

GERMAN FLEET RAIDS ENGLAND

Three Towns on East Coast Bombarded, 31 Killed.

ESCAPE IS SWIFTLY MADE

Hartlepool, Scarborough and Whitby Suddenly Attacked in Early Morning.

MOVEMENT AIDED BY FOG

Three Churches, Abbey and Other Buildings Damaged. Patrols Are Evaded.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—For the first time in centuries England has been struck by a foreign foe. A squadron of swift German cruisers crept through 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 Worst Sufferer.

Hartlepool suffered most. There two battle cruisers and an armored cruiser were engaged, and at this place the greatest loss of life occurred. The British War Office fixes the number of dead at Hartlepool as seven soldiers and 22 civilians and the wounded at 14 soldiers and 50 civilians.

At Scarborough, where a battle cruiser and an armored cruiser shelled the town, 13 casualties are reported, while at Whitby two were killed and two wounded.

Women and Children Hit.

Men, women and children of the civilian population were left dead or wounded—struck without warning while at breakfast or at work. In all, the casualty list totals 110, according to the official estimates, of whom 31 are known to be dead.

Three churches were damaged, the gas works and lumber yards at Hartlepool were set afire and the abbey at Whitby was struck. The Balmoral Hotel at Scarborough received the full effects of a shell. Several houses and shops were shattered and partly burned in each of the towns.

Hostile Squadron Escapes.

The hostile squadron escaped in the mist after an encounter with coast guard vessels patrolling the neighborhood, which were reinforced as soon as the presence of the Germans was signalled.

A wave of intense anger has spread over England because of the attack and bitter denunciation is heard everywhere of a policy which permits the shelling of undefended towns. The fortress at the mouth of the Tees is supposed to give some protection.

OREGON'S PART IN THE WORLD'S FAIR TO BE TOLD IN ANNUAL

The Oregon State Building will be one of the most distinctive and attractive structures at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco. The exhibits to be housed in the building will be equally attractive and interesting. The Oregon State Commission, which has had full charge of the enterprise, has left nothing undone to assemble a remarkably complete and comprehensive exhibit. Every section of the state will be exploited; each important industry will be featured. The chief aim of the Commission has been to arrange the exhibit so as to attract the attention of the world-traveler, but more especially to interest visitors at the exposition who are desired as future residents of Oregon. An article describing fully the special features of the exhibit will appear in the Oregonian Annual.

GERMAN RAIDER IS REPORTED ON FIRE

BATTERIES REPLIED EFFECTIVELY, REPORTS HARTLEPOOL.

Damage Summarized by Correspondents—Few Houses in Central Scarborough Escape

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondents in the three bombarded towns give the following details of the action of the German ships in their localities:

"Hartlepool—The enemy's ships were damaged by the coast batteries, which did considerable harm. One German light cruiser was afire as the fleet steamed away to the north.

"One of the killed at East Hartlepool was Adjutant William Avery, of the Salvation Army, which has headquarters near the scaffold.

"Whitby—The vessels steamed close to the shore, their guns lodged in the side of the east cliff, doing no damage. The range-finding of the ships was faulty, and most of the shots fell short, although some of them fell at Ruswarp, a mile inland, and much damage was done to private houses in Fishburn Park, half a mile inland.

"The damage at Meadowfield, a suburb, was chiefly to Curry's school, where the boys had just commenced their morning lessons. They fled from the schoolhouse and took refuge in nearby places of safety.

"Scarborough—The first bombardment lasted 20 minutes and then stopped for three minutes while the warships turned on their course. Then it began again and lasted 10 minutes, when the invaders made straight for sea at top speed.

"All the damage done here was to buildings which were without the slightest military value. There are plentiful signs of the German visitation, such as unroofed houses, shot-pierced steeples and holes in walls. Several of the central thoroughfares are littered with wreckage. There is hardly a house in the central part of the town that escaped a few broken windows.

LONDON IS NOW ARMING

Professional and Business Men, Artists, Etc., Form National Guard.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—In view of the possibilities of an invasion London is now to have a defense corps under a title hitherto not used in this country, "The National Guard." The morning papers contain the following notice, displayed in large type in the advertising columns:

"It is felt by a large section of the community that some steps should be taken in the City of London to meet the possibility of an invasion.

"With this idea in view, a force under the name of the National Guard is being raised under the presidency of the Lord Mayor. The object is to provide a force of actively engaged professional men, business men, artists and others of the age of 40 and upwards."

SHELL BEHEADS POSTMAN

Well-Known Woman and Men Are Killed at Scarborough.

SCARBOROUGH, Eng., via London, Dec. 16.—The casualties in Scarborough as a result of the attack by German warships this morning include among the killed, John Hall, a prominent alderman; Alfred Beale, a postman; Mrs. Bennett and two children; Mrs. Merryweather and Miss Trow, all well-known residents of the city; two unidentified women, a housemaid, a young woman named MacIntyre, and a baby belonging to a family of the working class. Postman Beale's head was blown off while he was delivering a letter.

GERMANS OUTDO PILOTS

Warships Brought Nearer to Shore Than Ever Within Memory.

LONDON, 4:40 A. M., Dec. 17.—The Press Association's Hull correspondent says the raid on Scarborough was marked by extraordinary coolness and daring. The German warships, he declared, stole into the bay and maneuvered into position, coming nearer to the pier than any battleship ever had done within memory. One of the oldest fishermen in the borough said: "No pilot would have dared to bring a warship as near as the German commanders did."

MAYOR INSTRUCTS PEOPLE

If Necessary to Flee, Population Is Advised Which Way to Go.

NEWCASTLE, England, Dec. 16.—(Special cable.)—The Mayor of Tynemouth, a popular resort below Newcastle, on the North Coast, has issued a notice declaring that the civilian population should remain indoors or, if necessary, to leave their dwellings, they are advised to go inland in the direction of Newcastle.

GERMANY ANNOUNCES RAID

Future Course of Action Is Kept Secret by Berlin.

BERLIN, Dec. 17, via Amsterdam and London.—An official announcement issued here says:

"Parts of our high seas fleet made an attack on the English east coast and bombarded on the 16th early in the morning both fortified and coast places at Scarborough and Hartlepool.

RAID EXPECTED TO HELP RECRUITING

London Is Pleased and Newly Confident.

PRESS SUGGESTS REPRISALS

Hanging of Prisoners Proposed as Preventive.

STERN ANGER AROUSED

Throgmorton Street Views Attack as Strong Bull Argument—Navy Not to Be Swayed From Its Original Purpose.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—(Special cable.)—From a myriad of special editions of the afternoon papers London learned of the action on the east coast. The news created excitement and intense interest, but not the slightest apprehension, nor was there any trace of panic. On the contrary, London was well pleased with the event and confident of the ultimate effect.

If the German action was designed to frighten England it failed. Keen as its interest was, London found time to smile at the message of a Scarborough railway engineer sent to his wife:

"Shells falling thickly around me, but I am all right."

Throgmorton Street Jubilant.

There was an unprecedented demand for news. The news tickers, which are much more utilized here than in the United States, were surrounded all day. In financial circles the news was received calmly. Throgmorton street even showed jubilation. "It is the best bull point for some time," was the consensus of opinion.

British shores were attacked today for the first time since August, 1798, when Humbert's small French force was landed at Lilliala, Ireland, from three frigates.

England has been determined in this war, but has outwardly shown little ferocity. This east coast event will arouse the whole nation to a pitch of anger hitherto unknown. The Pall Mall Gazette says:

"It is worth two army corps to the new army. The outrage on humanity will arouse a stern, cold anger in the hearts of the sturdy men of the North. Those who have hesitated will hesitate no longer."

Hanging of Prisoners Advised.

The Evening News says: "Scarborough is unfortified. Its complete destruction would not have done twopenny worth of good to the Germans. Was it a feat to draw off our forces or was it merely an attempt at that?"

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SHELLS HIT 100 HOMES

German Fire, Aimed at Rail, Bore Way Through Houses and Church.

SCARBOROUGH (via London), Dec. 17.—More than 100 houses were struck by shells in Scarborough. One street near the station was ruined, the buildings in it including the Wesleyan Church. The wireless station was the objective of the fire of the warships and an adjacent field was completely ploughed up by the shell fire. Eight-inch shells were used.

Scarborough Hospital, which contained 20 wounded soldiers, was struck by three shells. The residence of the Right Honorable Russell Rea, member of Parliament for the district, was completely wrecked. Mr. and Mrs. Rea had narrow escapes. The Grand Hotel also was badly damaged.

\$500,000 CUT OFF NORTH JETTY ITEM

Continuing Contract Is Not Provided.

ARMY REQUEST IS IGNORED

Committee to Report Harbors Bill to House Today.

OTHER PROJECTS NOT CUT

Lower Congressional Body Is Expected to Act on Measure as It Now Stands and Senate Is Hope for Increase.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 16.—A river and harbor bill will be reported to the House tomorrow. It will carry a cash appropriation of \$1,250,000 for continuing work on the north jetty at the mouth of the Columbia River, \$500,000 less than the amount recommended by Army engineers. The bill does not place this work on a continuing contract basis. All other Oregon and Washington items in the bill are in strict conformity with the estimates sent to Congress the opening day of the session. The total appropriation authorized for the Northwest is \$2,521,678.

Committee Jumps on Columbia.

The committee is looking about for items that could be cut, jumped on the mouth of the Columbia, which was one of the largest single appropriations in the bill, and in order to make a showing, lopped off \$500,000 from the amount which the engineers asserted would be required during 15 months, beginning next March.

Notwithstanding the plea made by Representative Hawley, backed by the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, the committee declined to place this project on a continuing contract basis, and it will now be up to the Senate to increase the appropriation to the full amount asked and to secure the continuing contract authorization, as the House will stand by the committee recommendation. The river and harbor bill does not make an appropriation for Tillamook Bay, as the appropriation for that project will be carried in the sundry civil bill.

Humphrey Backs Hawley.

Representative Humphrey, of Washington, ranking Republican member of the river and harbor committee, backed up Representative Hawley in the demands he made for Oregon projects and was instrumental in securing full amounts asked for all but the main Columbia River project.

The itemized statement of Northwestern appropriations carried by the

40 OF EMDEN CREW ARM CAPTURED SHIP

VESSEL THEN TAKES TO RAID-ING COMMERCE, SAYS REPORT.

British Steamer, Traveling Without Lights at Night, Brings News to Philippine Port.

MANILA, P. I., Dec. 16.—Forty men of the crew of the German cruiser Emden, who were left on Cocos Island when the Australian cruiser Sydney discovered the Emden and forced her to run ashore some time ago, have captured a collier, mounted two Maxims on her and now are raiding commerce in the Pacific, according to a report received here.

The report came through officers of the British steamer Malacca, which has arrived at Jolo. The report has not been officially confirmed.

The men of the Emden had gone ashore on Cocos Island to dismantle the wireless and fled, but were unable to rejoin their ship when the Sydney put in an appearance.

The German party, which is commanded by Lieutenant von Mueske, left Cocos Island with a commandeered schooner and plenty of provisions, together with their own armed launch and two boats, says the report. Where they captured the collier is not announced.

The Malacca reports that she steamed to Jolo without showing lights at night.

BELGIANS HAVE CHOLERA

Typhoid and Dysentery Also Reported Among Troops.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The official press bureau, in its budget given out today, has the following:

The newspaper Figaro, of Paris, reports that the Belgian troops are suffering from typhoid, dysentery and cholera. Their casualties since the commencement of the war have been 25,000 killed, 52,000 wounded, 35,000 captured and now prisoners in Germany and 23,000 interned in Holland.

KAISER'S HEALTH BETTER

Return to Battle Front in Day or Two Is Programmed.

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BERLIN, Dec. 16, (By wireless to Sayville.)—The Kaiser's health is improving.

The World learns from a high source that he will be able to return to the front in a day or two at the most.

FLEEING SHIPS DROP MINES

Precautions Taken by German Vessels Against Pursuit.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A dispatch to the Daily Express from Hartlepool says: "As the German fleet steamed out to sea they dropped mines to prevent any ships from following in their wake."

Press Bureau to Take Holiday.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The official press bureau and censor office propose a holiday from 2 o'clock on the afternoon of December 24 to 9 o'clock Christmas night, during which period no news will be passed for transmission.

Wednesday's War Moves

The raid of German warships on the northeast of England and their escape in the fog after having bombarded Scarborough, Hartlepool and Whitby, where several persons were killed and wounded and considerable damage was done to property, completely overshadowed the operations on land.

The land operations, however, as on preceding days, have been of the utmost importance. The British, French and Belgian troops have continued their offensive in the West, and, according 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.

Along the coast of Flanders, where the allies are trying to push their lines forward from Nieuport, they had the assistance of the British fleet, which violently bombarded Westende, one of the many little coast towns which have suffered greatly since the commencement of the war. This attack, Berlin says, was without effect, and the allies were repulsed.

Farther inland the French also say they have gained ground, although in a less marked degree than on previous days. In the Argonne there apparently has been a lull in the fighting, but both in the Vosges and Alsace, the two other regions where severe fighting has been in progress for some time, the Germans appear to have delivered counter attacks.

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 dis- appointment it must cause, to withdraw their left wing at least and form a new line back in their own territory. This will relieve Cracow, but will compel the Austro-German forces to fight farther away from the strategic railways by which they so quickly moved troops to desired points.

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

CHIEF OF STAFF IS SENT TO BOUNDARY

Scott to Parley With Mexican Factions.

DEFENSIVE FIRE MAY FOLLOW

General Bliss to Remain in Command at Naco.

TIP IS GIVEN GUTIERREZ

Provisional President Told World Views Summary Executions With Horror, and He Promises That They Will Be Stopped.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Brigadier-General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States Army, left tonight for Naco, Ariz., to endeavor to use his personal influence with the warring factions near Naco to stop their firing into American territory. He was accompanied by Lieutenant-Colonel Robert E. L. Michie, who was on the staff of General Scott when the latter was at El Paso.

Should this final effort fail and the threat of the American Government communicated to both Provisional President Gutierrez and General Carranza that force would be used if their subordinates did not cease firing into the United States go unheeded, it is generally understood that defensive fire will be begun by the six batteries of artillery, 11 troops of cavalry and three regiments of infantry, which have been ordered by the Washington Government to the international line.

Scott's Errand Diplomatic.

General Scott will not supersede General Bliss, who is in command of the Naco situation, but will act in a diplomatic capacity, a role in which he has had success in a similar situation at El Paso and the trouble among the Arizona Indians.

Provisional President Gutierrez has assured the United States Government that some of the executions which have occurred in Mexico City recently have been at his orders, but were the results of the "commission of actual crimes."

Gutierrez said a decree would be published today or tomorrow "prohibiting the carrying out of summary executions and providing for the trial of accused persons by courtmartial, with someone being permitted to conduct the defense."

Friendly Warning Given.

Incidentally it was learned today that the United States Government, in view of the recent executions in Mexico City, had pointed out in a friendly way to the Gutierrez government the horror which the civilized world felt toward such occurrences. American consular representatives, moreover, were instructed to indicate that the American government could not but view with disfavor a continuation of such incidents.

Advices to the State Department from its agents in Mexico said the Villa forces had occupied Guadalajara, re-establishing telegraphic communication with Mexico City and the border, after an interruption of a month. Perfect order prevails and Americans are safe. General Villa is in Chihuahua and George C. Carothers, American Consul, has reached El Paso to report on the general situation.

Railroad Protection Promised.

Consular dispatches from Vera Cruz said General Carranza had promised to extend adequate protection to railroad property when specific or contemplated injury was brought to his attention.

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