

GERMAN CRUISERS BOMBARDED THREE ENGLISH TOWNS YESTERDAY MORNING

Teuton Fleet Made Sudden Dash Into the North Sea and Cast Fear Into Hearts of British. Scarborough, Whitby and Hartlepool Were the Points Attacked. British Fleet Goes to Rescue and Naval Engagement Followed.

LONDON, Dec. 16. (Central News Cable)—A German fleet this morning shelled the English towns of Scarborough, Whitby and Hartlepool, on the north-east coast. Several English warships which were patrolling in home waters engaged the enemy at a number of points and fierce fights followed. Historic Whitby Abbey was damaged and many houses were demolished. Thirty persons were killed and a number were badly injured. Fifty shells fell in Scarborough which was bombarded by four of the German cruisers which were driven off by the fire from the forts. A report from Middlesborough says that two German vessels participating in the east coast bombardment were badly damaged and are believed to have been sunken.

THE BOMBARDMENT LASTED FOR NEARLY AN HOUR

Lloyd's agent at West Hartlepool reports that the bombardment of Hartlepool lasted from 8:20 o'clock until 8:45 and that during this time the inhabitants of the town were panic stricken. The sound of firing was heard by the citizens, but no ships could be seen at that time. Large crowds assembled on the beach and within a few minutes the shells began to fall into the town after which the crowds fled for their lives.

LONDON BADLY SCARED WHEN NEWS IS LEARNED

When the news of the German ravages reached London the excitement there was little less than that right on the line of bombardment. The Admiralty made a rather short announcement of the attack at first and later followed this up with what few details could be learned at that hour. Thousands of excited Britons crowded around bulletin boards and read the dispatches. The official announcement said: "German movements of some importance are taking place this morning in the North Sea. Scarborough and Hartlepool have been shelled and our flotillas have at various points been engaged. The situation is developing."

FUGATIVES SAY GERMAN BOMBARDMENT WAS HEAVY. Hull, Dec. 16. (via London)—Fugitives reaching here from Scarborough say that the German bombardment was heavy and that great damage was done to property. The morning train from Scarborough, to Hull brought many passengers who left Scarborough when the shelling commenced. A railroad man has wired his wife here from Scarborough saying: "Shells are falling thickly around me; but I am all right."

CITIZENS OF SCARBOROUGH THROWN INTO A PANIC.

Hull, Eng., Dec. 16.—Refugees from the bombarded seaport of Scarborough arrived here today. Three churches at Scarborough, it is reported, were fired when the German cruisers bombarded the town. The gas works were set afire and two railway platforms destroyed. The inhabitants of Scarborough were all thrown into a panic, many fleeing from the city.

TWO GERMAN SHIPS SHELL TOWN OF WHITBY.

London, Dec. 16.—Whitby also was bombarded by the German raiding fleet. The historic abbey was partially destroyed. The German vessels appeared off the English coast at daybreak. Two cruisers attacked Whitby. All the bombardments were without the slightest warning. A British fleet has been ordered north to engage the enemy. Shells struck the postoffice at Hartlepool, inflicting three employees. The Germans fired from three miles off shore upon Whitby.

HARTLEPOOL

Hartlepool is a seaport or municipal borough, in the southeast portion of the county of Durham. It is about forty miles northwest of Scarborough on a promontory that extends into the North Sea. Its population is about 25,000. Adjoining Hartlepool is West Hartlepool, which are provided with a vast system of docks, before the war had an active trade with the Baltic ports and with Hamburg. (Continued on page eight)

GENERAL SCOTT WILL REACH NAGO THIS MORNING

Chief of Staff of the Army Ordered There in Haste

SITUATION IS BAD

Governor Maytorena Says His Troops Will Stop Firing Across Border

Washington, Dec. 16.—General Hugh Scott, chief of staff of the army, has been ordered to Nago by Secretary of War Garrison to take entire charge of the situation there, which has grown critical. General Scott will reach Nago tomorrow. Secretary of War Garrison sent General Scott to the Mexican border because Scott is personally acquainted with Villa and many other leaders, in a final attempt to prevent conditions which if they continue, are certain to result in an armed clash.

NAGO BESIEGED

Washington, Dec. 16.—While American reinforcements were ready to entrain today for Nago, Arizona, administration officials learned unofficially that Governor Maytorena, commander of the Villa troops besieging the Mexican town of Nago, had announced he would discontinue firing into United States territory. That compliance with orders of Provisional President Gutierrez, it was believed here, would relieve the tense situation.

BRITISH WON'T SEARCH SHIPS

Will Forego Exercise of Looking Over Boat's Cargo. Washington, Dec. 16.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, advised the state department today that his government was willing to forego the exercise of the right of search of vessels from American ports if the shipmasters would satisfy British consuls at ports of departure as to the neutral character of their cargoes. Unless this is done cargo ships will be subject to the ordinary rules of warfare and may be searched on the high seas or taken to the nearest British port for that purpose.

THE NICARAGUAN TREATY PASSES

Foreign Relations Committee Make Favorable Report. Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—A favorable report on the Nicaraguan treaty was made to the Senate today by the Foreign Relations Committee.

VIRGINIAN GOES TO SWITZERLAND.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The Senate confirmed today the nomination of Charles Champbloss, Jr., of Virginia, to be secretary of the American legation at Berne, Switzerland.

INQUEST ON BATTLESHIP HORROR.

Chatham, Eng. 16.—The inquest into the deaths of the 800 men who were lost when the battleship Bulwark was blown up off Sheerness, opened here today. The Admiralty has already made its investigation of the circumstances surrounding the ill fate of the warship, which sank in November. Identification has been made of the bodies recovered.

MINES EXPLODE NEAR BIG BOAT; LIVES AT STAKE

Three Hours Out of Liverpool the Transylvania Has Escape

PANIC REIGNED

Passengers Sure That Boat Had Been Struck and Would Sink

New York, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Early this morning the big Cunard liner Transylvania, arrived in port and as soon as the gangways had been lowered, passengers disembarking told of the narrow escape that they had three hours after leaving Liverpool on the night of December 6. According to the story told, a heavy storm was raging and the seas were running high. Suddenly and without the slightest warning there was a terrific explosion to the starboard and the giant ship trembled from stem to stern.

FRANK'S COUNSEL MAY ASK FOR REVIEW OF CASE

They Are Seriously Considering Taking Such Action

DEVELOPMENT SOON

Their Plans Will Probably Mature Today or Tomorrow. Atlanta, Dec. 16.—The probability that counsel for Leo M. Frank will again ask the United States Supreme Court to review the famous murder case was given added strength today by admissions of attorneys that they are considering seriously an address by United States District Attorney Hooper Alexander Tuesday afternoon in the Atlanta Law School, in which, in answer to questions he made the point that Frank, in his opinion, still has a chance of appeal.

THE BRITISH AFTER TEUTONS IN BELGIUM

Bombarded West End Yesterday In Attempt to Drive Them Out

BELGIANS FIGHTING

Repulse German Attacks and Occupy Good Positions. Paris, Dec. 16.—(Central News Cable)—An official statement issued tonight says that the British today bombarded West End in Belgium, which is being held by the Germans. The Belgian army repulsed a German attack and occupied positions on the left bank of the Yser. Gains are reported at other points on the Allied lines.

AMBASSADOR LEAVES

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The attempt of the Allies to advance in Belgium by way of Neuport and supported by warships at sea, was frustrated. About four hundred and fifty prisoners were taken.

OFF TO VIENNA

London, Dec. 16.—A Central News Dispatch from Constantinople via Amsterdam states Khodive Kilmi of Egypt has gone to Vienna for a conference with the Austrian authorities.

AN EX-PHYSICIAN SHOT HIS WIFE

New York Man Then Blew His Own Brains Out. New York, Dec. 16.—After shooting down his wife as she walked among an early morning crowd in 122 street this morning, Lazarus Finklestein, fifty years of age and an ex-physician and teacher of various languages, turned the smoking revolver on himself and sent a bullet into his own brain.

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