

German Ships Shell British Cities and Escape

Teuton Ships Fight Fleet Off the North Sea Coast of England

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TORPEDO BOATS OF UNION JACK MEET HOSTILE CRUISERS

British Flotilla Engages German Men-of-War Eight Miles Off English Coast.

TEUTONS OPEN FIRE AT ONCE

Hartlepool Correspondent of London Papers Reports Two Raiding Boats Lost.

ANOTHER STORY IS OF DAMAGE

Middlesborough Dispatch Asserts Couple of Kaiser's Ships Are Injured.

DEFENDERS SUFFER, RUMORED

One Story Has It that King George's Craft Harmed.

SUBMARINE WITH THE FLEET

Evening Star Learns that Destroyer Accompanies the Armada Directed Against Island Kingdom.

BULLETIN.
HARTLEPOOL, England, Dec. 16.—(Via London, ec. 16.)—It is reported here that a flotilla of British torpedo boat destroyers early this morning encountered three German cruisers eight miles off the English coast. The cruisers immediately opened fire.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Evening Standard's Hartlepool correspondent says of the German raid on the English coast:
"Two German warships are believed to have been sunk. The captain of a ketch lying off Saltburn says he saw three German ships engaged. One of these was blown up, another holed and the third was still fighting."

LONDON, Dec. 16.—A Central News dispatch from Middlesborough, Yorkshire, says that two of the German warships which bombarded the English coast were badly damaged and are believed to have sunk.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Reports are current in London that two German cruisers have been sunk in the North Sea.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—(3:12 p. m.)—The Yorkshire Evening News reports that two German cruisers were sunk in today's engagement and that the British flotilla was damaged.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—A message to the Evening Star from Hartlepool says that a German submarine accompanied two German cruisers which bombarded that city. They appeared off the west of Hartlepool at 5 o'clock this morning and in a bombardment lasting half an hour inflicted great damage in all parts of the city.
The message adds that a shell from one of the German cruisers struck the office of the Northern Daily Mail, destroying it. The workrooms were empty at the time. Several dwellings are in ruins.
No mention is made of casualties except a reference to one person who was wounded.

The Weather

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Mostly cloudy, slowly rising temperature.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:
11 a. m. 40
1 p. m. 42
3 p. m. 44
5 p. m. 46
7 p. m. 48
9 p. m. 50
11 p. m. 52
Lowest 40
Highest 52
Mean 45
Precipitation .00
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:
Normal temperature 38
Deficiency for the day 7
Normal precipitation .00
Deficiency for the day .00
Total rainfall since March 1.25 inches
Deficiency since March 1.25 inches
Deficiency for year (1914-1915) 5.29 inches
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Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.
Station and State Temp. High. Rain. Wind. Dir. Fall.
Chicago, clear 45 40 0 0
Denver, clear 45 40 0 0
Des Moines, clear 45 40 0 0
London, cloudy 50 45 0 0
North Platte, clear 45 40 0 0
Omaha, clear 45 40 0 0
Pueblo, clear 45 40 0 0
Salt Lake City, pt. cloudy 38 34 0 0
Santa Fe, cloudy 38 34 0 0
Sheridan, clear 45 40 0 0

WESTERN FRONT OF WAR—Russian commanding officer, with Cossack scout officers, making observations near Cracow.



STATE SHIPPERS HOLD CONVENTION

Hundred Fifty Delegates at Opening Meeting of Grain and Live Stock Association.

Assembly Will Go Over Prospective Bills to Come Before the Legislature and Likely Offer Some Amendments.

One hundred and fifty delegates gathered for the opening of the convention of the Nebraska Co-operative Grain and Live Stock Shipping Association at the Home Hotel. The organization is to hold its session for three days. Mayor James C. Dahlman welcomed the delegates and President J. S. Canaday of Minden responded. Reports and routine business occupied the forenoon and part of the afternoon session.
That the co-operative grain and live stock shipping associations of the state are steadily growing in numbers is shown by the report of Secretary J. W. Short-hill of Hampton. His report indicates that a year ago there were 196 such organizations in the state, operating 203 elevators, and at this time, just a year later, there are 236 such co-operative companies in the state, operating 239 elevators. This he says is the largest one year's growth made proportionally in the last five years.
Membership is large. The average number of members of each company in the state is 106, according to the secretary's report, making a total membership in the state in such local companies of 25,000.
The average number of bushels of grain each of the co-operative elevators will hold is given as 2,500, or an aggregate capacity of 5,950,000.
The average amount of money invested in these companies is \$8,500, or a total in the state of upwards of \$2,000,000.
The average number of bushels of grain handled annually by each of the elevators is 156,000, making a total of over 37,900,000 bushels of grain shipped annually by the co-operative companies.
Will Discuss Laws.
The proposed warehouse law, the blue sky law, and some matters pertaining to the constitutional provisions for the voting in the co-operative company affairs are among the leading topics that will likely be acted upon.
Secretary Short-hill said before the convention that it is unlikely that the co-operative companies will care to send for a warehouse law that will provide for compulsory storing of grain in the elevators throughout the country.
Last night there was a directors' session, in which a round table talk for miscellaneous subjects was conducted by E. R. Danielson of Osceola.

BRITISH SUFFER IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

German Statement Asserts English Fleet Damaged in Battle with Von Spee.

ONE SHIP IS REPORTED SUNK
King George's War Vessels in Pursuit of Cruiser Dresden, According to Santiago Report to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Despatches to the German embassy today from the German minister at Santiago, Chile, announced that the British fleet, which sank the cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig off the Falkland Islands recently, was badly damaged, and that one of the British ships apparently was sunk.
A statement, issued tonight at the embassy said:
"According to information received by the German embassy from Chile the battle off the Falkland Islands lasted from 9 o'clock in the morning until 7 o'clock in the evening.
"On the British side the Invincible, Inflexible, Canopus, Carnarvon, Cornwall, Kent, Glasgow and Bristol were engaged. Many German officers and men were saved, lack of boats prevented the number being larger. The British cruiser Dresden did not take part and has been seen around at Port Stanley.
"Only seven English cruisers left the scene of battle, so that one must have been sunk. Others were badly damaged."
Two British warships are pursuing the German cruiser Dresden, which left Punta Arenas on Sunday, according to an official telegram received today from the American embassy at Santiago, Chile.
MONTVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 16.—It is announced that the British fleet, which recently defeated the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Leipzig and Nürnberg off the Falkland Islands, will arrive here next Sunday. The German survivors of the battle will not be landed.

CRAFT OF RAIDERS DISAPPEAR AFTER ATTACK ON ALBION

German Cruisers Escape After Bombarding British Ports and Killing Many.

THREE PLACES ARE SHELLED

Hartlepool, Whitby and Scarborough Raked by Sea Cannon of Wilhelm.

EIGHTEEN DIE AT ONE TOWN

Four Persons Slain Outright in One House, While Coast Guard Station Destroyed.

NEW EXPERIENCE FOR BRITAIN

Admiralty Says Losses on Both Sides Are Small.

CALLS RAID A DEMONSTRATION

Naval Bureau of Government Protests Not to See Anything in Assault of Significance.

BULLETIN.
LONDON, Dec. 16.—The following is the official press bureau's statement on the German attack on the English coast:
"This morning a German cruiser force made a demonstration upon the Yorkshire coast, in the course of which they shelled Hartlepool, Whitby and Scarborough.
"Stay About Hour.
"A number of their fastest ships were employed for this purpose and they remained about an hour on the coast.
"They were engaged by patrol vessels on the spot. As soon as the presence of the enemy was reported, a British patrolling squadron endeavored to cut them off. On being sighted by the British vessels the Germans retired at full speed and, favored by the mist, made their escape.
"The losses on both sides are small, but full reports have not yet been received.
"No Military Significance.
"The admiralty takes the opportunity of pointing out that demonstrations of this character against unfortified towns or commercial ports, though not difficult to accomplish, provided a certain amount of risk is accepted, are devoid of military significance.
"They may cause some loss of life among the civil population, and damage to private property, which is much to be regretted; but they must not in any circumstance be allowed to modify the general naval policy which is being pursued."
Eighteen Killed.
LONDON, Dec. 16.—A dispatch from Scarborough, passed by the London censor, says that eighteen people were killed at Scarborough today by the bombardment of German warships. In one house four persons were killed outright and in another house three were killed by burning shells.
The local station of the coast guard was blown to pieces by shells.
Communion was being celebrated in St. Martin's church, when two shells struck the building. The congregation remained calm.
The events of today have resulted in a general fund of alien anxieties on the east coast of England. Many such men are now being held pending a clearing up of the situation.

Two Mines Clash and Explode Few Yards from a Big Passenger Vessel

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The big Cunard liner, Transylvania, in today from Liverpool, with 388 passengers, had a narrow escape from destruction by a mine at 4 o'clock in the morning of December 6. During a storm off the north coast of Ireland two mines were dashed together by waves and exploded about twenty-five feet off the steamer's bow.
A fragment of steel from one of the mines shot across the deck of the liner and fell away a part of the railing. It fell upon the deck and was picked up by one of the passengers.
The force of the explosion, it was said, lifted the bow of the Transylvania out of the water.
The Transylvania left Liverpool at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of December 5. During the night the steamer ran into a heavy storm and many of the passengers were awakened by the tossing of the

ship. A few minutes after 4 o'clock in the morning a terrific explosion caused the ship to tremble from bow to stern. The passengers rushed on-deck.
Officers told the passengers that nothing had happened, that what they had heard was a thunderclap. Then the passengers found the space that had been torn out of the deck railing and one of them picked up a fragment of the mine that had caused the damage.
Among the passengers was Sir Charles Allom, chairman of the British prisoners of war help committee. Sir Charles said he came to America to try to have a committee of Americans and other neutrals appointed to investigate conditions and surroundings of British, Belgian, French and Russian soldiers in German detention camps and military prisoners. The committee, he said, proposed that remedial measures should be taken.

KAISER'S SHIPS BOMBARD THREE ENGLISH TOWNS

German Cruisers Drop Shells Into Scarborough, Hartlepool and Whitby on North Coast.

PEOPLE SEIZED WITH PANIC

Residents at Hartlepool Attracted to Beach by Boom of Guns Flee from Shells.

SEVERAL KILLED AND INJURED

Exact Extent of the Damage to Property Has Not Yet Been Ascertained.

GREAT EXCITEMENT IN LONDON

Announcement of Raid Causes Much Fright at Capital.

RUMORS OF NAVAL FIGHTING

British War Office Says Engagements Are On at Several Points and that the Situation is Developing.

BULLETIN.
LONDON, Dec. 16.—A German fleet made a sudden dash into the North Sea today, shelled Scarborough, Whitby and Hartlepool, English coast towns on the North Sea, and engaged certain units of the British fleet.
Four German cruisers appeared off Scarborough at an early hour and began to bombard the town. It is apparent that they had no difficulty in dropping shells into the city. Panic seized the people and many of them fled from their homes.
The news of this naval raid was announced by the British admiralty shortly before 11:30 o'clock this morning and it threw London into the greatest state of excitement that has prevailed since the outbreak of the war.
The preliminary announcement of the admiralty made no mention of the damage to Scarborough, which is a fashionable sea resort on the North sea, thirty-seven miles northeast of York, and a little over 200 miles from London, or to Hartlepool, an important shipping center, about forty miles northwest of Scarborough.
Naval Battle Developing.
British flotillas have been engaged with the enemy at several points, however, and at noon the situation was described by the admiralty as "developing."
It could not be ascertained at first whether this German attack was designed merely to spread panic among the British people or whether its purpose was to engage the British fleet in a general action, or to act as an escort in an attempt to land troops on the British coast.
Neither Scarborough nor Hartlepool are fortified. Scarborough has a population of 40,000 people, and during the summer months the seaside hotels are crowded. At this time of the year, however, the hotels are comparatively deserted. Hartlepool has a population of 25,000 people.
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GERMANS GATHER WARSAW FORCES

Invaders Concentrating Fighters at Extreme Left of Their Lowicz-Flow Front.

EVERYTHING NORMAL IN CITY

Metropolis of Poland Showing Practically No Apprehension and People Not Worried About Bombs, According to Report.

WARSAW, Dec. 16.—(Via London.)—While the consensus of opinion in Warsaw is that the second German attempt to reach the city has resulted in failure, it is a fact that the Germans have begun a rapid concentration of their forces at the extreme left of their Lowicz-Flow front, practically on the banks of the Vistula. They are said to have thrown a bridge across the river to the southeast of Plock, and it appears that they are preparing to cross the Vistula to the rear of the Russian line running between Plock and a point south of Mlawa, or move up the left bank between Flow and the river.
This new German concentration in such force, it is believed by competent Russian observers here, constitutes an effort to drive a wedge back to Sochaczew, thirty miles west of Warsaw, with the idea of cutting railroad communication between Lodz and Warsaw. This movement has been met by a strongly reinforced Russian column which during the last several days has been slowly forcing the Germans back in the vicinity of Sochaczew. Here the fighting has been severe, each side making repeated attacks and counter attacks.
Warsaw Life Normal.
Little apprehension of the outcome of the fighting in the immediate vicinity is evident in Warsaw, where business houses are open and the streets thronged as usual. The frequent flights of German aeroplanes on bomb-dropping expeditions continue, but the people of Warsaw apparently are becoming accustomed to such visitations which, with one or two exceptions, have resulted in little damage or loss of life. A total of twenty-six bombs have been dropped on the city of Warsaw. The most serious results followed the falling of such a missile in a crowded tenement district, where eight people are reported to have been killed and several wounded.
In the north of Poland the Germans appear to have directed their aerial efforts to the destruction of railroad terminals, where a number of their bombs have fallen.

The Day's War News

The long expected German attack on England was made today, and for the first time in the history of the United Kingdom hostile warships bombarded English towns. Scarborough, Hartlepool, Redcar and Whitby, on the shore of the North Sea, were shelled by German warships. The extent of the damage inflicted was not revealed in the early reports.
Although the raid on England overshadowed all other developments for the time being, there are important occurrences in other quarters. The French official statement says that some further progress has been made by the allies in Belgium, that German attacks in Alsace and the Woerwe district had been repulsed and that British warships have again bombarded German positions on the coast of Belgium.
It is reported at Constantinople that the tribes of northern Albania have declared war on Serbia.
King Peter of Serbia has repulsed Belgrade in triumph, and the Serbian general staff states that not a single Austrian remains within the borders.
Premier Salandra of Italy again stated that the rightful position of the country was one of "watchful neutrality," and the position of the government was endorsed by Parliament.
The khedive of Egypt is said to have gone to Vienna to confer with Austrian government officials.
The eastern coast of England was raided today by German warships, which dropped shells in several towns along a forty-mile strip of coast. Considerable damage was done in Scarborough, Whitby and Hartlepool, and it is reported that several persons were killed or wounded. The German raid apparently was performed by a few fast cruisers and so far as is known the main British and German fleets were not engaged. London has a report that two German warships were sunk.

Kaiser is Almost Recovered, Soon Leaves for Front

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BERLIN, Dec. 16.—(Special Wireless Dispatch to New York World and The Omaha Bee via Skyville.)—The Kaiser's health is improving. It is learned from a high source that he will be able to return to the front in a day or two at most.

RAID PROBABLY STRATEGIC MOVE

Attack on British Towns Interests Washington Diplomats and Naval Experts.

INTENDED TO CAUSE A SCARE

Belief that it Will Lure British Warships from Stations and Keep British Troops at Home.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The German naval raid on British coast towns excited widespread attention in naval, military and diplomatic circles and was the absorbing topic in official and congressional circles. The first feeling was one of surprise that the cordons of British ships which was said to form a ring of assured defense around the British Isles, had been suddenly penetrated and serious damage inflicted on the British coast ports.
It was pointed out that this might put to a serious test the late Rear Admiral Mahan's noted theory of sea power, according to which a strong naval force could hold at bay the attacks of invaders.
It was recalled also that the northeast coast of England, in the immediate vicinity of today's German attack, had been the historic point of England's invasion in the past, the Normans having entered through the Humber and advanced toward York, where the famous battle of Stamford bridge was fought. All historic Danish and Teutonic movements

The National Capital

Wednesday, December 16, 1914.

The Senate.
Foreign relations committee ordered Nicaraguan treaty reported for ratification.
Administration purchase bill reported favorably from commerce committee after Democrats had voted down all amendments.
Hearings continued on power site land leasing bill and Philippine independence bill.
List at noon.
Justified the London convention for safety at sea, with resolution reserving certain rights to the United States.
Adjourned at 5:15 p. m. to noon Thursday.

The House.
Colonel Roosevelt declined to appear before naval committee.
Legislative appropriation bill debated on the floor.
Thayer bill authorizing sitting of federal court for eastern district of Ohio at Steubenville as well as at Cincinnati.
Adjourned at 5:05 p. m. to 11 a. m. Thursday.

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Germany Increases Its Stock of Gold

BERNE, Switzerland (Via Paris), Dec. 16.—12:10 p. m.—The increase in the Imperial Bank of Germany's gold stock from 1,323,000,000 marks (\$213,200,000) since the beginning of the war to 1,501,000,000 marks (\$247,300,000), as shown in the last report of the bank is explained in German newspapers as being due to repulsive measures of the government against trading in gold as a commodity at a premium and by the continuous urging, especially in the payments, to induce them in the national interest to give up their gold hoards in exchange for notes.
In this the clergy, German newspapers say, have been especially helpful. German officers and privates also are said to have given up their gold pocket money with which they started for the front.

Thousands in Chicago Are Given Lodgings

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Forty-one hundred homeless and jobless men were given beds in two municipal lodging houses and the Davies hotel last night, the third night of the present cold wave. In one municipal lodging house 2,100 men slept.
Negotiations were completed by the city authorities today for another building, which will house 1,000 men.

Turkey Gives Italy Satisfaction Sought

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Turkey has complied with the demand of Italy by turning the British consul at Hodeida, Arabia, to the Italian consulate, from which he had been forcibly removed and has made an explanation with the promise of punishment for those guilty of the breach of diplomatic relations.

KING PETER ENTERS BELGRADE WITH TROOPS

LONDON, Dec. 16.—King Peter and Crown Prince Alexander, and Prince George have entered Belgrade at the head of the victorious Serbian army, according to a dispatch received by Reuter's Telegram company today from Nish.
Not a single Austrian, a statement by the Serbian general staff says, remains on the Serbian soil.

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