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## Britain Ready For Next Raid By Cruisers

### POLICE SEARCH LOCAL THEATRE FOR SWORDS BORROWED FROM WIVES OF OFFICERS AT FRONT

Ladies Asked Investigation After Military Play Was Put On.

#### UNIFORM ALSO TAKEN

Tom Marks Denied All Knowledge of Military Equipments Which Disappear.

A search of the Grand Opera House has been made by the police and wives of officers for two swords, a uniform, a tunic, a sergeant-major's stripes and a sergeant-major's crown, which mysteriously disappeared after they had been "borrowed" by an unknown individual some weeks ago. The wives of the officers suspected that the swords were borrowed for use in a military play, several of which were put on by the Tom Marks Company during their recent engagement.

#### Before Play Appeared

The uniforms were borrowed on October 1 and 2, immediately before a performance of "Under the British Flag," played by the Marks Company. Mrs. Williams was called by telephone and told that Capt. McLean, of the Seventh Regiment, was speaking, and that he wished to borrow for military purposes a tunic belonging to Capt. Williams. Mrs. Williams called some of the military authorities, and was told that it would be advisable to lend the tunic. Then a man called for it. Later on it was learned that Capt. McLean had not called. It was suggested by a military man that the Marks Company had borrowed the uniform, and the police were asked to secure it within three hours of the time it was given. The tunic was not secured.

#### It is One Came Back

A sword was borrowed from Major Cole's home. Later, Mrs. Cole called Manager J. R. Minihnick about it. He denied that he knew where it was. Shortly after, Mrs. Cole says, a boy who said a man had given him the sword, returned it.

#### The sword and decorations of a sergeant-major were "borrowed" in about the same way from the home of Sergeant-Major Dunlevy. No trace of the sword secured has been returned.

#### Major Cole's home was 30 years old, and highly prized by the family.

#### The theatrical people denied all knowledge of the swords and uniforms. There were swords used in plays, but these, according to a statement made by Mr. Minihnick to The Advertiser, were owned by the company or members of the company.

#### Didn't See Trunks

The search of the theatre was made by Detective Eighton and the wives of two of the military men. One of the latter stated today that when they got in the door Mr. Marks went down stairs in a hurry and later came up saying that they "now could make the search." Nothing was found. It was said that it was not permitted the ladies to look in trunks for the lost articles, the police maintaining that the theatrical people were right in refusing to permit this.

#### Manager Minihnick states that the search was made "at the invitation of the house." He denies absolutely that he said anything about swords to Mr. Marks or anyone before the "borrowing." One of the ladies stated that Mr. Marks said he had asked Mr. Minihnick to get him a sword.

#### Another statement made after the search was the effect that one of the sergeants had admitted using a sword at Liberty Theatre, and that it did not belong to the company.

#### Investigation Continues

Meanwhile investigations are going on by the police and interested parties who are interested in the matter up, and it is said that will be cleared up rather sensationally within a short time. That such a trick could be played on the wives of officers who are serving their country is characterized as disgraceful by those who are making it their business to get at the facts. Several confessions have been made by Nightingale.

### Cruiser Built In Record Time

London, Dec. 17.—(12 p.m.)—What is described by the admiralty as a record in ship construction was announced today. The light cruiser Caroline was delivered completely today and placed in commission, ten and a half months after her keel was laid.

#### The date of delivery specified in the contract was May 31, 1914. Cammell, Laird & Co., of Birkenhead, built the cruiser, which is 4,300 tons displacement and has a speed of 30 knots.

#### RUSSIANS CLAIM MANY SUCCESSSES

Petrograd, Dec. 17.—(12 p.m.)—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 a number of 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."

#### Turks Took Offensive, But Their Forces Were Demoralized.

#### GERMAN REINFORCEMENTS

Nine Army Corps Said To Have Reached Von Hindenburg in Month.

#### RUSSIANS ATTACKING

London, Dec. 17.—(12 p.m.)—The extensive offensive movements against the Russians in the last few days appear to have been achieved by the Austrians in West Galicia. Here the Russians, according to advice received from the zone of hostilities, have been attacked simultaneously from two sides, on their right by an offensive by the Austrians of Cracow, and on the right front from a movement from the southward.

#### Force Russians North

Report that the Austrians are following up the retreating Russian army from the south shows, in the opinion of military observers, that the Russians are being forced northward. Whether this retirement will extend to the Russians massed on the north of Piotrkow will depend on the events of the next few days.

#### TURKS CONDEMN GRECIAN OFFICER

London, Dec. 17.—(12 p.m.)—The Greek minister to Turkey has protested, and demanded that the condemned man be turned over to the Greek legation.

#### A DARING ROBBERY

Single Bandit Gets Away With \$8,000 From Cincinnati Bank.

#### PRINCELET IMPROVES

Berlin, Dec. 17.—(12 p.m.)—Prince August William, fourth son of the Emperor, is recovered sufficiently from injuries received in an automobile accident seven weeks ago so that he could travel to Berlin.

### HER FIRST CENTENNIAL

An American cartoon marking the hundred years of peace between Britain and the United States, which will find an echo in the hearts of Canadians.



This is one of the many remarkable cartoons from the weekly that has taken such a strong stand for the Allies in the present war. In another page Life pictures a gorilla with a young woman under his arm, from the weekly that has taken such a strong stand for the Allies in the present war. In another page Life pictures a gorilla with a young woman under his arm, from the weekly that has taken such a strong stand for the Allies in the present war.

### SEVENTY-FOUR KILLED IN BOMBARDMENT OF COAST

One Hundred and Forty-Seven Wounded in Towns Attacked by German Raiding Cruisers—Britain Fully Expects That Assaults Will Be Repeated.

London, Dec. 17.—(10:30 a.m.)—The crippling of telephone and telegraph wires by the bombardment yesterday of three ports on the east coast of England by German raiding cruisers, together with the precautions thrown about these towns by the police and the military authorities, made it impossible even today, more than 24 hours after the shelling of Scarborough, the Hartlepool and Whitby, to obtain more than an approximate estimate of the civilian dead and wounded.

### GREAT CONFLICT NOW IN PROGRESS

Germany Manage To Establish Themselves Near Sochaczew, in Poland.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Dec. 17.—(12 p.m.)—A great battle in progress at Sochaczew, 30 miles west of Warsaw. The German wedge, which is proceeding in a southeasterly direction from Lodz, has managed, after heavy fighting, in which serious losses are reported to have been inflicted, to establish itself a quarter of a mile west of Sochaczew. The Polish campaign now centres at that point.

### WENT DOWN WITH SHIP THOUGH TOLD TO LEAVE

Most of German Liner's Crew Stuck to Vessel Which Russians Sank.

Petrograd, Dec. 17.—(12 p.m.)—It was officially announced today that the steamer Bernice, of the German Levantine Line, was found navigating off the Turkish coast near Kerasant, and was sunk by a Russian warship, after all on board the merchantman had been ordered to leave. Only two Turkish officers and twelve soldiers obeyed the order, and the others went down with the ship.

### TURKEY GOING UP

Price Advances, But Dealers Declare They Will Be Cheaper.

London, Dec. 17.—(12 p.m.)—The Daily Telegraph's correspondents in the three bombarded towns give the following details of the action of the German ships in their localities:

"Hartlepool—The enemy's ships were damaged by the coast batteries, the price of wheat is rising slightly. The market today (except up to 11 and 12 cents) is a speculative one. Some of the larger grocers in the city, however, are buying hundreds of turkeys from a disreputable dealer. Most of these will be delivered in the city before the end of this week.

"Whitby—The vessels steamed close to the coast cliff, doing to damage to the town. Their first shot lodged in the side of the cliff, doing to damage to the town. The range finding of the ship was faulty, and most of the shots fell short, although some of them fell at Riggward, a mile inland, and much damage was done to private houses in Fishburn Park.

### BRITISH BOMBARD TURKS

Troops Had Concentrated On the Coast of the Gulf of Saros, North of the Dardanelles.

Athens, Dec. 17.—(12 p.m.)—A British squadron has bombarded Turkish troops who had concentrated Sunday on the coast of the Gulf of Saros, the arm of the Aegean Sea north of the Dardanelles. This information was received here today in a dispatch from Mytilene. Details are lacking.

### THREE STEAMERS SUNK BY MINES IN THE NORTH SEA

London, Dec. 17.—(12 p.m.)—Three steamers were sunk by mines in the North Sea, off Flamborough Head, last night.

Only one of these three vessels has so far been identified. This is the steamer Elterwater. Twelve of her crew were saved, but seven lost their lives. The casualties on the other ships have not yet been determined, but it is reported that the crew and passengers of the passenger vessel were seen taking to their boats.

### GERMAN CRUISER ON FIRE AS SHE LEFT HARTLEPOOL

Correspondent Reports Damage To Raiders—Most of the Shots Fired At Whitby Fell Short, But Many Houses Were Damaged.

London, Dec. 17.—(12 p.m.)—The Daily Telegraph's correspondents in the three bombarded towns give the following details of the action of the German ships in their localities:

"Scarborough—The first bombardment lasted twenty minutes, and then stopped for three minutes, while the warships turned on their courses. They then began again and lasted ten minutes, when the invaders made straight for sea at top speed.

"All damage done here was to buildings which were without the slightest military value. There are plentiful signs of the German visitation, such as shrapnel, shot-pierced steeples and holes in walls. Several of the central thoroughfares are littered with wreckage. There is hardly a house in the central part of the town that escaped a few broken windows."

### IS IN NEW YORK

Dr. H. A. Stevenson's Intentions For Majority Are Therefore Unknown.

Dr. H. A. Stevenson, named Wednesday evening as the anonymous nominee of the Trades and Labor Council, is out of the city. The doctor is in New York, and, therefore, his intentions are unknown. It is expected, however, that he will enter the race. At his last election to the public utilities commission, he was returned by the largest vote ever rolled up in the city.

### SAW THOUSANDS KILLED

London Doctor's in France Witnesses War's Awful Toll.

After three months' strenuous work as an auxiliary in a Paris hospital, Dr. E. Gardiner, son of Mrs. J. H. Gardiner, of this city, is returning home to take up his practice here. The hospital, which up to the time of the war was a private one, is being extended and continued for Red Cross service.

Dr. Gardiner was taken to the front by his chief at the time of the bombardment of Rheims and Soissons, and, in a letter just received by his mother, tells of seeing thousands killed.

### TRENCHES TAKEN AT POINT OF BAYONETS

### French Official Statement Reports Successes and Progress Made in Vermelles Region—Germans Claim To Have Repulsed Attacks and Inflicted Losses.

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 have occupied several German trenches at the point of the bayonet, and organized the territory taken from the enemy to the west of Chateauvieux."

"We have made progress at some points in the region of Vermelles. There has been no infantry action along the remainder of the front, but we report very effective 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."

#### GERMANY'S REPORT

Berlin, Dec. 17.—(12 p.m.)—Army headquarters today issued the following statement: "Yesterday the French continued their attacks at Neufport without success. Attacks were attempted at Zillebecke and LaBasse, but were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy."

"The intention of the French to throw a bridge over the Aisne at Soissons was prevented by our artillery. French earthworks to the east of Rheims were destroyed."

#### MORE VICTORIES

"There is no news on the east and west Prussian frontiers. The Russian offensive against Silesia and Posen has completely broken down. In the whole of Poland the enemy was forced to retreat, after stubborn and ferocious battles, and is being pursued everywhere."

"During the fighting in Northern Poland yesterday, and the previous day, the heavy of the West Prussian Heerstruppen gained a victory. The effect of this victory cannot yet be estimated."

"FROM AUSTRIA. The Austrian general Bechtel, who has just returned from the front, reports that 21,000 Russians have on today by the German official press been taken prisoners in West Galicia."

### Effect of Raid Is To Stimulate Recruiting

Rush in London Like That at Outbreak of Hostilities—The Allies Have Clearly Taken Up Offensive in Flanders.

London, Dec. 17.—(12:25 p.m.)—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 almost solely to this cause.

The increase in recruiting resulting from the bombardment of the east coast towns is particularly marked in London, where the rush of applicants resembles in many respects the scenes witnessed at the outbreak of the war. The number of the civilian population in case of further German attacks, and the organization of London of a national guard for local defence.

In the western front of the war, especially in Flanders, the roles of the contending armies would appear today to have been clearly reversed. All the recent official communications issued by both the Allies and the Germans, refer to the allied offensive from Ypres to the sea. Consequently the Germans are on the defensive. It may be said that the attempt of the Allies to push the Germans out of Belgium, and that the results so far recorded, are a considerable converted the German line into a series of tenuously held positions rather than a straight front. At many points allied wedges have been driven in.

### SAY WINDSOR CAMP WOULD BE AFFRONT TO U. S. NEUTRALITY

Military Men Oppose Mobilization of Battalion On Border, Claiming It Would Be Like Carrying a Chip On the Shoulder to Americans.

Col. W. E. Hodgins, district officer commanding this division, left for Chatham and Windsor today, and tonight he will be a guest of honor at a banquet given by the Windsor Board of Trade.

It is believed here that the Windsor Board of Trade will press home the request that one of the new battalions, which it is proposed to mobilize in this division, be established in Windsor. This request is made principally for the purpose of averting any hostile feeling across the border which may contemplate a raid on Canada.

Carrying Chip on Shoulder. There are several objections in military circles to having a battalion trained in Windsor, and one, most often quoted, is that it would be like carrying a chip on the shoulder to a nation neutral in the war and one at least very friendly to Canada.

It is asserted that the movement of a battalion of 1,200 or 1,300 men in Windsor would excite the attention of the United States, and the motive of their presence there would be construed into a lack of faith in the proposed neutrality of the United States.

Windsor, of course, wants the battalion for another reason. It will mean that the soldiers will get Government pay of nearly \$50,000 a month, and most of this would be spent in Windsor.

While Col. Hodgins has given no indication of how he stood on the question, it is believed that he is opposed to any mobilization in the border city for the reasons stated above.

It was said today that when the new battalions are recruited it may be necessary to recruit them at various cities in the division, such as Windsor, Stratford, Guelph, and St. Thomas, and train them in squads or companies for a considerable length of time before they are brought to a concentration camp.

One hat, where the cold air (say) is turned on, that they have down here. If the public local mercury tubes should take a drop of thirty, forty, or fifty degrees, imagination tells them that living, smart, from being uncomfortable, would be insupportable.

### Clear, Cold Spell Say Wiseacres

High Barometer Sure Indication of This, They Claim—Superstitious Rejoice.

"A green Christmas makes a full graveyard" runs the old adage, and the superstitious are comforting themselves with the fact that the barometer runs unusually high, and the weatherman predicts a spell of clear, cold weather. With the ground all covered with snow and a sting in the air that makes them shiver in their heaviest garments, they tell all who will listen to them, that a white Christmas is prophetic of a full harvest, good health and prosperity.

Judging by the impetus given to Christmas buying as a result of the cold snap, the merchants are quite certain the pranks of the mercury will spell greater assistance.

Not since the dry spell of the past summer has the barometer registered so high—29.75—and according to the wiseacres, the street railway company and other big corporations may stifle their anxieties for the present.

At 8 o'clock this morning the thermometer read four above zero, the lowest reading being three above zero. Tuesday still holds the record for the coldest day this week.

Opinion seems pretty unanimous that this is the coldest day for the time of the year. London has experienced in many seasons. The stokers of home furnaces who take the precaution to shut off the water at night are quite sure they can't possibly have the same kind of degrees out in blighted Med-

### NEXT BRITISH MAIL

The next British mail closes tomorrow at 10 a.m.

### THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 16; lowest, 5 a.m. today.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 16; lowest, 3 above zero.

### TOMORROW—MILDER

Forecast, Dec. 17-18 a.m.

Today—Western to southerly winds, fair and cold.

Friday—Stationary or a little higher temperature.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria ..... 25 ..... 4 ..... Cloudy

Winnipeg ..... 25 ..... 4 ..... Clear

Port Arthur ..... 14 ..... 2 ..... Cloudy

Parry Sound ..... 20 ..... 6 ..... Cloudy

Toronto ..... 21 ..... 10 ..... Cloudy

Ottawa ..... 19 ..... 4 ..... Cloudy

Montreal ..... 12 ..... 4 ..... Cloudy

Quebec ..... 10 ..... 4 ..... Cloudy

Father Point ..... 15 ..... 10 ..... Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

Pressure is decreasing quickly in the Western Provinces, with rising temperatures. Elsewhere it is high, attended by fair, cold weather.