

GERMAN FLEET BADLY BEATEN AT RIGA WITH HEAVY LOSSES

One Super-Dreadnaught, the Moltke, Was Sunk, With Ten Other Smaller Warships, While the Russians Lost Only One Torpedo Boat and Two Small Gun Boats.

British Submarine Successfully Torpedoed a German Cruiser While the Riga Battle Was in Progress.

Enemy Repulsed by Russian Troops in Attempt to Make a Descent on East Shore of Gulf and all His Barges Destroyed.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—A despatch to the Central News from Petrograd says: "The President of the Duma has announced that the Germans lost the battleship Moltke, three cruisers and seven torpedo boats in the Riga battle."

The announcement of the President of the Duma, as sent by the correspondent, follows: "In the Riga battle the Germans lost one super-dreadnaught, the Moltke, three cruisers and seven torpedo boats."

"The German fleet has withdrawn from Riga Bay. The Germans tried to make a descent near Pernau (Pernig) on the east shore of the Gulf of Riga, some 35 miles north of Riga. Four barges crammed with soldiers took part in the descent. They were repulsed by the Russian troops without the co-operation of artillery the Germans being exterminated and the barges captured."

Confirmation of the naval victory in the Gulf of Riga was conveyed to the Duma committees by M. Rodzianko, President of the Duma. The members of the committees requested M. Rodzianko to congratulate the navy on its splendid achievement, and to convey to the Minister of War their compliments on the defeat of the German invaders at Pernau by loyal levies.

Petrograd indulged in pardonable rejoicings yesterday afternoon. The desperate efforts of the Germans to upset our military plans by creating a diversion on Estonian coast had signally failed. According to the news received today, they sustained heavy losses during the operations connected with the forcing of the Gulf of Riga.

Aided by British submarines, we were able from the shelter of the great and little towns to harass and cripple and finally to drive the enemy out of the gulf.

The losses of the gallant Baltic fleet were extremely small, in no way impairing its efficiency, and so long as this is preserved no serious danger can immediately threaten Petrograd.

GERMAN STORY OF THE BATTLE.

BERLIN, Aug. 23.—A statement from the German admiralty concerning the naval engagement in the Gulf of Riga reads as follows:

"Our Baltic naval forces penetrated the Gulf of Riga after mine sweepers had swept the minefield clear of obstructions. In the out-post engagements which developed a Russian torpedo boat of the Emr Pucharski class was destroyed and other torpedo boats, among them the Novik, and one large vessel were severely damaged while retreating."

"On the evening of the 19th, in Moon Sound, the Russian gunboats Sivuch and Koreets were sunk by artillery fire and torpedo boats after brave resistance. Forty members of the crew including two officers, some severely wounded, were rescued by our torpedo boats."

"Three of our torpedo boats were damaged by mines. One sank, one was run ashore and one was escorted to port."

"Our loss of life was small."

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE BATTLE.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—An official communication descriptive of the naval battle in the Gulf of Riga, forwarded from Petrograd today gives the German losses as one dreadnaught, two cruisers and eight torpedo boats, the statement follows:

"In the Gulf of Riga between August 16th and 19th, the Russian fleet sank or damaged two German cruisers and eight torpedo boats, at the same time a British submarine sank one of the best German dreadnaughts. The Russian gunboat Sivuch was sunk in a brilliant fight in the course of which she sank a German torpedo boat while she herself was in flames and sinking."

The foregoing statement tallies with previous advices except that these gave the German losses as three cruisers and seven torpedo boats.

FRENCH SINK GERMAN DESTROYER.

PARIS, Aug. 23.—Two French torpedo boats encountered and sank a German torpedo boat destroyer off Ostend, Belgium, last night, says an announcement made here today. Our boats were undamaged.

INDIGNANT OVER ITALIAN DECLARATION.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 23.—The German newspapers express indignation at Italy's declaration of war on Turkey, asserting that Italy is merely acting on the orders of Great Britain.

Cotton Plant in Bloom

A cotton plant has been blooming this week at the home of Mrs. B. McGuire, and quite a few have been in to see the interesting and for this climate unusual sight. Mrs. McGuire has also one of the bursted bolts, showing the cotton in its raw state. Anyone wishing to see the plant will

be gladly shown it.

In the southern States, cotton is planted every year during the early spring. From the time the plant comes up until midsummer they are carefully cultivated with plow and hoe. They are then well grown and blooming. The bloom is white the first day, but changes in color to pink the third day it drops leaving a tiny

pod called the boll. This boll grows until it is near the size of an egg. It then bursts and turns out the cotton which is picked and carried to the gin where the seeds are separated from it. The cotton is packed into bales for making all kinds of cotton goods and the seeds are used for making cotton seed meal, oil, etc.—Colborne Express.

Italy by Declaring War Against Turkey is Likely to End the Balkan Deadlock

Porte's Support of Revolt in Libya and Detention of Italian Residents in Asia Minor Reasons for Step—Roumania's Decision Imminent.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Marquis di Garroni, Italian ambassador to Turkey, last night handed to the Porte a note declaring Italy considered herself in a state of war with Turkey and demanded his passports, according to an official telegram from Constantinople, received at Amsterdam and transmitted to the Central News.

The reasons given in the note for Italy's declaration of war were the support given by Turkey to the revolt in Libya and the prevention of the departure of Italian residents from Syria.

The Italian government, says a Stefani despatch from Rome has sent to all its representatives abroad, a circular setting forth the questions at issue between Italy and Turkey. The despatch closes with these words:

"In view of these obvious infractions of categorical promises made by the Ottoman government and followed up on our ultimatum of Aug. 3, provoked by evasions of the Ottoman government particularly with regard to the free departure of Italian subjects from Asia Minor, the Italian government has sent instructions to its ambassador at Constantinople to declare war upon Turkey."

It is stated that no surprise was felt in Rome as for several days it had been considered inevitable that Italy would take this

step. Italy's declaration of war against Turkey is expected to have an almost immediate effect on the Balkan States, which are still debating which side they will take in the conflict. The relations between Italy and Roumania for years have been very intimate and the opinion is expressed here that it is probable, especially in view of the threatening attitude of the Germanic powers toward Roumania because of her refusal to allow ammunition to pass through her territory, that now Italy has broken relations with Turkey, Roumania will join the quadruple entente.

With the inclusion of Italy among Turkey's opponents in the war, and the former's well-known desire for expansion in the near east, the Balkan States may consider that the time is ripe for them to enter the field and secure for themselves a share of what falls to the victorious group. It is for them to decide which side is likely to win.

ULTIMATUM BY KAISER TO ROUMANIA REPORTED.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—A Reuter despatch from Sofia, Bulgaria.

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