

220 LOST ON THE RAGLAN.

British Give Out Casualty List in Dardanelles Fight.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—Two hundred and twenty members of the crew of the British monitor Raglan, one of the vessels engaged in the recent action with the Turkish cruisers Midullu and Sultan Selim at the entrance to the Dardanelles, perished, according to the casualty list as announced tonight.

Fourteen men were wounded.

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LONDON, Jan. 24.—Absolute denial is made here of the German claim that the Goeben sank a transport of 2,000 tons, as there was none of such character in that vicinity. As for the German claim of the destruction of a signal station, nothing is known of such an event and it is pointed out that "a signal station" might consist of a hut, a mast and a man.

The British naval authorities are well pleased with the result of this little action. Two important Turko-German vessels, supported by several Turkish torpedo boats and one Turkish cruiser, as well as an unknown quantity of submarines, have been put out of action by two old monitors, a couple of destroyers, and a few seaplanes. Unfortunately there has been some loss of life among the crews of the British monitors, but this is counterbalanced by those known to have been destroyed on the Breslau and the probable loss on the Goeben. As far as is known all the enemy sailors were German.

It is believed the Goeben and the Breslau were attempting "a stunt" in the Archipelago after the fashion familiar enough in the North Sea, and perhaps, impelled by the impatience in Constantinople at the inaction of these two powerful vessels. They were detected by the British patrol as soon as they put their noses outside of the Dardanelles and from that moment their fate was sealed. The Breslau, of course, finally was disposed of and there is very little doubt that the Goeben's fate also is sealed. Two hits by bombs were registered by a British seaplane as she fled back, and after one of them a great deal of smoke was seen arising from her deck, showing that a serious explosion had taken place aboard. Since then six other hits have been registered from airplane bombs.

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