

## BRITISH STIRRED BY GERMAN RAID

### NEARLY 100 NON-COMBATANTS KILLED; FLOATING MINES SCATTERED

### LAND BATTLES ON WEST SHOW GERMANY ON DOGGED DEFENSIVE

## BRITISH PUBLIC REALIZES WAR IS IMMINENT MENACE TO THE HOMES OF ENGLAND

SHARP STIMULUS GIVEN RECRUITING—NEWSPAPERS SAY ACCURATE FIRING OF GERMAN GUNS SHOWS WORK OF PREPARATION DONE BY SPIES—ADMIRALTY SUSPENDS TRAFFIC BECAUSE OF MINES LEFT BEHIND BY SPEEDING RAIDERS—SQUADRON BELIEVED TO HAVE REACHED HELIGOLAND SAFELY LAST NIGHT

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.] LONDON, England, Dec. 17.—The British people, though stirred to wrath by the bombardment of the coast towns by the Germans, do not belittle the skill and daring of the German raiders. Their exploit in threading the mine-strewn and closely-patrolled waters of the North Sea, undetected by British ships, and reaching the coast of Yorkshire is given full credit by the people and the newspapers.

The sentiment generally expressed is a hope that the Germans come again and again until they come once too often. The immediate effect of the raid has been to stimulate sharply the recruiting of soldiers for the front.

The public, bristling with wrath, realizes for the first time since the war started that the conflict is not solely continental in its scope, but is a menace to British hearths and homes.

The accurate, rapid range-finding of the German gunners and the effectiveness with which their shells were dropped upon important buildings convinces the British newspapers that spies ably assisted in making the bombardment possible.

## Scarborough Badly Damaged, Many Killed and Wounded, by Shelling

SCARBOROUGH, England, Dec. 17.—Later reports of the loss of life and damage due to the shelling by the German warships yesterday increases the seriousness of the effects.

Shells struck the nurses' quarters of the Scarborough hospital, doing much damage. Other shells made great breaches in the walls of the historic old castle that is one of the scenic features of the town; wrecked the railway station and demolished whole rows of houses.

A single shell killed 15 schoolboys. A building which collapsed after being wrecked by shells, carried down and crushed to death ten people who were seeking shelter in it from the falling of shells.

Twenty-five people were killed and 30 wounded. The resentment is bitter because the town was unable to retaliate when the Germans fired upon it.

## Germans Leave Mines and Get Back to Heligoland; Merchantmen Sunk

LONDON, England, Dec. 17.—The German cruisers, retreating from the English coast after their raid yesterday, dropped floating mines astern. Four merchantmen off Flamborough Head came in contact with these mines and were sunk early today.

The admiralty has suspended all traffic over the area in which the Germans operated.

It is estimated at midnight that the Germans reached the haven of Heligoland at midnight last night. They were absent 30 hours, according to the figuring of the experts.

## Fifty-Five Dead, 115 Wounded as Result of Hartlepool Bombardment

HARTLEPOOL, England, Dec. 17.—Fifty-five people were killed here and 115 injured by the German bombardment.

## Two Dead, Two Hurt at Whitby

WHITBY, England, Dec. 17.—Two dead and two wounded is the result of the German shell-fire on this town yesterday.

## THAYER URGES STATE DEPARTMENT TO SEARCH FOR JOHN C. BRIDWELL

Territorial Secretary W. W. Thayer today sent another cable to the state department at Washington urging a search for John C. Bridwell, assistant superintendent of entomology at the government nursery, who disappeared some months ago while he was supposed to be en route home from Africa. Bridwell accompanied David T. Fullaway to Africa in search of fruit parasites. Fullaway returned

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## PRESIDENT MAY VISIT HAWAII

### SECY. DANIELS HERE IN APRIL

Former Governor Frear Breaks News at Commercial Club Meeting Today—Has Promise of Navy Chief, Who Will Try to Persuade Wilson to Make Trip

Secretary of the Navy Daniels will visit Hawaii next April and will do his best to persuade President Wilson to make the trip.

This was the "snapper" that former Governor Walter F. Frear cracked at the end of an interesting luncheon talk before the Commercial Club this noon. For an hour the former chief executive of the territory spoke of national politics and policies, both general and pertaining specially to Hawaii, his observations being based on a residence tour of more than a year in the national capital, during which time he was in close touch with congressional and executive affairs.

It was in connection with Pearl Harbor drydock legislation that Mr. Frear gave out the big news of the proposed visit.

"Just before I left Washington," said Mr. Frear, "the secretary of the navy told me that he would accompany the president to the Panama-Pacific Exposition, through the Panama canal, and that he would take a fast cruiser from San Francisco and come to Hawaii. He said that he would do his best to persuade the president to make the trip also."

This announcement brought forth a round of applause, and which Mr. Frear took his seat.

The speaker touched only lightly on the drydock matter, saying that the negotiations had been successfully concluded, and that the contractors would finish the dock under radically different plans. It will take about three and a half years to complete the work, and during that time employment will be given to several hundred men.

Mr. Frear gave a comprehensive sketch of the political and economic situation as he had observed it. Touching only the high lights, he covered a wide field, giving his auditors a glimpse of what is going on in the seat of government. The talk was stamped by fairness and was distinctly non-partisan.

Following are a few of Mr. Frear's comments:

"Naturally there is a vast difference of opinion in Washington, as to the present administration. This ranges all the way from what one statesman called the 'administration tango,' which he described as 'one step forward, two steps backward, one side-step and hesitate' to the highest praise for the president and Congress. Personally I believe that President Wilson is one of the greatest of the great men elected to fill that high office."



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Makes Interesting Luncheon Talk for One Hour, During Which He Tells of Politics and Policies, National and Local, and of the Pearl Harbor Drydock Project

"As to the tariff, it would be folly for anyone to predict what will happen, for no one knows, and no one can know, but I shall not be surprised for one if the tariff that most affects Hawaii is restored. The sensible thing to do in this matter, though, is to prepare for the worst."

"The men that I met in Congress and in the executive departments all seem kindly disposed to Hawaii, but I was told again and again how necessary it was for some one in an official position to be on the ground to represent Hawaii, who is able to supply information when required."

Mr. Frear followed this with a strong boost for Jack DeSha, secretary to Delegate Kuhio, whom he described as "always on the job, and keenly alive to the interests of Hawaii."

Touching on the San Francisco exposition, preparations for which he characterized as "magnificent," Mr. Frear said:

"Who can tell what changes this great exposition will bring to Hawaii; what new shipping facilities, commercial benefits and increased tourist traffic?"

According to Mr. Frear recent legislation and proposed legislation indicates that the people are doing their own thinking, and getting out of the rut that commercial conditions following the civil war forced them into. He said that Hawaii hadn't been skipped in this great general movement for better laws and better conditions, and that the signs of the times could be read here as well as elsewhere.

Touching on some of the national movements considered by the last congress, the speaker said that prohibition as a national issue had been urged on congress, "perhaps without the immediate prospect of success."

Equal suffrage and the literacy test were other bills mentioned in brief. "The federal building bill for Hawaii may be expected to become a law at this session of congress," said Mr. Frear.

Summing up, the speaker said: "There are many hopeful things to look forward to for Hawaii, in connection with national matters. I think we should adopt a supplementary motto for the territory, 'never say die.'"

## ALLIES' ATTEMPT TO PUSH TEUTONS OUT OF BELGIUM IS DEFINITELY UNDER WAY

MANY WEDGES DRIVEN INTO GERMAN LINE BY SIMULTANEOUS OFFENSIVE MOVEMENTS—BERLIN OFFICIAL DESPATCH CONFIRMS FACT THAT ALLIES ARE ON OFFENSIVE, BUT DECLARES ATTACKS UNSUCCESSFUL—GERMANS SAY RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE AGAINST SILESIA AND POSEN HAS COMPLETELY BROKEN DOWN AND ALL ALONG POLISH FRONT SLAVS ARE RETREATING

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.] LONDON, England, Dec. 17.—In the western arena of war, along the extended front in Belgium and France, the roles of the contending armies are now completely reversed.

The Germans are doggedly on the defensive. The attempt of the Allies to push the Germans out of Belgium is now definitely under way. Their manifold efforts along the line have driven many wedges into the German front.

The German line is no longer a straight front now but a series of obstinately held positions.

## Berlin Official Statement Denies Allies Have Gained on Offensive

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 17.—Official—"The continued French attacks against Nieuport have been unsuccessful."

"At Zillebecke and La Basse, the enemy's attacks have been costly and futile, our soldiers repulsing them with heavy loss."

"Our artillery successfully blocked an attempt by the French to bridge the river Aisne at Soissons. The French earthworks west of Rheims have been destroyed."

"There is no news from East Prussia."

"The Russian offensive against the defending armies in Silesia and at Posen has completely broken down. The enemy is retreating in all Poland after fierce and stubborn frontal battles."

## Paris Despatch Says Offensive Movement Meets With Successes

PARIS, France, Dec. 17.—Official—"Between the sea and the river Lys we have occupied several German trenches at the point of the bayonet and consolidated the positions at Longbaertzyde and St. Georges, as well as organized the territory taken west of Cheluvet."

"We have progressed at some points near Vermelles. No infantry attacks have been made elsewhere."

## Russian Warship Sinks German Steamer

PETROGRAD, Russia, Dec. 17.—Official—"A Russian warship has sunk the German steamer Kerasunt off the Turkish coast. The Russians first ordered off all aboard the steamer. Only two Turkish officers and 12 soldiers obeyed. The others all went down."

## GOETHALS WOULD STOP BREACH OF WIRELESS RULES

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—The need of U. S. war vessels at the Canal Zone has been explained in a message from Col. Goethals. He says that there have been no violations of neutrality except in the use of the wireless by belligerents. He adds that he has been unable to detect or warn offenders without a patrol and it is for patrol purposes he wished the destroyers sent by the navy department.

## LONG BEACH IS STORM VICTIM; DAMAGE COSTLY

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.] LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 17.—A severe southeast storm has wrecked six houses here and made breaches in the cement promenade. Several schooners have been swamped and much damage done to factories and other buildings.

## L. L. McCANDLESS BUYS INTEREST IN KONA RANCH

With Alike C. Dowsett Secures the Paris & Roy Property For About \$30,000

L. L. McCandless and Alike C. Dowsett, the latter being manager of the Dowsett ranch on this island, have concluded a deal for the purchase of the Paris & Roy ranch in Kona, Hawaii. Mr. McCandless, when asked about the purchase this morning, said he doubted if he was at liberty to mention the consideration, but at the same time stated that the figure was around \$30,000.

Further, he said that the property would be continued as a cattle ranch, no particular improvements being in view for the present.

There is between 15,000 and 20,000 acres of the land held under lease and about 1000 acres in fee simple. Just now the ranch carries 1800 cattle, large and small.

Former Senator John D. Paris is senior partner in the firm of Paris & Roy, which has sold the ranch.

Cecil Brown's tenth annual account as trustee of the estate of George E. Boardman was approved by Judge Whitney this morning.

## 'JACK' M'GRATH UNDER ARREST ON OPIUM CHARGE

Is Alleged to Have Been Connected With Local "Ring" Authorities are Fighting

At the instance of Roger Taylor, a customs inspector, a warrant was issued in the federal court this morning for the arrest of "Jack" McGrath, who now is in detention at the police station, on the charge of smuggling opium and of having the poppy drug in his possession. The warrant for McGrath's arrest was served by the marshal this afternoon.

According to the police, McGrath for the past several years has been under suspicion as having something to do with an opium ring which it is alleged is in existence in Honolulu. The police brand him as being "notorious." He was taken into custody at about 11:30 o'clock last night in a restaurant, the arrest having been made by a member of the staff of Captain of Detectives Muluffe. The story told by the officers is that McGrath, under the impression that he was talking to a German naval officer, exhibited two cans each partially filled with what is believed to be opium, to a member of the detective department in a saloon. His arrest followed shortly.

The tins containing a substance believed to be opium were placed in the hands of the customs officials, who

## C. R. FORBES TO INSPECT BOOKS OF R. T. COMPANY

Governor's Instructions Will Be Carried Out With Field, Probably, Aiding

The territory's official inspection of the books and plant of the Honolulu Rapid Transit Company, as promised by the governor in his letter to President L. Tenney Peck of the company last Saturday will begin next Monday morning.

Superintendent Charles R. Forbes of the public works department, acting under the chief executive's order, will begin with an assistant the work of going through the company's accounts and examining its entire system. He has notified the company to this effect, and says the job probably will require a week's time.

The nature of civil action by the territory against the streetcar corporation, which has been hinted at, likely will be determined by Superintendent Forbes' findings. Forbes does not say whom his assistant will be, though it is said by some that H. Gooding Field is slated for the business, as he is an expert accountant and assisted the governor materially in reviewing the company's reports just before the extension bill his endorsement.

Legal authority for the inspection by the superintendent is given in section 868, chapter 66, of the Revised Laws of Hawaii, a statute which Gov-

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