THE TRUE STORY OF RECENT ZEPPELIN RAIDS

AIR RAIDS ON ENGLAND A FAILURE BOTH FROM MORAL AND MILITARY VIEWPOINT

Official Story Shows That Destruction of Some Private Property and Murder of Non-Combatants Were Net Results of Attacks—Some Incidents of The Raids.

London, Sept. 17.—An official description of some of the effects of the last Zeppelin raid upon the London district, written by an impartial observer at the request of the Home Secretary, Sir John Simmon, issued tonight for publication is as follows:

"While it is absolutely necessary in the interest of public safety to maintain the rule that no unauthorized account shall appear, the real character of the outrages will be better understood from a collection of incidents, each verified on the spot and vouched for by the authorities as accurate. The Home Secretary takes this opportunity of stating explicitly that the total casualties resulting from these air raids have been correctly stated in all cases. The information is based upon an exhaustive inquiry by the police.

"In a letter some months ago First Lord of the Admiralty Balfour set forth the reasons which prevented the government from disclosing the exact localities in which damage has been done in the various Zeppelin raids. These reasons remain valid, and there is no intention of departing from the rule adopted to prevent information being made available for the enemy, either in regard to the routes taken or the places and buildings on which bombs were dropped. The experience in the raids last week, combined with German official reports demonstrate that commanders of German air craft often are grossly in error as to their movements, and they have no means of estimating the effect of their promiscuous bombardments, materially or morally.

Only Private Property Suffered.

"In every case where damage has been caused it was private property which suffered, and in most cases this has been of the small residential kind. Almost all the unfortunate people who have been killed not only were non-combatants of a class who hitherto, in the honorable practice of civilized warfare, have been exexmpt from attack—women and children, small shops, workingmen—the sacrifices of whose lives serves no military purpose, either morally or materially.

"The folly and futility of the raids last week may well be imagined when it is remembered that the London district, taken for convenience as the area administered by the metropolitan police, is just short of 700 square miles in area. It was by hastily dropping at random in the dark, explosive and incendiary materials somewhere in this enormous surface that the enemy professed to have accomplished an important military purpose.

"The fact is that no public institutions of any kind was hit, nor was any power station or arsenal. No damage was done affecting the use of any building connected directly or indirectly with the conduct of the war. It is true that two hospitals narrowly escaped damage, but it is only fair to say, in behalf of the officers of an army which has done its best to destroy the cathedrals of Belgium and France, that up to the present time they have succeeded in hitting only one church.

"So far as the moral effect of the raid is concerned, it is feared that from the standpoint of Berlin it was a complete failure. If Count Zeppelin himself accompanied the raiding aircraft, as has been reported, from Holland, he will be disappointed to learn that only a minority of the vast population of London was aware of the presence of his airships; that among those who heard the gun fire and saw the Zeppelin, the feelings everywhere aroused were interest and curiosity rather than fear. That London and its suburbs as a community faced calmly the murderous efforts of these raiders is in no way a mitigation of the callous and purposeless brutality of their actions, or the tragedies which have followed.

Some Incidents of the Raids.

"Here are a few pictures of the effects accomplished by the officers and crew of the last airship which visited the London district. Somewhere in London there is a little street with a public house at the corner. Outside it Wednesday evening, after the place was closed, a man and woman stood talking. While the woman went away to buy supper the man waited for her and there fell at his feet the first explosive bombs. They killed the man outright and blew pieces of the paving stone onto surrounding roofs. They blew in the front of the public house, reducing the stock to a mass of broken glass, over which still floats the indefinable odor of assorted forms of alcohol. They took off the top of a grand piano on the floor above, twisted an iron bedstead, injuring a woman who was sleeping there and reduced what had been the carefully kept living rooms of a small family to a mass of dust, plaster and broken glass. In what conceivable respect did this contribute to the progress of the war?

"In another part of the area over which the airship passed there is a big block of workmen's dwellings, which are crowded day and night with children. A bomb dropped on the roof. Directly under the roof was a little flat in which four children were asleep. After being put to bed two of them got up secretly to make tea in an adjoining room. The bed they left now is a mass of charred and blackened sheets, with the mattress torn to pieces. They escaped by a mircale, but in a small bedroom next door the other two children were killed instantly.

"These buildings are strong and the bomb did not penetrate far. You hardly can notice the damage to the roof, if you pass in the street. That was all that was happening when the captain of the German aircraft professed to think he was visiting docks, and vitally damaging the port of London.

A Rooster Only Victim

"At another place an incendiary bomb dropped through the roof of a stable and fired a motor car into which it fell. The stableman and his wife, in spite of the fire, which immediately became serious, set about rescuing eleven horses which were in the stable. They were carefully taken out and turned loose in the street. A dog which kept guard over the premises also was rescued, as was a caged bird, kept on the first floor above the fire, although while bringing it down stairs the stableman's wife was blown off her feet by the explosion of a bomb which fell in a neighboring courtyard. The only casualty in this case was a bantam rooster. In such a case as the last the futility of the enemy's attack was merely ridiculous, in other cases it was tragic.

"Somewhere in London's suburbs there is a little block of houses almost by itself, divided into small flats. On the ground floor there were sleeping a widow, her eighteen year old daughter and a young man lodger. On the first floor there was a family of three children, two of them girls, and on the second floor a workingman, his wife, four girls and one boy. A bomb dropped squarely on the roof. As the laborer and his wife, who were on the second floor, described it, the whole partition wall beside their bed gave way and disappeared. The man shoved his wife into the centre of the room, and went to find the children. Two of them who slept in a room under the spot where the bomb fell vanished with the room and everything in it. Their bodies were found two days later under the debris. Of the others, a boy of eight ran for safety to a staircase which had been blown away, and in the dark fell into the hole where his sister's bodies were buried in the ruins.

"The bodies of two of the occupants of the first floor subsequently were recovered, but the worst effects of the bomb were felt on the ground floor. Part of the body of the man who occupied it was found 150 yards away.

"A bomb dropped in a street, blew in the front of a shop, but spent its main force on a passing motor bus, on which twenty persons were riding, including the driver and conductor. Nine of them were killed and eleven injured. The driver had both legs blown off, and died in a hospital.

"These incidents alone, which account for nearly half the deaths, will suffice to show what was the nature of the success attending the attack upon London. The net results of the week's raids upon the London district were thirty-eight killed, or died of wounds, and one hundred and twenty-four injured. Two policemen and one army service corps man were among the victims, but no other person in uniform was killed or injured."

HORWOOD WITNESS IN CASE AGAINST FORMER MANITOBA MINISTERS

Ex-Provincial Architect Tells of Contracts and Part Former Ministers Had in Transactions.

Winnipeg, Sept. 17.—Police officers stood at the doors of the court room this morning, for the first time since the preliminary hearing of Sir Rodmond Roblin, Hon. Dr. Montague, Hon. George Coldwell and Hon. J. H. Howden, on charges of conspiracy, commenced before Magistrate P. A. MacDonald.

V. H. Horwood, the first crown witness, took the stand when the court resumed at ten o'clock this morning, and R. A. Bonnar, K. C., examined him.

Mr. Horwood said he would consider at least eight weeks the proper interval for presenting tenders after advertisement, in the case of a building of the magnitude of the parliament buildings. In this case the interval was about six weeks. He had recommended, owing to the urgency of the matter, that tenders be asked for on the original plans and changes be made later to caissons and steel front piles and reinforced concrete. Immediately after the contract at $2,859,750 was signed by Kelly and Coldwell, acting minister of public works, the change in the plans was made from piling to caissons, said witness. Coldwell instructed him to prepare plans and there was no contract.

Kelly's tender had included $64,000 for piling. This, he said, was too low. Horwood's estimate of cost of caissons $534,288, estimating reinforced concrete $12 per yard and deducting Kelly's piling figures.

Sir Rodmond Roblin expressed surprise at the cost of caissons, and said it would mean putting seven hundred thousand dollars underground. Horwood said the real value of the piling should have been deducted from his estimate of caissons cost ,instead of Kelly's estimate, which he thought too low.

Winnipeg, Sept. 17.—A good deal of ground was covered today in the examination by the Crown of V. W. Horwood, former provincial architect, the first witness in the preliminary hearing of four members of Manitoba's last cabinet. The names of all the accused ex-ministers were mentioned in evidence, in the Crown's attempt to link them up with the charges of conspiracy to defraud the province.

Sir Rodman Roblin was said to have been concerned in some of the contracts for extras while acting at one time as Minister of Public Works and to have been present at a private meeting just before the last session of the legislature, when he asked Hon. Dr. Montague if everything was alright in connection with the parliament building contracts. Dr. Montague replied that everything was "fireproof."

The witness stated that Dr. Montague, when he first took office, was "very strict," and put Horwood to considerable inconvenience through his scrutiny of estimates in which Horwood was seeking to conceal campaign fund items. Horwood said that Dr. Simpson saw the minister of public works, and after that the witness claimed he found no difficulty.

Geo. R. Coldwell, who was acting minister of education for a great deal of the time during the earlier work on the buildings, was stated to have instructed Horwood that he should be guided by Dr. R. N. Simpson in the manipulation of contracts, so that a campaign fund might be raised from the parliament buildings.

James H. Howden, former attorney-general, was mentioned less frequently. He was at the conference before the legislature met, and was said to have remarked that a letter from Architect Simon, recommending the acceptance of Thomas Kelly's original tender, "cleared up the whole situation."

Thomas Kelly's part in the transactions about which Mr. Howard was examined was not inconspicuous, according to the evidence given. He recommended a change to brick in the foundation walls, largely, Mr. Horwood thought, because he had a large stock of brick on hand which he wanted to have used. When Horwood found it difficult to bring his detailed figures up to the $215,000, which was the figure he had to submit for the grillage for the south wing, Kelly advised him to include $64,800 for concrete between the grillage. He did this, including also excessive amounts of steel and rivets. He allowed for 190 tons of rivets alone. Mr. Horwood was unable to recall the amounts Dr. Simpson had given him in connection with the various contracts, to be included for campaign funds, but he said it was his practice to add to the proper allowance of steel, some times 25 per cent., some times 25 and 15 per cent. and some times 25, 15 and 10 per cent.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RECRUITING MEETING

(Continued from page one.)

There is ample justice for taking the sword and bring to a speedy end such a calamity. I say, we're brothers, and in such a case somebody elses concern is my concern. England is depending on you, young men, to come forward. She demands retribution and will not be satisfied until Belgium is given back to Belgium and Poland back to Poland. Nothing will insure everlasting peace until all things have been vindicated.

"Will you not enlist and consequently bring to a close these terrible horrors now going on? By joining the colors now, young man, you allow the married men to stay at home. You not only bring glory and honor to yourselves, but you aid in crushing a military despotism which is seeking a world expansion. Conscription is either a permanent policy of the state as used in Germany, or it is a temporary expedient throughout the war only. I would rather have conscription for two years under King George than have it for life under the German Emperor. To see this great state universally rise up as a free people against the invader has been one of the grandest sights under the circle of heaven. If we see the vision we will don the khaki for the love which we bear for our loved ones, for an early termination of the war and for the staving off of conscription.

"When Tommy comes marching home, boys, covered with honor, glory and the wreath of victory, I tell you he will be glad and I want to be with Tommy."

A. W. Baird then gave two pleasing recitals entitled "Modern Diplomacy" and "The Fighting Race."

Postmaster Sears

Postmaster Edward Sears on being introduced by the chairman began his address by paying glowing tribute to the Canadian boys who went to South Africa. He referred to the glorious duty, well done of the St. John men on the African veldt. Continuing he said: "Britain does not stand for Britain. Our motherland sets us an example of unselfishness. England, today, as she has ever done in the past, stands for the advance of humanity, and she is fighting for that end now. South Africa is a notable example of the fact. There although she has planted seed for a greater Britain, yet every Boer feels that we did not fight to acquire their land but to present to them a freedom, a chance to live, where otherwise they were grovelling in the dust at the influence and intrigue of a foreign power. The policy of Great Britain has been to raise manhood to the greatest possible degree of completion and efficiency and are we not full of pride to belong to such a nation?

"I can't realize why we are obliged to hold these recruiting meetings. If I could only get the young men to think and what to think, I will guarantee there would be no need for these meetings. It takes a calamity to make men think not of self but what he should be doing, at the same time satisfying his own conscience. It has taken a calamity, at God's will, to awaken our young men and it will be a catastrophe for Germany. If we should hear tonight that the British flag has been planted in Constantinople, every house would be empty and every street filled. Oh, you people take great pride in victory, but will you help to gain it?

The speaker concluded his address with a few famous lines of Tennyson taken from Lockesly Hall, predicting the present great calamity.

MARRIED.

VAIL-BIGGAR—At the parsonage of Centenary church, St. John, on September 17, by Rev. W. H. Barraclough, David Hatfield Vail of Norton, N. B., to Hazel Vivian Biggar.

DIED.

RING—At her residence, 64 St. John street, W. E., on the 17th inst., Sarah A., wife of Levi F. Ring, leaving, besides her husband, two sons and one sister to mourn.

Funeral on Sunday afternoon at 2.30, (private.)

(Portland, Me., and Chicago papers please copy.)

ELLIOTT—At 84 Highfield street, Moncton, N. B., Laurinda West, widow of Elias W. Elliott, aged eighty-five years, leaving three daughters.

Funeral Saturday afternoon at 2.30 from Brussels street Baptist church to Fernhill.

DOIG—Suddenly at 172 Carmarthen street, on the 16th inst., Jennet, beloved wife of Fred Doig and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. McKechnie leaving one son, three daughters and three sisters.

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