

WITNESS TELLS HOW EMDEN FOUGHT HER LAST BATTLE

Put Sydney's Range-Finder Out of Commission With First Two Shots—Landing Party Escaped.

KEELING, Coos Islands (via London), Nov. 12.—It was early on Monday that the unexpected arrival of the Emden broke the calm of these isolated little islands, which the distant news of war had hitherto left unaffected. One of the islands is known as Direction Island, and there the Eastern Telegraph Company has a cable station and staff engaged in relaying messages between Europe and Australia. Otherwise the inhabitants are all Malays, with the exception of the descendants of June Clunes Ross, a British naval officer, who came to these islands ninety years ago and founded a line of "uncrowned kings."

The war seemed very far away. Official bulletins passed through the cable station, but they gave us little real news, and the only excitement was when it was rumored that the company was sending rifles, in case of a raid on the station, and that the beach must be patrolled by parties, on the lookout for Germans.

Then we heard from Singapore that the German cruiser Emden had been despatched to these islands, and toward the end of August one of the cable staff thought he saw searchlights out over the sea. Then suddenly we were awakened from our calm and made to feel that we had become a most important place in the war area.

WAS FLYING NO FLAG.

At 6 A. M. on Monday a four-funnelled cruiser arrived, full speed, at the entrance to the lagoon. Our suspicions were aroused, for she was flying no flag, and her fourth funnel obviously was a dummy made of painted canvas.

Therefore, we were not altogether surprised at the turn of events. The cruiser at once lowered an armored launch and two boats, which came ashore and landed on our coral beach three officers and forty men, all fully armed and having four Maxim guns.

The Germans, for all doubt about the mysterious cruiser now was at an end, at once rushed up to the cable station and turned out the operators, smashed their instruments and set guns over all the buildings.

All knives and firearms found in the possession of the staff at once were confiscated. But in spite of the excitement outside work was carried on in the cable office as usual up to the moment when the German burst in. A general call was sent out just before the wireless apparatus was blown up. The whole staff was placed under arrest while the instruments were being destroyed; but it is only fair to say that the Germans, working in well disciplined fashion under their officers, were most civil. There was no such brutality as we hear characterize the German army's behavior toward civilians, and there were no attempts at pillaging.

While the cable station was being put out of action the crew of the launch grappled for the cables and endeavored to cut them, but, fortunately, without success.

The electrical stores then were blown up. At 9 A. M. we heard the sound of a steam from the Emden, and this evidently was a signal to the landing party to return, for they at once dashed for their boats, but the Emden got under way at once and the boats were left behind.

Looking outward, we could see the reason for this sudden departure, for a warship, which we afterwards learned was the Australian cruiser Sydney, was coming up at full speed, in pursuit. The Emden did not wait to discuss matters, but, firing her first shot at a range of about 3,700 yards, steamed north as hard as she could go.

INVADERS ESCAPE ON SCHOONER.

At first the firing of the Emden seemed excellent, while that of the Sydney was somewhat erratic. This, as I afterward learned, was due to the fact that the Australian cruiser's range finder was put out of action by one of the two shots that the Germans got home.

However, the British gunners soon overcame any difficulties this may have caused and settled down to their work; so that, before long, two of the Emden's funnels were shot away. She lost one of her masts quite early in the fight.

Both blazing away with their big guns, the two cruisers disappeared below the horizon, the Emden being on fire.

So the great naval duel passed from our sight and we could turn our attention to the portion of the German crew that had been left behind. These men had put off in their boats, obedient to the signal of the Emden, but when their ship steamed off without them they could do nothing else but come ashore again.

On relating they lined up on the shore of the lagoon, evidently determined to fight to a finish if the British cruiser sent a party ashore, but at 9 P. M. the German raiders embarked on the old schooner Ayeson, which belongs to Mr. Ross, the "uncrowned king" of the islands. Seizing a quantity of clothes and stores, they sailed out and nothing has been seen of them since.

Early the next morning, Tuesday, Nov. 10, we saw the Sydney returning, and at 5:45 A. M. she anchored off the island. From various members of the crew I gathered some details of the running fight with the Emden. The Sydney, having the advantage in speed, was able to keep out of range of the Emden's guns and to bombard her with her own heavier metal.

The engagement lasted eighty minutes, the Emden finally running ashore on North Keeling Island and becoming an utter wreck. Only two German shots proved effective. One, which failed to explode,

FASHIONABLE FANCIES IN WINTER TOQUES



8228. Small toque of white silk plush of deep pile. Rosette of white grosgrain ribbon edged with ermine and finished with ermine tails.

8226. Fuzzy toque of white corded silk, with lower edge faced with white silk plush. Encircled by band of brown raccoon with single rose of silver tissue placed at side.

8224. Toque of white plush in military effect with banding of skunk and upstanding fanciful of skunk. Photograph by Fashion Camera Studio.

smashed the main range finder and killed one man. The other killed three men and wounded fourteen.

Each of the cruisers attempted to torpedo the other, but both were unsuccessful, and the duel proved a contest in hard pounding at long range.

The Sydney's speed during the fighting was twenty-six knots and the Emden's twenty-four knots, the British superiority of two knots enabling her to choose the range at which the battle should be fought and to make the most of her superior guns.

The Sydney left her at 11 A. M. on Tuesday in hope of picking up any of the survivors of the Buresk, the collier that had been in attendance on the Emden and was sunk after the engagement on the previous day. Finally, with a number of wounded prisoners on board, the Sydney left here Wednesday and our few hours of war excitement were over.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—The Australians are making preparations to welcome Capt. Carl von Muller, commander of the German cruiser Emden, destroyed recently by the Australian cruiser Sydney, telegraphs the correspondent at Sydney, N. S. W., of the Evening News. They are arranging to show their recognition of his gallantry and courtesy.

All the morning papers of Berlin unite in publishing articles in praise of the commerce destroying career of the Emden, and they declare that her final destruction always had been counted on.

CARUSO TRIES IN VAIN TO BREAK THROUGH MOB TO SING AT BENEFIT

Crowd So Great It Blocks Fifth Avenue; Police Reserves Called Out.

Enrico Caruso, the tenor, had a taste of his own popularity yesterday when the overflow of a crowd that had gathered to hear him sing at the art show for the benefit of the St. Peter's, the sculptor, No. 60 Fifth avenue, caught him in an outdoor crush and he could not get near the appointed place.

The police and people in the street thought a joker was trying to have fun with them when Caruso asked that a lane be made for him, and finally he had to squeeze backward

out of the wedge in order to answer the call for rehearsal at the Metropolitan Opera House.

Yesterday's visitors began to arrive at 11 o'clock. By noon more than 1,000 people were packed into quarters that would be comfortably filled by 100. At 1 o'clock the attendance had doubled, crowding the ante-rooms and hallway and an adjoining studio belonging to another artist. It was necessary to send for police to prevent the jam of people from squeezing dangerously together and to shut off further elevator deliveries. As it was, quite a number of fainting women had to be carried out.

The late arrivals denied entrance below soon grew into a crowd, which blocked the sidewalk to the curb. As the crowd increased, police reserves were called to handle it.

Lines were formed, extending into Fifth street below and Fifty-first street above, and the multitude who wanted to hear Caruso for the twenty-five cents admission charged reached out to the Cathedral across the street and for a few minutes stopped traffic along Fifth avenue. It was into this mass that Caruso plunged.

Withdrawals from the upstairs attendance lightened somewhat the atmosphere there after 3 o'clock, but a

packed house remained for the regular musical hour at 3 and enjoyed a fine concert of operatic selections by Signor Paoloni, tenor, and Signor de Gregario, baritone, who came from the Bologna Opera to join the Metropolitan company. Their programs included selections from the "Barber of Seville," "I Pagliacci," "La Boheme" and "Faust."

Caruso will make another afternoon appearance before the show closes on Nov. 20, but he fears to announce a time, as he wishes to get in comfortably and to sing. Whether visitors catch his day or not they will hear every afternoon a free concert by operatic and other stars. Some who went yesterday got good paintings and sculpture at the bargain prices at which they are offered for the Red Cross service.

SAYS LEHIGH HAS NO MONOPOLY OF COAL

So Argue Counsel for the Road—Competition Keen—Has Only 10.3 Per Cent. of Lands.

When the argument in the dissolution suit against the Lehigh Valley Railroad was resumed yesterday before United States District Judge Charles M. Hough in the Woolworth Building, counsel for the road called ridiculous the Government's assertion that the purchase of the stock of subsidiary companies through the Lehigh Valley Coal Company was not in the normal course of growth of the coal business.

Major F. W. Wheaton said that of the 44,000 acres of coal lands credited to Coxe Bros. & Co., Inc., all but 8,000 are barren, and that the day is not far off when the last ton of anthracite will have been mined in Pennsylvania.

"Inasmuch as the Lehigh Valley Coal Company owns or controls but 10.3 per cent. of the total known anthracite acreage in Pennsylvania and but 23.3 per cent. of the acreage naturally and conveniently tributary to the lines of the railroad, it cannot have a monopoly," argued E. H. Bales, General Solicitor of the road. "The Lehigh Valley Coal Company and Coxe Bros. & Co. have not engaged in interstate commerce for more than two years. They sell their coal outright at the mines and have no interest in it hereafter."

"There are seven able and healthy competitors of the Coal Sales Company who sell freely and in keen competition at points on the Lehigh Valley. The road is paralleled at many points, and competing roads carry immense quantities of anthracite through the same cities and villages as the Lehigh."

ANCIENT WAR DOGS.

(From the London Chronicle.) Dogs have gone to the wars from the very earliest times. They barked at the Siege of Troy. In those early days, however, they were used as sentinels and for purposes of defence. In the Middle Ages they attacked. The tracking mission of the Scottish bloodhound has been noted, but the dogs were also used to attack cavalry. For this duty they were clothed in coats of mail and carried with spikes and scythes to confuse the horses. And when firebrands were also attached to the mail the opposing camp looked for fire extinguishers. That these dogs played no mean part in the field is proved by the fact that Henry VIII. ordered the Spanish King, Charles V., 40,000 auxiliaries and 4,000 war dogs to help him against Francis I.

MAKING FRIENDS OF MONKEYS.

(From the Cardiff Western Mail.) Even a policeman is sometimes surprised. The other midnight a constable was passing Cardiff Castle, when he espied a gentleman who had climbed the rails and was embracing the pair of stone monkeys that are familiar to passers-by. With his arms round the larger monkey's neck, the man said in endearing tones to a good pal, old man, and see me home!

ON THE FIRING LINE

What it means to most men.

There are many true heroes that have perished in the European war who "never smelled powder," but who succumbed to sickness after hard campaigning—coupled with bad water and lack of food. The sick and debilitated man is as much out of place in his struggle for life and existence as he would be on the firing line. On the other hand the strong, vigorous man, his veins filled with rich, red blood, has an enormous advantage in whatever position he may be fated to occupy, in war or business.

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BLAMES HOUSEWIVES FOR COST OF LIVING

They Were Reared Without Practical Experience, Says Perkins Committee to the Mayor.

The housewives themselves are to blame in large part for the high cost of living, according to the Executive Committee of the Mayor's Food Supply Committee, George W. Perkins, Chairman. In a report to the Mayor yesterday, Mr. Perkins says:

"Your committee has found a great lack of knowledge on the part of the purchasing public as to what are proper prices to pay for food, how to buy food, what the rights of the people are as to weights and measures, what foods are the best and cheapest to buy at certain seasons of the year, etc."

"A large number of homes in New York are presided over by wives and mothers who, when very young, started to work at some calling that took them into offices, stores or factories."

"Another reason is that a large number of homes in this city are presided over by wives and mothers who were reared in well-to-do families, where the mistaken notion prevailed that it was not necessary for the daughters to have practical housekeeping."

HER FIRST BASEBALL GAME. (From the Leader-Examiner.) She had followed the game closely during the opening innings and had answered intelligently the comments that her companion made about the plays between innings and made her blunder. "The catcher wear masks, don't they?" she asked. "Well, don't you know," she declared with an air of finality. "I should think they'd let each batter have one instead of the one that's used over and over."

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