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GERMAN RAIDER SIGHTED OFF THE COAST OF BRAZIL

Marauder Continues Depredations, British Steamer Yarrowdale Captured

German Marauder Hides Under the British Flag Say Crew of Steamer Dramatist

By Courier Leased Wire

London, Jan. 20.—A Pernambuco despatch to The Daily Mail describing the capture and destruction of the British Dramatist by the commerce raider. The Dramatist sighted the raider on December 18 when it was seven miles distant. The German rapidly closed in and when alongside hoisted the German naval ensign and signalled the Britisher to stop. Immediately afterward trap doors under the bulwarks at the raider's forecastle were dropped revealing two guns of about 2 1-2 inch calibre trained on the Dramatist.

An armed boat load of Germans boarded the British ship and its officers, engineers and part of its crew were sent on board the raider. The remainder of the crew were left on board for five hours and then removed and the steamer was sunk by explosives. The crew of the Dramatist, with the exception of twenty-seven Indian firemen, who remained on the raider, were transferred to the Hudson Maru. The captives complain of the food and sanitary arrangements, but say that the Germans were courteous as a rule and gave receipts for their captures. One receipt was signed "Wolff." A member of the crew has a photograph of the raider and various pictures of the sinking of the Nantes taken by a small concealed camera.

The men of the Dramatist say that the raider appears like an ordinary cargo steamer and when passing neutral ships hoists the British colors, but flies the German flag when it sights a British ship. The captain of the raider said that he did not wish to sink passenger ships as he did not want to kill women and children, but was only after big cargo boats. A member of the Minieh's crew says that an officer of the raider asked for the ship's papers and when told they had been destroyed, laugher and said: "Well, it cannot be helped. You played the game."

NEVER SLIGHTS RIGHTS OF OTHERS

By Courier Leased Wire.

Amsterdam, via London, Jan. 20.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollwegg has sent the following reply to a joint letter received by him from a committee of the Trades Federation of Germany, and several similar bodies, declaring that German employes fully approve the recent peace offer, condemned the demands of the Entente, and declared that everybody's duty is to stake everything for the Fatherland.

"I know that your letter reflects the thoughts of millions of our compatriots. With every new day the enemy discloses more shamelessly his intentions which aim at the destruction of Germany and her allies. But no conqueror, though it commands all the power in the world, will be able to force Germany into the yoke of slavery. United in the fight for our freedom, which never slights the rights of other peoples, we have accepted the new challenge. The fact that in the severe struggle the German labor world is loyally standing by the fatherland is a firm guarantee of our final victory and a future for Germany in which all her sons will find success."

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Jan. 20. — The weather was moderate in southern Ontario, but continues extremely cold in the north and throughout Quebec and the Maritime provinces. It has become very cold again in Manitoba.

Forecasts

Snow flurries today, becoming colder with northerly winds tonight. Sunday—Fair and decidedly colder.

UTMOST GERMAN STRENGTH MUST BE THROWN INTO SCALES

Appeal For Submarine Warfare Made in Impassioned Words by German Conservative Leader

Berlin, Jan. 19.—via London, Jan. 20.—Count Westarp, leader of the Conservative party in the reichstag, declared himself in favor of the fullest use of submarines in a speech at Magdeburg. Count Westarp said:

"Our utmost strength must now be thrown into the scales. There is no weapon of warfare which we dare to withhold. We have too few weapons in hand against England, who possesses at this moment our colonies, has swept away our commercial marine and put a blockade into effect. If we want to make further progress against England we must strike her life nerve—her commercial fleet. We have already dealt England mighty blocks in cruiser warfare and it is technically possible to augment our achievements, but the chief thing is commercial warfare.

Proof That There are at Least Two Raiders at Large

German Cruiser Has Been Seen in Different Waters Within Short Space of Time

By Courier Leased Wire

New York, Jan. 20.—The warning sent out by wireless to vessels of the Entente Allies, by the British authorities, that the captured British merchantman St. Theodore, had been converted into a German commerce raider, was pointed to to-day by local shipping men as tending to prove that at least two German raiders are at large in the Atlantic ocean. It was recalled that a steamship had been sunk south of the equator within eight days after the Samland had sighted a raider December 4, about 600 miles west of Fastnet. For any vessel to have covered the distance in that tmie, it was said, would have been an impossibility.

In the discussion of what vessels possibly could be supplying the German raiders, the peculiar actions off Cape Hatteras last month of the Portuguese Steamer Faro, a former German vessel were recalled. The Fare formerly was the Galata.

The vessel, it appears, was interned in Portugal when the war started, was seized by the Portugeuse Government when the latter declared war against Germany and under the name of Faro was put into the merchant trade of Portugal. Lloyds classes her as requisitioned by the Portuguese Government.

The American tank steamer Sucrosa which arrived here Christmas Day reported that off Cape Hatteras, she sighted the Faro, which steamed across the tanker's bow, then circled and recrossed astern and disappeared. According to the Sucrosa's officers, the Faro appeared next day and repeated the performance, neither time displaying any signal to explain her mysterious actions. The Faro put into Newport News for coal and sailed from there December 28, since when she has not been reported.

British Steamer Yarrowdale is Captured by Unknown Rover of the Ocean

By Courier Leased Wire.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 20.—According to press despatches from Rio Janiero, a strange steamship with four smoke stacks, painted black, has been sighted off Ceara, Brazil, running at high speed. Word of this vessel was brought by the men on a steamship which arrived yesterday at Bahia, Brazil, who say they saw the steamer.

The German raider, which has been operating in the South Atlantic is reported to be equipped with collapsible smokestacks, the number of stacks visible being changed at intervals to disguise the identity of the vessel. The state Ceara is in the north of Brazil.

Berlin, Jan. 19.—via London, Jan. 20.—The official statement issued tonight regarding the British Steamer Yarrowdale being brought into harbor as a prize, follows:

"The English Steamer Yarrowdale, of 4,500 tons, was brought into harbor on the 31st of December as a prize by a prize crew of sixteen men . She had aboard 469 prisoners, namely the crews of one Norwegian and seven English ships, which were captured by one of our auxiliary cruisers in the Atlantic ocean.

"The cargoes of the captured vessels consisted principally of war material for our enemies from America and food stuffs, including 6,000 tons of wheat, 2,000 tons of flour and 1,900 horses. The Yarrowdale had on board 117 motor lorries, one motor car, 6,300 cases of rifle cartridges, 30,000 rolls of barbed wire and 3,300 tons of steel bars, besides a quantity of meat, bacon and sausages.

"Of the vessels sunk three of the British were armed. Among the crews of the captured vessels are 103 subjects of neutral states, who, as well as enemy subjects, have been removed as prisoners of war insofar as they had taken pay on armed enemy vessels. The commander of

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SELLING EVENT OF THIS YEAR IS COMING NEXT WEEK

Courier Columns Will Offer Splendid List of Bargains For Merchants' Semi-Annual Dollar Day

Today The Courier makes announcement of another of those Big Selling Events for which Brantford merchants are now noted. Thursday next, January 25, has been decided on as the date of the semi-annual sale event. It may not occur to the average householder that while the preparation on the part of the merchants for special offerings of this nature is always a big task, the work of securing goods at anything like bargain prices during these war times has become tremendous. But Brantford merchants have risen to the occasion and thousands of genuine bargains will be offered.

That the Merchant's Dollar Day has become more than a local event is evidenced by the fact that special cars are necessary on the L. E. and N. to bring visitors from both north and south. The merchants ask from Brantford citizens some assistance on that day. They ask that they shop as early in the day as convenient, and carry parcels wherever possible.

Work of Russian Imperial Council is Paralized

Press Comment on the Postponement of Date of Convening Takes Very Pessimistic Note

By Courier Leased Wire.

Petrograd, Jan. 19, via London, Jan. 20.—The Imperial ukase further postponing the convening of the Duma and the imperial council, has provided another intermission in the Russian political situation, in which it is hoped that some means will be discovered of harmonizing the policies of the government and the legislative chambers. The steady succession of ministerial changes and the events which have taken place since November when the Duma last met, have done little to bring about the desired understanding. On the other hand the gulf which separates the government and Duma is very clearly defined. It became obvious that a meeting of the Duma under the present circumstances would only serve to sharpen the conflict and precipitate a final rupture between the two parties. Premier Golitzine explains the apparent contradiction between his recent utterances regarding co-operation with the legislative departments and the ukase postponing their reassembling, by a statement that he underestimated the length of time necessary to form the government program, and that it is essential for the government to become acquainted with the details of the situation before the Duma met.

The newspapers indulge in pessimistic comment on the situation. The "Reich" says:

"The work of the imperial council and the Duma is being more and more energetically paralyzed."

Raider Believed in Golf of Mexico, and Accompanied by Three Submarines

By Courier Leased Wire

Rio Janiero Jan. 20.—The "Jornal Pequeno" of Pernambuco, asserts that it has information that the German raider is accompanied by three small submarines. These submarines are said to be six metres in length and of an entirely new type. Members of the crews of ships sunk by the raider and who have been held prisoners on board her are quoted as saying that the submarines constantly leave the mother ship and reappear after short intervals, apparently doing scouting duty. They say that the raider has a speed of twenty five knots but slows down during the night.

What Mexico Hears.

Mexico City, Jan. 19.—Insistent rumors came from Vera Cruz that the German commerce raider is now in the Gulf of Mexico. It is expected in Vera Cruz, the reports add, that the raider will make an effort to cut off the oil ships en route from the Tampico fields for England. There is no confirmation of the rumors here.

Rio Janiero, Jan. 20.—The British authorities have issued a warning to shipping companies that the captured British Steamer St. Theodore has been converted into a German commerce raider and is crusing along the Atlantic shipment routes. Secret instructions have been given to the companies regarding routes to be followed.

Reassuring reports have been received at Pernambuco in regard to the 8,000 ton British liner Ortega, which was on her way to Pernambuco and was feared to have fallen a victim to the German raider. According to the reports in shipping circles, the Ortega has reached safety, but her location is not announced.

It is reported from Pernambuco that a British squadron composed of auxiliary cruisers has joined the light cruisers fleet in a search for the German commerce raiders. The total tonnage of the squadron is 36,000.

EXPLOSION IN MUNITIONS

Feared That Many Are Dead Following Explosion in Factory

....London, Jan. 20—"The Ministry of Munitions regret to announce that an explosion. occurred last evening at a munitions factory in the neighborhood of London."

"It is feared that the explosion was attended by a considerable loss of life and damage to property." The above official communication was issued last night.

GREATEST BATTLE OF WAR COMING

Preparations on Western Front Are of Tremendous Proportions

By Courier Leased Wire.

New York, Jan. 20.—A cable to the Tribune from London says:

Feverish preparations are going on along the west front for what both sides expect to be the greatest battle in history. The signal for the outbreak depends on the weatherman chiefly.

Interest here and in France centers in the possibility of a German invasion of Switzerland for the purpose of striking at the French army in Alsace as part of the coming struggle. Despatches from Berne says that General Ulrich Wille, commander in chief of the Swiss army, formally has proposed mobilization of all Switzerland's military forces.

Despite his recent utterances that he believes Switzerland was safe from invasion, apparently he has become alarmed at the concentration of German troops along the Swiss border.

The Swiss federal council, however, regards the situation as free from grave danger, though it has so far agreed with Wille as to mobilize the 2nd, 4th and 5th divisions of the army. It is considered possible at Berne, however, that further units will be called to the colors soon.

The seeming optimism of the Swiss governing council is hardly shared in allied circles here and in France, to which the violation of Swiss neutrality would come as no distinct surprise.

Reports persist that German forces are being massed across the line from Basel and that a strategic railroad is being hurriedly constructed in that sector. The belief is strong in French military circles, that the Germans have made all plans for an attack of unprecedented violence on the French lines in Alsace, between Basel and Belfort, and it is realized that such a move presupposes the invasion of Switzerland.

From the "Kolnische Zeitung's" correspondent at the front comes word that "without the slightest doubt mighty accumulations of war material and important shifting of troops is taking place," behind the allied front.

WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS

SEATTLE WON

By Courier Leased Wire.

Seattle, Jan. 20—Seattle defeated Portland in a Pacific coast league game last night by 8 to 3, substantially increasing their lead. Seattle had all the better of the game making a whirlwind finish.

GRADED INCREASES

By Courier Leased Wire.

Regina, Jan. 20—The public school board last night restored teachers salaries to the schedule in force before the outbreak of the war which means that the teachers will get graded increases for the interval based on their 1914 salaries.

MAGNANIMITY OF HUN RULERS

Is Lauded by Prussian Minister in the Matter of Polish Independence

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Jan. 20.—Count Friedrich von Loeobell, Prussian minister of the interior, speaking in the diet, declared that the Poles "ought to thank God on their knees for Polish development under Prussian rule," according to an Amsterday despatch to Reuters. Count Loebell was replying to the Polish deputy, Herr Korfanty, who complained that Polish hopes for a revision of Prussian policy in Poland had not been realized and demanded a full national and cultural equality with the Germans.

Count Loebell complained that no member of the Polish party had uttered a word of gratitude for the "Magnanimous deed of the German emperor and the emperor of Austria, who, after a century, desired to give freedom to the Polish race."

Socialist Deputy Hoffmann expressed regret that the cutting off of debate had prevented a discussion of the peace offer from the Socialist standpoint and had also precluded speeches against the unrestricted use of submarines. The president of the diet ruled Deputy Hoffmann out of order when he attempted to discuss the submarine question and the ruling was greeted with applause. The house rose after the first reading of the budget.

CONSULATE ROBBED

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, Jan. 20.—The American consulate at Algiers was entered by burglars on Tuesday night, according to The "Matin." The safe was broken open and all papers in it were stolen.

DEWEY LAID TO REST

Washington, Jan. 20.—Admiral Dewey was laid to rest to-day with the highest honors. After funeral services conducted under the dome of the capital, and attended by President Wilson, the cabinet, the Supreme Court, the diplomatic corps and a notable company, the Admiral's body was taken to Arlington National cemetery.

CONFERENCE ON FOOD OVER

Premiers of Austria and Hungary Consulted With German Leaders

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Jan. 20.—Premier Clam-Martinic of Austria and Premier Tisza of Hungary returned to Vienna on Friday evening after an extended conference in Berlin with the German leaders in regard to the economic problems, according to an Amsterdam despatch to Reuter's. Representatives of the general staffs of both the German and the Austrian armies as well as the leading statesmen of the two countries were present at the conference.

The meeting between Clam-Martinic, premier of Austria, and the Hungarian premier Tiszfla, and the German leaders was apparently distinct from the conference arranged between the presidents of the parliaments of the Central Powers and Turkey which opened in Berlin Friday.

Duke of Atholl Passes Away

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Jan. 20.—12.47 p.m.—The Duke of Atholl died this morning at Blair Castle, Scotland. Born in 1840, he succeeded to the title in 1864. He was one of the principal titled Scotch land owners, owning more than 200,000 acres.

The successor to the title is the Marqies of Tullibardine, who has had a notable career in the army, serving with distinction in the Khartoum and other Egyptian campaigns and in South Africa, and since the beginning of the present war, in August 1915, was made a brigade commander.