The Duke of Connaught Inspecting Montreal Regiments

FRONT WITHOUT SINGLE REPULSE RECORDED

# VICTORY—SMASHING GERMAN ARTILLERY AND CAPTURING TRENCHES, ALLIES MAKE PROGRESS EVERYWHERE

Tales of the German Decisive Victory Are Believed To Be Premature.

GERMANS HAVE ADVANCED

But the Czar's Troops Have Taken New and Strong Positions.

[Canadian Press.]

has yet to be fought out, judging from the indications conveyed in recent disand dead and wounded on the field. It appears today to British military that General von Hindenburg had scored notable success over the Russians must be qualified. A parallel case is found in the recent claims of a crushing Russian victory near Lodz, which subsequently proved to be premature and xaggerated.

The German army, commanded by General von Hindenburg, has made a steady advance in the direction of the Polish capital, but the Russians, in fallng back, appear to have taken new positions in strong entrenchments, and spite of the fact that the invaders re within two or three days' march of Varsaw, there is good reason to believe hat much hard fighting must come it can be determined whether not this latest attempt to occupy Warsaw will be crowned with success Cracow Slege Raised?

the southern frontier of East russia, the Russians claim to have he upper hand, but further to the Southern Poland, as well as ficia, the leaders of the Austro-in forces declare they are sweepig the Russians before them. sert further that they have cleared ill the Russians out of West Galicia. means that the long siege of Craow has been raised, and if this ad-rance on the part of the Teuton allies ontinues it may bring similar relief the Austrian garrison at Przemysl, esieged by the Russians since the early

The vigorous Austrian offensive in Public Utilities Commissioner Dr. H. A. area of hostilities has necessiated the withdrawal of many troops there are indications that the Austrian attempts to crush Servia will, for the time being, be abandoned. Kaiser Off to the Front.

Emperor William has so far recovered rom his recent illness as to return to the front. Here he will spend Christmas. The dispatches from Germany do not say to which front his majesty has gone, but advices received earlier from turned westward. If this is so, the battle conditions the Emperor will find Supposed To Have Gone Down are far less spectacular than those pre vailing in the east, for the reason that with the exception of the offensive, operations of the Allles on the north end of their line, little but siege warfare being recorded anywhere on the western front. This condition is driven RUMOR NOT CONFIRMED nome in all the official communications which measure the day's gain in scant yards and chronicle gain or loss of a trench as an achievement worthy of

prominent neutral traveller, who reached London today from Berlin, expressed the opinion that the Germans are not thinking seriously of a Zeppelin invasion of England. According to this observer, they regard the apprehension and the precautions against Zeppelin attacks taken in London and other Eng- ent rumors are current that a German lish cities as a great joke.

HOLDING BACK GERMANS. [Canadian Press.]

Petrograd, Dec. 21, via London, 1:48 p.m.—The Russian forces are still holdng at bay the German column which is seeking to cross the Bzura River at badly damaged. There is no official Sochaczew, and advance on Warsaw, 30 niles away. For three days this German army of about 200,000 men has been endeavoring to cross the river and throw back the Russians, who are holding the right bank. The Russian forces on the right bank of the Bzura are heavily entrenched. Their artillery is so placed that it commands the river to its junction with the Vistula, eighteen

On Third Defence Line. Southward the Russian line extends held in Hamilton on a charge of shoot-Spoczno, 25 miles east of Pietrkow, inig Cattano Milene on Sunday evening hich recently was evacuated, and 45 with intent to kill, is the same man who miles east of Cszerczow, where the Russians first opposed the German extreme

It is pointed out that the Russians | Raffaele got into an altereation with a have thus assumed positions on their man in this city at William and Eaththird line of defence. The evacuation of Lodz, which lies to the west of this , was thus in logical sequence to the other man, but not seriously. Rafthis movement, and, according to the faele was given a month in jail and general opinion here, had no bearing on fined \$40 by Magistrate Judd. the attack on Warsaw.

The Russians for the present apparently are attempting nothing more than to retard the enemy and to defeat attempts at flanking movements.

#### BRITISH ARMY NEEDS 25 MILLION BUTTONS

Contracts for Trouser Fixings Are To Be Let in This Country.

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, Dec. 21.-Twenty-five million trouser buttons are to be made in Canada for the British army, according to a statement made today by Fred. erick Stobart, purchasing agent of the British Government.

#### ROYAL GIFTS FOR CHURCH IN OTTAWA

Norwegian and Swedish Flags Sent to St. Peter's Lutheran.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Norwegian and About fifteen school inspectors of South-Swedish flags have been presented to western Ontario will meet at the city Swedish flags have been presented to St. Peter's English Lutheran Church here by King Haakon of Norway and the Crown Prince of Sweden, son-inlaw of the Duke of Connaught. Formal presentation is to be made later by the presentation in the presentation is to be made later by the presentation is to be made later by the presentation in the presentation is to be made later by the presentation in the presentation is to be made later by the presentation in the presentation is to be made later by the presentation in the presentation is to be made later by the presentation in the presentation is to be made later by the presentation in the presentation is to be made later by the presentation in the presentation is to be made later by the presentation in the presentation is to be made later by the presentation in the presentation is to be made later by the presentation in the presentation is to be made later by the presentation in the presentation is to be made later by the presentation in the presentation is to be made later by the presentation in the presentation is to be made later by the presentation in the presentation is to be made later by the presentation in the presentation is the presenta

### "Death's Heads" Shot To Pieces By Russians FIRM

Fell Into Trap Near Lowicz, Says Correspondent-Czar's Troops Said To Have Gai ned Important Successes Along the Vistula.

[Canadian Press.] London, Dec. 21 .- The Daily News correspondent telegraphs from Petrograd: 'Important successes along the Vistula have rewarded the indomitable energy of the Russian army in Northern Poland. The river is freezing and the Germans have been compelled hastily to evacuate the island above Plock. The Russians captured a large convoy of pontoons, laden with ammunition, which the Gerlade with ammunition, which the Gerlade response to the Prussian "Death's Head Hussars" fell into a trap while pursuing Russian adaptive the Russians were under cover on both sides. In two hours the passage over the bridge at Dobrzin, near

Germans Driven Back. "The Germans were driven back with heavy losses by the Russians, who are now gathering in great strength along the right bank of the Vistula toward London, Dec. 21-12:35 p.m.—The Thorn. The German army, advancing great battle to the west of Warsaw along the left bank of the Bzura to its junction with the Vistula, was driven Van, has developed favorably for us. We

RACE ON PLATFORM

**ENTERS MAYORALTY** 

Advertiser Illustrations

SUNK, IS REPORT

Off the Coast of Scot-

land.

To Be at Leith, Dam-

aged.

[Canadian Press.]

WAS GUNMAN HERE

on Serious Charge Figured In

London Gun Play.

JAPANESE TROUBLES

Rather Than Give Up Ministry.

[Canadian Press.]

Tokio, Dec. 21.-The Merchants' Asso-

iation and Baron Shibusawa, president

nd Buei Nakano, president of the Tokio

Chamber of Commerce, are urging the

diet and cabinet to reach a compromise

with a view to preventing dissolution

of the House or the collapse of the min-

urge, would create an unfavorable im-

pression abroad and hinder national

The opposition leaders declare that

the proposal for an increase in the army will be rejected, and in this event

the House would be immediate.

is probable that the dissolution of

SCHOOL INSPECTORS' MEETING .-

A crisis in time of war, they

of the American Japanese Association,

confirmation of these reports.

the strengthening of the Russian posi tion leading thence. The German corps which was driven westward yesterday from the left bank of the Dunajetz yielded more than a thousand prisoners Kaiser's Pets Decimated.

"During a recent battle near Lowicz the Prussian "Death's Head Hussars" cover on both sides. In two hours the rans aandoned among the drifting ice. German cavalry was completely encir-One of their columns tried to force a cled. Only fifty men and one officer re-German cavalry was completely encirmained alive, and in Russian hands. More than 2,000 were killed." TURKS REPULSED.

[Canadian Press.]
Petrograd, Dec. 21.—An official com-The German army, advancing with the Turks, who had concentrated considerable forces in he direction of have repulsed the attacks of the enemy near the village of Alagoez, where the "Events south of Cracow also reveal Turks had a great number killed."



Taken From the British Race Track Complained Of To Better Quarters.

ARE VERY WELL TREATED

And Highly Delighted With Change Made For Their Accommodation.

Southend, Eng., Dec. 12 .- (Correspondence of the Associated Press) .-German prisoners who were interned at the racetrack at Newburg, concerning which so many complaints were made in three English prison ships docked here, shire to the state of New York. a command of Col. Cordes, a retired

Baron Louis Anton Von Horst, whose tween Bristol and Canadian ports, which has been converted into a prison ship, together with the liners Saxonia and

Prisoners Pleased. German prisoners are delighted with the transfer to the roomy passenger ships, where they can keep warm and in contrast to the unfavorable conditions under which they lived in canas and stables at the Newbury race-

Each of the three prison ships has Two British Destroyers Said about 800 Germans on board. Sanitary conditions are excellent on the ships, and it is not unlikely that more ver sels will be added to the prison fleet, as Letter Received From First Royals Private Describes Life this means of caring for Germans is es pecially satisfactor The prisoners on the ships cat from china and live much as passengers London, Dec. 21-4:45 p.m.-Persistwould on an ordinary sea voyage, ex-

cept that their belongings are carefully searched and military discipline is encruiser has been sunk off the coast of forced. Some in Ironworks. At Queensferry, in Wales, unused ironworks have been taken over for the use of prisoners, and several hundred en are quartered in the building, which

It is also rumored that two British destroyers arrived at Leith, Scotland, affords an admirable shelter. The esablishment overlooks the sea, and surrounded by several acres of land in-closed in a high board fence on three sides. The prisoners have a large ground for football and other sports. Lack of employment is the great prob-Detectives Say Man Held in Hamilton m in the prison camps. Bad weather makes sports impossible, and the men are unable to amuse themselves satisfactorily in their cramped quarters. many of the camps they have learned to City detectives say that Rufus Rafknit, and busy themselves making socks faele, alias Ralph Rufus, who is being

ANGLICAN CLERGYMAN DIES. [Canadian Press.]
Hamilton, Dec. 21.—Rev. E. R. N. Berns died here this morning after a ong illness. He was a well-known Anglican clergyman and came from many years he was in charge of St.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 3 o'clock last night: Highest, 26; lowest, 6 Government Urged to Compromise

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.
Toronto, Dec. 21—8 a.m.
Forecasts.

Tuesday-Fair and quite cold. Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather. Parry Sound.... 33 Father Point ...

and dropping out last projectiles, we sweep round and make for home amid a hail of ineffective bullets. Below us the convoys are burning still, throwing out yellow longues of flame into the gathering darkness. Far away in the horizon we can see the friendly flicker of the lights that denote our landing place. The day's work is over. There will be many a German battery tonight that will wait in vain for the promised and sorely needed munitions."

# HAT'S IN RING ALLIES TRIUMPHANTLY ADVANCE ON WHOLE

Dr. Stevenson Announces His Intention of Contesting January Race.

AGAINST HIGH SALARIES

Announces Platform as Being One For More Economical City Management.

Dr. E. A. Stevenson, now a member of the public uptilities commission, announced his mayoralty intentions to The Advertiser today. Dr. Stevenson was indorsed by the Trades and Labor unication issued by the Russian staff | Council at its last meeting. Since that the Caucasus says: "The fighting time he has been in New York, and only arrived home on Sunday. The announcement was not unex-

pected, and it will add zest to the coming election fight. Dr. Stevenson's platform, as out-

ined today, will be one of more econmical management of city affairs. "We are having too many high iced officials at present," declared Stevenson. "My object will be to duce the cost of city management and to place it on a businesslike, econmical basis. This applies to the pub-

lic utilities commission as well as the

## HARRY K. THAW

Supreme Court Decides He Must Go Back to New York State.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, Dec. 21 .- Harry K. Thaw German papers, have been moved to lost his fight today in the supreme In a brief decision by Justice Hola officer, who had long experience in the court, it was held that the cele which was the unanimous decision of charge of prison camps in the South Af- brated prisoner should be turned over at once to the New York authorities to answer an indictment charging con-

other questions, the court dismissed enter into a habeas corpus proceeding, fight: and that they were proper questions for the state of New York to decide. Actually, the celebrated Thaw casethe killing of Stanford White-was not

spiracy indictment was up for decision. The men were all in police court

[Canadian Press.]

full of bustle.

there. It will be our turn soon.

better. We have still work to do.

Front in Spite of Doctors London, Dec. 21.-3:10 p.m.-The departure of Emperor William for the front, announced yesterday, is said by the Exchange Telegraph Company's correspondent at Amsterdam, to have been decided upon against

Militarists Send Kaiser to

the advice of the Emperor's physician, who strongly opposed his making the trip at this time. The military chiefs, however, insisted, the correspondent adds, that the Emperor spend Christmas with his troops

### POLICE SWOOP DOWN ON OLD-TIME COCK FIGHT Do Not Give Civic Authorities

other places, many of them being on tradition from the states against ex-Bring in \$307.50 to Court Coffers This Morning --- Auction Sale of Birds.

Heading a squad of cops in strategic | today, and they formed a two-ply citizenship has been much in question since the opening of the war, is among since the opening of the war, is among whether his escape from the asylum citizenship has been much in question spiracy to escape from Mattewan Asylum divisions of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escape from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escaped from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escaped from the asylum cross of scouts, lookouts are cross of scouts, lookouts and raiders, which is escaped from the asylumn cross

the prominent men held on the Prince while, as his counsel contended, he to a Victoria street house in the very costs, making a grand total of \$307.50, Edward, a ship, formerly in service bewas insane, constituted a crime, and early hours of Sunday morning, and
The game cocks are in the poextracted the following, who were en- lice station garage. They will be aucwith the comment that they could not gaged in, or looking on at a cock tioned off to the highest bidder tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by Sergeant Forty-one men.

Fourteen game cocks-two dead. Followed pleadings and beggings on before the supreme court. Merely the the part of the forty-one, and screeches question of returning Thaw on the con- and defiance from the game cocks.

Canadians in Egypt

There—Fighting Expected Soon.

How the French Air Squadrons Work-

A Flying Machine Raid Described

Paris, France, Dec. 21.-The aeroplanes on war duty are now of

ganized into squadrons, each squadron having six to eight flying ma-

chines and commanded by an officer. Each unit of the French squadrons

reconnoiter within a radius of 100 miles daily, if in trim, and return to

a given rendezvous where they pool their information, deliver it to their

I talked today to a member of the aviation corps. He describe

"One by one, from the four points of the compass, the aeropla

return like homing pigeons. Soon the whole squadron is there, and while pilots and observers go to headquarters to make reports, the

mechanicians see to the machines. Suddenly, just when we are think

ing that the day's work is done, we hear the droning of a motor. All

eyes are fixed on the heavy clouds on the horizon. A black spot shows

against their grey, grows, and takes shape. No, it is not a Prussian.

but a French aeroplane, that of the Pilot X. He has some news for

little branch line some 30 miles away. Immediately the air-camp is

off, X's little aeroplane leading the way. On we speed in single file,

our eyes fixed on our leader. Then suddenly, beneath us, a flame rises

from the ground, and a great wave of air rocks our machine. X. must

have hit something. We cut off the motor and descend. The areoplane

in front of us has just made the same manoeuvre, and has dropped its

bombs, to judge by the columns of thick smoke that arise here and

beneath. An engine is lying on its side, a great hole torn in its flank,

and behind it is the black, confused mass of a convoy, from which

nomentarily aside, we see another convoy in flight. We switch on our

motor, overtake it, aim, and drop our bombs. No time to watch their

effect. If we have missed we must leave it to those who follow to do

specks in hundreds, as from a disturbed ant-hill. We drop more bombs.

and this time we are sure we have not missed. Columns of smoke ris

up, the movement among the dark specks becomes more marked, and

great billows of air cause our machines to roll like a boat on the high

flames and smoke are pouring. X.'s aim has been true.

"Still we descend. And now we can distinguish what is going on

"But a little further on, when the smoke of the burning blows

"In front of us lies a village, from whose houses issue little dark

"Now the chief of the squadron signals to us to return. Regretfully

"In less than a quarter of an hour the whole squadron is up and

us-very important news. A German convoy is advancing along

commander, who in turn files it with the proper army department.

to me a typical end-of-the-day experience as follows:

today by Honore Bertrand from his bro- | pect soon to be fighting.

Birrell. A fine array of Christman Scouts Bring In News. Early on Saturday evening were "signs" of the coming event on The first really tangible one was a public questions.

nan carrying a box covered with a cloth, and inquiring plaintively of street car conductor how much farther up was Victoria street. He was espied by P. C. Wm. McCullough, who said nothing, but hied himself to Victoria

street. Another cop appeared. Then another. They all gathered in

Montreal, Dec. 21.—That at least one Canadian regiment is in Egypt would Pte. Bertrand describes the life of the down near the river, a fine place for be proved by a letter received men in Egypt and says that they exshadowy doings. Then the real attacking force came up, with Sergeant Birrell in command. He pisted two men in sight of the house as decoys, for the house was be-

> only more so, watching the theatre of It was a long, long wait, for P. C.

"The Bulis Is On Us." The really brilliant strategical manceuvre of the evening-for remember it was all by moonlight-was when Sergeant Birrell and an aide-de-camp executed a flank movement on the house while the two posted decoys kept the attention of the house guards. The sergeant broke in the back door.

"Merry Christmas!" said the jovial sergeant, and then blew a whistle, thus calling in the reserves, who surrounded the house in close order nicely-levelled dirt floor, and in the Royal Military College, has returned to and dislodged them from their position

Down stairs, the sergeant found a [Continued on Page Three.]

Mayor Roasts Citizens Who Teach Children Public Men Are Grafters.

CLERGY IS TOO DISTANT

Co-operation, According to Graham.

At a meeting of the Ministerial Al-Mayor Graham expressed himself as being disgusted with the ordinary citizen's idea of politics.

Thinks Them Grafters. The mayor declared that the people taught their children to believe that nearly all public men were grafters and in public life for what they could make

He also complained that his office had been graced on very few occasions by local divines, and that there had been a lack of co-operation between the head of the city and the heads of the local

Should Take More Interest. The mayor spoke on the relationship of the minister to municipal affairs. In conclusion, he accused the minister not taking the interest they should in

## TOP OF STREET CAR

ther, Louis Bertrand, a private in the the shadow of a clump of trees near Former Londoner Electrocuted While at Work in Kingsville.

> [Special to The Advertiser.] house as decoys, for the house was be-ing guarded by two watchers of the superintendent of the W. E. and L. S. ed the arduous work of lying for one hour in a snow drift, like an Eskimo, only more se, watching the the transfer of the W. E. and L. S. R. here, was electrocuted this morning at 6 o'clock. He was on top of a car which he was going to send out on the graph, which was not working properly, when he received a shock, killing him instantly. Mr. Westman was an expert electrician, and had been in charge ever since the road began operating. He leaves as wife and six children, the eldest a boy about thirteen years of age.

Mr. Westman was the eldest son of Harry Westman, 218 Richmond street, this city, who left London this morning for Kingsville, Ont. He was foreman of the linemen of the London Street Railway Company a number of years ago. "My, Gwaaaad! The bulls is on us!" He left that position to take the one of sentry yelled, and ducked down superintendent of the W. E. and L. S.

R. at Windsor. BACK TO ENGLAND. [Canadian Press.] Kingston, Dec. 21 .- Col. J. H. Crowe, formerly commandant London from India, and is engaged at

### ARE GIRLS IN LONDON ADDICTED TO OPIUM?

Charles Cheu Has Been Summoned to Court Following the Finding of Twenty Pounds of the Drug in Chauffeur's Possession.

Charlie Cheu, proprietor of the City, months ago, but the authorities will try Cafe, will appear in police court shortly, to trace the ownership of the black bag charged with having opium in his pos- tells in the police court. A summons was issued this Cheu's chauffeur, John Erwin, charged win, his chauffeur, said belonged to him.

Cheu in police court on Friday with the ownership of about twenty pounds of charges him with keeping opium several the drug.

and its contents through the story Cheu Cheu denies that he knows anything morning for Cheu's arrest on the charge.

Seek To Attach Blame.

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It was stated today that a number of ownership of about twenty potents of the was stated today that a number of the contracted the girls in London had contracted the opium habit through association with win's house in a black bag, said to belong to Cheu. Erwin was given a small of them are said to be under treatment fine, and the police got busy in an effort at the present time. They are said to to lay the blame of importing and dis-The summons for Cheu's arrest visited in connection with the finding of

At One Point Gain of Twelve Hundred Yards Is Reported.

ARTILLERY SUCCESSFUL

Enemy's Guns Silenced and Part of Battery Sent Head Over Heels.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Dec. 21.—Progress all along the line is claimed in the French official statement given out in Paris this afternoon. There is not one single mention of a German success

or a French repulse. Gains, although slight, are recorded in Belgium, between the Lys and the Aisne, in the Champagne country, and in the Argonne. At one point an advance of 1,200 yards is recorded, and at another the French made 500 yards.

Progress has been made in the Argonne and the Meuse, on the right bank of the Meuse, and on the heights of the Mouse

The French heavy artillery is described as having been success ful on the Aisne, near Kheims, and

The Statement.

The statement says: "The day of December 20 brought nothing of importance in Belgium, if exception is made of some progress in the region of Lombaertzyde and St. Georges, and at a point to the southeast of the Inn of Kortakor, which is southeast of Bixschoote; the occupation of some houses in Wartelem, south of Zillebeke, and the bombardment

by the enemy of the Ypres Hospital "Between the Lys and the Aisne we have occupied a forest near the route between Noulettes and Souchasse, and we also took possession of the first line of German trenches between this highway and the first houses of Notre Dame de Lorette, southwest of Loos.

Arras. Artillery Smashed.

"Our heavy artillery silenced on repeated occasions the artillery of the enemy to the north of Carnoy, which is to the east of Albert. This artillery also demolished the German trenches, and sent head over heels two cannon of a battery established near Hom, which is to the southeast of Carnoy. The heavy artillery also secured distinct advantages on the Aisne and in the

section of Pheims "In Champagne, in the region of Prosnes, Perthes and Beazjour, as well as in the Argonne, we made along our entire front appreciable

Positions Taken.

"This is particularly so to the northeast of Beazjour, where we won and occupied 1,200 yards of the enemy's trenches. In the Forest of La Grurie we blew up four mined saps, and we established ourselves in the positions thus made. "Between the Argonne and the

Meuse there has been progress along all the front, particularly in the region of Varennes, where the Brook of Cheppes has been left 500 yards in our rear, and in the region of Gercourt-Bethincourt. "On the right bank of the Meuse

we have gained ground at La Croupe; at a point two kilometres northwest of Brabant, and in the Forest of Consenvoye

"Finally, on the heights of the Meuse we have made slight progress in the Forest des Chevaliers, to the northeast of the Fort of Covon.

AS TOLD BY GERMANY. [Canadian Press.] Berlin, Dec. 21.-Via London, 4 p.m

The French attacks yesterday at Nieu-Between Richebourg, l'Avoue and the canal of La Bassee we attacked the positions of the Anglo-Indian troops with heavy losses. piece of artillery, five machine guns dians, including ten officers. trenches we lost to the enemy December 18, near Notre Dame de Locette. have been recaptur

Defence Penetrated. In the neighborhood of Souhain, to the northeast of Chalons, French troops yesterday delivered a fierce attack. In one place they penetrated our outer trenches, but their attack broke down under our fire. They left four officers and 310 men in our hands, and a large number of dead French troops were left on the ground in front of our position. In the Argonne we captured an important wooded hill at Lefour-de-Paris, three machine guns, one revolver gun and 25 prisoners. The fierce French attacks to the northwest of Verdun have The great activity shown by the French along our entire front has been explained by an army order dated December 17 and signed by Gen. Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French troops, which was found on a

or more eatment STEAMER ARRIVALS.
Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Arrived: Tunisian, from New York.
London, Dec. 21.—Arrived: Monmouth, from Montreal.
Leith, Dec. 21.—Arrived: Devona, from Montreal.

### THE WEATHER.

above zero.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 32; lowest, 22 above zero.

Today—Strong winds and gales, west-erly: local snowfalls and flurries, and

## and he decided to do so.