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TORPEDO SINKS BRITISH CRUISER; 350 LOSE LIVES

Hawke Wrecked in North Sea by a German Submarine with Heavy Loss of Life.

FIFTY-ONE OF CREW ARE SAVED

Armored Warship Reported to Have Had at Least Four Hundred on Board.

SIXTH NAVAL LOSS OF BRITISH

Other Cruisers Sunk Were Amphion, Pathfinder, Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy.

THESEUS ALSO IS ATTACKED

Submarine Fails in Move Against Sister Ship of Hawke.

FIFTY SURVIVORS AT ABERDEEN

Commander and All Officers of the Hawke Except Boatswain and Acting Gunner Go Down with the Ship.

BRITISH LOSSES IN NORTH SEA.

Cruiser Amphion, sunk by mine August 6.
Cruiser Pathfinder, sunk by torpedo, September 10.
Cruisers Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy, sunk by submarine, September 26.
Cruiser Hawke, sunk by torpedo, October 15.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The British cruiser Hawke has been sunk in the North Sea by a German submarine. Out of a crew of 400 men fifty-one were saved.

The British cruiser was of 7,350 tons displacement. It was 360 feet long, of sixty feet beam and drew twenty-three feet of water. It was a sister ship of the Edgar, Endimon, Grafton, Theseus and Gibraltar, and was launched in 1891.

Its armament consisted of two 9.2-inch guns, ten 6-inch guns, twelve 6-pounders, five 3-pounders, two machine guns and two torpedo tubes. Its complement is given as 544 men, but it may have had fewer on board when it went down.

The Hawke was commended, according to the British admiralty list of September, 1914, by Captain Hugh P. E. T. Williams, and among its officers were Commander Bernard A. Pratt-Barlow and Lieutenant Commander Robert R. Rosoman.

Three Sunk Three Weeks Ago.

This destruction of the Hawke follows by about three weeks the sinking in the North sea of the British cruisers, Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy. These vessels succumbed to the attack of a German submarine, and with them some sixty British officers and 1,400 men went to their death.

Among its officers at the time of the disaster were eight naval cadets.

Other British warships lost in the war were the cruiser Amphion, which was sunk in the North Sea by a mine August 6, and the cruiser Pathfinder, torpedoed in the North Sea September 10. The loss of the Hawke makes a total of six British cruisers destroyed by Germany in the North Sea.

Statement by Admiralty.

The admiralty has given out the following statement:

"His majesty's ship Theseus, Captain Hugh Edwards, was attacked by a submarine in the northern waters of the North Sea yesterday, but was missed. His majesty's ship Hawke, Captain H. P. E. T. Williams was attacked about the same time and was sunk.

"The following officers, with forty-nine men of the crew, have been landed at Aberdeen from a trawler: Boatswain Sydney Austin, Gunner James Dennis and Acting Gunner Harry Evitt. The remaining officers and men are missing."

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Saturday:
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Fair; no important change in temperature.

Temperatures in Omaha Yesterday.

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	42
6 a. m.	43
7 a. m.	44
8 a. m.	45
9 a. m.	49
10 a. m.	51
11 a. m.	56
12 m.	60
1 p. m.	62
2 p. m.	62
3 p. m.	66
4 p. m.	67
5 p. m.	66
6 p. m.	64
7 p. m.	63
8 p. m.	60

Comparative Local Record.

	1914.	1913.	1912.	1911.
Highest yesterday	67	47	73	56
Lowest yesterday	42	44	50	32
Precipitation	.00	.02	.00	.55

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature	55
Deficiency for the day	7
Normal precipitation	.08 inch
Deficiency for the day	.08 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	24.39 inches
Deficiency since March 1	1.82 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1913	6.12 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1912	2.26 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State of Weather.	Temp. 7 p. m.	High. est.	Rain-fall.
Cheyenne, clear	62	74	.00
Davenport, cloudy	56	58	.32
Denver, clear	72	78	.00
Des Moines, clear	62	66	.00
Lander, clear	64	74	.00
North Platte, clear	62	66	.00
Omaha, clear	62	67	.00
Pueblo, clear	68	78	.00
Rapid City, clear	62	80	.00
Salt Lake City, clear	66	72	.00
Santa Fe, clear	58	68	.00
Sheridan, clear	64	80	.00

BELGIAN BATTERY IN ACTION—This is a photograph of a Belgian battery replying to the German fire during one of the numerous engagements in Belgium of late. The censor struck out the name of the place where the photograph was made.

PRZEMYSL REJECTS RUSSIANS' REQUEST

Polite Demand on Commander of the Austrian Fortress is Rudely Refused.

DIMITRIEFF SAYS HE IS LUCKY

Austrian Reply Asserts Commander Finds it Beneath Dignity to Give Affronting Proposal Answer Which it Deserves.

VIENNA, Oct. 15.—(Via Amsterdam and London, Oct. 16.)—It was announced officially here today that on the afternoon of October 2 the commander of the fortress at Przemysl received from General Radko Dimitrieff, in command of the Russian army of investment, a request to surrender. The proposal was promptly rejected.

General Dimitrieff's communication was as follows: "Good luck, which left the Austrian army with its last successful encounters against our troops, has given me the opportunity of investing the fortress of Przemysl, the defence of which has been entrusted to you. I assume that it is not possible to send you help from the outside. In order to avoid useless bloodshed, the present seems to me the right moment to propose to you negotiations for the surrender of the fortress. If you surrender it will be possible to obtain honorable conditions for yourself and your garrison from the highest commander-in-chief of the Russian forces.

"If your excellency wishes to begin negotiations, I beg that you will communicate the conditions to our authorized delegate, First Lieutenant Wandam. I embrace this opportunity to express my high esteem to your excellency."

The Austrian answer to this communication, which was sent immediately, ran as follows:

"To the Commander: I find it beneath my dignity to give to your affronting proposition the answer which it deserves. (Signed) "Commander of the Garrison of Przemysl."

British Complain German Ships Get Coal at Manila

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, called the attention of Acting Secretary Lansing today to alleged violations of neutrality in the Philippines, where he said the British government believed various German ships had been coaled at sea from Manila. Inquiry was directed immediately by the State department to the authorities at Manila.

According to advices to the embassy, other neutral vessels than the American steamer Rio Pasig, recently seized as a prize by the British and carried to Hong Kong, have been secretly supplying the German cruisers which have been preying on British commerce in far eastern waters.

The ambassador discussed with Mr. Lansing the question of what restrictions might be laid on this practice. The State department recently took the ground that merchant vessels, even under neutral agents, could not legally carry supplies from American Atlantic ports to the German cruiser off the coast and in West Indian waters, and the ambassador asks that the same doctrine shall be applied to the Philippines.

Four Thousand Prisoners and Rich Booty Taken at Antwerp

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—The German embassy today received the following official wireless report from Berlin:

"Official headquarters reports that at Antwerp between 4,000 and 5,000 prisoners were taken and that among the war booty are 500 cannon, 4,000 tons of grain and plenty of wool, metal and cattle. The harbor works are undamaged.

"The French attacks near Albert have been repulsed.

"The Russian advance in East Prussia has failed. The Russian attack with eight army corps from Warsaw and Ivangorod have been repulsed."

REFUGEES LOSE THEIR CHILDREN

Women Separated from Husbands and Offspring in Mad Flight from Ostend to Dover.

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND LAND

Hundreds of Persons Leave Belgian to Reach Some Point on French Coast.

DOVER, Oct. 16.—(Via London.)—Three thousand refugees from Ostend are still either on the quay here or in the vessels that have not yet been able to dock. The port of Dover is closed because the city is fortified, but the port officials have been obliged to admit these boats carrying women and children fleeing from Belgium.

The railroad facilities are inadequate to accommodate the great crowds. An emergency committee has provided food and water for the fugitives, but it is unable to give them quarters as all buildings, hotels and homes in Dover are filled. Seven thousand persons from Belgium came in two days. Their advent swamped the town. Of the women in the boats unable to dock many are separated from their husbands and children. These refugees left Ostend Wednesday night. The captains of ships which already have docked declare they saw hundreds of persons leaving Ostend in small rowboats, hoping to reach some point on the French coast. Hundreds of others boarded little trawlers and sailboats, which are still straggling into Dover. Their passengers often have been without food for thirty-six hours. Many small boats from Belgium are putting into Lowestoft and Folkestone. These craft are manned mostly by volunteers who know nothing of the English ports and head in wherever they can see docking facilities.

It is estimated that 35,000 refugees have landed here and at Folkestone since Wednesday. Several thousand other Belgians have come from Calais, where many others are still waiting ships.

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WIRELESS MESSAGE UNFAIR TO GERMANS

Dispatch from Honolulu Telling of Whereabouts of Gunboat Violates Neutrality.

U. S. GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATES

Giving of Positive Information of Operations of Belligerents to the World May Cause Marconi Company Trouble.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Rear Admiral Moore, commandant of the naval station at Honolulu, was ordered today to close the Marconi wireless station there within twenty-four hours unless the company gave a satisfactory explanation of the sending of a wireless dispatch announcing the arrival of the German gunboat Geier.

Admiral Moore had reported the sending of the message during the temporary absence yesterday of the naval officer on duty at the station as a censor. The gunboat had just arrived from Tsing Tau, convoying the German steamer Lookson, which had been impressed into the service as a collier.

Acting Secretary Roosevelt regarded the transmission of this dispatch as a clear violation of neutrality because it gave positive information of the operations of a belligerent, advising the world of the gunboat's actual position.

Reports from Honolulu that the Geier after taking on half the amount of coal to which it was entitled under the neutrality laws, was about to be interned until the end of the war, were not explained in official dispatches. It was said that if the gunboat had been interned the action must have been voluntary on the part of the Germans in order to escape capture.

Officials made it plain that the course of the department in regard to the wireless station's alleged violation of neutrality would not be affected by the future movements of the Geier.

Congress Likely to Adjourn Next Week

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Adjournment next week of the present session of congress was presaged in an agreement reached in the senate today, under which the final vote on the pending war revenue bill will be taken tomorrow.

South Dakota Banks.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The abstract of the condition of the national banks of South Dakota at the close of business on September 12, as reported to the comptroller of the currency, shows the average reserve held at 15.96 per cent; loans and discounts, $31,689,709; gold coin, $815,614; in lawful money reserve held at $2,515,391; individual deposits at $26,801,325.

ALLIES HOLD OWN EVERYWHERE, IS FRENCH REPORT

"On Our Left Wing the Action Continues Vigorously," According to Paris Communication.

MAKE GAIN AT CERTAIN POINTS

Laventie Occupied, East of Estaires in Direction of Lille, by Confederates.

GERMAN'S ATTACK IS IN VAIN

Hannescamps, Near Arras, Also Falls Into Hands of Troops of the Coalition.

TEUTONS ADVANCE TO COURTRAI

GERMAN ADVANCE REPORTED

Fighting Near the Meuse Desperate, Though Overshadowed by Operations on the Left Wing of the Allied Forces.

BULLETIN.

PARIS, Oct. 16.—"On our left wing the action continues vigorously," says an official communication issued this evening. "Everywhere we have held our own. At certain points we have gained ground and have occupied Laventie, east of Estaires in the direction of Lille.

"There is no important incident to mention on the other parts of the front except an unsuccessful attack by the Germans in the region of Malancourt, northwest of Verdun."

Hannescamps Taken.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Capture of Hannescamps, southwest of Arras, by the allies, and an advance by the Germans from Audenarde to Courtrai were announced in an official dispatch made public here by the French embassy.

The dispatch follows:

"The Germans have advanced from Audenarde toward Courtrai. The enemy occupies a line of defense at Meroin, Armentiers and Givenchy. To the west of LaBassee it is in contact with our troops between that locality and Arras. A violent combat took place northwest of Lens to Vermelles, which resulted in our favor. We have taken Hannescamps, southwest of Arras."

Allies Keep Pounding Away.

PARIS, Oct. 16.—The steady hammering of the allies on the German left wing of the French battle front has brought them almost within cannon range of the forts at Metz. In spite of this menace, part of the German crown prince's army hangs on doggedly to the positions it has taken on the Meuse near St. Mihiel. The fighting on this end of the long battle line is said to have been desperate during the last week, though overshadowed for the time by the operations on the allies' left. More important developments, however, are looked for between the Meuse and the Moselle, while the battle of the four rivers goes on in the west.

Handle Machine Guns Well

In the early days of the war the Germans seemed to have the advantage of the allies in the equipment and handling of machine guns. In this hilly, wooded country, the French have shown that they can also use them with great effect. The German rush through the Argonne forest as well as in the hills of Woevre met with a telling fire of gatlings from trees, where guns were so cleverly concealed, that it was impossible to detect, and every effort to gain lost ground cost dearly and failed.

The French Alpine contingent distinguished itself in this rough country.

The French are now in possession of the route from Nancy to Metz as far as Dagney, on the Lorraine border, and menace the route from Verdun to Metz in the neighborhood of Etain, endangering communications of the crown prince's army with the German fortified camp.

FIVE BURN TO DEATH WHEN GASOLINE EXPLODES

NEVADA, Mo., Oct. 16.—Five persons were burned to death at Milo, Mo., near here, today when a gasoline can exploded.

"YES" "NO"
VOTES
FOR
WOMEN

In the interest of fairness to both sides and to help along the educational side of the suffrage campaign, The Bee has opened a special department on the subject—putting one column at the disposal of the local suffrage organization and another column at the disposal of the anti-suffrage association.

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War Summary

German naval forces have scored again. The British admiralty announces that the cruiser Hawke was sent to the bottom in the North sea by a German submarine Thursday.

The French War office announced yesterday that the progress of the allies indicated in Thursday's communication had been confirmed. The field of action on the left wing of the allied armies extends from the region of Ypres to the sea.

There was no official word from Berlin up to late yesterday, but news dispatches report that the Germans marching on Ostend are within ten miles of their objective, having occupied Blankenberghe, a town on the Belgian coast connected by rail with Ostend.

The belief grows in London that Ostend will not be occupied by the Germans until at least they have fought for its possession.

It is reported that British warships will take part in the defense of the town.

The French embassy at Washington has received advices saying that the allies have captured Hannescamps, a town about ten miles north of Albert. There is no other news regarding the fighting on the northern end of the battle line in France.

The Paris statement says that Russian troops have repulsed German attacks on Warsaw and Ivangorod, in Russian Poland, and that a battle is being fought south of Przemysl.

RUSSIANS REPULSE ATTACK BY GERMANS

Advance of the Kaiser's Troops on the Vistula River Bank is Thrown Back.

NO IMPORTANT ACTION IN EAST

Fighting Here Believed So Far to Be Confined to Cavalry Engagements — No General Action Yet Begun.

BULLETIN.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 15.—(Via London, Oct. 16.)—Fighting between German and Russian troops is now going on within eight miles of Warsaw, Russian Poland.

PARIS, Oct. 16.—The French War office made an official announcement this afternoon as follows:

"In Russia, on the left bank of the Vistula river, the Russian troops during the day of October 13 repulsed the German attacks on Warsaw and Ivangorod.

"A battle is going on south of Przemysl."

General Action Not Begun.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—Taking the unreconcilable dispatches arriving in London from Petrograd, Berlin and Vienna as a basis of information, it is almost impossible to determine with any accuracy the situation in the eastern theater of the war. The main armies of the contending forces, the Russians on one side and the Austrians and Germans on the other, are in close touch over an immense front, which evidently will gradually extend from the Baltic to the Carpathians. In spite of the claims of victory here and defeat there, there is reason to believe that, generally speaking, the fighting so far has been confined to cavalry engagements and that a general engagement has not yet begun.

Situation Reviewed by British Writer

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The correspondent of the Times in Paris, in a review of the situation on the French battle front, says:

"The German army corps which has driven the French from Lille had little effect on the whole situation. Between the Lys river and the town of La Bassee, thirteen miles southwest of Lille, the situation remains unchanged. The Germans destroyed the town hall at Arras, a fine sixteenth century building.

"The enemy has abandoned the attempt to batter a way to Paris through Roye, although guns are still active there. The enemy is also slackening its efforts on the heights of Brimont and southeast of Rheims, where the allies have taken several formidable trenches.

"The German efforts to envelope Verdun from the north and from the southeast have been defeated. The position of the German wedge, pushed through from Pont a Mousson to St Mihiel, is becoming more and more uncomfortable."

Peasant Girls Fight Against Germans

LONDON, Oct. 16.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company from Petrograd says:

"To the local peasantry, among them many girls, is attributed in part the failure of the German attempts to cross the Vistula during the recent fighting. The girls aided the Russian soldiers by digging trenches.

"On the initiative of an English club here, a movement is on foot to raise a detachment of recruits for the British army. Lancashire men employed in cotton mills have volunteered."

GERMANS REACH BELGIAN PORT ON ENGLISH CHANNEL

Berlin Official Report by Way of Hague Says Ostend and Bruges Are Both Taken.

NEWS DISPATCH CONFIRMS

Story from Amsterdam to London Press Agency Announces Capture.

STRAIGHTENS GERMANS' FRONT

Allies Must Pierce Line to Make Headway Against Long Line of Troops.

BRITISH DISCOUNT THE MOVE

Assert Capture of Ostend Was Foregone Conclusion.

TO CAUSE CHANGE OF TACTICS

All England Excited by Talk of Spies and Royal Proclamation Deals with Regulations for Carrying of Letters.

BULLETIN.

BERLIN, Oct. 16 (via The Hague to London.)—"The Germans occupied Bruges October 14 and Ostend October 15," an official statement issued here today says.

"An attempt by the Russians to occupy Lyck (east Prussia) failed with the loss of their artillery and 800 prisoners."

BULLETIN.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—(7:12 p. m.)—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says that fugitives who have arrived at the Dutch frontier declare that Ostend has fallen into the hands of the Germans.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—As was the case just a week ago with Antwerp, so it was today with Ostend. That is to say, its occupation by Germany is momentarily expected. Ostend being almost opposite the mouth of the Thames, Britons centered their gaze there regardless of whether or not the taking of the city would mean much from a military standpoint, or hasten, or protract the great war, now in its seventy-third day.

The latest news available in London early today said the Germans were within ten miles of the city, having occupied Blankenberghe, a small town on the, Belgian coast about ten miles northeast of Ostend and connected therewith by steam tramways. Thus it seemed that the taking of the popular seaside resort by the invaders was a foregone conclusion within twenty-four hours, if not already effected at this writing, and the news delayed as it was when the forts at Antwerp fell before the terrible fire of the German siege guns.

Steamer Service Suspended.

The last of the refugees have come from Ostend and steamer service between that city and England has been suspended until further notice. Thousands already have reached the British isles, adding to the multitude of unwillingly expatriated Belgians.

The British press today is inclined to class the taking of Ostend with that of

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A queer want ad

A recent Sunday issue of the Cincinnati Enquirer contained the following want ad:

Male

A.—WANTED—AN OLD MAN.

One who wants to live in the country on a small place by himself.

The pay is small; $40 per month and find himself.

The place can hardly be called a desirable one because besides living alone he would have to cook his own meals and do such work as called upon him to do.

The one for this place should be a man used to hard work, but who wanted a steady place, rain or shine, if he gave satisfaction.

Don't care how old he is if he is in good health and does not drink a drop of liquor, and who would not be bthered with relatives and friends calling on him.

It is not an attractive berth, and would be too lonesome for most men.

Don't bother me with answering this advertisement unless you want the place with all its disadvantages.

It's even worse than I say it is.

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