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BRITISH CLAIM CAPTURE ELEVEN GERMAN WARSHIPS

FIRST BIG NAVAL ENGAGEMENT RESULTS IN GERMAN DEFEAT

Official Announcement of Heavy Loss Sustained by Kaiser's Fleet in Engagement Off Heligoland Yesterday—Many Vessels Were Sunk.

RUSSIANS ANNOUNCE CAPTURE OF BIG PORT OF KOENIGSBURG ON BALTIC TODAY

Claim to Have Secured Strong City in Northwestern Germany—Few Particulars of Naval Engagements Given in Reports Today.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 29.—According to an official statement late today, the English navy captured eleven German warships in addition to the several reported sunk in the engagement off Heligoland yesterday.

This follows the earlier reports of the sinking of a number of cruisers and smaller vessels and caused great elation. No other details of the engagement were given out.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE BIG BALTIC SEAPORT LONDON, Aug. 29.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg late today announces the capture of Koenigsberg, a big seaport in Northwest Germany on the Baltic Sea.

FRENCH REPORT BIG RUSSIAN SUCCESSES

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Aug. 29.—The French War Office gave out the following official statement this afternoon: "The Russian army has completely invested Koenigsberg and occupied Allenstein, both in East Prussia. The Germans continue to retreat."

KOENIGSBURG AN IMPORTANT CITY

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) Koenigsberg is a city of about 219,770 inhabitants. It is situated on both sides of the River Prage and on an island. It is surrounded by ramparts and detached forts, and was the center of Commerce between Germany and Russia. It is the capital of the Province of East Prussia and contains many beautiful buildings and statues, having historical and literary associations. The port of Koenigsberg is Pillau, which is connected with it by a ship canal built in recent years.

ENGLISH RETURN FROM NAVAL FIGHT

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 29.—A British cruiser arrived in the Nore today with 200 German prisoners chiefly from the German cruiser Mainz, which was sunk by the British fleet yesterday with two other cruisers and two torpedo boat destroyers off Cuxhaven, Germany.

OFFICIAL ENGLISH REPORT MADE.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 29.—Following is the official report of the naval battle off Cuxhaven, received at the British Embassy. It was dated last night:

"Early this morning a concerted operation of some consequence was attempted against the German fleet off Heligoland Bight. A strong force of destroyers, followed by light cruisers and battle cruisers with submarines, were intercepted in the attack by the German destroyers and cruisers guarding the approaches to the German coast. All the British destroyers are reported afloat and returning in good order. Two German destroyers were sunk and many damaged. The enemy's cruisers engaged the British cruisers. The battle cruisers of the First Light Cruiser Squadron sunk the Mainz. The first battle squadron sank one cruiser of the Koin class and another disappeared in the mist on fire and in a sinking condition. The battle cruiser squadron, although attacked by submarines and floating mines, successfully evaded them. The light cruiser squadron suffered no casualties. The flotilla cruiser Amethyst and Destroyer Laertes are damaged, but no other vessels were seriously injured. The British loss of life is not heavy. The commanding officers concerned in this skillfully handled operation were Rear Admirals Beatty, George, and Christian and Commodores Keyes, Tyrwhite and Goodenough."

BATTLE LASTS EIGHT HOURS.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 29.—A naval engagement between the British and the Germans off Heligoland yesterday lasted about eight hours, during which the fighting was sharp and terrible, according to a dispatch from Harwick. The correspondent says this description of the fight was given by the crews of British destroyers that took part in the engagement and have arrived at Harwick.

MANY VESSELS LOST

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 29.—In addition to two torpedo boat destroyers and three cruisers many of the German torpedo boat destroyers were damaged in the battle with the English fleet off Heligoland.

NAVAL BATTLE NEAR CHINA

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) CHEE FOO, China, Aug. 29.—The torpedo boat destroyer Welland has engaged and sunk the German torpedo boat destroyer S-90.

CONFLICTING CLAIMS MADE BY GERMANS AND ALLIES OF VICTORIES

Allies Report Russia as Capturing Big Cities of Koenigsberg and Allenstein While Germans and Austrians Report Repulse of Russians

FIELD MARSHAL LORD ROBERTS WANTS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MEN

Says Immense Army Needed for Present Conflict—German Army Advances 23 Miles Further Into France Following Victories Over Allied Forces.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) What little news escaped the censors today reflected chiefly on the situation in East Prussia, where the operations are assuming daily greater importance. The reports are conflicting.

Berlin officially reports that five Russian army corps were defeated by the Germans and Austrians south of Allenstein, while newspaper dispatches from St. Petersburg, on the other hand, claim Allenstein has been occupied by the Russians, who are investing Koenigsberg. From the same source comes a statement that the Russians are drawing a net around Lemberg, the capital of Galicia.

ENGLAND NEEDS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MEN

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) Field Marshal Lord Roberts declared today that Great Britain would require hundreds of thousands of men for the present conflict. A Berlin report of the defeat of the British at St. Quentin, France, indicates that the Germans have advanced 23 miles south of Camrai, the scene of the recent German successes.

THINK BIG LAND BATTLE NOW ON BETWEEN ALLIES AND GERMANS

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 29.—Exhaustion on the part of the German troops and the consequent necessity of momentarily slackening their forward movement is offered in some quarters for the absolute silence which has veiled all operations in Northern France since the desperate struggle Wednesday, when a quarter million German soldiers tried to hack their way through the British lines. Just as many people, however, are convinced that the battle which Field Marshal French said on Wednesday was impending, is now in progress and that the commanders are awaiting a decisive outcome before permitting anything to become public.

SWEDISH ARMY IS CALLED OUT

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—The Swedish army has been ordered mobilized, according to the Evening World which says the following message was received here by a commercial house: "Grave political movements feared in Sweden. Mobilization ordered."

KAISER KEEPS CLOSE TO ARMY

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) GENEVA, Switzerland, Aug. 29.—Emperor William and the German general staff are making both Cologne and Mainz their headquarters. The Emperor is passing continuously between the two cities, personally directing the armies in their fighting in Belgium.

U. S. PROTECTS SHIPS WITH FEDERAL AID

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 29.—The administration bill to create a federal bureau of marine war risk insurance passed the House by a vote of 230 to 58. Already having been passed by the Senate, it now goes to the President.

SIEGE ARMIES CROSS RHINE

Five German and Austrian Army Corps With Heavy Artillery go to Front

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) ROME, Aug. 29.—A dispatch from Basel, Switzerland, says three German army corps, two Austrian army corps and a great quantity of siege artillery have crossed the Rhine.

FRENCH REPORT GERMAN DEAD

Claim to Have Found Over 7000 Slain on Two Battlefields Alone

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 29.—The Russian troops are now thirty kilometers from Limberg, according to official dispatches today to the French Embassy. The Serbian headquarters have been moved to Calvo. Before Nancy, the French troops found 2500 Germans dead and before Vitrimont 4500 dead.

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ONLY 30 ENGLISH OF 2000 IN BATTLE SURVIVE GERMAN ATTACK

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 29.—The Boulogne correspondent of a London paper sent the personal story of a wounded soldier who arrived there and who declared he was one of thirty survivors of a British detachment of 2000 troops, who were practically wiped out by German artillery. The censor struck out the name of where the battle was fought.

"We were five days in the trenches," said the soldier. "It was about 2 a. m. when the end came. Things got quieter and our officers told us to get some sleep. We were preparing to obey when a light, or something, gave us away, and we found ourselves in an inferno of bullets. We could do nothing. We fell by the score. We were ordered to leave everything and retire, and we did what we could to obey."

SMALL ENGLISH FORCE HOLDS GERMANS UNTIL ATTACK

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 29.—A Boulogne correspondent, writing of the battle of Tournai says: "A German cavalry force of 5000 men overwhelmed a British force of 700, who hourly expected relief, which never came. The Germans were victors at a terrible price. The British stood their ground until all hope was lost and only 300 remained. Then they retired, calmly carrying the wounded. It is charged that the Germans turned the tide by mounting quick firing guns in Red Cross Wagons. Even at the terrible disadvantage of ten to one, the English were holding their own when the hordes of Uhlans seemed suddenly to swoop down from everywhere. Throughout the town they galloped with amazing disregard for themselves and up to the very muzzles of our field guns."

EXPECT BATTLE NEAR BOULOGNE

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Aug. 29.—Train service between Paris and Boulogne was suspended today until further notice. It is presumed that this step was taken because the allied forces are about to engage the Germans near the railroad running into Boulogne.

FRANCE VACATES BOULOGNE

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 29.—The Central News dispatch says that Boulogne, France, has been evacuated by the allied troops.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 29.—The official bureau of information announced that two trawlers sweeping for mines had been sunk by mines. Five members of the crews are missing and eight others received injuries.

AUSTRIANS REPORT DEFEAT OF RUSSIANS

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, Aug. 29.—The Associated Press has been officially informed from Austrian sources that battles which have been in progress south of Allenstein for several days are expected to be decisive. The Austrian troops are pursuing the Russians from Krasnik, about 20 miles north of the Galician frontier in the direction of Lublin.

Austria, according to the same authority, has invaded Russia and occupied the region in front of Zamosse, a strongly fortified town in Russian Poland, 45 miles southeast of Lublin. The Austrians hold the region to the west, north and southeast of Lemberg, Galicia, and have advanced toward the Dneister River against strong invading forces of the enemy.

A special dispatch today to the Tages Zeitung says the British defeat at St. Quentin was complete. The British losses were heavy and the routed British forces were forced to accept battle by the German cavalry who were in masses on their line of retreat.

GERMANY DENIES VESSEL SUNK

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) PEKIN, Aug. 29.—After inquiry at Tsing Tau, the German legation denies that the German torpedo boat destroyer S-90 has been sunk. A dispatch from Che Foo last night said she was sunk by a British destroyer.

SAYS RUSSIANS LOST HEAVILY

Germans Report That Five Divisions of Czar's Army Was Repulsed

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, Aug. 29.—(By Wireless to Associated Press via Sayville, L. I.)—The news of the defeat of five Russian army corps to the south of Allenstein was made public today. This is regarded as greatly relieving the situation in East Prussia. It is said to insure the flank of the German positions.

CANADA SENDS 1000 TROOPS

White Star Liner Sails With Princess Patricia's Light Infantry Today

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) MONTREAL, Aug. 29.—The Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry, the first native troops from North America to leave for the European war, sailed today. Over 1000 strong, they went aboard the White Star liner, Megantic, amid gala scene. They left for a secret destination.