

Austrians Overwhelmed By Servian Attacks

GERMAN MARCH
ON WARSAW IS
LOSING FORCE

Aim To Relieve Sieges of
Cracow and Przemyśl
Not Achieved.

ARTILLERY IS TO DECIDE

Side Which Brings Guns Up
First Likely To Secure
Victory.

[Canadian Press.]
Petrograd, via London, Dec. 11—4:25 a.m.—The attack of the Austro-German army in Poland appears to have lost its impetus with the exception of General Mackensen's army, which is unofficially reported between Lwow and Warsaw, and only about fifteen miles from the Polish capital.

The other armies are advancing but little, if any, and the attempt from the south of Cracow seems entirely repulsed, according to reports. Neither the siege of Cracow nor of Przemyśl has been relieved, it is stated, which was the main aim of the Austro-German offensive.

FIRE DESTROYS
SARNIA CITY HALL

Early Morning Blaze Razes
Municipal Home of the
Imperial City.

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Firemen Had Second Call To
Ferryboat Fire At Same
Time.

[Special To The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Dec. 11.—Sarnia's city hall, built in 1880, was practically destroyed by fire between 2 and 4 o'clock this morning as a result of a blaze which started in the stairway leading to the tower. Officer Conner, on front street, noticed the reflection several blocks away and turned in an alarm. The firemen responded promptly, but the dry nature of the structure made excellent food for the flames, and the roof fell in a few minutes later.

At present the ruins are standing, and the first floor is intact, although many books and records will be ruined by water. The building was insured at about \$15,000.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 45; lowest, 24.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest 27; lowest, 23.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—8 a.m. today.

Moderate northwest to west winds, a few local snow flurries, but generally fair and cold today and on Saturday.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	35	24	Clear
Calgary	29	18	Clear
Winnipeg	16	2	Clear
Port Arthur	26	15	Clear
Port Huron	26	15	Clear
Ottawa	27	15	Clear
Toronto	27	15	Clear
Montreal	22	14	Cloudy
Quebec	20	8	Clear
Halifax	18	4	Clear

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

A few light snowfalls or flurries, but generally fair, and colder today and on Saturday.

Servians Set Trap to
Inflict Terrific Blow

Austrians Routed and in Danger of Annihilation After Two
Weeks' Fighting in Little Nation—Serb
Strategy Successful.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Dec. 11.—12:10 p.m.—The reported rout of the Austrian forces in Serbia, the heroes of which country they crossed triumphantly just two weeks ago, dominates the war news today.

"A WRETCHED VULTURE
WITH THE STOMACH ACHE"

Paris, Dec. 11.—Thursday evening newspapers comment bitterly on the Kaiser's illness.

YOUNG OPERATOR SLAIN
AT WHITBY JUNCTION

Called For Police Over Phone
—Is Dead When
Found.

AFTER HIS MURDERERS

Police at York Take Two Sus-
pects From Freight
Train.

[Canadian Press.]
Whitby, Ont., Dec. 11.—William Stone, a 20-year-old night operator at the Grand Trunk station at Whitby Junction, was murdered about 12:30 o'clock this morning by some unknown person or persons.

He was shot near the heart.

Dead When Rescued.
Immediately after the shooting he telephoned to the Bell telephone central station saying: "Send down the chief of police. I've been shot." When the chief arrived on the scene Stone was lying dead on the floor.

The murder has created a great sensation in the town, as young Stone was a native of this place, and was exceedingly popular among his friends. The motive of the murder may have been robbery, but nothing was stolen from the office, the cash drawer being untouched.

TWO ARE ARRESTED.

Word was immediately sent out all along the line to keep a watch for suspects. A freight train was shunting around the junction shortly after the murder, and when it reached York two men who were beating their way on it were taken into custody. The coroner is investigating the circumstances, and an inquest will probably be held today.

DENY THEIR GUILTY.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Dec. 11.—On receiving word that the G. T. R. night operator had been shot through the heart at Whitby last night, the local police sent two detectives down to East Toronto to watch the incoming trains from the east.

CHRISTMAS TRUCE NOT
SINCERE SAYS CARNEGIE

Steel King Says It Would Be
Immoral To Stop Fighting
and Start Again.

[Canadian Press.]
Washington, Dec. 11.—Andrew Carnegie, a White House caller today, expressed decided opposition to a truce in the European war during the Christmas holidays. He declared it would be un-Christianlike and immoral to stop the fighting and then begin it again. He added that he could not believe that any nation which adopted such a suggestion was doing it sincerely.

Mr. Carnegie, after attending a meeting of the Carnegie Institution, walked to and from the White House through a snow storm. The President was out golfing, and Mr. Carnegie said he probably would return to pay his respects. He praised Mr. Wilson's efforts in behalf of peace.

NEW WINNIPEG K. C. S.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 11.—The Government has named W. Allen, Joseph P. Foley, H. P. Blackwood, W. W. Coleman, H. E. Robinson and A. B. Hudson as King's counsel.

SCHWAB WANTS
BIG SHIP PLANT

Steel Magnate Reported To
Have Made Offer For
Montreal Shipyard.

TO BUILD SUBMARINES

Large Orders From British
War Office To Be Executed
Here.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Dec. 11.—Financial men in Montreal interested in steel development are still speculating over the probable outcome of the flying visit paid to Montreal by Charles M. Schwab, head of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Offer of \$6,000,000.
It is rumored that during his visit he made a definite offer of \$6,000,000, which he afterwards raised to \$6,000,000, for the plant and undertakings of the Canadian Vickers, Limited, an offshoot of the famous English shipbuilding and manufacturing firm of Vickers-Maxim, Limited. Members of the Canadian board of the Vickers firm are very reticent as to the truth of any of this rumor, but so far it has not been definitely denied.

Orders For Submarines.
The story is to the effect that, while he was over in England, Mr. Schwab, who has been given huge war orders, including submarines, which he has to complete within twelve months, obtained the consent of the English shareholders, that providing the Canadian directors were agreeable, they would sell out their undertaking. So far as is known however, no deal has been put through yet.

HOLIDAY FOR FIGHTERS
GIVEN BY GENERAL FRENCH

Wives and Relatives At Alder-
shot Frequently Surprised
by Homecomings.

Aldershot, Eng., Dec. 10. — Correspondence of The Associated Press.—As the result of recent orders given by Sir John French, the families of regular troops stationed here have been delightedly surprised by visits from relatives direct from the front. These men are given leave from the trenches, and most of them elect to spend the time with their families.

COUNTY MAY GIVE
\$22,000 TO FUND

Councillors Recommend One
Mill Tax Levy for Patriotic
Grant.

DECIDE THIS AFTERNOON

Council Discussing Alternative
Plans at Meeting Quarterly
Grant Disapproved.

Middlesex County councillors, sitting as a committee of the whole, at a closed meeting this morning, recommended that the council levy an extra mill on the county rate for 1914, the money to be granted to the London and Middlesex patriotic fund. The amount recommended by the method would be about \$22,000.

Several other suggestions were offered by the councillors, and all of them will be discussed at this afternoon's session of the council. It was thought, however, that the taxation scheme would meet with general approval.

The finance committee recommended at the opening session of the council that a donation of \$1,000 be made to the patriotic fund on January 1, and \$1,000 every three months while the war lasted. This plan did not meet with approval, and the council decided to reconsider the matter.

A NAVAL BLUNDER

Cradock's Ships Should Not Have Per-
ished, Says Post.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Dec. 11.—The Morning Post's naval correspondent says: "Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock is avenged—the German ships which sank his squadron have themselves been sunk. The country will receive the news of Admiral Sturdee's action with profound relief, and at the same time it is impossible to withhold the expression of regret that the squadron was not dispatched in time to enable Sir Christopher Cradock to meet the enemy with an adequate force."

"The admiralty must have been aware of the movements of the Gneisenau and Scharnhorst, that Sir Christopher Cradock's force was utterly inadequate and no reinforcements were sent. The country is an old and inefficient battleship, was on her way, but had she been present she most surely would have been sunk. The reference to the Canadian fleet is a reflection on Sir Christopher Cradock."

MINES IN SWEDISH WATERS.

[Canadian Press.]
Stockholm, Dec. 11.—Via London.—The foreign office has instituted an inquiry into the laying of mines in Swedish waters, which has caused extensive damage to the shipping of this country. The particular purpose of the inquiry is to ascertain by what nation the mines were laid and what purpose prompted its action.

BRITAIN'S NEW NAVAL HERO



Admiral Sturdee's Triumph Leads to Demonstrations in Britain's East.

A B Bie For
Each Soldier

[Canadian Press.]
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11.—Important officers of the International Sunday School Association and the World's Sunday School Association here today made plans which they say will result in sending a Bible to each soldier in the warring armies of Europe.

A. J. Heinz, at whose residence the meeting was held, said that an appeal would be sent to every Sunday school in the country, each scholar being asked to contribute 5 cents he has earned.

India Jubilant
Over Victory

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[Canadian Press.]
Delhi, India, Dec. 10.—(Through Reuters' Ottawa agency.) The keenest jubilation exists here over Admiral Sturdee's great victory over the German fleet in the South Atlantic. The Muslims continue their loyalty meetings throughout India. The Rajah of Siroor has given 200 camels; and the Prime Minister of Nepal, many blankets for the Gurkhas now serving in France and Belgium. These gifts are merely typical of scores of others.

SPANISH CABINET FUROR

Liberal Minority Threatens to Leave Chamber of Deputies.

[Canadian Press.]
Madrid, Dec. 11, via Paris, 2:30 a.m.—During a discussion of the budget in the Chamber of Deputies today, Francisco Bergamini, minister of education, in upholding the appropriations for his department, expressed regret to see them opposed by "those who lead the country to ruin."

Count Romanones, former premier and minister of public instruction, but now a deputy, considering that the Minister of Instruction was referring to him, declared that the chamber could not continue the debate while Senator Bergamini remained in office.

Amid a great uproar, the Liberal minority threatened to leave the Chamber, and Senator Bergamini then announced his resignation, whereupon the session was closed.

FLEES IN DISGRACE

Unfrocked Rector Deserted Wife and
Later 18-Year-Old Girl.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Dec. 11.—Unfrocked by his bishop and expelled from the pulpit, the Rev. Harold M. Fossum, formerly rector of the Episcopal Church, Portmouth, N. H., has fled to Montreal.

The former clergyman is alleged by Boston papers to have had many troubles during his career, his chief one raising, however, from his affection for a charming young lady of his congregation. As a result of this his wife is said to be on the point of applying for a divorce from her ministerial lord; he has been expelled from the church and his priestly robes taken from him, and he has been in the dust. The erstwhile clergyman is 38 years of age, and the father of two children, one of whom was named after his wife. He was married three years ago to Miss Jane Leavitt.

Mr. Fossum is boarding at the Y. M. C. A., and is working as a clerk in a store.

BY RENEWED ATTACKS
HOP TO CHECK ALLIES

Ge men Capture One Outer Trench in the
Region of Ypres, But Everywhere British
and French Are Forcing Advance

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, Dec. 11.—2:41 p.m.—The official statement given out in Paris this afternoon says that the enemy yesterday was active in the vicinity of Ypres.

Three of his attacks were repulsed, but one of the important French trenches was reached by the forces of Emperor William. Nevertheless, French troops continue to make progress in the direction of the enemy's lines according to the official report.

Artillery engagements are reported in the region of Arras and in the Vosges, as well as in the vicinity of Varennes and on the heights of the Meuse. In the Argonne the French advanced several of their trenches.

Reach First-Line Trench.
The text of the communication follows:

"The enemy yesterday showed a certain activity in the region of Ypres. He directed several attacks against our lines, three of which were completely repulsed. At one single point on the front the Germans succeeded in reaching one of our first-line trenches. On our side, we continued to make progress in the direction of the enemy's lines."

In the region of Arras and in the vicinity of Juvincourt there have been artillery engagements.

Drive Back Attacks.
"In the Argonne the French pushed forward several of our trenches and driven back two German attacks."

"In the vicinity of Varennes we have consolidated our gains of the prece-

ANOTHER HARD BLOW
FOR POOR BELGIANS

Dutch Banks Refuse To Pay
Out More Than \$5
Weekly.

London, Dec. 11.—Belgian refugees in Holland have been thrown into consternation by the announcement of the Dutch Government sav-

ings bank that no payments exceeding \$5 weekly can be made to the person or family. Many refugees had managed to withdraw some money from their home banks, and this they deposited on both sides of the border. The result of the tying up of these deposits will be that more burdens will be thrown on the local relief committees, even the cheap cost of living in Holland cannot be met on the limit mentioned.

GERMANS CONCEDE THAT
ALL SQUADRON IS LOST

Official Statement Offers No Hope That the Dresden Will
Succeed in Escape—Already Claim British Are
Not Telling the Truth.

[Canadian Press.]
Berlin, Dec. 11 (via Amsterdam and London, 2:45 p.m.).—A German semi-official statement was given out here today regarding the naval battle off the Falkland Islands December 8, when the German cruiser squadron, commanded by Admiral Count Von Spee, was defeated by a British squadron, under Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Doveton Sturdee. The loss of the cruisers Scharnhorst, Goueben and Leipzig is conceded by the Germans, and little hope was held out that the cruisers Dresden and Nürnberg could long evade capture.

After Two Survivors.
The statement reads:

"Regarding the naval battle off the Falkland Islands it transpires that our cruiser squadron, soon after the battle with Sir Christopher Cradock's ships off Coronel, put into the harbor of Santiago de Chile, and left there after a stay of less than twenty-four hours for an unknown destination. It is assumed that the squadron steamed southward to seek the British battleship Canopus and the light cruiser Glasgow."

"Meanwhile, it appears from the English newspapers, a story among British naval sources that according to the enemy's fleet, which consists particularly of big, fast, well-armed ships, there seems little chance that our two cruisers can long evade pursuit. We must, therefore, also reckon with the loss of both these ships."

"It is hardly to be expected from British sources that according to the official statement will be given of the course of the conflict or of the composition of the British squadron."

"It should not be forgotten that our squadron was four months on the high seas, and that without being able to make use of cablegrams or other means of communication it was obliged to deal a heavy blow to the enemy's fleet."

Four Months at Large.
"No prospect of our ships for necessary repairs, and there was no dock for the cleaning of their keels. They succeeded, nevertheless, in getting supplies of provisions and coal for four months without (falling into the enemy's hands)."

The British official statement, announcing that the German cruiser Nürnberg also had been sunk on December 8, apparently had not been made public in Berlin when the foregoing semi-official statement was issued.

MILITARISM IN ALL
ITS NAKED BARBARITY

Newton W. Rowell Says Cana-
dians Must Fight With All
Their Strength.

[Canadian Press.]
Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 11.—"Democracy vs. Militarism" was the subject of an address given this afternoon by Mr. N. W. Rowell, K.C., M.P.P., to the Women's Canadian Club.

"Germany," said Mr. Rowell, "in her military ambitions, in her huge and ruthless war machine, in her repudiation of solemn treaty obligations, in her wanton attack upon a weaker power which had done her no harm, in her cruelties to the civilian population, and in her destruction of the sacred treasures of art and architecture, reveals militarism in all its naked barbarity. In its pagan worship of force, and in its creed that 'might is right.' Against this militarist spirit and the power that represents and expresses it, we must fight with all the strength of our being, and all the resources of our nation, until victory is assured."

"It is a truly noble service, upon which our nation and Empire has entered, let us never forget that militarism, when carried to its logical conclusion, as it is in Germany, would be just as hateful and barbarous a thing if enthroned in the life of the British people. Let us make sure that in our effort to destroy the hated thing in Germany we do not exalt it in our own land."

HONOR FOR GREAT POLE

Author of "Quo Vadis" Made Member
of Russian Academy.

Petrograd, Dec. 11.—Via London, 2:50 p.m. Henryk Sienkiewicz, author of "Quo Vadis," and holder of the 1905 Nobel prize for literature, today was elected honorary member of Russian Academy of Sciences. The Poles are greatly gratified by the honor thus conferred on the writer, which is generally considered to be a unique one for a Pole.

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