class was blown up in an attack by British de- had been witnessed on any previous occasion

That Casualties Are Heavy is In- Britain's Admitted Losses Six Zeppelins Took Part in Germans' Admitted Losses So Far As Tonnage Engaged and

DESTROYERS.

Tipperary, Turbulent, Fortune, Sparrow Hawk. Ardent and three others.

British war craft destroyed—14.

able and Invincible, the cruisers Defence, Black the Kaiser class is believed to have been sunk by

had last been seen badly listed and was believed destroyers were sunk, and at least two more to have gone to the bottom. The losses have all German light cruisers were seen to be disabled. Further, repeated hits were observed on three "Finally, a German submarine was rammed

Six Zeppelins in it.
Six zeppelins participated in the engageborough, a vessel of 25,000 tons, had been hit maged, the report says, but she was able to

> mands of Emperor William to his brother, Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia, commander, northward to the scene of the battle. mands of Emperor William to his brother

It was remarkable how the feeling of confidence in the great British fleet kept its hold on the populace, despite the undeniably heavy Great Britain's admitted loss in tonnage was losses chronicled in the official accounts of the 114,810 for the six battle cruisers and cruisers, fight. Everywhere the talk was not so much That of Germany, excluding the tonnage of the loss as of confidence in the future and gle against Germany with increased force.

What Papers Say.

The Graphic says this morning: "The statement published by the admiralty government has yet had to communicate to dows were broken here and people left their the country. It may be that our cruiser squad- beds to ascertain the meaning of the firing. were destroyed in this fight, including six bat- government has yet had to communicate to ron was deliberately trying to draw out the Ger-That the casualties in the fighting off Jut- too venturesome vessels. The grave fact is and were heavy is indicated by the fact that of that we lost splendid ships and guns that it will with the disabled destroyer in tow." the crew of some 900 on board the Indefatigable take many long months to replace, and that we have lost forever several thousand gallant sea-

"All we can note on the other side of the ac count is the recognition by the Germans of the able to pass various accounts of the sea battle superiority of our main fleet. As soon as our that are being submitted. battleships appeared the Germans withdrew to the shelter of the Kiel Canal. Nor is there the possess fuller details and then, if the articles are least reason to fear that the terrible losses of submitted, they can be properly dealt with. Wednesday will leave us with an inadequate margin of naval strength."

Copenhagen says:

Consternation in London.

The news was flashed out in special editions of the evening newspapers and caused greater consternation in the west end of London than

Greatest Naval Action in World's History.

of the admiralty announcement concerning the serious nature of the British losses and the ap-parently small losses of the Germans in comparison led to the assumption in most minds that the British vessels must have been led into a mine field.

a mine field.

Following quickly upon the admiralty announcement came the German official version of the fight which, in general, confirms the British account, but carries the claim that the battleship Warspite also was sunk and other British battleships damaged.

The German losses, according to the German version of the battle, were the small cruiser Wiesbaden, sunk by gunfire, and the warship

Wiesbaden, sunk by gunfire, and the warship Pommern by a torpedo, while the cruiser Frauenlob and a number of torpedo boats are

Big German Fleet A Copenhagen despatch says: According to The Politiken, a Danish steamer arrived to-day (Thursday) at Friedrichshaven, which had first been reported. At least three of the

At the same moment a large German fleet appeared and the British warships immediately prepared for action. The German fleet, which approached at full speed, consisted of five large, modern dreadnoughts, eight cruisers and 20 torpedo boats and destroyers.

Suddenly the Germans began firing, and several hundred shells splashed around the tor-

The National Tidende says that last night same class was believed to have been sunk by minister of the navy, on the emperor's visit ten German torpedoboat destroyers passed thru the Little Belt from the north, going very slowly. The newspaper adds that a torpedo boat, badly damaged, is lying off Lyngvig Fyr near Ringk-jobing-Fjord, western Denmark, just north of The Horn.

A despatch from Ringkjobing, Denmark, to a determination to prepare to carry on the strug- Reuter's, under date of Thursday, delayed by the censor, says:

"From four o'clock yesterday (Wednesday), and during the greater part of the night, a heavy cannonade was heard from several aggregated 93,000. Twenty-one Russian craft is probably the worst piece of news that the points on the west coast of Jutland. Many win-

"At midnight a zeppelin passed off the man main fleet and that the arrival of our main coast. At 11 this morning (Thursday) a Ger-fleet was expected. Or it may be that the Ger- man destroyer appeared off Noerre Lyngvig mans, with the advantage which the zeppelins Lightship with engine trouble and unable to progave them, were able to swoop down upon our ceed. At three o'clock in the afternoon another German destroyer arrived and left an hour later

> Full Details Today. The official press bureau at 11 o'clock tonight issued the following statement: "Owing to lack of information we are un

"By tomorrow the admiralty no doubt will

A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Co. from Amsterdam says a message received there from A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Dresden gives a despatch sent to Emperor Wil-penhagen says: Dresden gives a despatch sent to Emperor Wil-liam by King Frederick August of Saxony, in

"With great joy and extraordinary enthuit has now been ascertained that our total losses that a cruiser struck a mine fifty miles north- siasm, I have just learned of the brilliant victory destroyers amount to eight boats in all.

West of the Wyl Lightship, outside Blaavand- of our fleet over the considerably superior main shuk. Only a few men of the crew were part of the English battle fleet. This is one of the finest days of this serious time for our fatherland. Our fleet showed itself quite the equal of

What Germans Heard.

A Berlin despatch tonight says: "Admiral Hebbinghaus, director of the adtroyers and another dreadnought battleship of since the declaration of war. The frankness miralfy, told the reichstag this afternoon that

BATTLESHIPS (1).

PROTECTED CRUISERS (1). SMALL CRUISERS (1). Tonnage and complement

Admitted German loss in tonnage, 15,800. Ton-nage of small cruiser Wiesbaden not included. BRITISH CLAIMS.

German dreadnoughts of the Kaiser class blown up; one German cruiser blown up and another disabled; one German submarine sunk.

Britain does not admit German claim that Bat-tleship Warspite, tonnage 27,500, complement 1500 men, and armored cruisers Achilles I. and Achilles H., each with a tonnage of 18,550 and complement of 720 men, were sunk.

steamer reports that yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon, 120 miles off Hanstholm it was stopped by two British torpedo boats to have its papers alone sank six.

seen by a German destroyer in a night encounter, with a heavy list, and the admiral said it was assumed she had been sunk."

Admiralty Statement.

An earlier statement of the British Admir-

"On the afternoon of Wednesday, the 31st of May, a naval engagement took place off the

"The British ships on which the brunt of the fighting fell were the battle cruiser fleet and some cruisers and light cruisers, supported by four fast battleships.

'Among these the losses were heavy, "The German battle fleet, aided by low visibility, avoided a prolonged action with our

"As soon as these appeared on the scene the enemy returned to port, tho not before receiving severe damage from our battleships. "The battle cruisers Queen Mary, Indefatigable and invincible and the cruisers Defence

and Black Prince were sunk. "The Warrior was disabled, and after being towed for some time, had to be abandoned by

"It is also known that the destroyers Tipperary, Turbulent, Fortune, Sparrow Hawk and

Ardent were lost, and six others are not yet ac-"No British battleships or light cruisers were

The Enemy's Losses.
"The enemy's losses were serious. "At least one battle cruiser was destroyed one was severely damaged.

"One battleship is reported to have been sunk by our destroyers.
"During the night attack two light cruisers

were disabled and probably sunk. "The exact number of enemy destroyers disposed of during the action cannot be ascertained with any certainty, but must have been

German Admiralty Report.
The German Admiralty report says:

"During an enterprise directed to the northward our high sea fleet on May 31 encountered the main part of the English fighting fleet, which was considerably superior to our forces.

"In this engagement, so far as known up to the present, there were destroyed by us the large battleship Warspite, the battle cruisers Oueen Mary and Indefatigable, two armored cruisers, apparently of the Achilles type; one fired against a belligerent airship. small cruiser, the new flagships of the destroy-er squadrons, the Turbulent, Nestor and Alcaster, a large number of torpedo boat de- ing the New Waterway with dead and wounde stroyers and one submarine.

Large Number Damaged.

"By observation, which was free and clean Germans, including three officers,

Tonnage Destroyed is Concerned, No Such Naval Battle Ever Was Fought.

of objects, it was stated that a large number of English battleships suffered damage from or ships and the attacks of our torpedo boat flottilla during the day engagement and thruout the

"Among others the large battleship Mar borough was hit by a torpedo. This was confirmed by prisoners.

"Several of our ships rescued parts of the crew of the sunken English ships, among the being two and the only survivors of the Indifatigable.

"On our side the small cruises Wieskade.

"On our side the small cruiser Wiesbade by hostile gunfire during the day engagemen and his majesty's ship Pommern, during the night, as the result of a torpedo, were sunk. "The fate of his majesty's ship Frauenlo which is missing, and of some torpedo boat which have not returned yet, is unknown. "The high sea fleet returned today (Thur day) into our port."

The announcement adds that of three Germs battle cruisers, either the Derfflinger or Lutzo was blown up, another was seen to have been di abled and a third to be seriously damaged.

One German light cruiser and six German to edo-boat destroyers were sunk and at least tw more light cruisers were disabled.

There were no more celebrated battle-scarr eterans of the British navy than the battle cruise Queen Mary, Indefatigable and Invincible. Ti Queen Mary played a prominent part in the Helg land-Bight engagement under the command of Ca tain William Hall, who has since been promine as chief of the intelligence division of the admiral The Queen Mary missed the Dogger Bank action being in dry dock for minor repairs. A few wee ago a large part of her crew came to London e shore leave and upon their departure Captain Ha

their old commander, came to say farewell to then The Indefatigable and Invincible bore scars fro the Falkland Islands encounter, where they had prominent share in sinking Admiral Von Spec squadron, and from the Dardanelles, where the played a leading part in the bombardment of th straits. They also had participated in previous

North Sea actions. When the Associated Press correspondent visite the battle cruiser fleet in the North Sea last winte these three vessels were exhibited as the pride of ti fleet, which had just come in from a scouting cruis which took them to the German coast. The Quee Mary was pointed out as the finest type of spec and gun power in the British navy.

Kaiser to Inspect Fleet. Emperor William is expected at Wilhemshafe omorrow to inspect the German fleet on its retui from the North Sea battle, says the Exchange Tel-graph's Amsterdam correspondent, quoting a tel-

gram received in Amsterdam from Berlin: Rear Admiral Hebbinghaus, director of the Ge man admiralty, in making the announcement of th sea battle to the Reichstag gave no new details the fight other than what had been officially as nounced by the admiralty, according to a telegrafrom Berlin forwarded by Reuter's Amsterdam co.

"No complete statement of our damages or loss yet has been received," he said in conclusion. "( course some of our ships were severely damage The main portion of our fleet returned to harbe "During the afternoon between Skager Rack with the men in splendid spirits. Our men, ship

A Copenhagen despatch says: The Politiken say

that sentries fired numerous shots at a zeppelin at ship passing over Fance Island and that the airsh! withdrew over the international boundary. This, th newspaper adds, was the first time the Danish ha

A despatch from Rotterdam to the Renter's Telgram Company reported the tug boat Schelde enter men from the naval battle. A steam trawler ale was reported on the way to Ymuiden with 15 rescue