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GERMANS ONLY HALF MILE OFF

Came Close in to Scarborough to Shell the Town—Great Deal of Damage Done to Property

London, Dec. 17.—As a result of the raid most of the coast towns of England and many inland towns are adopting the strictest precautions and street lights have been reduced to the utmost.

The Press Association's Scarborough correspondent says of the attack on that town: "Hovee has been wrought throughout this town. The Grand Hotel was one of the main targets and 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 was blown off and a corner of the Royal Hotel in the centre of the town was carried away. The Balmoral Hotel in the West End of the city received a shell through the roof. The Savings Bank, near the Grand Hotel, was demolished and the contents of an adjoining house scattered into the street. A row of cottages was razed to the ground.

Two German ships came within half mile of the shore says another despatch, which adds that the work of the gunners was ridiculously easy.

YOUNG LADY OF ST. JOHN'S AT SCARBORO

Young Daughter of H. D. Carter Attending College There—Reported As Being Safe

One St. John's young lady, at least, knows what actual warfare is and that is Miss Gertrude Carter, the fifteen-year-old daughter of H. D. Carter, Esq., Asst. Manager of the Bank of Montreal, and granddaughter of the Hon. James Baird.

She was attending College at the famous English watering place.

Yesterday her parents and friends were anxious about her, but we are pleased to be able to say to-day that she is safe.

This morning a cable was received from friends that Gertrude was safe. When the seriousness of the bombardment was realized many of the women and children were hurried to places of safety and Miss Carter with others was taken to Newark, where she is at present.

Expect a Dash Of Germans Next For The Atlantic

Raid Not Unexpected at Paris Where Experts Expect Further Developments

Paris, Dec. 17.—The raid of German warships on the English coast was not unexpected here. It has been predicted by several close observers of the Naval events and possibilities of the war who have had information from inside official sources.

These men believe that the bombardment of Wednesday will be followed by a general dash of German warships into the Atlantic from Heligoland where they have been bottled up since the beginning of the war.

VOLUNTEERS NOT PLAYING "THE GAME"

Fully 130 of the young men who have volunteered for the second contingent have not yet come forward for the medical examination.

This is not playing the game, and treating the flag as it deserves to be treated.

Besides it has made unnecessary work for those in charge, and has given them a prominence they are not entitled to.

To them we say be manly. Go forward to the examiners, or else have your name retracted.

TWENTY PERSONS WERE KILLED AT WEST HARTLEPOOL.

London, Dec. 17.—The effect of the bombardment at Hartlepool was that thirty persons were killed and one hundred injured.

At West Hartlepool twenty persons were killed and many injured.

The shells passed through the Baptist Church of Hartlepool, and other churches are also damaged.

Russians Keep The Invaders Well In Check

Repulsed All the Many Stubborn Attacks Made by the German Forces

London, Dec. 17.—The following statement from the general staff commander-in-chief of the Russian forces was issued last evening. "In the direction of Mlawa we have repulsed the enemy.

Toward the frontier on the left bank of the Vistula the Germans kept up a stubborn attack throughout the day. Along the line from Kiernozia to Sochaczew owing to the unfavorable condition of the country our troops retreated slightly during the evening of Dec. 15.

On the other sections of the front our troops made counter attacks and compelled the enemy to remain in his position, checking attempts of his advance.

Our strategy has stopped the Austrian advance beyond the Carpathians. On the other points there is no important change to report.

Allies Still Make Progress in West

(French Official Bulletin.)

Paris, Dec. 16.—There has been slight progress as far as the sea to the north-east of Ypres, along the railroad in the direction of La Bassée. There is no other notable incident to report along the rest of the front.

Open Air Rink At Bowering Park

There is a splendid open air rink at Bowering Park, and Mr. Rud Cochius, the manager of the place, hopes to keep it in condition throughout the winter.

Many have already been out and enjoyed a skate.

The ice is perfect, being like a sheet of glass.

Outdoor skating appeals to all lovers of the art and at this popular resort they will be able to enjoy themselves to the fullest.

Patriotic Meeting Leeming Lodge, L.O.A.

The Patriotic Meeting, under the auspices of Leeming Lodge, L.O.A., takes place in Victoria Hall this evening at 8.30. Dr. Lloyd and Mr. G. W. Gushue are the speakers.

2,000,000 Jews Driven From Home In Russian Poland

And Extreme Distress Prevails Amongst this Great Multitude of Refugees.

New York, Dec. 11.—Approximately two million Jews have been driven from their homes in Russian Poland, according to a cablegram from the Petrograd office made public here by the American Jewish relief committee. The message, in part, reads as follows:

"The Jews of all Russian Poland, and the greater part of the Jews in the provinces of Kovno, Vilna, Grodno, Volynia, Podolia and Bessarabia, are suffering. The number of the refugees and destitute approximates two million. Extreme distress also prevails among the Jews in the Galician provinces occupied by the Russian armies."

Thirty Persons Killed at Hartlepool During Bombardment by Germans Enemy's Ships Escape in Dense Fog

MIST AIDED ENEMY SHIPS TO ESCAPE

Fastest Type of German Cruisers Took Part in Raid and Got Away Safely

(British Official Bulletin.)

London, Dec. 16.—The Official Press Bureau has given out the following statement regarding the German attacks on the English coast:—"This morning a German cruiser force made a demonstration upon the Yorkshire coast, during which they shelled Hartlepool, Whitby, and Scarborough.

"A number of their fastest ships were employed for this purpose, and they remained about an hour on the coast. They were engaged by the patrol vessels on the spot.

"As soon as the presence of the enemy was discovered, the British Patrolling Squadron endeavoured to cut them off, but upon being sighted by the British vessels the Germans retired at full speed, and being favoured by a mist succeeded in making good their escape.

"The losses on both sides were small, but full reports have not yet been received.

WON'T CAUSE ANY CHANGE OF POLICY

Admiralty Says Such Raids While Regrettable Are of No Military Significance

(British Official Bulletin.)

London, Dec. 17.—The Admiralty takes the opportunity of pointing out that demonstrations of yesterday's character against unfortified towns or commercial ports, though not difficult to accomplish 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 damage to private property, which is much to be regretted, but they must not under any circumstances be allowed to modify the general naval policy which is being pursued.

Exploit Pleases The German Press

Say It is Voucher of the Gallantry of Kaiser's Navy

London, Dec. 17.—Concerning the shelling of Scarborough and Hartlepool The Berliner Tagblatt says: "Again our naval forces, facing the danger of scattered mines in the North Sea, shelled fortified places. The Deutsche Tages Zeitung expresses satisfaction with the attack, especially as it came immediately after the naval battle of the Falkland Islands.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—The Neuston Nachricht has this comment: "This time it is not a daring cruiser trick with the transitory throwing of a bomb but a regular bombardment of fortified places which is a new voucher for the gallantry of the navy."

The Beerson Zeitung says the bombardment "is possibly the herald of greater events."

Germans Worked In Daring Style

Manoeuvred Ships in Close to Scarborough Pier

London, Dec. 17.—The Press Association's Hull correspondent says the raid on Scarborough was marked by extraordinary coolness and daring.

The German warships, he declares, stole into the Bay and manoeuvred into position coming nearer to the pier than any battleship ever had done within memory.

Fired Fifty Shells Into Scarborough

Most of Damage Done to Property Near the Shore

Hull, Dec. 16.—A man who has arrived here from Scarborough estimates that the German cruisers fired a total of about 50 shells into Scarborough.

He declares he saw only three chimney stacks shattered, but he believes, however, that the damage nearer shore will prove to be more serious than this.

Nine Were Killed When Hartlepool Was Bombarded

Firing Lasted About 25 Minutes and Raiders Kept Out of Sight

Hull, Dec. 16.—Nine persons are reported to have been killed at Hartlepool and a number injured.

The bombardment of Hartlepool lasted over twenty-five minutes. The hostile vessels which took part in the operations are estimated at from two to six, but never once were they clearly visible from the shore.

The forts on the River Tees replied to the fire from the German vessels.

Pieces of shells have been found all over Hartlepool. The damage inflicted on the town is said to be considerable.

One of the shells hit a gas tank and set it on fire.

Florizel called this afternoon taking a large freight and 15 steerable passengers.

H. M. SHIPS CHASE AWAY THE GERMANS

British Flotillas Reported to Have Engaged the Enemy At Various Points

(British Official Bulletin.)

London, Dec. 16.—German war vessels engaged the West Hartlepool fortress this morning and were driven off by our troops west of Wytechaete; a small German warship also opened fire on Scarborough and Whitby. The Admiralty statement issued at 11 o'clock this morning announces that our flotillas have been engaged at various points and the situation is developing.

The French Government reports that a small wood has been captured by our troops west of Wytechaete; also some progress south of Ypres and in the Argonne.

The Russians report a concentration of the enemy's forces on the left bank of the Vistula, and fierce fighting since the morning of the 14th between Lowicz on the Vistula and the left bank of the Pzura.

British Warships Reach The Scene

Another Flotilla is Making For Hartlepool

Newcastle, Dec. 16.—The bombardment of Hartlepool began at eight a.m.

Several British battleships have already arrived there and others are on their way.

The gas works have been set on fire, several rows of houses have been destroyed and several persons killed.

Germans Damaged Much Property At Scarborough

German Raiders Bombarded the English Port Under Cover of Heavy Fog

Hull, Dec. 16.—Fugitives reaching here from Scarborough say that the German bombardment was heavy and that great damage was done to property.

The morning train from Scarborough to Hull brought many passengers who left Scarborough when the shelling commenced.

A railroad guard wires his wife here from Scarborough saying: "Shells are falling thickly around me, but I am all right."

The arrival of the German raiders off Scarborough took place under cover of a thick veil of fog. Some people declare they saw a German cruiser lying off Castle Cliff. The roof of St. Martin's church was struck and one woman is known to have been killed.

Another church was damaged and damaged and the roofs of several houses were carried away by shells.

Some shots doing damage to buildings.

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

OFFICIAL PRESS BUREAU TELLS OF THE RAID

Says Military Casualties Numbered Twenty-One—Three Towns Were Shelled

London, Dec. 17.—The Official Press Bureau last night issued the following statement from the War Office regarding German raid:

At 8 a.m. yesterday three enemy ships were sighted off Hartlepool. At 8.15 they commenced a bombardment. These ships appeared to be two battle cruisers and one armoured cruiser. The land batteries replied and are reported to have hit or damaged the enemy.

At 8.50 firing ceased and the enemy steamed away.

No Guns Touched

None of our guns were touched. One shell fell in the Royal Engineers lines and several on the lines of the 15th Service Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry.

The casualties among the troops amounted to seven killed and fourteen wounded.

Some damage was done to the town and the gas works were set on fire.

During the bombardment, especially, the West Hartlepool people crowded the streets.

Twenty-Two Killed

Approximately twenty-two were killed and fifty wounded.

At the same time a battle cruiser and an armoured cruiser appeared off Scarborough, and fired about fifty shots which caused considerable damage. Thirteen casualties are reported at Whitby, where two battle cruisers

Lce.-Corpl's. Exams.

Last night at the C.L.B. Army some fifteen lads came up for examination as lance-corporals. Capt. R. Goodridge was the examining officer, and results will be made known shortly.

CAPTAIN OF A KETCH SAW ENEMY'S SHIPS SAYS ONE BLEW UP.

London, Dec. 16.—The Evening Standard's Liverpool correspondent says that in the German raid on the English coast, two of the German warships are believed to have been sunk.

The captain of a ketch lying off Saltburn says he saw three German ships engaged.

One was blown up, another bolted and a third was still fighting.

German Warships Plainly Visible From Redcar, York

Cannonading, Which Was Very Violent, Was Kept Up For Over Half An Hour

Redcar, York, Dec. 16.—Heavy firing was heard off the coast here between 8 and 8.20 a.m. to-day. The forms of three cruisers could be discerned looming out of the haze and the flashes of artillery fire could be easily observed from the Redcar promenade.

The people of Redcar sought the water front, but they were driven back from the promenade by the military authorities to a point beyond the zone of danger.

It appeared from here as if the hostile warships were attacking the forts in Tees Bay.

The cannonading was kept up for more than half an hour, when the booming of guns gradually grew less.

During the height of the bombardment as many as half a dozen of flashes of guns were counted within the space of two minutes.

BIG OUTBREAK OF PTOMAINE POISONING

London, Dec. 17.—One hundred and fifty serious cases of Ptomaine poisoning are reported among stationed at Blackheath.

Medical experts have been sent out and are taking adequate steps to cope with the disease.

West Hartlepool Fortresses Drove Off The Raiders

Official Bureau Announces Fire From Their Guns Forced Germans To Withdraw

London, Dec. 16.—A statement given out by the Official Information Bureau says that the German warships which had been bombarding the Eastern coast of England have been driven off by the West Hartlepool fortresses.

Panicstruck Folk Fled Countryward From Hartlepool

City at Breakfast When Sound of Firing From German Ships Was First Heard

Durham, Dec. 16.—Many refugees arrived here during the morning from Hartlepool, having fled from the German bombardment.

One of them says most of the city was at breakfast, when suddenly there was sound of heavy firing at sea.

"We thought at first that British torpedo boat destroyers were firing at a raiding German submarine. The firing was so close to the harbour front that many persons started for the seaside to see what was happening."

Shells Began to Fall.

"Almost immediately shells began falling in the central part of the city. Houses were struck by projectiles, sending upwards great clouds of dust and smoke, while the wreckage tumbled downward into streets.

"We did not feel any fear of the Germans landing forces, even after we learned that they had assembled

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Fresh westerly winds; fair and cold today and on Friday.

\$80,000 CHURCH BUILDING

Planned to replace Cochrane St. Church—Architecture to be of the Byzantine Style

A largely attended meeting of the congregation of Cochrane St. Church was seen last night at the College Hall to hear the report of the Committee on the rebuilding of the Church.

Mr. Chas. Marshall occupied the chair, conducting the meeting in a tactful and impartial manner. Mr. Marshall outlined the various matters the Committee had been obliged to consider in order to safeguard the interests of the Church.

Was Big Undertaking.

The Chairman called upon Mr. Arthur Mews, who narrated the work of the Committee from the first and showed that the greatest difficulty to contend with was a lack of sufficient money to build a church that would be an ornament to the city. To get down to what the congregation could afford required time for reliable information and trustworthy estimates. That had now been done. The plans approved for the new church will embody Byzantine architecture, having a dome in the centre, a tower on the front facing Cochrane St. and a Sunday School at the rear which will be the best equipped Sunday School in the city. It will be built of concrete and cost about \$80,000.

Start in Spring.

The architects have been instructed to get the drawings and specifications ready at the earliest moment when tenders will be at once called for so that work may begin the coming spring and be fully completed by the end of the year.

From the discussion which followed it is evident that the congregation are alive to their duties and will be ready to respond to the call for financial assistance to be made in a short while.

CHANGES MADE IN COMMANDS OF SEALERS

Capt. Baxter Barbour, who has been mate of the Bellaventure for some time, and who commanded the Diana at the seal fishery last spring, will go in charge of the Neptune at the front this season.

Capt. "Bob" Bartlett goes in charge of the Bonaventure and Capt. Alpheus Barbour in the Bloodhound.

Improvement Reported In Oporto Market

The Board of Trade received the accompanying letter dated Nov. 24th from Lind and Couto of Oporto yesterday:—"Since our last report there has been an improvement in the demand due chiefly to the forced selling of large quantities of Norwegian cure, which being undercurd, had to be disposed of at low prices. The approach of Christmas has also caused some improvement in values."

Fires Broke Out

"Small fires broke out in several quarters and we could see smoke over the district where a number of batteries are located, and surmised that one of the buildings was burning. Shells were dropped in the ship-building yard setting fire to some piles of lumber.

"Many persons were seized with panic and started to run towards the railroad station and towards the road leading to the countryside, west of the city. A few carried household articles, others left them behind."