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COUNTY OF KENT IS RAIDED BY AEROPLANES

Germans Attack East Coast of Eng Desperate Fighting to Relieve British land Once More-Casualties Mostly Children-Damage Nil

German aircraft paid two visits to the Kentisl. coast Sunday. The first raid occurred at 1 o'cloc in the morning, while the second came shortly after noon. One man was killed in the first attack. The material damage was insignificant. No lamage was done in the second raid, and no casualties are reported. It is claimed by many in London that large numbers of people actually saw the air raid, and that the raiders actually reached the city of London without, however, doing damage within its boundaries. The War Office issued the following report: "Following an aerial attack on the east coast of Kent in the early hours of the morning, two hostile aeroplanes made a second attack in the same locality after noon Sunday After coming under a heavy fire the raiders disappeared, pursued by our naval and military machines. The enemy effected no so damage. No casualties are reported."

Raid by Moonlight

An official statement issued earlier in the day said: "Taking advantage heavy on both sides." of the bright moonlight, a hostile aeroplane visited the east coast of Kent at 1 o'clock this morning. After dropping nine incendiary bombs in rapid succession the aeroplane disappeared out over the North Sea. No naval or military damage was done, but private property suffered, the incendiary According to reports made after the raid the following civilian casualties occurred: One man killed, and two men, one woman and three children slightly injured."

Could Not Reach London

southeasternmost portion of England, of Rheims. In Champagne our artil- German patrol approached our trenchto the south of the Thames. It includes part of the City of London, trenches in the region of Maisons in driven off. With this exception the but the wording of the official statement indicates that the aeroplane did not reach the city. The point nearest London on the eastern coast of Kent is some fifty miles from the centre of the city. A point of interest in the official account of the raid is the stateme. t that it was nade by an aeroplane. Heretofore Germany has relied principally on Zeppelins for aerial attacks on England.

Latest "Hun" Exploit

Plan on Foot to Organize Motor Expedition to Cross Desert

Constantinople, says Milan, Italy, the grins making their final violent remotor expedition to Mesopotamia, before Scutari. The Austrians in their sending a large army composed of invasion are now in possession of all approach our area were successfully Turks and Bulgarians commanded by the chief ports and towns of Montene-German and Austrian officers to at gro, in addition the most important tack the British forces which are trading town of Albania. A Salonica threatening Bagdad. All the motor despatch says that an Austro-Hungarcars available in Constantinople are ian army has captured the city of being concentrated, and the army is Berat, 30 miles from Avlona, the prinbeing formed from troops released at cipal Albanian port. the Dardanelles and new levies from Syria. The expedition will be conducted on the same scale as the invasion of Belgium. Three thousand motor cars will be employed. Quantities of floating mines will be set adrift in the Tigris, and submarines sent forward in parts will be assembled and launched for the destruction of the British transports and gunboats in the Tigris.

Iron Stick on Belgium

May be Made With Them

An Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company states divisions, however, they were unable Lance-Corp. E. L. Babcock, 7th; that The Frankfurter Zeitung, discussing the possibility of a separate at course of the Russians against Private J. Berry, 7th; Pte. A. R. Coles peace between Germany and Belgium, the centre. The defeat of the Turks, 5th; Corp. A. K. Curry, 7th; Pte. J. says that as long as Belgium has not signed the London agreement regarding the making of a separate peace where by artillery attacks, follow d Sergt.-Major J. D. Mitheson, 4th she is free to do as her interests command. The newspaper is quoted as adding that Belgium until now has been considered by the German Chancellor as an object of exchange and that sensible Belgians ought to be told not to wait too long or Belgium will be considered as a good prize. The Amsterdam despatch says that this article has caused a sensation in Germany and that it is believed to have dred and thirty shells were launched the Government to introduce any been inspired from official sources.

Slackers Barred From Work

Unmarried men with the necessary qualifications for military service will be left out of consideration so far as the employment of Provincial fire rangers is concerned. Hon. Mr. Rer-Mines, made a statement to this effect. Any unmarried man who applies for a job of the kind mentioned must show first a certificate from a doctor that he has applied for en- "There was some mining activity at listment and has been rejected, be Maricourt, Hulluch and Givenchy. fore his application will be consider. We successfully bombarded the hos-

Britain to Bar Luxury

"It may safely te said," states The London Dispatch, "that in a few weeks time there will be no imported luxuries whatsoever Certain necessities will still be admitted, as for example, bananas for the poor, but expensive imported fr 's for the rich will be debarred. Wasteful motoring, which because it is using up shipping which brings petrol and rubber."

Huge Ice Floes in Norway

The London Daily Mail's Christiania dying enterprise. correspondent reports that the Gulf of Bothnia is filled with immense masses of ice which completely block navigation in many places, notwith-

House of Commons has passed its that such a declaration will settle the Australia prohibiting all exports to third reading.

RELIEF FORCE POUNDING AWAY FOR KUT-EL-AMARA

Troops-Metz Bombarded-Turks Decimated by Russian Fire

Heavy fighting occurred on Friday, miles from Kut-el-Amara, was the statement or the Mesopotamian cam-(the new commander in Mesopotamia) reports that General Aylmer attacked the Turkish position at Essin on Fri Fierce fighting continued through the day, with varying success. The weather throughout was movements of troops extremely difficult. Owing to the floods it was impossible to renew the attack on Satur. line. day, and General Aylmer took up a position 1,300 yards from the trenches. The weather continues very bad with

Heavy Fighting Near Rheims Office: "In Belgium the re of our arlosses to the Germans. Between Sois has been effective. sons and Rheims our trench guns seriously damaged the enemy organizations at the Cholera Farm and on the plateau of Vauclerc, and ex. have maintained an upper hand in Champagne."

Montenegro Over-run

tro-Hungarian troops. Several thou- fired on, succeeded in driving back the sand Serbians, who formed the garri- occupants towards their own trenches. son, retired towards the south without Sniper Patrick Riel of our 8th Winni- of laughter, formed a pleasing backoffering any resistance. The Austrian peg Rifles Battalion was killed by ground for the ocean, the moon, the occupation of Scutari confirms pre- shell fire on Jan. 14. He was one of heavens. Gradually the sounds bevious statements that no negotiations the best snipers of our second infantry are now proceeding between Austria brigade and had been with the 8th and Montene ro, as, according to the Battalion since its formation in Augreports concerning the original Aus- ust, 1914. He had 29 Germans to his trian offers of peace, it was under- credit. Riel was a relative of the stood that the Montenegrins were to famous rebel, Louis Riel, and came hold Scutari as compensation for Aus- from Port Arthur, Ont. tria's occupation of Mount Lovcen. The occupation of Scutari followed a desperate battle that had been raging According to news received from for the last two days, the Montene-Germans plan to organize a gigantic sistance on the Tarabosch mountains

Russian Success Maintained The defeat of the 3rd rurkish army the whole of the Canadian corps. in the Caucagus, resulting in its retirement upon Erzerum, is regarded at Petrograd as a greater victory than that at Sari Kamysh a year ago, when the same troops were so demoralized that they were only recently enabled to resume the offensive. The entire 11th Coms and parts of the 9th and gaged in the battle in the neighbor- ing Canadians: Distinguished Service hood of Lake Tortum, according to Order-Captain Ernest Charles Jack the military authorities here. Behind son, 5th Canadians; Captain Malcolm enough to make myself heard, for I German Rumors That Separate Peace these were concentrated the reserves Bell Irving, flying corps. Military from the 9th and the garrison of the Cross-Lieut. Kenneth Taylor Camp- from the houses lining the beach, and Erzerum fortress. In spite of the bell, 5th battalion. Distinguished Con- the waves, now stronger with the flood to withstand he sadden and unexpect- Sergt.-Major B. Benton, 4th battalion; it is asserted, was particularly disa Donaghue, 4th; Pte. G. L. Easton trong in the direction of Koprukui, 3rd; Pte. J. H. Lindsay, 5th; Col by assaults with the bayonet, the Rus- Sergt. J. C. Mcyerstein, 7th; Sergt Lights, leaving the key to the Erzerum | Sergt. A. Robertson, 7th; Lance-Corp.

position in Russian hands. French Bombard Metz

On Jan. 23 two French groups of aeroplanes, comprising twenty-four machines, bombarded the railway sta- dressed the following question to the tions and barracks at Metz. One hun- Government: "Is it the intention of against the objects designated. The legislation during the present session bombarding aeroplanes were escorted with the view to re-imbursing the deby two protecting squadrons, the positors of the defunct Farmers' pilots of which during the trip en- Bank?" gaged in ter combats with Fokkers and Aviatiks. The areoplanes were violently cannonaded along the whole southeast of Metz."

Mining on British Front Sunday's official statement says: tile works about Monchy and Freling-

English Paper Succumbs

The Manchester Courier, established in 1825, one of the oldest Conser- be had taken refuge. vative daily newspapers in the provinces, has fallen a victim to the war and announces its approaching suspension, "owing to the rapid rise in the price of paper." The Manchester is everywhere seen, is to be stopped Courier was purchased by Lord Northcliffe in 1904, but it was found impossible to rejuvenate the veteran journal, Northcliffe's name recently the informer whose testimony condisappearing from the front of the victed Miss Edith Cavell.

Turks Pleased to Admit Murder An Amsterdam despatch to the Exstanding the efforts of the ice-break- change Telegraph Co. says: "Accorders. The narrowest part of the gulf ing to a Berlin report the Turkish is frozen from coast to coast, some- Ministry of Marine is about to publish thing which has not occurred since a statement to the effect that a Turkthe middle of the eighteenth century. ish submarine sank the steamer Persia. The report alleges that similar Hostile aeroplanes made another statements are being published by the raid on the Kent coast near Dover. German and Austrian admiralties, it The Compulsory Act in the British being hoped by the Central Powers

ersia question."

TOPICAL REVIEW OF CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Eyewitness' Reports of Our Boys in the Trenches-Gallant Westerner Who Bagged 29 "Huns"

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Major-General Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia has received the following official communique from participated in by the British army, the Canadian general representative which is attempting to reach Kut-el- in France: Canadian General Head-Amara and the Turks. Essin, seven quarters in France, via London, Jan. 21-During the period of Jan. 7-18 there has been no material change scene of the conflict. The British in the general situation in front of were unable to drive the Turks from the Canadian corps. The weather has their positions. The following official shown decided improvement and there have beer several days of brilliant sunshine. The outstanding feature of paign was given out: "Sir Percy Lake the period has been our artillery activity. Our guns have maintained their superiority. On the fronts of both the first and second divisions we have successfully bombarded German machine gun emplacements, mine shafts and trenches. Combined shots atrocious, a pouring rain rendering have been carried out by our field batteries and heavy artillery against various fortified points in the enemy man.

Scored Direct Hits

An aeroplane ranging for one of our incessant rain. No details regarding batteries reported that a direct hit on the casualties have been received, but an emplacement of an enemy eightthey are reported to have been very inch gun caused serious damage. On Jan. 7 our siege batteries registered several direct hits on an enemy mine shaft. Timber and corrugated iron The following official communica- were seen to fiy in all directions. On tion was issued by the French War the same day 18 heavy projectiles were dropped into the German fire tillery was directed on the enemy trench, causing great havoc, and on works in the regior of Nieuport. The the 14th instant, our first artillery natural seat and began my planning. enemy occupied Sunday afternoon brigade completely demolished a Gerbombs causing several fires, all of about 200 yards of an advanced man machine gun emplacement. On saw a glimmer of light on the watery which were extinguished by 2 a.m. trench, forming a salient of c.r lines. several occasions the enemy has bom- horizon. Then the bright upper edge Our curtain of fire and the fire of our barded sections of our front line with machine guns resulted in considerable trench mortar bombs. Our retaliation

Control "No Man's Land" Our patrols have been active and

The county of Kent forms the ploded a munitions depot to the east "No Man's Land." On one occasion a lery seriously damaged the enemy es, but was detected and speedily absence of the enemy's patrols has been most marked. On Jan. 17 an officer's patrol discovered an enemy Scutari has been occupied by Aus- listening post, and although heavily

Bombed by Airmen The aviators of the enemy have been active and on two occasions have dropped bombs within our area. Little damage has been done. Several hostile machines which attempted to driven off by our airmen and artillery. A Zeppelin was observed on Jan. 13 flying at a great height some distance behind the Germai. lines. The health of our troops continues very good The number of men remaining in field ambulance is decreasing daily. Dur ing the period under review there has been but one case of trench feet in

CANADIANS HONORED

Men of the Dominion Have Decorations Awarded For Bravery

The official Gazette contains an-10th of the Turkish army were en- nouncement of awards to the follownos skillfu handling of the Turkish duct Medal-Sergt. H. Ashby, 7th; tide, would drown my voice. sians virtually destroyed three regi- J. S. McGlashan, 5th; Pte. Odlum, 7th K. Weir, 7th.

Farmers' Bank Dug Up

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux has ac

Allies Corner Grain Market

An Anglo-French corporation, with of their course, but returned undam a capital of 480,000,000 leu (about aged, except one only, which was \$96,000,000) has been formed to buy that the central powers will be unable to import needed :p_lies. It is not known what use will be made by the allies of the proposed purchases.

British Consul Arrested

A message received in London from Sofia by way of Bucharest says that British Vice-Consul Heard has been arrested by the Bulgarian authorities, despite the protest of the American charge d'affaires, in whose room

Von Bissing Again Robs The Echo Belge states that Gen.

von Bissing, Military Governor of Belgium, has fined the city of Brussels 500,000 marks (\$1.25,000) because its inhabitants have not revealed the name of the assassins of Oels Derode,

Italians Capture Greek Boats

A despatch from Palermo says that two Greek vessels, one of which was the Athanasia from New York, both carrying contraband evidently meant for the supply of submarines, were captured by an Italian ship near Syracuse. No ship named Athanasis, appears in available marine registers.

Antipodes Bars Holland

A proclam...tion has been issued in We Netherlands

onversion By F. A. MITCHEL

I selected the last two weeks in Au gust for my vacation. I am what is called a new woman-that is, I have departed from the ways of those women who sit and hold their hands, waiting for some man to come and marry

Until that summer, when I went to the seacoast, I thought that I had no romance in my nature. I was extremely practical and had no sympathy with any one who was anything else than practical. I felt quite competent to make my own living and scorned to relinquish the work to any

Nevertheless in all our natures there is the germ of romance. I first discovered this germ in me on that visit to the seashore, and, having discovered it, it grew up like a mushroom.

One evening I went down to the beach to plan some school work, for l was a teacher, and walked over a narrow strip of sand to some rocks a couple of hundred feet from the shore. Arrived there, I found a convenient

The moon was full, and presently I of the moon showed itself, and lastly the round disk stood upon the ocean. It was at this moment that I became conscious of the germ of romance within me. I forgot my work and drank in the beautiful scene-the shimmer on the water, the gilded wave crests. The starry heavens seemed to invite me to their infinite depths; the splash of the waves lulled me.

For a long while I sat enraptured by the beautiful scene. The sounds on the shore, a babel of voices, dance music in the hotels, an occasional burst came confused, the splash of waves sank into a rustle, and I fell into a

This birth of romance within me, the first romantic fervor I ever experienced, was followed by an awakening of another kind. Something cold struck my ankles, and, starting up, I saw a wave receding from my feet. All about me was the ocean. I looked toward the beach and saw that the strip of sand over which I had reached the rock had disappeared, and the water there, so far as I could see, was as deep as that before me.

This second awakening that I have spoken of was not from slumber; it was the coming of a sense of weakness. There must be an inherent feeling of dependence lying dormant in the breast of every woman however she scorns the stronger sex. At any rate, the first mental impulse that came to me on looking over those merciless waters was for some man to come and rescue me.

I could not swim a stroke. There was no boat, not even a stick of timber, near me. The sounds on the shore had ceased, the lights in the hotels were few. My voice was not strong must have been a quarter of a mile

Oh, how I longed for a man-a strong

man, a brave man-to rescue me! I had spoken at women's gatherings, stating that there was no situation a woman might enter upon that she could not extricate herself without a man's help if she would only use her brains. What use was my brain in those watery surroundings? The few square yards of rock on which I stood would soon be covered. Next I would be washed off it by the force of the waves and at last a lingering agony,

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ended by death. From one of the houses on the shore emerged a spark. It was a lighted cigar. I had always hated tobacco, but now I would give worlds if that cigar would bring the man who smoked it to save me. I called, but my voice did not reach him. He walked away; then turned and came slowly in my direction.

I took off my white petticoat and waved it as a signal of distress. He saw it and came running toward me. At the verge he stopped and looked about him, evidently for a boat. Seeing none, he threw off his coat and vest, for there was no time to waste. Then, divesting himself of his shoes, he walked toward me till the water was up to his chin; then began to swim. When he reached me I wound my arms about him so tightly that, strong as he was, he found difficulty in loosening them. Then putting an arm under one of mine he drew me into the water and swam with me to the shore.

This task was a difficult one, for so frightened was I that I kept clutching him and impeding his movements. At last, in order to save both of us from drowning, he struck me on the forehead with his clinched fist to stun me. He only partly succeeded in rendering me unconscious, but I was thankful for the blow, for it made me oblivious to the danger. I remained passive. and he succeeded in getting me to the

As he dragged me from the water and was laving me on the sand I regained sufficient consciousness to wind my arms around him again. He is now my husband and I am glad to acknowledge my dependence on him.

The Eskimo Baby. The clothing of the Eskimo baby is often very scanty. In fact, one occasionally sees a baby being carried in its mother's hood with only a cotton. shirt on, despite the fact that the thermometer registers 20 degrees below zero. The mother's hood is the baby's cradle. Being made of seal or deer skin, it is warm and wind proof. The infant also has the benefit of the heat of its mother's body and is out of harm's way. If it were laid in a basket cradle in the tent it would be very much in the way and would always be in danger of falling a prey to the wolfish Eskimo dogs that prowl round the door by day and night, ever ready to pick up a dainty morsel.

Arms and the Men. "I see you have your arm in a sling," said the inquisitive passenger. "Broken, is it?"

"Yes, sir," responded the other pas-

"Meet with an accident?"

"No. Broke it while I was trying to pat myself on the back." "Great Scott! What for?"

"For minding my own business." "I see. Never could happen to me, could it?"

"No." "And if it did I wouldn't be blame fool enough to tell it." Then there was silence in the car.

The Change of a Name. How family names change in the course of many years is illustrated by

the conversion of "Botevile" into "Thynne." An English deed bearing date in the closing days of the fifteenth century shows three brothers then flourishing-John Botevile of Botevile and Thomas and William Botevile. The trio are distinguished from all other Boteviles by the explanation "of the Inne," or family residence, the title to which had come to their joint possession. John's grandson was known as Ralph Botevile-ofthe-Inne, from which the transition to Ralph Thynne is easy. His descendants have been Thynnes ever since.

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