

RUSSIANS FORMING NEW LINE WHICH WILL DRAW ENEMY FROM FAVORABLE POSITIONS

SUBMARINE ACCOMPANIED RAIDERS, REPORT SAYS

Territorial Guards Doubled at all points and Aeroplanes sent to Patrol Coast — British Forts at Mouth of the Tees target for German shells—Service going on in Church at Scarborough when shells Hit Building, but Congregation remained calm — Rumored that Tynemouth may be attacked.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE STANDARD)

Redcar, England, Dec. 16.—The German warships that bombarded the ports of Hartlepool, Whitby and Scarborough this morning are reported to have bombarded the British forts at the mouth of the River Tees also. Shortly after eight o'clock residents of Redcar were aroused by heavy firing at sea and three warships could be seen in action. They appeared to be throwing shells against the British forts, but the local military authorities drove all civilians from the seaside promenade before it could be ascertained what target the ships were shelling. The cannonade lasted for half an hour, the first stages of it being very severe. Toward the end of half an hour the Germans fired slowly, evidently taking careful aim. The weather was foggy, but the flashes of flame from the turrets were distinctly visible here, although the ships were about three miles off shore.

ACCOMPANIED BY SUBMARINE

Sunderland, Dec. 16.—News reaching here of the bombardment of Hartlepool is that a submarine accompanied the German cruisers which shelled the town. One shell fired by the Germans crashed through the glass roof of the composing room of the Northern Daily Mail. Great damage was made when it exploded.

SERVICE GOING ON WHEN CHURCH WAS STRUCK

London, Dec. 16.—Late reports state that the lighthouse at Hartlepool was seriously damaged by the bombardment. In addition to the patrol of aeroplanes along the coast the territorial guard has been doubled at all points and the garrisons at all fortified places are under arms and patrolling the entire coast line. Communion service was proceeding in St. Martin's church at Scarborough when the German bombardment began. The service was continued despite the cannonading and when a shell struck the church the congregation remained calm. There was no disorder as the people left the church.

TYNEMOUTH MAY BE ATTACKED, RUMOR SAYS

London, Dec. 16.—The Newcastle Evening Chronicle, according to a despatch reaching London this evening, says there is a probability of a hostile attack on Tynemouth in Northumberland at the mouth of the Tyne, and about twenty-five miles north of Hartlepool. The Mayor of Tynemouth, a popular resort in the north with a population of about 25,000 people, has issued a notice declaring that the local emergency committee has been advised by the military authorities to have the gas in Tynemouth turned off at once for military reasons. The civil population have been advised to remain indoors, but, if necessary, to leave their dwellings. They are advised to go in the direction of Newcastle, eight miles away.

RAIDERS NEARLY 400 MILES FROM SHELTER OF GUNS AT HELIGOLAND

London, Dec. 16.—Thousands of people witnessed the firing from Redcar, across the Tees Bay from Hartlepool, according to a message from that watering place. Several German ships were engaged in the operation and the forts to the north of the mouth of River Tees replied to them. Redcar reports also the belief that British ships engaged the hostile vessels.

Scarborough is wholly unfortified, except for a small battery which is popularly believed to be obsolete. Whitby also is unfortified, and Hartlepool has only a small fort at the mouth of the Tees, but it is a large shipping centre and therefore tempting to an invading fleet.

The ruined castle on the cliff, three hundred feet above the sea, together with the Grand Hotel and the Tower of the Municipal Hall, make Scarborough an easy target. One report says that the old castle was shelled.

BELIEVED ENEMY CUT OFF FROM BASE AT HELOGOLAND.

The German vessels that conducted this assault are four hundred miles from the shelter of Heligoland, and the Admiralty report which says that the "situation is developing," gives the English people hope that the raiders will not be able to escape.

The government took over the telephone wires for business soon after the raid, so that from this standpoint public communication between London and coast towns was temporarily interrupted.

As the bombardment got under way the streets of Scarborough were crowded with hurrying throngs, and clogged with vehicles of all descriptions moving out of the danger zone. The biggest crowd went to the railway station and the first train away carried a great number of women and children without baggage. As the residents of the east coast of England have been keenly alive ever since the war began to the danger of a raid, many of them put into operation plans formed long in advance for their personal safety in case of a German attack.

The first sound of the German guns was taken by many people to be thunder.

LONDON INCENSED OVER ATTACK ON UNFORTIFIED TOWN.

The reports concerning the number of German ships engaged differ. One says that four vessels shelled Scarborough, another three, while a third declares that only one was engaged in the operation. Three ships were seen at Hartlepool and two at Whitby, according to the latest messages.

In London the news that the civilian inhabitants of unfortified towns should be subjected to bombardment without notification was received everywhere with the greatest anger. The public, however, is entirely calm and there are no signs of excitement on the streets.

This is the first attack on the United Kingdom since a small French force landed in Pembrokeshire in 1798 and was captured.

EIGHTEEN KILLED AT SCARBOROUGH.

London, Dec. 16.—A despatch from Scarborough, passed by the London censors, says that eighteen people were killed at Scarborough today by the bombardment of German warships. In one house four persons were killed outright, and in another three were killed by bursting shells.

The local station of the Coast Guards was blown to pieces by shells. Communion service was being celebrated in St. Martin's church when two shells struck the building. The congregation remained calm.

The events of today have resulted in a general round-up of alien enemies on the east coast of England. Many such men are now being held pending a clearing up of the situation.

PETITCODIAC NEWS.

On Thursday evening, Mrs. E. Altherton Smith addressed a crowded

house for the benefit of the Red Cross Society. After being introduced by the President, Mrs. H.H. Magee, in a few well chosen remarks, Mrs. Smith by means of views and vivid descriptions guided her hearers to London where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

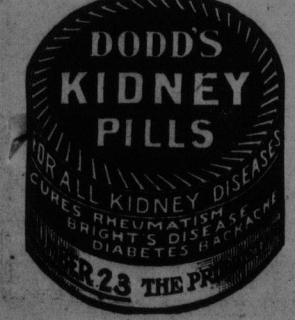
Mrs. Smith closed her admirable address with a stirring appeal to the patriotism of the audience. After a vote of thanks had been given to the lecturer, patriotic choruses were sung.

Closing with God Save Our King. About \$40 dollars was realized for Red Cross work.

Though the Petitcodiac Branch of the Red Cross has only been in existence a month, it has a membership of thirty-five, and has already sent away a large box containing day-shirts, night shirts, socks, pneumonia jackets, wristlets, etc.

Mrs. Smith was entertained by Mrs. D. L. Trites.

A number of visitors from Salisbury had the pleasure of hearing and meeting Mrs. Smith.



CONFIDENCE IN BRITAIN PREVAILS IN INDIA

Internal situation satisfactory — Wild rumors circulated by enemies to shake confidence of natives.

London, Dec. 16 (through Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—A special despatch from Delhi, India, says:

"Reports which the Government of India is receiving regularly from the provinces indicate that the internal situation is satisfactory. Trade, as a consequence of the destruction of the German cruiser Emden, is showing encouraging signs of recovery, and the tendency to withdraw savings bank deposits is decreasing. A general feeling of confidence prevails. News of the British naval victory off the Falkland Islands has had an excellent effect. The prices of some commodities rule high, but power has been taken by the Government to control them.

"Wild Rumors still circulate in the Basaars, such as that the King-Emperor has been captured by a Zeppelin, and that the Kaiser has appointed certain German judges to sit with the English ones. The very absurdity of such statements defeat the object of their circulation, but every effort is being made to re-assure the credulous, both by the Government of India, and by the rulers of the native states."

ECHO OF EMPRESS DISASTER HEARD IN COURT

Eye-witnesses describe final scenes in sinking of C.P.R. Liner last May.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Never have more thrilling stories been placed upon the files of Osgoode Hall than the statement by three eye-witnesses of the final scenes in the sinking of the Empress of Ireland in the St. Lawrence last May, and the wiping out of the little family circle of Salvationist A. E. Poord, of Toronto. Poord, his wife and his two-year-old daughter lost their lives together. At Osgoode Hall today the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, administrators of the estates of Mr. and Mrs. Poord, applied to Mr. Justice Riddell, for an order determining the order of priority in which Mr. Poord, his wife and their little girl died this life. Upon this depending to whom all go the proceeds of a \$1,000 policy in the London Life Assurance Company, on the life of Mr. Poord, \$25 from a policy in the Salvation Army Assurance Company on the life of Mrs. Poord, and \$24 from a policy on the life of the child.

Bandsman Kenneth A. McIntyre, in an affidavit, tells of trying lifebelts on Mr. and Mrs. Poord.

"Alice Poord," he said, "seemed very nervous and fearful, continually reiterating 'save my Ernie.'"

"A. E. Poord was as cool as any one could be under the circumstances, and was doing his best to reassure and comfort his wife. From my own experience in the water I should judge that any woman would have very little chance of withstanding, either the shock of the exposure compared with a man."

Frank P. Brooks, who shared Mr. Poord's stateroom on the Empress, saw Mr. Poord a few minutes before the vessel sank, with his arm around his wife, holding her apparently to keep her from falling to the deck, as she was then absolutely unable to help herself from nervousness, or fright and weakness.

Mr. Brooks thought that Mrs. Poord had lost all control of herself.

Major George S. Atwell made a similar affidavit, and tells of Poord's plea to him to save his baby. Mr. Poord took back his child when he secured a lifebelt. The relatives of Mr. Poord and those of Mrs. Poord both are claimants for the insurance funds.

Mr. Justice Riddell declared he was unable to come to any decision on the affidavits, and would direct an issue to be tried.

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GERMANS TRY TO DRIVE WEDGE IN RUSSIAN LINE TO THE WEST OF WARSAW

Concentrate enormous forces at extreme left of the Lowicz and Ilow and prepare to cross Vistula—Aim to cut Railway communication between Lodz and Warsaw—Movement being met by strongly reinforced Russian column and severe fighting is reported.

Warsaw, Dec. 16. (Via London).—While the consensus of opinion in Warsaw is that the second German attempt to reach the city has resulted in failure, it is a fact that the Germans have been a rapid concentration of their forces at the extreme left of their Lowicz-Ilow front, practically on the banks of the Vistula. They are said to have thrown a bridge across the river to the southeast of Plock, and it appears that they are preparing to drive a wedge back of Sochaczew, thirty miles west of Warsaw, with the idea of cutting railroad communication between Lodz and Warsaw.

This movement has been met by a strongly reinforced Russian column which, during the past several days,

has been slowly forcing the Germans back in the vicinity of Sochaczew. Here the fighting has been severe, each side making repeated attacks and counter-attacks.

Little apprehension of the outcome of the fighting in the immediate vicinity is evident in Warsaw, where business houses are open and the streets thronged with people. Flights of German aeroplanes on bomb dropping expeditions continue, but the people of Warsaw apparently are becoming accustomed to such visitations, which, with one or two exceptions, have resulted in little damage or loss of life. A total of 26 bombs have been dropped on the city of Warsaw. The most serious results followed the falling of such a missile in a crowded tenement district, where eight people are reported to have been killed and several wounded.

In the north of Poland the Germans appear to have directed their aerial efforts to the destruction of railroad terminals where a number of their bombs have fallen.

NO INTERFERENCE BY FRANCE WITH COTTON SHIPMENTS FROM U.S.

Washington, Dec. 16.—France, in a note to the State Department today, gave assurance that she would not interfere in any manner with American cotton shipments, either to belligerent or neutral countries.

Announcement was made that France will adopt the same attitude toward cotton shipments as that of Great Britain.

BRITISH SUBJECT PRISONER IN MEXICO

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 16.—J. T. Paxton, British consul here, made a demand today upon Governor Maytorena, now before Naco, for the immediate release of H. P. Meaker, a British subject, who is held by Maytorena officers on the charges of having aided Carranza partisans to escape into Sinaloa. Meaker, it is stated, was deceived by the Mexican ranchers, who induced him to furnish transportation for them after they learned that a messenger carrying their pledge of loyalty to Carranza had fallen into the hands of Maytorena's Yaqui Indians.

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AUSTRIANS LOST 100,000 IN THEIR RECENT DEFEAT

London, Dec. 16, 8.57 p. m.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Rome, says: "In Vienna it is officially admitted that the Austrians killed or wounded in their defeat by the Serbians numbered 100,000. Public sentiment and indignation are strong against the leaders in the attack, especially against Field Marshal Potiorek, who but eight

days ago accepted from the Emperor a high decoration, after telegraphing that the Serbians had been completely defeated, and that he would be in Nish in three weeks. "This telegram also resulted in General Haal, commander of the fortress at Sarajevo, being sent as governor of Belgrade, whence he was constrained to flee five days after his arrest by Field Marshal Potiorek, who but eight

PREMIER LEAVES FOR MARITIME PROVINCES

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The Premier left today for the East. He will speak on Friday at Amherst, and on Saturday at Halifax. He will then visit his mother at Grand Pre.

PEACE SUNDAY FEB. 14 IN CHURCHES IN U.S.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The Church Peace Union, embracing all denominations, has asked all American churches to celebrate on Sunday, February 14, the centenary of the ratification of the Treaty of Ghent.



Paris, Dec. 16.—The cost of the war to France for the first six months in 1915 is officially figured at \$5,929,442,865 francs (\$1,185,888,573), or about \$200,000,000 monthly.

This total is in addition to the usual expenditures of the army, but it includes \$101,400,000 allowed to families of the soldiers; \$4,000,000 to persons out of employment; \$10,200,000 for the maintenance of persons driven from their homes by the German invasion; and to various other items directly due to the war.

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