



# EMDEN, GERMANY'S SEA TERROR, IS DESTROYED IN BENGAL BAY

**Officially Announced in London**  
**That the Kaiser's Famous**  
**Cruiser Is Driven Ashore**  
**and Burned With Great Loss**  
**of Life in Crew—Australian**  
**Warship Sydney Reported to**  
**Have Given Battle to German**  
**Vessel and Destroyed Latter**  
**in Running Fight Which Ter-**  
**minates in Island of Coco**  
**Group**

London, Nov. 10, 12.51 P. M.—It was officially announced in London to-day that the German cruiser Emden has been driven ashore and burned. The losses among the officers and crew of the Emden are reported to have been very heavy.

The Emden was destroyed in the Bay of Bengal by the Australian cruiser Sydney. She was driven ashore on an island of the Coco group.

The Sydney sighted the Emden yesterday morning. With superior speed she at once closed in and gave battle. The German boat could not escape. There was a running fight, at the end of which the Emden, burning from the shells of the Australian boat, was beached. The casualties on the Sydney are said to have been slight.

Tokio, Nov. 10.—The German cruiser Emden, pursued by the Australian cruiser Sydney, has been reached on one of the Coco islands. According to reports reaching Tokio, the captain and most of the crew of the Emden were saved.

Previous to the engagement with the Sydney the Emden cut the British cable connecting the Coco islands with the outside world.

## EMDEN, DESTROYED, WAS PARALLEL OF ALABAMA IN DAYS OF THE CONFEDERACY

London, Nov. 10.—The Emden has contributed to the history of the war one of its most remarkable chapters. For sheer audacity and success it has few parallels—certainly none since the Alabama, the famous old Confederate warship, roamed the seas. Twenty-two ships, mostly British, have been sunk and one has been captured by the German cruiser.

Since early in August the Emden has been at work. Most of the time she was preying on British shipping in the Indian Ocean, but late last month she suddenly appeared at Penang, on Malacca straits. It was here that the Emden performed her most daring feat. A fourth smokestack was rigged on her deck and a Japanese flag run up. Thus disguised she steamed boldly into the harbor, passing unchallenged under the British guns of the fort, and fired torpedoes which sank the Russian cruiser Jemtchug and a French destroyer. Then she took to her heels and escaped unscrutinized through the straits.

**Vessels Destroyed by Emden**  
The vessels destroyed by the Emden had a total value of about \$4,000,000 exclusive of their cargoes. The Emden's largest guns are only 4.1 inch. Of these she had ten. Her speed of 24.5 knots was her greatest asset as she was able to run down merchant ships with ease and then escape from larger but slower vessels that pursued her. British, Russian, French and Japanese warships in the East had been attempting for weeks to put an end to her career.

It has been more or less a mystery to naval men how the Emden has been able to keep at sea month after month without running short of coal and supplies. It is assumed, however, that she has obtained sufficient food and fuel to meet her needs from captured ships. In at least one instance this is known to have been done. The captain of the British steamer Exford captured by the Emden in the Indian Ocean reported to his owners that the commander of the Emden said that before he sank the Exford he intended to take on board his cruiser the 7,000 tons of steam coal with which the Exford was laden.

**Emden Began Business Early**  
The first report of the activity of the Emden was received August 6 when she was said to have been sunk in action with the Russian cruiser Askold off Wei-Hai-Wei. This was contradicted a few days later, when word was received that the Emden had sunk the steamer City of Winchester on August 5 and steaming into the Bay of Bengal

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## THE KONIGSBERG BOTTLED IN EAST AFRICA, IS REPORT

London, Nov. 10, 12.46 P. M.—The German cruiser Konigsberg, which disabled the British cruiser Pegasus some weeks ago, has been bottled up at Mafia island, on the coast of German East Africa, by the blocking of the channel to the harbor.

The Konigsberg also has preyed upon British shipping since the beginning of the war, but her successes have in no way approached those of the Emden. She disabled the British cruiser Pegasus in Zanzibar harbor on September 29. The Pegasus was caught with a disadvantage as she was undergoing repairs. Twenty-five of her crew were killed and eighty wounded.

The Konigsberg is a protected cruiser and was laid down in 1905. She was of 3,348 tons, 354 feet long and had a speed of 21½ knots. Her main battery consisted of ten 4.1 inch guns.

Mafia island on the east coast of Africa belongs to Zanzibar, but was assigned to German influence some years ago.

## TSING-TAU WAS HANDED OVER TO THE JAPS TO-DAY

London, Nov. 10, 11.50 A. M.—The German stronghold of Tsing-Tau, according to a dispatch received by the "Central News" from Shanghai, was unconditionally handed over to Japan at 10 o'clock this morning.

The German fortress of Tsing-Tau surrendered November 7 after a siege which lasted sixty-five days. Turning over the fortress to-day to the Japanese is the culmination of the negotiations that were entered upon after the last assault of the Japanese and British troops won the fortified position.

## YPRES REPORTED IN FLAMES, AFTER GERMAN BOMBARDMENT

London, Nov. 10, 3.55 A. M.—Dispatches to London newspapers, dated Monday, report that the Germans bombarded Ypres with heavy artillery throughout the day and that the town is now in flames in several places. Many buildings are in ruins. The town is practically deserted, so that there is no serious loss of life.

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## FRENCH CONVOY ON WAY TO THE FIRING LINE



The French soldiers, who, with their Belgian brothers, have borne the brunt of the fighting against the Germans, continue their valiant work in every battle. Herein is shown a convoy on the way to the front.

## LATEST WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Great Britain has had her innings on the sea. The famous German cruiser Emden has met her fate. The Konigsberg, another German scourge of the seas, has been bottled up. Thus England obtains partial revenge for the havoc wrought on her sea commerce by German's elusive marine raiders.

Fighting on land proceeds with savage intensity, but without definite issue on any of the fields of battle. In Belgium Germany's renewed attempt to break through to the English channel has brought on a fearful struggle still to be decided. Along the eastern frontier of Prussia both Germany and Russia lay claim to successes. In the near east the Russians are meeting unexpectedly stiff resistance from the Turks.

The Emden was active to the last and closed her career in action, as the bold captain who commanded her must have wished. From Penang, where she sank a French and a Russian warship after disguising herself with a false smokestack and a Japanese flag she ventured back into the Indian Ocean where she had previously met with a majority of the 22 ships she sent to the bottom. Her last feat was to cut the cable leading to the Coco Islands, British possessions in the Indian ocean. It fell to the lot of the Australian cruiser Sydney to accomplish what the British, French, Russian and Japanese warships that have long pursued the Emden were unable to do. The Sydney overtook the Emden near Cocos Island, set her afire with shells from her heavier guns and drove her on the shore. London reports that the losses of officers and crew were heavy, but Tokio says most of the men probably were rescued.

The Konigsberg, which disabled the British cruiser Pegasus in Zanzibar harbor several weeks ago, is bottled up at Mafia Island on the coast of German East Africa, the channel to the harbor having been blocked.

On the European battlefields the fighting is fiercest along the small strip of Belgian territory in possession of the allies, from the sea to Arras, near the French border. Of the Germans, the present is probably the most severe since the allies have declined to cede the offensive entirely to the enemy, and are meeting attack with attack.

To-day's French official statement reports that the fighting is especially violent, that the German advance south of Ypres, a few miles north of the French border, has been checked and that further to the south the French have made some progress. All accounts agree, however, that it is slow work. The troops are fighting in a dense fog, from one sand dune to another, some times creeping slowly through the thick grass to win a few additional yards.

Paris advices indicate that elsewhere along the main battle line the situation is much the same as it has been for several weeks. Here and there advances by the allies are reported, and the official statement announces that the new German attacks at various points have been checked.

The importance attached to the great battle along the eastern frontier of Germany is shown in dispatches from Berlin, which say that attention there has been turned from the western scene of action, desperate and momentous as it is, to the east. Germany repeated to-day its claim to an important victory over the Russians in the north near the scene of the disastrous Russian defeat early in the war. The Russians apparently attempted to break over the east Prussian border at the same time they

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## CLEWS ASKS FOR AID TO BELGIANS

**Treasurer of the Dollar**  
**Christmas Fund**  
**Makes an Appeal to**  
**Harrisburg Citizens**

## NEED FOR HELP IS INCREASING

The Star-Independent Will Receive and Forward Any Contributions Made to Assist in Relief of Suffering in the War-Stricken Nation

A fresh appeal for funds to aid the Belgian sufferers was received this morning by the Star-Independent from Henry Clews, banker, who is treasurer of the Dollar Christmas Fund, 15 Broad street, New York City. The Star-Independent will receive and forward any contributions to this fund made through this office. The appeal is as follows: "The co-operation of our fellow countrymen is asked to alleviate the sufferings of countless thousands of Belgians during the coming winter. It is a tremendous task. The Dollar Christmas Fund of which I am treasurer and which is backed by many well-known public men is working with other organizations to avert starvation which threatens many. It is only by widespread and generous support and by personal appeals through the press that we can hope to achieve success. To-day hundreds of thousands of Belgians are homeless and penniless refugees. Thou-

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## TWO-BATTLESHIP PROGRAM

**President Wilson Says No Change is**  
**Contemplated at Next Session**  
Washington, Nov. 10.—The two-battleship program will be continued during the coming session of Congress. President Wilson said to-day that no change was contemplated in the plans outlined last year and added there would be no increase in the naval estimates.

Discussing generally government estimates for next year, the President said expenditures for most of the departments would be less but the State Department, because of unusual activities, would have to have more money. The President sees no prospect for immigration legislation at the next session of Congress.

## PENROSE EXPENSE ACCOUNT

**Victorious Senator Spent Less Than**  
**\$10,000 in Both Campaigns**  
By Associated Press.  
Washington, Nov. 10.—Senator Penrose, re-elected in Pennsylvania, spent \$9,073.57 in his primary, contests and the general election, according to his sworn statement sent to-day to the Secretary of the Senate. He reported he received no contributions

## RISE OF BEEF IS IMMINENT

**President of Packing Company Says**  
**Prices Will Jump Due to the**  
**Quarantining of Cattle**

According to advices received this morning by C. A. Hibler, president of the Brelford Packing and Storage Company, of this city, the outlook is very bad locally for meat dealers, or more particularly for consumers, because of the barring of cattle shipments so as to prevent the spread of the mouth and foot disease.

"The price of beef will have to go up within two or three days," said Mr. Hibler, this afternoon. "We have no power to prevent it. Thus far there have been no material changes in price, but a rise is now imminent. There are only one or two live stock markets open at present, but we cannot easily get shipments from them, because the cattle cannot be brought through quarantined States. Our stock here will soon be exhausted. Wholesale prices will jump, and then retail prices will have to go up. I am looking for the increase to come within several days. I can see no way to prevent it."

## POISONED GIRL UNDER KNIFE

**Rare Operation in Which Bichloride of**  
**Mercury Was Used in Error**

A radical operation in an effort to save the life of Miss May Derrick, 18 years old, of 529½ Maclay street, who is suffering from bichloride of mercury poisoning, was performed in the Harrisburg Hospital yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The operation is known as decapsulation of the kidneys, which organs are affected by this poisoning. It was the first operation of the kind ever performed in this city.

Miss Derrick was admitted to the hospital November 4 and her condition was such that the operation was decided on. Miss Derrick used the poison in ignorance of its harmful effects. Her condition to-day is encouraging to the physicians.

## WRECK CIVIL WAR CANNON IN ELECTION CELEBRATION

**Gettysburg Young Men With Heavy Charge**  
**of Gunpowder Shatter Historic Relic**  
**on Pedestal in the National Park**

(Special to the Star-Independent.)  
Gettysburg, Nov. 10.—A report made public to-day based on an investigation by the National Park Commission, blames a band of young men, whose desire to play pranks and have a jolly good time were excited by the results of the election last Tuesday, for firing one of the three-inch guns, relics of the Battle of Gettysburg, in the National Park here late Wednesday night and badly shattering it.

The instrument of war, which had long since been abandoned save for its historic interest, which for more than fifty years had stood undisturbed as one of the prized mementoes of the

## CITY'S TAX RATE TO BE NO LOWER

**Commissioners Now**  
**Intimate the Contem-**  
**plated Decrease Is**  
**Not in Sight**

## TALK OF MAKING MORE POLICE JOBS

**Heads of Departments Are Called Upon**  
**to Submit Data as the Basis for the**  
**Next Annual Budget—Working on**  
**Shade Tree Commission Plans**

A resolution adopted by the City Commissioners this afternoon, calling upon the heads of the several departments to prepare, within the next week or two, data showing what money will be needed for the operation of their respective departments during the coming fiscal year, marks the preliminary work incident to framing the annual budget.

The appropriation bill and tax levy ordinances, in skeleton form, will soon be introduced, if present tentative plans are carried out. There is every indication that the tax rate for 1915 will be the same as in the present fiscal year. The City Commissioners say a number of new and bulky appropriations will be carried to facilitate necessary changes.

The new budget ordinance will become operative on January 1, that being one of the provisions of the Clerk commission form of government act, which changed the start of the fiscal year from April to January. The city's present fiscal "year" began in April. It consists of but nine calendar months and the tax rate is the same as that which prevailed in 1913, a twelve-month "year."

City Commissioners this morning

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## FIRE DESTROYS BIG BARN

**Blaze This Morning on Frank Arm-**  
**strong's Farm in Swatara Town-**  
**ship Causes a Loss of \$9,000**

A large frame bank barn on the farm owned by Frank Armstrong, in Swatara township, was burned to the ground this morning with all its contents except the live stock which was saved by the tenant and his hired man.

The building was filled with hay, straw, grain and farming implements, all of which were destroyed. A large corn crib, which had just been filled, situated a short distance from the barn, was saved by a bucket brigade.

The blaze is believed to have been started by tramps. The first sign of fire noticed by the tenant was when he was milking the cows about 6 o'clock. These flames were in the haymow. One of the large doors leading to the first floor of the barn was standing open, although it had been tightly closed last evening before the farmer retired. Through this door tramps are believed to have fled from the barn after the fire started.

The value of the barn destroyed is estimated at \$9,000 and the contents about \$5,000 in addition. It was reported this morning that the barn was insured for about one-half its value, but that no insurance was carried on the contents.

## SECOND FAKE \$1000 CHECK UNCOVERED

**Police Think Alleged**  
**Forgers Seized Here**  
**Worked in New York**  
**and Atlantic City**

## MAID, DESERTED, SENT BACK HOME

**She First Gives Sleuths Information**  
**Which Leads to Belief That Men in**  
**Fur-Clad Auto Party Were Living in**  
**Luxury Through Cashing Bad Paper**

After alleged successful operations in New York and Atlantic City, Fredrick LeBrun and H. R. Mercer, the pair under arrest in this city on charges of forgery, came to Harrisburg thinking it was a "jay" town, only to "fall hard," as the police express it. Since their arrest LeBrun's description has appeared on the confidential police bulletin in New York City as that of a man having worked a bad check there, and the Atlantic City authorities are eager for photographs of the pair, suspecting they are connected with operations in the seashore resort.

The police here felt sure they had arrested a clever pair of "bad check" men, but not until to-day were they in possession of the facts that led them to believe the men were leading a luxurious existence in big eastern cities on money obtained on worthless checks.

A maid who was traveling with the party, attending Mrs. LeBrun, yesterday applied at the Associated Charities in this city for transportation to New York City. She gave her name as Catherine Elkins and when the Associated Charities asked the Police Department about the girl Police Captain Thompson went to the charities office where he interviewed her.

She said, according to Thompson, that she was hired by Mercer to attend his wife and Mrs. LeBrun and that they promised they would take her to California. They left New York, the maid

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## FARMER'S DEATH A MYSTERY

**Wendell Rehm Found in Lewisberry**  
**With Head Crushed, Probably by**  
**the Wheels of His Wagon**

(Special to the Star-Independent.)  
Carlisle, Nov. 10.—The body of Wendell Rehm, a prominent farmer, was found in a pool of blood with his head crushed almost beyond recognition at the side of a road near his home in Lewisberry, York county, at 5 o'clock last evening. The gruesome discovery was made by a small boy, who ran down the road shouting for help.

Mr. Rehm had been driving a double mule team from Goldsboro to Lewisberry. It is thought unlikely that there was a runaway, since the team was found a short distance from the scene of the accident when the body was discovered and the mules were at a standstill.

The crushed head, however, seems to show that the heavy wagon passed over it. Nobody was in the vicinity at the time of the fatal accident.

The farmer was 45 years of age, and was widely known in the community. He leaves a widow and five children.

## STRAY SHOT MAY BE FATAL

**Gunner Wounded When His Brother's**  
**Gun Accidentally Went Off**

Suffering from loss of blood through a wound in the left hip received this morning in a gunning accident, August Cretaurand is at the Harrisburg hospital in a very serious condition, not expected to live.

August had been out near Hummelstown for game with his brother, Gustave. It was about 10 o'clock this morning when Gustave hit a rabbit and in stooping to pick it up his gun fell and discharged, he says, the load going into his brother's hip.

The wounded man was taken to the office of Dr. W. C. Baker, Hummelstown, but because of the great loss of blood it was determined to bring the victim to the Harrisburg hospital. As soon as he arrived here this afternoon a saline solution was injected into his veins as a substitute for blood. His recovery is not looked for.