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THE GERMAN FLEET LEAVES ITS HIDING-PLACE AT LAST GREAT NAVAL BATTLE IN PROGRESS IN THE NORTH SEA

U.S. KEEPS CANAL ZONE NEUTRAL

Will Permit No Use of the Zone by Ships of the Belligerents For Warlike Purposes

Washington, Dec. 15.—Pres. Wilson and his cabinet decided today to send American warships to the Panama Canal zone to guard against violations of neutrality there by belligerent ships. Just how many ships, whether destroyers, cruisers or battleships, shall be despatched will be determined after a full report has been received from Col. Goethals, the military Governor of the Canal zone, and Capt. Rodman, naval officer at the Canal.

Preserve Its Neutrality.

If the Canal zone is being used as a base of supplies, Colonel Goethal will be instructed to use his land forces to prevent such violations, and should it develop that wireless is being used within these territorial waters, the navy department will ask for an explanation from its naval officers.

As the question of wireless regulations was placed by the order of Pres. Wilson, on August 5th, in the hands of the Navy department for enforcement, Col. Goethals according to the war department officials, has no authority over the wireless situation whatsoever.

Watching Things Closely.

"Whatever is necessary to be done," said Secretary Daniels tonight, "to carry out the executive order of the President, will be done." A telegram from the radio officer at the Canal zone shows that he is watching things closely. He says, "For communication with British cruisers from the

DRESDEN MAKES QUICK GET AWAY FROM PUNTA ARENAS

Santiago, Chili, Dec. 15.—An official communication received here from Punta Arenas, announces that the German cruiser Dresden left there the day before yesterday, on the evening of Sunday.

The communication adds that the British cruiser Bristol arrived at Punta Arenas on Monday, but left there immediately.

Was Not Act Of the Enemy

No Evidence of German Machinations in Destruction of Bulwark

London, Dec. 16.—The official Press Bureau announces that the sinking of the battleship Bulwark apparently was not due to any hostile act.

Investigation has disclosed no evidence of treachery on the part of any person aboard the vessel of any act by an enemy.

Mr. W. S. Monroe, who was aboard on business returned by the Florizel yesterday

West Coast. I have dismantled the radio of one of the British colliers in Balboa canal zone."

Destroyers or other ships will be sent to the Canal zone at any moment when needed to prevent the use of any radio for any unneutral act by ships of any of the belligerent nations.

At the British embassy it is stated that Britain has no objection whatsoever to the enforcement of wireless laws.

5 German Ships Sunk, Is Late London Report

LONDON, Dec. 16—The main British and German fleets are reported in a despatch from New York to be engaged in the North Sea.

LONDON, Dec. 16—It is reported that 3 German Cruisers and 2 Submarines were sunk in action with a British flotilla off Scarborough this morning.

LONDON, Dec. 16—The Official Bureau announces that important developments are taking place in the North Sea.

German movements of importance occurred this morning. Scarborough and Hartlepool have been shelled and our flotillas have been engaged at various points.

PEOPLE THROWN INTO GREAT PANIC

London, Dec. 16.—A German fleet made a sudden dash into the North Sea today and shelled Scarborough and Hartlepool, English coast towns on the North Sea and engaged certain units of the British fleet.

Four German cruisers appeared off Scarborough at an early hour and began to bombard the town. It is apparent that they had no difficulty in dropping shells into the city. Panic seized the people and many of them fled from their homes. The residents of Hartlepool were aroused from their sleep by the sound of heavy gun firing and they flocked to the streets and thence made their way to the beach to learn what was going on.

Shells Began to Drop

In a few moments shells from the German cruisers began dropping into Hartlepool whereupon the crowd along the shore broke for shelter.

Panic also showed itself at this point, fear took possession of the people and many of them abandoned their homes and fled inland.

The pews of this naval raid was announced by the British Admiralty shortly before 11.30 o'clock this morning and it threw London into the greatest state of excitement that has prevailed since the outbreak of the war.

Damgae Not Stated

The preliminary announcement of the Admiralty made no mention of the damage to Scarborough which is a fashionable sea resort on the North Sea, 37 miles North east of York and a little over 200 miles from London or to Hartlepool, an important shipping centre about 40 miles North-west of Scarborough.

British flotillas have been engaged with the enemy at several points however

DID HEAVY DAMAGE TO SCARBOROUGH

Hull, Dec. 16.—Fugitives reaching here from Scarborough say the German bombardment of that port was heavy and that great damage was done to the property in Scarborough.

Scarborough, Dec. 16.—The shelling of Scarborough by the four German cruisers which took part in the operation, began shortly before 8 o'clock this morning.

Several buildings have been damaged by shellfire from three German vessels.

FIRST OVERT ACT AGAINST GT. BRITAIN

London, Dec. 16.—The bombardment of two cities on the East Coast of England by German cruisers is the first overt act of the war against British territory. Never before has the coast of England been attacked. It was felt that the British fleet in the North Sea was sufficient to render this possibility very remote.

The official announcement given out in London that the British flotillas have been engaged with the enemy is evidence

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and at noon the situation was described by the Admiralty as "Developing."

Design of Attack Unknown

It could not be ascertained at first whether this German attack was designed merely to spread panic among the British people or whether its purpose was to engage the British fleet in a general action or to act an escort in an attempt to land troops on the British coast.

Neither Scarborough nor Hartlepool is fortified.

Scarborough has a population of 40,000 people and during the summer months the seaside hotels are crowded.

GERMAN CRUISER THE "CORMORANT" IS INTERNED.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The German cruiser Cormorant with twenty-two officers and 355 men, has been interned for the war at Guam, in the Ladrone Islands, Pacific Ocean, according to despatches received late today from Captain Maxwell, the United States naval governor at that Island.

RUSSIANS KEEP ENEMY TO HIS LINES

All German Frontal Attacks in the East Effectively Beaten Back by the Czar's Officers

Petrograd, Dec. 15.—The German frontal attacks on the Russian line west of Warsaw, under cover of night were successfully repulsed by the Russians, according to trustworthy information reaching Petrograd from the front today.

At many points along the front the Russians have succeeded in capturing isolated German positions. The German attacks were answered by Russian counter attacks, in which it is said several hundred prisoners and one field battery were captured by the Russians.

During the last three days' fighting eight machine guns, two batteries of field guns, and four thousand prisoners have been taken.

Except for night attacks by Germans, there has been little heavy fighting in Poland during the last

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Turks Forced To Back Down

Had to Return British Official To Italian Consulate

Rome, Dec. 16.—Negotiations between Italy and Turkey over the removal of C. A. Richardson, British Consul from the Italian Consulate at Hodeida, Arabia, are approaching a satisfactory solution.

The Turks have returned Richardson to the Consulate and have presented excuses for his removal and have also promised to punish those guilty for this breach of diplomatic relations.

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