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German Cruisers, in Daring North Sea Raid, Bombard Three Towns on English Coast

British War Vessels Attack Them But How General is the Engagement is Not Known--London Hears of Two German Cruisers Going Down--Panic in Scarborough and Hartlepool as Shells Fall Into Towns and London More Excited Than at Any Time Since War Began

Scarborough, Eng., Dec. 16--Four German cruisers bombarded the town of Scarborough this morning.

Hartlepool, Eng., Dec. 16--The residents of Hartlepool were wakened this morning by heavy gunfire. A great crowd at once assembled on the beach to learn whence the sounds came.

London, Dec. 16--The German ships bombarding the coast were soon under fire from British torpedo boat destroyers which came out to attack them. The Germans then went into action against the destroyers, but continued to throw some shells against the land.

London, Dec. 16--The Newcastle Evening Chronicle places a number of German cruisers which bombarded Hartlepool at sea. It says that these cruisers were attacked almost immediately by four British destroyers.

Several entire rows of houses at Hartlepool were destroyed and the gas works were seriously damaged. This newspaper says it is believed several persons were killed or wounded.

Whitby, York, Eng., Dec. 16--Two German cruisers bombarded town between nine and ten this morning.

London, Dec. 16--The official bureau announces: "German movements of some importance are taking place this morning in the North Sea. Scarborough and Hartlepool have been hit, and our flotillas have, at various points, been engaged. The situation is developing."

REAR, YORK, ENG., Dec. 16, (Via London, 1.27 P. M.)--Heavy gunfire was heard off the coast here between eight and eight twenty today. The forms of three cruisers could be discerned loomed from the haze, and the flashes of artillery fire could be easily observed from the Redcar promenade.

London, Dec. 16, 3.12 P. M.--The Yorkshire Evening News reports that two German cruisers were sunk in today's engagement and the British flotilla was damaged.

Whitby, York, Eng., Dec. 16, (Via London 2.02 P. M.)--The two German cruisers appeared to be about three miles off shore. In their bombardment several persons were injured and some buildings damaged.

MAN CRUISERS SUNK? London, Dec. 16 (1.44 p. m.)--The official press bureau this afternoon following announcement with regards to the German attack on the North Sea coast of England:

The fortress commander at West Hartlepool reports that German vessels engaged that fortress between eight and nine o'clock this morning. The vessels were driven off. A small German vessel also opened fire on Scarborough this morning.

London, Dec. 16--The main British and German fleets are reported in the North Sea. Reports are current in London, that two German cruisers were sunk in the North Sea.

NINE REPORTED KILLED

Naval Bombardment of Hartlepool for Nearly Half An Hour

Newcastle, Eng., Dec. 16--The bombardment of Hartlepool began at 8 a. m. Several British warships have already arrived there and others are on their way. The gasworks have been set on fire. Several rows of houses have been destroyed, and a number of persons killed.

Whitby, Eng., Dec. 16--Nine persons are reported to have been killed at Hartlepool, and others injured. The bombardment lasted for five minutes. The hostile vessels which took part in the operation were driven from two to six, but never once they clearly visible from the shore.

AUSTRIANS NOW HOLD BUT TWO SERBIAN TOWNS

New York, Dec. 16--A London cable to the Herald from Santiago De Chili, dated Tuesday, says that with her superior speed, the British cruiser Bristol may overhaul the Dresden before she clears the Strait of Magellan.

BRISTOL CHASES GERMAN DRESDEN

Believed She Should Overhaul Her in the Straits of Magellan

Five prisoners appeared before Magistrate Ritchie in the police court this morning, one to answer the charge of obtaining goods under false pretences.

MAJOR-GENERAL HUGHES INSPECTS SOLDIERS HERE

Minister of Militia is Proud of New Brunswick MET BY OFFICERS

No Time Spent in Formalities--Review in Lancaster This Afternoon--Visited Partridge Island--This Evening's Functions

A large gathering of citizens, including many officers of the militia, greeted Major Gen. Sam Hughes today at noon on his arrival via the L. C. E., and he was warmly welcomed by those by whom he was personally known in the crowd.

Accompanying the minister to the city was Colonel Murphy of the headquarters staff at Ottawa. As the party drove off in the automobile three cheers were given by the crowd assembled at the depot.

Arrived at the army Major General Hughes found the 26th battalion on parade, and immediately began his inspection, which was quite thorough. He then addressed the men, telling them that he was particularly well pleased with the excellent showing which they made, and proud of New Brunswick for the able response her men had given in answer to the call to arms.

The train on which the minister came to the city was one hour late, and when it did arrive the crowd assembled was quite large. The major general was clad in his regimentals and spent but little time in the preliminaries of shaking hands or other formalities of greeting.

Included in the gathering assembled to meet him were Col. H. H. McLean, Lieut. Col. J. L. McAvity, Lieut. Col. B. R. Armstrong, Lieut. Col. E. Massie, Col. J. B. M. Baxter, Senator Thorne, Senator Daniel, Major A. E. G. McKenney, Major T. M. McAvity, Major McRobbie, Major W. H. Harrison, Rev. E. B. Hooper, Rev. G. A. Kuhring, Ven. Archdeacon Raymond, militia chaplain; Capt. L. P. D. Tilley, Capt. W. A. Harrison, Capt. J. A. Pugsley, Capt. J. S. Tait, Lieut. N. P. McLeod, Jas. F. Robertson and others.

At 8.15 this evening Major-General Hughes will be the guest of the Canadian Club at a luncheon in Masonic Hall, and at nine o'clock in the evening he will be the guest at a public reception under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club at the Imperial Theatre, where seats have been reserved downstairs for members of the various patriotic organizations, who are to be admitted by ticket, the rest of the house being open for citizens generally.

An interesting incident occurred as Major General Hughes was on his way to the army this morning. The automobile stopped in front of a bulletin board to allow the minister of militia to read the announcements of the attack on the German cruisers on the British coast. "Good for them," was his characteristic comment. "That will help to wake them up; that will make them realize that Great Britain is at war."

THE FUNDS

Mayor Frink acknowledges subscriptions to the Belgian relief fund as follows:--W. A. McKeague, Gagetown, N. B., per E. A. Simpson, \$5; Benjamin Mirey, second contribution, \$1; Friend, \$1; Mrs. J. R. Woodburn, second contribution, \$5; G. F. Matabew, \$5; proceeds social, Olinville Hall, per Mrs. David A. Elder, \$20; from Kingston, Kings county, Mrs. A. D. Northrup, \$1; Raymond Northrup, \$1; Albert Northrup, \$1; people of Millerton, \$50.00; people of Chelmsford, \$22.58, per Rev. Alex. Keltie, St. Mathews Presbyterian church sale, per Mrs. J. James, M. Caspell, \$100; people of Carsonville, additional, per Philip Leifer, \$24; pie social Titusville, per Percy L. Robertson, \$53; W. B. Evans, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cushing, \$40; Mrs. George Murray, \$10; Joseph McLean, St. Martins, \$1; ladies of Comfort Circle King's Daughters, per Laura B. Robinson, \$5; sale of barrels, \$2.50; Moncton Road entertainment, per A. E. Hawes, \$30.50; A. S. Belyea, \$10; R. S. \$2.70; Pemberton Ridge district No. 16, York Co. N. B., per Hanford Gould, Forest City, N. B., \$20.50; Ladies' Aid Centenary church, \$27; Friend, \$1; "Inasmuch as ye have done it," \$8; sacred concert, Woodstock Choral Society, per Mrs. R. E. Holyoke, \$50; Belgian relief fund, \$1.

Patricio Fund C. B. Allan has received for the Canadian patriotic fund the following contributions: Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, \$2; Dr. William Warwick, for December, \$10.

RAIN AGAIN IN LONDON

Has the Heavy Gun Fire in Europe Effect on Weather? New York, Dec. 16--A Herald cable from London says: Wretched weather again was experienced in London yesterday. Rain has fallen every day during the present month in one part of the country or another.

WATER FROM THE NEW MONCTON RESERVOIR; PRESSURE GOOD

Moncton, Dec. 16--The water from Moncton's new reservoir was turned on yesterday afternoon, and is reported to have given much satisfaction to city officials who tested the pressure. For awhile it is planned to supply the I. C. B. shops from the new reservoir, thereby making the pressure from the old reservoir more effective on the higher levels.

EDDORSE REDMOND

New York, Dec. 16--Resolutions endorsing the platform of John E. Redmond in his attitude in the recent home rule agitation in Ireland, and promising the support of the Irish in this country, were adopted at the Metropolitan District Convention of the United Irish League of America last night.

Praise was extended to Mr. Redmond for his part in forming the Irish Nationalist Volunteers. Active support in both men and arms was promised when the European war is over, and Ireland once more turns attention to her internal affairs.

General Brossart Von Schellendorf, former Prussian minister of war, is dead.

TWO CHECK CASES TOLD OF IN COURT

Purchases in North End, No Funds in Bank--Belgian Reser visits Let Co

The two Belgians were brought forward to answer a charge of assaulting a liquor dealer, who endeavored to prevent them from entering his bar room. His Honor after giving them some advice allowed them to go so that they would be able to join their comrades.

GREATEST EXCITEMENT IN LONDON SINCE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR

London, Dec. 16 (11.52 a. m.)--A German fleet made a sudden dash into the North Sea today, shelled Scarborough and Hartlepool, English coast towns on the North Sea, and engaged certain units of the British fleet.

FIRST ATTACK ON ENGLISH COAST

London, Dec. 16--The bombardment of cities on the east coast of England by German cruisers is the first overt act of the war against British territory. Never before has the coast of England been attacked. It was felt that the British fleet in the North Sea was sufficient to render this possibility very remote.

GOSSIP OF INVASION PLANS

London, Dec. 16--The "Daily News" publishes the following dated "On the Dutch frontier, Sunday, December 13": "I am told that a German officer said recently: 'When we have evacuated Zebrugge, but not until then, you may know that the invasion of England, has been abandoned.'

WEATHER BULLETIN

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

Fair cold weather prevails throughout the Dominion except that local snow has occurred in the lake region, the fall amounting to seven inches at Parry Sound.

Decidedly Cold Maritime--Fresh to strong northwest to west winds, fair and decidedly cold today and on Thursday.

New England Forecasts--Fair tonight and Thursday; fresh west winds.

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