

GERMANS SHELL THREE ENGLISH TOWNS; SCORES ARE KILLED AND MORE HURT; RAIDING SHIPS ESCAPE BRITISH FLEET

Fastra' Battle Cruisers and Armored Cruisers of Kaiser's Navy Break Through Cordon of English Warships and Bombard Hartlepool, Scarborough and Whitby on East Coast

RESIDENTS FLEE AS FIRST COAST RAID SINCE DAYS OF WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR BEGINS

London.—A powerful German fleet slipped through the cordon of naval defence which had made the coast of England inviolate for centuries, bombarded the cities of Scarborough, Hartlepool and Whitby, on the Yorkshire coast, 310 miles from Heligoland, killed nearly fifty civilians and soldiers and wounded hundreds, destroyed an immense amount of property and escaped to sea.

KAISER NOT SHAKEN BY LOSSES. Hopes Defeat Off Falklands Will Be Turned Into a Blessing.

Berlin.—An official statement given out at headquarters contains copies of telegrams exchanged between Emperor William and Johannes Kaempf, President of the Reichstag, regarding the naval battle off the Falkland Islands.

The squadron which shelled Hartlepool, where the bombardment was most destructive to life and property, was composed, the Admiralty announces, of two battle cruisers and an armored cruiser, while from four to six light cruisers attacked Scarborough and Whitby. It is officially announced that at Hartlepool alone seven soldiers were killed and fourteen wounded and twenty-two civilians were killed and fifty were wounded. The Admiralty places the casualties at Scarborough at eleven, but refugees from that city say that eighteen persons were killed there. At Whitby two were killed and two wounded.

England Alarmed and Enraged. It was the most daring and successful exploit the Germans have performed in the war, amazing in its daring and savage thoroughness. All England is alarmed and enraged because a squadron of Germany's most dangerous war craft was permitted to escape from the Kiel Canal and remain undetected long enough to give Englishmen a terrible experience of the horrors of war that have come to Belgium and France.

There is fear that an invasion will be attempted, but there is more reason to believe that the devastating raid was the first stroke of a great coup which Germany, it is positively known, has been planning for weeks—a concerted rush of battle cruisers and dreadnoughts from Heligoland and the mouth of the Elbe, and an attempt to ruin British commerce on the Atlantic before their inevitable destruction by the superior British fleet.

The squadron that shelled the Yorkshire coast escaped practically unharmed. The organized pursuit that followed the frantic alarms and appeals by wireless, and that drew England's great ships from the Firth of Forth, from Aberdeen, from the mouth of the Thames and from their stations at sea, could not catch up or cut off the fast, steaming raiders. The Germans had in their favor a heavy mist, which covered the sea, and they made a rapid withdrawal after raining shells on the coast towns for about thirty minutes—at Hartlepool from 8:15 a. m. to 8:50 a. m.

London.—The Allies have begun their great advance, intending to drive the Germans out of Belgium. Changing their campaign plans, General Joffre and Field Marshal French are now pressing the attack which they had intended to delay until spring. The reason for the change is believed to be the Allies' numerical superiority, together with the fact that Earl Kitchener's troops are much better seasoned now than had been anticipated.

In three weeks' time, according to the Allies' reckoning, the Germans may be driven back to their second line. By spring they may be forced across their own border, unless they should withdraw considerable forces from their eastern front.

The present onslaught upon the German intrenchments is heavier than any offensive assumed by the French, British and Belgian forces since Gen. von Kluck was driven back on the Aisne.

It is the result of a complete change of plans by Gen. Joffre and French, and means that the campaign which was to have been begun in the Spring, is now under way.

ALLIES PRESSING OFFENSIVE. London.—In a series of dashing attacks and often resorting to the use of the bayonet, the French made attempts to cut off the German force which projects into their line in the Woerthe region to St. Mihiel on the Meuse like an arrow head.

The German official report shows General Joffre's men reached a point midway between St. Mihiel and Pont-a-Mousson, and must have got across the German line of communications.

This substantial gain was won at a heavy cost. The French lost 600 men taken prisoners and a large number of killed and wounded.

COSTS \$200,000,000 A MONTH. France's War Bill for Half Year Placed at \$1,185,888,573.

Paris.—The cost of the war to France for the first six months in 1915 is officially figured at \$2,929,442,865 francs (\$1,185,888,573) or about \$200,000,000 monthly.

The appropriations committee of the French Parliament met, with a full attendance, to consider the budget, which aggregates for the first six months in 1915 a total of 8,525,264,497 francs (\$1,705,052,881).

COD FLEET WILL NOT SAIL. French Unable to Promise Release of Sailors From Service.

Paris.—The cod fishing fleet, which usually equips in Brittany and Normandy during December for the next voyage to Newfoundland, has asked the Ministry of Marine if it is possible to count on its being released from service by the end of February.

The Minister of Marine replied that he was unable to make such a promise hence the first sailing of the fleet for 1915 has been cancelled.

A LION HUNT IN NEW YORK

Six Escape From Stage of Theatre and Cause Panic.

ONE IS KILLED IN TENEMENT

Policeman Shot By Brother Officer Before Lioness That Invades a Nearby Apartment. House Is Killed.

New York.—Six trained lions escaped from their cage on the stage of an East Eighty-sixth street vaudeville theatre and, bounding into the audience, consisting principally of women and children, created a panic.

One lioness, Alice, the largest of the pack, escaped into a crowded street. Policemen pursued her into the hallway of a nearby apartment-house, and in shooting at her probably fatally wounded a companion, Sergeant Daniel Glenn. Two other officers were slightly wounded by the claws of the beast in a battle at close range.

At sight of the lions hundreds of persons in the theatre fled, screaming, to the exits, mothers, delayed by gathering up their children, crowded into corridors and places of supposed safety. Scores fainted, and many, numbed by the sight of the animals among them, sat transfixed in their seats.

Lioness Ferocious. With the exception of Alice, none of the beasts displayed great ferocity. A few persons who got in their paths were scratched, but none of them was seriously hurt.

Five of the animals were roaming about the theatre when the last of the audience escaped. In their rush to safety, spectators left behind all kinds of wearing apparel and personal belongings. Meantime, the beasts roamed over the house from gallery to basement. An hour after the last spectator left they were rounded up in the lobby and driven into their shipping boxes, none of them being injured.

Three arrests were made on charges of criminal negligence. Those in custody are La Belle Andree, the lions' trainer; C. A. Turnquist, their keeper, and George H. Hamilton, manager of the attraction. The lions were owned by Francis Ferrari, a showman, who has been exhibiting them at carnivals during the summer.

The animal act had been completed and a song and dance quartet held the stage in front of the first drop when the lions escaped as they were about to be transferred from the steel exhibition cage to their shipping box.

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FALLS IN DUEL WITH POLICE

Famous Automobile Bandit Shot Down After Robbing Two Banks. Police Trace Him To His Apartment.

Cincinnati.—The life of Frank G. Hohl, notorious automobile bandit, ended here following a three hours' career of crime, which included the robbing of two Cincinnati banks, following the theft of an automobile and a pistol duel with policemen that resulted with almost certain fatal wounds to one officer and the death of the bandit. Thirteen thousand and one hundred dollars is missing as the result of the bank robberies and the police are confident that Hohl, in his wild automobile drives, managed to pass this money along to some confederate.

The beginning of Hohl's end started shortly after 10 A. M., when he entered the West End branch of the Provident Savings Bank and Trust Company, Eighth and Freeman avenues, fired two shots at Cashier Edward Hughes, scooped up \$8,000 in currency, backed through the door, jumped into a waiting automobile, which had been stolen, and disappeared. Cashier Hughes fired after the robber, but his shots did not take effect.

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Investigation For Purpose Of Determining How Their Policies Are Shaped and Whether They Are a Menace Or Benefit.

Denver, Col.—Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations, announced that the commission would begin an investigation of the Russell Sage Foundation, the Baron de Hirsch Fund, all the Carnegie benevolences and all the Rockefeller charities, in addition to the Rockefeller Foundation. This investigation will open in New York January 11.

In the investigation of the various foundations, according to Chairman Walsh, the commission will seek to determine "how their policies are shaped and by whom, their relations to high finance, the extent to which their charters may be stretched under the United States Constitution, and whether they constitute a menace or a benefit to the nation."

Among the witnesses who will be summoned, according to Mr. Walsh's announcement, are President Arthur T. Hadley, of Yale; Dr. Clarence W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard; Andrew Carnegie, son of D. Rockefeller, Jr.; J. P. Morgan, Daniel Guggenheim, E. H. Gary, T. N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company; George W. Perkins, Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank of New York; T. P. Shonts, Jacob Schiff, John Hays Hammond, millionaire mine owner; Cleveland H. Dodge, New York financier; H. C. Frick, Seth Low, Samuel Untermyer. The calling of John D. Rockefeller, senior, to the stand, according to Mr. Walsh, has not yet been decided upon.

Mr. Walsh said the commission proposed to investigate the charge that the creation of the Rockefeller and other foundations represents the commencement of "an effort to perpetuate the present position of predatory wealth, through the corruption of the sources of public information."

POTTSVILLE, PA., HAS BIG FIRE. Business Block Burned and \$1,000,000 Damage Done.

Pottsville, Pa.—Fire in the business section of Pottsville wiped out property valued at about \$1,000,000. An entire block of business buildings which were stocked with holiday goods were destroyed. It was the worst fire in Pottsville's history. The area burned over is bounded by Centre, Second, Norwegian and Manhatonga streets. Twenty stores, the Pennsylvania National Bank and the Academy of Music, one of Pottsville's leading playhouses, were among the buildings destroyed. The postoffice caught fire, but was not badly damaged.

WANTS TREATIES RATIFIED. Those With Nicaragua and Colombia Cause Bryan Anxiety.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Bryan reiterated his determination to see ratification by the Senate during the present session of Congress of the Nicaragua Canal Treaty and the Colombian Indemnity Treaty. Both have met with determined opposition, but Mr. Bryan is hopeful that they will be consummated before adjournment next March.

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MORE TROOPS SENT TO NAGO

Conditions Force Adoption of Precautionary Measures.

MAY HAVE TO TAKE ACTION

The Additional Troops Will Bring Gen. Bliss' Force Up To Equal Strength With The Mexicans In Case Of A Crisis.

Washington, D. C.—Further demonstration was made by the United States Government of its determination not to tolerate continued firing by the Mexican factions at Naco, Sonora, into American territory.

President Wilson, after a brief discussion with his Cabinet, instructed Secretary Garrison to comply with the request of Brig.-Gen. Tasker H. Bliss at Naco, Arizona, for reinforcements to handle a possible emergency situation. Three regiments of infantry and three batteries of artillery were ordered to Naco.

The general's understanding in Administration quarters was that as soon as the additional American forces were placed in position on the international line the United States would return any artillery or infantry fire which might come from Mexican territory. As it will require three days for the troops to reach Naco, the Mexican factions have virtually that period within which to comply with the American demands or be shelled out of their positions.

Reinforcements ordered will bring the total force of the American Army at Naco to about 5,000 men, including 11 troops of cavalry, 3 regiments of infantry and 6 batteries of artillery, with 24 guns.

Between 100 and 150 Mexicans, many of them once prominent officials, have been secretly exiled in Mexico City within the last few days, according to an official report which reached the United States Government from one of its agents there.

Just who ordered the executions has not been disclosed, nor are any of the names of those put to death known.

Villa Troops In Guadalajara. El Paso, Tex.—Guadalajara, second largest city in Mexico, has been captured by Villa's troops, according to an official report given out by the Villa consular agent here.

It was learned from independent sources that a strong column of Carranza troops was moving to attack Torreón, the dominant position of Central Mexico. Torreón is defended by no more than 1,000 Villa troops, while the Carranza strength is estimated at 3,000.

EXPORTS CONTINUE TO GROW. Balance Of Trade In Our Favor In November Was \$79,239,417.

Washington, D. C.—November foreign trade statistics show a balance of trade in favor of the United States of \$79,239,417 for the month. The balance in favor of the United States was \$56,620,559 for October and \$16,341,722 for September, while in August the balance was \$19,400,406 against the United States.

November's exports, just announced by the Department of Commerce, totaled \$205,766,424 and imports \$126,467,067. There was a decrease of \$71,000,000 in the exports of cotton against November, 1913, but all other articles as a whole showed a net increase of \$31,000,000.

CLOSE CALL FOR SEAMAN'S BILL. Committee Decides Not To Report It, But Will Act Later.

Washington, D. C.—The Seaman's bill had a narrow escape from death in the Senate Commerce Committee. It passed both houses at the last session of Congress and, after being amended in the House, was recommended by the Senate instead of being referred to conference. The committee, by a vote of 7 to 5 decided not to report the measure, but then, on reconsideration, agreed to take it up again for further consideration December 31. It was determined, however, that no further hearings would be held.

MUST NOT CRITICIZE TURKS. Americans Writing To Friends May Make Trouble For Them.

Washington, D. C.—Americans writing to their friends in Turkey should be careful not to criticize Turks or their government, according to authoritative advice reaching here from the Ottoman Empire. The Turkish authorities open most letters, it was stated, and Americans in Turkey may suffer inconveniences as a result of unneutral statements.

HOT DENIALS IN HOUSE. Bartholdt, Vollmer and Lobeck Nail Anti-German Charges.

Washington, D. C.—Published charges that Congressional resolutions to prevent the export of munitions to war from the United States were designed to aid Germany were indignantly denounced in the House by Representatives Bartholdt, Vollmer and Lobeck.

FROM CABIN BOY TO ADMIRAL. R. Nicholson On Retired List Today Owing To Age Limit.

Washington, D. C.—Rear-Admiral R. Nicholson closed his active career in the navy, having reached the age limit. When 12 years old he signed as a cabin boy on the warship State of Georgia, commanded by his father, and participated in the blockade of Wilmington. His last sea duty was as commander of the Asiatic fleet.

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HER SILVER SHOWER

HOW GIRL GAVE FRIEND A LESSON IN ECONOMY.

Stopping of the Little Financial Leak Accomplished What Seemed to the Careless One to Border on the Marvelous.

"It is the finest idea I ever heard of," said Lucinda Grey, as she looked compassionately at her pale little friend just out of the hospital. "I'm tired to death of restaurant fare, and I haven't forgotten your cooking, Alice Benton! But are you sure you are strong enough to do it?"

"For two of us—in this place!" The pale girl laughed derisively. "It will be like play, and the best possible occupation for me."

"Very well, it is settled, if you are certain it's not too much for you. You'll find my purse in the bottom bureau drawer in a little tin box; use what you need for supplies and things."

"All right, but I am going to bear my half of the expense, remember?" "And do the work besides?" I call that an unequal arrangement," protested Lucinda. She knew what must be the condition of her friend's purse after her long illness.

"My month in the hospital made quite a hole in my savings," Alice admitted, "but I need not be a burden to my friends."

"You mean you have money saved from your salary?" asked Lucinda, in astonishment. "Will you kindly tell me how you have done it, since you are young person? I've never been able to save a cent, and it worries me more than I can tell. I'm sure I try hard enough to be economical."

"Perhaps we shall find some of the little leaks later," said her friend, with a smile.

Two weeks had passed when, as Lucinda was dressing one morning, she called across to the little kitchen. "Now, Alice, you've mended this old corset cover. I told you it was not worth—"

Her voice died away into astonished silence. From the folded garment something fell with a thud to the floor. It was a silver half-dollar wrapped in a piece of paper, on which were written the two words, "Five Minutes."

Lucinda slipped the silver into an empty box in her bureau drawer, and put on the mended garment thoughtfully. As she was leaving for the office she paused to call back, "Do you mind telling me what 'Five Minutes' means?"

"That was the time it took to mend it," said Alice quietly.

Almost daily after that something was added to the contents of the box, silver half-dollars for each pair of neatly mended stockings that Alice had found discarded in a rag bag in the bathroom, and varying amounts for the undergarments and waists and neckpieces that she freshened and restored to usefulness.

"I'd like to know what she will do with a pinned-out collar," said Lucinda, a little vindictively, one day, as she put three of them into the rag bag. When the laundry was returned Lucinda found the three collars on her dressing table. A jaunty bow pinned on the front of each completely concealed the devastation the heavy brooch had made.

"You are certainly hard to circumvent, Alice," she said, with a laugh. "You needn't do any more, if you please. I've counted the money in my box, and I've learned my lesson. I'll never again see a party money garment without