

LONDON RAIDED FROM THE AIR

ENGLISH COAST TOWNS VISITED AND SOME CRAFT REACH METROPOLIS

Some Papers Criticize Efficiency of Naval and Military Authorities as Result of North Sea Incidents—Others Draw Attention to Multifarious Duties of Navy and See Excuse.

LONDON, Dec. 18—German airplanes raided English coast towns tonight. Some of the raiders reached London, where they were met with a heavy fire. Numerous bombs were dropped.

An official announcement of the raid says:

"Hostile airplanes crossed the Essex and Kent coast about 6.15 o'clock and proceeded towards London. Some of the raiders reached London district and dropped bombs. Bombs also were dropped in Kent and Essex.

"Reports of casualties and damage have not yet been received. Our guns and airplanes were both in action."

COMMENT ON RAIDS

LONDON, Dec. 18—The serious view entertained here on the successful German double attack on shipping in the North Sea is reflected by the great prominence and space given in the morning newspapers to this incident, but much of the editorial comment is restrained, the desire being expressed by several commentators to await the result of the official inquiry. Nevertheless, some sharp criticisms find their way into the editorial columns, with pointed reference to the explanations given at the time of the October raid.

The Daily News says: "The occurrence of two such incidents is calculated to convert disquiet into anxiety. The public has had more than enough of these things, both at sea and ashore, and has come to distrust profoundly the efficiency of the military and naval services as judges in affairs concerning themselves."

QUESTIONS EFFICIENCY

The Daily Chronicle says: "The serious feature is the painful reflection cast upon the administrative efficiency of the grand fleet. Such a mistake would not be repeated after an eight weeks' interval unless some screws in the machinery were very dangerously loose. The circumstances call for a court of inquiry appointed by the admiralty from the outside. It is not enough for the inquiry to be appointed by the commander-in-chief nor composed of his subordinates."

The Times says: "The attack requires a good deal more of explanation than the raid in October, concerning which the two points made by the first lord were that the wireless was smashed and that the enemy came at night. Neither of these pleas appear relevant in the enemy's latest exploit and while judgment must be suspended until after the inquiry, it is impossible not to feel that the thing should never have happened."

NAVY NOT BIG ENOUGH

Archibald S. Hurd, the well known writer on naval subjects, in the Daily Telegraph refuses to assume any failure on the part of anybody from the commander-in-chief to the youngest seaman concerned and points out the difficulties of the task and the great results achieved. He contends that the real explanation is that the navy has not enough ships for its multifarious duties and especially lacks enough small ships.

"Although we have been building ships," he continues, "the navy has never been provided with an adequate supply of small craft, owing to the shortage of labor and steel. All that can be said is it is greater today than it was, though still insufficient because of losses incurred at sea. In a recent month of this year in some waters alone our naval forces steamed seventeen million miles in areas in which enemy submarines were active and in which also enemy mines by the thousands lurked.

"The navy and particularly the officers and men who serve in small craft, has been overlooked ever since the war, because the naval forces have never been adequate to insure rest for those who are bearing the main burden."

OTHER VIEWS

The writer, like some others, recalls Sir Eric Geddes' statement explaining the October raid that between April and October, 4,500 merchantmen were escorted between Britain and Norway without a single ship being lost by a surface attack. He also says that since the beginning of the convoy system until Dec. 1, less than one and one-half per cent of convoyed cargoes bound inward had been lost.

The Halifax tramway are employing women on the cars on the South end of the city, for want of male help.

ANOTHER HUN PLOT

An Attempt to Get the Chinese Into India

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24—An alleged plot to effect a secret treaty between Germany and China, whereby the former would protect the latter from all aggressions for a period of five years, if Chinese forces were sent into India to aid a proposed revolution there, was disclosed today in the trial of a number of Hindus and others charged with conspiring in America to set up a revolutionary government in India. The treaty was to have been effected in 1916.

Details of the supposed plot were outlined in code messages purported to have been passed between Dr. C. K. Chakravarty, one of the Hindu defendants, and a committee of German officials and others in Berlin.

The message relating to China declared that Li Yuan Hung, who succeeded Yuan Shi Kai, as president, was in sympathy with the Hindu cause and might declare a treaty with Germany which would promise absolute integrity in consideration of China's active participation in the proposed revolt.

Other messages disclosed the existence of a "Sister Christine" and many others who were supposed to have spread the propaganda of the revolt and secured support for it in several of the world capitals.

The exact status of these agents was not revealed in the hearing.

During the introduction of the evidence, Dr. Chakravarty made an impassioned address to the court, saying that he would not contest the identification of the messages on record if he could be assured that no British agency handled them.

"If the American government alone handled this evidence, I have no objection to its becoming a part of the record," he stated.

Only one of the messages was read to the jury. It was composed presumably by Chakravarty and was addressed "my friend." "Fourscore men have been sent to India from Trinidad," it stated. "We had arranged to control the Japanese dailies for four score thousand dollars but the embassy said it was not necessary. It is necessary to send a mission to Japan."

ITALY'S BIG CALL

All Men Between the Ages of 18 and 43 Will Go to the Front.

ROME, Dec. 24—New contingents have been called up by the government. The classes of troops already mobilized consist of eligible and fit men between the ages of 18 and 43.

Austro German forces, which attacked the Italians on the Northern front from the direction of San Marino were driven back in disorder, the war office announced today.

IT SHOULD MAKE

A MILLION FOR HIM

Cincinnati Man Discovers Drug That Loosens Corns So They Lift Out

Good news spreads rapidly and druggists here are kept busy dispensing freezone, the recent discovery of a Cincinnati man, which is said to loosen any corn so it lifts out with the fingers.

A quarter of an ounce costs very little at any store, which handles drugs, but this is said to be sufficient to rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or callus.

You apply just a few drops on the tender, aching corn or toughened callus and instantly the soreness is relieved, and soon the corn or callus is so shriveled that it lifts out without pain. It is a sticky substance which dries when applied and never inflames or even irritates the surrounding skin.

This discovery will prevent thousands of deaths annually from lockjaw and infection heretofore resulting from the suicidal habit of cutting corns.

SNOW ON BRITISH FRONT

LONDON, Dec. 24—The war office last evening issued the following communication:

"This morning, raiding parties attacked two of our posts in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Comines Canal. In one case an attacking party was repulsed. In the other the enemy succeeded in entering our post and capturing a few of our men. These men were recaptured by a counter-attack, in which our troops regained the post and killed or took prisoners a number of the enemy.

"On the remainder of the front there is nothing of special interest to report beyond the usual artillery activity by both sides.

"Snow fell heavily last night and continued to fall today."

Saw How to Get Even

Mayor Curley Beaten in Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 18—Andrew J. Peters, formerly assistant secretary, today was elected Mayor, defeating Mayor Jas. M. Curley, his nearest opponent, by approximately 9,000 votes, based on unofficial police figures. Congressman James A. Gulliban, ran third, and Congressman Peter F. Tague fourth. The tickets were non-partisan.

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NOVA SCOTIANS IN SECOND DRAFT

The First Draft Elsewhere Will Report for Duty on the Third of January.

OTTAWA—It is announced by Sir Robert Borden that the Military Service Council has acquiesced in his suggestion that, in view of the Halifax disaster and confusion resulting therefrom, the calling up, under the Military Service Act, of men from Nova Scotia should be temporarily postponed. Men of that province, will therefore not be included when the first draft is ordered to report on the third of January, 1918. The men thus relieved will be called up shortly thereafter, either independently or as part of a second draft.

FIRST DRAFT

OTTAWA—The first draft of men under the Military Service Act, will be called to the colors on January 3. It was originally hoped, as stated in the proclamation calling upon the first class register, to put the first draft on active service by Dec. 10—But, on account of the fact that a very large proportion of the men in the first class postponed reporting for service or claiming exemption until the last days of the date fixed by the proclamation of October 13 for compliance with the law, it is found that the work of registrars and tribunals has not yet advanced sufficiently to make it practicable to call a draft to the colors on the date indicated.

It would be possible, it is pointed out here, to make a call about December 24 or December 26, but it is felt that the members of the draft should be accorded the opportunity of spending the Christmas season with their families and friends. It has, therefore, been decided to fix January 3 as the date upon which the first members of the draft will be requested to join to the depot battalions. Notice will be sent in due course by registered mail to the men affected.

How many men will actually be called to the colors on January 3, has not yet been determined. Between 20,000 and 25,000 have been generally indicated and it is notable that this will be about the number. How the first draft will be selected from among the men in the class, has not yet been determined.

New York Canadian Club's Gift.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—The Canadian club, of New York, on the recommendation of A. J. Morris, a member of the club's relief committee, now in Halifax and endorsed by the restoration committee of Halifax, has negotiated with the Morse Steamship company to charter one of their Hudson River boats, which at this season is laid up. This boat, providing sufficient money can be raised, will be sent to Halifax for the winter and will shelter 2,000 homeless sufferers.

In addition to the \$3,000 sent to the Central Relief Committee immediately after the disaster, the Canadian club has appropriated \$2,500 to the board of governors of the orphans home at Halifax, which is overwhelmed with cases, another \$2,500 to the executive committee, of the city clergy at Halifax, for immediate relief. Over \$15,000 has already been raised for all purposes and contributions are still coming in.

Christmas Groceries

Just arrived fresh from the wholesale house and gathered from the best stock available. Here are just a few of them:—

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Witness my hand and seal this 25th day of June, 1917. at Bridgetown, N. S., this 25th day of June, A.D., 1917. 14-261

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See Our Aluminum Ware Advertisement

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SUGGESTIONS FOR Xmas Shopping

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