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AND ESCAPE IN FOG; DAMAGE WAS INSIGNIFIC

"The admiralty take the opportunity of pointing out that demonstrations of this character against unfortified towns or commercial ports, the not difficult to accomp ish provided that a certain amount of risk is accepted, are devoid of military significance.

"They may cause some loss of life among the civil population and some dam ge to private property, which is much to be regretted; but they must not in any circumstances be allowed to modify the general naval policy which is being pursued."-Off cial admiralty statement.

THREE ENGLISH TOWNS SHELLED CASUALTIES 110, DAMAGE SLIGHT GERMAN WARSHIPS ALL ESCAPE

England Struck by Foreign Foe for First Time in Centuries When Fast German Squadron in Heavy Fog Bombarded Hartlepool, Whitby and Scarborough—Damage Inflicted Was Not Great and Casualties A.e Only 110 With 31 Known Dead-Some of the German Ships Reported to Be Damaged-Great Impetus to Recruiting.

Canadian Press Despatch.

were engaged, and at this place the were engaged, and at this place the houses, among them women and chil-greatest loss of life occurred. The Brit-dren in their night clothes and not a few

at Whitby two were killed and two these troops that the casualties of seven killed and 14 wounded occurred. wounded.

wounded — struck without warning, while at breakfast or at work. In all, the casualties total 110, according to the official estimates, of whom 31 are the official estimates, of whom 31 are Buildings Damaged.

Three churches were damaged, the gas works and lumber yards at Hartlepool were set afire, and the abbey at Whitby was struck. The Balmoral guard vessels patrolling the neighbor. hood, which were reinforced as soon as the presence of the Germans was sig-

Wave of Anger. A wave of intense anger has spread over England because of the attack. and bitter denunciation is heard every-where of a policy which permits the shelling of undefended towns. The fortress at the mouth of the Tees is supposed to give some protection to the important shipping base at Hartlepool, but Whitby and Scarborough are as open to the enemy as is Atlantic City,

on the New Jersey coast. Scarborough, with its old castle on a high hill, the big casino with a high tower and the row of pretentious hotels on the waterfront, presents a shining mark for target practice. Few visitors were at the hotels, because of the cold weather, but one invalid is known to have been wounded and was taken away on a stretcher.

Scaro rough, p rt of them in the vicinity of the railway station. taken away on a stretcher.

Heavy Fog Gave Protection.

In a direct line the mouth of the Tees is about 350 miles from Heligo land, the important German nava! base in the North Sea. The British admiralty says the German ships were among their fastest. They chose a night when a thick mist prevailed to reach the English coast and must have left their base at least two hours before dark, and as they started to refore dark and the land. He next saw a shell fall on the roof of a house, which caught fire. turn about 9 o'clock there still remainthe pursuit, which, however, was rendered almost impossible by the fog.

How the Germans evaded all the mines and patrols remains somewhat in manoeuvres British ships performed the same feat in the comparatively small space between England and the

Scilly Islands, which, however, were o'clock. The admiralty report announces that

"When we left we saw a dozen shells

such demonstrations are not difficult
to accomplish, but the population gen
Another shell burst outside the sta
con iderable liberty of action. There The accomplish, but the population generally cherish so great a confidence in the protection of the building from which excurs on that the inhabitants of the coast towns made no serious preparations to meet ments at various points.

The declared the dattine Germans have considered in the Baptist considerable liberty of action. There doubles has been more than one thurches were damaged."

Church of Hartlepool and other churches were damaged."

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Pieces of shell were found all over the British statement refers to engagement which was empty. Another struck a point of rock, blowing it up."

Immediately upon the outbreak of the building from which excursion to one-half less than regular prices. The battleships were wheeling around the battleships were wheeling around and firing broadsides every section says a despatch to The Telegraaf from the Scarboroush was enveloped in softlittes, the British fleet, or at least suffered.

Constantinople.

London, Dec. 16—For the first time a centuries England has been struck a centuries England has been struck

in centuries England has been struck by a foreign foe. A squadron of swift German cruisers crept thru the fog last night to the eastern coast and turned their guns against the Britons.

When day broke they began the bombardment of three important towns—Hartlepool, at the mouth of the Tees; Whitby, 35 miles southward, and Scarborough, noted as a pleasure resort, 15 miles beyond.

Hartlepool suffered most. There two battle cruisers and an armored cruiser were engaged, and at this place the

wounded.

Men, women and children of the civilian population were left dead or the German attack will give impetus to

saying:
"Our flotillas have at various points
been engaged. The situation is developing."

Rumors of various kinds were spread broadcast from mouth to mouth. The first was that two German cruise s

of the coast towns was merely incidental to this.

The admiralty's report issued at 9.30 o'clock tonight, giving the news that the German ships had ended pursuit and were returning safely to their nome waters, caused keen disappoint-

haval writers express the opinion that six or eight ships were engaged. The Germans have available for such an attack the armored cruisers Blucher, Roon, Prinz Adalbert, Prinz Heinrich and Prinz Friedrich Karl and more than twenty cruisers of a smaller class
Where the Towns Are.

Where the Towns Are.

Hartlepool is a shipping port and in the heart of the Durnam industrial district. Scarborough, on the coast of Yorkshire, is one of the most fashionable of England's seaside summer resorts.
It is estimated that 50 shells from the guns of the German vessels fell .n

The guns fr m the fors succeeded in driving off the enemy.

James Harvy Scott was walking ceeded without the slightest interrupnear the station when a shell fell a tion. When the church was hit the short distance away. He could not congregation remained calm and filed believe that a real attack from the sea out in perfect order. The worshippers was taking place, and thought the then hurried to their homes to search

feil in he yard of the railway station, where a porter picked up a fragment.
Guard Lamb, in charge of the train
from Scarb rough to Hull, on the Nor heastern Railway, said that the been engaged with the enemy is evishelling started at 8.05 o'click this dence that there has been a naval fight

borough. It steamer in until it was close to the shore, and threw its shells into the town for half an hour, doing congreatest loss of life occurred. The British War Office fixes the number of dead at Hartlepool at seven soldiers and 22 civilians, and the wounded at Hartlepool replied to the German fire and an armored cruiser shelled the town, 13 casualties are reported, while of the work of the warships burst among the Royal Engineers and Durham Light Infantry and it was among these troops that the casualties of seven the town for half an hour, doing considerable damage. One woman, believed to have been a visitor, was instantly killed by an exploding shell, and her husband was injured in the falling debris of a damaged building.

About forty shells were thrown in all. The objective point of the German fire among the Royal Engineers and Durham Light Infantry and it was among these troops that the casualties of seven wireless station. The former was slightly damaged. The latter is intact. Other properties in the vicinity suffered severely, presenting a spec-tacle of general destruction. Windows

were blown in and huge holes made in the walls of structures.

The vessel, after steaming slowly past the town, centinuing its bom-bardment all the time it was in range,

Later a dull booming was heard, apparently a great distance away.

According to some reports, a second vessel figured in the affair at Scar-borough.

Most of those killed and injured were in houses which were struck by Ger-man shells and demolished. But few Hotel at Scarborough received the full effects of a shell, and a number of houses and shops were shattered and partly burned in each of the towns.

The hostile squadron escaped in the of the coast towns was merely incito dig in the ruins of demolished houses for hours before some of the wounded could be reached. Some had elsewhere not been hit, but were badly crushed. Germany. Others had been torn by fragments of

shells. Whitby Abbey Damaged.

The historic abbey at Whitby was partly destroyed. Three churches in partly destroyed. Three churches in Scarbrough were struck and set on fire. Numerous buildings in the latter town were damaged, two railway platforms were destroyed and the population was thrown into a paric which resulted in North Sea have been few and far bethrown into a panic which resulted in wild rush for trains from the city.

Most of the shops and stores remained closed thruout the day after the attack on the town. In addition to the three churches whose roofs were damaged, St. Martin's Church was struck. A shell also exploded over the general hospital, damaging the roof.

Service Proceeded. Communion service was being conducted in St. Martin's Church when the shell struck. The thunder of the guns off the coast had been plainly

which caught fire.

He also noticed that the Ba moral Ho el had been struck. Shells were bursting continually overhead.

One

The bombardment is the first overt act of the war against British territory. The British people have felt that their fleet in the North Sea was sufncient to render this possibility very

morning and continued until 8.25 in the North Sea. No knowledge as to the outcome is at hand. The hombard-

Official

the Raid

Story of

ing the German raid:

"At 8 a.m. today, three enemy ships were signted off fiartlepool, and at 8.75 they commenced a bembardment. These ships appeared to be two battle cruisors and one armored pruiser.

"The land batteries replied and are reported to have hit and damaged the enemy.

"At 8.50 the firing ceased and the enemy steamed away. None of our guns were touched. One shell fell in the Royal Engineers' lines and several in the lines of the 18th Service Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry.

"The casualties among the troops

"The casualties among the troops amounted to seven killed and 14 wounded. "Some damage was done to the

town, and the gas works were set on fire.

"During the bombardment, especially in West Hartlepool, the people crowded in the streets and approximately 22 were killed and 50 wounded.

"At the same time a battle cruiser and an armored cruiser appeared off Scarbrough and fired about 50 shots which caused considerable damage, and 13 casualties are reported.

"At Whitby, two cruisers fired ome shots, doing damage to buildings and the casualties are reported as two killed and two wounded.

wounded.
"At all three places there was an entire absence of panic, and the demeanor of the people was everything that could be desired."

a considerable portion of it, supposedly took up positions on the eastern side of the North Sea by which the Germaan warships were held in check in or close to their naval base at Wil-helmshaven, the mouth of the Elbe and

time to time been penetrated by Ger-man submarines, but so far as is tween. De patches from Germany for as

much as a month have indicated in one way or another that the Germans were making preparations at their se for naval activity. Very little detail of what was going on has come out; nevertheless these messages lead to the belief that the German ships might soon attempt some manoeuvre.

The Kiel Canal, running from the North Sea to the Baltic, makes it possible for Germany to concentrate her entire fleet in either one water or the other By bringing thru the canal such vessels as she may have used since the beginning of the war in the Baltic, Germany could concentrate in the North Sea virtually her entire naval strength, exception being made, of course, of her fast cruisers, which since the opening of hostilities have operated in the Pacific Ocean and in the south-

These vessels, all told, did not exceed nine or ten, and several of them have succumbed to the vigilance of Germany's enemies. A despatch from Stockton-on-Tee

to the Exchange Telegraph Company "The effect of the bombardment at Hartlepool was that 30 persons were killed and 100 wounded. At West Hartlepool 20 persons were killed and many injured.

"Shells passed thru the Baptist Church of Hartlepool and other churches were damaged." Pieces of shell were found all over

Westende Was Bombarded Object Was to Cheer Germany
Violently—Progress at and Scare John Various Points.

RUSSIANS ALTER FRONT

ing Enemy to Relieve Cracow.

assistance of the British fleet, which violently bombarded Westende, one of the many little coast towns that have suffered greatly since the commencement of the war. This attack, Berlin says, was without effect and the allies were repulsed.

Further inland the French also claim to have gained ground, altho in a less marked degree than on previous days. In the Argonne there appears to have been a lull in the fighting, but both in the Woevre and Alsace the two other regions where seriere fighting has been in order for some time, the Germans appear to have delivered counter attacks. counter attacks.
Russian Withdrawal.

In Poland preparations are being made for a new battle or series of battles. The Russians, according to a former member of the cabinet at Petrograd, have decided, despite the maan warships were held in check in or close to their naval base at Wilhelmshaven, the mouth of the Elbe and elsewhere on the western coast of Germany.

Germans Long Prepared.

This patrol has been maintained since early in August. It has from time to time been nenetrated by Germans.

This plan will doubtless also affect the rest of the battlefront, except that in the extreme north of Poland, where the German column has been driven back by a superior force of Russians.

A Rome despatch credits the Austrians with having admitted the loss of 100,000 men in their expedition agaist Servia and their subsequent defeat by the army of that little nation.

BRITISH EARL ESCAPED OVER DUTCH FRONTIER

Tho Lamed by Bullet, He Got Away From Captors. Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—(10.40 p.m.)—
The Earl of Levan and Melville has, according to The Central News, arrived in London, after having escaped from German territory.

The earl went to the front in the early stages of the war with his regiment, the Royal Scots Greys, in which he is a lieutenant, and, being wounded on Aug. 22, was left behind when his account retreated. He was taken by the

on Aug. 22, was left benind when his regiment retreated. He was taken by the Germans to a hospital, suffering from a bullet wound in the thigh.

On Wednesday last, disguised as a Belgian refuges, he traveled across Belgium in a northerly direction, broke

Belgium in a nortnerry direction, broke thru the German lines, and crossed the Dutch frontier without a passport. The earl is still very lame, but hopes soon to be in the fighting line again. NORTHERN ALBANIA TO MAKE WAR ON SERVIA

and Scare John

MORE ATTACKS LIKELY

Left Wing Falls Back, Enabl- Times Says British Navy Will Congregation Remained Calm Not Alter Present Policy.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON. Dec. 15, 10:10 p.m.—The raid of German warships on the northeast coast of England and their "Indiscriminate shelling of unfortified in Scarborough as a result of the control of the c

Great Havoc in Scarborough -Big Hotel Overlooking Cliff Was Mark for Germans.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—(11 p.m.)—The Press Association's Scarborough correspondent says of the attack on that town by the German warships:

"Havoc has been wrought thruout this town."

TO FIX APPOINTM Canadian Press Despatch.

the main targets. Its seaward front was partially demolished. There are half a dozen huge holes in the wall. The picture palace next door was badly damaged and the cliff tramway destroyed. The gable end of the town hall on the cliff was blown off, and a corner of the Royal Hotel, a fine building near the centre of the town, was carried away.

"The Balmoral Hotel, in the west end of he city, received a shell thru the roof. The savings bank, near the

the roof. The savings bank, near the Grand Hotel, was demolished, and the contents of an adjoining house were scattered into the streets. A whole row of cottages was razed to the

"But for the fact that it is the off season, and a majority of the houses along the waterfront are unoccupied, the loss of life must have been very

Christmas Week at the Princess.
The attraction at the Princess Theatre next week will be the famous detective comedy, "The Dummy," which

Several Were Prominent Residents-Prominent Alderman a Victim.

SHELLS STRUCK CHURCH

—German Fire Skilfully Directed.

raid of German warships on the northeast coast of England and their sesape in the fog after having bound warships of the statement of the count Ernst Von Reventlow, the German warships the property, completely overshadows the eperations on land.

The land operations, however, as on preceding days, have seen of the driment of their offensive in the west sad, according to the French and Belgian troops have continued their offensive in the west, and a coording to the French official reports have made further slight progress. This was not accomplished without serious opposition on the part of the Germans, who at every point where an advance was attempted fought against it foot by foot.

Fiest Shelled Westende.

Along the coast of Flanders, where the allies are trying to push their, lines forward from Nieuport, they had the assistance of the British feet, which violently bombarded Westende, one of the massification of the wars trying to push their, which violently bombarded Westende, one of the massification of the British feet, which violently bombarded Westende, one of the massification of the war. This attack, Berlin says was without effect and the allies were repulsed.

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vicinity considerably. Bookkeeper Woods of the electric company and his son both were hit and slightly wounded.

"Both my son and myself," said Mr. Woods, "were standing near a butcher shop in the vicinity of our home when a shell burst overhead. It took off the roof of the butcher shop. I took my wife and boy into our cellar and then gathered a few belongings in order to get away from the place.

Guns Answered Fire.

"Soon after the bombardment began the guns on Castle Hill made reply. The Balmoral and Royal Hotels were struck and many houses along the waterfront were riddled."

The bodies of the dead were taken to the mortuary and the wounded to hospitals, the work being carried on amid the falling of shells.

At various places in the city it is difficult to force a passage thru the streets on account of the debris.

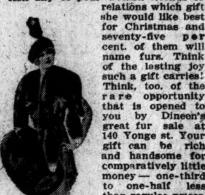
Postman Beale had his hand blown off while he was delivering letters.

TO FIX APPOINTMENT

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this town.

"The Grand Hotel, a fine building perched on the Cliff Head, and well known to thousands of persons who have visited Scarborough, was one of the main targets. Its seaward front the main targets. Its seaward front arguments of the main targets. Its seaward front the main targets are made to the main targets. Its seaward front the main targets are made to the main targets. Its seaward front the main targets are made to the main targets are made to the main targets. Its seaward front the main targets are made to the main targets. Its seaward front the main targets are made to the main targets. Its seaward front the main targets are made to the main targets are made to the main targets. Its seaward front the main targets are made to the main targets are made to the main targets. Its seaward front the main targets are made to the main targets. Its seaward front the main targets are made to the main targets are made to the main targets. Its seaward front the main targets are made to the main targets are made to the main targets. Its seaward front the main targets are made to the main targets are made to the main targets are made to the main targets. Its seaward front the main targets are made to the made to the main



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