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until November 18th that a full report was published, consisting of a log prepared by Captain John Luce, in command of the cruiser "Glasgow," one of the ships under Admiral Cradock's command. This statement was as follows :

" 'Glasgow' left Coronel 9 a.m. on November 1st to rejoin 'Good Hope' (flagship), 'Monmouth,' and 'Otranto' at rendezvous.

" At 2 p.m. flagship signalled that apparently from wireless calls there was an enemy ship to northward.

" Orders were given for squadron to spread north-east by east in the following order : 'Good Hope,' 'Monmouth,' 'Otranto,' and 'Glasgow,' speed to be worked up to 15 knots.

" 4.20 p.m. saw smoke ; proved to be enemy's ships, one small cruiser and two armoured cruisers. 'Glasgow' reported to Admiral, ships in sight were warned, and all concentrated on 'Good Hope.'

" At 5 p.m. 'Good Hope' was sighted.

" 5.47 p.m. squadron formed in line-ahead in following order : 'Good Hope,' 'Monmouth,' 'Glasgow,' 'Otranto.'

" Enemy, who had turned south, were now in single line-ahead 12 miles off, 'Scharnhorst' and 'Gneisenau' leading.

" 6.18 p.m.—Speed ordered to 17 knots, and flagship signalled 'Canopus' : 'I am going to attack enemy now.'

" Enemy were now 15,000 yards away, and maintained this range, at the same time jamming wireless signals.

" By this time sun was setting immediately behind us from enemy position, and while it remained above horizon we had advantage in light, but range too great.

" 6.55 p.m.—Sun set and visibility conditions