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VEIL OF WAR'S SECRECY LIFTED

UNCOVERING HORRIBLE DETAILS OF LONDON AIR RAIDS

Zeppelin's First Visit May 31, 1915— Last Air Raid May 19, 1918— Many Civilians Killed in Raids.

In Canada we used to read vague official statements of the air raids. We used to hear that Zeppelins or airplanes appeared over the outlying districts of London, and that a certain number of people had been killed and injured. Occasionally the veil was lifted to some extent, as, for instance, when we were supplied with details of the slaughter of the innocents in the Poplar School infant class.

Now that the veil has been lifted, it can be said that at most in four of the fourteen chief raids was any damage of military importance done. One of these occasions was when a bomb fell on part of the arsenal at Woolwich, in October, 1915, doing damage to stores and machine gun factory. Another was in June, 1917, when the Liverpool street station was bombed, and the third in July, of the same year, when the Central Telegraph Office in the G.P.O. suffered considerable loss to plant, though the system was not much interfered with.

First Bombs Fall. The first of the raids took place on May 31st, 1915, when a Zeppelin appeared over London and six persons were killed.

On September 8th, 1915, occurred the most destructive of all the air raids from the standpoint of money loss. Fires were started and property otherwise destroyed to the value of \$10,000,000 in the one night.

The night before three Zeppelins had appeared, and one of the bombs dropped missed the Tower of London by five hundred yards. Ten persons were killed and forty-three injured in that raid. On the night of the 8th many city warehouses were destroyed, including one silk warehouse, where alone the damage was \$100,000.

Various Theories. What actually occurred will never be known with absolute certainty, but the charge of the critics of the Admiralty has always been that the fast tight doors of the ammunition hoists were not faultless, and that explosions in the turrets caused by enemy shells communicated with the magazines and resulted in the destruction of the ships.

It was on September 4th, 1917, that Cleopatra's Needle on the Embankment was shipped. In this raid eleven persons were killed and sixty-two injured.

On September 24th, 1917, the Huns nearly got the House of Parliament, a bomb dropping into the Thames alongside and throwing up a column of water sixty feet high.

On February 16th, and 17th twenty-seven people were killed and fifty-three injured.

A raid on March 7th, 1918, killed twenty and injured forty-five.

The last raid took place on May 19th, 1918. Of the twenty or thirty enemy airplanes which took part, ten were destroyed. Forty-four people were killed and 179 injured.

Montreal Daily Star advertisement for CHEW STAG TOBACCO featuring a stag logo and the slogan 'Ever-lastingly Good'.

ONE OF THE MYSTERIES OF WAR

THE LOSS OF 3 BRITISH CRUISERS AT BATTLE OF JUTLAND. Theory That Vessels Were Sunk by Assembling Cordite in Turrets in Defence of the Regulations.

One of the great mysteries of the war is the loss of Admiral Beatty's three great battle cruisers—the Queen Mary, the Indefatigable and the Invincible—in the battle of Jutland.

Two of these magnificent fighting ships were lost early in the engagement within a few minutes of each other, the third being sunk later in the day. All three sank with great rapidity after being hit, the suggestion being that their magazines were exploded by a lucky enemy shot.

Various theories have been advanced as to what occurred, but the Pall Mall Gazette professes to have obtained from "a source of unimpeachable authority" an explanation of the true facts.

The sinking of the Queen Mary, with 1,550 lives; the Indefatigable, with 962 lives; and the Invincible, with 274 lives, has never been explained.

War Longer Than Expected. When criticizing much of the new construction of the early months of war—and nearly all the criticisms have regard to the construction of that period—it must be borne in mind that the War Cabinet issued instructions to the Admiralty in the belief that the war would, or could, not last more than a few weeks.

The monitors, or certain classes of these useful vessels, have been described in scathing terms, but these "gun platforms" have done magnificent work.

The wireless station at Carnarvon, Wales, has succeeded in sending messages clearly to Sydney, Australia, a distance of 12,000 miles.

The Weekly Fashions advertisement featuring a woman in a long dress and hat, with text describing the outfit.

THE TOMB OF A U-BOAT. Patches of Oil Rising All Around Showed Grave of Submarine. Surprise and a cheery call brought me on deck.

Enthusiasts. That your real enthusiast is never dampened is amply borne out even under the vilest conditions of warfare.

THE FIRST MAXIM GUN. The Inventor's First Weapon Was a Tin Pea-Shooter. When the late Sir Hiram Steven Maxim was a boy, opposite his parents' house in Brooklyn lived a physician who had a pretty servant-girl.

Wonderful! An Irish housekeeper was showing to some visitors the family portraits in the picture gallery.

To Keep Eyeglasses Clean. To keep eyeglasses from steaming in cold weather rub with vasoline and polish with a silk handkerchief.

MINARD'S THE OLD RELIABLE—Try It MINARD'S LINIMENT CO., Ltd. Yarmouth, N.S.

Hotel Del Coronado Coronado Beach, California Where the balmy yet invigorating climate makes possible the enjoyment of outdoor sports throughout the winter months.

YES! MAGICALLY! CORNS LIFT OUT WITH FINGERS advertisement with an illustration of a woman's hand.

THE SOLITARY GRAVE. Upon the farm he loved so well, Looking across the acres wide, Where wild flowers bloom and sunshine streams, They laid his body, when he died.

MONETARY ORDERS. Remit by Dominion Express Money Order. If lost or stolen you get your money back.

Hints To Poultry Keepers. 1. Keep better poultry. Standard bred poultry increases production and improves the quality.

WHEN YOU SUFFER FROM RHEUMATISM Almost any man will tell you that Sloan's Liniment means relief.

Sloan's Liniment Kills Pain advertisement with an illustration of a person in pain.

HIRST'S PAIN EXTERMINATOR STOPS THE PAIN—AND ACTS QUICKLY advertisement with an illustration of a person holding their head.

Hotel Del Coronado Coronado Beach, California advertisement with detailed text about the hotel's amenities and location.

LOST ESCAPED BLACK FOX, FAY SUIT advertisement with details about the search and reward.

A Cure for Bad Breath advertisement with an illustration of a person and text about dental hygiene.

ASTHMA INSTANTLY RELIEVED WITH ASTHMADOR advertisement with an illustration of a person and text about asthma treatment.

ABSORBINE advertisement with an illustration of a person and text about skin care and relief.

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