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Friday, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day being a statutory public holiday. The Morning Guardian will not be issued on Saturday, Dec. 26th.

The Evening Guardian will not be issued on Friday but will be published on Saturday as usual.

Advertisers will please note these changes.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1914.

VERDICT OF "MURDER"

As fuller details are received regarding the German raid on unfortified English cities, the studied brutality of the Germans becomes more and more apparent.

It appears from the evidence given at the Coroner's inquest on the victims and by eyewitnesses who were in a position to know, that two of the German cruisers steamed into the harbor of Scarborough, each flying a British flag, while two others kept watch outside.

The raid was evidently planned and executed for effect, while the murder was added with that ruthless cruelty which has characterized the German soldiers throughout the war.

The London Daily Chronicle in an editorial asks: "Is it henceforth to be a recognized practice of a civilized navy to bombard unfortified seaside pleasure towns and kill civilians in them?"

The Chronicle expresses surprise that neutral countries have not referred to these questions and proceeds to say that should the bombardment of unfortified watering places become such usage for the future, neutral countries will have themselves to thank for it.

"For those of them who have long coast lines and many peaceful seaside towns, it will be a very unfortunate thing," continues the Chronicle. "Countries like Germany and Austria with small coast lines and few ports need not mind, but the vast length of the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard of the United States will suffer terribly."

As reported in our recent telegrams, Premier Asquith has appointed a Commission to enquire into the charges of German cruelty and violation of international rules of warfare.

AUSTRIA

Two weeks ago, when Belgrade was taken, says a contemporary, its capture was made the occasion of a celebration of the birthday of the Austrian Emperor, which was timely enough.

Either misrepresentation was wired or the invaders have been badly fooled. From a purely military point of view, it would be nonsense to regard the possession of the Servian capital by one side or the other as a matter of supreme importance.

resources of Servia are taken into account. Worse than all, they have accentuated friction where success is absolutely dependent upon perfect concert of action.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN GERMANY

It is noted that while distress is mounting up from the working to the middle classes, the constant drain of men for the German armies does not bring about a proportional fall in unemployment.

HINDU IMMIGRATION

Newspapers on the Pacific coast are concerned over the cabled statement that Mr. Harcourt, the colonial secretary, has intimated that, in view of the loyalty of the King's Indian subjects, the embargo placed against them by the Dominions might be quite properly lifted.

The Province has contended that in British East Africa and in all our tropical Empire there is immense scope for Hindu immigration. Uganda is especially suited for it and those lands which are between the same latitudes as India.

EARL ROBERTS' LAST LETTER

The London Daily Telegraph recently published the following letter, the last written by Field Marshal Earl Roberts, for publication in "King Albert's Book."

"My admiration for the great part Belgium has played in the war now being waged against aggression, dishonourable contempt of Treaty obligations, falsehood and injustice knows no bounds. I feel most strongly that Great Britain owes Belgium a deep debt of gratitude which it will be difficult to repay."

"Inspired by the noble example of their King, the Belgians arrested the first onslaught of the Germans and thus gave us time to ward off the punishment we so richly deserve for our neglect to prepare to defend our own interests."

"In the terrible struggle still waging, to the Belgians must be awarded the palm for freely and fearlessly offering themselves at the first bulwark against the invading hordes of Germany. Glorious has been their stand and priceless the time and the advantage gained thereby."

"God grant that there may be yet in store for them a bright and prosperous future and a permanent place in the van of Civilization and Freedom. Yours very truly, Roberts, F. M."

It adds a pathetic interest to this message that a proof of it, sent to the great soldier the day before he left England, was kept waiting at Ascot for his return, and then sent back with the solemn word that it could not now be read and revised by him.

NOTES

The electric iron left with current turned on is responsible for many fires.

Gasoline is more dangerous than powder and more explosive than gun-cotton.

An exchange says: "The fifteen English school boys slain by a German shell; the little baby killed in its mother's arms; the women who were literally blown to pieces, and the non-combatant men so callously murdered without warning, cry aloud through their untimely deaths for vengeance."

The British Empire as presently constituted is a very recent creation or rather evolution. The British Islands which constitute the metropolitan state of the Empire have no written constitution and the Overseas Dominions are governed under an apparent confusion of statutes, charters, conventions and understandings.

GERMANS MAKE A NEW CLAIM

LONDON, Dec. 21.—An Amsterdam despatch to Reuters contains a German official statement, which claims that some of the British destroyers which attacked the German raiding squadron of the British coast were sunk.

At another point another English destroyer was sunk. (An official statement issued by the British admiralty last night makes no mention of any British warships having been lost.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A cable to the Herald from London, this morning, gives the latest details of the raid on the northeast coast of England showing that the German cruisers had a narrow escape from the pursuing British warships.

Germany possesses six battle cruisers, including the Goeben, in the Black Sea. The death roll is heavy, but it is considered surprising that it was not greater, having regard to the number of shells which were fired.

One effect of the raid is the striking impetus which has been given to recruiting. At Scotland Yard the number wishing to enlist yesterday was greatly in excess of the average.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily Chronicle, in an editorial on the German raid on the east coast of England asks: "It is henceforth to be a recognized practice of a civilized navy to bombard unfortified seaside-pleasure towns and kill civilians in them?"

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NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Commenting editorially on the German raid on the East coast of England, the Tribune this morning says: "Civilized opinion everywhere will share the indignation of the British public at the bombardment of undefended English coast towns by German cruisers."

The New York Times says: "The ruthless bombardment of unfortified towns, and the utterly useless massacre of non-combatants, have not only shocked the people of European nations, but have aroused a world-wide feeling of angry resentment which cannot fail to be prejudicial to Germany."

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P. E. ISLANDERS SHOULD KLEP MORE BEES

Mr. F. W. L. Sladen, Agriculturist at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, made a tour last summer of the Branch Experimental Farms, scattered throughout Canada that now keep bees (thirteen in all) and investigated briefly the beekeeping possibilities of the regions served by these Farms.

A week-end visit to Charlottetown at the beginning of August, the return journey being made by way of Summerside, gave him a very high opinion of the beekeeping possibilities of Prince Edward Island.

Those interested should send to the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa for copies of Bulletin No. 69, entitled "The Honey Bee" by C. Gordon Hewitt, and Exhibition Circular No. 18, entitled "Beekeeping in Canada" by F. W. L. Sladen.

The following address and presentation were given to Sergeant Milton F. Macdonald of 28th Battery, C.F. A. by the members of the Temperance Reading room at Tronton, Friday, Nov. 20, 1914.

PRESENTATION TO A VOLUNTEER

Dear Friend,—Your associates and companions desire at this juncture on the eve of your departure for the front to present you with this small token of remembrance.

Artur M. Magee, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Magee, St. John who enlisted with the Calgary Rifles, and is in F. Co., 10th Batt., 3rd Brigade, at Bulford Camp, Salisbury Plain, writes to his mother under date of Nov. 28.

BERNE, Dec. 21.—German papers are complaining bitterly of the isolation of the country from neutral countries as the result of the war.

IRELAND'S PROPORTION OF RECRUITS FOR FRONT

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—On the basis of population, Ireland has furnished the Allies, up to December 1, with twenty-eight per cent. more men than has England, according to statistics recently published in Dublin and made public here today by Colonel M. P. Kelly, of the Texas National Guard.

GERMANS COMPLAINING OF ISOLATION SQUEEZE.

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