

German Fleet Comes in and Shells British Seaport; Fight Now Raging

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The German cruisers are said to be fleeing from the British after the east coast bombardment. It is reported tonight that the Germans are scattering mines in their wake to prevent pursuit. The result of today's engagement is still unknown, as the strictest censorship is maintained. The casualties as Scarborough as the result of the bombardment include 18 killed and several injured.

United Press Service
LONDON, Dec. 16.—In the most daring dash of the entire war, German warships today approached the English coast and shelled the cities of Scarborough and Hartlepool, two seaports on the Scarborough coast.

The admiralty indicates that the engagement there is developing into a big sea battle. Four British destroyers have attacked the Germans off Hartlepool.

The admiralty made the following statement regarding the affair: "German movements of some importance are taking place this morning on the North Sea. Scarborough, Whitby and Hartlepool have been shelled, and at various points our flotilla has been engaged.

"It is believed that the German raid started from Cuxhaven or Wilhelmshaven.

"Four cruisers participated in the bombardment of Scarborough. "Refugees from Scarborough have arrived at Hull. They say German shells greatly damaged the town. The famous abbey of Whitby was badly damaged.

"A shell striking the postoffice at Hartlepool killed three employes." The admiralty has stated that the British fleet will round up the Germans.

It is known that the German cruisers approached very close to the coast line, but as the government censors are in control of the wires to Scarborough, information from there is very scarce.

Seaton Carew, two and a half miles to the southwest of Scarborough, was also damaged by the bombardment. The main attack, though, was directed against Scarborough.

Scarborough is in the county of North Riding, and is popularly known as the "Queen of English watering places." It is on the North Sea, and has a population of about 60,000.

A Scarborough refugee said that he saw three killed during the bombardment, which lasted at least thirty minutes at that place. Nine are reported killed at Hartlepool, while one more was reported killed at Whitby.

In addition to the Whitby abbey, which was partly destroyed, a number of houses were also demolished. After firing about fifty shells the cruisers withdrew to the northeast, and the sea battle started.

It is reported that two German cruisers have already been destroyed and that the British fleet has been damaged, but these reports are unconfirmed.

In Scarborough, a Mrs. Merryweather was killed by a shell which damaged her husband's store, and

heads of people awaiting the train, and as the train departed Scarborough was enveloped in smoke.

United Press Service
LONDON, Dec. 16.—Latest advices say that the naval battle is still progressing. Censorship prevents giving out details. Rumors of big losses by both sides are being circulated. These are not confirmed. The roar of the guns is shaking Hartlepool.

STATE LEVY TO BE 2.8 MILLS

STATE TAX COMMISSION MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT SHOWING THE APPOINTMENT IS LOWER THAN BEFORE

According to a telegram just received from the state tax commission, Klamath county is to furnish \$48,500 toward the upkeep of the state. This is about \$15,000 lower than last year.

As Klamath county's assessed valuation is over \$17,000, the state tax levy will be about 2.8 mills.

FINAL CHECK OF SCHOOL CENSUS

CLERK MOMYER TURNS HIS REPORT AND THIS COMPLETES HIS YEARLY TASK OF COUNTING THE KIDS

H. E. Momyer, clerk of the school board for District No. 1, today turned in his final check of the school census, which he recently compiled. In his report Mr. Momyer claims that there are 485 boys and 535 girls of school age in the district, making a total of 1,020.

For the first time this year's enumeration does not include those attending school who have reached the age of twenty years.

VIRGIL GETS THE FURNISHING JOB

COUNCIL AWARDS HIM THE CONTRACT FOR FURNITURE FOR THE NEW CITY HALL, AFTER LONG CONSULTATION

At last night's adjourned meeting of the council, Virgil & Son were awarded the contract for the furnishing of the city hall, this bid being considered the lowest by members of the council.

A contract, showing specifically what is wanted is to be drawn up by the city attorney and signed by the city and the furniture firm.

Wally Going Away.
Wally Thompson is preparing to leave for the Sacramento Valley, where he will spend the winter.

Latest Report Is That Kaiser Wilhelm Has the Diphtheria



United Press Service
LONDON, Dec. 16.—A dispatch from Madrid to a local news agency states that Kaiser Wilhelm is suffering from diphtheria. While this report is in no way confirmed, the Spanish correspondent says the information has been received from entirely trustworthy sources.

Defense Rests in the Cow Stealing Case

The defense in the Sims-Chandler-Ernst case finished its direct testimony at 2:30 this afternoon. The state then began its rebuttal testimony, so it is believed that the case will be in the jury's hands tomorrow.

Impeaching questions are being asked by both sides in the cattle rustling case.

This morning Ray Pickett testified that he saw the cow alleged to have been butchered in December, 1912, in the Hartery field near Tule Lake in 1913. C. M. Kirkpatrick stated that he passed the place where the hides were alleged to have been buried, and did not see any evidence of holes.

The testimony of Maud Jones was that R. M. Osborn had made the threat in her presence that "Mrs Sims would be a widow, and that Sims would be in the road kicking." She said he also told her that her family ought to take an axe and cut the fence surrounding the Sims homestead, which included the Indian Spring on Bryant Mountain.

The testimony of Mrs. William Chandler, mother of one of the defendants, was that he lived at home, and not at the Sims ranch.

J. W. Lindsay was asked as to the testimony that J. N. Johnson made at the preliminary examination as to the identity of the hide and head alleged to have been buried in the Sims land.

United Press Service.
WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 16.—The administration has completed plans to enforce neutrality in the canal zone. Colonel Goethals gets ample power. Further word from him is awaited before further action.

Finishes a Term.
C. D. Chorpensing has returned to Klamath Falls after completing a term of school at Clover Creek. At present he is taking the teachers' examinations.

Brother Is Dead
Oscar Peyton has received the sad news that his brother, Dr. Emmitt Peyton, is dead at Pinckneyville, Ill.

Upp Again.
A son was born Monday night to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Upp.

Gov. Withycombe says down state appropriations and keep down taxes.
Eugene sold \$24,000 bitulthibic paying bonds at a premium.

VARIED STORIES FROM BATTLEFIELD

United Press Service
PARIS, Dec. 16.—The Belgians, French and English are ready to attempt to land a staggering blow on the Germans in Belgium. The allies lines advanced over a mile in Flanders yesterday.

The offensive by the allies is proceeding from the coast to Alsace. The attacks are all vigorous, and a general assault, in force, is expected to follow.

The communique says the German attack west of Comay has been repulsed.

United Press Service
BERLIN (by wireless), Dec. 16.—Today's statement says: "The enemy's advance from Nieupo, supported by a bombardment from their warships, has been repulsed.

"In Northern Poland we have taken several positions and 5,000 prisoners.

United Press Service
PETROGRAD, Dec. 16.—Fighting along the southern front is the most important activity. Grand Duke Nicholas is storming there, to crush out the resistance.

The next big battle is expected south of Cracow. The Russians have repulsed the Austro-Germans in the preliminary engagements.

United Press Service
VIENNA, Dec. 16.—"The Russians were compelled to retreat in East Galicia, 3,100 prisoners being taken during the pursuit of the enemy," is the gist of today's official statement.

United Press Service
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 16.—It is announced that the Northern Albanian tribes have declared war on Serbia.

ARREST INDIAN ON BAD CHARGE PETERSON GOING TO CONVENTION

FEDERAL MARSHAL TODAY PLACES JESSE SCONCHIN IN THE COUNTY JAIL, ON CHARGE OF STATUTORY OFFENSE

On charge of adultery, Jesse Sconchin, a Modoc Indian, was arrested at Klamath Agency, and delivered to Deputy U. S. Marshal De Boost at Chiloquin today. He is now in the county jail.

The time for holding the preliminary hearing has not been arranged.

Austrian Reverses Astonish Germans

United Press Service
LONDON, Dec. 16.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Star declares that the news of the Austrian retreat from Strula created a panic in Berlin. The sudden Austrian reverses after occupying Belgrade astonished the Germans.

Lamm Co. Now Logging

Former Pine Tree Man in Charge of Logging Camp

In preparation for a busy season's run, once the mill is established, the Lamm Lumber company now has a force of men in the woods cutting timber for the summer. Charles L. Smith, who was formerly connected with the Pine Tree Lumber company here, is in charge of the operations in the woods for the new concern.

Weather conditions now are such that "snow logging" can be carried on extensively. With a change of season the company will have completed its logging railroad, and put a locomotive and cars in commission. The plans of the company call for the erection of a sawmill with a daily capacity of 70,000 feet of lumber. The construction of this mill is to be started as soon as weather conditions permit, and it is expected that it will be in full operation late in the spring or early in the summer.

Fight Not Over Woman

Statement to This Effect Signed by the Stowmans

Still further evidences of too hasty conclusions by the complaining witness in the adultery charge brought against W. H. McClure are given in a statement, signed by McClure and all of the Stowmans, stating positively that the imbroglia indulged in by Stowman and McClure was not over Mrs. Stowman.

McClure was arrested at his home in Mills Addition a short time ago on charge of illicit relations with Mrs. Stowman, Stowman making the complaint. Yesterday, the time set for the preliminary hearing, Stowman was not present, and it is rumored that he found out afterwards that Mrs. Stowman and her son were both at the McClure home while Mrs. Stow-

man was receiving medical treatment here, and that the two men had been giving careful attention to administering to the needs of the patient.

The statement follows: "We, the undersigned, wish to notify the public that the articles appearing in the Klamath Falls papers December 11th, concerning us were in a large measure mis-leading.

"The fight that occurred between McClure and Stowman was not over Mrs. Stowman. The parties furnishing the papers the news evidently failed to learn all of the facts, or else misrepresented them."

The foregoing is signed by Cleve L. Stowman, Harry B. Stowman, Mrs. B. Stowman and W. H. McClure.