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## DREADNAUGHTS ARE IN HIDING ON WEST COAST OF IRELAND

### Germans Have This Information—Which Explains Their Recent Raid

## FLEET TO ACT ONLY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

### Safe from Submarines But Ready to Meet German Fleet If It Comes Out

(By J. W. T. Mason, former London Correspondent for United Press.)

New York, Dec. 23.—The Germans apparently believe they have discovered the British battle fleet's hiding place, which has been one of the major secrets of the pending European war. In his remarkably frank statement to Correspondent Karl H. Von Wiegand of the United Press, Admiral Von Tirpitz, the Kaiser's minister of marine, said he supposed the British dreadnaughts were still lurking off the Irish west coast.

This would mean that England's great squadron of capital vessels, her sole protection against being starved and raided into submission by the Germans, are kept 26 hours away from the center of the North sea fighting area. The fact that the battleship Audacious was sunk off the Irish coast suggested that this was the case. Admiral Von Tirpitz's remark seems to confirm the impression.

It seems to have been generally understood since the war began that no first line British ship would be assigned to patrol or blockade duty in the North sea. The risk would have been too great. If the second line vessels the Germans have blown up thus far had been dreadnaughts instead, the British and the Kaiser's naval strength might be equal today.

### Its Power Effective.

This possibility, evidently foreseen by the British admiralty, has prevented any active use of the most formidable of King George's vessels as yet.

The fleet's potential power, however, though kept in secret isolation, has been nearly as effective as if it had actually been exercised.

Only once could dreadnaughts have been used more effectively than the subordinate warships the admiralty has kept in the North sea. This was at the time of the raid on the Yorkshire coast, when the Germans, to England's astonishment, used several of their dreadnaught cruisers to bombard Hartlepool, Scarborough and Whitby.

Had British dreadnaughts been available to attack them their chance of escape would have been slimmer.

But the Germans plainly knew, when they ventured forth, that there would be no encounter with any of the enemy's first line craft. They knew this because they were certain, not only that no British dreadnaughts were doing patrol duty, but that there were none of them off the English east coast at all.

Admiral Von Tirpitz has revealed to the world the fact that he possessed all this information.

### The Best Protection.

To take the maximum in the way of precautions against a submarine, torpedo boat or Zeppelin raid on Great Britain's capital ships, which guard England's very life, it has been necessary for the admiralty to leave the island's east coast unguarded by dreadnaughts.

And apparently these great vessels are not to be brought from their place of concealment unless the Germans undertake to challenge Britain's sea supremacy by sending out their own fleet to fight a battle.

Then the entire British naval strength would emerge from its secret Irish west coast harbor and steam in to the North sea to meet the foe.

Seemingly this policy will permit German east coast raids. So such exploits risks are attached, however, which probably will make them infrequent. Not only must the Kaiser's ships brave the danger involved in attacks on them by British torpedo boats and submarines, but Admiral Von Tirpitz can never be certain that two or three dreadnaughts have not been transferred to North sea harbors to surprise him.

## BACKING NOT FORTHCOMING.

It looks as though there will be no Dallas team basketball this year, as the commercial club has taken no action, and the team will not start out without backing. Challenges have been received from the Arcadia-Wiggins Women of Portland, and from the Purple Glens of western Oregon. If the team would back a basketball five, there would be no trouble in getting games here for the fans. The towns of Washington are basketball "crazy" this season, nearly every one of them putting teams in the field. Dallas Observer.

## LONDON AFRAID OF GERMAN INVASION

### Has Dug Trenches for Miles, and Has Fleet of Small Boats Watching Coast

New York, Dec. 23.—Trenches are being dug about London and extraordinary precautions are being taken along the English coast, according to information from private sources in England which reached the United Press today, in anticipation of another German raid or possibly an attempted invasion.

Operations in defense of London began in October, it was learned. It was announced at the time that the recruits were merely practicing, but it was said in latest advices that this pretense has been abandoned, and that it is generally understood that the military authorities mean business.

The entrenched line as described as being to the north and northeast of London and as extending almost unbrokenly from Hendon through Peter's Bar, across Eppingforest and as far south as the Thames.

For two months, it seems, a German landing has been expected "next week."

The United Press' information was to the effect that General Ian Hamilton, commander in chief of the national defense forces, is in charge of the preparations.

### Harbors Are Mined.

It was also known that War Minister Kitchener recently made a personal inspection of east coast points where a landing by the enemy was deemed likeliest and that he had mobilized between Dover and Leith approximately 500,000 troops. These were said to be mostly territorial, or militia, but at the most important points it was understood they were backed by regulars.

All east coast harbors, according to reliable information, have been heavily mined, as has every inlet and waterway, and in addition to the mines, night and day patrolls are maintained by sea planes, yachts, motor boats and a fleet of 800 trawlers, manned by navy gunners. Altogether, 1600 small craft were said to be engaged in this patrol duty, the coast stretches offering the best opportunities for landings being carefully watched. These places were described as mostly remote from fortified towns, such as the Kentish coast near Sandwich and stretches in Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk.

### Many Armed Camps.

Many east coast towns were described as virtually armed camps, from which the bulk of the civilian population have already departed.

Thirty thousand troops were understood to be billeted at Felixstowe, in Suffolk, and similar conditions were reported at Cromer.

The United Press' informant spoke of concealed trenches and barbed wire entanglements at coast points where German descents are feared, all such spots being dominated by artillery positioned further inland.

The shore patrolls were said to be mainly cyclists, aided by a force of 70,000 boy Scouts.

All along the coast a complete system of telephones and telegraph wires has been installed. It was stated, for the exclusive use of the military authorities.

Aside from the east coast, it was reported that England's shore line was not under careful guard, though the patrolls were said to be not quite so thick.

## FRENCH PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS TOMORROW

Paris, Dec. 23.—Unanimous approval by the French parliament of the government's war measures was assured today. The lawmakers were expected to have their work finished and to adjourn tomorrow.

A new wave of patriotic enthusiasm was sweeping the country, following Premier Viviani's spirited address to the chamber of deputies Tuesday. Full confidence was everywhere expressed in General Joffre.

From the front came the news that the allied offensive continued today all along the line. It was said, however, that the Germans were beginning to put up a more stubborn resistance, presumably as a result of the shifting of the Kaiser of troops to points against which the Franco-English-Belgian forces have been detaching their heaviest attacks.

## POLING TO COACH PHILOMATH.

Charles S. Poling, of Portland, has been employed by the Philomath College Athletic association to take charge of the college basketball teams and general field sports. Mr. Poling ranks second among the all-around trainers of the northwest, having been connected with the famous Dallas law school championships, and also captain and center of the Arkel & Wiggins basketball teams, 1913-1914 champions of the Portland City league. He also was picked all-star center of that league. Dallas Observer.

No matter how big a man may be, the odds are that there's a woman somewhere in the world who is capable of making him feel small.

## GERMANS DEFEATED WITH GREAT LOSS IS RUSSIAN STORY

### Placed Batteries to Command Crossing of Vistula, and Mined Banks

## TWO THOUSAND KILLED BY SHOWER OF SHELLS

### Hundreds Drowned—Attempts of Austrians to Relieve Przemyel Defeated

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—The terrible slaughter of the German forces which took part in the battle of the Zbara river was described here today in belated dispatches just received from the front.

The Russians, it was stated, anticipated a German attempt to cross the stream on the way to Warsaw. They accordingly held masked batteries of artillery in readiness for the invaders. As had been expected, the crossing began in due season.

The gunners refrained from firing until the Germans were in mid stream. Then they opened on them murderously.

Two thousand were said to have been killed by the shell fire alone and hundreds more were drowned.

In other places the Russian banks had been mined, and these mines were exploded when the Germans were over them, killing great numbers.

Such was the slaughter that the attempted advance was quickly checked. At present, it was announced, the Russians' steady advance north of the Vistula is threatening the German flank.

Along their 30-mile front from Neidenburg to Lauenburg the Germans were said to be retiring, endeavoring at the same time to protect the east Prussian railroads, on which they depend for the transportation of troops.

The Slavs were swinging southward upon Thorn also, compelling the Kaiser to rush reinforcements to that point.

In the southwest, along the Pilica river, an extensive engagement was reported in progress. In this quarter, it was stated, the German advance had been checked.

The fighting with the Austrians in Galicia was described as extending from Crasow through the Donajec river valley into the Carpathian region.

Austrian attempts to relieve Przemyel were declared to have proved vain.

The Turkish campaign a Russian torpedo boat was said to have shelled the Rhodope region, making the villages occupied by the Ottoman troops. The Slavs were reported advancing in the Van region, in Asia Minor.

## PUT BOMBS ON SHIP TO EXPLODE AT SEA

### German Arrested Confesses Conspiring to Destroy British Vessels

New Orleans, Dec. 23.—As the result of a confession by Hans Halle that he participated in a conspiracy to plant bombs on British and French ships leaving New York, timed to explode at sea, the New Orleans police today asked New York authorities to cooperate in rounding up a gang of dynamite.

Halle was arrested in his apartment here amid an array of persuasion caps, gunpowder and pieces of fuse.

Halle told the police he planned to ship today to New York a bomb which was to have been placed on the French lines Chicago. He said he came to New Orleans from New York two months ago after constructing a number of bombs there.

Halle is 35 years old and was born in Hamburg. He denied he was connected in any way with the German navy service, saying that his motive was to prevent American firms shipping arms to the allies.

Conrad Brinkman was held by the police today as a material witness and George Summes was held as Halle's accomplice.

## JOHN D. HELPS COLLEGES.

New York, Dec. 23.—Universities and colleges got \$10,500, 600 of John D. Rockefeller's money in the past year, it was shown by the Rockefeller general education board's report issued today.

Among the institutions receiving donations were Whitman college, Walla Walla, Wash., \$125,000 and Pomona college, Pomona, Cal., \$150,000.

## WATER USERS TO GET REBATE THIS MONTH

### Railroad Commission Holds Water Users Should Get Benefit of Penalty

As a result of the hearing held by the railroad commission, yesterday afternoon, upon its own motion, to investigate into the cause of the shortage of the water supply brought upon the patrons of the Salem water company through the force of a combination of circumstances which the management did not anticipate or foresee, the railroad commission, after hearing the explanation of President Paul Wallace and Manager C. A. Park, imposed a penalty of a 25 per cent reduction in the monthly bills of all of the patrons of the system in the south part of town and 15 per cent reduction to the patrons in the north and east parts of the city for a like reduction in those sections of the city.

This reduction in the monthly bills of the patrons of the company, which was readily and cheerfully agreed to by the officials as being only fair to their customers, is to be made in addition to the regular monthly discount of 10 per cent for the payment of bills before the 10th of the month, making a total average reduction of 25 per cent on all of its December bills. This in addition to the great expense that the company has been put to in recovering from the serious condition in which it found itself last week, will fall as a rather heavy burden upon the company in its December revenues, but all concerned expressed themselves as satisfied with this adjustment of the matter.

For a technical violation of the rules and general orders of the commission, which the commission conceded it amounted to since the company was not able to avoid the situation under the extraordinary circumstances which led up to and surrounded it, the commission could have imposed a nominal cash penalty upon the company, but in levying a percentage reduction in the monthly bills of the patrons the commission and the officials of the company felt that the patrons, who were the only sufferers as a result of the occurrence were more entitled to the benefits of the penalty than the general public which was not injured or concerned.

## BORDER TROUBLES NOT YET SETTLED

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 23.—General Hill, commanding the Carranzista forces at Naco, Sonora, was reported today to be unalterably opposed to the plan suggested by General Hugh L. Scott, U. S. A., to create a neutral strip of territory along the international border at this point. Hill, it was said, will take the stand that he has fired no bullets across the border; that his troops are fighting with their faces toward Mexico territory, and that efforts of general Scott should be directed at the besieging Villistas, under Maytorena, who face the border.

Scott expected to interview Hill today. Possibly he will converse with Maytorena also. Hill was said to favor a withdrawal by Maytorena to a point several miles south of the border, and further, to be willing to remain himself in his camp at Naco, this, however, would be a virtual victory for Hill, since he is defending Naco and would be left in possession.

There was no firing at Naco last night. The surrounding country has been made a sea of sticky mud by recent rains.

## PAROLED SIXTEEN.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 23.—Governor Biens today paroled 16 convicts as a Christmas present. Nine were convicted of manslaughter.

## The Weather

Oregon, generally fair tonight and Thursday, but much change in temperature; winds mostly easterly.

## NAMES HIM AGAIN.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Henry C. Hall, of Colorado, was re-nominated today by President Wilson for a seven years' term as interstate commerce commission judge.

## THE BOARD DODGES DOES NOT APPOINT

### Makes Plimpton "Acting State Printer" Until Legislature Acts on the Matter

At a special meeting of the state printing board, held late yesterday afternoon, the controversy over the election of a state printer to succeed H. A. Harris first of the year was temporarily disposed of in the nature of a compromise or a truce by the selection of W. M. Plimpton present secretary-manager of the state printing board, to serve as acting state printer until adjournment of the legislature.

In arriving at this decision the board had in mind the probability of the legislature enacting some new legislation for the conduct of the state printing plant and possibly changing the status of the state printer and in retaining Mr. Plimpton at the head of the department, since he cannot qualify for the position of state printer under the constitutional requirement which provides that the state printer shall have had "at least 10 years actual experience in the art and science of printing." It is to have an experienced man in the management of the plant during the rush of the session.

While Mr. Plimpton cannot qualify as state printer under the constitution, and the state legislature cannot change the qualifying clause of the constitution as regards the state printer, it is possible that some legislation may be enacted under which the former of the printing plant, Arthur Finch at the present time, can serve in the capacity of state printer at the prescribed statutory salary of \$1,800 and a manager, secretary, or whatever they may choose to call it, can be engaged to assume the business management of the plant at whatever salary the legislature may see fit to establish.

At any rate, under the present order of things, the state printer question has been disposed of until the legislature provides some specific law so that the state printing plant can be used, as the law which goes into effect on January 1 provides that the state printing shall be let out by contract, and name a permanent printer.

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## LORD FISHER TALKS AND POET LAUREATE UNLOADS DRIVEL

### Englishman Intimates America Is Missing a Great Opportunity

## ALLEGED POET WATSON ADVANCES SAME IDEA

### Our Not Taking Part Will Leave Us "Without Crown We Might Have Worn"

(By Ed L. Keen.)

(Copyrighted, 1914, by United Press.) (Copyrighted in Great Britain.) London, Dec. 23.—England's hope of Christmas cheer to humanity rests upon its trust that American sympathies are with the British in the present European war.

This declaration was Lord Fisher's. He made it in a statement to the United Press, his first utterance to the public since he assumed charge of Great Britain's naval forces, as first sea lord.

His lordship was one of the leading British officials asked by the United Press to say what the Christmas of 1914 brings to the English.

"Lord Fisher," came the response, "has this immediate reply to your telegram, this moment received at midnight:

"Yes, he has very close bonds with the United States—in his domestic relations and his friendship.

"He happily possesses an American daughter-in-law and she is none the worse that her name at birth was Margaret and that Philadelphia was her home.

"Lord Fisher has to say—he is compelled to say—that the hope and good cheer that he Christmas spirit may bring to humanity almost solely depends upon the 100,000,000 Christian men and women in America and the realization by this 100,000,000 of what the word 'neutrality' means.

"That word 'neutrality' comes frozen on the frozen spray.

"So I ask those 100,000,000 in America to read William Watson's poem to America concerning England."

The English poet laureate's poem follows:

"This Is a Poem."

"Art thou her child, born in the proud midday Of her large souls abundance and excess; Her daughter and her mightiest heritage, Dowered with her thoughts, and lit on By her great lamps that shine and fall not? Yes!

"And at this thunderous hour of struggle and stress, Hither across the ocean wilderness, What word comes frozen on the frozen spray? Neutrality!

"The tiger from his den Springs at thy mother's throat! "And canst thou say, Watch with a stranger's gaze? So be it, then. Thy loss is more than hers—far, bruiser! She shall yet live without thine aid; And thou Without the crown divine thou mightest have worn."

To the United Press, message, George H. Peckley, acting high commissioner in England for Canada, replied:

"Christmas finds us in the middle of a period of the most vital importance to our race.

"We Canadians are keenly and actively interested because we believe Germany's defeat is necessary to our safety.

"Canada and the United States have the same hopes and the same aspirations.

"Although we have a boundary line 3000 miles in length it is without fortifications of any kind. The United States and Canada have lived side by side for 100 years in peace and friendship. We have every confidence that once happy relations will be long continued.

"We are now fighting the battle of all who love freedom, and the people of the United States naturally sympathize with us in our struggle.

"We look forward with every hope to the new year, feeling that it will bring us the triumph of democratic principles and a peace which we pray may last for generations."

Francis A. Atland, parliamentary under secretary to the foreign office, replied the United Press to Foreign Secretary Edward Grey:

"Mr. Edward Grey is in no better position than anyone else to draw a message of hope and good cheer from this Christmas. Everyone should do that for himself, if he can.

"We in this country believe that peace and good will on earth can only be restored when victory by the allies

## MURDERERS CAUGHT SIGN CONFESSIONS

### Young Alexander Resting Easily—Assassins Badly Beaten Up by the Girls

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 23.—Christmas preparations in the home of William M. Alexander had given way today to arrangements for the funeral of the head of the house, who was killed early yesterday by Charles T. Oxnann, 17, who had entered the Alexander home to commit robbery. Oxnann is the son of a Methodist minister, who died two years ago. With him in the escapade that resulted in the shooting was Glenn Witt, 23, who the police believe to be an L. W. W. worker.

It was expected today that murder charges would be filed against both youths before night. Both the police said, had signed confessions to their part in their affair. And both slept 10 long hours last night after a hearty dinner that followed their alleged confessions.

William M. Alexander, Jr., who was wounded twice in the fight with Oxnann and Witt that followed the shooting of his father, was resting easily. Mrs. Alexander was under the care of nurses, the result of the shock. Oxnann's daughters, Penelope, 16, and Anna, 18, who courageously went to their brother's aid as he battled with the thugs, and were themselves badly battered in the melee.

The young women wielded hair-brushes, silver-backed and heavy, with such effect that the entire areas of the murderers' scalps were covered with gashes and cuts that required suturing.

"Those girls fought like tigers," remarked Witt, who had borne the brunt of their attack.

Alexander's funeral services will be held here tomorrow. Arrangements for the disposition of the body have not been made.

As the result of the murder, Chief of Police Sebastian has appealed for more officers to handle the usual winter problems here. Also he has issued specific instructions to round up all questionable persons.

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## GERMAN WAR OFFICE INSISTS SHOWING IS IN FAVOR OF KAISER

### Claim to Have Driven British From Position and Recovered Trenches

## FRENCH STILL CLAIM STEADY ADVANCES

### Claim to Have Captured Last Line of Trenches and Made Gain of 800 Yards

Berlin, by wireless to London, Dec. 23.—The German war office's official Blain was choked and betan into strongly at variance with the version it was understood appeared in Paris concerning operations in the western war theatre.

Its showing was distinctly favorable to the Kaiser.

"Our enemies' attacks in the Lom-baertryde and Bixchote regions in Belgium," it said, "have been repulsed.

"We have again driven the British from the positions they captured in the Bixchote region and despite desperate counter attacks we retain all our positions between there and the La Base canal.

"This far in December we have captured 750 English and 'colored' prisoners, five machine guns and four mine throwers.

"The enemy is showing great activity in the neighborhood of Chalons.

"We partly repelled attacks on us north of Sillerie and southeast of Bhamois; at Sionna and Pethous.

"In the east the situation is unchanged. The battle in Poland continues."

### The French Version.

Paris, Dec. 23.—General progress by the allies was reported by the official war office bulletin issued here today. Among the gains mentioned was the recapture by the British of the village of Givenech, east of Bethune, and an advance by the French in the Bixchote region.

"We have progressed slightly," said the communication, "between the North sea and the road from Nieport to Westende.

"In the region of Steenrawe and Bixchote also we advanced, capturing a wood near Bixchote.

"East of Bethune the British retook Givenech.

"Fog has been interfering with operations in the Arras region.

"East of Amiens, in the Aisne and Champagne districts there has been considerable fighting.

"We have captured from the Germans the last line of trenches, part of which had been taken previously, in the region of Pethous—Laq-Hurlus, gaining 800 yards. Here both guns and prisoners fell into our hands.

"We have progressed also in the Beaunois district.

"About Briellewe we have been unable to maintain the great advantage we gained Tuesday.

The statement concluded with a review of the situation in the eastern theatre of the war.

Reports of a German repulse along the Niedenburg-Lautenburg line were confirmed but it was admitted that the Kaiser's forces had reached the Bura and Bura rivers in their Warsaw advances.

## MUST SERVE LONGER UNDER PRESENT PLAN

His attention having been directed to the subject Governor West made an investigation of the records of the penitentiary and states that he finds that the average minimum time served in the penitentiary by prisoners who were given indeterminate sentences and who were in the provisions of the parole laws of the state was greater than that served by indeterminate sentence prisoners under the former credit system of parole or discharge by