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RUMOR RAIDER IS HEADED NORTH CAUSES TENSION

One Report Has It That Commerce Destroyer May Have Armed One of Its Prizes.

BRITISH NAVY GETS BUSY

Cordon of Fifteen Cruisers is Sweeping South and Middle Atlantic.

AMERICANS ON THE SHIPS

New York, Jan. 18.—With the possibility that the German sea raider which sank or captured from fifteen to a score of allied ships is still continuing its depredations, steamship owners and marine underwriters were in a state of nervous tension today. The losses in ships and cargoes thus far represent from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

A cordon of British cruisers, reported to number fifteen, is believed to be sweeping the southern seas in search of the raider, which, according to one report, may be the auxiliary cruiser Vineta, or, according to another, the cruiser Moewe, the same sea rover which played havoc with allied shipping about a year ago.

Steamship circles were especially concerned today over a wireless warning that the German raider was working northward to more frequented lanes of steamship travel. The possibility that the raider may have armed and manned one or more of its prizes and dispatched them also on commerce preying missions was another source of anxiety. One report was that the British steamer St. Theodore was thus transformed.

News of the fate of this vessel and of the Yarrowdale, reported to have on board some of the crews of other captured vessels, was still lacking today.

Cruiser Working Way North

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 18.—Raider wireless warnings picked up here said the German sea raider, which has played havoc with allied shipping, was reported 1,500 miles south of Cape Henry, apparently working northward to more frequented lanes of travel. Warnings sent out Tuesday night said the German craft was off Pernambuco, Brazil, last Friday.

The warning, believed to have come from a British cruiser, also said reports had been received that a submarine of undetermined nationality had been sighted 700 miles east of Virginia Capes.

The reporting warship gave its position as about 800 miles south of Cape Henry and proceeding south in the hope of intercepting the raider.

Thirteen Americans Landed

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 17.—Thirteen Americans are among the victims of the German raiders who have been landed at Pernambuco. The remaining number is made up of 170 Englishmen and fifty-four Frenchmen.

A German raider for the last month has been sinking vessels of entente powers in the south Atlantic. Latest reports fix the number at fifteen. Survivors of the destroyed vessels to the number of 237 have been landed at Pernambuco, and the fate of nearly 490 men is still unknown.

The first official statement given out here regarding the raider were to the effect that seven vessels had been sunk and nine captured. In a communication to the minister of marine, the captain of the port of Pernambuco declared that he had learned the raider had also sunk eight of the vessels which were at first reported merely captured. The crews, the fate of which is not known, numbered 441 men.

Proceed to Port

It is reported that the raider placed these crews on board the British steamer Yarrowdale, which then proceeded for port. It therefore is believed that they will be safely landed within a day or two.

Another report has been received to

The Weather	
For Nebraska—Fair; rising temperature.	
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