## , CANADA. NEW BRUNST . VI. NO. 233. TEN PAGES WEDNESDAY MORNING. DECEMBER 23, 1914 PROBS-FAIR AND COLD PRICE TWO CENTS GERMANS HARD PRESSED IN EAST AND WEST; **LEFT WING BEFORE WARSAW IN GRAVE DANGER**

The St. John Standard.

Allies Pressing Enemy in West and German System of Fortification SWORD OF FRANCE In Danger of Being Demoralized-Small Advances But Every Foot of Ground Gained Brings Hour of German Retirement Nearer-Heavy Fighting Yesterday With Allied Fleet Playing an Important Role-Russians Checking Austro-Germans In Galicia-Allies' Warships Active in the Dardanelles.

London, Dec. 22.—Heavy fighting is taking place on both eastern and western fronts, but without producing any material change in the positions of the opposing armies.

In France and Belgium, the Allies offensive is being pressed and while some ground has been gained at widely spearated points, other attacks have been repulsed by the Germans from their strongly entrenched positions. In the northern arena the artillery and warships yesterday took up the battle, giving the infantry a rest, but lower down the line and from the Oise to the Meuse fierce fighting took place in many districts.

While the progress of the Allies is extremely slow, it is the belief of military experts here and in France that the gains which the general staff has been able to report are disturbing the German system of fortifications at vital points, and will, if successfully continued, compel a retirement by the Germans from their present lines.

## MAIN ARMIES IN EAST GETTING NEARER EACH OTHER.

In the east most of the Germans north' of the Vistula have retired across the East Prussian frontier before the onrush of the Russian forces, but south of that river, between the Bzura and the Pilica, the Germans continue their advance and announce tonight that in a fierce battle they have succeeded in crossing branches o the Bzura and Rawka rivers at many places.

This should bring the main armies very close together, and a few days will tell whether the German advance is to be definitely checked or whether the Germans are again to threaten Warsaw. Fighting also continues in Galicia, but here, as along the East Prus-sian frontier, the Russians seem to have been successful in holding back the Austro-German forces. The Germans, who are extremely strong along the whole eastern frontier, already are reported to be mov-ing theops back to the west to meet the Allies' offensive, but it is not considered likely that this movement will reach large proportions until some decisive result has been attained in the contest against the Rus-sians

sians. The Turks, like their allies, are being attacked on two sides. The Russians claim to have inflicted a severe defeat on them in the district of Van, while the allied fleets have been bombarding Kilid Bahr, in the Dardanelies, and a French destroyer has shelled their troops on the mainiand opposite the island of Tendoa. The first real view of the extent of the South African rebellion is given by the Minister of Justice, who says that four thousand rebels are now in prison, and that twelve hundred have been sent to their homes on parole. There are still a few roaming about the country, but they are without leaders, and are surrendering upon the appearance of Union forces.

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**NEARLY THOUSAND AUSTRIANS KILLED IN** TRAIN COLLISION

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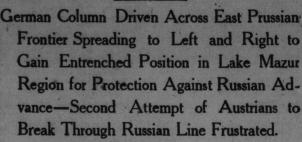
Paris, Dec. 22.-With battles rag-ag over ten of the northeastern prov-nces, the French parliament met in estimary session here today. The The full text of the declaration the government as read in Parlian by Premier Viviani is as follows: ef object of ect of the present session of war measures and to dis-nuture financial policy of the at throughout the session, spected to be brief, the pro-the governments.

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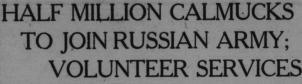
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OF ALLIES IN THE WEST



Petrograd, Dec. 22—The heavy German column which has been driven across the East Prussian front from Mlawa, Russian Poland, by the Russians, is spreading out to the east and west, according to re-ports received here from the front. The purpose of the German move-ment is to debouch to the right of the entrenched Lake Mazur position and to reinforce the troops in the vicinity of Thorn for protection agains the continued Russian advance on the Thorn-Allenstein-Insterburg rail-road, which is the main strategic line paralleling the North Poland fromtier

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Are Born Horsemen-Contribute \$200,000 in Money and 1,500 Horses in Acknowledgment of Czar's Granting of Their Request for Permission to Become Part of Rus-

## sian Army.

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—Hait a million Calmucks, members of a Nomadic, pastorial race which has always been free from obligation to furnish any soldiers, for the Russian army, have just been added to the Russian for-ce. A deputation from the Calmucks re-cently arrived in Petrograw with a request that they be allowed to serve in the ranks during the present war, and offering to supply five hundred thousand mounted troops, if necessary 'Our tribes have volunteered practicat

