

# GERMAN SPIES WERE ACTIVE AT SCARBORO

## Interesting Letter to Rev. J. Thackeray Tells of Preparations to Meet Enemy.

In a letter just received by Rev. Joseph Thackeray, pastor of the First Congregational church, from his sister, Miss Lily Thackeray, who lives at Scarborough, England, it would seem that the bombardment of that town by the German war vessels is the outcome of carefully laid plans.

In this letter Miss Thackeray states "You know those two persons that lived in the big red house in Sealsgrave Park, at the head of the cliffs, well, they have been arrested and found to be men dressed in women's clothes. For a long time they have been sending strange messages and picking up what they could from the wireless station nearby. For over five years they had been living in that house, presumably as women, but acting as German spies. When suspicion was fastened on them they were watched by the military authorities and while they were out in a motor car on one of their many mysterious missions they were arrested."

Miss Thackeray's letter was dated November 26. Rev. Mr. Thackeray said that he knew these two supposed "women" when he lived in Scarborough.

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The letter in question continues: "Things look very much like war here. All the roads to the fore shore and also all the entrances, on the north and south side of Castle Hill are blocked with barbed wire fences and entanglements, and about half-way down Newborough the road is barricaded with sand bags, waist-high. Roads leading to the shore may be stopped to traffic at any time of the day and night. By a special order of the war office all blinds in the city have to be pulled down by six o'clock in the evening.

"I hope the Germans will not get a chance to land here, but I hardly think they will. Large bodies of soldiers are training here and trenches are being dug in the parks and public gardens. Most of the trees in the parks have been cut down and 2,000 of the artillery are now taking up their quarters in the parks."

Rev. Mr. Thackeray's mother is also living in Scarborough and he is naturally concerned about her safety and also the safety of his sister.