

ing to the excited honking of the royal horn demanding the right of way. When the taxicab driver finally scowled back to him who was insisting upon the road he almost drove the taxicab into the ditch in his spasms of embarrassment.

It is to the credit of the British airmen that they were able to engage the enemy before they crossed the city limits. The people in South London plainly heard the popping of the machine guns as the British planes went into action.

The raid left many people with a bad case of nerves. At one point where the crowds were thick after the bombs had been dropped the women ran for doorways when an automobile fire blew out. Many women sought refuge in their children and refused to come out for hours after the Germans disappeared.

CROWDS WATCH RAID.

From Streets and Hoop, Thousands Watch Middy Bombardment.

LONDON, June 13.—The raiding German airplanes appeared over the busiest part of the eastern section of London at half past 11 this morning and worked a westerly course, dropping bombs on the East End and anti-aircraft guns from perches around the business district.

Chased by British Planes.

British airplanes ascended immediately the signal was given that hostile machines were coming, but the Germans remained at a low altitude. Few swiftly, and evidently the British fighters had difficulty in the pursuit, for the loss of only one German machine has been recorded.

The weather favored the German enterprise, as the sky was dull and misty, with clouds in which the machines were difficult to detect.

A large party of the British squadron came up the Thames, the fliers separating after they had crossed the English coast and appeared in the London sky.

Terrible scenes were witnessed at a railway station where the bombs were dropped. Luckily they missed the busy portion of the station, but struck a train carrying a large number of passengers.

One bomb hit the train squarely and one crashed through the roof of the carriage, killing several and wounding many.

It is believed that twenty-four persons were injured in this train. Another coach was in the service of a traveling medical board. This also burst into flames and soon became a charred mass.

It is stated that the air raiders discharged aerial torpedoes as well as bombs, cutting through and passing through the roofs of several buildings where several persons were killed.

The bombing of a schoolhouse furnished one of the most pitiable scenes in the whole raid. The bomb struck the school, cutting through and passing through the roof of the building.

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ROOT AND HIS PARTY REACH PETROGRAD

Arrive in Capital as Russian Mission to U. S. Lands at Pacific Port.

FACES HEAVY TASK HERE

Bakhteff Must Reconcile His Orders With Views of New Government.

PETROGRAD, via London, June 13.—The American mission headed by Ellihu Root has arrived here.

The American railroad commission, headed by John F. Stevens, arrived in Petrograd to-day. The commission consists of eleven members, and was escorted into the capital by M. Melinsky.

At the Nikolai station to greet the Americans were David R. Francis, the American Ambassador, the staffs of the Embassy and of the American consulate, and S. N. Krasov, Minister of Ways and Communications in the Russian Cabinet.

The commission will establish general relations with the Russian Government, and especially with the Railroad and War Departments. As soon as we have formed judgment as to the special defects and needs of the Russian railroads we shall enter into negotiations with appropriate Russian officials in the United States to supply the necessary materials as soon as possible.

War Help Is the Aim. "The commission is strictly official," said Mr. Stevens. "Its primary object is to help the Allies in the war against Germany. The commission will establish general relations with the Russian Government, and especially with the Railroad and War Departments.

The motor car used by Vice-Admiral Root, commander of the expedition, was in the vicinity of one of the areas which was bombed most heavily. This gave rise to a report that the Admiral had had a narrow escape, but he was unharmed.

The following official statement was issued: "Lord French [commander of the home defenses] reports that about fifteen hostile airplanes were heard crossing the Essex coast, passing in the vicinity of the Nore (part of the estuary of the Thames) about 11 A. M. They proceeded in the direction of London, reaching the city having covered about half the distance.

The east end of London has been attacked and bombed, but no reports have been received of casualties or damage done. Anti-aircraft guns of the London defenses have been in action. A large number of airplanes are still in pursuit of this afternoon.

The first bombs were dropped on the eastern outskirts of London at about 11:40 A. M. Numerous bombs were dropped in various districts in the East End. One bomb fell in a railway station, hitting an incoming train.

Several persons were killed and many injured. Another bomb fell on a school, killing ten and injuring about fifty children. A number of warehouses were damaged and several stores looted.

A few bombs also were dropped near North Foreland and opposite the banks of the Thames, four persons being injured.

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FRENCH SHELL HITS MARK 10 MILES OFF

Half Ton Projectile Enters German Tunnels Mouth.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, June 13.—This story of modern warfare is related by an official authority who has been on the front in Champagne:

On May 20 the French prepared to retake the inexpressible positions on Mount Cornillet and Mount Teton. Photographs taken by their aviators showed an immense system of tunnels which apparently concealed German reserves.

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With Constantine Deposed, Entente Aims to Cut Off Bulgaria.

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UNSURPASSED MINERAL WATER

LABOR MEN BACKING FOOD CONTROL BILLS

Confer With Hoover and Decide Administration Measures Fit Case.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Convinced that the creation of a food administration will bring prices in the United States down fully 30 per cent, organized labor will go squarely behind the food control bills pending in Congress.

At a conference to-night with labor leaders and representatives of the labor group in Congress Herbert C. Hoover promised that the food administration, when organized, would force prices to a level at which the small wage earner could exist.

Mr. Hoover said that unless costs fall the farmer of moderate wages must get an increase in pay or go hungry.

Some of the labor leaders expressed anxiety as to whether the food bills are being drafted in such a way as to increase the measures provide full power to regulate prices.

Figures were quoted at the conference to show abnormal profits taken by middlemen. The statement was made that while flour is selling for around \$15 a barrel it is being manufactured in the West at a cost of about \$7 and sold at \$8 or \$9 and still give a good profit to dealers.

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