

# GERMAN SAILOR WRITES OF AWFUL SCENE ON LUTZOW

## Torpedoed by Germans in Jutland Battle, Warship Took Down Living and Dead to Ocean Depths.

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

The Hague, Netherlands, July 15.—Scenes on board the German flagship Lutzow during the Jutland naval battle, when some of the newest and largest of the German battle cruisers were battered or sunk by Admiral Beatty's British squadron in June, 1916, are vividly described by P. Krug, one of the Lutzow's survivors, in a pamphlet which has just been published here. It is believed to be the first detailed story of that great battle from the point of view of the German sailor to reach the public eye.

Torpedoed by a British warship early in the engagement, the Lutzow, which was the flagship of Admiral Hipper, was hammered unmercifully by the big guns of the British vessels and soon became a complete wreck, a "ship of the dead," as Krug describes it.

### Trapped Sailors Go Down.

According to his story, twenty-seven German sailors were trapped in the Diesel dynamo room before the battle had been long in progress and remained there when the Lutzow, a disabled hulk, was abandoned and sent to the bottom by a torpedo from a German destroyer. Two of these imprisoned men had been driven insane and were kept tied by their shipmates.

After describing the first part of the battle and telling how the arrival of British battleships turned the tables on the Germans, Krug writes:

"Suddenly the entire ship is roughly shaken. The colossal heaves far over and everything that is not fixed is upset. The first direct hit! The torpedo pierces the forepart of the ship. Its effects are terrible. Iron, wood, metal, parts of bodies, smashed ship's implements are all intermingled, and the electric light, by chance spared, continues to shine upon this sight.

### Torpedo Boat Disappears.

"Two decks lower, in the Diesel dynamo room, there is still life. That compartment has not been hit, and twenty-seven men in the prime of life have been spared, but the chamber is shut off from all others, for the water is rushing into all sections. They are doomed to death. Several 38-centimeter shells squarely hit their mark, working terrible havoc. The first hit the wireless department. Of the twelve living men who a moment ago were seated before the apparatus there is nothing more to be seen. Nothing is left but a smoking heap of ruins. The second shot again pierced the fore part of the ship. The entire fore part of the vessel, as far as the Diesel motor room, was past saving.

"Another broadside meant for the Lutzow fell short, but a torpedo boat close by disappeared, leaving only a few odd pieces of wood and a smashed lifeboat drifting round. It is now half past 7, and the hostile circle grows ever smaller. The Lutzow and the Seydlitz lie with their bows deep in the water; both are badly mauled. The fore part of the Lutzow was in flames. Shells burst against the ship's side in rapid succession. A terrible sight is presented on board the Lutzow, and it needs iron nerves to look upon it coolly. Hundreds have lost their lives, many have been laid out in torture, and the fight is not yet over. The bow is now crushed in and is entirely submerged. The four screws are already sticking half out of the water, so that the Lutzow can only make eight to ten knots an hour, as against the normal, thirty-two.

"The admiral decides to transfer to the Moltke. He gives orders to turn and get away from the scene of the fight, but the Lutzow has not gone a mile before it received a broadside of 38-centimeter shells. The entire ship was filled with the poisonous fumes of the shells and anyone who failed to affix his gas mask was doomed to be suffocated.

### Shell in Sick Bay.

"It was three-quarters of an hour before the lighting installation was restored. Then the first time time could the extent of the damage wrought by the salvo be seen. One of the shells had landed in the sick bay. Here there were three doctors and fifteen attendants, besides 100 to 180 wounded. Of all these only four remained alive. These four were hurled into the next compartment by the air pressure; there they lay unconscious.

"The Lutzow was now a complete wreck. Corpses drifted east. From the bows up to the first 30-centimeter gun-turret the ship lay submerged. The other gun-turrets were completely disabled, with the guns sticking out in all directions. On deck lay the bodies of the sailors in their torn uniforms, in the midst of the empty shell cases. From the masts fluttered torn flags, twisted signal lines and pieces of wire of the wireless installation. Had not the look-out man and the three officers on the commander's bridge given signs of life the Lutzow would have truly resembled a ship of the dead. Below on the battery deck and in the coal bunkers, there still lay innumerable wounded, but there was no longer a doctor to attend to them.

### Bulkheads Give Way.

"Night came on and hope was entertained of getting away without a further encounter. But at 3 o'clock in the night news of the approach of two British cruisers and five destroyers was received and just at that critical time the fore and middle bulkheads gave way.

"Orders were given to quickly carry the wounded to the stern. Then the order rings out: 'All hands muster in the division order about.' A tumult arises on the lower deck, for everybody is now bent on saving his life. It is impossible in that short space of time to bring up all the wounded, for they are scattered everywhere. Eighteen men had the good fortune to be carried up, but all the rest who could not walk or crawl had to be left behind.

"The twenty-seven men shut up in the Diesel dynamo chamber had heard the order through the speaking-tube, for many, mad with anguish, screamed through the tube for help, and it was learned that two of their number lay bound because they had become insane. Inspired by their sense of duty, these sealed-up men had con-

tinued to carry on their work in order to provide the ship with light.

Living Perish With Ship.

"The torpedo boats now quickly took off the crew of the Lutzow and those left behind were doomed to death. It was resolved that no piece of the vessel should fall into the enemy's hands. An order was given and a torpedo cleft the waters. As it exploded, the Lutzow's bow quickly dipped and the stern rose until it stood on end. Then it heeled over and sank, forming a great whirlpool that carried everything within it into the depths.

"When the roll was called it appeared that there were 1,003 survivors of the Lutzow; 597 men had perished in the battle."

## Ten Belgian Towns Captured in Last Drive of Allies

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on the bombardment made by a German officer, who was found badly wounded in a shell hole, where he had crawled for refuge. Addressing a British officer in excellent English and with a quiet smile, he said:

### "Some Good Shooting."

"Good morning; you see you have played the devil with our defenses. Your guns have been doing some good shooting."

Many German infantrymen fell victims to their own artillery at the outbreak of the entente attack, for the observers had lost their view of the targets and in a confused, frenzied attempt to stem the onslaught the German gunners unwittingly dropped shells among their own men. Again stories are heard of German batteries being withdrawn without the knowledge of infantry, leaving the latter to face attacks without the protection of their artillery.

### Biggest Battle of War.

Paris, Aug. 1.—The battle of Flanders, which began with the French and British advance yesterday, it is believed will be the biggest of the war and may last for weeks or months. The results already achieved led military observers to say that it is not too much to hope that the Germans may soon be cleared out of French and Belgian Flanders.

After the magnificent success of the French and British in Belgium yesterday, the entente troops in a torrential rain storm consolidated the positions which they had captured, the war office announced today. After several days of artillery preparation the Germans this morning attacked the positions on the left bank of the Meuse river, in the Verdun region, which the French had captured from them on July 17. The French official statement says the Germans were only able to reach certain advance elements of the French first line, where they were stopped.

### German Counter Attacks Fail.

London, Aug. 1.—German counter attacks yesterday afternoon and last night against the new British positions at La Basséeville and north of the Ypres-Comines canal, in Belgium, were repulsed, the war office announced today.

Another German counter attack further north in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Roulers railway, was crushed by the British artillery. Heavy rain has been falling since early yesterday afternoon and the weather continues unfavorable for operations.

The official statement from British headquarters in France last night reports the capture by the entente allies of the following villages:

La Basséeville, Steenstraete, Bixschoute, Verlorenhoek, Frezenberg, Saint Julien, Pilleken, Hooge, Westhoek, and Holcheke, and more than 3,500 prisoners.

According to reports from special correspondents the great majority of British troops engaged in the latest assault are English, although there are some Scotch, Welsh and Australians. It is said the Germans are employing a new scheme of defense which apparently depends principally on organization for counter attack.

They now diminish their garrisons and by the same amount increase the strength of their supports and reserves, who hold rear lines in force and who are organized for immediate attack.

As an instance of the terrible pounding by the British artillery, it is said to be known that the crew of one German battery had to be replaced nine times and the guns three of five times.

### Great Infantry Attack, Says Berlin.

Copenhagen, Aug. 1.—The German semi-official preliminary report on the British offensive, printed today under the headline, "Before Great Infantry Attack," stated that front positions were converted into shell-hole fields and that battery stations were ringed with shell craters.

The German artillery, despite the terrific bombardment by shells of all caliber up to fifteen-inch and the lavish use of gas, had not let up a minute and was successfully combating the British fire, the statement says. The British batteries were obliged to pause from exhaustion on the 29th until midday, when they attempted to escape punishment by smoke screens.

The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger's military critic says the offensive was delayed and weakened by the submarine campaign. England consequently is no longer superior in artillery and aviators and battalions at the front are on a reduced footing because of the need of workmen in home munition factories.

### Germans Lose Guns.

Petrograd, Aug. 1.—A telegram from Jassy says the Russo-Romanian advance between the Casin and Putna valleys resulted in the enemy losing between July 24 and 28, ninety-eight guns and about 4,500 prisoners. The enemy front of about sixty kilometers was broken to a depth of between seventeen and twenty kilometers.

### Russ Resistance Stiffens.

Copenhagen, Aug. 1.—A dispatch to the Berlin Vossische Zeitung, says the Russian resistance for the defense of Cernovitz is increasing. Fresh troops are fighting with great energy and without faltering in strenuously opposing the Austro-German advance on Kiribaba. Fighting is most sanguinary, but the defenders are unable to prevent the Austro-Germans occupying positions favorable for further operations, including Kimpolung. The writer predicts the Russians will be soon forced to abandon Cernovitz.

### Allies Leaving Greece.

Athens, Monday, July 30.—Withdrawal of the allied forces from old Greece, Thessaly and Epirus, in accordance with the decision of the Balkan conference at Paris, is being

## I. W. W. ORGANIZER IS HANGED BY A MOB

### Frank Little, Who Referred to Troops as "Scabs in Uniform," is Lynched at Butte, Mont.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 1.—Frank Little, member of the executive board of the Industrial Workers of the World and prominent in labor trouble in Arizona, was taken from a lodging house early today by masked men and hanged to a railroad trestle on the outskirts of the city.

The body was cut down at 8 a. m. by the chief of police, Jerry Murphy, who identified it, Little, in a recent speech here, referred to United States troops as "Uncle Sam's scabs in uniform."

Since his arrival in Butte recently from Globe, Ariz., Little had made a number of speeches to strikers, in all of which he had attacked the government. His record was under investigation by the federal authorities, whose attention had been called to his activities.

### Rumor Little Was Detective.

On the other hand the report was current that Little was in the employ of a prominent detective agency and one theory was that he was the victim of the radical element of whom he appeared to be a member.

Little, took a prominent part in recent labor troubles in Arizona. He addressed a letter to Governor Campbell of Arizona protesting against the deportation of Industrial Workers of the World members from Bisbee. Governor Campbell replied telling Little he resented his interference with the vigilantes.

On Little's body was a card bearing these words: "First and last warning. Others take notice. Vigilantes." The card found on Little's body when he was cut down was pinned to the underclothing on his right thigh. It bore in red crayon letters the inscription:

"Others take notice. First and last warning. 3-7-77. L. D. C. S. S. W. T. A circle was about the letter 'L.' The letters were inscribed with a lead pencil.

The figure "3-7-77" are the old sign of the vigilantes in Montana. The custom of the vigilantes was to send two warnings to a marked man, the third and last warning being written in red. The warnings were usually numbered as "first warning," "second warning," and "last warning."

Six masked men in an automobile drove up to the front of Little's hotel at five minutes after three. One stood upon the sidewalk in front of the rooming house. The others entered the house. Everything worked by seeming prearrangement.

Without speaking the men quickly broke into room No. 30 on the ground floor. Light from an electric torch showed them the room was unoccupied.

Mrs. Nora Byrne, landlady of the hotel, awoke when the door to room No. 30 was broken in. She occupied an adjoining room, at the front of the building.

"A mistake somewhere," she heard a voice say. Then she heard the men move to the door of her room, which they pushed slightly open. Mrs. Byrne sprang to the door and held it.

"Wait until I get my clothes on," she said. Then she asked who they were and what they wanted.

"We are officers, and we want Frank Little," one of them told her. Mrs. Byrne got into a bathrobe, again went to the door and opened it. The leader of the masked men poked a revolver into the opening.

"Where is Frank Little?" he asked. "He is in room No. 32," answered Mrs. Byrne.

### Little Dragged from Room.

The men ran down the hall and tried the door to that room. Then one of their number gave it a kick that broke the lock and they entered. Mrs. Byrne said she heard them coming from the room and saw them half lead and half carry Little across the sidewalk and push him into the waiting motor car. She said she believed them policemen. The car went south in Wyoming street.

The body was found hanging on the north side of the railroad trestle. The ties on the trestle are about fourteen feet above the roadway. Little's feet were about five feet from the ground. On the back of his head was a bloody mark. The coroner at first examination could not determine whether the mark was a gunshot wound or an abrasion from a blow. An autopsy was ordered held late today.

rapidly carried out. The last Franco-British troops left Piraeus today. The withdrawal from Corinth and other occupied points was previously executed.

The Italians are similarly preparing to leave Janina and other sections of Piraeus, retaining only a small triangle near Avlona in Albania.

Preparations are under way to call out the classes of 1916 and 1917, aggregating 60,000 men.

## CLASS RATES TO IOWA CITIES ARE REVISED

### Freight to Interior Towns from East to Be No Higher Than to St. Louis for Same Distance.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Readjustment of rates from points in Central Freight association territory in cities in Iowa and from Iowa cities to eastern points were ordered today, effective October 15, by the Interstate Commerce commission.

The commission decided that on freight originating east of the Indiana-Illinois state line the Mississippi-Missouri river proportional class scale, whatever its measure may be, shall be equitably prorated across the state of Iowa in constructing class rates to interior Iowa cities.

From points in Central Freight association territory west of the Pittsburgh-Buffalo line and east of the Indiana-Illinois line the commission has ordered that there should be no difference in rates to Iowa cities and to St. Louis when the distances to Iowa cities are equal to or less than the distances to St. Louis.

For each twenty-five miles or fraction thereof that the distances to the Iowa cities exceed the distances to St. Louis, a differential of 1 cent on the first two classes and 1/2-cent on the remaining four classes may be charged.

### Pro-Rate From Far East.

Rates from Pittsburgh and Buffalo and points taking the same rates to Dubuque and St. Louis and intermediate cities on the Mississippi class rates, the commission found, should not exceed 64 1/2 per cent of the rates between New York City and St. Louis. The basis of this finding, the commission ordered, shall apply to shipments both westbound and eastbound.

Rates from upper Mississippi river cities, from Dubuque to Keokuk, inclusive, to eastern points by rail, lake and rail and ocean and rail, were found to be unduly discriminatory when compared with corresponding rates from lower Mississippi cities, Quincy, Ill., to St. Louis, inclusive, to the same points. Readjustment of these rates bringing to a parity was ordered.

### Draft Registration is Under Way in Hawaii

Honolulu, Aug. 1.—Draft registrations in Hawaii territory proceeded rapidly today, the date set by the president's proclamation for listing eligibles in the islands. Registration officials computed the probable total registration at 23,000. Officials estimated that about 75 per cent of the total registration would be Japanese and Chinese residents of the islands.

## RIBOT MAKES HOT REPLY TO SPEECH OF CHANCELLOR

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of war and conditions whereon it would make peace. He is trying especially to turn aside attention from the terrible responsibility weighing on the conscience of the kaiser and his counselors.

### Denial from Russia Also.

Petrograd, Aug. 1.—Foreign Minister Terestchenko denies absolutely the declarations attributed to him by Dr. Michaelis, the German chancellor. He issued a statement saying:

"The Russian foreign minister drew up no protests nor made any special declarations to the French government beyond a general declaration by the provisional government respecting war aims, which was generally made known May 18. This declaration, which was sympathetically received, will be thoroughly examined by the inter-allied conference to be held shortly."

## MANY ANNOUNCE THEY WILL CLAIM THEIR EXEMPTION

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each man must have a second given by a different physician who knows nothing of the diagnosis made by the first. As far as possible the two examinations will be made near together to accommodate the applicants. One man in the Fifth district had his second examination last night soon after his first, as the second examining physician happened to be on hand.

### Exams in First Monday.

The physical examinations for

drafted men of the first district will begin Monday morning at 8 o'clock. They will be given in the fire house at Twenty-second and Ames avenue. All the notices for this district are now out to call the men in for examination.

"We have already examined sixteen men," said W. G. Urc, chairman of the board of physical examiners for this district. "Of these four were rejected, two for bad feet, one deaf and one for tuberculosis. "We are willing to make appointments for examinations early in case of necessity. We are glad to favor

these boys who are going to fight in any way we possibly can."

The examinations were made by Dr. C. C. Morris of the Brandeis Theater building. Those making appointments for examination gave business reasons for so doing mainly. A number were traveling men, who would find it inconvenient to be here next week. Physical examinations in the sixth are proceeding as fast as Dr. Reed can examine the men. At noon about twenty men had been examined with only three doubtful. These were sent to another physician to be re-examined. The men of the sixth come mostly

from the rural districts and are in fine physical condition. Two hundred and eighteen men are required from this district, but it is hard to tell how many will have to be examined to get this number, as most of the men are married and about 75 per cent will ask for exemption.

Five doctors will be on hand for the examinations in the third district. Five hundred men are required from here and Mr. Redwood, the chairman, forecasts some job before they are chosen.

Notices were sent out Tuesday to the first third of the men and the second third is being notified today.

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