
Mr. Winston Churchill arrived on the scene of the extraordinary “battle” in Sidney Street about half-past eleven, and at once took active part in the direction of the operations, arranging, in consultation with the others, the tactics of police, Army Guards, and hussars. The Home Secretary was by no means unwilling to take risks of being hit, but was so far prevailed upon to occupy a position less exposed than the open street. He did not leave the fighting area until three o’clock—that is to say, until after the search of the ruins of the burned house, which had been under way had commenced. Thus he was present when heavy fire was being exchanged between the desperadoes and troops in the brewery and house opposite and in the streets, when the military on duty were reinforced by a demobilized with a machine gun, when the house took fire, and when a Home Artillery arrived with guns.
THE DESPERATE "BATTLE" OF THE EAST END SCOTS GUARDS IN ACTION IN A LONDON STREET.

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TWO ALIENS BESIEGED BY A GREAT ARMED FORCE IN SIDNEY STREET, OFF THE MILE END ROAD: SOLDIERS AND POLICE FIRING ON THE HOUSE CONTAINING THE WANTED MEN.

As all the world knew by this time, there was a most extraordinary sequel on Tuesday last to the recent Hendon attack. Information given to the police led them to believe that in No. 310 Sidney Street, off the Mile End Road, were men and a woman wanted for the said attack on Hendon, and the subsequent murder of three City policemen. As a result, at the small hours of the morning, they drew a cordon round the block of premises of which the house was one, new to it that those in the building who were not concerned in the affair were surrounded by the police, and detained four people, two of whom were released the same evening. At five the police attempted to take the two men left in the house, but were met with a hail of bullets. Reinforcements were called up. Another attack was made at about seven. Then it was that the "battle" began. Firing continued at intervals, and at nine military assistance was requested. A number of rifles were fired at the house by the Tower Street L.C.C. police, and opened fire on the house. Some of the men were in the roadway; others in a loft of Messrs Mears and Grossman's brewery, stores in houses facing No. 100, Sidney Street. At half-past eleven the soldiers were reinforced by others with a machine-gun. At half-past one Horse Artillery with two guns arrived on the scene. Just before the soldiers left the house with fire, but it was not until after two that the firearms were allowed to go to work, there being fear that they would be shot. A great many shots were exchanged by the wanted men; the soldiers were armed with second line Guards and police. The whole house burned for about half an hour. There is no fear that any two men engaged in the battle. There were armed with automatic Guards and police. The whole "barrack" house for about half an hour. There is no fear that any two men engaged in the battle. There were armed with automatic
THE "BATTLE" OF THE EAST END: THE SEVEN HOURS' FIGHTING IN SIDNEY STREET, OFF THE MILE END ROAD.

With particular regard to the photographs on this page we may make the following note: The police engaged were armed with revolvers and with double-barrelled guns; the Scots Guards, who came from the Tower, had, of course, their service rifles. The police were present in great numbers, not only uniformed but in plain clothes and disguised. At about half-past one, Horse Artillery with two guns arrived on the scene, but were not pressed into service. They had come from St. John's Wood Barracks in forty minutes, a remarkable feat considering the density of the City traffic. Just before one o'clock it was seen that the besieged house had taken fire. The place was allowed to burn, although the Fire Brigade were on the spot, until it was deemed certain that the forces could get to work without running the risk of losing life.—[Photographs by Illustrated London News, London, and Ilford Film.]
BALL-CARTRIDGES IN A LONDON STREET: SCOTS GUARDS IN ACTION AT THE "BATTLE" OF THE EAST END, IN SIDNEY STREET.

1. OF THE MEN WHO EXCHANGED FIRE WITH THE DESPERADOS IN 168, SIDNEY STREET: SCOTS GUARDS COVERING THE BESIEGED BUILDING WITH THEIR RIFLES.
2. FIRING AT THE DEFENDERS OF THE BESIEGED HOUSE FROM A BREWERY LOFT: SCOTS GUARDS SHOOTING BEHIND THE PROTECTION OF SHUTTERS.
3. A STRANGE WEAPON FOR USE IN A LONDON STREET: SOLDIERS WITH A MACHINE-GUN AT THE "BATTLE" OF THE EAST END.
4. THE HOME SECRETARY DURING THE RUSH; MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL ON THE SCENE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY "BATTLE" IN SIDNEY STREET, OFF THE MILE END ROAD.
5. SCOTS GUARDS ON ACTIVE SERVICE IN SIDNEY STREET: TWO OF THE MEN FIRING FROM A BEDROOM OPPOSITE THE BESIEGED HOUSE.

It will be noted that these Guards who held the road entrenched themselves out on newspaper-poster boards, on men, or on scaffolding. Half-a-dozen or so picked men took up a position in a loft of Messrs. Messrs. and Crescent's Brewery and fed them. Others had place in a bedroom of a house opposite that which was under siege. At one time a dummy policeman with a brown paper "face," on which features were pasted with stearn polish, was used by the police at one of the windows of a house facing No. 168. This drew effusively the fire of the besieged, men, and helped the police to loosen them.

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