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# ENGLAND IS ATTACKED BY FLEET OF ZEPPELINS

BOMBS DROPPED BY RAIDERS ON ENGLAND'S EASTERN COAST

Six or Seven Zeppelins Flew Over Eastern, Northeastern and Midland Counties—No Great Damage Has Been Reported to British War Office.

LONDON, Feb. 1, 1:45 a.m.—A raid by six or seven Zeppelins and airships took place last night over the eastern, northeastern and midland counties of England according to an announcement of the war office.

A number of bombs were dropped, but up to the present no considerable damage has been reported.

Net Taken Off Guard. A resumption of the Zeppelin raids on London and the east coast of England was expected by the British authorities and on Jan. 26 a special warning was sent out by the police which after referring to the increase in the offensive protection against hostile aircraft recently provided in the metropolitan district, advised the public on the occasion of air raids to take cover.

The latest previous raids on England by German aircraft occurred on Jan. 23 and 24, when hostile aeroplanes dropped bombs along the east coast of Kent, killing or wounding a few persons and an aeroplane attacked the station, barracks and docks at Dover.

Only recently the defence of London from air attacks has been placed in the hands of the war office; previously the admiralty had charge of this matter. Both these departments, however, have been co-operating harmoniously.

Several Months Immunity. Prior to January 9 there was an interval of several months during which England was immune from air attacks. From June 15 until October 13 there were six Zeppelin raids on London and the east coast of England in which 121 persons were reported killed and 813 injured.

After the Zeppelin raids on Paris Saturday and Sunday nights, the view was expressed by the French authorities that these attacks doubtless were merely a prelude to a more extensive movement by German aircraft and the fact that six or seven machines have taken part in the new raid on England would indicate a well considered plan by the Germans to increase the activity of their dirigibles and probably bring into play the new Fokker machines, which are reported to be very effective engines of war.

London's Defences Criticized. Discussing the possibility of serious damage to London from a Zeppelin attack, The Times says: "Any raid intended to do serious damage to London, the defenses of which are still in process of development, is not likely to be of the hazardous nature of the Paris raids. It remains for us to provide a really serious reception."

"Hitherto London's principal efforts in this direction consist chiefly of guns largely manned by chesny inexperienced and ill-equipped amateurs. No one who witnessed the raids on London last autumn can have failed to have been impressed by the inadequacy of the defensive preparations. Since then, considerable progress has been made, but we should be better satisfied if we had also sufficient aeroplanes to attack the raiders."

Difficulties to Overcome. "We are perfectly aware of the difficulties of attacking airships with aeroplanes. The modern Zeppelin has a speed of fifty miles an hour. Suppose it is at a given moment, over the sea, at a height of 11,000 feet. An aeroplane, starting from the ground underneath, will take half an hour to reach the spot where the Zeppelin was seen, but by that time Zeppelin may be thirty miles away. The only remedy seems to be to have at suitable places patrols of quick-climbing aeroplanes ready to take the air as soon as the approach of a Zeppelin is announced, so as to deal with the enemy when he has arrived."

"The matter is not easy, on account of the difficulty not only of bearing and seeing a Zeppelin from an aeroplane, but of seriously damaging it when discovered. There is also the risk of landings in the dark, but some kind of an attack at close quarters is likely to prove a deterrent to a raiding aircraft."

DINEEN'S FUR SALE. This is stock-taking time at Dineen's, and the showrooms are being gradually filled with a selection of stock-taking bargains that will undersell anything offered in Toronto in furs, even in the busy fur selling season of 1915 and 1916. Fur garments and fur sets in every variety at Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, corner Temperance street.

## Toronto Man Murdered in Fight

### QUARREL OVER WOMAN ENDS IN MURDER OF AN ADMIRER

Joseph McKibbin Killed by George McGraw in Kitchen of Bulwer Street House When the Two Quarreled Over Mrs. Ethel Davies, Following an Argument at Supper Table.

RETURNING to his home at 27 Bulwer street for supper last night, George McGraw, who lived there with Mrs. Ethel Davies, the two as man and wife, found the woman eating supper with Joseph McKibbin. McKibbin is said to have been a former admirer of the woman. McGraw became angry when he saw the woman sitting at the same table as McKibbin, and an argument started. Words led to blows, and the two men fought for fifteen minutes. The tussle was stopped by the death of McKibbin, who was killed by the kick and blows rained on him by his heavier antagonist. Neighbors, hearing the row, rushed into the house, others went for a doctor, and still others called the police. When the doctor and the police arrived McKibbin was lying dead on the floor, half-reclining against the wall, while McGraw was standing over the body. McGraw immediately was placed under arrest on a charge of murder and taken to police headquarters at the city hall. McKibbin's body was removed to the morgue, where Chief Coroner Arthur Jukes Johnson will open an inquest today.

The house where the murder was committed is a delapidated frame cottage, and its occupants have been known to the police for a long time. McGraw has the nickname of "Redney."

Living in the house, in addition to McGraw and the Davies woman, are Susan Fitzgerald and Margaret Scott, Mrs. Davies' mother.

A Terrible Fight. The fight in which McKibbin was murdered, while it lasted only 15 minutes, was so fierce that nearly every article of furniture in the kitchen was broken. Chairs were overturned and the struggle must have been terrible. The women stood helplessly by while McGraw beat McKibbin to death, crying out for the neighbors, and vainly endeavoring to stop the fight.

F. Malken, who lives opposite to where the murder was committed, was the first man to enter the house and to see McGraw beating McKibbin to death. He at once hurried out to Spadina avenue and called Dr. Turzofsky, who hastened to the house. By the time he arrived McKibbin was dead, and McGraw carried the body of his victim to a coach in another room.

Get a Doctor. Detectives Trigg and Taylor, who were sent from headquarters to the Bulwer street address, placed McGraw and the other occupants of the house under arrest. They were taken to the detective department and examined by Detective Mackie. McGraw refused to make any statement about the fight.

Bulwer street is a short street running west from Spadina. F. Malken, a Jewish merchant, who lives first opposite the cottage in which the murder was committed, was the first outsider to hear of the crime. Malken has lived at the above address for eight years, and to the best of his knowledge the daughter Ethel Davies, who has been living with her mother off and on for the past four years.

"I was in bed sleeping, and at 9:50 was awakened by the screams of Mrs. Scott, who ran out onto the street crying 'Police! police!' I put on my coat and rubber boots and ran over to the house, which was in darkness," he said. "When I opened the door I went thru the dining-room to the kitchen, where I could see a figure against the wall. As I drew closer I could see McGraw holding McKibbin by the throat and Ethel Davies standing beside him."

"There was a large pool of blood on the floor and the aunt (Susan Fitzgerald) and the girl's mother, Mrs. Scott, were screaming, 'Oh! do something!' I ran out on the street and up Spadina avenue to Dr. Turzofsky's place and got the doctor and returned to the house with him."

"When the doctor arrived McGraw (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)

## GRAIN GROWERS STILL PRESSING THEIR DEMANDS

Western Liberals Say Clamor for Free Wheat is Steadily Rising.

OTTAWA, Jan. 31.—The debate on the address continued today, and will occupy the time of the house tomorrow. Government members declined to participate further, and members of the opposition, therefore, had to keep the discussion going. Mr. Sinclair (Gusborough) was the first speaker today, and was followed by Messrs. W. E. Knowles (Moose Jaw) and J. G. Turfitt (Assiniboia). The two deputies from the west severely criticized the commandeering of the wheat, and presented other grievances of the western farmers. Both agreed in declaring that the demand for free wheat was stronger than ever in western Canada.

It had been anticipated that Hon. George F. Gair would address the house this evening, but for some reason he did not turn up, and Fred Pardee, the chief minister, who had previously been expected to speak, stepped in as a temporary effort, and pleaded for a democratic Canada. He thought we were building up a pseudo-democracy by the numerous legislative bills that were being conferred. It had got so bad that one could not throw an apple core out of the window without hitting a knight. Sinclair Opposes Extension. Mr. Sinclair in opening touched upon the proposed extension of the parliamentary term. He doubted if the lifetime of the present parliament should be extended. The present house in his opinion already showed signs of senility. Fresh blood was needed, especially to the right of the speaker. To extend the term Mr. Sinclair argued was tantamount to giving a vote of confidence in the present government. He added, "in the suggestion that the Conservatives being in power, should (Continued on Page 2, Column 5.)

## ANOTHER RECORD

Toronto Customs Receipts for January Are the Highest Ever Known.

Customs revenue for the month of January for the port of Toronto was the largest on record, being \$2,427,872. December 1915 came next with \$2,128,050. The largest January revenue prior to last month was in 1913, \$1,759,888. January, 1915, \$1,144,225; January, 1914, \$1,487,270 and January, 1912, \$1,323,490.

## GALT CUSTOMS RETURNS BREAK ALL RECORDS

Increase of Forty-Eight Thousand Dollars for One Month.

Special to The Toronto World. GALT, Ont., Jan. 31.—All records of the Galt customs office have been shattered. Collections for January are the largest for any single month in customs office history, and show an increase of over \$48,000. The returns for January, 1916, are \$61,785.08, and January, 1915, \$13,147.52. Although only ten months of the fiscal year have passed, the total collections so far amount to \$406,715.66, which is the largest collection on record. These returns speak the prosperity of Galt.

## BENNETT MAY ENTER CABINET

Calgary Member Mentioned for New Post of Munitions Minister.

OTTAWA, Jan. 31.—The Montreal Star, which has been giving an independent support to the Borden government, is out tonight in an editorial broadside, backing up the demand of the opposition for an investigation into the administration of the shell committee. The Star says that the parliamentary debaters do not appear to realize that the issue at stake is not one of party politics, but of national honor. In this connection, the Star says, it is surprising that the government has not asked Ottawa to the effect that R. B. Bennett, M.P. for Calgary, is to be made minister of munitions. The report lacks confirmation, although a rumor is current that Mr. Bennett may enter the cabinet without portfolio and assume the administration of the militia department in case Sir Sam Hughes should accept the invitation of the imperial government to take an important command at the front.

## HUGHES FOR FRONT?

Important Command Said to Have Been Offered to Him.

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