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Expect General Attempt By German Warships To Get To The Atlantic

French Experts' Opinion Following Yesterday's Bombardment

Report Says One of the Enemy's Cruisers Was Set Afire—Fifteen Boys Killed By One of the Shells

Paris, Dec. 17.—The raid of the German warships on English coast was not unexpected here. It has been predicted by several able observers of the navy...

These men believe that the bombardment of Wednesday will be followed by a general dash of German warships into the Atlantic, away from Heligoland...

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The casualties at Hartlepool as a result of the German raid, according to an official bureau statement today were fifty-five persons killed and 115 wounded.

Reports from Scarborough say five children, five women and seven men were killed, thirty people injured and more than 100 houses were hit.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent in Hartlepool wires that the enemy's ships were damaged by the coast batteries, which did considerable harm.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The German raiders' arrival was promptly met by the military authorities of all coast towns and arrangements were made to take them everywhere so as to be prepared in case a raid developed at their points.

There is much speculation in London as to how far the German raid has succeeded in creating a feeling of uneasiness or panic in other coast towns.

One of the London newspapers telegraphed to the mayors asking them what effect the news of the enemy's visit had had. Among the replies are the following:—

FELIZTOWNE.—Complete arrangements have been made here for all eventualities. Business is going on as usual.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—We have taken all necessary precautions to protect the inhabitants in the event of a bombardment here. The people are quite calm.

HARWICH.—The city is calm and normal.

HULL.—The excitement over the raid soon subsided here. We have full confidence in the navy.

LOWESTOFT.—The raid has not affected our nerves. The emergency committee has taken every precaution. No attack is expected, but we are prepared for any contingency.

SCRUTING BETTER TODAY

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The German naval raid on the east coast of England has had the effect of stimulating recruiting in the British Isles. The increase in the number of men joining the colors today is attributed solely to this cause.

The raid is still being widely discussed. Other results from it are preparations at coast points for the protection of civilian population in case of other German attacks, and the organization in London, of a national guard of local defence.

FIFTEEN SCHOOL BOYS KILLED

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A majority of the victims at Hartlepool were women and children. Fifteen schoolboys were killed by a single shell, only one boy in group escaping. Ten persons were killed by the collapse of a building in which they had taken shelter. One shell damaged a building five miles from coast.

GERMAN OPINIONS

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Concerning the shelling of Scarborough and Hartlepool a Berliner Tageblatt says:—

"Against our naval forces, facing the danger of the scattered mines in the North Sea, shelled English fortified places."

The Deutsche Tages Zeitung expresses satisfaction with the attack, especially immediately after the naval battle of the Falkland Islands.

The Berlin Neuesten Nachricht has this comment:—

"This time it is not a daring cruiser trick with the transitory throwing a bomb, but a regular bombardment of fortified places, which is a new omen for the gallantry of the navy."

The Borsen Zeitung says the bombardment is possibly the herald of great events.

GENTINE CRUISER CHASES AND CAPTURES A GERMAN STEAMER

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A despatch from Buenos Ayres says the Argentine cruiser cyclon after a hot chase has seized a German steamer Patagonia in the Gulf of San Jorge.

HOME GUARD OFFICERS

Company A. of the Home Guards at last evening in their quarters in the stables house and elected officers. Those present are David H. Waterbury, captain; W. W. Frink, first lieutenant; William Murdoch, second lieutenant.

Phelix and Ferdinand WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by the authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

synopsis—Pressure is decreasing slightly in the western provinces with low temperature, elsewhere it is high and by fair, cold weather.

Fair and Cold

fairtime—Moderate to fresh west to thwest winds, fair and cold today on Friday.

ew England.—Fair tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature; moderate to fresh winds.

British and French Still Press Onward in West

Paris Report Continues Good—Large Re-inforcements For Germans Who Are Fighting Russians

Paris, Dec. 17 (2.50 p. m.)—The French War Office gave out an official statement this afternoon as follows:—

"Between the sea and the Lys we occupied several German trenches at the point of the bayonet; consolidated our positions at Lombartzyde and St. Georges, and organized the territory taken from the enemy to the west of Gheluvelt."

"We have made progress at some points in the region of Vermeles. There has been no infantry action along the remainder of the front, but we report every day shooting on the part of our heavy artillery in the environs of Tracy-Le-Val, on the Aisne and in Champagne, as well as in the Argonne and in the region of Verdun."

"In Lorraine and in Alsace there is nothing to report."

STRONG GERMAN REINFORCEMENTS

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Times correspondent in Petrograd understands that three additional corps from the west have reached the German armies on the Russian front, making altogether nine corps which have reached Field Marshal von Hindenburg within a month. The Germans were thereby able, he says, to send two corps to Hungary while retaining twenty corps on the Polish front.

The correspondent adds that it appears that 170,000 Austro-Germans have already crossed the Dufka and neighboring passes in the Carpathian Mountains. The Austrian contingent, he says, includes three active corps, the withdrawal of which from the Serbian front led to disaster there.

SERVIANS' CONDITION. AROUSES GREAT PITY.

Rome, Dec. 16.—It is difficult to say whether the news reaching here from Serbia is arousing a greater degree of admiration for the heroic qualities of the Serbian people than it does pity for their sufferings.

The conditions in Serbia are such that the entire world has gone out to carry relief to the Belgians, to the French people, to the Poles, and to the people of Galicia, though in what capacity is in Serbia disease and the cold weather are today finding more victims than the bullets of the Austrian soldiers. The wounded die unattended on the battlefields, and are abandoned in isolated villages. There is a lack of ambulances, of surgical instruments, even of bandages and disinfectants. In several Serbian villages there are today more than 1,000 wounded in each community. In some cases one single doctor has no fewer than 1,000 men in his care.

CANADIAN WITH THE RUSSIAN STAFF

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—It is believed that a Canadian officer has been attached to the Russian staff in the Caucasus. He is reported to have received that Col. Herbert Mackie of Toronto, and formerly of Pembroke, is in Russia, though in what capacity is not known. However, it is believed that the British War Office has honored Canada by attaching him to the Russian forces. Colonel Mackie is a son of the South Africa with the Canadian artillery. He is a son of the late Thomas Mackie, M. P.

MINE SINKS STEAMER

Scarborough, Dec. 17.—The steamer Princess Olga, bound for Aberdeen, struck a mine off here last night and went down. The crew of eighteen men landed in their own boats.

BRITISH BOMBARD TURKISH TROOPS

Athens, Dec. 17.—A British squadron bombarded Turkish troops who congregated on Sunday on the coast of the Gulf of Saros, an arm of the Aegean Sea, north of the Dardanelles. Details are lacking.

S. S. FLORIDA SAFE

New York, Dec. 17.—The French liner steamer Florida, more than a week overdue here from Havre reported by wireless 100 miles east of Sandy Hook this morning. She has thirty-nine passengers.

TURKS DEMORALIZED

Petrograd, Dec. 17.—A communication issued by the Russian army staff in the Caucasus, says:—The Turks, considerably reinforced from Baghdad, and by a new formation, assumed the offensive in the Euphrates valley and the Van region, which resulted in engagements of secondary importance. In these battles the Russians were invariably victorious with the result that the Turkish forces are demoralized and in some cases have lost half their effectiveness.

SCHOOL CLOSING

The Christmas closing at Netherwood School for Girls at Rutesay yesterday was marked by a pleasant turkey supper at which an entertaining programme was given. Speeches were given by Miss Ganong, principal of the school, and the other members of the staff, and all present had an enjoyable time.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. John W. Brady took place this afternoon from her late residence, 2 Short street, Ven. Archdeacon Raymond officiated at burial services, after which interment took place in the Methodist church burying grounds.

English Millionaire Dead

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Sir John Barker, a millionaire department store owner, died yesterday. He was 72 years old.

First of Kitchener's New Army Under Fire

Hartlepool, Dec. 17.—The first men of Earl Kitchener's new army to come under fire were the local militia, who were sent out to man the defence trenches on the sea front when the German raiders appeared. They were shelled by the enemy, who had the range of the new defences with such accuracy as to suggest information by spies.

The militia stood their baptism of fire excellently, especially considering that they were powerless to make a reply, as the firing had to be left to the heavy guns.

The officer in command had a narrow escape when a shell struck the earth mound, burying him and three men in the trench. Fortunately all four escaped. Seven were killed in the trenches, and seventeen w

SCENES TODAY IN THE TOWNS BOMBARDED BY GERMANS

J. B. M. BAXTER NOW MEMBER OF GOVERNMENT

Sworn in as Attorney-General in Fredericton Today

THE BYE-ELECTION DATE

It is Expected to Be Fixed This Afternoon—Clarke Cabinet Has Only One New Member—Valley Railway Train Tomorrow

Fredericton, Dec. 17.—Hon. George J. Clarke was called upon by Governor Wood to form a government after the resignation of Premier Fleming today completed his task.

J. M. B. Baxter of St. John becomes attorney-general and Premier Clarke takes over the portfolio of lands and mines. The members of the government were sworn into office by Governor Wood at twelve o'clock as follows: Hon. George J. Clarke, premier and minister of lands and mines; Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, attorney-general; Hon. J. V. Landry, provincial treasurer; Hon. John Morrisey, minister of public works; Hon. James A. Murray, minister of agriculture. Hon. John E. Wilson, without portfolio.

The government is to have its first meeting this afternoon, when it is expected the date for the St. John bye-election will be fixed.

Arrangements have been made by the St. John and Quebec Railway Co. to operate a train service on the Valley Railway, beginning tomorrow morning. The train will leave Centerville at seven o'clock and arrive here at twelve. The St. John and Quebec Railway Company will operate the road for the present, Ross Thomson, manager of the company, said this morning that it was unlikely that any arrangement for a train service between this city and Gagetown would be made before the first of the year.

The police last night raided a house in Charlotte street and arrested a married woman and a man found there. The woman pleaded guilty in the police court to a charge of keeping a disorderly house and was remanded for sentence.

Major General Sam Hughes arrived from St. John this morning by special train and was on hand early this morning and inspected the 26th field battery. He at once picked out the section made up of university students. He made a brief speech to the men complimenting them on their fine appearance. The men responded with three cheers and a tiger. General Hughes and party left by special train at ten o'clock for Halifax.

Capt. McKay and some of the recruits for the twenty-fourth field battery arrived today. Colonel Ingraham, commanding officer, will arrive this evening or tomorrow from Sydney, N. S.

THE FUNDS

Subscriptions to the Belgian relief fund have been received by Mayor Frink as follows:—A. Mite for the Belgians, Boston, Mass., 50; staff of Norton Griffiths Company, per S. M. Telfer, 834; staff No. 8 dredge, N. G. Company, 119; Breakwater staff, N. G. Company, 177; Mrs. W. A. McLaughlin, Wright street, 82; William Warnock, second contribution, 82; sale of barrels, 50; Friend, 22; Eva M. Newcombe, 22; D. W. Newcombe, 22; John S. McFadden, Clements pool, N. S., 26; E. B. Baxter, 21; William Grey, Norton, 25; E. S. Emery, 22; Maria E. Alguire, Spirilla company, 210; Eleanor N. King, Boston, 220; Residents of Hartford, N. B., per J. E. Barnett, 272; Friend, St. Stephen, 22; E. Lyon, Gray's Mills, Kings county, 25; proceeds supper, Havelock, 220; Baptist Sunday school, Havelock, per Miss Amy A. Parker, 285; Myer Moss, Chatham, 25; Frank Nason, 110.

SCENES OF DISTRESS

When the ships drew off, the sad search for killed and wounded began. In the hospital, when the wounded began to arrive, the large entry hall witnessed many pitiable scenes as anxious relatives awaited the result of the surgeon's examination. Among the wounded were many women and children, one an infant of four months, and its skull fractured by a bit of shrapnel while in the arms of its mother, who escaped unscathed. A hospital surgeon also had a marvelous escape when the casting of an eight inch shell burrowed into the ground at his feet.

The military authorities, assisted by the police, directed the exodus of the townspeople from the city. Women were favored with seats on the trains, with the result that but few men left the town.

The pathetic helplessness of the refugees brought home the reality of war to this part of England. Many poor people whose homes were destroyed sought refuge in nearby towns. Crowds of these waited about the station, thinking that the scenes of the morning were about to be re-enacted.

One of the first notices posted instructed citizens to bring to the police station all unexploded shells. Among such finds was a live eight inch explosive projectile, which was hastily put into a bucket of water when a policeman strolled in with it carelessly tucked under his arm.

By nightfall the town bore an outward appearance of calm, but anxious groups were unsparring in their expressions of resentment because the town was helpless to retaliate on the raiders.

Not a shot was fired by the city, as there were no cannon.

Father and Son Hit

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Some refugees and travelers arrived in London from the bombarded towns during the night. Some showed signs of the raid, in bandages covering minor injuries received.

Arthur Wood, manager of the electric light company in Scarborough, had his head swathed with bandages to cover wounds where pieces of shell had struck him in two or three places. His son who accompanied him, was also wounded in two places. The elder Wood said:—

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MOBILIZATION OF CAVALRY ON SUSSEX GROUND

Effort Being Made While General Hughes is Here

RE-ORGANIZATION OF 26TH

Double Companies Now—Some More New Officers—A. S. C. Boys' Good Time—St. John Veteran of China Fight Joins Colors

It is understood that while Major General Hughes is in these parts the advantages of Sussex as a mobilization centre will be urged upon him with a view to having the big military grounds there used as a point of muster for the cavalry regiment to be organized for the third contingent from the maritime provinces, and possibly for the infantry battalion to be raised, as well.

While in St. John yesterday the minister told cavalry officers that the orders for the muster of the regiment of cavalry would not be issued until after the New Year.

The location of Sussex and its advantages for cavalry training and housing are being urged in support of the unit being mustered there, while it is understood that the infantry should also be quartered at that place plans could be made for their accommodation with little similar to those erected for the infantry positions.

In Double Companies

The 26th Infantry Battalion is being re-organized on the imperial plan with the composition of double companies, thus making four to the strength instead of eight, as has been the case up to today. It is not known just how this will affect the standing of some of the company commanders in their captaincy ranks, but seniority will be considered if there are to be any changes in the appointments. When the selections were announced some days ago it was understood that they had a wide experience. The organization of the regiment into four double companies is simply following the re-establishing of the battalions in the first Canadian contingent now in England.

More Officers

Orders tomorrow will contain the names of some nine young men appointed to the 26th provisionally in appearance tomorrow in the morning.

They are: C. Burnell, Harold Wood, Cecil Porter, J. E. March, E. Alban Sturdee, C. M. Lawson, Basil Winter, P. E. Nesbitt and William Milner. Capt. James Pringle of Fredericton, came to the city today to join the 26th Battalion as quartermaster. He has had a wide experience in military circles, having served in South Africa, as well as having been quartermaster with the 1st Infantry regiment for many years.

The Ammunition Column

The issue of khaki to the volunteers of the Divisional Ammunition Column was continued today. The men expect to leave for Fredericton next week, although if possible they will be allowed to remain in St. John to spend Christmas in their homes. Lieut. T. E. Ryder has been appointed an officer in this unit.

Went to Amherst

Major-Gen. Hughes, minister of militia, accompanied by his A. D. C., Colonel Murphy, passed through the city at noon today on his way to Nova Scotia to continue his inspection of the militia units, equipment, and properties in these provinces. He will be in Amherst tonight.

Enjoyed Themselves

The men of the Army Service Corps, No. 5 Co., quartered at West St. John, had a jolly time last evening in their rooms in the immigration building when they held a smoking concert at which a fine programme was given. The talent was almost entirely from among the membership. R. I. Carross, R. S. M., president, and the programme was "Tipperary" by the whole corps; reading by Q. M. S. Harding; song, Pte. O. O. Wilson; bell selection, Messrs. Bond and Bagnell; song, S. Holder; violin solo, Pte. Wren; banjo and mandolin duet, Messrs. Bond and Bagnell; comedy sketch, Sergt. Dupuis; comic song, Pte. Wm. Etey; comedy sketch, Sergeants Bond and Devennie; bagpipe selection, Pte. Ross, and comic dialogue, Messrs. Slack and McCuskey. E. O. Bond acted as accompanist.

Rupert Taylor, of Taylor Bros., 31 King square, has gone to Halifax to join the Royal Canadian Engineers for overseas service. He is a British war veteran, having been for eight years in the imperial navy, and was wounded while attacking the island of Tientsin in China, under Admiral Beatty, then commodore who, although he was wounded himself, helped put Taylor on an ambulance stretcher. The doctors thought the St. John man had no hopes for recovery—in fact the London papers announced his death. But he recovered much to the surprise and pleasure of his comrades. Today he still has the trousers he wore while in action, showing the rent made by the bullet which nearly caused his death.

BANK CLEARINGS

The St. John bank clearings for the week ending December 17 were \$1,288,019, corresponding week last year, \$1,280,476.