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THREE ENGLISH BATTLESHIPS ARE SUNK BY GERMAN TORPEDOES

British War Department Issues Official Statement of Disaster to One Division of Fleet in North Sea—Part of Crews Rescued by Sister Ships

SAY VESSELS WERE ARMORED CRUISERS OF OBSOLETE TYPE—DETAILS NOT GIVEN

Two of Ships Sunk While Standing by Trying to Save Crew of Sinking Vessel—Trawlers Assist in Rescue Work in First Heavy Marine Loss

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Sept. 22.—The British warships, the Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy, have been sunk in the North Sea by submarines, according to an official announcement. A considerable number of the crews of these vessels were saved by the H. M. S. Lowestoft and by the division of torpedo boat destroyers. A number of trawlers also aided in the rescue. The Aboukir was torpedoed first. The Hogue and Cressy drew in close to her and were standing by to save the crew when they also were torpedoed.

The Cressy, Captain Robert W. Johnson, the Aboukir, Captain John E. Drummond, and the Hogue, Captain Wilnot S. Nicholson, were sister ships. They were armored cruisers of a comparatively obsolete type.

BATTLE LOCATION KEPT SECRET

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Sept. 22.—A dispatch received here from Hook, of Holland, says the Dutch steamer Titon arrived there with 20 wounded and some dead, picked up in the North Sea after the sinking of the British cruisers Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy. The time and location of the sinking is not divulged by the censors.

200 BRITISH WARSHIPS LINED UP IN FRONT OF GERMAN BASE

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Two hundred British warships are in battle line off the German naval base of Heligoland, so close that at times they appear to touch each other, according to Captain Skelley of the British oil tank steamer San Lorenzo, which reached here today. For six weeks the San Lorenzo was with the British fleet as supply ship for the oil-burning craft.

ENGLISH PASSENGER SHIP SUNK BY MINE; 22 LIVES LOST

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

TREBISOND, Asia Minor, Sept. 22.—Twenty-two persons lost their lives by drowning as a result of the sinking of the British steamer Belgian King near Cape Kureli yesterday. The Belgian King carried 120 passengers and crew. Ninety-eight of them were saved by a Russian steamer. It is surmised that the accident was due to a mine.

BOATS OF LOST SHIP COME IN

Empty Life Craft of Leggett
Beached Near Nehalem—
Two Victims Identified

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 22.—Two life boats of the Francis H. Leggett, which sank sixty miles south of the Columbia River last Friday with a loss of approximately seventy lives, came ashore today on Neah Ka Nie Beach, near Nehalem. Neither boat contained any victims of the disaster. Early today there had been no additions to the list of eight bodies picked up by the schooners yesterday and the one washed ashore at Neah Ka Nie beach. Of the four dead brought into Newport yesterday by the schooner Patay, one is believed to be D. A. Goldsmith and another C. W. Caldwell. In Caldwell's pockets were bills from merchants at Astoria and Aberdeen, Wash.

HARBOR BILL IS PASSED UP

Republican Filibuster in Senate Kills It—Want \$20,000,000 For Emergencies

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 22.—The victory of the Senate filibusters against the Rivers and Harbors Bill bore fruit speedily today when the Commerce Committee formally reported a new measure providing \$20,000,000 to be spent by the army engineers. No prolonged discussion is expected in the Senate, but how the House would receive the discussion could not be predicted.

ANOTHER BODY FOUND.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

RAYMOND, Wash., Sept. 22.—The coroner left today for Klipsan Beach near Willapa Harbor, on receiving word that a body of a man had been found. It is presumed to be a victim of the Leggett wreck, but some believe the beach is too far north for the body to drift since Sunday.

GERMANS CLAIM TO BE WINNING IN GREAT BATTLE NEAR RHEIMS

Official Announcement in Berlin Today States That Kaiser's Troops Have Captured Heights of Craonne and Are Marching Against City Now.

REPORT THAT FRENCH CITY IS NOW IN FLAMES— CLAIM TO HAVE REPULSED FRENCH SORTIE

Also Claim German Victory on Line of French Forts South of Verdun and Have Crossed Eastern Frontier of Lorraine as Result of Victory

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, (Via Wireless via Sayville, L. I.)—Sept. 22.—An official announcement relates that in the fighting around Rheims, the Germans have occupied the Heights of Craonne and in advancing on the French city, which is described as on fire, they occupied the village of Bethany. The Germans have attacked a line of forts to the south of Verdun and crossed victoriously the eastern frontier of Lorraine. A French sortie from a point northeast of Verdun was repulsed.

RHEIMS MAY BE SCENE OF MOST DECISIVE BATTLE OF WAR

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Sept. 22.—A dearth of official news from the long battle from the front in France has raised the usual crop of rumors, the principal of which is that General von Kluck, commanding the German right wing, has removed his headquarters back to Mous, in Belgium.

The walls and towers of the Rheims Cathedral are still standing, but it is not believed that they are strong enough to endure much more bombardment. Nowhere else along the battle line is any great effort being made to carry a frontal attack and unless one side or the other executes an outflanking movement, Rheims may witness the most decisive battle of the war.

Belgian sorties continue from the shelter of Antwerp, but neither the Belgians nor the Germans have brought about any real changes in their relative positions.

From Petrograd come stories of the continued flight of the broken Austrian armies in Galicia, while at the same time Vienna declares these armies are reorganizing for an offensive action. The Russians claim still further victories against the Austrian forces attempting to reach Cracow. That the Austrian army is not as badly demoralized as first reported is indicated by the admission from Petrograd of the determined nature of the four days' assault which preceded the re-capture of Lemberg.

FRENCH STATEMENT OF BATTLE DEVELOPEMENT IS UNDECISIVE

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Sept. 22.—The following official statement was made today: "Along the entire front from Oise to Woivre, the Germans manifested yesterday certain activity without, however, obtaining any appreciable results. On our left wing, on the right bank of the River Oise, the Germans were obliged to fall back before French attacks. Between Oise and Aisne, the situation remains unchanged. On the center, between Rheims and Souain, the enemy attempted an offensive movement, which was repulsed, while between Souain and Argonne we have made some progress. Between Argonne and the River Meuse there has been no change. In the Woivre district, the enemy made a violent effort to gain the Heights on the Meuse, but without success. In Lorraine, the enemy has again passed the frontier using in its operation a number of small columns. Donestroy, to the south of Blamont, has been re-occupied by the enemy."

SERVIANS CLAIM VICTORY OVER AUSTRIANS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NISH, Sept. 22.—A battle which has been progressing several days near Krupini, on the Drina River, has ended in a complete disaster for the Austrian army, according to an official announcement.

DROP BOMBS IN AMSTERDAM

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 22.—An aeroplane of unidentified nationality dropped a bomb in Maestricht today, near the Brussels gate. No lives were lost, but considerable property was damaged.

NEITHER SIDE CLAIMS DECISIVE RESULTS IN BATTLE OF AISNE

Germans Report That They Have Gained Ground in Central and Eastern Portions of Long Battle Line—Allies Claim to Have Repulsed General Von Kluck

ENGAGEMENTS SEEMS TO BE PARTAKING OF NATURE OF LONG SEIGE—FEAR FLANK MOVE

Servians Report More Victories Over Austrians and Allege Austrians Have Been Driven Back Across River Drina Into Austrian Territory Again

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Sept. 22.—Another day has gone and neither Germany nor the allies lay claim to any decisive outcome in the battle of the Aisne, where the supreme conflict of the war, up to the present time, has long been raging. The engagements seemed to be partaking of the nature of a siege.

It appears today that nothing but a flanking movement could have gained ground at the central and eastern end of the battle line while the allies claim to have thrown back General von Kluck in the west.

Dispatches from Servian sources lay claim to further victories over the Austrians along the River Drina. They say the Austrians have been driven across the Drina to the Austrian side with heavy losses.

RUSSIANS AND SERVIANS SAY AUSTRIANS ARE BADLY DEFEATED

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PETROGRAD, Sept. 22.—Russians troops have occupied the fortified Austrian position of Jaroslau, according to an official announcement. The Russian flag is now flying over the town. It is an important railroad center between Lemberg and Cracow.

MYSTERIOUS WIRELESS PLANT ON PACIFIC COAST NOW SOUGHT

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 22.—On complaint of the British Embassy, the Department of Agriculture has begun a search for a mysterious wireless plant supposed to be operating in the mountains on the Pacific Coast. The information furnished the Department is vague, but apparently a plant is busily engaged sending message uncensored by the Federal government. Forest rangers who patrol the mountains have received orders to look for a wireless outfit.

BODIES FOUND WASHED ASHORE

Japanese Warship Idzuma
Sends Condolences by Wireless to Leggett's Owners

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PORTLAND, Sept. 22.—No additional information was received today to indicate the exact number of persons who lost their lives when the Francis H. Leggett sank. Although the ship's list, left on shore, shows passengers and crew numbered sixty-one, it is known there were additional passengers on board, making a total of seventy or more, of which only two were rescued.

The body of a woman, evidently a victim of the ill-fated Francis H. Leggett, was found on the beach this morning at the foot of Neahkahnie Mountain. It had a life preserver on, three gold rings on the right hand, tattoo marks on the right arm and the body showed evidences of an operation for appendicitis. Nehalem Beach is strewn for miles with bits of wreckage.

Nine bodies, two of which were women, were recovered so far this forenoon. Several vessels are on the lookout for bodies in the vicinity of the wreckage.

MEXICAN ROW FEARED AGAIN

Generals Obregon and Villa
Reported to Have Clashed—
Troubles in Sonora

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 22.—Although yesterday's official report indicated that the friction between Generals Obregon and Villa was insignificant, there was a pessimistic tone today in the advices from Mexico. The local troubles in Sonora have given rise to the fear that Villa may attempt to quell disturbances there independent of Carranza's orders.

Meet October 4.—The next meeting of the Rainbow Club will be held with Mrs. L. D. Smith at Daniels Creek October 4. At the last meeting, at the Bessey home, Mrs. L. A. Cutlip and Miss Frieda Holm were among those present.

the following wireless to the Portland office of Chas. R. McCormick & Company, the Leggett's agents. "Very sympathetic condolences for the sad disaster which resulted in the loss of the Leggett and its many victims. Are very sorry we could not reach the scene of the disaster in time on account of the great distance."

The Leggett was valued at \$150,000 and the cargo at \$25,000.