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OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON THE RECENT NAVAL FIGHT

British Destroyer First Sighted the Cruisers and Gave the Alarm---Monitors and Destroyers Played an Important Part---Explosion Occurred on Board the Breslau---The Goeben Struck a Mine and Was Beached.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
London, Jan. 23.—The British destroyer Lizard was about two miles from the northeasterly point of the island of Imbros on patrol duty at 5.20 o'clock last Sunday morning when it sighted the warships Goeben and Breslau (Sultan Selim and Midulhu) says an official statement from the admiralty giving a detailed report of the engagement which resulted in the loss of the Breslau and the beaching of the Goeben. The Breslau was steaming in a northerly direction to the south and east of Cape Cephalo, joined shortly by the Goeben, which was about a mile astern. The Lizard at once gave the alarm and opening fire it proceeded to keep in close touch with the enemy ships. The Goeben and Breslau engaged the Lizard at about eleven thousand yards, shooting over her without hitting.

A Stiff Fight.

The Goeben sighted British monitors in Kusu Bay on the northeast corner of Imbros and engaged them, the Breslau continuing to fight the Lizard, which was prevented from closing to torpedo range because of the accuracy of the enemy's fire at the shorter range. The destroyer Tigress now joined the Lizard and the two destroyers endeavored to cover the monitors by forming a smoke screen, in attempting which they were subject to an accurate fire from the Goeben. In the meantime the British monitor Raglan had been hit heavily and sank. The small monitor M-23, which was on fire amidships blew up and finally disappeared about 6 a.m. The enemy then ceased his fire and altered his course to the southward.

Explosions Took Place.

Observing trawlers coming to the assistance of the monitors, the Tigress and Lizard followed the enemy. At 7 a.m. when the Breslau was several miles south of Cape Cephalo, a large explosion was observed abreast of her after funnel. Two or three minutes later three more explosions took place, and at ten minutes past seven she sank by the stern, keeling over as she went down.

On seeing the Breslau sink, the Goeben turned and circled around her once and then continued on a southerly course. Immediately after this four enemy destroyers were sighted coming out of the Dardanelles, supported by an old Turkish cruiser. The Tigress and Lizard at once engaged

the enemy destroyers which hurriedly retired up the straits, the nearest one being hit continually and set on fire.

The Goeben continued a southerly course until an attack by British aircraft forced her to alter her course and head for the Dardanelles. In the act of turning she struck a mine which caused her to settle aft with a list of ten to fifteen degrees, which considerably reduced her speed. She proceeded slowly up the Dardanelles, escorted by enemy seaplanes and the four Turkish destroyers which had returned to her assistance. British aircraft attacked the Goeben repeatedly and obtained two direct hits when she was off Chanak. The Goeben was now in such a damaged condition that she was steered for the shore and beached at the extreme end of the Nagara point, one hundred yards from the lighthouse. Shortly after she was beached two more direct hits were made on her by the aircraft, which were engaged heavily by several enemy seaplanes. In the encounters which took place one of the British seaplanes failed to return. The shore batteries at Cape Helles then opened an accurate fire on the Tigress and Lizard, which had been following the Goeben and in view of the activity of the British naval aircraft the two destroyers retired out of range and proceeded to rescue the survivors of the Breslau. During these operations the periscope of a submarine was sighted and the work of rescue was interfered with seriously while the destroyers hunted the submarine.

"German survivors from the Breslau" says the official statement, "expressed their intense dislike for the Turks and said they had hoped to be sent back to Germany on the Goeben's return to Constantinople after the raid."

"Our aircraft reported Monday afternoon that the Goeben was still ashore in the same position and that she still was being bombed."

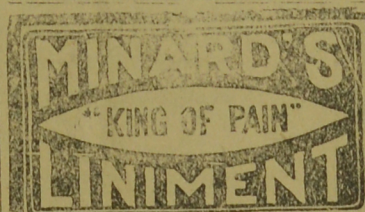
(The British destroyers Lizard and Tigress are sister ships, having been built in 1910. Their tonnage is 759 and they are 240 feet in length.)

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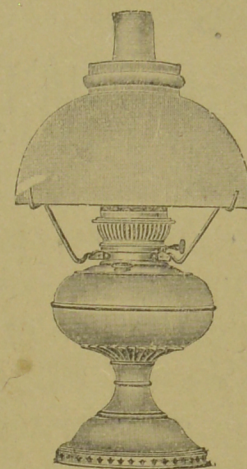
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