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JAPANESE PASSES NIGHT WRAPT IN TORPEDO NETS

Singular Naval Incident At This Port Involving Craft of Mikado and Kaiser Develops Dramatic Situation

AFTER a day of many rumors, of secret conferences by federal officials and diplomats, of code messages sent to Tokio and Washington, of singular and significant developments along the waterfront, of the sudden appearance of the collier Tattori Maru, and the reported presence of the Japanese battleship Kongo off Kahuku—after a day of intense interest in the war situation as it has been brought under focus here, night settled down upon the scene, and drew a curtain of darkness across the stage where the probable impending naval drama may take place.

JAPANESE SAMPANS ARE SENTINELS

Now and then through the darkness of the night, the lights of the Japanese battleship Hizen could be seen, in proof that she is still keeping her close watch on this port against the time the little German cruiser Geier departs.

And down at her place on the waterfront, columns of smoke ascended from the Geier's stacks, which gave rise to the report that she had steam up and was about to make one daring rush for escape, or one resolute attempt to torpedo the great ship that lies in wait for her.

Close by the side of this little German ship, a group of Japanese sampans hover, ready and eager, perhaps, to be of service to their country by giving a signal should the Geier start on a mad race for escape.

HIZEN DROPS TORPEDO NETS

Toward nightfall, when the reports became more and more emphatic that the German ship was making ready to flee, the Hizen put down her torpedo nets, and set out her patrol boats. These little crafts are proceeding back and forth, completely covering the stretch of water at the mouth of the harbor. Signal rockets are carried in the boats, which, being lit, would throw a flame visible for miles.

CONFERENCE OVER LITTLE GEIER

Protests against the Geier remaining here longer, as reported in The Advertiser yesterday, were resumed during the day. At three-thirty o'clock in the afternoon a conference was held by Collector of Customs Franklin, Rear-Admiral Moore, Japanese Consul Arita and Captain Kawanami of the Hizen.

This conference, it was learned, dealt solely with the presence of the German cruiser here, the Japanese arguing that the repairs she was making are not necessary, and are being made merely for delay.

It is said that several messages were sent to Washington, and at least one to Tokio at the conclusion of this secret conference.

GEIER DECKED OUT WITH FLAGS

On board the Geier yesterday, a quiet celebration of the Kaiserin Victoria's birthday was held. A few prominent Germans, including German Consul Georg Rodiek, were present at an informal reception. Captains of other German ships in port paid their respects. In celebration of the occasion, a large part of the crew was given shore leave.

Collier Tattori Maru appeared off port alongside the Hizen in the early morning. A few hours later she tied up with her, and rapid coaling was done. The collier accompanied the Hizen here from Japan. Its presence here yesterday morning was not unexpected; its arrival confirmed the prediction made by The Advertiser.

KONGO MAY BE OFF KAHUKU

Last night word was received from Kahuku that a large ship, believed to be the Kongo, was a few miles from land, playing her searchlight on the shore. That the Kongo was within a short distance of here has been generally believed for some time.

No confirmation could be had at the Geier to the report that she was preparing to leave. On the contrary, it was denied. The smoke, it was explained, was not from the boiler-room.

HIZEN WATCHED OVER TEACUPS

As the Hizen maintained her patrol off the harbor last night, shortly after eleven o'clock, Lieutenant Fritz Metzler, who is chief officer of the Geier, watched the movements of the vessel as he sipped his tea on the roof garden of the Young Hotel and discussed with a group of friends anything and everything but the future movements of his vessel.

Apparently the danger that lurked outside the harbor was the least of his troubles and he appeared to be highly amused when it was suggested that a possible dash would be made by the Geier, either toward destroying her enemy or making an escape from this harbor.

COLLECTOR OF PORT KEPT BUSY

Collector of the Port Malcolm A. Franklin and his chief deputy, Raymer Sharp, were engaged the greater portion of yesterday in consulting with the treasury department at Washington by cable regarding the procedure to follow in handling the difficult problems that have arisen since the arrival of the Geier and the battleship Hizen.

A conference was held in the morning between the collector, Japanese Consul Arita and Captain Kawanami of the Hizen. Although Mr. Franklin would not give out the result of this conference, it is understood that another protest was made by the Japanese consul against the Geier remaining longer in this port.

At three o'clock a conference was held between Rear-Admiral Moore, Collector Franklin and Deputy Collector Sharp. When interviewed at the close of this conference, Admiral Moore said that he had no statement to make.

"Collector Franklin is in full charge as far as carrying out the neutrality laws of the United States in this port is concerned," said Admiral Moore. "Whatever his decision is, or whatever orders he gives me I will carry out."

In their endeavors to maintain strict neutrality Collector Franklin and Deputy Collector Sharp are maintaining absolute silence.

HIZEN MAINTAINS GRIM PATROL

In the meantime, with her decks stripped for action, and her guns trained for instant use in the event the little cruiser Geier attempted to leave this port,

GERMAN ARMY RETREATS IN BELGIUM

Russians Drive Back Kaiser and His Staff and Sweep Whole Line

TEUTON FORCES LOSING GROUND

LONDON, October 23.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Late reports from the battlefield last night state that the Germans have been defeated in their attempts to advance in Belgium, that the French center has made substantial advances towards Longwy and that there has been desperate fighting near Lille, near enough for the artillery of the Allies to bombard the city and drive out the German garrison.

GERMANS ARE ENTRENCHING

In Belgium, after retreating through the burning villages of Schooten, Lettinghe, Wilskirke and Slype, the Germans are entrenching and installing heavy guns at Zebrugge, where it seems evident they intend to assume the defensive. Before retiring from Ostend, they sent in an order for the citizens to supply them with six thousand bottles of wine.

LILLE IS MASS OF RUINS

Lille, which has been bombarded by the British artillery, is reported to be a mass of ruins. The heavy shell fire has driven the Germans out, but they still hold the positions west of the city.

Advancing along the road from Chalons-sur-Marne towards Longwy, on the Luxembourg border, the French troops yesterday drove the Germans back, capturing seven thousand prisoners, three guns and thirty-one flags.

DESTROYS NAVAL BASE

LONDON, October 23.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—A submarine base, established by the Germans on an uninhabited island of the Siltland group, has been discovered and destroyed by the British navy. The base has a large supply of ammunition and a big stock of provisions, carefully concealed.

The navy suffered the loss yesterday of the torpedo gunboat Dryad, which went ashore near Kirkwall, Orkney Islands. It is believed that the wreck will be complete.

Fears are also entertained at the Admiralty for submarine D-3, which was dispatched upon a cruise and which is now overdue. It is feared she may have been sunk while making an attack upon some German warship. She carries complement of sixteen men.

Insurance against damage by Zeppelins was taken out yesterday by the guardians of Westminster Abbey. The amount of the policy is \$700,000.

The Hizen is maintaining a grim patrol off the harbor about five miles from shore.

Yesterday morning the Tattori Maru, a Japanese collier, came way from the port, and steamed up to the battleship. At nine o'clock the collier made fast to the battleship and coaling operations were begun. The Tattori is loaded with briquettes of coal. They are two feet in length, six inches thick and weigh about thirty pounds each.

JAPANESE SEAMEN SHIFT BRIQUETTES

A line of Japanese seamen was formed along the decks of the collier and the battleship and these briquettes were passed from hand to hand over the vessel's side. This mode of coaling enabled the Hizen to have her bunkers filled in short order and the work was completed shortly after three o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The collier then steamed a short distance to the westward and the Hizen resumed her vigil over the Geier.

Aboard the Geier there was little indication of anything of a warlike nature apparent. Promptly at eight o'clock in the morning a signal given from the bridge of the vessel, streamers of flags and vari-colored bunting were hoisted to the masthead of the Geier and stretched from the fore to the mainmast, while the German colors were hung from the flagstaff at the stern of the vessel.

HONORING KAISER'S BIRTHDAY

The other warbound German vessels in this port followed the example of the Geier and in this manner showed their respect for the Kaiser Victoria's natal day. Owing to the conditions under which the Geier is in port the celebration aboard was of an informal nature. Consul Georg Rodiek and several prominent members of the local German colony called on Captain Raaboff and paid their respects.

For the first time since the Geier arrived, the crew were given shore liberty. A special car from the Rapid Transit Company was engaged and the hardy seafarers, looking spick and span in their white uniforms, visited various points of interest about the city.

ALL MEN GIVEN HOLIDAY

All of the men were given a holiday and there was no sign of activity aboard the vessel aside from the regular routine work.

A large quantity of smoke was seen issuing from the funnel of the Geier, which gave rise to the report up town that the vessel was preparing to leave. Aboard the Geier it was explained that this smoke was from the fires that are maintained to keep steam up in the boiler which is used for the refrigerating and lighting plants.

About the city yesterday the Geier and the Hizen was the sole topic of conversation. Many theories were advanced as to what move the little cruiser would make next. Although no official or reliable information was given out as to the length of time that has been allotted to the Geier to remain here and repair, a report was current that the time limit of the Geier was to expire last night and that the vessel would either intern or leave the port.

GEIER MIGHT MAKE BOLD DASH

In the event of the latter course being pursued, the waterfront strategists had it that the Geier would make a dash from this port and make one final and probably fatal attempt to discharge one or more torpedoes at the Hizen, and having struck this blow for their country's cause, the officers and crew were willing to go down with their ship with her colors flying.

The faculty of such a move was pointed out when it was shown that there are at least 150 Japanese sampans in port, some of these high-power ones, with a speed of from sixteen to eighteen knots an hour, which would warn the Hizen of every move that the Geier would make. Several of these craft were seen yesterday lying in close proximity to the Geier.

THE ADVERTISER ABOARD HIZEN

That the Hizen had been furnished with local news prior to her arrival is indicated by a statement made yesterday by L. E. Edgeworth, the photographer who visited the vessel Wednesday shortly after its arrival, in company with a number of Japanese newspaper men. Mr. Edgeworth said that several of the officers were reading The Advertiser of Wednesday morning when he arrived aboard the vessel. As Mr. Edgeworth was among the first to board the Hizen, the presumption is that the officers of the vessel were furnished with The Advertiser by Japanese fishermen in sampans.

LIGHTS AND SEARCHLIGHT MASKED

The lights of the battleship were masked last night and her searchlights were not in action. The searchlight from Fort Ruger was not used and shortly after ten o'clock the moon went down and waters of the harbor were enveloped in darkness.

From the roof garden of the Young Hotel and from several other high points about the city large numbers of curious sightseers congregated, and many conjectures were made as to what developments the next twenty-four hours would bring forth. Field glasses were brought into play and the telephones in the custom house and harbor-master's office were almost constantly rung by inquirers who were desirous to know if the Geier had made a dash from the harbor and whether the Japanese battleship was still off port.

A visit was made to the Tattori Maru yesterday afternoon by Quarantine Officer James. Although the vessel is still outside the three-mile limit Doctor Trotter decided that as a precaution, owing to the fact that officers from the Hizen were making trips ashore and were in contact with the crews of the collier, the vessel should be examined as to the health conditions. After a thorough inspection of the crew the Tattori Maru was given pratique.

The Tattori left Yochuhiga dockyard on October 10 and steamed to Hawaii in company with the Hizen. She is a vessel of about 7000 tons register and apparently is heavily loaded with briquettes of coal.

Mexican Peace Parley Closes

EL PASO, October 23.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Scribbled by General Carranza and threatened by General Villa, the military chiefs who had assembled at Aguas Calientes to determine upon the form of the government of Mexico, and select a Provisional President under whom a constitutional election could be held, have decided to call their efforts a failure and it is improbable that the convention will reassemble.

Such is the tenor of the despatches from the City of Mexico. The convention met on October 10, according to the terms of the agreement arrived at between the Constitutionalists and the Federalists, following the flight of Provisional President Carranza, who held office after the abdication of Huerta.

The delegates voted themselves absolute and pledged each other to stand by the results of the deliberations.

Carranza challenged this assumption of power and refused either to attend the convention or tender his resignation. Villa refused to attend and started an army towards Aguas Calientes.

DEATH OF PORFORIO DIAZ IS REPORTED

CITY OF MEXICO, Oct. 23.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—An unconfirmed rumor is in circulation here that the late President Porfirio Diaz has died in Madrid.

PRUSSIAN DIET PASSES ANOTHER BIG WAR LOAN

BERLIN, Oct. 23.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The Prussian diet yesterday passed a series of war bills, including a war credit of a billion and a half marks.

GOVERNMENT WILL HUNT TAX DODGERS

Federal Income Assessment Is Dodged by 146,828 Persons Who Are Liable

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—According to a report just issued by the treasury department, the number of those who have dodged the payment of the federal income tax is one hundred and forty-six thousand, eight hundred and twenty-eight. The government proposes to take quick action towards collecting from these tax-dodgers.

Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia led a winning fight yesterday against adjournment of Congress at six o'clock last night as was at first planned. He marshaled a strong filibuster against adjournment unless the Southern cotton growers are granted government relief, as they are facing disaster. As a result of his fight both houses adjourned until today at noon.

President Wilson signed the war relief bill yesterday.

AMERICAN MARINES LANDED IN HAITI

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Word has been received here that the Haitian revolutionists are preparing for a final campaign to crush the forces of the government and marines from the American gunboat Tacoma have been landed at Port Au Prince to protect the American consulate.

The rebel leader, Daylimar Theodore, has declared himself President and the members of the cabinet, have all resigned and are preparing to take a ship for Venezuela.

LORIMER INDICTED ON THREE COUNTS

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Former Senator Lorimer, John Seagrave, chief clerk in the office of the state auditor and twelve others, employees in the Lorimer-Munday chain of banks, yesterday were indicted in the state courts for alleged conspiracy to ruin the banks, on charges of operating a confidence game on charges of embezzlement and on charges of larceny.

SLAVS ADVANCE ALL ALONG LINE

According to a Warsaw despatch to the Daily News, the Kaiser and his staff, who have been directing the general fighting in Poland from headquarters at Czenstochowa, on the Polish side of the border, north of Cracow, yesterday retreated back into Silesia, in the direction of Breslau.

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SIBERIAN TROOPS IN FIGHTING LINE

According to the correspondent at Petrograd of the Daily Telegraph, the success of the Russians in Poland, while not decisive, may prove to be the turning point of the war.

The correspondent adds that the presence in the fighting line of troops from Siberia indicates that the mobilization in the remote parts of the Empire is being completed.

SLAVS STILL ADVANCE

PETROGRAD, October 23.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The German rapid retreat from the position before Warsaw continues, the Russians everywhere advancing, allowing the enemy no opportunity to reform for another stand. The German bombardment of the fortifications at Ivangorod, sixty miles southeast of Warsaw, inflicted slight damage before the general retreat forced the abandonment of the siege.

DESPERATE ENGAGEMENTS IN GALICIA

There has been a series of desperate engagements in Galicia, the advance of the Russian left wing from Przemysl towards the Vistula being stubbornly contested. Despite this the Russians have made progress towards Cracow, yesterday capturing a German-Austrian detachment, including thirty officers, two thousand men and a large number of rapid-firers.

South of Przemysl the Russian operations are developing successfully.

GERMAN PRISONERS POUR INTO WARSAW

WARSZAWA, October 22.—A constant stream of German prisoners are being brought here from the Russian border fighting. Among the latest captured is a general who was bearing gifts from the Kaiser to the German troops.

DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ARE ABANDONED

WASHINGTON, October 23.—The French embassy here this afternoon issued a bulletin from the French foreign office which says: "The Germans before Warsaw have abandoned their defensive positions. The Russians are pursuing them, capturing many prisoners and munitions and supplies."

"The seventeenth and twentieth German corps have been decimated."

RUSSIANS DRIVEN OUT OF HUNGARY

WASHINGTON, October 23.—(via London)—The official Austrian announcement of Wednesday says that the Russians have been driven from Hungary. The Austrians have recaptured the last pass in the Carpathian mountains, which the Russians had previously crossed.

TEUTONS FIGHT HARD

PARIS, October 23.—The military expert of the Paris Temps says that sporadic activity on various parts of the German line elsewhere than on their right are taking place. Some of these are intensely fierce, and are evidently part of a concerted plan to divert the attention of the Allies and prevent them from reinforcing their left, while the full German strength is being pressed southward along the seacoast.

SITUATION CRITICAL

BERLIN, October 23.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—General headquarters says today:

"Fighting continues along the River Yser."

"East of Dixmude the enemy has been repulsed."

"We have advanced successfully towards Ypres. The battle northward of Lille have been very severe but the enemy is slowly retreating."

"There was no fighting in Russian Poland yesterday. The situation there is still in a state of evolution."

The Krupp works are reconstructing five hundred captured guns.

KARLSURHE IS ACTIVE

LONDON, October 23.—(Associated Press by Commercial Pacific Cable)—A dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Tenerife reports further activities on the part of the German cruiser Karlsruhe. This cruiser has sunk her thirteenth British merchantman on the Atlantic.

ALLIES GAIN IN WEST

WASHINGTON, October 23.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Reports from the western theater of the war from the various capitals agree that the main fighting of the day yesterday was along the line taken by the Allies in Southwest Belgium, extending from the seacoast near Ostend through Dixmunde to the Yser Canal, this line being a continuation of the main line of the Allies' left wing. The extreme left of the Belgian line of the Allies is covered by a fleet of British warships, operating between Ostend and Middelkerke.

GERMANS ARE REPULSED REPEATEDLY

Throughout the day, the Germans, reinforced by practically all their available troops in Belgium and by a detachment of marines sent to sea from Antwerp, hurled their columns against the Allies' line, attempting to break through. In no place were the Allies forced to give ground, the Germans being repeatedly repulsed with heavy losses.

In France, between Arras and the Oise, according to an official report from Paris, the Germans attempted another advance, meeting with strong opposition.

OIL TANKER RELEASED

WASHINGTON, October 22.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The British ambassador has been informed by the British foreign office that the American oil-tanker John D. Rockefeller, which was seized by British warships, has been released. The Rockefeller, which was seized because her cargo was said to be contraband, was detained, the ambassador is informed, because her papers failed to state to whom the cargo was consigned. The papers read "To order," and it was subsequently learned that the consignee are Norwegians.

Norway has declared an embargo upon all oil exports.