

JAPANESE CRUISER ASAMA IS WRECKED

Warship Is Breaking Up on Rocks Off West Coast of Lower California.

CREW NUMBERS 500 MEN

United States War Vessels Are Ordered to Give All Possible Aid. Accident Occurs Near Where Two Other Ships Struck.

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 4.—The Japanese cruiser Asama, carrying a crew of 500 men, is reported wrecked near Turtle Bay, less than 40 miles from the place where the steamers Ithian and Malakka went on the rocks December 15, off the western coast of Lower California.

When the British steamer Boyne arrived here Tuesday it had on board a Japanese naval officer, who refused to talk for publication. The Japanese platoon was not lowered while in the harbor and the vessel had no dealing with the American authorities other than what was required by law.

AMERICAN ORDERED TO AID Rear-Admiral Howard to Offer Help to Wrecked Japanese.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Rear-Admiral Howard, commanding the American fleet in the Pacific, has ordered the wreck of the Japanese cruiser Asama in a brief message from his flagship and was ordered to send whatever aid was available. The American fleet off San Diego, Cal., yesterday, probably would be the first American naval vessel to reach the wreck of the Japanese.

NOBLEMAN HELD DISLOYAL Pension of Irishman Who Visited Berlin Is Suspended.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary, today announced in the House of Commons that Sir Roger Casement's pension had been suspended pending an investigation of allegations that he was disloyal.

PRUSSIA HAS SURPLUS COIN Budget for 1915 Shows Excess of 39,000,000 Marks.

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—(By wireless to Saville, N. Y.) Prussian budget for 1915, according to figures given today by the Overseas News Agency, shows an ordinary expenditure of 2,222,000,000 marks, a 130,000,000 mark increase over the ordinary receipts of 2,092,000,000 marks and extraordinary expenditures of 1,000,000,000 marks.

CAVALRY AFTER ARTILLERY (Continued From First Page.)

and Poland, where the Russians and Germans are striving for mastery, according to Petrograd dispatches.

In the vicinity of Tilsit and southward of the Masurian Lake region in the vicinity of Ploetz, Dobryzin and Lipno, daily skirmishes are reported. This fighting is chiefly between cavalry and artillery and each side apparently is only intent on discovering the weakness of the other's line or preventing flanking attempts on the junction of this stream and the Buzza River to Sochaczew, where both sides are strongly entrenched.

Fourteen Regiments Attack. Further southeast between Gumnine and Berdymow 14 German regiments with a heavy artillery support yesterday made a sledgehammer effort to break the Russian line.

JURY UPHOLDS LYNCHERS Georgia Posee Kills Physician Accused of Attacking Women.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Feb. 4.—A coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide tonight in the case of Dr. A. N. Culberson, killed near here early today by a citizen's posse seeking him on a charge of attacking a young married woman.

GERMANS CAPTURE MILE OF TRENCHES

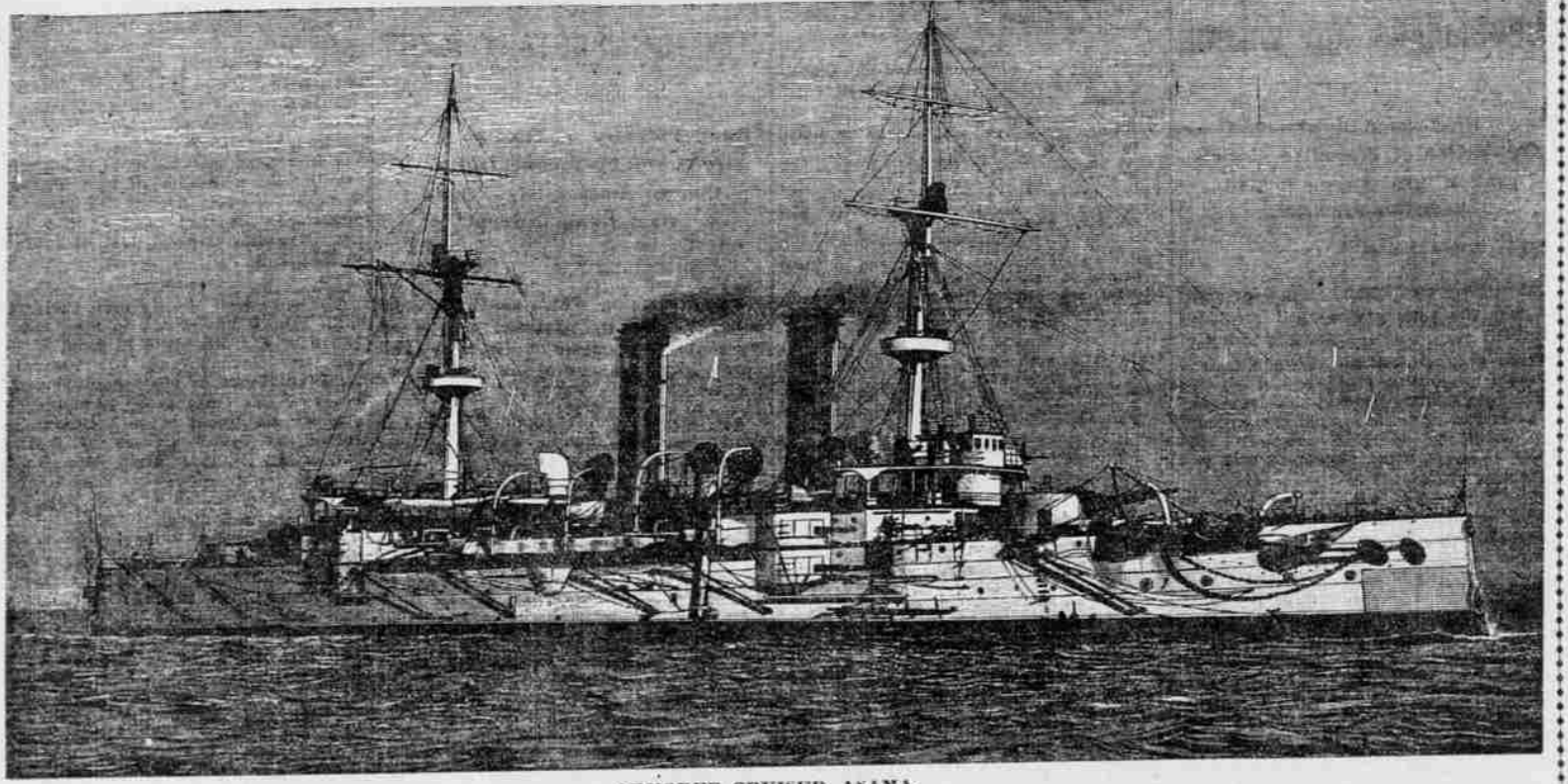
Three Lines Subjected to Repeated Assaults and 600 Prisoners Taken.

BELGIANS HOLD GROUND

Bayonets Used by Both Sides Along Yser—Engagements Fought by Ski Soldiers in Vosges—Airmen Brought Down.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The German attacks have been resumed in several sections of the western battlefield, according to today's official communication from Berlin, one of these movements in the Argonne has resulted in a victory of importance. Three lines

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trenches were stormed and the statement is made that the principal French positions for more than a mile were taken, with the capture of 600 men, 18 guns and much war material.

The French statement admits this in part and mentions some small engagements which are said to have ended favorably for the allies. An advantage for the French artillery in the Valley of the Aisne is asserted, and Paris says the Germans have failed completely in their attack near Uffholtz, in Alsace.

Belgians Hold Their Ground. The Belgian position on the Yser, near Westende, again was the scene of fierce attacks by the Germans, in which the bayonet was used by the troops on both sides of the trenches. The Germans, after the usual preparatory bombardment by artillery, made repeated but unsuccessful attacks on several important Belgian trenches.

The first fight on ski took place west of the Vosges, where the Germans took up a command of French chasseurs. Berlin says the French were successful. The French official report issued tonight at Paris said:

"Artillery engagements have occurred in Belgium and to the north of Arras, west of the road between Lille and Arras.

"We have captured from 200 to 300 metres of the enemy's trenches near Reburon, north of Albert. Our fire has reached convoys and assembling points.

German Guns Silenced on Aisne. By the efficient shooting of our artillery in the Valley of the Aisne the German batteries were silenced, cannons were blown up, the men engaged in constructing works dispersed and aeroplanes put to flight.

"In front of Verdun we succeeded in bringing down an aeroplane and taking the aviator prisoner.

In Alsace a German attack near Uffholtz has failed completely.

The French report issued earlier in the day said:

"To the north of the Lys there was in the vicinity of Nieuport a particularly spirited artillery engagement.

"At Notre de Dame de Lorette, southwest of Lens, a determined German attack the morning of February 3 was driven back by the fire of our artillery. The French guns also put an end to a bombardment of the road between Arras and Bethune.

In the region of Albert and Duquesnoy-en-Santerre we destroyed several blockhouses. Through the entire Aisne Valley there was yesterday an artillery engagement in which the advantage rested with us.

French Admit German Gain. The three attacks reported last night against our trenches in the vicinity of Perthes, Mesnil-lez-Hurlus and Massiges were carried out by forces of the enemy which equaled a battalion of 1000 men at each point. The first two attacks were completely dispelled by the fire of our artillery.

The third, which took place north of Massiges, took advantage of a mine explosion to make headway. Later we captured these locations. We built new trenches at a few yards distant from those which had been blown up by the Germans and which had become untenable.

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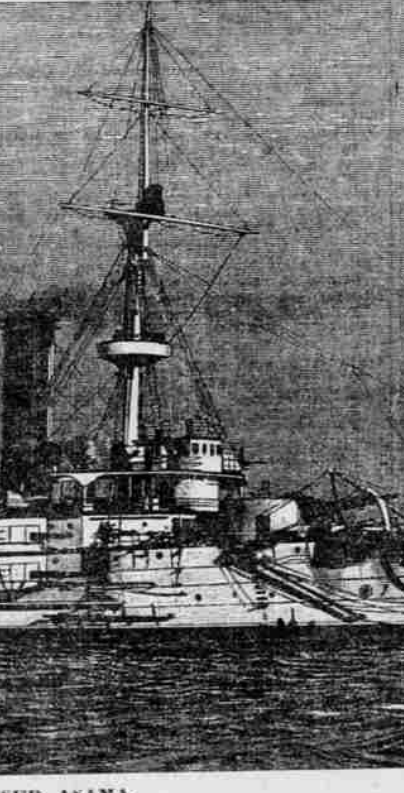
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cer supervise the distribution of her food cargo, which is billed for German delivery.

In this way, the Ambassador pointed out, it could be made sure that none of the cargo reached the German army.

Department officials said the case would not be before them officially before the cargo reached the German government, who expect to buy her cargo.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Great Britain has decided that if the American steamer Wilhelmiana, now on her way with a cargo of foodstuffs for Germany, is intercepted, her cargo will be submitted to a prize court, so that the new situation arising out of the action of Germany in ordering that all grain and flour shall be placed under control of the government may be regularized.

A statement issued tonight by the British Foreign Office says:

"The new German decree makes it evident that all grain and flour is to pass under control of the German government and it must therefore, when imported be regarded as virtually consigned to the authorities under their control.

"This creates a novel situation and it is probable that if the destination of the cargo is the Wilhelmiana as supposed, the cargo will, if the vessel is intercepted, be submitted to a prize court, in order that the new situation created by the German decree may be examined and a decision reached upon it after full consideration.

"There is no question of taking any proceeding against the vessel and the owners of the vessel will be indemnified for any delay caused to it and the shippers of the cargo compensated for any loss caused to them by the action of the British authorities."

PORTLAND WOMAN SOUGHT Max Sinclair Seeks His Wife in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Max Sinclair, a visitor from Portland, asked the police today to find his wife, who may use the name of Ada Martin, and who he says has been missing since January 20.

DRY RESOLUTION BLOCKED Proposed Amendment Temporarily Beaten in Iowa Senate.

DES MOINES, Feb. 4.—Certain members of the Senate constitutional amendment committee succeeded today in smothering temporarily a joint resolution, introduced by Wilson and Thomas, calling for a prohibition amendment to the constitution.

Three different attempts made by the drys to get the resolution out of the committee were promptly blocked by seven members, who voted solidly against any move which would bring liquor before the Senate.

ST. PAUL, Or., Protests Mail Delays. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 4.—The residents of St. Paul, Or., have made a vigorous protest against alleged discrimination against them, through inadequate postal service, proposed that, although only two hours from Portland, it takes Portland business letters two days to reach them.

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BRYAN FOR EQUAL RIGHTS Liquor Interests Are Denounced by Secretary of State.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 4.—Secretary Bryan, speaking here tonight, declared that the Democratic party cannot afford to stand with the brewers and saloonkeepers against woman suffrage. His speech was made at a banquet of Democratic editors. The Secretary denounced the liquor traffic and also said that woman suffrage was sure to come.

"I want to tell you Democratic editors," said Mr. Bryan, "that the Democratic party cannot afford to stand

MORE BOERS SURRENDER Two Leaders Quit With Lieutenant-Colonel Kemp.

PRETORIA (via London), Feb. 4.—The rebel leader Besudenhout and the so-called "Prophet" Vankenburg surrendered to the British forces with Lieutenant-Colonel Kemp, it was officially announced today.

The command which gave up its arms also includes 500 Boers and 50 burghers. The rebels capitulated at Uplington.

Vankenburg's influence is credited with being largely responsible for the rebellion.

The announcement says additional surrenders are expected and that Lieutenant-Colonel S. G. Martin and his men probably will give themselves up before the end of the week.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Announcements of the surrender of Kemp and his command was made at Cape Town last night. He and Martin have been operating together against Uplington, Bechnanaland, with 1200 troops.

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