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THREE ENGLISH COAST TOWNS BOMBARDED

ENGLAND SUFFERS FROM GERMAN RAID

East Coast Towns of Scarborough, Hartlepool and Whitby Shelled by German Cruisers and Several People Killed.

Churches and Buildings Were Badly Damaged--Strict Censorship Prevents Full Details Being Known--People at First Thought the Firing Was the British Practising.

Hull, Dec. 16.—Three churches are reported to have been partially destroyed, the gas works set on fire, two railway platforms destroyed and numerous buildings damaged when four German cruisers, bombarded Scarborough, the famous seaside resort of England, to-day. Thrown into a panic by the shells which crashed into the town from the warships, people poured from their homes and hurried to the railway stations, taking trains for Hull and other towns. The early morning train reaching here brought many refugees, who brought stories of great damage done to the town.

Between forty and fifty shells fell in Scarborough. The three churches were among the first buildings struck. The exploding of shells set the buildings on fire. The Germans also directed their aim upon the railroad station, but only succeeded in causing comparatively slight damage there in the destruction of two platforms. As the German gunners got the range, other buildings were damaged, and the entire town thrown into the wildest confusion.

The German cruisers approached startlingly close to the coast line. With the firing of the first shots, they seemed to get the range immediately and then rained shells into all sections of the town.

People Rushed Into the Streets.

The bombardment began at 7.50 a.m. The train which arrived at Hull was just leaving the station as shells began to fall. Practically the entire population of the town had rushed into the streets and those nearest the station rushed aboard the train for safety. As the train left Scarborough, the booming of the German guns could still be heard off the coast.

The government censors now control telephone and telegraph wires from Scarborough. Immediately after the first word of the bombardment reached Hull by telephone the censors assumed control.

Thought It Was British Practising.

The refugees from Scarborough declared that when they first heard of the firing off shore, they thought it was simply British battleships practising. No attention was paid to the cannonade. Then a house was struck by a shell and crumpled into a heap of ruins. A few moments later, the Balmoral hotel was struck and immediately took fire. Shells began to arrive close together by this time. Other houses and buildings were struck and burst into flames.

Nine People Were Killed.

London, Dec. 16.—Nine people are reported killed and many injured in the bombardment of Hartlepool. The first word bringing details of the attack by German cruisers on this town declared that the post office had been struck by a shell.

War Office Statement.

London, Dec. 16.—A statement from the war office, supplementing an earlier announcement from the admiral, this afternoon, says:

"The fortress commander at West Hartlepool reports that German war vessels engaged the fortress between eight and nine o'clock this morning. They were driven off.

"A small German vessel also opened fire on Scarborough and Whitby."

The report from the war office does not agree with the stories told by refugees from Scarborough. They declare four German cruisers participated in the bombardment of the town. From Whitby, it is also stated that two cruisers were engaged, instead of one.

Some Details of the Damage Done.

London, Dec. 16.—One person is reported to have been killed at Whitby. In addition to the historic abbey, which was partially destroyed, a number of houses were demolished.

About fifty shells were fired on each of the three

All Eyes On British Sea Lords



HON. WINSTON CHURCHILL



ADMIRAL BARON FISHER

towns of Scarborough, Whitby and Hartlepool.

At least one person is known to have been killed by the German bombardment at Scarborough. Refugees at Hull stated that a woman clerk in a store was killed while attending to her duties behind the counter.

Lloyd's agent at West Hartlepool reported that the bombardment of Hartlepool lasted from 6.20 to 8.45 a.m. Considerable damage was done to property, he said.

The German raid is believed to have started from Cuxhaven or Wilhelmshaven, German naval bases south of the Kiel canal, and about 310 miles from the British coast.

HON. ROBERT JAFFRAY DIED AT TORONTO

Deceased Was Senator, and President of Toronto Globe and Imperial Bank.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Hon. Robert Jaffray, senator of Canada, president of the Globe, recently elected president of the Imperial Bank, and one of the most prominent men in Toronto, passed away at 4 a.m., after a brief illness. Mr. Jaffray was in his eighty-second year.

Hon. Mr. Jaffray was in his usual health on Friday last, and during that night was taken ill. Doctors were summoned at once and realized that the attack was very severe. The senator was conscious to the last. At the bedside was his son, W. C. Jaffray, and the daughters, Mrs. Eaton, of Owen Sound, and Mrs. Wellington Cameron, and Mr. Cameron. Another son, Rev. Robert Jaffray, is Presbyterian missionary at Wu Chow, China.

INTERNED AT PETAWAWA.

There Are Now 370 Prisoners of War There.

Petawawa, Dec. 16.—Col. J. M. Balderson, of Perth, commander of the 42nd Regiment, Lanark and Renfrew, arrived here yesterday with fifty men of his regiment. He was accompanied by Major E. De Hertel, also of Perth. The guard of one hundred men ordered to be supplied by the 42nd Regiment is now complete. Of the men who arrived to-day 35 are from Smith's Falls and 15 from Carleton Place, which makes the total number of men from the 42nd Regiment now on active service here and with the first and second overseas contingents four hundred and fifty.

The number of prisoners of war now interned here is two hundred and seventy which is expected to be increased to eight hundred within the next week.

Provided With Nightshirts.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 16.—Nightshirts are to be worn to-night by inmates of the state prison in Charlestown for the first time, it is said, in the history of penal institutions. Sixteen hundred of them were ready to-day for distribution among the prisoners, each of whom will be supplied with two. Four hundred new iron beds, with springs and mattresses, will take the place of old-fashioned slab bunks in the old section of the prison.

Sir Robert Borden left yesterday for his promised visit to the maritime provinces.

DECLARES GERMANY WILL LAST LONGEST

Field Marshal von Der Goltz Believes Endurance Will Determine War Result.

Berlin, via the Hague and London, Dec. 16.—The correspondent of the Tageblatt in Sofia, Bulgaria, telegraphs an interview he had with Field Marshal von Der Goltz when the latter was on his way to Constantinople.

Answering questions regarding the war situation in the west the field marshal pointed out that an army of millions of German soldiers was in the enemy's country and that the richest French provinces were occupied. "We don't underestimate our opponents," he said. "The French and English fight with utter contempt for death, but we are gradually winning ground, and are convinced that some day the enemy's resistance will be broken."

"Germany is prepared to wage the war for years, and the side which is able to stand the most and has the best discipline is bound to win. The enthusiasm and morale of the German soldier, fostered by good supply arrangements, we are sure, will ultimately make us victorious."

FALES INTO HANDS OF GIRLS

Man Trained By 29 Has to Sample Their Cooking.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 16.—Walter Depp, the young wife-hunting architect, who asked a paper to find him a wife a few weeks ago, saying that he was possessed of a good digestion, had an experience Tuesday night that has somewhat discouraged his matrimonial inclinations. Depp received a letter from a girl asking him to call. When he arrived at the house he was surrounded by 29 girls, all of them residents of the big boarding house and every one had a sample of her cooking which Depp was obliged to taste.

Called "Inmate," Not "Convict."

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 16.—The word "convict," referring to prisoners, is no longer in use at the Connecticut state prison. This is one of a number of changes in rules made recently by Warden Ward A. Garner, and which, the warden says, has had a beneficial effect on the prisoners. The word "inmate" or "prisoner" is now used in informal talk, addressing the prisoners and on the printed matter.

Word has been received in Calgary that Robert Miller, was badly wounded in the battle of Ypres.

VIOLENT BOMBARDMENT OF WESTENDE BY BRITISH

Paris, Dec. 16.—Violent bombardment of Westende by British warships seeking to drive back its German occupants, was reported in today's official communique. The statement indicated the greatest activity yesterday in the western war zone. It was asserted that the Belgian troops had repulsed counter-attacks by the Germans and had occupied farms along the left bank of the Yser.

In the regions of Arras, Aisne and Champagne, an artillery duel was continually in progress, the French obtaining an advantage at several points.

In the Westre region the French are declared to have repulsed several attacks.

BLACKEST FAMINE NEAR.

Declare The Belgians In Appeal To Americans.

London, Dec. 16.—"If somebody does not come to our aid, God knows what will become of us," write two leading residents of Blankenburghe, West Flanders, in a pathetic appeal they presented to-day to the representative at Rotterdam of the American Commission for Relief in Belgium. These men were deputed to seek relief on behalf of Hoyst, Wundayne and several other communities as well as Blankenburghe, in all of which they say "the situation is so grave that if in the near future food does not arrive they will be plunged in blackest famine."

The plight of these places is particularly desperate because they are cut off from all communication with the rest of Belgium—even with Bruges, capital of the province in which they are situated.

Blankenburghe, the appeal says, has received no contributions of money or supplies from any source up to the present and has contrived to feed 1,600 persons daily, but now the funds of the community are completely exhausted.

COULD NOT KINGSTON BUILD

Some Submarines For The British Navy?

An article recently appeared stating that the dry dock company of Fort Arthur was making efforts to secure the building of submarines for the British navy at its works. It seems that if this work can be done at Fort Arthur an effort should be made by the local shipbuilding yard, through the Dominion government at Ottawa, to obtain a part of the contract, recently awarded of twenty million dollars for submarines. A local representative should be sent to Ottawa to try to facilitate the placing of orders and outlining facts in regard to the local companies and their plants.

The promise exacted by President Wilson from President Schaub, of the Pittsburgh Steel company, that he would not build submarines for the British government in the United States, obliges the United States Steel company to construct these ships in Canada.

The Board of Trade should make an effort to obtain this work for Kingston.

LOOKING FOR WIFE.

Has A Letter From President Wilson To Kaiser.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 16.—Bearing a personal letter from President Wilson to Emperor William to aid him in his search for his wife, lost in Germany since the outbreak of the war, Edward E. Muecke, of San Francisco, United States vice-consul at Iquique, Chile, sailed for Europe yesterday on the steamer Canopic. Muecke fears his wife is ill and penniless. She went to Germany over a year ago for her health and when the war broke out her letters, which Muecke had before received regularly, ceased.

LASTED HALF HOUR.

Hull, Eng., Dec. 16.—The latest refugee to reach Hull from Scarborough this afternoon said "he saw three persons killed by the bursting of German shells. His own home was not damaged, but the houses of neighbors only two doors away were demolished. The bombardment lasted half an hour. At West Hartlepool great damage was done to the town. The bursting shells blew great craters in the streets. At Hartlepool, a shell crashed through the window of Lloyd's bank. It exploded, wrecking the interior and causing great damage."

Son of Former Premier Dead

Paris, Dec. 16.—A son of former Premier Barthou has died from wounds received at Thann. Although only eighteen years old, young Barthou volunteered during the first days of the war. He declined to accept an easy place on the war staff, and requested to be sent to the firing line, where he won the highest praise for courage from his chiefs.

Banished to Siberia.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Baron Carl von Martfeld, who owns a fine estate at Kardenang, near Libau, and the most prominent German noble in the Russian Baltic provinces, has been banished by the military chief of the district to Dwinsk, near Tomsk, Siberia. The excitement of the Baltic nobility because of this incident is reported to be great.

Shackleton Expedition Sets Out.

Sydney, N.S.W., Dec. 16.—The steamer Aurora left here Tuesday having on board that section of the Antarctic expedition of Sir Ernest Shackleton which is to make its way to the Ross Sea, on the New Zealand side of the Antarctic. This expedition expects to make a landing about the middle of January.

A subscription of \$5 was received to-day by the president of the Board of Trade from Miss Hickey, for the Belgian Relief Fund.

TWO GERMAN CRUISERS ARE REPORTED SUNK

British Squadron Engaged the Raiders Which Can Hardly Escape--A Strict Censorship Prevails at the East Coast Cities.

London, Dec. 16.—Four British destroyers attacked the German cruisers which bombarded Hartlepool to-day after fifty shells had been fired upon the town and great damage inflicted.

The destroyers assailed the Germans as they were starting to draw off. Details of the naval engagement are lacking, owing to the censorship which has been established on all telephone and telegraph lines. The report of the attack by destroyers reached here from Newcastle.

Reports were circulated here late this afternoon that the British fleet, which went in pursuit of the German vessels, engaged in the bombardment of English coast cities, had succeeded in sinking two of the enemy's ships.

There were also reports that the British fleet had suffered some damage. The press bureau would not confirm either these or scores of other rumors in circulation here.

The admiralty has commandeered all telegraph lines from London to the east coast cities, and it is impossible to get messages through.

Only a Raid For Revenge.

London, Dec. 16.—To-day's raid on the English coast by the German cruisers is probably an isolated attack and does not suggest itself as an indication that the Kaiser's Kiel fleet has been ordered to put Britain's super-dreadnaughts to the test. The bombardment of Scarborough, Whitby and Hartlepool are doubtless no more than a desperate search for revenge for the destruction of Admiral Von Spee's squadron. It is hardly likely that the attacking German fleet will be able to get back to its base.

A sea battle is in progress this afternoon in the North Sea with the German cruisers which bombarded Hartlepool, and part of the British fleet.

Seaplanes are patrolling the Northumberland coast to guard against another attack upon English cities by German ships, which might succeed in disengaging themselves from the battle. The fight started off Hartlepool. The latest reports merely stated the battle was proceeding. No details could be obtained owing to the censorship which has been established. Rumors of losses on both sides were widely circulated, but were without confirmation.

DAILY MEMORANDUM.

Band at Palace rink to-night.
Domestic Science bazaar, Friday.
Vaudeville, Grand Opera House, 7.30 p.m.
"The Rogue's Comedy," Grand Opera House, 8.15 p.m.
See top of page 2, right hand corner, for probabilities.
Engineers' Association meets to-morrow, Labor Hall, at 8 p.m.

MARRIED.

THOMPSON-KOWAN.—At Winnipeg, Minn., on Dec. 14th, 1914, by Rev. J. E. Hutton, of Grace, Methodist church, Nettie Marion, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald J. Cowan, Kilmuir, Ont., to Arthur Strachan Thompson, youngest son of the late J. Duncan Thompson, Kingston, Ont.

BORN.

SAVAGE.—In this city, at 321 Barrie St., on Dec. 14th, 1914, at 3 a.m. to Mrs. A. Savage, a son.

DIED.

SAVAGE.—In this city, at 321 Barrie St., on Dec. 14th, 1914, at 2 a.m., infant son of Mrs. A. Savage.
HUNT.—In Kingston, on Dec. 16th, 1914, at 11 a.m., of Mrs. J. W. Hunt. Funeral will leave the family residence, 114 Johnson St., on Friday morning at 2.15, for St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung for the happy repose of his soul. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

Liberal Majority Reduced.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The death of Senator Jaffray reduces the liberal majority in the upper house still further. When the eight vacancies are filled by the appointment of conservatives, the liberal majority in the upper house will be eleven. The death of six more liberal senators will give the conservatives a majority in the senate.

Dog Returns After 14 Years.

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 16.—Fourteen years ago, believing he was about to die, Hiram Weather, a steamboat man of this city, gave his pet Scotch collie dog to James Northrup, of Louisville. Recently the dog returned to the city, and, finding his old master, wagged his tail in glee. The dog showed signs of travel. It is believed he came alone from Louisville.

William Marconi is among those who will be appointed senators New Year's day by King Victor Emmanuel.

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