

BRITISH BOMBARD LILLE WITH HUGE LONG RANGE GUNS

City Twenty Miles Inside German Lines Effectively Shelled, Berlin Admits

CANNON EQUAL TO FOE'S

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 17. Guns to match the mighty, long-range howitzers of the Germans have at last reached the Allies' front in France. Chief interest here today centered in the German announcement that the British have bombarded Lille, using a gun with a range estimated at 30 miles.

This is the first time that Lille has been under artillery fire since it fell into the hands of the Germans in September, 1914.

German guns, with a range of 30 miles, which were used for the bombardment of Dunkirk and Verdun, were hitherto unmatched on the Allies' side, but the latest developments show that the Germans must now face equal metal.

It is regarded as significant that the English make no announcement of the shelling of Lille, while the French War Office states that the Lille highway was shelled. The German War Office announces that projectiles fell in the center of the city.

Lille lies about 15 miles behind the German lines, and derives its importance not only from the fact that it is one of the most important manufacturing towns in Northern France, but it is the center of the vast network of transportation lines the Germans have built up behind their trenches.

Its capture by the Allies, therefore, would force the whole German line in Northern France to fall back. The offensive against Lens last fall was aimed primarily at Lille, which lies to the eastward. Had Lens been taken, one of the main lateral communications of the Germans would have been severed and an avenue opened for a direct attack on Lille.

SIXTEEN KILLED IN LILLE BY BRITISH BOMBARDMENT

LONDON, Jan. 17. A bombardment of Lens by Allied artillery was the only activity on the western front mentioned in the official statement of the German War Office received here today.

The text of the official statement follows: "West front: There are no events of importance to report. At Lens 16 inhabitants have been killed and wounded by enemy artillery fire.

The allied bombardment of Lille, which resulted recently in the destruction of a German ammunition depot, as told by a German official report, was resumed yesterday, according to the same authority, causing a fire which up to the present has caused only slight material damage.

The German official statement follows: "The British fired on the interior of the town of Lille, but up to the present only slight damage has been caused by the fire.

"There was local lively artillery fighting and mining activity on the western front."

The French communique issued last night says: "In Belgium our artillery in conjunction with the British artillery caused serious damage to the enemy trenches in the region of Het-Sas and occasioned two powerful explosions behind the German lines.

"Our batteries successfully bombarded the approaches to the road from Lille, to the south of Thelus, and blew up a munition depot at Hill 119, to the northeast of Ypres-St. Vaast. One of our mines destroyed a small German post.

"In the Argonne there was bomb and grenade fighting in the region of Vauquois.

"In Lorraine we brought under our fire an enemy party to the south of Bromonville, northeast of Badonviller."

The following report from British headquarters, made public here, says that the artillery fire on a position to the north of Ypres was "satisfactory."

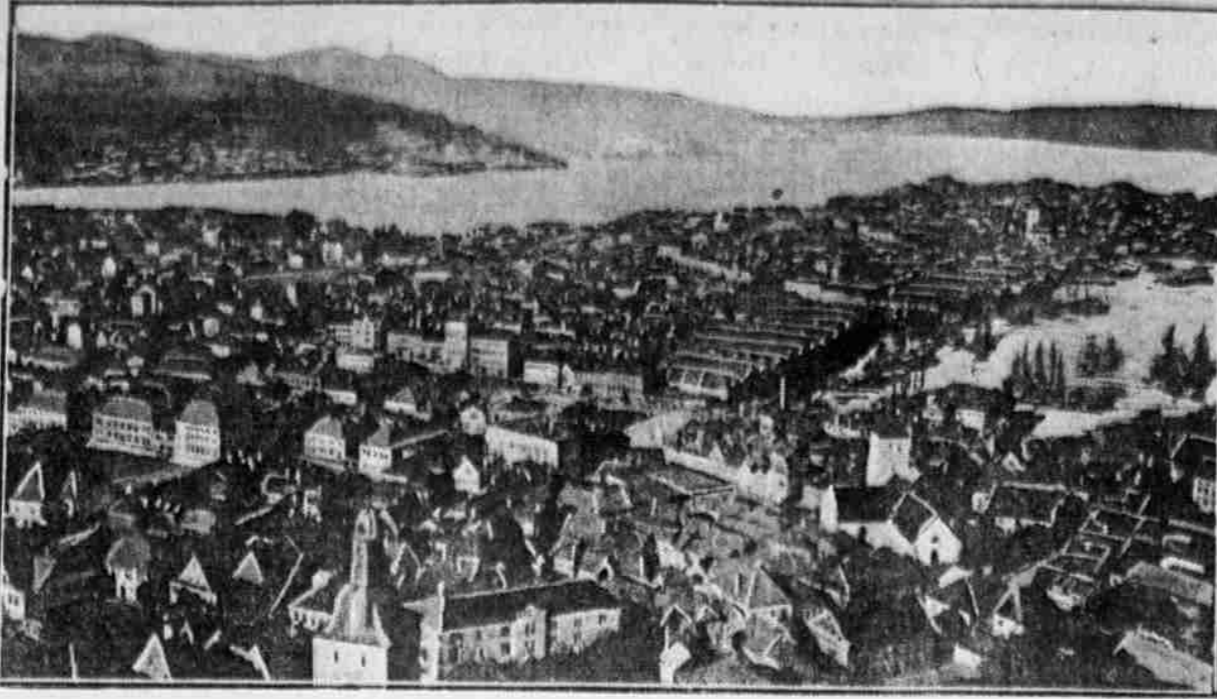
"On the whole the day was quiet. There was some hostile shelling about Givenchy and Ypres. Our artillery fire against a strong German position to the north of Ypres was satisfactory.

"There were bombardments on both sides in the regions of Malincourt, Hill 162 and Hellebeke."

Skull Fractured by Mule's Kick

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 17.—Nelson Groff, 19 years old, a former student of Franklin and Marshall College, and a son of Albert B. Groff, wealthy farmer, residing at East Petersburg, was fatally injured yesterday, when a mule belonging to his father kicked him on the head. Seven small bones of his skull were removed in an attempt to save his life.

\$9,000,000 FIRE DEVASTATES NORWEGIAN PORT



Bergen, the greatest ship-owning centre of Norway and one of that country's oldest and most picturesque towns was partly destroyed by fire last night. The flames were fanned by a fierce gale. More than 20,000 persons were made homeless and the property loss is estimated at least \$9,000,000. King Haakon is directing the relief work in the stricken city.

KING HAakon DIRECTS BERGEN RELIEF WORK

Norwegian Capital's \$9,000,000 Fire Caused 50 Deaths—Martial Law Prevails

CHRISTIANIA, Jan. 17.—On a special train that shattered all records for speed on Norwegian railways, King Haakon arrived at Bergen today and took personal charge of the relief measures in the city that was swept yesterday by a fire that caused \$9,000,000 loss and made nearly 3000 persons homeless.

The King was accompanied on his journey by members of his personal staff and General Hoffdott, the Norwegian Minister of Defense.

Martial law was declared in the stricken city today, not because of any outbreak of disorder, but to facilitate the relief measures which were inaugurated by Norwegian troops as soon as the fire was under control.

Though no lives were lost in the fire, 33 children and 17 men and women were frozen to death or died from exposure before they could be given shelter. Supplies for the homeless are lacking, owing to the fact that all the storehouses in Bergen were destroyed by the fire, which swept over the business section and the poorer residential district surrounding it.

Following the train carrying King Haakon there was dispatched from here seven trains carrying clothing and food for the homeless.

It is expected that within 24 hours all the sufferers will be given relief.

Must Answer Larceny Charge in N. J.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 17.—Requisition was granted today for the return to Salem County, New Jersey, of Frederick K. Snyder, arrested in Philadelphia, charged with larceny.

EXPLOSION ON E-2 IS STILL A MYSTERY

Plot Theory Ridiculed—Edison Expert Doesn't Blame Batteries

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—After two days' investigation by experts, the cause of the fatal explosion which killed four men and injured 10 aboard the submarine E-2 is as much of a mystery as it was five minutes after it occurred.

Admiral Usher, commandant, and Commander Upham today scoffed at the suggestion that the explosion was the result of a plot. Upham said naval officials are convinced the explosion was "purely accidental." He said the Board of Investigation resumed hearings today with no exact knowledge of the explosion's cause.

Dr. Miller Reese Hutchison, Thomas A. Edison's personal engineering representative, after making "as careful an investigation of the interior of the E-2 as present conditions will permit," stated positively today that the explosion was not caused by the E-boat's batteries.

Machinist G. H. Clark today was believed to have little chance of recovery, and probably will be blind should he survive.

It is believed all other injured men will recover with the possible exception of Chief Electrician H. L. Miles, who is in a critical condition.

Highway Hearing for Two Counties

HARRISBURG, Jan. 17.—State Highway Commissioner Cunningham will grant a hearing tomorrow to delegations representing Delaware and Chester counties who will come to the capital to discuss changes in State highway routes in their home districts.

LT. COM. HARRIS TO MOVE UP

President Wilson Sends Name of League Island Man to Senate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The nomination of Lieutenant Commander Frederic R. Harris, public works officer at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, for Chief of Yards and Docks, was sent to the Senate today by President Wilson. Commander Harris has the support of Senator Tillman, who conferred today with Secretary Daniels on the subject.

The President sent to the Senate the nomination of Clyde A. Rosseter, of Valentine, Neb., to be Register of the Land Office there.

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would be safe to resume operations at Cuat.

GORE ASKS NEUTRAL ZONE

The establishment of a neutral zone along the Mexican border, to be policed by United States and Mexican troops, is proposed in a resolution introduced in the Senate today by Senator Gore, of Oklahoma.

The resolution will direct the President to enter into negotiations at once with Carranza to establish the neutral zone, and would authorize the use of the military and naval forces to enforce any agreement entered into. The resolution was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee.

EL PASO, Jan. 17.—General Manuel Baca Valles and General Enrique Cisneros, with eight followers, were shot by a firing squad at Casas Grandes yesterday. It was announced today. The men executed were followers of General Francisco Villa and were said to have been implicated in the massacre of 18 Americans at Santa Ysabel last Monday.

Valles was known as Villa's official executioner, successor of the late General Rodolfo Fierro, the "butcher."

The corpse of General Jose Rodriguez, Villa's cavalry leader, alleged to be one of the leaders in the Santa Ysabel massacre, was placed on public exhibition today in the yard of the Juarez Customs House.

The gruesome show was intended to prove that the Carranza Government was determined to punish the murderers of Americans and foreigners.

A placard on the executed bandit leader's body announced that all enemies of the de facto Government would meet a like fate.

General Rivas and Almeida, of the Villa army, were executed by the same firing squad that ended Rodriguez's life at Matamoros Thursday.

While soldiers of the de facto Government were rounding up the bandits, an exodus of Americans from northern Mexico was in progress today. Three trains are reported en route to the border with refugees. All were under heavy guard of Carranza soldiers.

A report that a train from Parral, in southern Chihuahua, had been captured by bandits, proved baseless. This train was held up for the arrival of refugees from neighboring districts.

H. C. Myles, British diplomatic agent here, was ordered by Ambassador Spring-Rice to der all British subjects out of northern Mexico immediately.

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