

ALL ENGLAND IS INDIGNANT BECAUSE OF GERMAN SHIPS' UNHERALDED ATTACK UPON HER DEFENSELESS COAST TOWNS

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THE BRITISH CABINET MET IN FULL SESSION TODAY

English Army Will Be Increased by Thousands as Result of Bombardment—Spies Thought to Have Signalled to German Ships from English Coast Being Sought—Shipping Stopped on Account of Peril of Mines Thought to Have Been Dropped by Fleeing German Ships

(By the United Press)

London, Dec. 17.—Calm, but deadly anger is the keynote of national sentiment following the sensational and outrageous raid upon British coast cities by German cruisers yesterday. The raid will not interfere with the present plans of the admiralty. The latest casualty lists place the killed at 75 and the wounded at 267 in the three attacked cities. The war office estimates the casualties at Hartlepool fortress at seven soldiers killed and 14 wounded.

The British cabinet met in full session today to discuss the raid by the German warships. A majority of the killed and wounded at Hartlepool were women and children. Fifteen school boys were among the killed. Many of the wounded are not expected to recover, as they are suffering from gaping wounds torn by fragments of shells. Hartlepool suffered the worst in the number of persons killed by bursting shells. Fifty-five are dead and 115 wounded there. At Scarborough 18 were killed and 150 wounded. At Whitby two were killed.

English Army Will Be Greatly Increased.

The English army will be increased by many thousands as the result of the bombardment of the three unfortified coast cities yesterday.

English Searching for Spies.

Scarborough, Eng., Dec. 17.—A vigorous search for spies is on here. Reports of a mysterious flashlight signalling the night before the bombardment are had. It is believed that spies were signalling the positions of the railroad station and other buildings upon which the fire was centered. The damage here is estimated at \$200,000.

Shipping Stopped Account Mine Peril

London, Dec. 17.—The admiralty today issued a warning to traffic between Flamborough Head and Newcastle. Endangered by mines, all traffic has been ordered abandoned until further notice.

BANDIT HOLDS UP MANAGER OF BANK

Escapes in Automobile With \$8,000 He Took from Man He Held Up in Broad Daylight—Nerry Act in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 17.—An armed bandit, in broad daylight today, held up a manager of a branch of the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Company, seized the \$8,000 carried by Hughes, leaped into an automobile and escaped.

FEEDING OF SALMON

WORRIES OREGONIANS

Portland, Ore., Dec. 17.—A discussion of the best means of raising funds to defray the expense of feeding salmon fry while being held in retaining ponds, occupied the time of the state fish commission which met here today. It was doubtful if the state legislature which meets in January could be induced to appropriate money for this purpose.

DISCUSSION OF THE IMMIGRATION BILL

Washington, Dec. 16.—Discussion of the immigration bill's literacy test provision of which President Wilson has expressed disapproval, began in the Senate today. No proposal to strike out the restriction was offered, but Senators Thomas and Williams submitted amendments to extend exemptions from it.

WILSON CONFIDENT PEACE WITH MEXICO CAN BE MAINTAINED

Zapata's Army Marches on Vera Cruz, Forcing Carranzistas Out of Pueblo As It Advances on Disgruntled Leader's Abode

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Dec. 17.—The President is in personal charge of the Naco situation and today conferred with Secretary of War Garrison. Mr. Wilson is confident he can avert hostilities. The State Department is notified that Pueblo, between the capital and Vera Cruz, has been evacuated by Carranzistas in the face of the approach of Zapata's army, believed to be headed for Vera Cruz.

Secretary Garrison today denied that Colonel Goethals' visit here was in reference to the violation of isthmian neutrality by foreign warships.

DEATH OF MR. NOAH BIGGS IS MOURNED OVER STATE

His Many Philanthropies Stamped Him As One of the Commonwealth's Leading and Most Useful Citizens.

Of the late Noah Biggs, philanthropist, business man and churchman, who died at his home in Scotland Neck Monday afternoon, many local people who enjoyed his acquaintance point out as the thing which will nearest perpetuate his memory his benevolence. His most notable contribution of the present year was the \$5,000 donation for the Biggs building at the Kenedy Memorial home at Falling Creek. Mr. Biggs was also a substantial benefactor of the Baptist orphanage at Thomasville, parent institution to the Kenedy Home. He was greatly interested in orphans, and contributed liberally and often to their welfare. He was one of the first to agitate the State Baptist Orphanage, and built the first dormitory there. Mr. Biggs was a trustee of Thomasville orphanage for years, as well as of denominational colleges in the State.

Noah Biggs was born in Martin county near Williamston in 1842. He was a Confederate veteran. After the war he engaged in business in Scotland Neck and in time became one of its most prosperous citizens. For half a century he was active in the business life of the entire State and was connected with a large number of commercial enterprises.

Mr. Biggs was instrumental in the establishment of more than twenty-five Baptist churches in his section of the State.

N. Y. G. O. P. HOLDS BIG POW WOW TODAY

New York, Dec. 17.—Jubilation over recent successes and the laying of plans for the future will be the program of the Republican State Committee when it goes into session today with the sixty-two county chairman. A dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria with a guest list of 600 will take place in the evening. It is expected that a rather definite legislative program will be mapped out at the meeting which will be submitted later to Governor-elect Whitman for his guidance and approval.

THE PRESIDENT DOES HIS CHRISTMAS BUYING

Washington, Dec. 16.—President Wilson did his Christmas shopping today. He went into the downtown district at the rush hour, visiting a department store, two book stores, and a jewelry store for his gifts. All of the places were crowded and at times the President had to push his way energetically to get what he wanted. He was recognized by many shoppers and greeted all who spoke to him with a broad smile.

HERRICK EXPLAINS HIS PLANS TO PRESIDENT

Washington, Dec. 16.—Myron T. Herrick, former ambassador to France, took up with President Wilson today his plan for establishing a clearing house for affording relief to European non-combatants. He told the President of his experiences in Paris, and Mr. Wilson warmly commended him.

BELGIAN REFUGEE CAMP IN HOLLAND



Three hundred thousand Belgians have found a haven of safety in Holland and are concentrated in a number of camps. The photograph shows one of these camps at Bergen-op-Zoom, with its women and children refugees.

MRS. JOHN POLLOCK CALLED TO HER REWARD

Death Came Late Wednesday Afternoon Following a Long Suffering From Which She Was a Great Sufferer—Funeral Friday.

Mrs. Agnes Pollock, the well-known and greatly esteemed wife of Dr. John A. Pollock, passed away in their home on North Queen street, Wednesday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock, after a lingering illness. Mrs. Pollock was the victim of a complication that had kept her in bed for more than a year. Mrs. Pollock was a daughter of William Groom and wife, two of Le noir county's most prominent people of former days, and was connected with many of the leading families of the present time. The venerable lady was of admirable disposition, and had been noted all her life for her many splendid character traits. She was a consistent member of the First Baptist church here for many years.

The husband and three children survive. Dr. Raymond Pollock of New Bern being the only son, and Mrs. B. W. Spilman and Mrs. J. Herran Canady of Kinston, the daughters. Mrs. Pollock was the half-sister of Mrs. W. L. Kennedy of Falling Creek and Mrs. Bettie Hardee of this city.

STORE CLOSED OUT OF RESPECT TO MRS. POLLOCK

The hardware store of B. W. Canady & Son is closed today out of respect to Mrs. John A. Pollock, mother of Mrs. J. H. Canady, who died late Wednesday. Business will be resumed after the funeral Friday.

NAVY'S PERSONNEL SHORT. ASST. SECRETARY STATES.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The navy is "from 35,000 to 50,000 men short of its needs, as laid down in the confidential war plans of the war college," according to Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, who testified today at the House naval committee's hearings in naval appropriation bill. Mr. Roosevelt explained that many additional men would be needed for purposes other than manning ships now in commission. Asked why serviceable vessels were laid up in reserve, he said no nation kept all of its ships constantly in commission.

SENATE RATIFIES SEA SAFETY CONVENTION.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The international convention for safety of life at sea, signed at London January 2, 1914, by many world powers, was ratified today by the Senate after a resolution had been adopted reserving the right to enact higher standards than the treaty prescribes for health and safety on American vessels within its territorial waters.

MISTRIAL ORDERED IN WHISKEY SELLING CASE

Superior Court Disposes of Several Minor Cases—Jail Cases Are Being Handled Now, and Doubtful If All Will Come Up.

The jury in the case of State vs. Jarvis and Joseph Jones, father and son, white, for selling whiskey, reported to Judge Daniels in Superior Court Wednesday that they could not agree. His honor ordered a mistrial. Only two of the twelve, it is said, favored conviction of the men, who were arrested in South Kinston several months ago.

Other cases disposed of Wednesday, when contested trials hindered the progress of the court were: Haywood Metts and John Mewborn, negroes of Vance township, for affray with a deadly weapon; guilty, three months for Metts and six for Mewborn. E. W. Wade and Pearl Wade, fornication and adultery; guilty, not sentenced. The Wades are Vance township colored people of rather close kinship. George W. Waters, assault; not guilty. J. T. Quarles, carrying a concealed weapon; taxed with the costs.

The jail cases have just been reached. There are a considerable number of these. David Berns, palmist, has not been tried for the fraudulent extortion of money from a Coye City man named Heath. This case is one of the most interesting on the docket, the fortune-teller having gotten into the public eye several weeks ago when he systematically swindled, it is alleged, Heath out of more than \$50. Berns stated late yesterday that he and his wife would go to New York to spend the Christmas holidays, from which it is presumed that he is confident of acquittal.

Judge Daniels this morning called the grand jury in to inform them that before coming to the court he had received an anonymous letter from some one in the city, in which it was stated that prominent men of the city, their names not revealed by the informant, are living in adultery.

The unusual missive the judge considered of enough importance, in accordance with his plan of eradicating the vice in Kinston, to be called to the attention of the grand jury, whom he instructed to be diligent in an investigation, so far as they could investigate without the facts which the letter failed to contain.

RELEASE OF MEAKER DEMANDED BY CONSUL

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 16.—J. T. T. Paxon, British consul here, made a demand today on Governor Jose Maytorena for the immediate release of H. Perry Meaker, a British subject, held on a charge of having aided Carranza to escape into Sinaloa. Meaker, it is said, was deceived by the Mexican rangers, who induced him to furnish transportation for them after they learned that a messenger carrying their pledge of loyalty to Carranza had fallen into the hands of Maytorena's Yaqui Indians.

CRUISER TO PATROL WATERS NEAR CANAL

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Secretary Daniels tonight ordered the cruiser Tacoma to proceed from San Domingo to Colon to guard against violation of the neutrality of the Panama canal. A destroyer or gunboat may be sent from the west coast of Mexico to the Pacific entrance of the canal.

DISASTROUS FIRE SWEEPED TWO BLOCKS OF POTTSVILLE, PA.

Center of Anthracite Mining Industry Has Loss of More Than Two Millions. High Property Valuation and Rich Section

(By the United Press)

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 17.—The loss was two and a half million dollars in a fire which swept two blocks today in the central part of the business section here.

Pottsville is the center of the anthracite mining industry of Eastern Pennsylvania, the station of about half of the State constabulary force, and is a commercial center of about 30,000 population, located in a tributary territory containing two million people. The property valuation is higher than in any other city of similar size in the country, possibly, because of the many millions of dollars invested in the mines surrounding. The town is noted for a monument to Henry Clay.

The water supplies from the neighboring mountains have been inadequate for several months, and this handicapped the firemen of the local department, and those from Mauch Chunk, Hazleton, Tamaqua and the neighboring towns, who assisted them.

The fire, which started in the Woolworth building, entirely wiped out two city blocks. The lack of water and freezing temperature rendered the firemen from the start unable to cope with the flames.

GIRL'S UNTIMELY DEATH FROM AN OPEN GRATE

Miss Susie Hill of Sandy Bottom Died Shortly After Her Clothing Had Been Burned From Her Back. Father Ill With Typhoid

A belated report from Neuse township Wednesday night told of the burning to death of Miss Susie Hill, a fourteen-year-old girl of Sandy Bottom. The girl's clothing took fire while she was standing in front of an open fireplace in the home of her father, Jacob Hill. She became panicky and ran out of the house, followed by her mother and another woman who could do little toward extinguishing the flames, which completely enveloped her as the girl ran toward the wind. She lived several hours, suffering intense agony in her conscious moments.

Jacob Hill, prostrate with typhoid fever, witnessed his daughter's predicament when she first caught on fire, but was too feeble to assist her and suffered great mental agony as he lay helpless listening to her piteous screams.

TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL FOR FEEBLE-MINDED IN SESSION

No Important Details of the Meeting Held Wednesday Night and Thursday Morning Have Been Given for Publication.

The trustees of the North Carolina School for the Feeble-Minded met in annual session at the institution, near here, Wednesday night.

The board is in executive session today, and it has been impossible as yet to learn any of the results of their deliberations. Wednesday night Supt. C. B. McNairy made his report, and members of the board made short talks to the children in the school. Thursday afternoon the board inspected the property.

SECRETARY HOUSTON SPEAKS AT ABERDEEN

Aberdeen, Dec. 16.—Diversified agriculture, the curtailment of the cotton crop, the raising of beef cattle hogs and poultry, dairying and the co-operative work of the people were emphasized as the need of the South by Secretary of Agriculture Houston, who this afternoon made a forcible address here, full to the core of valuable suggestions for farm and community life. This was his first address in the South on agriculture since he became a member of President Wilson's cabinet.

FRENCH AVIATORS CAUSE GERMANS TO SHIFT POSITIONS

Activity of Air Men and Vigorous Bayonet Work Has Driven the Kaiser's Forces from a Number of Trenches—Ships Help

(By the United Press)

Paris, Dec. 17.—With violent shelling of the German trenches and repeated infantry attacks, the Allies, between Arras and the sea have kept up a determined assault during the past forty-eight hours. Aided by warships, an effort has been made by the French and English to swing the Germans back from Ostend. French aviators have been active in the Aisne, Argonne and Woerwe regions, and have destroyed many batteries. Their activities necessitated the constant shifting of German positions.

French Active With Bayonet.

Paris, Dec. 17.—An official communication says the French have captured several German trenches in Flanders at the point of the bayonet. Continued success follows the French in their advance in the region of Vermelles. The artillery duels are the liveliest today in the regions of Tracy, Deval, the Aisne, Champagne and in Argonne, about Verdun. Between the sea and Lise the French took several German trenches at the point of the bayonet.

Berlin Claims German Successes.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—The Germans have repulsed the Allies' attacks on the western front and quelled the Russian offensive attempted against Silesia and Posen. Attacks in the region of Zillebeke and Labasse were repulsed with heavy losses. German artillery frustrated a French attempt to bridge the Aisne at Soissons. A German force is pursuing the retreating Russians in Poland.

PACIFIC COASTERS DISCUSSING SILAGE

Chehalis, Wash., Dec. 17.—A number of addresses and papers dealing with the raising and keeping of forage for dairy cows were heard by the State Dairymen's Association, which is holding its annual convention here. A paper read by Prof. George Severance of the Washington State College contained valuable information as to the proper forage for dairy cows, its planting and harvesting, and another by Donald McInnes of Dungeness, thoroughly covered the subject of Silos and Silage.

MUNICIPAL GALLERY FOR QUAKER CITY

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—A small army of workmen engaged today in making excavations for the new \$5,000,000 municipal art gallery to be erected at 24th and Spring Garden streets.

At the present time Philadelphia lacks a gallery that might be compared favorably with any of a dozen smaller cities in this country. Such pictures and statues of merit housed here are privately owned, or the property of historical societies.

When the new structure is completed it is hoped that many art subjects will be loaned or given to the municipal gallery. Others will be purchased.

BOSTON BRAVES TO HAVE COSTLY NEW PARK.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 16.—Cement stands to seat 45,000 spectators will be built at the new Boston National League Park. President James E. Gaffney said today the grounds would be constructed something after the manner of the Yale bowl. The Braves will use Fenway Park until the new park is ready early in July.

TRY THIS FOR NEURALGIA

Thousands of people keep on suffering with Neuralgia because they do not know what to do for it. Neuralgia is a pain in the nerves. What you want to do is to soothe the nerve itself. Apply Sloan's Liniment to the surface over the painful part—do not rub it in. Sloan's Liniment for 25 cents of any druggist and have it in the house—against Colds, Sore and Swollen Joints, Lambo, Sprains and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief.