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LOSS OF CRUISER CLAN MacNAUGHTON

Wreckage found proven to have been portion of this ship

No Tidings Since February 3rd—280 Lives, Including Those of 20 Nfld. Naval Reservists, Lost

London, Feb. 24.—The Press Bureau gave out the following announcement:—

The Secretary of the Admiralty regrets to announce that H.M.S. Clan MacNaughton, an armed merchant cruiser, commander Robert Jeffreys, has been missing since Feb. 3, and it is feared the vessel has been lost.

An unsuccessful search has been made, and wreckage, supposed to be portions of this ship, has since been discovered. The last signal received from her was made on the morning of Feb. 3, and it is feared she was lost during the bad weather, which prevailed at that time.

The Clan MacNaughton was built at Glasgow in 1911. She has been in the Indian service, for she reached London from Calcutta on Nov. 4th last year. She was owned by Cayzen Irvine and Co., of Glasgow.

Two hundred and eighty lives were lost when she went down. Among her crew were 20 men of the Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve. Twenty officers and two hundred and sixty men were on board. She was commanded and her principal officers belonged to the Royal Navy. The others to the Royal Naval Reserve.

Unfavorable Weather Interrupts Bombardment

Dardanelles Forts Seriously Damaged—French Reports Enemy Active Near Ypres— Explodes One British Trench

(British Official Report.)
London, Feb. 24.—The Admiralty reports the Dardanelles operations interrupted owing to unfavourable weather. The bombardment on the 19th seriously damaged the outer forts.

The armed merchant cruiser Clan MacNaughton, missing since third February, was, it is feared, lost during the bad weather then prevalent.

A German submarine attacked the Folkestone-Boulogne boat near Boulogne on Monday night, the torpedo passing thirty yards from the ship.

Total Results One Week's Blockade

Germany Sinks Some Merchantmen, but Loses Three Submarines in the Effort

London, Feb. 24.—The German blockade of the British Isles has been effective for a week, with the result that so far as is known two Norwegian, one French and five British steamers have been sunk or torpedoed by submarines, with the surprising small loss of four lives. Two of these steamers, the *Beldridge* and *Dinwah*, succeeded in reaching port.

On the other side of the account, it is reported that two German submarines are missing, and that a third has been hit and possibly sunk by a French destroyer. Besides these vessels which fell victims to submarines, two American and one Norwegian steamer have been sunk by mines in the North Sea.

The Swedish steamer *Specia* and one or two British steamers are overdue, and it is feared they have been lost with their crews.

In almost every case the steamer sunk by the submarines was a small, slow vessel. At least three steamers were caught while at anchor, or while they were barely under way. This, with the failure of the submarine to hit a fast Cross-Channel steamer at which it fired a torpedo, apparently proves to the satisfaction of the British naval writers that steamers with moderate speed, which observe precaution, can invariably escape underwater craft.

The blockade, however, has had the effect of increasing the insurance rates, and some owners are keeping their ships in neutral waters.

With conditions such as these the public both in Britain and neutral countries, are naturally curious as to the latest proposal of the American Government to Britain and Germany, of which little has been allowed to leak out either in London or Berlin, and also to the Allies' reply to the German blockade.

In addition to the loss of the above-mentioned merchantmen, the British Admiralty has been impelled to give up hope for the armed steamer *Clan MacNaughton*, which has not been heard from since February 3rd.

CARIB'S CREW REPORTED SAFE

Berlin, Feb. 24.—A despatch received from the American Vice-Consul at Bremerhaven declares that all members of the crew of the American steamer *Carib*, reported yesterday as having sunk in the North Sea, have been saved. It is understood she struck a mine in the Bight of Heligoland on Feb. 22.

Greatly Concerned Over Italy

Berlin, Feb. 24.—A sudden change in the feeling concerning the attitude of Italy has been noticeable in diplomatic quarters here during the last few days. The position of Italy appears to have become a matter of much greater concern. The reason for this change is not clear at this time.

1500 Shells Fell In Rheims

During Eleven Hours Bombardment—Dome of Cathedral Fallen—20 Persons Killed

Paris, via St. Pierre, Feb. 24.—West of Lombaertzyde the German infantry twice prepared to attack us, but was hindered from doing so by the intensity of our fire.

The bombardment of Rheims, reported yesterday, has been most violent. It lasted first during six hours, then again during five hours. Fifteen hundred shells fell in different blocks of the city. What was left of the Cathedral seriously suffered from this renewed bombardment. The *merlon* of the dome, which had resisted up till now, has foundered.

About 20 civilians were killed, and 20 houses are in flames.

East of the Argonne between Malinco and the Meuse our artillery discovered the position of a German battery and blew up its caissons.

On the rest of the front there is nothing to report.

Two More Victims Roy Perana

Torpedoed in English Channel off Eastbourne—And Oakley of West Hartlepool Goes Down off Folkestone

Eastbourne, Feb. 24.—The steamer *Roy Perana* was sunk off this port to-day. It is believed she was torpedoed.

The crew of 31 was saved.

Maritime records make no mention of the *Roy Perana*, which was a small coasting steamer.

Eastbourne is on the English Channel, in which German submarines have been particularly active since the naval war zone was established by Germany.

Dover, Feb. 24.—The British steamer *Oakley*, of West Hartlepool, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the English Channel, off Folkestone, to-day.

The crew landed.

The *Oakley* was not far from the Folkestone Pier when she was attacked, indicating that German submarine attacks are becoming more bold.

The *Oakley* was destroyed in the lane used by British transports crossing the Channel from Folkestone.

Britain and France Declare Blockade

German East Africa—Four Days Notice to Neutral Ships

Paris, Feb. 24.—The Governments of France and Britain have caused notice to be served on the Governor of German East Africa, of a naval blockade, beginning Feb. 28th.

Four days notice will thus be allowed to neutral ships in which to leave the blockade zone.

Roumanian Army To Take The Field

Says the Matin's Bucharest Correspondent in Dispatch to The Field

Paris, Feb. 24.—Nicholas Mesu, the Roumanian Minister to London, soon will return to England, bearing a Note, assuring the British Government that the Roumanian army will take the field in April, says the *Matin's* Bucharest correspondent, in a despatch to the Field by way of Nish and Malta.

Two cases of diptheria are reported, one at Hayward Avenue the other at Logy Bay. The Hayward Avenue case was sent to hospital.

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Aviators Missing

London, Feb. 24.—Three aviators, who took part in the raid directed against the German positions in Belgium, are missing, according to a statement issued to-night by the official bureau.

No Warning Impending Danger

Newhaven, England, Feb. 25.—Members of the crew of the *Rio Perana*, brought here by torpedo boat after their ship was sunk, said they were uncertain whether their vessel was destroyed by mine or torpedo, and they had no warning whatever of impending disaster.

Steamer Deptford Mined or Torpedoed

London, Feb. 25.—The steamer *Deptford* has been sunk either by mine or torpedo, off South Shields. The *Deptford* was 1208 tons, and owned by E. Corry and Son, London.

WAS BOUND FOR ELBA

Struck a Mine Five Miles South-East Beachy Head and Went to Bottom

London, Feb. 25.—A despatch to Lloyd's Agency from Newhaven says that the steamer *Rio Perana*, of London, with coal, bound from the Tyne to Porto Ferrajo, Island of Elba, struck a mine five miles south-east of Beachy Head on Wednesday afternoon. The explosion tore a hole in the vessel's starboard side and she filled and sank. The crew were rescued by a torpedo boat and landed at Newhaven.

Another British Steamer Sunk

Torpedoed off Beachy Head —Three of the Crew Drowned

Newhaven, Feb. 25.—The British steamer *Harpalion*, from London for Newport, without cargo, has been torpedoed off Beachy Head. She was struck amidships. Three of the crew, Chinamen, were killed and two others severely scalded. Forty-one members of the crew have been landed.

The *Harpalion* was owned by J. C. Harrison, Limited, of London. She was built at West Hartlepool in 1910. She registered 5867 tons gross and was commanded by Captain Pope.

MORE DIARIES

London, Feb. 25.—Military observers attached to British headquarters in the field state, in a report given out by the Official Information Bureau that a diary found on a German officer captured at Guiney, France, contained an order stating that no prisoners were to be taken by the front line when making an attack.

Appeal To Map Makers

When the war drums beat no longer, And the battle flags are furled, Will you keep the same old spelling Of the cities of the world? When the maps are all made over, Will the spelling plainer be, So that those who read the paper May pronounce the names they see? Must we always speak one letter, And then choke upon the rest? When that new map you're making 'Pity us, and do your best!'

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon) — Strong winds, increasing to strong gales from East and South with snow and rain.
Roper's (noon) — Bar. 29.55.
Bar. 30.

Expresses Hope Britain Not Yield

To American Note Respecting Admission Food Ship- ment to Germany

London, Feb. 25.—The hope is expressed by the *Standard Express Graphic* in their editorial columns that Britain will not entertain proposals, said to be contained in the latest American Note, that food supplies be admitted to Germany under certain conditions.

Message To The Governor

To Governor, Newfoundland.
Referring to my telegram 1st February, Admiralty desire to express their sincere sympathy with the Colony of Newfoundland at the lamented loss of twenty-five valuable lives of Newfoundland Naval Reservists who were serving on H.M.S. *Viknor* when she foundered.—HARCOURT.

Proposes Hanging German Pirates

London, Feb. 24.—Lord Beresford will propose to Premier Asquith in Parliament to-morrow that all Germans caught in the act of sinking undefended vessels without an attempt to rescue, shall be publicly hanged as pirates according to universal practice.

Supplies For Kronprinz Wilhelm

Captured by British Cruiser Off Falkland Islands

Montevideo, Feb. 24.—The German steamer *Gatha*, loaded with provisions for the German auxiliary cruiser *Kronprinz Wilhelm*, has been captured by a British cruiser, according to reliable advices, and taken to the Falkland Islands.

THE CASTILIAN BRISTLES UP

Is Strictly Neutral, But Will Not Have Any Monkeying —Will Likely Join United States Should the Latter Move

Madrid, via Paris, Feb. 16.—The Spanish government has adopted an attitude of extreme reserve regarding its position on Germany's Note announcing its determination to include the waters around Great Britain in the war zone. While Spain will try to avoid action which would give any belligerent an excuse to accuse it of departing from its attitude of neutrality, it is understood the government will join with the United States, if the latter proposes joint measures on the part of all neutrals.

Should Be Agent Transport Company

(From the London Daily Mail).
Eighty-seven recruits have been obtained by Private D. Serrin, 4th Battalion the Buffs, stationed at Canterbury, by means of a small poster he had printed containing a humorous exhortation copied from the *The Daily Mail*.
Here is the placard:
TO BERLIN.
The country is arranging a trip to Germany in the spring for a few SPORTSMEN.
All hotel expenses and rail fares paid.
Good shooting and hunting. Ages 18-33. Rifles and ammunition supplied free.
CHEAP TRIP UP THE RHINE.
Apply at once, as there is only a limited number (one million) reserved.
Private Sherrin sells copies at a penny and gives the proceeds to one of the war funds.

500,000 GERMANS LOST IN ATTACK ON RUS- SIAN POSITIONS

Says a Journal correspondent who witnessed the operation

German Army Melting Away—Losses Frightful

Paris, Feb. 24.—At least 500,000 men were lost by Germany in their attack on the Russian positions on the Rawka River and in the region of *Borjimev* and *Gambinnen*, according to Ludevic Naudeau, a journal correspondent, who witnessed the operations.

He considers the situation highly favorable to the Russians, and says the Germans are being gradually, but implacably, worn down. Whether they attack or merely defend themselves, their armies melt away from day to day. Their feverish activity and their frightful sacrifice of lives show they realize they are fighting against time.

German Submarine U. 16 Sunk off Cape Allhrech

French Torpedo Boat Accounts For This Terror To Shipping

Paris, Feb. 24.—The French Minister of Marine to-day announced receipt of definite information that the German submarine which attacked the Channel steamer *Victoria* on Monday night, was later sunk by a French torpedo boat.

The submarine is believed to be the *U-16* which had been attacking merchant ships in the Channel all the week. She was sunk off Cape Allhrech near Boulogne.

Germany Provokes the United States

Says Daily Chronicle—Block- ade of British Coast De- signed to Arouse Uncle Sam

London, Feb. 20.—"Germany seeks war with the United States," declares an article in the *Daily Chronicle*, in which the American war zone Note to Berlin is discussed.
"The German blockade of the British coasts," the *Chronicle* says, "was designed to arouse the hostility of America. The Kaiser is seeking excuses for his inevitable defeat."
By last mail his mother received a very touching letter from him. It says in part:
"I am well, and I am happy, as happy as I can hope to be from home."
"I may never see you again, but remember, if I die, I will die, feeling that I have done my duty, and feeling that I will die happy."
Thomas Knight, son of Wm. and Annie Knight, Pleasant St. has also given his life for his country and King.

REGIMENT MUTINY AT SINGAPORE

Indian Soldiers in Revolt—Kill All Officers— Colonel Spared—Many Civilians Killed

Rumors of Unrest Among Natives—Rangoon, Col- ombia and Java

Manilla, Feb. 24.—Four hundred members of the mutinous Indian regiment, which revolted at Singapore, who would join them. Only seven of the prisoners accepted this proposal, the others preferring to remain where they were.

Half the regiment, which remained loyal, soon organized itself, and started to attack the mutinous troops. They were joined by Europeans of all ages, who offered their services as volunteers. In the running fight which followed, four-fifths of the revolting Indians are said to have been killed, and it is believed only about 100 now remain in the country around Singapore. The troops which were attempting to quell the mutiny, were reinforced on the following day by sailors landed from French, British and Japanese warships.

The revolt began without warning. According to reports of the uprising brought here by passengers from Singapore, the mutineers are said to have killed all their officers, save the Colonel, then attacked civilians, several of whom were killed, including a woman.

The revolt began at a time when there were no war vessels in port. Other reports received here from Singapore are to the effect that there are rumors of unrest among the natives in Rangoon, Colombo and Java.

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