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LAST

FORTY-FOURTH YEAR

BRANTFORD, CANADA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1914

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Big British Naval Victory Was Decisive

Three German Ships Sunk in Atlantic off

How Many Men Can City of Brantford Get For Next Contingent

That Brantford will be expected to raise 100 or more men for the next contingent has been already intimated by the militia authorities. In fact, Major Genet, commanding officer of the Duferin Rifles has received a request to provide an estimate as to how many men Brantford can supply. The query is rather a difficult one for the commanding officer to reply to, but as previous enlistments for the Dufferins were over the required strength and that, too, with little effort to secure recruits; it is believed that little difficulty will be met in securing all the men neded from this district. In fact, if a recruiting

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with a representative of the Petit Parisien, M. Augagneur, the French minister of marine, explained the cardinal part played by the French navy in close co-operation with the British, in the present war. He pointed out that allied fleets practically without the same of the Moroccan and Indian troops.

Questioned as to the avidity of German submarines in the channel, the minister of marine remarked that the German submarines had game to hunt whereas the allies had not. The minister of marine remarked that the interest of the market of the Moroccan and Indian troops.

Mediterranean and has safeguarded PARIS, Dec. 10.—In an interview the transportation of the Moroccan

that allied fleets, practically without firing a shot, had swept Germany's commerce from the seas, bottled up her navy, and acquired undisputed mastery of the waves.

M. Augagneur says that the allied fleet, under Admiral Boue De Lapeyrere has shown itself master of the bag," he remarked.

Whereas the allies had not. The minister assured his interlocutor that the Fiench and English submarines were daily executing most skillful and audacious raids. Using the phraseology of the sportsman, he said:

"One must not judge the quality of the shooting by the weight of the bag," he remarked.

EX-GERMAN CONSUL SENTENCED TO DEATH

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Nicholas Ahlers, former German Consul in Sunderland, was to-day convicted at the Durham Assizes of high reason and senenced to death.

The Grand Jury of the Durham Assizes returned a true bill against Nichsizes returned a true bill aga

olas Ahlers on a charge of high trea- after war was declared, Ahlers the Durham Assizes and will hear the case. He said it was of an unusal character, and he considered it advisable to call their attention to the terms of the statute under which Ahlers will probably escape the extreme penalty is indicated by a statement issued by the Official Press Bureau last night. This says the death sentence was the only one the Judge could pronounce, according to the law, on conviction of high treason, but an appeal from the sentence has war was declared between this country and Germany, and on August 4, war was declared between this country and Germany, and on August 5 it would be found, or one or two days following, the accused was engaged helping soldiers to leave this country and find their way into the German Empire to fight against his Majesty's

son on November 10. A report of the tained a list of Germans in England erick Sturdee, Chief of the War Staff,

Empire to fight against his Majesty's term of penal servitude or imprisonorders. The statute dealing with the ment.

GYPSIES MADE HAUL IN **BRANTFORD RECENTLY** BY THE SALE OF LACE

Two Gypsy women have done a as yet they have not been discovered brisk, but fraudulent business in the by the police, although their arrest is Brantford a haven. Calling upon anny prominent people, they represented that they had some fine Irish laces and linens for sale. The laces laces and linens for sale. The laces and linens for sale and the construction ones had proved once again too ones had proved once again too gypses were excellent saleswomen and pointed out that lace made a fine Christmas gifts, they made good sales. Their method of procedure was simple. In a carpet bag they had some beautiful lace and also some very cheap, showy stuff, which can be purchased for cents, where the other costs dollars. After the good lady of the control of clothing and blankets for one of them pleaded poverty, and said she had six children at home who had had very little to eat. The whole thing was one of the most impudent impostures which has been accomplished in Brantford for many a day. costs dollars. After the good lady of the house decided to purchase, they would change the lace when she was gone for her money. If she happened to have some cash with her they would invent some excuse, which would detract the attention of their victim and often call her attention elsewhere. They were excedingly smart in changing their wares and many ladies were victimised before eventually one husband, John Hodge, of Northumberland street, examining the lace declared it was sources. He can be supported by the control of the lace declared it was sources.

city during the last few days. Arriving in the city on Saturday last, they took rooms on Dalhousie street and commenced operations. They found Brantford a haven. Calling upon they represent they represent they represent the street and commenced operations. They found but this was indignantly refused. They would have given him twelve dollars, the amount obtained at his

It was reported later this afternoon that Mrs. McClintock and Mrs. A. L. Baird were also visited by the gypsies, who got rid of various quantities of

SERIOUS OFFENCE.

the Falkland Islands -- British Fleet Only Lost Few Men-Entire World is Just About Cleared of Raiding Germans-Two Cruisers Are Now Being Pursued British Are Greatly Cheered by Good News.

THE TWO NAVAL BATTLES

GERMAN SHIPS LOST Scharnhorst armoured cruiser. Gneisenau, armoured cruiser.

BRITISH SHIPS LOST. *Good Hope, armored cruiser. Monmouth, armoured cruiser.

GERMAN GUNS

BRITISH GUNS

........23,900

BRITISH GUNS GERMAN GUNS Over 6-inch LIVES LOST Germans (about)1,800 British

the sunken German warships show that 1,816 men went down.
DISTINCTLY BRITISH VICTORY

A British squadron, under the command of Vice-Admiral Sir Fredproceedings at that time stated: Mr. available for military service, and engaged a German squadron under Justice Shearman is presiding at the Durham Assizes and will hear the expense.

Islands, in the South Atlantic yester-

according to the latest accounts, are being pursued. Two colliers were

CREW LOST. The official statement makes reference to some survivors rescued from the Gneisenau and the Leipzig, but no mention is made of any of the crew of the Scharnhorst, which was the flagship of the German Admiral,

miral Sir Frederick Sturdee.

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gaged, and the newspapers are enjoined not to speculate, "as other Combinations may be effected."

GREAT JOY IN LONDON.

The greatest enthusiasm prevailed in London over the victory, and the general impression is that it will be completed, as the Admiralty would not be likely to send ships that could not overtake the Dresden and Nurnberg, which are 24-knot and 23-knot vessels, respectively, and probably "Some survivors have been rescued from the Gneisenau and the Leipzig."

Computations of the loss of life on cause of their small coal capacity.

PART IN ACTION

TOKIO, Dec. 10 .- The Brtiish Government has comm cated to Japan an official ac-count of the sinking December 8, off the Falkland Islands, in the South Atlantic, of the German Cruisers Scharnhorst, Gne-isenau and Leipzig, with a loss of about 1,800 men.

The reports make no mention by name of the Brtiish war ships which took part in this engagement.

The Japanese navy authorities say no advices concerning this combat have been received from the Japanese warships n patrol in southern waters; consequently it is to be presumed The British squadron which engaged the Germans left England with out the knowledge of the general public, and until his name was mentioned it was believed that Vice-Admiral Sturdee was serving in home waters. The fact that he was taken from the post of Chief of the War Staff, is indicative of the determination of the British Government to clear the Pacific and South Atlantic of all German warships. It is believed, therefore, that the British commander is at the head of a formidable squadron. In addition to the Dresden and Nurnberg, only one German warship—the Karlsruhe—is now unaccounted for in those waters, although there may be one or two armed merchantmen which the allies have not rounded up.

TWO OTHERS ARE DAMAGED.

*Flagships.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The following announcement was issued by the Official Information Bureau:

"At 7.30 a.m. on the 8th of December, the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, and Leipzig by British squadron under Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee.

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The sister ships were exceptionally formidable opponents. In addition to the offensive armament mentioned, they had four submerged torpedo tubes. Four of the big guns were mounted in turrets, the remaining four in broadside casements. Six of these weapons could be fired in either broadside.

HEAVY ARMAMENT The 5.9-inch guns were in an arm

ored battery.
Six-inch armor protected the waterline and vital parts of the Scharnhorst and Gniesenau, the same thickness being on the main gun positions.

Each carried a complement of 764

officers and men.

The Leipzig was a protected cruiser of 3,200 tons, with a speed of over 22 knots. She was armed with ten 4.1-

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Further Word Awaited Of Naval Victory Scored by British in Atlantic

of Northumberland street, examining the lace, declared it was spurious. He immediately phoned to his friends and commenced a search for the fraudulent lace sellers. He located them and they made off to their lodgings. He cornered them and they made off to their lodgings. He cornered them and they made off to their lodgings. He cornered them and they made off to their lodgings. He cornered them and putting two of his friends, who had been police. When, however, they reached the boltom by the German squadulor of his friends, who had been adjusted to the first of the bottom by the German squadulor of his friends, who had been police. When, however, they reached the boltom and the billding, the birds had flown and the bill billing to the bottom by the German squadton off the Falkland Islands, make note of the fact that in all nation of the bottom by the manutation of the bottom by the German squadton off the coast of Chile early in the coast of Chile early in the bottom by the German squadton off the coast of Chile early in the beat beat like the billent was a dispersion or that he is suffering to the the that in all nation of the the transmitted that in all nation of the beat his make note of the fact that in all nation of the beat his make note of the ed. In the case of the British cruisers Monmouth and Good Hope, sent
to the bottom by the German squadron off the coast of Chile early in
November, the Germans were practically unscathed, and the same is true
of the British in their victorious engagement in the South Atlantic. In
other words, defeat at sea means virt-

LONDON, Dec. 10, 12.57 p.m.—
The British naval victory in the South Atlantic is being discussed in England to-day, almost to the exclusion of all other phases of the war news.

The last word regarding the naval engagements was that the British squadron after sinking the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig, with the loss of nearly 2,000 men was pursuing the fleeing Dresden and Nurnberg, the other two vessels present when the action opened. The British public is waiting anxiously for news of the outcome of this chase.

Naval observers, commenting on the action of the fact that in all namake note of the fact that in all na

Comment of Press on Victory Achieved By the British Fleet

Chronicles naval expert, commenting on the British victory in the South Atlantic, says:

"The crushing victory justified our hope that the methods now employed by the admiralty on the basis of their war experience and under the masterly direction of Lord Fisher will, before long, lay the remaining raiders by the heels. Their temporary immunity has depended upon certain resources, especially the abuse of the wireles telegraph and the violation of the neutrality of the coastal states, which must, as time goes on be restricted within ever-narrowing limits."

The Daily News says:

"The moral effect of this victory in the south Atlantic will carry, even to the least understanding or most skeptical mind, the conviction that the British sea power is as sure as ever, and maintained by men as skillful and valorous as those who created it. "Whatever mistakes have been made earlier in the distribution of naval forces have been corrected. Superior strategy prepared the victory, and that strategy bears everywhere the imprint of Lord

TRIBUTE IS PAID TO CANADA FOR HELP GIVEN TO BELGIUMS

eal for further relief from Canada

horse-power, the trial speed of these ships was 23 knots. They were not so fast as some of the other ships in the squadron, which may have for that reason escaped. The Scharnhorst carried the Admiral's own flag.

The sister ships were exceptionally formidable opponents. In addition to the offensive armament mentioned, they had four submerged torpedo tubes. Four of the big guns were

Farmer's Club Is Organized

Movement Taken Up in District Around Farringdon and Tutela.

The farmers of the district are forming into clubs. The movement is a popular one, and the objects are for educational, economical and social benefits. A number of clubs have already been formed, and a notable ad-

a club with the purpose of benefiting thereby.

The following officers were elected for duty: President, W. H. Brooks; vice-president, Elan McIntrye; secretary-treasurer, T. W. Clark; executive committee, C. R. Brooks, D. McClemand, D. Orr, R. C. Porter, H. McIntyre, B. Kellard, A. Fairchild.

Meetings will be held on first and third Tuesdays in the month, and the first meeting will be held in the home of the president, on Tutela Heights, on Thursday, Dec. 17th.

Tann, a large battleship, had been sent to reinforce them.

The Scharnhorst and Gneisenau were armored cruisers launched in 1906. They displaced 11,400 tons and very powerful ar mament, consisting of eight 8.2-inch guns, six 5.9-inch guns and eighteen 21-pounders apiece.

With engines designed for 28,000 horse-power, the trial speed of these ships was 23 knots. They was not sent to reinforce them.

Tefugees was made yesterday by Sir Gilbert Parker, who has just returned from Holland, where he was making a series of inquiries on behalf of the American commission for relief in Belgium.

Referring to his meeting with the grown of Government to organize the transportation of refugees from Holland to british of the Siritish of th

RUSSIAN **OFFICIAL** NOTICE

[By Special Wire to the Courier

benefits. A number of clubs have already been formed, and a notable addition was the Farringdon Farmers Club, which was inaugurated and organized on Tuesday night.

The meeting took place in the Mt. Pleasant road school house, and was largely attended, when the matter was brought up, discussed and thrashed out.

Two excellent addresses on the objects and aims were given by R. Schuyler of the Department of Agriculture and George Ballachey of the United Farmers' Co-operative Society.

Each club as it joins up pays an affiliation fee of \$25, by which it becomes entitled to the benefits accruing to all members of the Co-operative Society. This means that farmers affiliated can buy at cost any product handled by the society for the benefit of farmers.

The farmers in attendance were keen in the project, and decided unanimously that they would form into a club with the purpose of benefiting thereby.

The following officers were elected the conflict assumed a tenacious character.

"On the left bank of the Vistula, on the left bank of the vening of December 7, the Germans under cover of darkness, suddenly began an offensive movement, simulatneously along the entire front from Ilow (west of Warsaw). The movement was remarkable for its stubborn nature. The atacks repeated again and again, the Germans under cover of darkness, suddenly began an offensive movement, simulatneously along the entire front from Ilow (west of Warsaw). The movement was remarkable for its stubborn nature. The atacks repeated again and again, the Germans advancing in compact columns.

"Aided by scarchlights, however, our fire decimated the enemy, who was every



Mebbe we can't persuade the west erman to give us a real old fashion Christmas, but we kin all get togeth an' keep it from bein' a black one & some folks.