GREAT NORTH SEA BATTLE RAGING

ed from Page One all the way down the east coast of Eng-

Band
Titlay's attack is the most daring yet attempted by the Germans. The German nevel main showed exceptional seamanship in getting by the suardian British field at the feets of Napoleon were not able to accomplish. The first totimation of the attack came in the amount of attack was a surprise, for it had been believed that the Germans would choose a point nearer the southern coast. Neither Hartlepool nor Scarborough is a fortified city, but large numbers of British troops have been stationed in their vicinity, as well as at other points along the castern coast of England and Scotthe eastern coast of England, and Scot-land. Both are populous centres and have axionsive commercial trade. Both barbors were crowded with mer-chant shipping at the time when the Ger-mans began to shell.

SHELLS WRECK BUILDINGS OF FAMOUS SEA RESORT

HULL, Eng., Dec. 15.

Three churches are reported to have been partly destroyed, the gas works set on fire, two callway platforms destroyed and numerous hulldings damaged when four German crulaers bombarded flearburough, famous seaside resort of England, today.

Thrown into a partly but the control of the

Ensland, today,

Thrown into a panic by the shells which crashed into the town from the warships, people poured from their house and hurried to the railway stations, taking trains for Hull and other towns. The early moraling trains reaching here brought many refugees. They told stories of great damage done to the town.

Between 40 and 50 shells fell in Scarborough. The three chyrches were among the first buildings struck. The exploding of the shells set the buildings on fire.

The Germans also directed their aim upon the railroad station, but succeeded in gausing only comparatively slight damage there in the destruction of the two platforms.

As the German gunners got the range other bulldings were damaged, and the entire fown thrown into the wildest con-

The German cruisers approached start-linzly close to the coast line. With the firing of their first shots they seemed to get the range immediately, and then rained shells into all sections of the town. The bombardment began at 7:56 a. m. The train which arrived at Hull was fust leaving the station as the shells began to fall. Almost the entire population of the town had rushed into the streets and those nearest the station streets, and those nearest the station rushed aboard the train for safety. As the train left Scarborough the boom-

ing of the German guns could still be heard off the coast.

Government censors now control the telephone and telegraph wires from Scarborough. Immediately after the first word of the bombardment reached Hull by phone the censors took charge.

The first morning train from Scar-

by phone the censors took charge.

The first morning train from Scarborough brought many refugees here. The bombardment was very heavy, they said. The greatest damage was done to property. The engineer of the train wired his wife from Scarborough:

"Shells are fulling thick around me, but I am all right."

Refugees from Scarborough declared that when they first heard the firing off above they thought it was simply British battlenhirs practicing. No attention was

shore they thought it was simply British battleships practicing. No attention was paid to the cannonade.

Then a house was struck by a shell and crumpled into a heap of ruins. A few moments later the Balmoral Hotel was struck and immediately took fire. Shells began to fall close together by this time. Other houses and buildings were struck and hurst into flames.

With the bursting of shells and cries from the street people began to pour

from the street people began to pour from their homes. There was a wild rush

from their homes. There was a wild rush toward the railroad stations. Those who did not endeavor to flee from the town sought refuge in cellars. Shells burst over the crowds gathered at the railroad station awaiting the departure of the train for Hull. It was while waiting for his signal to start that the engineer sent a hasty message to his wife anying that shells were bursting all around his engine. As the train pulled out the refugees saw the streets fairly choked with other residents of the town endeavoring to reach open country be-

Every sort of conveyance had been com-mandeered in the anxiety of the terror-stricken people to escape.

When the train left Scarborough the refugees said part of the town was en-veloped in smoke.

HARTLEPOOL PANIC STRICKEN WHEN SHELLS FALL IN CITY

DURHAM, Eng., Dec. 16. Many refugees arrived here during the morning from Hartlepool, having fied from the German bombardment. One of em said: "Most of the city was at breakfast

when suddenly there was a sound of heavy firing at sea. We thought at first that British torpsedoboats were firing at a raiding German submarine. The firing was so close to the barbor front the many persons started for the shore to see what was bappening. Almost imme-diately shalls began falling in the central part of the city. Houses were struck by projectiles, sending upward great slouds of dust and smoke while the wreckage tumbled outward into the

"We did not feel any fear of the Ger-

THE WEATHER Official Forecast

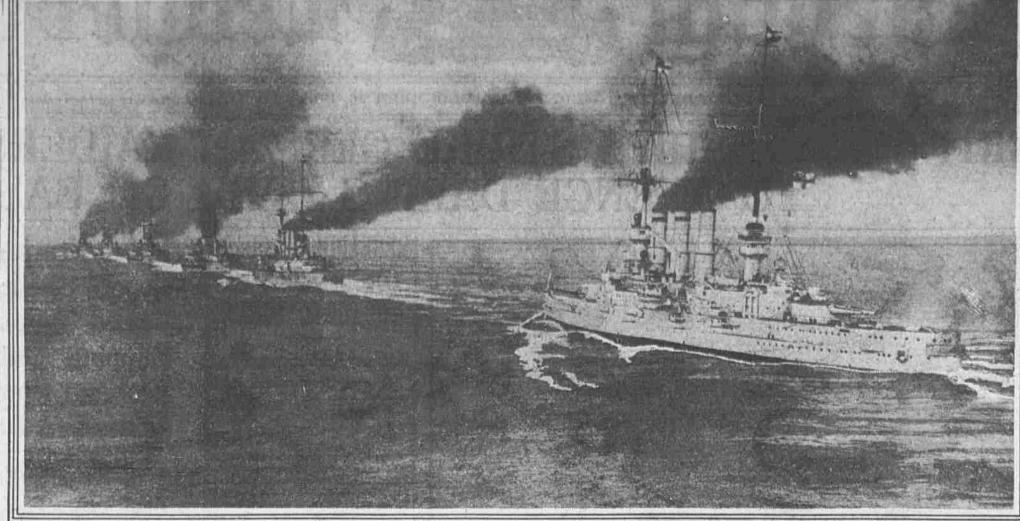
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. For Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Fair tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature; moderate

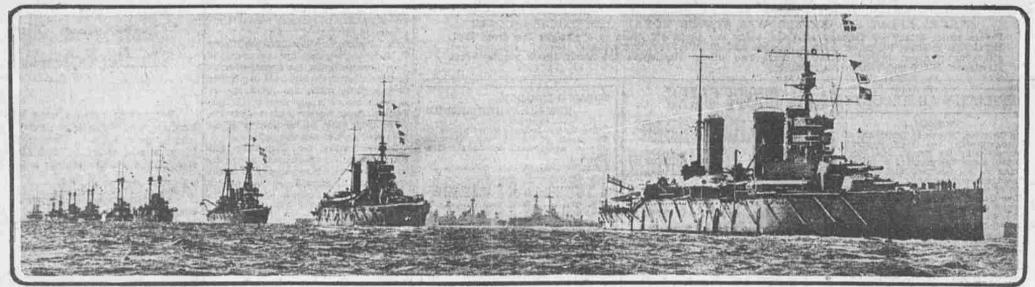
ses winds.

Pair weather is reported generally this craims except from the Lake region and a Florida peninsula and the skies are sear at most places. A moderate reaction to warmer has everspread the chin hasin, the average rise being about but the leminatures are still degrees but the temperatures are still ar below the normal. In general there is temperature deficiency of about 20 agrees in all districts from the Rucky Monntains saaward this morning. A start drop in temperature occurred interphone the Missouri basin last night, may be a present indications are that normal monditions will not be restored in the Atlantic States for several days.



OPPOSING FLEETS AS THEY APPEAR GOING INTO BATTLE FORMATION





The upper picture shows the German heavy squadron having its base at Kiel, stripped for action and swinging into battle line, as it appeared at maneuvers held in the North Sea the past summer. Below is a fleet of British battle cruisers which was reviewed at Spithead last May by King George. They belong to the North Sea fleet, believed to be commanded by Admiral Beatty which some time ago made a raid on the German squadron off Heligoland. No doubt many of the vessels shown here are involved in the action today off the English coast.

mans landing forces, even after we learned that they had assembled ships off the port from the city had been heavily garrisoned since the war broke out.
"Fires broke out in several quarters.
Shells dropped in the shipbuilding yards,
setting fire to some piles of timber.

"Many persons were serzed with panic and started to run toward the railway stations or toward the roads leading to the countryside west of the city. A few carried cherished household articles, others left all behind."

WOMAN KILLED AT WHITBY AND FAMOUS ABBEY STRUCK

WHITBY, Eng., Dec. 16. From a point three miles off shore wo German cruisers today bombarded this city. The firing began shortly after o'clock. Whithy Abbey was struck by several shells and damaged.

At least one person, a woman, was killed and several were wounded. A number of houses were demolished. The historic abney, which stands on the site of the Abbey of St. Hilds, founded in the seventh century, was partly destroyed. After bombarding the city the German cruisers drew off and disappeared.

NINE KILLED BY GERMAN

SHELLS, HARTLEPOOL REPORT MIDDLEBORO, Eng., Dec.

The German bombardment of Hartle pool hasted for 25 minutes. It is reported afne persons were killed and a number injured. The town was badly damaged. Three postoffice employes are reported to have been injured. The first word bringing details of the attack by the German cruisers on that town declared that the postoffice had been struck by a

DEVASTATED CITIES FAMOUS AMONG ENGLISH SHOW PLACES

Scarborough has been rightly named the "Queen of English Watering Places." Blown by every wild gale from the wild North Sea, cool and delightful on the hottest summer day, its glorious views and health-giving breezes bring crowds of "trippers" from every part of the

The great esplanade that runs the length of the seafront is always crowded by a fashionable throng. The gardens, the bandstands and the piers are a moving mass of people in summer time, and as winter comes on invalids from far and near flock thither for the brackers yet. near flock thither for the bracing yet

abeltered breezes.

There is an air of gentality and of light-hearied galety about Scarborough that is almost French in its jois-de-wivre.

The shops are magnificent and can quite compare with Regent street or Piccadilly, London in their grandeur. Dukes and London, in their grandeur. Dukes and duchases, even royalty itself, patronise this delightful seaside resort on the wa-ters of the cold North Sea.

It is difficult to realize that Scarborough the peacuful, Scarborough the delightful asunt of youth and galety, is actually

under fire.

The old-world beauty of Whitby on the rocky Turkshire coast must be seen to be truly realized. These is no other little seaside town in the world that shares the poculiar charms of Whitby. Hight on the top of a great emissace, overlooking the North Sea for miles, stands the rulned abbey that has been the love of archeologists for outuristies. For more than 1900 years the fine old building has stood upon that height-said now its peacefulness and its beauty have fied under the fire of Gorman cannots.

The little nerrow streets, built at such axtraordinary angless and of such curious steepness. have resounded to the school of th

extraordinary shalos and of such curious eleganous, have resounded to the school of boavy guine. These elected are an elected that he have and cart can climb up some of them. On others the driver must fleesend from his seat and sharp lead his horse down, last the whole thing be precipitated unexpectedly to the had-

There is a custome old bridge at Whitley that course the insin street. Every time shall street while the provided white tree at larger at the provided white tree at

goes slowly through. But then life runs in the slowest of slow channels at Whitby. It is the quaintest, most old-fash-ioned Jittle place in the whole of the United Kingdom. The rocky harbor is beautiful, and the inhabitants are mostly poor fishing folks who depend upon the summer visitors for their maintenance in the winter.

Artists from all over the world crowd to Whitby to paint its wonderful abbey, its exquisite views, its narrow cobbled streets and its picturesque inhabitants.

PAUL JONES' FAMOUS FIGHT RECALLED BY GERMAN RAID

lish east coast towns is the first attack of the kind since the famous sea fight of September 23, 1779, when Commodore Paul Jones, in the Bonhomme Richard, engaged and sank the British frigate Serapla. That battle was fought off Flamborough Head, which is but 15 miles from Scarborough, and the success of the American commander caused panis to spread throughout the whole country

RAIDING CRUISERS ATTACKED BY FOUR BRITISH DESTROYERS

LONDON, Dec. 16. Four British destroyers attacked the German cruisers which bombarded Hartlepool today after 50 shells had been fired upon the town and great damage

The destroyers assailed the Germans as they were starting to draw off. Details of the naval engagement are lacking, owing to the censorahlp which has been established on all telephone and telegraph lines. The raport of the attack by the destroyers reached here from Newcastle.

A number of inhabitants in Hartlepool are reported to have been killed and in-

Reports were circulated here late this afternoon that the British fleet which went in puruait of the German vessels engaged in the bombardment of English coast cities had succeeded in sinking two of the enemy's ships. There were also reports that the British fleet had suffered some damage.

RAIDERS HURL 40 SHELLS ON SCARBOROUGH BUILDINGS

SCARBOROUGH, Eng., Dec. is.

Just as daylight broke this morning German cruisers were observed off Scarborough. They came close in and for half an hour threw shall after shall into the town, doing considerable damage. A woman standing behind the counter in her husband's shop was instantly killed. Her husband was injured by flying debris when shells were thrown, the Gorman's objective opportunity being the Town Hall and the wireless station. The latter was unharmed, but the Town Hall was slightly damaged.

Other properties in the neighborhood suffered severely, the dearman shells causing general wreckings. Windows were blown in, and great holes roads in the walls of buildings.

The German vessels later steamed alow-SCARBOROUGH, Eng., Dec. 16.

walls of buildings.

The German vessels later steamed slowiv past the town, shelling as they passed.

They finally disappeared in a southerly
direction. Later a dull sound of cannonading, as if coming from a great digtance, was beard.

MISTOOK BOMBARDMENT FOR TARGET PRACTICE

HULL Eng. Jed. M. More thrilling details of the German bumbardment of Scarborough were received here this afternoon. In addition to the 50 more sheat that fell in the city proper, a number of projection raked the auburbs. One rigitive James Harver stone, of West Seconds a natural and the scart of West Seconds a natural and the sheat of the court of the stones of the second of t

and this projectile did not wound any-

body. "I could not believe it was a German attack, and I continued on my way, won-dering how the gunners on the British warships could be stoll careless in their target practice. A moment later I saw another shell strike the roof of a house, which caught fire. Then I saw a puff of smoke go up from the Balmoral Hotel, where it struck."

PHILADELPHIA WRITER FEARE FOR SAFETY OF SCARBOROUGH

Reginald Wright Kauffman, American author and former Philadelphia news-paper man, in letters to friends in this city has expressed a fear that Germans might find a way of attacking Scarborough and nearby points. Mr. Kauffman resides along the coast in the immediate vicinity of Scarborough. He lives at Claughton-Newlands, where he recently bought a home, and his mail address is Scarborough. His friends in this city are apprehensive about him, fearing he might ave been in Scarborough at the time of the bombardment of the port by the German warships.

BRITISH FORTS AT MOUTH OF TEES SHELLED BY FOE

REDCAR, Eng., Dec. 16.-The German warships that bombarded the British ports of Hartlepool, Whitby and Scarborough are reported also to have bombarded the English forts at the mouth of River Tees, five miles south of Hartle-pool. Shortly after 8 o'clock residents of Redcar were aroused by heavy firing at sea and three warships could be seen in action. They appeared to be throwing shells against the British forts at the mouth of the Tees, but the local military authorities drove all civilians from the seaside promenade before it could be ascertained what target the ships were shelling. The camenade lasted for half an hour, the first stages of it being very

Toward the end of half an hour the Germans fired slowly, evidently taking careful aim. The weather was foggy, but the flashes of flame from the turrets were distinctly visible here, although the ships were about three miles off shore.

Ship Furchase Bill Favored WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.-The Benste emmittee today reported favorably the ship purchase bill and arranged to file a formal report by tomorrow.



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REHEARING OR

OUST COMMISSION

Continued from Page One every effort to having the United States Attorney General take up the charge of collusion and conspiracy against the offi-

where it struck."

A railway employe, who arrived from Scarborough, said:

"It was very misty and I could not see any ships. When I left at 7:25 the cannonade was going on briskly. I saw a dozen projectiles strike, many falling in the business district, others striking near came known that officials of the Penn-grivate conference with the Suspension Board of the Interstate Commerce Con mission at Washington. None of the commuters' associations, either in this State or New Jersey, however, had op

ortunity to present their case before its body. Efforts will now be made to have the Interstate Commerce Commission reopen the case and suspend the rates until a formal hearing has ben given both sides. The attention of the commission yesterday was called to the fact that the rate from Philadelphia to Atlantic City is \$2.25, while from Camden to Atlantic City it is

For a round trip ticket to New York, the passenger from Camden must pay \$4, but if he buys his ticket on this side of the Delaware, the price is \$4.50. The difference in each case is due to the action of the New Jersey Public Utilities Com-mission ordering the railroads to continue the old rates pending a full hear-

14 TONS OF PIPE STOLEN

Man Accused of Carrying Metal From Factory Yards.

Just how one man was able to carry 14 tons of galvanised iron pipe from the yards of the Walls-Owen-Stampach Com-pany, 11th street and Ridge avenue, without being caught, is causing a police in-

Sam Lipschutz, Bainbridge street, near Id. did it, according to the police, and sold the pipe, they say, to Louis Orlowita. South street, near \$d, for \$550, when it was worth more than a \$1000. Both men were arrested. Lipschutz was held under \$1000 bail for court by Magistrate Pen-nock in the 3d and De Lancey streets sta-tion, and Orlowitz was held under \$400 ball, charged with receiving stolen goods.

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CURTAIN RUNG DOWN ON KAISER'S DRAMA IS SEER'S FORECAST

Mme. de Thebes, Parisian Sibyl, Predicts Debacle of War Lord - Great Conflict to End in 1915.

COPTRIGHT 1914, BY UNITED PRESS PARIS, Dec. 16.

A year, more full of good than of dis-aster, and marked by end of the war, is Madame de Thebes' prediction for 1915. The Parisian sibyl predicts the debacle

The Parisian sibyl predicts the debacle of the Kaiser.

Paris' famous secress today made public her prophecies for the 11 months to come. Following are the events which this woman, who says she foretold the Califaux trial, the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand and the European war, predicts will mark 1915:

"Before the sun runs its third course in 1915 blood will cease to flow. The results of the war will be titanic. Through a difficult arrangement the result will be entirely different from what France expects, though for the others the equivalent will be realized.

rects, though for the others the equiva-lent will be realized.

"Surprise will succeed surprise. France will have to listen to two sorts of men. It must know how to choose, It must watch, however, for at the moment of peace negotiations destiny is watching. In Paris there will be feverish emotion and delirium. There will be triumphal arches The Kalser's role will soon be ended.

"The Kalser's role will soon be ended. He dies soon or else disappears. Germany will cease to exist in its present form. I see one Germany tearing itself to pieces—north against north, south against south. There will be revolutionary fury against the Junker military aristocracy. Germany will try to resist, in parody of France of bygone days even unto revolution-hostages, massacres, judgments and scaffolds-all. I see an-other Germany which pretends to yield, accepting the conditions of the victors and gaining time by multiplying intrigues and paralyzing the attacks against it, only to restart its own attacks with new

forces. "In either event the Hohenzollerns are gone. I have seen the hand of Wilhelm the Second. I won't say how or when. I saw his right hand only. This is the hand of volition. His left hand is that of a fatalist—witheeed and smaller than the other, on an arm shorter than his right. This weakness Wilhelm has sought to conceal all his life. His right hand is day if one feels it long. The position to conceal all his life. His right hand is dry if one feels it long. The phalanx, alas, is large, indicating sanguinary tastes. The little finger is imaginative. Daylight shows between the fingers unless they are tightly pressed together. This is a sign of untruthfulness. His hand is of a Mercurian and Jupiterian type. There are countless lines on the fingers, which are furrowed to the very tips. The ensemble indicates a short ps. The ensemble indicates a short ather than a long life. "If the Kaiser does not fail mentally

he will probably break down physically. The mounts at the base of the fingers are large, showing a facility for assimilation. The life line scarcely touches the heart line, which finishes in a fork near

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WILSON STANDS BY NOMINEE

Serious Disagreement Indicated by

Senate's Rejection of Lynn.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. - President

Wilson, it became known today, has de-

cided not to withdraw the nomination of

John D. Lynn, of Rochester, N. Y., to

be United States Attorney for the West-

Despite the failure of the Senate to

onfirm Mr. Lynn and the evident dead-

lock that has arisen between the Presi-

dent and the Senate on this and several

said, would stand by his guns for the

Maryland, Missouri and New Jersey politics are involved in the fight now developing between the President and the

apper chamber. Secretary of the Treas-ury McAdee, who conferred with the President for an hour on the situation.

is taking a leading part in all of them

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Germany and Democracy "The Real Issue"

This is the most important contribution to the world-wide controversy emanating from Philadelphia. As distinguished writers and students of international relations and conditions. both are well equipped to deal with the subject intelligently. Their interesting full-page article appears in the

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