

U.S. Opinion Condemns Raid On East Coast

No Excuse, Says New York Papers for Bombardment of Unfortified Cities.

New York, Dec. 18.—Commenting editorially on the German raid on the east coast of England The Tribune this morning says:

"Civilized opinion everywhere will share the indignation of the British public at the bombardment of undefended English coast towns by German cruisers. As is usual in such wanton attacks, made without any discernible military purpose, civilians are the only sufferers. There may be some military palliation for the bombardment of Hartlepool, which was defended by a fort. At that point British soldiers were killed and wounded in the trenches along the coast. But at Scarborough and Whitby there was no defence made and the only victims of the German gunfire were non-combatants, including women and children.

"Such ruthlessness will come home to roost. In wantonly killing these non-combatants in undefended British coast towns, Germany cannot escape responsibility for having taken the first step toward restoring barbarities which the world had fondly hoped to see eliminated from the practice of war."

The New York Times says: "The ruthless bombardment of unfortified towns and the utterly useless massacre of non-combatants have not only shocked the people of other nations, but have aroused a world wide feeling of angry resentment which cannot fail to be prejudicial to Germany."

Closing Day Central School

Children Put on Creditable Program And Prizes Distributed.

The Central School closed yesterday at noon the closing exercises having been conducted in the presence of Canons White and Bolt Revs. Brinton and Stamp, Messrs. Blackall, Thompson and others.

The children showed excellent talent in their performances and special mention ought to be made of a tiny tot, a niece of Miss Purchase, who recited charmingly, and Master Dicks, who recited with expression and vim, a fine and very patriotic recitation of his own composition.

Too much praise cannot be given to the Headmaster, Mr. Brett, and Miss Purchase, who have worked so faithfully and well to bring their schools up to the high standard of efficiency which it has reached.

Prizes Distributed.
The prizes were distributed by Mr. Blackall, Supt. of Education, and it was delightful to see the signs of pleasure and satisfaction on each child's face as each marched back to the seat with a prize.

The most pleasing feature of the day was the way in which the boys applauded the girls in the performance of their drill and in return the enthusiastic manner in which the girls returned the applause. The boys like to see the girls doing well and the girls like to see the boys doing better.

Holiday Time.
After the headmaster had made his report and several of the gentlemen present had expressed their pleasure to be there the children were dismissed to enjoy the Christmas holidays which they have so well earned; and those of us who are older left with a feeling that greater interest is being taken in the cause of education, and filled with gratitude for the little ones who gave us such a pleasing example of what children can do.

LOST STEAMER THE TRITONIA

In reporting the loss of the Tritonia yesterday, we noted that it was feared it might be the Tritonia, which has been plying between Botwood and the Old Country for several years.

Just before press hour Messrs A. Harvey & Co. received a cablegram from the Donaldson Co. that they regretted to say it was the Tritonia that had met her fate.
Capt. Murray and crew were all saved.

Little Mystery Arrives

The schr. Little Mystery, Capt. Greete, arrived at 4 p.m. yesterday from Grand Bank to load fish.
The Captain has not visited the port for several years. His friends will be delighted to see him again.

Lady Outerbridge returned from a visit to Canada by the Stephano last evening.

Chili Protests Against Breaches Of Neutrality

Government Makes Formal Protest to Germany and to Great Britain.

Washington, Dec. 22.—After a searching investigation of the activities of the German fleet in the Southern Pacific recently, the Government of Chile has made a formal protest to Germany against alleged violations of neutrality by the German navy in Chilean waters.

The protest was transmitted by the Chilean Minister of Marine at Berlin. He sets forth that the German ships prior to their engagement with Admiral Craddock's British squadron stayed as long as five days at one island owned by Chile and transferred supplies at another small island after a stay of seven days.

The protest is understood to be couched in vigorous language, demanding reparation of Germany. At the same time, the Chilean Government has protested to Great Britain, charging that the British cruiser Glasgow recently took mail from vessels in Chilean waters.

Annual Speech Day At Bishop Feild College

Splendid Programme for Closing Exercises—His Excellency the Governor Present.

Bishop Feild College Annual Speech Day took place at the Casino Theatre last evening and was largely attended by parents and friends, among them being His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson.

Rev. Canon Bolt occupied the chair and on the platform with him were the College Master and several members of the Faculty.

The programme, which was under the direction of Mr. H. W. Stirling, was splendidly carried out. At the request of the Chairman, His Excellency the Governor presented the prizes.

Principal Wood's report was highly interesting and showed that the year had been a very successful one.

His Excellency, in a very complimentary speech congratulated the College on its excellent year.

W. B. Grieve, Esq., proposed and Rev. Watson seconded a vote of thanks to His Excellency, which was carried by acclamation.

In tendering the vote of thanks Rev. Canon Bolt referred to an Old Feildian, Rev. G. H. Hewitt, who is now on one of the battleships in the North Sea and who he hoped would return safely, covered with glory. The singing of the National Anthem closed the proceedings.

No Recruiting During Holidays

List Closed 'Till New Year, With Name of William Gorman.

William Gorman, of Hr. Breton, enlisted yesterday.
Recruiting has now ceased until the New Year, when it is hoped there will be another good response.

Medical examination is also discontinued until after the holidays.

"KING'S" BIRTHDAY

This is the "King's" Birthday—we mean our well known citizen Mr. M. Chapin, "King of Tailors," and he is receiving the congratulations of numerous friends.

His age is problematical, but no matter what the number of his years may be he is still young.
Rev. Dr. Robertson, formerly Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, this city, when asked his age always replied that he was "twenty-nine," and we do not believe Mr. Chapin is much older than the popular doctor.
We wish him every future happiness, with the hope that he will see as many more, which will not be too many for his friends.

STEPHANO HERE

The S.S. Stephano arrived last evening from New York via Halifax with a full cargo and the following passengers:
From New York—K. Penney and 11 steerage.
From Halifax—Lady Outerbridge, J. Weir, L. Kennedy and 1 steerage.
Capt. Smith is off for Christmas and Chief Officer H. C. Mitchell is in command.
Chief Steward Jones is also at home for a holiday, and his able assistant Mr. Charles Snow is acting as Purser.
Both are well known young men and the travelling public have every confidence in them.

German Raid Gives Impetus To Recruiting

Number of Volunteers Immediately In creases—German Cruisers Almost Nabbed.

New York, Dec. 18.—A cable to the Herald from London this morning says: "The latest details of the raid on the north-east coast of England show that the German cruisers had a narrow escape from the pursuing British warships. The German were sighted by a British patrolling squadron, but by immediately racing at full speed were able to escape in the mist."

"According to the admiralty statement, the warships taking part in the bombardment were two battle cruisers and one armored cruiser at Hartlepool, two battle cruisers and one armored cruiser at Whitby, two battle cruisers shelling the first two towns simultaneously, commencing soon after 8 o'clock in the morning of Wednesday and continuing about half an hour.

"At Whitby the bombardment began about 9 o'clock, so it is considered possible that one battle cruiser engaged there had come on from Scarborough. Even if this is so at least four battle cruisers and two armored cruisers were engaged. Germany possesses six battle cruisers, including the Goeben in the Black Sea.

"The death roll is heavy, but it is considered surprising that it was not greater, having regard to the number of shells which were fired. The approximate number of the casualties is 82 killed and 250 wounded at Hartlepool, 17 killed at Scarborough and 2 dead and 2 wounded at Whitby, making a total of 101 killed and 252 wounded.
These figures are the latest officially given to the public. One effect of the raid is the striking impetus which has been given to recruiting. In Scotland the number wishing to enlist yesterday was greatly in excess of anything seen heretofore."

SAGONA ARRIVES

Crosbie & Co's steamer Sagona, Capt. Kennedy, arrived at 9 a.m. from Sydney with a cargo of coal.
The Sagona was off the coast last night and received a bad drubbing in the storm, but she came through without mishap.
On the way to Sydney she broke her main steam pipe, but repairs were made at the coal port.

Rev. J. Ashley, P.P., Argentina, arrived by last night's train.

S.S. Stephano sails again at noon, Thursday.

A three-masted schooner was off the arrows at 1 p.m.

Garrison Sorties From Przemysl Unsuccessful

Russians Defeat All Attempts of Be- leaguered Troops to Break Their Lines.

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—In the region of Mlava the German have fallen back towards the line of Lauenburg across the border into East Prussia. On the left bank of the Vistula there is no incident of importance to report.

In Galicia the Austrian offensive is being greatly hindered by our troops and the operations in this region have taken on a character favourable to us.

One Austrian division operating in the vicinity of Dukla Pass was easily defeated by bayonet charges made by our troops. The enemy left on the battlefield five hundred killed and we captured ten officers and more than a thousand soldiers.

Attempts by the Przemysl garrison of break through our lines have been defeated, the garrison being forced back into the line of fortifications with great losses.

Thaw Goes Back To The Asylum

Court Sends Him Again to Institu- tion He Escaped From.

New York, Dec. 22.—The decision of the United States Supreme Court in the case of Harry K. Thaw, ordering him back to New York marks the end of 16 months of litigation in the efforts of the authorities of the State of New York to get Thaw back again as a prisoner of Matteawan Hospital for the criminal insane from which he escaped on Aug. 17, 1913.

Mr. J. Weir, Asst. Supt. of the Halifax School for the Blind, arrived last night by the Stephano on a visit to relatives.
Mr. Weir is a native of St. John's and his many friends here will be delighted to see him again and trust that his vacation will be a pleasant one.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Fair and moderately cold today, followed by E. to S. gales, with snow or rain.

Christmas Gift Suggestions



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All the most popular Styles; some in pretty Gift Boxes.
Prices from 20c. to 85c.

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Everett \$1.50.
Camel Hair, \$1.10 to \$1.50.

UMBRELLAS
Useful and Serviceable
Umbrella, from \$2.00 to \$6.70.
Some in Gift Boxes.

DRESSING GOWNS.
\$6.60, \$8.80, \$10.80, \$12.50.

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BOYS' range in prices from	54c. to 90c.
WOMEN'S GAITERS, \$1.60, \$1.95, \$2.25 to \$2.65	
MEN'S GAITERS	\$2.50, \$2.80, \$2.90
WOMEN'S LONG RUBBERS	\$2.25
MEN'S LONG RUBBERS, \$3.60, \$4.20, \$4.90 to \$6.00	
GIRLS' LONG RUBBERS, \$1.50, \$1.60, \$1.70 to \$2.05	
BOYS' LONG RUBBERS, \$1.90, \$2.00, \$2.10 to \$3.00	

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Shooting Drill Has Commenced

Members of Second Contingent Do Fairly Well at Ranges.

British Make Gains; Repulse Attacks

Recapture Trenches Taken by Enemy And Hold All Captured.

Nickel's Fine Bill

The pictures at the Nickel Theatre yesterday were excellent and were enjoyed by large audiences.

The second contingent of volunteers commenced shooting at the south side range yesterday.
In the morning section one and two of No. 1 Platoon had their first shot over the two hundred yard range and finished at one thirty. In the afternoon sections 3 and 4 of No. 1 Platoon arrived and spent the afternoon shooting over the same range. Some good shots were made considering it was the first time some of the volunteers ever shot and with little practise will improve them. It was very windy on the range and probably that would account for some weak shots.

(French Official Bulletin.)
Paris, Dec. 22.—British troops have attacked and this morning regained most of the trenches previously lost before Liheun.
The enemy delivered four successive attacks for the purpose of recapturing the trenches which we had previously gained in that region but all of them were repulsed.
In an attack to the Northwest of Puisseleue, South of Noxon, we have gained a foothold in the enemy's trenches of the first line and have made progress in the wood of St. Mars.

Mr. Arthur C. Huskins, who was singing at the Nickel Theatre, left for Charlottetown, P.E.I., last evening.

GETS AGENCY FOR CALENDARS

Mr. P. E. Outerbridge has secured the exclusive agency for Newfoundland for The Thos. D. Murphy Co., of Red Oak, Iowa, the well known manufacturers of calendars.
This Company is well known all over British North America for the excellence of its work, and no matter what the subject is the quality is certain to be there.
Mr. Outerbridge is to be complimented on securing such a high class agency and we wish them every success.

Crew of Victim Of Leipsig Lands

Men of the Drummie put Ashore at San Antonio From Seydlitz.

TALK IS CHEAP

Advertising is also very cheap, if carried in the right medium. The Mail and Advocate is the Can't Lose paper now. Must be true. Everybody's talking. It's not the price you pay but the returns you get.

Every Inch a Soldier

We were shown some photographs of Reginald Crane, son of Mr. F. Crane, who has volunteered with the Second Canadian Contingent and he looks every inch a soldier.
He is at Wolseley Barracks, London, Ontario, and his regiment are already making a name for themselves as soldiers.

Three years ago when he left home, Reg. was a mere lad, now he has grown into a tall strapping specimen of manhood, and, judging by his photograph, may be taken for a soldier with a dozen years of experience.

St. John's Municipal Board.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the St. John's Municipal Board are requested to furnish same to the undersigned not later than the 31st day of December.
By order,
JNO. L. SLATTERY,
Secretary-Treasurer.