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GREAT BRITISH TRIUMPH IN THE MOST IMPORTANT NAVAL BATTLE OF THE WAR

King George Sends Congratulations To Vice Admiral Beatty

No Word Yet as to Result of Conflict Among Smaller Vessels — Berlin Lie Promptly Nailed — London and New York Agree on Significance of First Clash of Capital Ships

London, Jan. 25.—King George today sent to Vice Admiral Sir David Beatty, a personal message of congratulation on the victory won by his fleet over a German squadron of powerful cruisers in the North Sea, on Sunday.

This conflict, fought early on Sunday morning, North of the Frisian Islands, is believed to have prevented another bombardment of English coast towns. The British naval victory came at an opportune time to calm the fears aroused by the recent shelling of Hartlepool, Whitby and Scarborough and the Zeppelin raids over towns little more than 100 miles from London.

A statement issued in Berlin today saying that a British cruiser was reported to have been sunk in the battle, was declared by English naval officials to be an attempt to minimize the victory of Sir David Beatty. The reported loss of the English cruiser was flatly denied and the admiralty reaffirmed its declaration that the English casualties had been few. While the Germans say that all the vessels in their fleet, except the Blücher, returned to their harbor, British admiralty officials declare that two of the Kaiser's cruisers were badly damaged by the guns of the Lion, Princess Royal, New Zealand, Indomitable and Tiger.

ARE BADLY CRIPPLED This belief is confirmed, as concerns one of the German cruisers at least, by a despatch from Amsterdam. This message states that advice from Schiermonnik-Oog, a Dutch island in the North Sea, brings the news that a four funneled German cruiser, apparently badly damaged, was spotted there late yesterday afternoon sailing toward the east. The cruiser was steaming at a slow speed, and seemed to have been crippled. This vessel is believed here to have been one of those which participated in Sunday morning's battle.

WHAT PAPERS SAY

Signal Victory For British and Revenge For Scarborough—New York and London Agree

London, Jan. 25.—The New York Herald's naval correspondent writes: "The engagement was between the first-class ships—the most powerful and the most modern British and German ships of a type combining heavy armament power with high speed, and the result was a signal victory for British gunners. The effect appears to be a severe blow crippling the future fighting efficiency of the German fleet by destroying the effectiveness of the main van of battle cruiser squadrons.

"Incidentally it was an avenging of the slaughter of the innocents by the sending of the Blücher, one of the Scarborough raiders, to the bottom. It would perhaps be unkind to recall that he men recruited by the British were the very ones that trained their guns on the undefended homes. It was apparent that the Germans were out for another raid, this time in greater force than ever before."

The Times' naval correspondent, assumes that from the composition of the German squadron, as announced by the official press bureau, it was intended that the adventure should be on a large scale and at a long distance from the German base.

"Probably," the correspondent adds, "the squadrons met in the early morning and apparently a running fight of 100 miles or more occurred at thirty miles an hour. It does great credit to the marksmanship of the British gunners that at such a rate of speed they should have inflicted such serious damage on the retreating enemy."

"The names of the four German cruisers include all the effective vessels of this class in German waters, except the 'Der Tauch', which recently was reported to have suffered an injury of some sort. Thus, with the Blücher, sunk, and two others damaged, the strength of the German battle fleet in this respect, has been reduced to a couple of ships. Probably, if the Derfingler were leading, it may have been the Seydlitz and the Tolk which were damaged. By this action the Germans are deprived of the services of the fast wing to their battle fleet."

PHILIX AND PARCELIAND WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, H. P. Stuart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A disturbance which was over the Gulf of Mexico on Saturday has moved to the Middle Atlantic States, and is now causing a snowfall in southern Ontario and Western Nova Scotia.

The weather continues very cold in western provinces and moderately cold in the other provinces. Storm signals are displayed in the maritime provinces.

Colder Maritime—Easterly gales with snow or rain; Tuesday, westerly winds and clearing.

New England—Snow and colder to night; Tuesday, partly cloudy and light; diminishing winds becoming light.

London Lord Bishop on the Firing Line



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FOR EIGHT YEARS TRYING TO GET HARRY THAW FREE

He is Now in the Tombs, New York, and Another Legal Battle is to Begin

New York, Jan. 25.—The long legal fight for Harry K. Thaw's freedom which started in January 1907, when his trial for the murder of Stanford White, was begun, was expected to be resumed today with his arraignment before Justice Das in the criminal branch of the supreme court, with an indictment charging that he conspired with Richard Butler, Eugene Dwyer, and other persons, to effect his escape from the state hospital for the criminal insane at Matteawan in August, 1913.

Thaw reached New York yesterday from New Hampshire, in custody of Sheriff Hornbeck of Dutchess county. He was taken to the Tombs prison. No member of Thaw's family was at the station to meet him, and his mother, Mrs. Mary C. Thaw, was not permitted to visit him at the Tombs. Abel Smith, Jr., counsel for Thaw, called at the Tombs but was told that he could not see his client until today without an order from the supreme court. Thaw made no complaint and, according to the keepers, remained cheerful throughout the day.

New York, Jan. 25.—A motion to have Harry K. Thaw sent to Bellevue Hospital so that it might be determined whether or not he were sane, was made today by Thaw's attorneys. Decision on the motion was reserved. He will be arraigned on Wednesday.

NORTH SEA SAILORS GRATEFUL FOR AID

Lady Jellicoe Writes to R. K. Y. C. That Gifts Are Much Appreciated—Total Raised Nearly \$1,700

As a result of the automobile drawing the R. K. Y. C. will be able to send to Lady Jellicoe for her fund to buy comforts for the North Sea sailors of the British fleet the sum of \$1,200.49 other today or tomorrow. With donations of \$486.68 already forwarded this makes a total of \$1,687.15 raised by the club.

In acknowledgement of the first remittance the secretary of the R. K. Y. C. has received the following letter from Lady Jellicoe:

"Dear Secretary: Will you thank most warmly all those who have subscribed most generously to my fund. We are indeed grateful for the draft of £100 safely received.

"The sailors much appreciate all that is being done for them. I wish it were only possible for you to see the letters of thanks I get from the men.

"Yours truly, GWENDOLYN JELICOE, 29 Sussex street, Hyde Park, London.

DIED IN FREDERICTON

News reached the city today telling of the death of Mrs. Catherine Flewelling, widow of Gullford Flewelling of Hampton. She died in Fredericton in her 70th year. She was a native of Scotland, but had resided in Hampton almost all her life. Her body will be taken there for burial. The funeral being conducted on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 from the home of her son, Robert G. Flewelling. Mrs. Flewelling was respected by a large circle of friends in Hampton, including her sons, Robert G. and Samuel H. Perry's Point, Robert G. and Samuel H. Perry's Point, and three daughters, Mrs. John A. McKinnon, of Fredericton, at whose home she died; Miss Besie Flewelling and Mrs. Benjamin Flower both of Kamsbat, Saskatchewan.

ASSESSMENT INCREASE IS \$24,900

County Figures Larger Than Expected, Making Increase in Tax Rate Larger Than Law Allows

The revised county estimates were handed to A. W. Sharp, chairman of the board of assessors, on Saturday with the result that Mr. Sharp was able to fix definitely the total increase in assessment this year at \$24,900. The county increase proved larger than expected, making up \$10,000 of the total and the city \$14,900.

Pay Checks of The 26th Reached Total of \$30,000; Local News of The War

Various conjectures have been made as to when the members of the second contingent, now in training at St. John, Halifax and Fredericton, would be sent away, and the general belief is that it will not be for at least a month or more. For one reason they have not been thoroughly inspected yet. The city inspection has been made, that by Major-General Hughes, but the second has yet to come, and it will be an exciting enquiry into the efficiency of the officers and men alike, the equipment, interior economy and other essentials. This inspection is to be made by a board of three experienced officers headed by General Lesard. They are now inspecting western units, and it will be at least a fortnight, if not more, before they can complete their cross-country tour to examine the troops in the east. Some think that it may be even longer. With this in mind, and the fact that some of the units, the Army Service Corps, particularly, have not as yet received their complete equipment, the opinion prevails that it will be at least a month, if not longer, before the orders to embark for overseas are given.

Meas Much to City Aside from the honor attached to the mobilization of the fighting troops at St. John as a centre, and the fact that those who volunteered from the city are within immediate reach of their homes, it means much in a financial way to have them here. When it is considered that the pay checks for the 26th Battalion alone will amount to \$30,000, it will be readily understood that the use of this city as a point of muster for so many is significant. A business man, Mr. J. H. A. Cody, who is in charge of the average wage amount for the one battalion without counting the money spent in supplies, equipment and other fixtures.

Announcement of the appointment of Major Markham of the 8th Princess Louise Hussars to the command of "A" Squadron, of the 6th Mounted Rifles, is being generally accepted as correct, although no official statement has yet been made. With all who know him the selection will be received with popular favor, for he has been an efficient officer of the Hussars since he has been connected with the militia for many years. His appointment to the important post will undoubtedly mean the promotion of Major Inge of Charlottetown, to the office of second in command under Lieut. Col. Ryan.

Indoor Drill The storm today kept the members of the 26th Battalion and the Army Service Corps, No. 5 Co., indoors for drill, and a stiff programme of routine activities was carried out.

Nurses Leave Two young nurses of St. John, Misses Florrie Armstrong and Joyce Whitehead left at noon today to report at headquarters at Halifax as nursing sisters on the second expeditionary force. Quite a number of their friends were assembled at the depot to wish them farewell and all success.

Exchanged Salutes The members of the Boy Scouts of St. John's and German Scouts of the church paraded to morning service in the former church yesterday, and heard an interesting sermon by Rev. H. A. Cody. When the Scouts were marching away from the church, an interesting event happened. The members of the 26th Battalion were returning to the barracks, and when they approached the juniors in training the latter halted and there was an exchange of salutations on the march, the colors being honored, and each company as it passed saluted by all of the salute from the Boy Scouts.

HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE C.P.R. IN THE CITY TODAY

Two visitors to the city today were G. J. Bury and A. D. McTier, prominent in C. P. R. circles of Montreal, the latter being general manager, and the former new first president. They arrived in the private car "Loch Lomond" attached to the Montreal express. They spent the afternoon at the Atlantic division, who had been on the line on a trip of inspection.

Mr. Bury is making his first trip to St. John in his capacity as first vice president. With Mr. McTier he will inspect the local properties of the company here before leaving the city on a special train about eleven o'clock tonight.

ERECT MONUMENT TO MONCTON MAN OF THE FIRST CONTINGENT

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 25.—Gunner Gordon Wilson, son of Eben Wilson, of Hildesrade, near Moncton, a member of the 5th Moncton Field Battery, with the First Contingent, will have a monument erected to his memory by his comrades of the battery in England. One of the battery members writes here: "On parade, Major Anderson asked all who wanted to contribute to set two paces front. Not a man was left in the old rank."

George C. Tower, arrested in St. John, was found guilty this morning of the theft of \$7 and a ring from an Albert street house. Sentence was suspended. He was turned over to the Amherst police who want him on various charges.

As the result of evidence in the Tower case an Albert street woman is charged with keeping a house of ill repute.

COLONEL WILLIAMS BETTER

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 25.—The militia authorities were relieved today to hear that Colonel Victor Williams was better. The doctors who diagnosed his case have decided he was not suffering from cerebral meningitis.

FOUNDER OF ELDER-DEMPESTER LINE DEAD

Southport, Eng., Jan. 25.—Alexander Elder, the founder of the Elder-Dempster steamship line, died here today.

Look For Important Events In Western Theatre This Week

Germans Likely to Try to Cheer Kaiser by a Victory on Wednesday, His Birthday—Strenuous Fighting Goes On

Paris, Jan. 25.—This is expected to be an important week in the operations in the western theatre of war, as there is good reason to believe that the invaders will try to give the Kaiser a birthday gift on Wednesday. French and British airmen have reported important German concentrations in West Flanders and along the German centre during the last three days.

The French are reported to have evacuated St. Georges, south of Nieupoort, in Belgium, as a result of the combination of floods and German artillery fire. The French village of LaBoisselee has been destroyed by the German guns. In the district around St. Hubert and Tour De Paris, in that section of the Argonne known as the burned forest, the Germans succeeded in blowing up fifty yards of French trenches, but the other positions of the French are being maintained.

According to late despatches from Upper Alsace, the struggle at Hartmannsweilerkopf, between four and five miles north of Steinbach, is still in progress with the French on the offensive. The French had penetrated as far as the barbed wire entanglements of the German trenches last night, and had thrown up hasty earthworks from which they could launch a fresh attack at daylight.

There are indications that another fight is developing for the possession of the heights on the Aisne, northeast of Soissons. The French shelled the German positions all day on Sunday.

FRENCH SUMMARY Paris, Jan. 25.—The French War Office this afternoon reported: "In Belgium we have made slight progress at a point to the east of St. Georges; on the rest of this front there were, yesterday, artillery duels. "From the Lys to the Oise, there was, yesterday, an intermittent cannonading."

"On the front along the Aisne there is nothing to report, except that at Berry-au-Bac a counter attack of the enemy yesterday morning was repulsed and the disputed trenches remain in our possession. "In Champagne we have demolished several field works and protections of the enemy. "In the Argonne, in the forest of La Grurie, a very spirited fusillade was stopped by the efficient shooting of our batteries. "On the Meuse the destruction of the bridges of St. Mihel was accomplished by our artillery. "In the Vosges and in Alsace there has been very heavy fog."

An Austrian Report London, Jan. 25.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Central News says: "According to Vienna reports the Russian assaults on Przemyel have practically ceased. There are 600 Russian prisoners in the fortress."

London, Jan. 25.—Although Vienna reports enlarge upon Austrian successes in Bukovina, contending that the Russians are retreating with heavy losses of munitions and prisoners, a wireless despatch from Vienna early today, giving an official communication issued there, says only this about the fighting in that region: "In Bukovina quiet reigns after our last successful battles."

The communication also tells of fighting between the Carpathians as follows: "In the Carpathians, the Russians were driven out of several trenches which they had pushed forward south of the passes."

Enemy's New Plan Rome, Jan. 25.—A despatch from Vienna to the Giornale d'Italia says that the journey of Archduke Charles Francis of Austria, heir apparent to the throne, to Berlin and his meeting with Emperor William at German headquarters, is connected with a vast plan which might be completed by the German general staff. It is said that this plan provides for an exchange of forces between Germany and Austria, the former sending large contingents to Transylvania as a defense against an invasion by Roumanians, should that nation decide to enter the war, and the latter sending corresponding contingents to Flanders and France.

The German troops, continues the despatch, will find in Austria a large German staff, so that hereafter the strategic movements and military governments of the country will be entrusted to the German elements while Count Tizsa, the Hungarian premier; Baron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs and other Hungarian statesmen, will centre their energies in looking after the internal affairs of Austria.

NEW CABINET FOR PORTUGAL

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STEAMERS ARRIVE

The steamer Inishowen Head arrived in port this morning and is anchored in the stream. She came in ballast and will load hay, oats, etc., for the British government. Captain Pickford reports a very quiet passage for this time of year, having come from Belfast to this port in twelve days.

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BACK TO BOSTON TO FACE CRIMINAL CHARGE

Frederick Deering, of Wallace, N. S., said to have been arrested as a result of proceedings instituted by Chief Carter, of Amherst, says the Amherst News, and a Massachusetts police official will take him to Boston where he has been indicted in connection with the disappearance of \$6,000 worth of negotiable securities, said to have been secured by him from a woman named Mrs. Glyn.

ON SECOND CONTINGENT 103 NURSES TAKEN

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 23.—The seventy nurses who have been selected as reinforcements for the Canadian nurses at Salisbury Plains, are assembled in Ottawa to leave for England. These are in addition to the nurses for the second contingent, who will be selected soon by the militia department. There will be 103 nurses with the second contingent.

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA CLERK IS IN TROUBLE

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CONDITIONS VERY BAD IN EARTHQUAKE REGION

Avezzano, Jan. 25.—In spite of the weather, which has transformed the earthquake region into a sea of mud and snow, King Victor Emmanuel continues to pay daily visits to the stricken people in their temporary huts.

BOOTH'S DAUGHTER ON PEACE MISSION IN AMERICA

Mrs. Catherine Booth-Clibborn, eldest daughter of the late General William Booth, and often called "the greatest woman preacher," has come from France to the United States to plead for American intervention in the world war.

Mrs. Booth-Clibborn spent thirty years in France and Belgium, doing mission work. She withdrew from the Salvation Army several years ago.

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