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U. S. BEING INVOLVED IN RAIDER'S DEPREDATIONS

**YARROWDALE, PRIZE OF
RAIDER, RUNS BLOCKADE
AND REACHES GERMANY**

**30 BELGIANS SENTENCED
TO DEATH FOR ATTEMPT
TO ESCAPE SLAVERY**

**SWISS RESERVISTS IN
STATES ORDERED HOME
TO ANSWER NEW CALL**

**WORLD'S GREATEST BATTLE
IMPENDING NOW ON FRONT
OF FRANCE AND FLANDERS**

SUBS ACCOMPANY SOUTH ATLANTIC GERMAN COMMERCE RAIDER

**WEATHER ONLY
BLOCKS START
OF GREATEST
BATTLE OF WAR**

**Favorable Conditions Will Be
Signal for Outbreak.**

TO ECLIPSE ALL THE OTHERS

**History Will Be Overshadowed
by Impending Struggle.**

FEVERISH PREPARATIONS

**French Are Preparing for the
Violation of Swiss
Neutrality.**

New York, Jan. 20.—A cable to the Tribune from London says:

Feverish preparations are going on along the west front for what both sides expect to be the greatest battle in history. The signal for the outbreak depends on the weather man chiefly.

Interest here and in France centres in the possibility of a German invasion of Switzerland for the purpose of striking at the French army in Alsace as part of the coming struggle. Dispatches from Bern say that General Ulrich Wille, commander-in-chief of the Swiss army, formally has proposed mobilization of all Swiss military forces.

Despite his recent utterances that he believed Switzerland was safe from invasion, apparently he has become alarmed at the concentration of German troops along the Swiss border. The Swiss federal council, however, regards the situation as free from grave danger, though it has so far agreed with Wille as to mobilize the 2nd, 4th and 5th divisions of the army. It is considered possible at Bern, however, that further units will be called to the colors soon.

The seeming optimism of the Swiss governing council is hardly shared in allied circles here and in France, to which the violation of Swiss neutrality would come as no distinct surprise.

Reports persist that German forces are being massed across the line from Basel and that a strategic railroad is being hurriedly constructed in that sector. The belief is strong in French military quarters that the Germans have made all plans for an attack of unprecedented violence on the French lines in Alsace, between Basel and Belfort, and it is realized that such a movement presupposes the invasion of Switzerland.

From the Kolnische Zeitung's correspondent at the front comes word that "without the slightest doubt mighty accumulations of war material and important shifting of troops is taking place," behind the allied front.

**MYSTERY SHIP OFF
BRAZILIAN COAST
IS LATEST REPORT**

**Seen Running at High Speed
by Crew of Steamer Arriving Yesterday.**

Buenos Aires, Jan. 20.—According to press dispatches from Rio Janeiro, a strange steamship with four smokestacks, painted black, has been sighted off Ceara, Brazil, running at high speed. Word of this vessel was brought by the men on a steamship which arrived yesterday at Bahia, Brazil, who say they saw the steamer.

The German raider which has been operating in the South Atlantic, is reported to be equipped with collapsible smokestacks. The number of stacks visible being changed at intervals to disguise the identity of the vessel. The state of Ceara is in the north of Brazil.

ARRIVING SUNDAY.—Two additional names have been added to the list of invalided soldiers who are expected to arrive in this city on Sunday at 11:15 via C. P. R. The names are T. J. Driscoll, Walkerville, and A. A. Gedge, Palmerston.

**BELGIAN SLAVES FORCED
TO WORK IN TRENCHES;
30 SENTENCED TO DIE**

Attempted To Escape To Holland, and Will Share Edith Cavell's Fate, Says Official Announcement of Belgium's Government.

New York, Jan. 20.—The Tribune this morning published the following special cable:

Havre, Jan. 19.—By Fred B. Pitney.—Thirty Belgians have been condemned to death by the German military government at Liege because they sought to reach Holland and join the Belgian army.

Four others, who have not yet reached the age of seventeen, have been sentenced to fifteen years in prison. Notice of the sentence has been posted broadcast throughout Belgium by order of the Governor-General von Bisping. News of this latest German outrage, which recalls the murder of Edith Cavell, came to the Belgian Government today through the most trustworthy channels.

Escaping Belgians bring accounts of untold sufferings undergone by many of the deported. According to these reports, the victims of the "slave raids" are forced to work in the German trenches, strengthening the fortifications, and supplementing the pioneer corps of the German armies.

**107 HIT "TRAIL"
IN AYLMEY, ONT.**

[Special to The Advertiser.] Aylmery, Jan. 20.—Aylmery may be small, and its aspirations are far from those of metropolitan cities, but Billy Sunday was out-Sundayed on Friday night, when 107 converts were recorded at the Hanley-Fischer revival services here. More than 1,500 crowded the "tabernacle" on young people's night, and hundreds were unable to gain admission. The revival is now in its fourth week, and the trail blitters are growing in numbers.

**RESPIRE PROVIDES
CHANCE TO UNITE
RUSSIAN POLICIES**

**Duma's Postponement Gives
Opportunity To Leaders.**

PRESS STILL PESSIMISTIC

**Regards the Adjournment as
Being of the Gravest
Import.**

Petrograd, Jan. 19.—Via London, Jan. 20.—The Imperial ukaz further postponing the convening of the Duma and the Imperial Council, has provided another intermission in the Russian political situation in which it is hoped that some means will be discovered of harmonizing the policies of the government and the legislative chambers. The steady succession of ministerial changes and the events which have taken place since November, when the Duma met, have done little to bring about the desired understanding. On the other hand, the gulf which separates the government and the Duma is very clearly defined.

It became obvious that a meeting of the Duma under the present circumstances would only serve to sharpen the conflict and precipitate a final rupture between the two parties. Premier Gorev explained the apparent contradiction between his recent utterances regarding co-operation with the legislative departments and the ukaz postponing their reassembling by a statement that he underestimated the length of time necessary to form the government program, and that it is essential for the government to become fully acquainted with the situation before the Duma meets.

The newspapers indulge in pessimistic comment on the situation. The Rech says: "The work of the Imperial Council and the Duma is being more and more energetically paralyzed."

Gazette says: "Rumors about adjournment are now verified. It is unnecessary to state how serious the present moment is and how grave the import is an adjournment even for a short period."

GET BACK INCREASES. Regina, Sask., Jan. 20.—The public school board last night rejected teachers' salaries to the schedule in force before the outbreak of the war, which means that the teachers will get pay increases for the interval based on their 1914 salaries.

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, 18; lowest, 9.

The official temperature for the 12 hours, previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 19; lowest, 13.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLDER. Toronto, Jan. 20.—8 a.m. Forecast: Fair.

Today—Snow flurries, becoming colder, with northerly winds tonight. Sunday—Fair and decidedly colder. Temperatures.

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

Stations. High. Low. Weather. Calgary. 23. 24. Fair. Winnipeg. 23. 24. Clear. Port Arthur. 23. 24. Clear. Parry Sound. 10. 0. Snow. Toronto. 18. 9. Cloudy. Ottawa. 18. 9. Cloudy. Montreal. 18. 9. Fair. Quebec. 18. 9. Fair. Minus means below zero.

Weather Notes. The weather has moderated in Southern Ontario, but continues extremely cold in the north and throughout Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. It has become very cold again in Manitoba.

**RESERVISTS OF
SWITZERLAND
ORDERED HOME**

**Must Report For Mobilization
On January 24
Next.**

CALL IS SENT OUT

**All Classes Effected by Recent
Order Must Join
Colors.**

Washington, Jan. 20.—Swiss consulates in the United States and elsewhere throughout the world, have been instructed to inform members of the second Swiss army division and parts of the fourth and fifth divisions, which are not already under arms, to return immediately to Switzerland and join the colors. Instructions to the consular officials in this country passed through the Swiss legation here. The divisions will be mobilized on January 24.

According to information obtained from the legation today the Swiss citizens who will be required to join the colors were permitted to leave Switzerland with the understanding that they would return if called upon. The number of Swiss citizens in this country affected by the mobilization order is comparatively small.

**TEUTONS CAPTURE
TOWN ON SERETH,
THEY NOW REPORT**

Say Nanesti Was Taken Yesterday by Storm.

Berlin, Jan. 20.—Via Sayville.—The German official statement issued today reads:

"Western Front: Near Wytschaete and west of Ypres, attacks by British patrols last night were repulsed. Reconnoitering enterprises launched between Deller and the Rhine-Rhone Canal were successfully carried out by Wurttemberg troops."

"Rumanian Front, Front of Archduke Joseph: In the Eastern Carpathians, northeast of Belgor, minor Russian detachments repeatedly attacked our positions unsuccessfully. The enemy, who at one point had entered by a surprise attack, was driven off in hand-to-hand fighting."

"North of the Suchitza Valley, the Rumanians repeated their desperate attacks at the same points as on the preceding day. In addition to several dead which are lying before our positions the aggressors lost 400 men in prisoners."

"Army Group of Field Marshal von Mackensen: A heavy snowstorm and sufficient light impeded the activity of our artillery. Nevertheless, the town of Nanesti, situated on the Sereth, was taken yesterday by German troops by storm and in hand-to-hand fighting."

The statement reports that nothing important occurred along the Russian front.

"On the Macedonian front," says the statement, "the day and the night of yesterday passed calmly."

**DISCUSS APPORTIONING
SALARIES OF AUDITORS**

Utilities and No. 1 Committee to Hold Conference.

There will be a conference this afternoon between the utilities commission, and No. 1 committee of the city council, to discuss the question of auditors.

The city has named Arch Seratton and Andrew Dale, and the commission are satisfied with this selection. The question of a proper apportioning of the salaries will be the main topic to be taken up.

It is expected that the city will pay 60 per cent, and the commission 40 per cent. This is considered an equitable division.

**LONG CHASE BY
ALLIES BEFORE
RAIDER SUNK**

**Equipment Such That Pursuit
Will Be Necessary.**

SUBMARINE AUXILIARIES

**Three New Type U-Boats Are
Carried by Mysterious
Commerce Destroyer.**

15 VESSELS IN PURSUIT

**Armed Vessels Gather To
Sweep Southern Seas For
German Vessel.**

BY CHAS. P. STEWART.

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Buenos Aires, Jan. 20.—Pigmy submarines, 78 feet in length, are carried by the German raider which has wrought such damage to allied shipping in Atlantic waters.

The captain of the captured British steamer Netherby Hall, among those landed at Pernambuco from the German prize ship Hudson Maru, was authority for this statement today:

"There are three submarines carried by the raider," he said. "They are capable of operation over a small radius, and are equipped with torpedoes, dynamite and ammunition."

Such additional details as this, indicating the typical German thoroughness with which the raider was prepared and equipped, led shipping circles to predict a long chase by allied warships before the sea scourge is cornered.

Certainly she had not been definitely located today, according to dispatches at South American ports.

Wireless dispatches received today said that the auxiliary British cruisers Macedonia and Orama had arrived off Pernambuco.

**DRINA SAFE;
REACHES RIO.**

Rio De Janeiro, Jan. 20.—The royal mail liner Drina, which had been in the zone of the operations of the German commerce raider, and which, in some quarters, had been reported sunk, entered the harbor of Rio Janeiro this morning.

**USES SUBMARINES
AS SCOUTING AIDS.**

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 20.—The Jornal Pequeno of Pernambuco asserts that it has information that the German raider is accompanied by three small submarines.

**SUBMARINES GERMAN
LAST RESORT AGAINST
VICTORIOUS BRITISH**

Leader of Conservative Reichstag Party Says Other Weapons Too Few.

Berlin, Jan. 20.—Count Westarp, leader of the Conservative party in the Reichstag, declares himself in favor of the fullest use of submarines, in a speech at Magdeburg.

"Our utmost strength must now be thrown into the sea. There is no weapon of warfare which we dare to withhold. We have too few weapons in hand against England."

He said that at this moment our colonies, have swept away our commercial marine and put a blockade must strike her life nerve—her commerce."

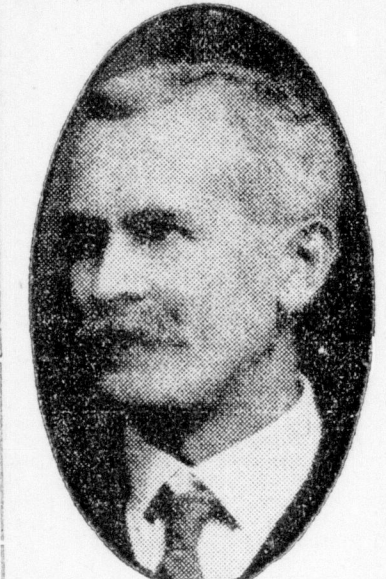
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**REEVE OF PARKHILL,
WHO ASPIRES TO BE
MIDDLESEX WARDEN**



J. E. HARRISON, reeve of Parkhill, one of the candidates for the wardenship of Middlesex for 1917. Mr. Harrison has had considerable municipal experience, having acted first as treasurer of Parkhill, which position he resigned to take a place on the council. In 1912 he was elected mayor by acclamation, and held the position for three years, being re-elected each time by acclamation. In 1916 he was elected reeve and returned by acclamation in 1917 and 1918.

**30 TO 40 DEAD,
100 INJURED, BY
BIG EXPLOSION**

**Munition Workers of Old London
Heavily Hit by
Accident.**

PROPERTY DAMAGE GREAT

**No Difference in Production,
However, Caused by
Destructive Fire.**

London, Jan. 20.—The explosion in a munitions factory near London last night involved practically all the explosives in the factory, which was destroyed by a fire which spread to a great distance, and three rows of small houses in the neighborhood were almost demolished.

Between 30 and 40 bodies have been recovered thus far, and about 100 persons are reported to have been injured seriously.

It is announced officially that the explosion occurred in the east of London. All communication with other districts was cut off for a time by the explosion, and the Metropolitan fire brigade could not give aid immediately, the fire not being in the London fire brigade area.

The number of persons killed either in the factory or in the neighborhood has not yet been ascertained. The casualties are not nearly as heavy as was thought at first.

Dr. Christopher Addison, the minister of munitions, visited the scene of the explosion. He has requested the borough authorities to provide immediate necessary relief.

No practical difference will be made in the output of munitions.

In addition to the destruction of the factory and the loss of munitions, considerable other property damage was inflicted.

Minor Effects Curious.

Regarding the explosion of munitions last night the Evening Standard says:

The minor effects were curious. While many windows quite near at hand escaped, others at equal distance away were broken. Here and there there were rushes of women to places of shelter and theatre attendances were in some degree affected.

The Fall Mail Gazette says: The explosion brings the realities of war to the very hearths of this country. Let us remember the victims have given their lives in their country's cause as honorably as if they had fallen in a charge "over the top."

Official Statement.

The following official announcement Continued on Page 3, Col. 6.

**RETURN TO VIENNA
AFTER FOOD CONFERENCE**

Austro-Hungarian Statesmen Back Home Again.

London, Jan. 20.—Premier Clemens of Austria and Premier Tisza of Hungary returned to Vienna on Friday evening after an extended conference in Berlin.

The meeting between Premier Clemens and Premier Tisza and the German leaders was apparently distinct from the conference arranged between the presidents of the parliaments of the Central Powers and Turkey, which opened in Berlin Friday.

**TWO RAIDERS
SINKING SHIPS
IS NOW CERTAIN**

**Field of Operations Proves
This, Says Shipping Men
in New York.**

ST. THEODORE IS ARMED

**British Warning Says Prize Is
Now a Commerce
Raider.**

VESSEL UNDER SUSPICION

**Former German Boat Believed
To Be Tender of Mysterious
Auxiliary.**

New York, Jan. 20.—The warning sent out by wireless to vessels of the Entente Allies by the British authorities that the captured British merchantman St. Theodore had been converted into a German commerce raider was pointed to today by local shipping men as tending to prove that at least two German raiders are at large in the Atlantic Ocean.

It was recalled that a steamship had been sunk south of the equator within eight days after the Samland had sighted a raider, December 4, about 500 miles west of Freetown. For any vessel to have covered the distance in that time, it was said, would have been an impossibility.

In the discussion of what vessels possibly could be supplying the German raiders, the peculiar actions off Cape Hatteras last month of the Portuguese steamer Faro, a former German vessel, were recalled. The Faro formerly was the Galata. The vessel, it appeared, was interned in Portugal when the war started, was seized by the Portuguese Government when she later declared war against Germany, and under the name of Faro was put into the merchant trade of Portugal. Lloyd's classes her as requisitioned by the Portuguese Government.

The American tank steamer Sucrova, which arrived here Christmas day, reported that off Cape Hatteras she sighted the Faro, which steamed across the tanker's bow, then circled and disappeared. According to the Sucrova's officers, the Faro appeared next day and repeated the performance, neither time displaying any signals to explain her mysterious actions. The Faro put into Newport News for coal and sailed from there December 23, since when she has not been reported.

Wait For Escorts.

So far no change has been made in the arrangements for the safety of Allied vessels leaving this port for England or France.

When the vessels are loading in New York the captains, it is said, go to their respective consuls and receive a code message which they send Continued on Page 11, Col. 2.

**Non-Partisan Rule
of Canada Desired
By Baptist Union**

**Westerners Pass a Resolution
Favoring Changed National
Government.**

Calgary, Alta., Jan. 20.—The Western Baptist Union last night passed a resolution favoring a national non-partisan government for Canada.

**COAL SITUATION AT
FERNIE FIELDS NOW
GROWING SERIOUS**

Miners at Michel and Hillcrest Strike for War Bonus.

Fernie, B. C., Jan. 20.—The outlook for an amicable settlement of the miners' dispute is thought here to be growing rapidly worse. More men went out yesterday at Michel and Hillcrest and the local unions at those points passed resolutions declaring the work would not be resumed unless an increase of nine and a half per cent as a war bonus were granted on all classifications of mine labor.

Indorsement of the action taken at Michel and Hillcrest is being sought from all the locals and the next 48 hours may see organized mine workers quit in a body.

**FOUR KILLED BY FIRES
ON PACIFIC COAST**

Seattle, Jan. 20.—The Grand Opera here, used as a vaudeville theatre, was burned today. Assistant Fire Chief McCallum was killed, another fireman is missing, and eight others missing.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 20.—Three men were burned to death and a fourth received serious injuries in a fire that wrecked a hotel in the lower part of the city today.

**TAKING OF PRIZE
TO GERMANY IS
ADDED FUEL TO
COMPLICATIONS**

Gives U. S. Another Grave Marine War Problem Already Brought To Serious Point by Submarine Phase—Americans On Board Yarrowdale When Brought to Prussia and Washington Dispatch Declared Such Eventuality Would Mean Serious Result.

New York, Jan. 20.—Three Americans were members of the crew of the British steamer Yarrowdale, captured by the German raider and taken into a German port by a prize crew, according to the records of the British consulate here.

Dispatches from Berlin last night said that the Yarrowdale had brought 465 prisoners, crews from other captured ships, among them 103 subjects of neutral nations, but no mention was made of there being any Americans among them.

The consulate records give the names of the following Americans as having shipped on the Yarrowdale when she left here on December 6: Davy Addison, Brooklyn; Charles Quinn, Los Angeles, Cal.; and C. D. Green, New York.

The Yarrowdale is registered at the consulate as having been commanded by Capt. Wm. Buyers of Aberdeen, Scotland.

(By Carl D. Groat.)

Washington, Jan. 20.—Danger of complications with Germany over marine problems seems to authorities today to be nearer than for months past. Her capture of neutrals and making them prisoners on the steamer Yarrowdale plus the strong trend of German sentiment toward wider submarining, made these possibilities more ominous.

The official German statement that the missing Yarrowdale, with more than 450 souls aboard, has been brought into harbor as a prize, with a number of neutral prisoners, gave rise to a graver concern than anything that has happened in months of ups and downs of critical relationship.

This involves broad questions of armament, but even more so the infringement upon neutral rights by going so far as to make such subjects prisoners of war.

The whole problem is tied up also with the peace situation.

COMPLICATIONS CERTAIN.

[Canadian Press.] Washington, Jan. 20.—The German admiralty statement that neutral subjects in the crews of vessels captured by the German raider in the South Atlantic, "have been removed as prisoners of war," will raise a complicated question if any Americans are among them.

The whole question turns on whether an armed merchant ship is a war vessel, and the gulf between the United States and Germany on that question is still unbridged.

Of course, Americans on such ships could be considered as prisoners of war only if the vessels were considered as war vessels.

No indication has been received that any of the vessels sunk by the German raider were other than defensively armed. The state department has had throughout that a vessel cannot be classed as a warship unless it is under naval orders, and the naval flag and manned by naval crews.

The German admiralty statement made just at this time when the armed ship issue between the two countries is becoming more complicated was taken to foreshadow a more pronounced attitude as to the question of Germany's part.

**Prussian Port Is
Named By Berlin as
Yarrowdale's Base**

Amsterdam, Jan. 20.—Via London.—According to an official statement from Berlin, says the Cologne Gazette, the British steamer Yarrowdale, carrying crews of steamers captured by the German raider in the Atlantic, was brought into the port of Swinemunde, Prussia.

The official statement from Berlin Friday night reporting the arrival of the Yarrowdale in harbor on December 31 as a prize did not indicate the port at which she arrived.

**YARROWDALE'S CARGO
WORTH \$2,000,000.**

New York, Jan. 20.—The Yarrowdale's crew numbered 97. Her cargo, consisting chiefly of contraband, was worth about \$2,000,000, shipping brokers estimated today, and the ship itself, based on the present price of ocean tonnage, between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000.

A considerable easing off in the marine war risk insurance for South American waters prevailed here today, general rates being 4 to 5 per cent on vessels of belligerent nations as compared with an extreme high point of 10 per cent reached immediately following the first reports of the German raider's activities.

The rate on neutral-owned ships was one per cent today. Transatlantic rates were higher, being about 6 or 6½ per cent on belligerent-owned ships, and neutrals as well. Mediterranean rates remained firm at 10 per cent.

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