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Audacious Did Not Sink; Is Ready For Foe Again More Air Raids Planned---Germany Defiant to Uncle Sam

AUDACIOUS IS
NOT SUNK AS
REPORT SAD

New York Hears That the
British Superdreadnought
Is Whole.

AGAIN READY FOR FRAY
Towed Into Belfast After
Being Hit Off Ireland,
and Repaired.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Feb. 13.—The Audacious, one of Great Britain's finest and most powerful battleships of the super-dreadnought class, will join the fleet next week. She was left in the shipyard of Harland & Wolff, Belfast, on Monday without a flaw in her hull or armament. Such was the information contained in advices received yesterday from New York by the Herald.

The mighty first-line war vessel of the Royal Navy did not rise like Venus from the sea, as might be supposed from the reiterated reports of her destruction off the north Irish coast on October 27 last.

Towed to Belfast.

In the light of the news received here yesterday, the Audacious, although badly crippled either by a German torpedo or mine, was not sunk. With her wounded hull bound in collision mats and the galling hole below the waterline adequately plugged, she remained afloat and was safely guided into drydock, several hours in the wake of the Olympic, of the White Star Line, which put about in response to the battleship's radio signal of distress.

Kept Secret.

In conformity with the policy pursued by the British authorities regarding the disaster, however, no information relating to commissioning of the Audacious will be published in the United Kingdom. The official silence, which has been rigorously observed by the Admiralty since the news of the disaster first became known, was maintained, and the British public will learn of the dreadnought's reappearance in the fleet only in the event of her participation in an engagement or after the war is ended.

When the Audacious appeared to be foundering, following a collision with the German submarine, the damage wrought was made known by the engineers on board and also by experts from other naval craft, which soon followed. At first it was believed that the great fighting ship was doomed.

Water Inflow Stopped.

Almost before the echoes of the tremendous explosion had died away, the collision mats were overboard and lashed over the hole left by the explosion. Meanwhile, sandbags were piled into the ragged aperture from within, and with an elaborate system of bulkheads the tremendous inflow of water was practically cut off.

By this time, of course, the great vessel had shipped an enormous quantity of water through her bow, and was very low in the sea. It was in this condition that the photographs were made that depicted her in what was believed to be her last moments. It at first was decided to tow the wounded battleship into the Laird ship-building yards at Birkenhead, a suburb of Liverpool, on the basis of the "Mersey" from Lough Swilly, on the Irish coast, where the disaster occurred. To Birkenhead, however, is a run of 190 miles.

The crippled condition of the Audacious, upon further examination was believed to be too serious to permit such a run, especially as at that time the British Government was said to be investigating reports that the Germans were operating from a covey of islands, called submarine base in the Shetland Islands, off the northern coast of Scotland.

It was accordingly decided to tow the vessel into Belfast, 140 miles nearer, being about 50 miles from the mouth of Lough Swilly. This relieved the cruiser squadron, which escorted the Audacious, from encountering further hazards from hostile submarines.

It is believed that her crew of 1,000 men few were killed and injured by the explosion on board the Audacious. Those who were not taken from the vessel by the British were taken off in the Olympic's boats and those of the battleship herself.

A sufficient number of the battleship's company, however, was left on board to keep fast the water-raising collision mats and the sandbags. Experts from the shipyard were hurried on board and had already taken steps to remedy the injury before the vessel was cradled on the blocks of the drydock.

Good News.
Since she was run into drydock, a small army of mechanics and workmen have been busy night and day repairing the damage wrought by the torpedo or mine and these men, like the Olympic's passengers, who remained true to their pledge of strict silence, to have been exacted by the British authorities in the matter of the disaster, have maintained a strict silence. Now the Audacious is complete in every detail, even as on that day in the spring of 1913, when she steamed forth in her first trial trip.

Corp. Adam's Hip Shot Away
Yet Joins 7th Mounted Rifles



Adams is a veteran of South African war, and is one of the best cavalry riders in Canada. Recently won silver cup at Toronto Horse Show, as finest riding mounted non-commissioned officer competing.

BUT \$58.50 IS NOW NEEDED
FOR RED CROSS AMBULANCE

A little over fifty dollars will complete the Red Cross motor ambulance fund. Such is the jubilant statement made today by the treasurer, Mrs. Geo. W. Brown, since the amount of \$2,347.77, acknowledged yesterday in the Advertiser, the following subscriptions had been added:

Further donations from the Farmer's Advocate, per J. W. Weld, \$50.00

Women's Institute, Wilton Grove, 5.00

Proceeds of a lecture given by Rev. Mark Turnbull, Iderton, 12.50

Miss L. Meredith, 10.00

Mrs. James McIntosh, 5.00

A soldier's mother, 2.00

Mrs. and Miss Graydon, 10.00

Total, \$2,447.50

19,811 INCHES OF PENNIES
SUBSCRIBED BY CHILDREN

Pennies by Foot and Yard
Poured Into Public School
Belgian Fund This Week.

Pennies by the "foot" and by the "yard" poured into the public school by London's children to help their Belgian cousins in Europe.

The mile-of-pennies campaign started about the middle of the week, when public school children were asked to contribute a mile of Canadian pennies, or \$63.50, to go toward the Belgian Relief Fund.

The total of the donations handed this morning to Inspector C. B. Edwards from the principals of the public schools was \$28.11, or 19,811 "inches" on the way to one mile of relief money.

Continued Next Week.

The mile-of-pennies fund will be continued next week.

Many schools in the city did not start the fund until Friday morning, and all

of the collections from each school had not been handed in this morning to Mr. Edwards. The fund will close on Tuesday, as the Belgian Relief Association is anxious to have the money in time to purchase supplies for the fourth carload, which will leave this city on Saturday, February 20, for Halifax.

Country schools throughout Western Ontario have also taken up the pennies-collecting idea, and donations from many schools are expected the first of next week.

Fourth Supplies Carload.

The fourth carload from London will be composed of supplies and food for the Belgian children. Persons wishing to donate clothing or supplies are asked to send these to the C. B. Edwards freight sheds not later than Tuesday of next week.

Word has been received from the commissioner in charge of the Belgian Relief Association in London, England, that every shipment and carload from Canada has reached Rotterdam and been distributed amongst the needy Belgian refugees.

Brakeman Will
Claim Reward

Alfred Weable Mainly Responsible for
Arrest of Detroit Kidnapper.

Alfred Weable, Grand Trunk brakeman, residing at 17 Hyatt avenue, whose story given the Detroit detectives led to the arrest in Toronto yesterday of William Gagnier, the kidnapper of 10-year-old Elsie Streicher, Wyandotte, Mich., left for Detroit today, where he will put in a claim for a portion of the \$500 reward offered for the arrest of the prisoner.

able's story, which appeared in all the papers throughout the country along with photographs of the couple, caused a Miss Roberts, of the Travelers Aid Society, at Union Station, Toronto, to pick out the pair that the police of United States and Canada have been searching for the past two weeks. Miss Roberts, becoming suspicious of the pair, summoned the police, who arrested Gagnier, after the little girl had explained he was not her "Daddy."

Confessed to Kidnapping.

The prisoner, when taken to Toronto police headquarters, broke down and confessed that he was the man who had taken the little girl away from her home and parents in Wyandotte.

Sheriff Flaherty, of Wyandotte, arrived in the Queen City late yesterday, and, returning with Gagnier, was met here by the two private detectives who were searching for the prisoner.

According to the officers who had Gagnier in charge, he remained sulky throughout the trip, refusing to make a statement of any kind.

Brakeman Weable is well known in a among local railwaymen, and, as a constable while he was on another run.

MONEY ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—

The following money gifts to the Belgian babies' relief fund are acknowledged:

Lord Elgin Chapter, I. O. O. F., \$10; Miss McDonagh, \$5; Miss A. McDonagh, \$5; Mrs. Rae, \$1; H. H. \$2; Mrs. J. B. Richardson, \$2, and the making of 24 dresses; a sympathizer, 15 baby blank choppers, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the home of Charles Dupre today. Dupre was rescued by a neighbor.

Kennebunkport, Me., Feb. 13.—Peter Gilbert and Pierre Brouillette, wood choppers, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the home of Charles Dupre today. Dupre was rescued by a neighbor.

MAIL FOR BRITAIN.

The next British mail closes Tuesday, February 16, at 10 a.m.

STATES CANNOT
SCARE GERMANY

This Is Essence of Letter By
Count Von Reventlow,
Critic.

SHIPS MAY TAKE CHANCE

Submarines and Mines Cannot
Ascertain Nationality of
All Vessels.

[Canadian Press.]

Berlin, via London, Feb. 13.—The text of the American note has not yet been made known to the German press, and the comment up to the present time has been based entirely on news agency dispatches from Washington, giving a brief synopsis of the communication.

The Koelnische Zeitung has republished prominently from the Tages-Zeitung an article by Count Von Reventlow, the naval critic, concerning Germany's declaration of a marine war zone around the British Isles. In this article, Count Von Reventlow refers to the report that the Washington Government intended to ask how Germany proposed to make neutral shipping safe in these waters, and adds:

"Cannot Guarantee Safety.

"This marine war zone was announced by the German Government for the very reason that safety of navigation therein cannot be guaranteed. The vessels of neutrals enter upon this war zone only at their own risk. This condition of affairs and the consequences it may bring after February 18 cannot be changed or influenced by any representations or demands from Washington."

The identity of every ship with a neutral flag be ascertained. A submarine such a course is equally impossible for a submarine boat."

Challenge to States.

In continuing his article, Count Von Reventlow says:

"The German declaration in itself must furnish proof to Americans that the possible destruction of American ships after February 18, cannot afford the Washington Government any ground for complaint of any nature against the German Government, but that the German Government, by that the

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BRITAIN HAS GREAT FLOCKS OF PLANES
FOR MASSED ATTACKS ON THE ENEMY

Lieut. J. C. Porte, of British Aerial Service,
Assisted in Daring Raid on German Bases



Lieut. Porte, one of the leaders of the big raid yesterday, is a son of Rev. J. R. Porte, D. D., vicar of St. Matthew's Church, London, England. Dr. Porte is a cousin of Mrs. George F. Brickenford, of Queen's avenue.

Many Aircraft Are Under Construction and Pilots Are in Training.

RAID WAS MAGNIFICENT

Greatest Air Feat in History
of World Makes British
Take Notice.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Feb. 13.—The retirement of the Russian forces in East Prussia and the great British air raid on the coast of Belgium appear today as the biggest factors in the military situation. On the other hand, the diplomatic field would seem to be dominated by the American notes to Great Britain and Germany, especially to Germany, where the newspapers and the public, according to news dispatches reaching here from Berlin, are insisting in spite of Washington's protest and in spite of the consequences, that the German submarine policy must be pushed relentlessly.

Warned Enough.

The gist of German opinion, as thus far transmitted to London, would appear to be that neutral powers have been sufficiently urged to keep out of the military arena, and inasmuch as Germany is facing starvation at the hands of Great Britain, there is no other course for her to pursue.

Like all other centres in the eastern arena of the war, the claims of the opponents disagree as to the strategic importance of the German advance into East Prussia. The Germans are hailing it as a great victory, and Berlin is decorated with flags in celebration of the occurrence, while Patrologues declare that they are deliberately relinquishing their forces on their own territory, supported by their own forts, and that the decisive conflict is yet to come.

See-Saw Fighting.

The battling in the Carpathians is going on in the snow, but the information from this front is most meagre, and the indications reaching London are that it is still a see-saw affair, with both sides sustaining enormous losses. Further to the south, the Austrians have been victorious, and the Carpathians are still retreating, and a decisive victory by either side would force the abandonment by the other of territory of enormous value.

More Raids Coming.

The fact that a British air raid in such force was evidenced in the aerial explosion of yesterday has been carried out successfully over the German positions in Belgium is taken in London to indicate that such aerial activity against German submarine bases, promised at the time when the German policy of blockade was announced, is to be continued. This is a different attitude than that of the Liberal party in Britain, which will not appeal to the country while there is a possibility of a reasonable time.

Vote Deprivation.

A thirty-third man said that the men would be deprived of their votes. "A great many of us, are old countrymen, and take, and we do not think we should be refused a voice in Canadian affairs because we are soldiers."

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Consensus of Opinion Among Enlisted Men Is That, in Event of an Election, They Should Be Given Chance To Record Their Wishes in Tangible Manner.

Men of the Eighteenth and Thirty-third Battalions and the Seventh C. M. R., when interviewed by The Advertiser today, stated that they believed that all men serving Canada either at the front or at home in training should be given a vote in the event of an election.

One sergeant in the Eighteenth, who takes a keen interest in Canadian politics, said that the interests of all the men serving the country were in the hands of the Government, and that the men would have to vote at the front, they would want to vote, and their vote would be intelligent for they know the inside of matters in connection with the volunteers."

Resent Vote Deprivation.

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These Four Men
Don't Fear Axe

Rumors were rife today that when the liquor license commission meet here in May the licenses of four well-known hoteliers would cease to exist, but when an Advertiser reporter called upon the proprietors of the hotels Dame Rumor was sent scurrying for cover by the replies of the handlers of the tingly stuff.

"Did you hear you were going to lose your license when the commission meets?" queried an Advertiser reporter of Thomas Cook, of the Queen's Hotel.

"I have no license with all the accommodation I have? Why, that's all talk. Don't pay any attention to it. This hotel will be here for another century," replied Mr. Cook.

"No person will know what bars will be cut off until the commission meets in May," Owner Orr, of the Queen's Hotel, said, when asked if he had heard his place was one selected for the commission's axe.

"Ha, ha! Ho, ho, and he, he," laughed Richard Orr, of the Cecil Hotel. "Why there is no truth in that report regarding me and the others losing their licenses. That's only a rumor."

It must have been a busy day at the Hotel Harrison. "Twice central rang number 345, but no person answered the phone."

LONDON REAL ESTATE
"GILT EDGE" VARIETY

Prices as Good and Better
Than in Past Years, Shows
Assessment Report.

While the realty transfer record for the month of January, as compiled by the assessment department, shows a falling off in the number and value of transfers as compared with a year ago, it served to show at the same time that London real estate is still in the "gilt edge" investment class, and that prices are as good and better than in past years. This statement is made on comparison of the assessed value of the properties that changed hands, and its actual selling value. In 1915 the assessment on property was 65.5 per cent of the selling value. In 1912, just three years ago, the assessed value was 73.7 per cent. This, too, in spite of the increases in assessment that have gone into effect since then, particularly in the present year. A year ago the percentage was 61.

During the month just passed there were 55 transfers, with an assessed value of \$69,550, and an actual selling value of \$85,000. For the corresponding month in 1914 there were 38 transfers, with an assessed value of \$102,315, and a selling value of \$166,425.

THE WEATHER

SPRING SIGNS LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 40; lowest, 20.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 31; lowest, 22.

TOMORROW—SNOW AND RAIN.

Forecast, Feb. 14.—S. a.m. Strong winds or gales, southeasterly to S.W. rain, and rain tonight and part of Sunday.

Temperatures.

The following are the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria. 46. 28. Clear.

Calgary. 45. 28. Clear.

Winnipeg. 42. 18. Cloudy.

Port Arthur. 38. 18. Clear.

Pasadena. 29. 19. Clear.

Ottawa. 29. 20. Cloudy.

Montreal. 28. 19. Clear.

Quebec. 22. 0. Cloudy.

Father Point. 28. 19. Cloudy.

Weather Notes.

The weather has turned colder over the eastern half of the country, while in the Western Provinces it has been fair and comparatively mild.

A fairly important disturbance now approaching the Great Lakes from the westward is likely to cause stormy weather in Ontario tonight.

GERMAN SUBMARINE U2 IS PROBABLY AT THE BOTTOM

[Canadian Press.]

London, Feb. 13.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent telegraphs from Amsterdam: "From inquiries made in Ymuiden, I have every reason to believe that the German submarine U2, which

attacked the British steamship Laertes, has suffered a mishap and now is at the bottom of the North Sea. She gave up the chase of the steamship when she was gaining, and was last seen in a cloud of steam apparently in difficulties."