

RUSSIANS DISMISS GERMAN CLAIM AS OF SMALL IMPORTANCE

Both in Galicia and Near Warsaw Operations Have Not Resulted in a Decision—Quiet in Flanders and France.

LONDON, Dec. 18, 12.18 p.m.—In the western arena there have been no events of great importance; at least none has been reported.

Berlin and Vienna contend that the Russians are falling back along the entire front from the Baltic to the Carpathians, with the invading centre less than 30 miles from Warsaw.

To the south, where a few weeks ago Russians were pouring the Carpathians into Hungary, combined Austro-German columns have now forced them back through the passes, and it is asserted have advanced two-thirds of the way across Galicia, and are nearing the fortress of Lemberg, occupied by the Russians early in the campaign.

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The British press to-day makes a feature of annexation of Egypt and the Sudan, which takes from the Sultan of Turkey 14,000,000 subjects, 1,300,000 square miles of land.

All England is still buzzing with talk about the German raid on the east coast, interest having been stimulated afresh by the latest accounts coming out of Hartlepool.

GERMANS CLAIM THAT RUSSIAN DEFEAT IS THE END OF PRESENT WAR

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—(Via London)—The Lokal Anzeiger, commenting on the news of a German victory in Poland, says: "Since this old earth has had a history as such a gigantic battle has been fought, seldom in centuries has there been an event of such decisive importance."

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SLAYING OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMES STRICTLY AS GERMAN

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Daily Chronicle in an editorial on the German raid on the east coast of England says: "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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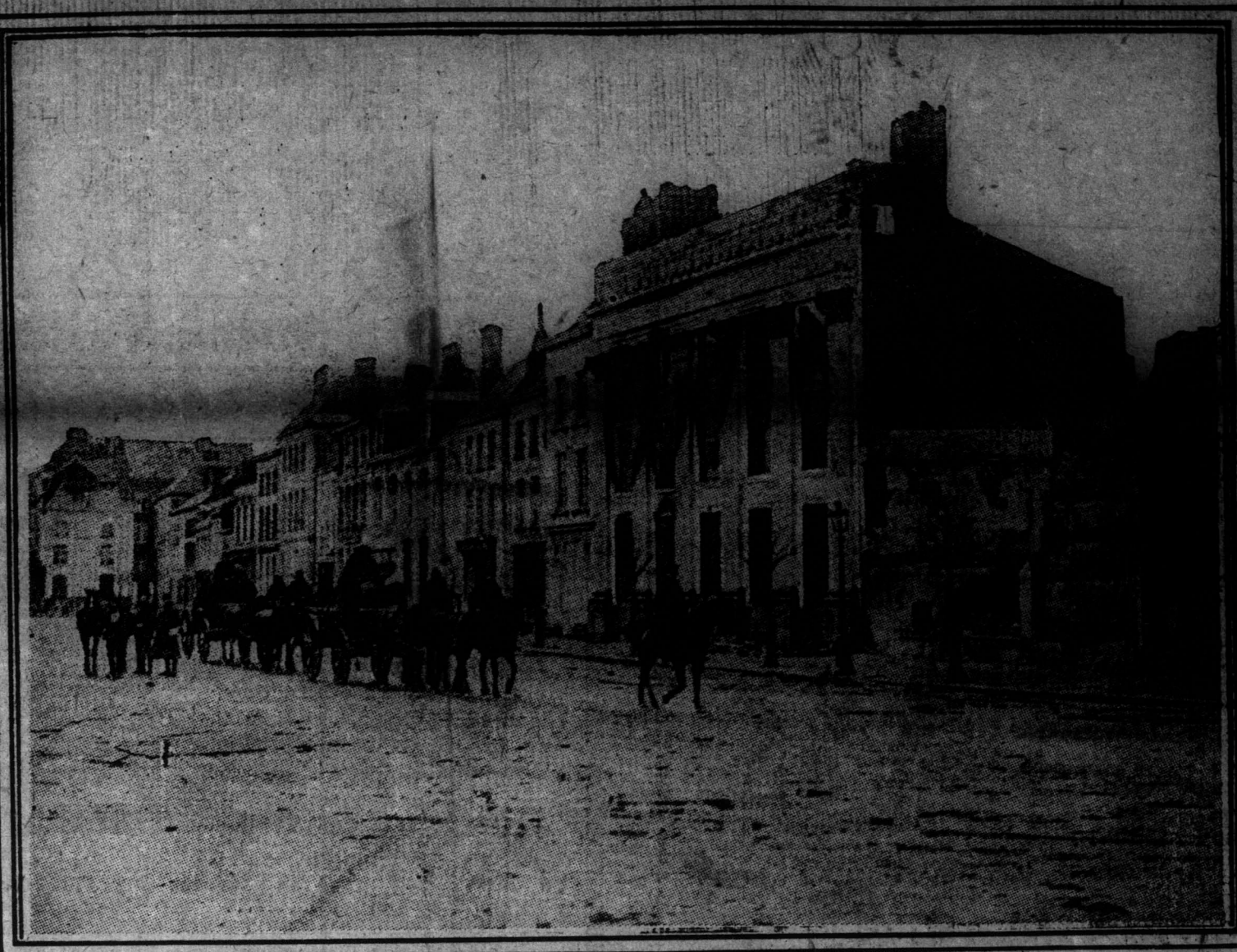
The Chronicle expresses surprise that neutral countries have not referred to these questions and proceeds to say that should the bombardment of unfortified watering places become such usage for the future neutral countries will have themselves to thank for it.

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ONLY 5 MORE SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS GRANDMA SEZ

The spirit of Christmas is in town and it's the style to wear a smile of welcome even if you ain't rich 'nuff to hev mo'n a speakin' acquaintance with the feller.

A STREET SCENE IN YPRES AFTER THE TOWN HAD BEEN BOMBARDED.



BRITISH PATROL PASSING THROUGH BATTERED STREET OF YPRES.

The unhappy position of Ypres, which for some weeks now has been the centre of heavy fighting, is well summarized by a writer who recently gave the following interesting facts:—"The town of Ypres is added to the list of other Belgian towns like those in which I have seen the ruin of a nation exists no longer as a place of ancient beauty in which men and women made their homes, trustful of fate."

BRANTFORD GALT AND PARIS JOIN HANDS IN INITIATION OF THE NEW STREET CAR SERVICE

New Cars Were Put Into Commission on Thursday—Complete in Every Detail—Congratulatory Speeches Made at Luncheon at Car Barns—General Public is Pleased.

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ALLIES MAKE REAL ADVANCE

French Official Statements of Victory in the West

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The French war office this afternoon gave out an official communication as follows:—"The day of December 17th was marked, as we said yesterday, by an advance on our part in Belgium, where every counter attack undertaken by the enemy failed."

BOURASSA IS ON WARPATH ONCE AGAIN

He Didn't Like the Treatment He Received at Ottawa.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—Labelling the treatment of French-Canadians in Ontario by the English majority as a species of "Prussian culture," Henri Bourassa referred indirectly to his experiences at Ottawa on Wednesday night, when a hostile crowd broke up a meeting he was addressing in the Monument National.

Mr. Bourassa received an ovation as he observed that in the United States, but he thought so no longer. They had to go to the United States, or to the French-Canadians of the United States, to get lessons in endurance and patriotism.

Further Details of Naval Victory

BUENOS AYRES, Argentine, Dec. 18.—The commandant of the Argentine cruiser San Martin, which has just come into port, relates that in the Golfo Nuevo he met the British cruiser Carnarvon and exchanged visits with her commanding officer.

Enemy's Ships Sold Under the Hammer

LONDON, Dec. 6 (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Four German schooners, Elise, Gerhard, Theodore and Bolivar, captured as prizes have been sold by order of the marshal of the admiralty. These London since the Crimean war, and the hammer used by the auctioneer is the same one used in the year 1855, when the last batch of prize ships were disposed of.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL AT TORONTO WAS HELD THIS AFTERNOON.

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—The funeral of the late Senator Jaffray took place at 2.30 this afternoon from his late residence, Surrey Lodge, Grenville St. to Mount Pleasant cemetery.

AMSTERDAM VIA LONDON, DEC. 18, 2.02 P.M.—EFFORTS OF GENERAL VON BISSING, THE NEW GOVERNOR OF BELGIUM, TO INDUCE THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS OF BRUSSELS AND ANTWERP TO RESUME PUBLICATION HAVE PROVED TO BE FRUITLESS.

The British government appointed a committee to investigate alleged violations of international law by the Germans.

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