

British Warships Violently Bombard Town of Westend Belgian Army Repulse Germans—Other Gains by Allies Reported in Fighting on Western Front

Paris, Dec. 16.—The French War Office today gave out an official communication as follows: "In Belgium, the town of Westend on the northeast of Lombaetsyde, has been violently bombarded by the British fleet. "The Belgian army has repulsed a counter attack on Saint Georges and occupied the farms on the left bank of the Yser. "Our troops, who already had gained ground in the direction of Klein Zillebeke, also made progress, but not so perceptible in the region of St. Eloi. "In the region of Arras, in the region of the Aisne, and in Champagne, there have been artillery engagements in the course of which we gained distinct advantage at various points. "In the Argonne there is nothing to report. "In the Woëvre district we have repulsed several German attacks in the forest of Mortemer, and we have held all the trenches occupied by us on the 15th of December. "In Alsace we have repulsed an attack to the west of Cernay. "Serbia—King Peter, accompanied by the crown prince, entered Belgrade at the head of his troops on Tuesday. Between the Drina and the Save there are in Serbia no more Austro-Hungarian troops. The number of prisoners that the Austro-Hungarians have left in the hands of the Serbians since the beginning of the war is placed at 60,000."

RUSSIAN SUCCESSSES. London Dec. 16.—The Daily Mail's correspondent in Petrograd says Russians are pursuing a defeated German force to the east Prussian frontier. Petrograd, Dec. 16.—The Army Messenger says: "On the front of Lovitz and How violent German attacks have had no success. Our troops have repulsed the Germans causing them to suffer great losses. "South of Cracow the enemy attempted between December 12 and 14 to oppose our offensive by strengthening its positions. On the 15th the enemy dived in large numbers from the pass of Dukla and attempted to descend the slopes on the north side of the Carpathians. Our troops, after a strong resistance, repulsed the enemy."

Probably Not True The Kaiser's Illness. Amsterdam, Dec. 16.—A Constantinople despatch to the Telegraph says that the tribes in Northern Albania have declared war on Serbia. London, Dec. 16.—In connection with the Kaiser's illness it is of interest to note that he is within a year of the age at which his father, Frederick III, died from cancer of the throat.

LETTER HERE SAYS RAID EXPECTED

That a raid on the eastern coast of England was fully expected by the authorities is indicated by a letter received yesterday by W. S. Fisher, of this city, from his son, Lieutenant Donald Fisher, with the Royal Canadian Dragoons at Salisbury Plain. In his letter, Lieutenant Fisher said that the eastern coast was being strongly fortified and protected, that many thousands of troops are ready for emergencies, and that trenches and barbed wire entanglements had been prepared at various places to prevent the possibility of a land invasion. Letter here tells of raid expected:

MRS. ELIZ BETH KELLY DIES SUDDENLY FEW WEEKS AFTER DEATH OF HER SON

Suddenly and without any warning to friends, the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly occurred this morning at her home 405 Union street. The shock to her family of the more severe in that it follows so closely on the death of her son John A. Kelly which occurred suddenly about two months ago. Mrs. Kelly was well known and highly esteemed by a large circle of friends and her death will be sincerely mourned. She is survived by one son, Michael F. Kelly and one daughter, Miss Blanche Kelly, at home. They will have deep sympathy in their new and great loss. Before her marriage, Mrs. Kelly was Miss Elizabeth McFate; she was a native of St. John and had resided here all her life. Her husband died many years ago. The funeral will take place on Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock from her late residence to the Cathedral for requiem high mass.

BIRTHS

WETMORE—On Dec. 15, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. B. Cleveland Wetmore, 13 Holly street—a daughter. NERINE—In this city at 41 North street, on the 15th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. John Nerine, a daughter.

DEATHS

KELLY—Suddenly, in this city, on the 16th inst., Elizabeth, widow of John Kelly, leaving one son and one daughter to mourn. Funeral from her late residence, 405 Union street, Friday morning at 8:30, to the Cathedral for high mass of requiem, friends invited to attend. SEELY—In this city on the 15th inst., Elmer Peckham, youngest son of Roy and Hazel Seely, aged eighteen months. Notice of funeral later. DEERING—In this city on the 15th inst., Patrick Deering, leaving his wife one son and two daughters to mourn. Funeral on Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock from his late residence, 27 Meadow street to Holy Trinity Church for requiem high mass. Friends invited to attend. BRADY—In this city on the 15th inst., Emma, wife of John W. Brady, leaving her husband and one child to mourn. Funeral on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late residence, No. 2 Short street. Friends invited to attend. MCKEEVER—At the Cedars, Long Reach, on the 16th inst., Mary A., widow of Wm. McKeever, in the 78th year of her age, leaving two sons and two daughters and three brothers to mourn. (Boston papers please copy.) Burial at Rosary on Friday afternoon.

IN MEMORIAM

LOGAN—In memory of Elizabeth Logan, who departed this life Dec. 16th 1913. Safe in the Arms of Jesus, Safe on His gentle breast, There did His love her shade her Sincerely her soul's at rest. FROM HUSBAND AND FAMILY.

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German Cruisers, In Daring North Sea Raid, Bombard Three Towns on English Coast

(Continued from page 1.) The Hartlepool, which are provided with a vast system of docks, before the war, had an active trade with Baltic ports and with Hamburg, Antwerp and Rotterdam. The chief industries are ship building, iron founding and the construction of marine engines.

CAME IN A FOG Hull, Dec. 16 (via London, 2:12 p. m.)—The arrival of the German raiders off Scarborough took place under cover of a thick veil of fog. Some people declared they saw a German cruiser lying off Castle Cliff. The roof of Saint Martin's church was struck and one woman is known to have been killed. Another church was damaged, and the roofs of several houses were carried away by shells.

The people were greatly excited. They rushed from their houses at the first sound of firing, and women and children were seen running through streets in their night clothes. It could not be ascertained at first whether this German attack was designed merely to spread panic among the British people or whether its purpose was to engage the British fleet in a general action or to act as an escort in an attempt to land troops on the British coast.

NEW GOVERNMENT MAY BE KNOWN TODAY Scarborough, Dec. 16 (via London 1 p. m.)—When the German shells began falling into Scarborough the crowds ran hurriedly to the railroad station, and all who could boarded a train that was just leaving for Hull. Several buildings in Scarborough have been damaged by the fire from the German warships.

Hull, Eng., Dec. 16.—A man who has arrived here from Scarborough estimates that the German raiders fired a total of about 50 shells into Scarborough. He declares he saw only three chimney stacks shattered. He believes, however, that the damage nearer shore will prove more serious.

Hull, Dec. 16 (via London 1:04 p. m.)—Fugitives here from Scarborough say that the German bombardment was heavy, and that great damage was done to property. A railroad guard has wired his wife here from Scarborough, saying: "Shells are falling thickly around me, but I am all right."

Saw Shells Strike Hull, Dec. 16 (via London)—James Harvey Scott, of Scarborough, who arrived here after the bombardment by the Germans, said: "I could not believe it was a real attack. I thought battleships were practising. Then I saw a shell fall on the roof of a house. The house caught fire. I also noticed that the Balmford Hotel in the centre of the town, was struck. As I walked to the station, shells were bursting overhead and at the station shells fell into the yard. A porter there picked up a fragment. "A man, accompanied by his wife and children, came to the station station saying that the roof of their house had been damaged by shells."

The News at Lloyds London, Dec. 16.—Excitement prevailed in Lloyds underwriting rooms when the announcement of the German naval raid was passed on to the members. The members crowded around and eagerly read the notices. Insurance rates so far as the North Sea is concerned, have practically suspended pending the report of definite news of the result of the engagement.

At the Baltic Exchange the news was read most eagerly by the members and was the chief topic of conversation throughout the afternoon. The Kiel canal, running from the North Sea to the Baltic, makes it possible for Germany to connect the troops in Montreal and on Friday in Kingston and Saturday at Toronto.

Hon. J. D. Hazen will leave tonight for St. John, where he will spend Christmas. Clarence Jamieson will leave this evening for his home in Digby. He had a long illness but is now convalescent.

POLICE FORCE LOSES GOOD MAN With reference to Policeman Henry, who was asked to resign from the force owing to continued ill health, Chief Clark this morning said that he regretted that Mr. Henry by reason of his membership of the department, as he was extremely popular with all. He said that he was sorry that his health was so poor. He was an efficient policeman, said the chief, and always attended to the duties in his department in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. Henry joined the police force in 1901. About two years ago he was operated on for appendicitis and although he was able to return to his duties, he was soon after again confined to his home as a result of sickness. His successor has already been appointed. At a meeting of the city council yesterday afternoon, Commissioner McElen moved and it was agreed that \$200 be paid to Policeman Henry, who had been asked to resign owing to continued ill health. This sum would be the amount of the difference between his pay, he said, if he had been on sick leave and that which he received.

SENATOR JAFFRAY DEAD Toronto, Ont., Dec. 16.—Senator Jaffray is dead. Senator Robert Jaffray died at forty-three this morning. He had been confined to the house under the care of his physician since last Friday. The immediate cause of death was the bursting of a blood vessel in the abdomen. His two daughters, Mrs. Easton and Mrs. Cameron and his son, W. G. Jaffray, were at his bedside.

GENERAL HUGHES AT THE IMPERIAL TONIGHT The splendid special whole-play pictorial feature at the Imperial tomorrow "The Call of the North" in which the great actor Robert Edson, plays the leading role, will be presented at the Imperial this evening from 7 until 10 o'clock. After 9 o'clock, the Women's Canadian Club and general public will be addressed by Major General Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia. It will therefore be a very interesting night at Keith headquarters.

Those who attend the splendid play production during the first half of the evening and intend to remain for the general address, will crowd a great deal of high-class entertainment and sound practical education into the four hours between 7 and 11 o'clock. The Imperial's orchestra will officiate throughout the evening and during regular theatre programme the Mendelssohn Four will discourse one of their superb musicals, "The Call of the North" will be continued tomorrow as per usual schedule.

WHEAT MARKET. Chicago, Dec. 16.—After opening 1-3/4 off to 1-1/2 up, the market closed moderately all around and then held at the same as last night to 1-4 below.

PERSONALS The Montreal Gazette says that Mrs. J. D. Hazen will leave Ottawa on Friday for St. John. W. Z. Earle and Mrs. Earle, of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, arrived at the city yesterday, called home by the arrival of their son, Miss Earle, Union street. Clarence Ward, the mayor's clerk, returned yesterday from Chicago, after a four months' visit to his daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) Jones. For seven weeks Mr. Ward has been in Chicago, and is still showing signs of the indisposition.

WALTER H. GOLDING, manager of the Imperial Theatre, returned home yesterday from Montreal. Mrs. R. P. Bell of Halifax is visiting her parents, Rev. P. J. and Mrs. Delstadt, at their home in Duke street for a few days. George W. Fowler, M.P., came to the city at noon today in Major-General Hughes' private car which he boarded at Sussex. Major D. B. Pappineau, of Halifax, arrived in the city this morning. W. G. Annable, general passenger agent of the C. P. R. steamship lines, Atlantic division, arrived from Montreal last evening on a trip of inspection.

PRACTICAL SYMPATHY Mrs. Henry Parker, 200 Market Place, West St. John, the story of whose four brothers' war brother-in-law in the days ago, has received at least one substantial token of sympathy. She received yesterday a letter, to be sent to her brother-in-law, Philippe Bourdon, who is interned in Holland, entirely penniless, and unable to communicate with his family in Brussels. She has also received one other small contribution.

Xmas is Upon Us Of course you've thought about those Xmas presents, but have you made up your mind yet WHAT to buy and WHERE to buy it? Why not give Furniture this year? It is useful and is always appreciated, and it remains in the mind of the recipient long after the ordinary gift is forgotten. But give good furniture, furniture that is built for use as well as style, then the gift is sure to be doubly welcomed. Come to Marcus'. You can make your selection from a store packed with all that is good in furniture, all that is new in design, and all that is most moderate in price. We will help you to

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LOCAL NEWS Sapphires Rebekah Lodge, No. 67, I. O. O. F. will meet Thursday, Dec. 17. All members are requested to attend for important business. Jubilee songs and plantation melodies at concert in St. Philip's church Thursday evening, Dec. 17. Admission 10 cents. Hoyt Bros' Art Stores, 47 and 49 German street, open every evening until Christmas. CONCERT AND DANCE Tonight in aid of Russian refugees. At the Temple of Honor Hall. Tickets 50c each. Refreshments. Apply to Miss R. Gilbert, 47 Brussels street. TIMES ARE HARD And you will not be able to give your friends the usual expensive presents, but you can give them your personal greeting card, which will be appreciated. Order from Taylor Bros. 31 King square. Phone Main 90-11. Gold and silver-plating, name plates and visiting cards. 12-18. Pop-corn for stringing.—Phillips' stores. 12-20. PHILLIPS' CANDY STORES Today and Thursday, peppermint chews 12c. lb., Nelson's 40c. chocolates 25c. a lb. ATTRACTIVE SALE A Christmas sale of women's warm winter coats at \$5, \$7.50 and \$9.50 at Daniels', commencing tomorrow. Only limited number of coats to sell at the above prices, so come early for choice. All this season's goods, and soft, warm popular cloths. Coats that were made to sell from \$8.50 to \$20, all sizes, 16 to 44. Will make most practical and acceptable gifts. See adv. on page 5. Daniel's store will be open Thursday evening until 10 o'clock, and every evening until Christmas. Band on Carleton Rink tonight. ARTILLERY DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN TO BE ISSUED WITH KHAKI UNIFORM AT ONCE Khaki uniform will be issued to all men who have enlisted with the Artillery Divisional Ammunition Column from the Schofield Paper Company's old warehouse, No. 28 Prince William street, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., from 1 to 5, and 7 to 10 p. m., and on Thursday, the 17th inst., from 9 to 12 a. m. and 1 to 5, and 7 to 10 p. m. W. H. HARRISON, Major, O. C. Div. Ammunition Column. SPRINGHILL COAL SHIPMENTS. The output of Springhill mines for November 1914 is far in advance of the output for November 1913, which was 26,744 tons. For November of the current year the output was 32,076 tons, an increase of 5,332 tons. ARTILLERY AMMUNITION COLUMN Wanted, at once, one shoeing smith and two saddlers. Apply at 26 Prince Wm. street, Dec. 16, 7 to 10 p. m.; Thursday, 17th, 9 to 12 a. m. and 1 to 5 and 7 to 10 p. m. BAND CONCERT FOR SOLDIERS. The Carleton Comet Band will play a concert at the Armory on Thursday night to entertain the soldiers. DID AT THE CEDARS Many friends of Mrs. Mary Ann McKeever of the Cedars, will regret to hear that she passed away yesterday afternoon, after a short illness. She was in the seventy-ninth year of her age and is survived by two sons—James, at home, and William, of British Columbia; two sisters—Agnes, at home, and Mrs. Henry Hencomb, of Saskatchewan; and three brothers—Charles and John Esler of Boston, and George of South

GENEROUS DONATIONS The Playgrounds Association acknowledges receipt of \$50 each from James F. Robertson and Joseph Allison in the association. As a matter of fact, Mr. Allison was entitled to that honor long before there was an association, because of his gift of some seventeen acres near the entrance to Rockwood Park to be used for playground purposes. R. B. Emerson is another life member. MANY CHEERFUL GIVERS On Sunday afternoon last the German Street Brotherhood undertook to raise at least \$400 for the Free Kindergarten. Before noon on Monday one member to raise, another had raised \$50, and one who had undertaken to raise \$25 had secured \$75. All this, he it noted, in one forenoon. The fact shows that there is plenty of money in St. John, ready to be contributed for the support of worthy causes. GIFTS OF TOBACCO The ladies who are arranging to provide the soldiers with a Christmas smoke have placed boxes in the tobacco stores and some others to receive contributions. These must be removed early next week. Any who had intended, but neglected to contribute, have still an opportunity to do so. THEIR TURKEY SUPPER The committee of the ladies of the executive of the Playgrounds Association, of which Mrs. George L. Wetmore is chairman, have completed arrangements for the turkey supper and Christmas tree for the members of the St. John Boys' Club, in the old Every Day Club hall. Members of the executive, with Superintendent Howard, will attend to the wants of the boys, and a musical entertainment will also be provided. VISITING Y. M. C. A. MAN A. E. Turner, international secretary of the Y. M. C. A., with offices in New York, is in the city on matters connected with the interests of the local body in Madras, India, a mission in which the maritime provinces aid to the extent of about \$1,200. Y. M. C. A. officials departed with some 10,000 school children and 3,000 college students. Mr. Turner will remain in the city for about three days. I. C. R. PAY The I. C. R. men will be given their usual opportunity to do their Christmas shopping with their December wages in their pocket. The pay car will be around before the twenty-fifth and the men already are looking forward to its visit. EAST ST. JOHN. The common council will meet at 7:30 o'clock this evening, in committee of the whole, to hear arguments for and against the extension of the city boundaries to include the East St. John district as far as Little River. Photos—Christmas delivery folders \$2.50 to \$10 dozen.—Lugin, 88 Charlotte street. Make your appointments this week and we can arrange to deliver your photos for Christmas. The Conlon Studio, Phone Main 1669-21. AN ASSOCIATE EDITOR The directors of the Maritime Baptist Pub. Co., at a recent meeting granted Rev. J. H. MacDonald, D.D., editor of that paper, a six months' leave of absence with an extension if necessary, to serve as chaplain with the second Canadian contingent. They also appointed Rev. R. J. Colpitts associate editor to fill the vacancy in the interim. Prince Von Borslow, former German chancellor, left on Tuesday for Rome as ambassador to Italy.

CHRISTMAS SALE of Fancy Work, Fruit and other Cakes, Doughnuts, Mince and Lemon Pies. Orders taken at Lunch Room, 158 Union street. COAL! COAL Scotch and American Anthracite, Minnie, Broad Cove, and Sydney coal by the ton, load, barrel or bag. FORD H. LOGAN 90-98 City Road. Tel. Main 217. PARTLY FURNISHED Flat 88 1/2, Pe street. 1905-12-23. ROOM and Board, 101 Paradise street. 1919-12-23. TO LET—Heated room, 84 Germ street. 1892-12-23. WANTED—A girl for general house work. Apply 136 Waterloo. PP 2028. 1898-12-23. BAKER WANTED. Apply Melan's Bakery, 820 Brussels street. 1897-12-19. WANTED—General girl. Viet Restaurant, 64 Mill street. 1897-12-19. FURNISHED ROOM. Heated, electric lights, 87 Elliott road. 1890-12-23. WANTED—Work by the day. Barbino, 23 Brittain street. 1919-12-18. WANTED—General girl. Apply J. B. Spence, 238 Dufferin street. 1919-12-18. BARN TO LET Electric light, ply Jas. Cullinan, Celebration 12-21. GIRL WANTED for general house work, references required. G. W. Parker, 27 Gooderich street. 1899-12-23. WANTED—Work by the day by experienced woman. References, please. Phone M., 1840 R. 11. 1919-12-18. LOST—A fair of glasses, in vicinity Princess and Sydney. st. Finder please leave at 194 Pitt street. 1916-12-17. SKATE Grinding Machine (10 or 12 wheel). Farm Wagon, Hart Young Horse, Sled, Bargains. Edw. Edgecombe, 115 City Road. Phone 1978-12-2. WANTED—Experienced cook small family. References required. Call between one and six p. m. eight and nine p. m. Mrs. W. J. Brose, 239 Gernain street. 1919-12-17. WANTED—A stenographer. A letter by giving experience, 1000 salary wanted. No application will be considered without full details. Corona Company, Limited. 1919-12-17. 25 ASH PUNGS, jump seats, Bangor pungs, movable seats, make delivery pungs, 12 delivery p. Great sacrifice in prices during Christmas. Edgcombe, 115 City road. Phone 547. Send for catalogue. 1918-12-17. MRS. JOSIAH URQUHART On December 10 there passed at Tenant's Cove, Kings county, a well known resident in the persons of Mrs. Josiah Urquhart. Although many years she had been a sufferer, she came suddenly and unexpectedly. The funeral services were held December 13, in the United B. church at Tenant's Cove, and were conducted by Rev. E. J. Barras. A large number of the clergy and laymen were in the cemetery adjoining church. A large concourse of 1 gathered to show their sympathy, the bereaved mourners.

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