LONDON ROCKED BY TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

Homes in Suburb Leveled for Blocks on All Sides of Munitions Plant.

40 BODIES ARE RECOVERED

Exact Location of Works Not Given, but Belief Is Blast Was at the Great Woolwich Arsenal, Em-

ploying 67,000 Workers.

(Continued From First Page,) settled down on surrounding areas.

Rescue Work Goes On at Night. Rescue Work Goes On at Night.

Crowds of relatives and friends awarmed into the East End district seeking work of the control of the control

the fact that they were dazed and suffering from a species of shell shock, but who later responded to our first-plosion center. Two distinct working districts adjacent to the scene of the main explosion suffered heavily in leveled houses. One of the improvised hospitals was opened for the reception of children.

Flour Mill Engulfed in Flame.

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"The fire was under control about force continued until dawn, when the volunteers were replaced by the military and Red Cross workers."

Terrible scenes were witnessed when the flour mill, which was seven stories high, burst into flames. To get such a blaze under control was an impossibility, so the firemen were obliged to devote their efforts to saving neighboring property. Despite all their efforts, the flames rapidly spread over a large area.

ever a large area.

Heroic nurses, ambulance men, Boy Scouts and girl guides worked to alleviate the sufferings of the injured. One youth returned home from work to find that his parents' house had van-ished in the great upheaval. He found his way to a hospital and was able to identify the unconscious form of his mother. In a mortuary he found the bodies of his father and sister. There were hundreds who sought relatives and friends in vain.

Gas Smell Accompanies Blast.

An American business man, who was a witness of the disaster, gave the following account of it to the Assoclated Press:
"To me the explosion seemed to

"To me the explosion seemed to come from everywhere around. The sound, it is impossible to describe.

"The air was full of debris almost instantly and the crash of falling timbers, collapsing buildings and breaking glass continued like an echo of the first crash for at least seven or eight minutes. The great flash of flame had its result, too, in sparks, which filled the sky for many minutes as far as the eye could reach. The atmosphere immediately became heavy with the smell of gas, and the faces of people in the buildings turned a duli, sickly yellow. The air, too, was yel-

Scene Worse Than on Somme,

A young army officer, who was home on leave, told the Associated Press cor-respondent that he had been through heavy fighting on the Somme front in France, but that nothing he experi-enced there came so near shaking his nerve as the explosion, which occurred at a point less than a mile from his home. He said:

"A great glare in the sky lighted up my room, and as I dashed into the street the whole sky was ablaze, and an explosion more powerful than any runfire shattered my home. Then i set about aiding in the work of res-

These who were permitted at the scene of devastation, soon after the ex-plosion, saw many pathetic sights. A young man, who hurried his mother and his sister from their house when "The next moment I was blown across the room with the dressing table. Then the ceiling came down and in another instant the house collapsed like cards and I rolled into the street, where I found my mother and sister safe but terror-stricken."

Molten Metal Scattered Far. The ruined buildings were blazing and confusion prevailed in that vicinity two hours after the explosion. The correspondent passed through the street near the scene of the disaster; the tottering houses still were collapsing. A fireman who witnessed the great blast from a point of vantage described it

"Through the center of a great flare "Through the center of a great flare, I saw a huge white bail rise to a great height and then vanish. I saw also molten and blazing masses shooting through the air to great distances."

In the center of the road 100 yards from the point of explosion stood a 10-ton boiler, which had been lifted over a whole block of houses. Another piece of machinery was found a half mile away.

Last night's explosion was not only heard within a radius of many miles from the scene, including London and suburban towns, but shook buildings and broke windows a long distance

In normal times a panic probably would have resulted in the theaters where the audiences were just assembling, and in other public places, but the population in this case was markable.

markably cool. The general character of the explo-sion, as it was experienced in the cen-ter of London, was a roar of short du-

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Works Quickly Demolished, Fire had broken out more than a quarter of an hour before the explosion, quarter of an hour before the explosion, and firemen were on the spot fighting it. The day shift of workers in the neighborhood were with their families at their evening meal. As swiftly as a battleship is wrecked by a magazine explosion the chemical works were virtually wiped off their foundation, and with them the flour mills adjoining and blocks of workmen's dwellings. Heavy clouds of smoke and flame rose to a great height throughout the night, but the worst of the destruction had been accomplished in the minute of the explosion.

Many military ambulances arrived

Many military ambulances arrived quickly on the scene, but organized rescue work was impossible for a time. One eye witness said:
"I was impressed into a volunteer

ambulance corps and we were rushed off into the heart of the district where the explosion had done its worst dam-age. Fire brigades kept arriving in a seemingly unending procession from different parts of London, and from these we obtained a few necessities to assist us in our rescue work. This was carried out in houses and cottages on the fringe of the wrecked area. Fragments of factory machinery wood, and here we took up our herat-

seeking word of those within the stricken section. At midnight while covered and helpless in streets, gardens and open places. Flames from the burning buildings, which grew brighter as time went on, gave us a fair light through the pall of smoke, floaned, even the London police ambulances being sent to the distant scene. Schoolhouses and police stations were used as temporary hospitals.

The damage extended to distant points and to sections where plateglass fronts were reduced to masses of debris, while the extent and seriousness of the destruction increased in the weekler of the serious of serious increased in the weekler of the serious of serious of serious of serious of shell shock, the weekler of the serious of serious of shell shock, the weekler of the serious of the serious of shell shock, the weekler of the serious of th

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The afternoon newspapers contained only the official account of the explosion which appeared in iste extra editions this morning, but were well filled with eyewitness stories and details concerning stricken families.

No attempt has yet been made to collect casualty lists. The majority of the dead, and many of the severely injured are as yet unidentified.

The Lord Mayor of London will open relief subscriptions at a meeting to be presided over by him. The stricken borough today took the first steps to organize relief and arrange accommodations for many homeless persons. The officials are caring for numbers of children whose parents are missing. of children whose parents are missing.

The military and police guarded the stricken district all day, and the public was not allowed to approach within

a mile of the ruined area.

The area of broken windows spreads for several miles. Plategiass was showered into the streets from shops about St. Paul's Cathedral and in Kingsway, which is a mile farther toward the heart of London, while windows were broken in the Savoy Hotel and Owen Anue's mensions. and Queen Anne's mansions.

Buildings were destroyed and people were killed on the opposite side of the Thames from the scene of the explosion. Men in the street more than a mile away were thrown down by the

"What was yesterday a busy subur-ban borough," says the Press Associa-tion, "looks today as though it had been bombarded by a mighty fleet of

sickly yellow. The nir, too, was yellow, not the gray yellow of a London fog, but a peculiar death-like yellow, somber, lusterless, heavy, which eyes and nostrils alike resented." BATTLE IN SNOW VICIOUS

southwest of Riga, on the northern end of the Russian front, is quoted by the Overseas News Agency as follows:

"The violent combats took place partly during a thick snow storm.

There was advantable to a special to the recent battles at the many's part.

REPORTED There was especially tenacious fight-ing along the Ciskup-Mangal road, where a battalion of guards which had been carried to the spot in automobiles, drove back the Russians who had penetrated our lines. In a wood near Stangal there was hand to hand fight-ling with grenades and bayonets. Part of the Russians surrendered and the rest tried to escape through a clearing, but were mowed down by machine guns. The snow-covered ground and the wood were full of dead Russians. German soldiers, who took part in this fighting declared 'It was a heavy night."

CAPTAIN AND 31 MEN LOST

Two Boats From Torpedoed Brittisher Not Heard From.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 20.— Captain Mitchell and 31 men of the British steamer Cabotia, sent down October 20 by a German submarine, perished on the night the ship was torpedoed, according to T. W. Edgar, who was chief officer on the Cabotia. Edgar is here on the British steamer Keivinbrae. Kelvinbrae. Edgar said the crew left the Cabotia

CLARKE POTATOES AT \$2.20

Several Thousand Sacks Are Sold at Vancouver Market.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 20 .- (Special.)—Several thousand sacks of pota-toes were bought in Clarke County today at \$2.20 a hundred, the highest price in many years. This was an advance of 20 cents over yesterday's market, it is reported.

Indians Go to Washington.

Retired Naval Officer Dies.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 20.—Commodore Robert L. Phythian, U. S. N., retired, died at his home here today from the effects of a stroke of paralysis.

ration, as though a vast reservoir of gas had been ignited and consumed in one burst of flame. A tremendous puff of fire flashed high into the air and then quickly subsided. Eye witnesses in suburban towns said the flame had disappeared a full minute before they heard the roar which accompanied it.

Activities Reported in Widely Separated Parts of Atlantic Ocean.

PORTUGESE IS SUSPECTED

Mysterious Maneuvers Recalled in Speculation on How Provisions Are Obtained - Americans May Be Among Captives.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20 .- The warning sent out by wireless to vessels of the entente allies by the British authori-Added to the terror of this upheaval was the sudden darkness in which the entire quarter was plunged.

Added to the terror of this upheaval a mile and even a mile and a quarter ties, that the captured British mer-from the factory. Three houses were chantman St. Theodore had been content of the property of the property of the British authorities, that the captured British mer-from the factory of kindling verted into a Gorman commerce raider. was pointed to today by local shipping nen as tending to prove that at least wo German raiders are at large in the Atlantic Ocean.

the Atlantic Ocean.

It was recalled that a steamship had been sunk south of the equator within eight days after the Samland had sighted the raider December 4, about 698 miles west of Fastnet. For any vessels to have covered the distance in that time, it was said, would have been an impossibility. Actions of Steamer Recalled. Actions of Steamer Recalled.

In the discussion of what vessels possibly could be supplying the German raiders, the peculiar actions off Cape Hatteras last menth of the Portuguese steamer Faro, a former German vessel, was recalled. The Faro formerly was the Galata.

The vessel was interned in Portugal the way stayted was saved by

then the war started, was selzed by the Portuguese government when the latter declared war against Germany, latter declared war against Germany, and, under the name of Faro, was put into the merchant trade of Portugal.

The American tank steamer Sucrosa, which arrived here Christmas day, reported that off Cape Hatteras she sighted the Faro, which steamed across the tanker's bow, then circled and recrossed astern and disappeared. According to the Sucrosa's officers, the farm appeared the next day and re-Faro appeared the next day and re-peated the performance, neither time displaying any signal to explain her mysterious actions.

Vessel Long Silent. The Fare put into Newport News for coal and salled from there on December 28, since when she has not been reported.

Three Americans were members of

the crew of the British steamer Yar-rowdale, captured by the German raider

the crew of the British scanner raider and taken into a German port by a prize crew, according to the records of the British Consulate here.

Dispatches from Berlin last night said that the Yarrowdale had brought in 463 prisoners, crews from other captured ships, among them 103 subjects of neutral nations, but no mention was made of there being any Americans among them.

The Consulate records give the names of the following Americans as having shipped on the Yarrowdale when she left here on December 6:
Dave Addison, 45 DeGraw street, Brooklyn; Charles Quinn, 125 West Tweifth street, Los Angelea, Cal, and a the

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The German Admiralty statement that the neutral subjects in the crews of vessels captured by the German raider in the South Atlantic have been "removed as prisoners of war" will raise a complicated question if any Americans are among them.

Question Still Unsettled. The whole question turns on whether an armed merchant ship is a war vessel, and the gulf between this country and Germany on that question is still

Russians Are Annihilated by Reinforcements After Having Penetrated
Lines of Teuton Force.

BERLIN, Jan. 28.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—A war correspondent of the Schlesische Volke Zeitung, who visited the scene of the recent battles southwest of Riga, on the northern end

REPORTED VICTIM IS SAFE Interned Germans Said to Plan Es-

cape to Join Raiders. RIO JANEIRO, Brazil, Jan. 20 .- The

Royal Mail liner Drina, 11,482 tons gross, which had been in the zone of the operations of the German commerce raider and which in some quarters had been reported sunk, entered the har-bor at Rio Janeiro this morning. The Japanese steamship Hudson Maru, on arriving at Pernambuco Jan-

mary, on arriving at reasons of the victims of the German raider, had no Germans aboard, according to an official announcement made here today, and consequently it is said the vessel

ficial announcement made here today, and consequently it is said the vessel is free to leave port.

The newspaper Anoticia, Rio Janeiro, furnishes the following statement:

"We learn that since yesterday the Caproca and another German vessel interned at this port have made great preparations to escape for the purpose of reinforcing the raiders."

The Jornal Pequeno, of Pernambuco, asserts that it has information that the German raider is accompanied by three small submarines. Members of the crews of ships sunk by the raider are quoted as saying that the submarines constantly leave the mother ship and reappear after short intervals, apparently doing scouting duty.

A strange steamship with four smokestacks painted black has been sighted off Ceara, Brazil, running at high speed.

The German raider, which has been operating in the South Atlantic, is re-ported to be equipped with collapsible smokestacks, the number of stacks

operating in the South Atlantic, is reported to be equipped with collapsible smokestacks, the number of stacks visible being changed at intervals to disguise the identity of the vessel.

BERLIN PLEASED BY REPORTS

Government Withholds Details Regarding Raider.

BERLIN, Jan. 19, via London, Jan. 20, News of the safe arrival of the Yarrowdale in a German port has added to the gratification expressed in the German press over the exploits of the mysterious German commerce raider, as reported from British sources. The name of the cruiser and its commander are being withheld by the naval authorities and nothing was known until today about the arrival of the Yarrowdale, although she has been in port for more than a fortnight. The naval was a stated raider December 18. The German naval ensign and signaled the German naval dale, although she has been in port for more than a fortnight. The nationality of the neutrals among the captured crews is unknown, but some of the captives are held as prisoners of war, because they accepted service on armed merchantmen.

The prise commander, Petty Officer Badewitz, was a member of the crew

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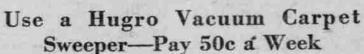
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of the raider Moewe and was in com-mand of the British ship Westbourne, which brought the crews of a number of ships sunk by that raider to Teneor snips suna by that takes to rem-riffe. He afterward destroyed the Westbourne to prevent her falling into the hands of English cruisers. Bade-witz was held in Spain after the Tene-riffe exploit, but succeeded in escaping.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Jan. 20.— According to an official statement from Berlin, says the Cologne Gazette, the British steamer Tarrowdale, carrying crews of steamers captured by the Ger-man raider in the Atlantic, was brought into the port of Swinemuende, Prussia.

RAIDERS POLITE TO BRITISH Receipts Are Given for Captures; Guns Are Concealed.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—A Pernambuco dispatch to the Daily Mail describes the destruction of the British steame Dramatist by the German commerce raider. The Dramatist sighted the raider December 18. The German rap-

BRITISHER ACCUSED OF FIRING firing.

UNDER DANISH FLAG.

The submarine succeeded in submerging and thus escaped. In the Attack Made From Hidden Guns, and

U-Boat Barely Escapes by Diving, Says Berlin.

harmless Danish ship, approached her.
Suddenly the steamer let fall a section of a cabin aft, and a gun of from 10 to 15 centimeters became visible.
The Danish flag continued flying, and

merging and thus escaped. In the meantime, according to the news agency, it has been ascertained that the real Danish steamer Kai was at anchor in the British harbor of Sunderland until January 23.

BERLIN, Jan. 20.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—On January 12 a German submarine in the British Channel sighted a steamer and signaled her to stop and send a boat. According to the Overseas News Agency the steamer carried the Danish fiag, and the name ("Kai, Denmark," was recognized clearity. After a time a boat was observed at the steamer's bow. The submarine commander, considering the steamer a cablegram gave no details.

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Open sluices of the system each morning and wash away the poleonous, stagnant matter.

Those of us who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when we arise, splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty breath, acid stomach, lame back, can, instead, both look and feel as fresh as a daisy always by washing the poisons and toxins from the body with phosphated hot water each morning.

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