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TWO GERMAN CRUISERS REPORTED SUNK

LONDON PRESS COMMENTS ON THE RAID

News of German Attack on English Coast Towns Created Excitement, But There Was no Apprehension---Bombardment of Unfortified Cities Characteristic of German Kultur---German Ships Dropped Mines to Prevent Being Chased.

London, Dec. 16—From a myriad of special editions of the afternoon papers, London learned of the action on the east coast. The news created excitement and intense interest, but not the slightest apprehension, nor was there any trace whatsoever of panic. On the contrary, London was well pleased with the event and perfectly confident of the outcome.

There was intense indignation over the bombardment of unfortified places which is generally looked upon as a bit characteristic of the Germans. If the German action was designed to frighten England it completely failed. Judging by the attitude of the London public, England is really well pleased that the Germans have finally come out, and there was the utmost confidence today that the attacking ships never would get back. During the day, the news came in fragments and even at a late hour this evening there was nothing to indicate how extensive the action had been, now what was still missing.

The Admiralty statement, "the situation is developing," aroused the keenest interest and the hope that it meant that some general engagement between the great fleets, so confident is the public of the ability of England's naval forces to vanquish the Germans. Keen as this interest was, London found time to smile at this message, a Scarborough railway engineer sent to his wife:

"Shells are falling thickly around me, but I am alright."

There was an unprecedented rush for newspapers. The news tickers, which are much more extensively utilized here than in America, were surrounded all day. In financial circles the news was received calmly. Throgmorton street even showed jubilation.

"It is the best bull point for some time" was the consensus of opinion, and so it was through the whole city. England has been determined in this war but has outwardly shown little ferocity. This coast event will arouse the whole nation to a pitch of anger hitherto unknown.

COMMENT OF LONDON PRESS.

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "It is worth two army corps to the new army. Frightfulness will produce no effect on the nerves of the country. This outrage on humanity will rouse a stirred, cold anger in the hearts of the sturdy men of the north. Those who have hesitated will hesitate no longer."

"Is It The Big Thing?" is the headline of the Pall Mall Gazette's column of comment, which contains this answer to the inquiry:

"Everyone will hope it is."

The Evening News says: "Scarborough is unfortified and its complete destruction would not have been of two penny worth of good to the Germans. Was it a feat to draw off our forces or was it merely an attempt at that ruthless revenge so violently demanded by the German press?"

The Evening Standard's naval expert calls the German action a senseless policy and advocates harsh treatment of the prisoners, saying:

"We shall probably manage to see to it that few German cruisers return to their harbor. If we are wise we shall hang any prisoners taken. Then and then only shall we render ourselves immune from similar raids in the future."

Commander Carlton Bellairs, the

well known naval commander, said: "The only conceivable object in undertaking such a perfectly useless act of war is to create a state of alarm and divert troops and guns to the east coast instead of the front. Obviously we have got statesmen who are not going to play that game."

The Westminster Gazette expert says:

"The only respectable thing about the raid is that it cannot be done without considerable risk. From a military standpoint there seems no explanation for an adventure of this kind unless it is part of something far larger and more far reaching. As an effort to divide our fleet to prepare for an action on a grand scale as a prelude to an invasion in force, it would have to be judged as one move necessary to a great campaign. Simply as an isolated event, undertaken for no other object than to do damage for the sake of doing it, it stands condemned and can hardly go unpunished."

The Pall Mall Gazette, reporting conversations heard in the street, quotes one sailor who was on the cruiser Hogue as saying:

"May be they are out for a big scrap. If they are, they'll get all they want and a bit over."

"How many Germans will get back?" he was asked.

He answered:

"Tell me how many are out first."

"They've got the Fisher touch in the Atlantic," said another.

"They'll get the Fisher-Jellicoe touch this time and it won't be nice."

The manager of a Strand toy shop said that during the noon hour he sold more flags than he had during the last fortnight."

GERMANS SOWN MINES.

London, Dec. 17, 4.41 a.m.—A despatch to The Daily Express from Hartlepool says:

"As the German fleet steamed out to sea they dropped mines to prevent any ships from following in their wake."

SENATE "REFORM"

PROGRESSING FAST

Ottawa, Dec. 16—The death of Senator Jaffray reduces the Liberal majority in the senate to eleven, when all seats are filled.

There are now eight vacancies, six of which seats were held by Liberals, and two by Conservatives.

IN PASTOR'S HONOR

The set of organ chimes donated to the Brunswick Street Baptist church by Mr. H. G. Kitchen were given in honor of the pastor, Rev. A. F. Newcomb, and will be known as the Newcomb chimes.

PERSONAL

Miss Blanche Whitehead is acting as government stenographer while Miss Annie Kirk is on vacation.

Senator Daniel of St. John, is a guest at the Barker.

Major D. P. Papineau of Halifax, was among the guests at the Barker House yesterday.

London, Dec. 17---Revised estimates of dead and wounded in the three bombarded cities gave the total 66 dead and 138 wounded, of these the figures for Whitby are 8 and 11 and for Scarborough 3 and 11

TWO CRUISERS MAY HAVE BEEN SUNK

Middlesborough, Eng., Dec. 17---Two of the German vessels which participated in the bombardment of English towns on the northeast coast were known to have been badly damaged by English gun fire and it is believed they were sunk.

SCHOOL BOYS AMONG THE VICTIMS

London, Dec. 17---The totals of deaths in Hartlepool and West Hartlepool from the Shelling by the Germans yesterday was fifty five killed and one hundred and fifty-five wounded. Most of the victims were women and children who crowded in to the streets or rushed to the railway station. Among the killed were 15 school boys.

GERMANS ARE ELATED

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Amsterdam, Dec. 17---The German press resounds with praise for the action of the German war vessels yesterday in raiding and shelling the Yorkshire and Durham coasts of England. The Berliner Tageblatt says:—"Once more our naval force braving the danger of mines in the North Sea has shelled English fortified places. No reply from the British forts was effective."

AUSTRIANS COMPELLED TO SURRENDER

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Petrograd, Dec. 17---The Servian legation in Petrograd has issued a statement to the effect that large numbers of the Austrians who invaded Servia were compelled to surrender in groups. Only a small portion of them have crossed the Sav River and Sixty thousand Austrians are now prisoners in Servia. The battle resembled a tall point that won by Napoleon at Rivoli. The Servians have entered Bosnia and have taken Vishegrad on the Railway to Strajevo

CASUALTIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Joannesburg, South Africa, Dec. 17---The total casualties of the union forces to date number 539, of which 337 occurred in the Boer Rebellion and 107 in the fighting in Damarland. German South-west Africa in the rebellion, 124 union men were killed and in Damarland 32

NEARING THE CRUCIAL POINT.

(SPECIAL TO THE MAIL.)

PETROGRAD, DEC. 17---THE GERMAN DRIVE AGAINST WARSAW WAS RENEWED YESTERDAY WITH TERRIFIC FORCE, COMPELLING THE RUSSIANS TO FALL BACK SHORT DISTANCE. THE THREATENED ATTACK ON THE RIGHT FLANK OF THE RUSSIAN ARMY ON

THE VISTULA HAS BEEN AVERTED AND THE GERMAN FORCE, WHICH ATTEMPTED AN ADVANCE FROM SOLDAU, HAS BEEN OVERWHELMED AND DRIVEN BACK UPON THE BORDER AT MLAWA, RELEASING PART OF THE RUSSIAN FORCE WHICH OPPOSED IT. THE STRUGGLE NOW GOING ON BEFORE WARSAW IS BELIEVED TO BE NEARING ITS CRUCIAL POINT.

STEAMERS SUNK BY MINES.

(SPECIAL TO THE MAIL.)

LONDON, DEC. 17---THAT THE GERMAN RAIDERS SUCCEEDED IN STREWING MINES OFF THE YORKSHIRE COAST IS DECIDED BY THE SINKING TODAY OF THE STEAMER ELTERWATER AND AN UNIDENTIFIED ONE, BOTH OF WHICH STRUCK MINES NEAR THE SAME POINT. SIX OF THE ELTERWATER'S CREW ARE MISSING.

THE BRITISH STEAMER PRINCESS OGLA WAS STRUCK BY A MINE THIS MORNING SIX MILES FROM SCARBOROUGH AND SUNK. HER CREW WAS SAVED.

ANOTHER VESSEL WAS SUNK BY A MINE OFF THE YORKSHIRE COAST THIS MORNING, MAKING THREE IN ALL. THE ADMIRALTY HAVE STOPPED SEA TRAFFIC BETWEEN FLAMBOROUGH HEAD AND NEWCASTLE.

SEVEN CRUISERS IN ATTACK

London, Dec. 16---The official press bureau late last night issued the following statement from the war office regarding the German raid:

"At 8 a.m., today three enemy ships were sighted off Hartlepool, and at 8.15 they commenced a bombardment. These ships appeared to be two battle cruisers and one armored cruiser."

"The land batteries replied and are reported to have hit and damaged the enemy."

"At 8.50 the firing ceased and the enemy steamed away. None of our guns were touched. One shell fell in the Royal Engineer's lines and several in the lines of the 13th Service Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry."

"The casualties among the troops amounted to seven killed and fourteen wounded."

"Some damage was done to the town, and the gas works were set on fire."

"During the bombardment, especially in West Hartlepool, the people crowded in the streets and twenty-two killed and fifty were wounded."

"At the same time a battle cruiser and an armored cruiser appeared off Scarborough and fired about fifty shots, which caused considerable damage, and thirteen casualties are reported."

"At Whitby two battle cruisers fired some shots doing damage to buildings, and the following casualties are reported, two killed and two wounded."

"At all three places there was an entire absence of panic, and the demeanor of the people was everything that could be desired."

A wave of intense anger has spread over England because of the attack, and bitter denunciation is heard everywhere of a policy which permits the shelling of undefended towns. The fortress at the mouth of the Tees is supposed to give some protection to the important shipping base of Hartlepool, but Whitby and Scarborough are as open to the enemy as is Atlantic City, on the New Jersey coast.

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