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NO RETIREMENT IS NOTED ANYWHERE--- FRENCH OFFICIAL NOTE

On Right 'Bank of Yser River, Good Progress is Being Made- German Artillery Has Been Rattling Again.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
 PARIS, Nov. 5, 2.47 p.m.—The French official announcement given out in Paris this afternoon, says that the allies have made slight progress to the east of Nieupoort, on the right bank of the Yser river.

The text of the communication follows: "On our left wing the allied forces have made slight progress to the east of Nieupoort on the right bank of the Yser. From Dixmude to the Lys, the German attacks were renewed yesterday but at a number of points with lessened energy, particularly with regard to the action of their infantry.

"The Franco-British lines have at no point drawn back, and our troops undertaking the offensive have made notable progress in several directions.

"Between the region of La Bassée and the Somme the day was notable particularly for an artillery contest.

"In the region of Roye, we have maintained our occupation of Le Quesnoy-en-Santerre, and advanced perceptibly in the direction of Arras.

"On the center between the Oise and Aisne, there has been a recrudescence of the activity of the Germans, manifested particularly by their artillery fire.

"Summing up it may be said that the attacks of the enemy at various points on our front have been repulsed, in some instances after an engagement, which lasted all day long.

"On our right wing there is nothing new to report."

ATTEMPT MADE TO WRECK A T.H.&B. TRAIN

The T. H. & B. passenger train due here at 7:05 last evening from Waterford had a remarkable escape from derailment, which would have caused serious loss of life. Near the Matthews Packing Company a rail had been placed directly over the track at a switch. The train fortunately was proceeding slowly at the time into the city, but the rail nevertheless was broken in two. Had it been placed in a different position in the switch the engine would have gone over the embankment, according to the train crew, who made a close examination of the affair. Conductor Oldfield was in charge of the train and there were quite a number of passengers for this city, including Mr. Welby Almas. The broken rail was picked up and brought in and the affair promptly reported to the police. No clue has been secured as to the identity of the culprit or culprits who committed the outrage. Special railway detectives are here to-day investigating the matter.

ATTACK CONTINUES

Tsing-Tau is Resisting to the Last Against Japs and British.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
 TOKIO, Nov. 5.—It is officially announced that the bombardment of Tsing-Tau continues vigorously. The Germans, on the night of November 3, made a counter attack which for a time hindered operations.

The attacking forces, according to the statement, are now gradually closing in. Shells are falling in the streets of the town and the power house has been destroyed.

On November 4 the Japanese right captured some small forts, and an officer and twenty soldiers. Shells struck and burned the Bismarck barracks.

CITY WILL PROCEED TO BUILD PARK DRIVE--ALL OBJECTIONS LAID ASIDE

Council Held Special Meeting Last Night When Matter Was Thoroughly Gone into--New Smallpox Hospital in Mt. Hope.

At a special meeting of the City Council last night the proposed park drive was again taken up and discussed with the result that the council adhered to its original action, two weeks ago, when it was decided to proceed with the work. Representations had been made that the park drive was merely a scheme and would not benefit the city for the outlay. Accordingly Ald. Ward and others wanted to have a more complete discussion of the matter. Mr. Frank Cockshutt was present at the council meeting and put up a strong argument in behalf of the project. The fact that the city council itself would not be required to pay for the entire job, the patriotic committee contributing \$6,000, and also lending the city \$10,000 at a time when money is hard to borrow, had much to do with the aldermanic decision to proceed with the construction of the drive.

Ald. Pitcher's committee will have the task of building a new smallpox hospital and it will be built in one corner of Mt. Hope cemetery. The building will be economically put up, having regard at the same time for necessary requirements. In this matter the council agreed that a wise course was being followed.

New Smallpox Hospital.
 The buildings and grounds commi-

GERMAN CRITIC SEES HOPE, ALTHOUGH LONG BATTLE IS INDECISIVE

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
 BERLIN, Nov. 4.—via London, Nov. 5.—Major Morath, the military critic, discussing the military situation in the Taubblatt, indicates that the German objective in the operations around Ypres is to press the British back upon the sea, opening the way to secure possession of a strip of the sea coast. The Germans are trying to break the French left wing at Arras, he says, and the object of the operations to the east of Soissons must soon become apparent.

"That the German attacks everywhere are progressing steadily," he adds, "must give satisfaction to the Germans, who have not been delighted with the long position of the fighting. In these days of our tense waiting the

German people rejoice over every indication of a victorious advance. This, however, can only proceed slowly owing to the strong defensive works built by the enemy for weeks.

"It is of the utmost importance for the solution of the remaining tasks of the army that the health of the troops remained excellent throughout the prolonged fighting in the trenches. Provisioning has met all requirements, and the feeling in the army is excellent. Hence we can look to the future without concern.

"The losses have been very heavy during the past three months, as the soldiers know better than we at home, but just as we are not losing hope, so the soldiers at the front are yielding nothing in duty and confidence."

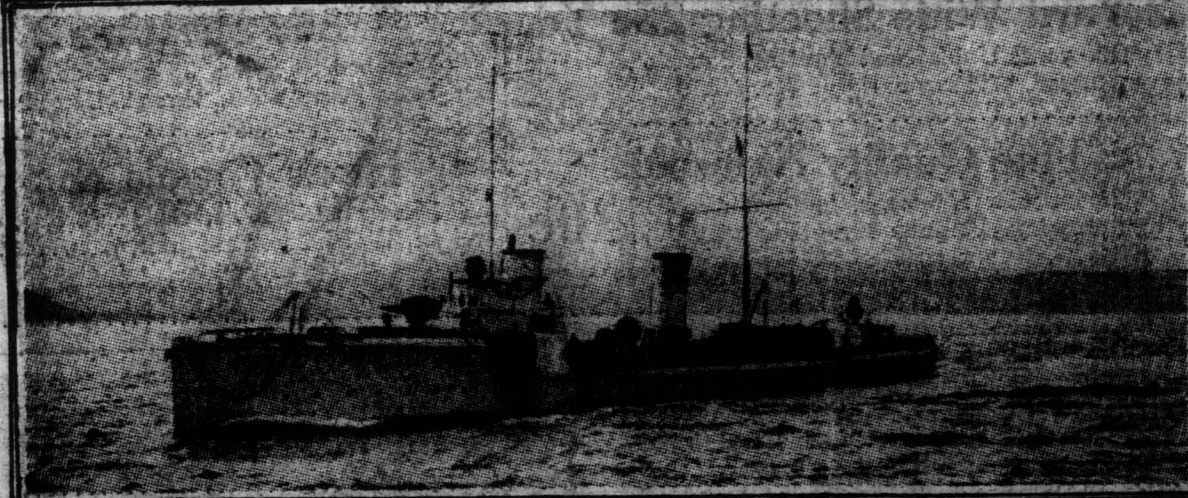
DECLARES THAT GERMANY WILL FACE EXHAUSTION WITHIN THREE MONTHS

PARIS, Nov. 5.—Renewed violent attacks on the part of the Germans were expected to-day in the region between Dixmude and the Lys.

The recent efforts of the enemy in this section of the country, in spite of the fact that they have been reinforced by new contingents of reserves as well as by active troops, are believed here to have been unsuccessful. According to the latest review of the situation made in Paris, both the allies and the Germans are fighting hard for every inch of this territory. The Germans, for the time being, would appear to have abandoned their advance on the channel ports. This being accepted as correct the Germans are preparing to try other tactics. The French and the British commanders, in the opinion of the French observers, are satisfied with the result of the efforts they made yesterday, as well as with the general situation. The telegram sent yesterday by General Joffre, commander-in-chief of the Russian forces in the field, in which General Joffre said that the French situation was good and expressed his hope that the combined efforts of the allies would bring final success, has served further to arouse confidence in France.

The question of the duration of the war is being continually asked in France and as often answered. One of the latest estimates, is that made by General Berthaut, who predicts that hostilities will be at an end in three months. The general admits that the siege of Sebastopol lasted two years, but says there is no reason to conclude that the present war will run such a protracted course. The relatively small armies engaged in the Crimean war, made possible such prolonged contests. The general argues that to-day one will see Germany, fronted by the necessity of placing enormous forces of men on two fronts, reaching the point of exhaustion before either France or Russia, and that this period of exhaustion may be expected in three months. France also may be expected to reach the limit of her resources, but not so quickly as in the case of Germany.

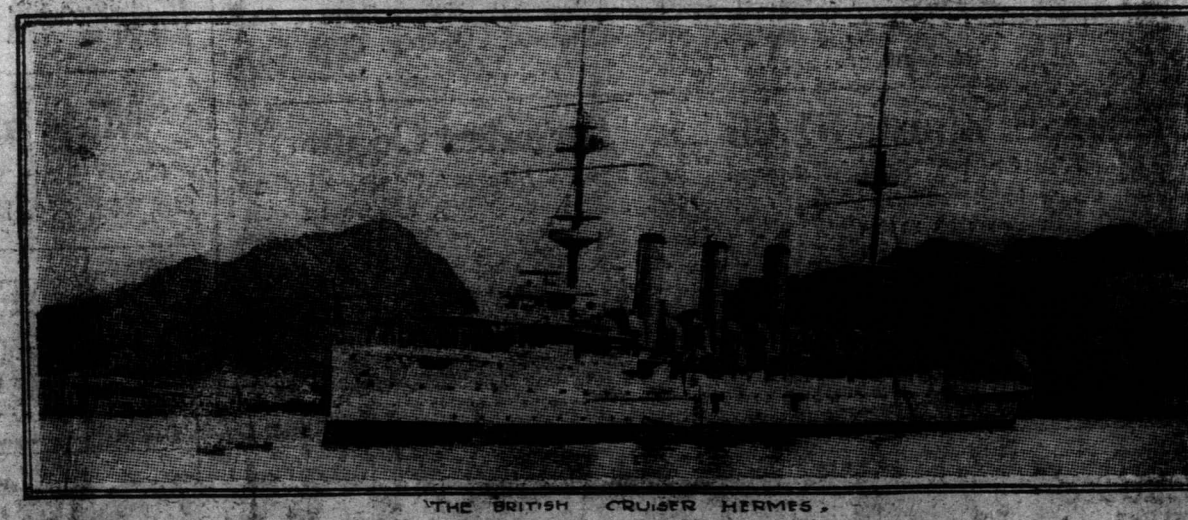
THE LATEST DISASTER TO VESSELS OF THE ALLIES.



THE TURKISH TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYER, MALVENET-I-MILLET



THE RUSSIAN GUNBOAT KUZNETSOV



THE BRITISH CRUISER HERMES

The British light cruiser Hermes was reported sunk by a German submarine in the Straits of Dover on October 31, and on the same date a torpedo fired from the Turkish torpedo boat Wauvelet-Millet sank the Russian gunboat Kuznetsov during the fighting in the Black Sea. The British light cruiser Hermes was a 5,000 ton vessel, built in 1898. She was a sister ship of the Highflyer, which sank the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. She carried eleven 6-inch guns, eight 12-pounders and one 3-pounder. Her indicated horse-power was 14,000.

NAVAL NEWS AGAIN LOOMS LARGE TO-DAY IN SITUATION WHICH HAS BECOME TENSE

Rebellion in South Africa Is Effectually Crushed

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
 LONDON, Nov. 5.—4.15 p.m.—A Cape Town despatch to the Reuter Telegram Company declares that the rebellion of General Christian Frederick Beyers in the western Transvaal and the mutiny of Lieutenant-General Maritz in North-west Cape Colony now appear to be completely crushed. Unofficial reports, according to the despatch, indicate that something resembling an armistice is being observed. The rebels are still collected at certain points in the northern Free State, but all these points are marked by adequate loyal commandos.

"It is abundantly clear," the despatch continues, "that the rebels are ill-equipped and have practically no organization."

THE KOENIGSBERG NAVAL EXPERT

Gives Opinion on Result of Affair in the Pacific Ocean.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
 NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Under the caption of "The lesson of the battle in the Pacific" The Herald's military critic to-day says:

"The result of the naval battle of the southern coast of Chile is, in the opinion of naval men, a most serious one to the British, and to the American navy the lesson is of the utmost importance.

"The fight was in essentially British weather, heavy sea conditions such as prevail almost continuously north of the west Patagonia passengers, and it is for just such weather that vessels of the Good Hope and "Courage" class, of which latter the Monmouth is one, have been built.

"For years the British have doggedly adhered to the principle of building warships with a view of heavy weather conditions of battle and have sacrificed batteries for the sake of more weatherly qualities. They lost the German and Java in 1912 to the Constitution, all vessels of the frigate class largely because the Constitution out-battered the British craft.

"The British have repeatedly criticized the American policy of late years as providing too great weight of battery per ton of ship, but American policy was held to

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Germany Loses Cruiser by Hitting a Mine in the North Sea.

Confirmation of Battle off Chile Still Lacking.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
 LONDON, Nov. 5, 10 a.m.—Naval news again looms large in London to-day. The British public is seeking further details of the action last Sunday off the coast of Chile, but no continued efforts are being made to minimize this disaster. Great anxiety is felt concerning the fate of Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock, which will not probably be known until it has been definitely determined what has become of his flagship, the cruiser, Good Hope. The British public, however, is not left without some comfort as Berlin officially admits the loss of the cruiser York blown up by a mine near Jade, one of the outlying defences of Wilhelmshaven, while in shipping circles in London it is declared that the career of the German Cruiser Koenigsberg in the Indian ocean has been ended. Sir Percy Scott, England's greatest gunnery expert and a champion of the use of submarines as against dreadnoughts, has rejoined the admiralty. As he has been known in the past as a supporter of Baron Fisher, it is expected that he will uphold the new policies already inaugurated by the first sea lord of the admiralty.

Further details from the scene of the fighting in the east indicate that the forward movement of the Russians has become general.

Even the Russian left wing, which has been held stubbornly by the Austrians for weeks past has joined in the advance. This is admitted by a conservatively worded official report given out in Vienna, which declares that the Austrians having maintained their position on the Lysagora, where their Teutonic allies pivoted in order to let the rest of the army complete its wheeling movement to a new line, are now retiring. At the same time, Austria sets forth certain minor successes along the line from the River San to Jaroslau.

Petrograd, however, makes positive assertion that the Austrian movement is a retreat amounting to a rout in which the Russians have taken many prisoners and much booty. According to reports in the Russian capital, Gen. Von Hindenburg, the German commander, is said to be continuing his retiring movement in Russian Poland, while desperate fighting along the frontier of East Prussia has enabled the Russians to cross the border at several points. A significant feature of the eastern campaign, is indicated by

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Local Turk Claimed That Mayor Spence Was His Sister

One of the Incidents Connected With Being Mayor of the City at the Present Time.

It is all very well to be Mayor of the city of Brantford during a crisis, but few people know of the actual experiences through which His Worship, John H. Spence is going through almost daily. Here is one of them.

On Tuesday, a dour looking Turk visited His Worship at his place of business and the Turk failing to show even usual politeness, somewhat alarmed the Mayor.

The Turk wanted to go to Detroit with others of the local colony.

"No," said the Mayor, "you stay right here. Some time ago, when we wanted you to go, you refused. You said 'We stay right here, we no leave. Now, you won't leave.'

"We will leave," yelled the Turk, vehemently.

"We'll see about that," and the Mayor immediately went to the phone and telephoned to the police station. With that the Turk gave a whomp and fell and came running around the corner to the Mayor, who stood at the telephone.

Not knowing what was coming off, and being unable to reach the revolver in a drawer at the counter, His

Worship stood ready, the attack one knee extended.

Whether the Turk saw it, we or not, and changed his intentions, matters not. At any rate the follower of the Ottoman went down on his knees and grabbing the Mayor by the hands begged him to desist.

"Oh my father, you my brother, you my sister, me stay here," exclaimed the Turk.

However, that night the police rounded all Turks up and they must report regularly to the Chief.

Mayor Spence, however, refuses even yet, among his best friends, to be referred to as "Sister John" or in any of the other endearing terms used by the Turk in his director.

BRITISH FLEET BUSY.

PARIS, Nov. 4.—3 p.m.—A despatch to the Havas News Agency from Athens says that the bombardment of the forts of the Dardanelles, which was participated in chiefly by the British fleet, was suspended momentarily, but later was resumed and continued until 10 o'clock this morning. Seventy shells in all were fired at the Turkish forts.