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OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—(Official.)

The Governor, Newfoundland: British sea-planes escorted by ligh cruisers, destroyers and submarines attacked Cuxhaven on Dec. 25th, discharging bombs on points of military significance. A hostile attack on our ships by the enemies aircraft, submarines and two sea-planes was outmanoeuvred. The Zeppelins were easily put to flight by our fire.

On Dec. 24th a British biplane successfully dropped bombs on a German airship shed in Brussells. The French Government report attacks and counter-attacks and bom-

bardment of the German aviation sheds near Metz. The Russian Government report the Austrians defeated on the upper Vistula and in the direction of Dukla, with enormous loss, including 10,000

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FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORT.

Official statement: In Belgium we have continued to 'advance to the west of Lombaertzyde, and we are actually at the foot of the Sand Dunes on which the enemy has established south of Ypres we have lost a section of trenches near Hollebeke. In the region of Lens, near Carency, the enemy yielded under our attacks behind yards of first line trenches. In the valley of the River Aisne and in Champagne there has been intermittent artillery fighting, which was particularly severe in the vicinity of Rheims and around Perthes. Here the enemy directed their artillery fire against the positions to the west of troops along the entire front. In the Vosges the enemy bombarded the railroad station at St. Die, but the rail-In Upper Alsace to the northeast of Steinbach a counter attack of the Germans was repulsed.

RUSSIAN TACTICS.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 28. The investment by the Russians of French and German reports agree again been raised. Following the dis- of trenches near Hollebeke, south of covery of an attempt by the Austrians Ypres. The French assert that the to divide the Russian forces in Ga- Germans gave up trenches on the licia, our troops retreated eastward first line to the extent of about 800 50 miles. The Russian forces, ac- or 900 yards in Lens region, further

ording to advices received to-day from Galicia have succeeded in cossing the Biala river, and in takommander, are claimed by the Russians to be retreating and the Westrn army is said to be badly crippled

STORM CALLS HALT.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—(Official.) During the day a violent storm in erfered with operations along the greater part of the front. It is regress in the Argonne region.

ZEPPELIN DESTROYED.

LONDON, Dec. 28. An unofficial despatch received by the Exchange Telegraph Company from Rosendal, says: It is rumored

here that a Zeppelin was sighted near Nieuport on Sunday morning, and was shot at by the Allies and all its occupants killed in the debris of the

GOOD ADVICE.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—(Official.) Naval and military authorities call the attention of persons using the streets to the danger from fragments of shells and bullets from guns used against hostile aircraft attempting to raid London. The civil population are warned to keep under cover, preing the sound of firing by guns or ex-

AMEERICANS SHOT AT FORT ERIE

BUFFALO, Dec. 28. frontier near Fort Erie, to-day fired upon boats centaining duck-hunters. Walter Smith, of Buffalo, was killed and Charles Dorsch fatally wounded.

CANADA WEST FOR EMPIRE.

brought home very strongly to Winnipeg what the West is doing for the Empire. "They are a magnificent body of men," said Sir Robert, at the

A BUDGET FROM LONDON.

LONDON, Dec. 28. The battle lines east and west have indergone only infinitesimal changes

The Children's Christmas

must be bright and unclouded, even though the older folks spend theirs under the shadow of the war cloud. Merry little folks must have their Christmas Gifts from "Santa Claus", or they'll be greatly disappointed, even though Mother and Daddy are sad thinking about big Brother far away.

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tions have been made from both sides at various points along the extended

back from the battle lines in Belgium

ping, captured nearly three thousand Pat Hall, per Reid Nfld. Germans, with only small losses to

According to Russian reports, the German attempts to capture Warsaw statement says there is general conidence in the German-Austro-Hungarian forces, who are making pro gress along the great front.

English newspapers are enthusias

seaplanes on Cuxhaven. They de

the German statement that the ships done. They consider this improbable. Naval writers dilate and speculate engagement of twentieth century warfare. They conclude that the German ships feared to come forth and give battle to the British cruisers because of the uncertainty as to whether the British battleships

The fact that the Zeppelins were Frank Mulcahey driven off is taken by some as evi- West Williams dence that the Zeppelins are really John B. Mulcahey untrustworthy craft, while others Joseph Carew hink it means that the Germans are Richard Williams susbanding all their dirigibles for a raid upon England. It is argued by Rupert Williams some writers that if Cuxhaven can be Miss M. O'Brien attacked, why not Heligoland and Mrs. C. O'Brien Wilhelmshaven, or even the Kiel Can- John Gatherall

lurking behind them.

The only damage the British exseveral hydro-aeroplanes, costing James O'Brien \$45,000 and the only loss of life was Eugene Williams Commander Hewlett.

The British people are beginning to James Crockwell ose whatever fear of Zeppelins they Lawrence Crockwell exploits of the airmen on their Con-German flyer over Kent on Christmas | Matthew O'Driscoll ity that the Taubes may repeat over London a visit with bombs which they John Kenny

A heavy wind storm with rain and Thomas Hyde snow, swept over Paris, England and Mrs. Ellen Burke

THE "GERMAN SCARE."

MONTREAL, Dec. 28. The "German scare" reached Vice-President George M. Bosworth, of the William Ryan Canadian Pacific Railway, in the form | Miss Crissie Mulcahey New York Times this afternoon, as follows: "We are receiving intima- Jeremiah Williams California that there is a movement of Germans in civilian clothing northouver and the C.P.R Communications and keep Canadians at home. Have you anything to say?" Bosworth replied as follows: "We have fine scenery all along the line of the Canadian Pacific and can reserve a peak ten housand feet high for the solitary meditations of any German raiders who come across the international

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nartan is this when one has colic in his feet, or gout his cheerful grin that does not jump pears his pain in course of time will a jo, because he faces pan and woe with calm and steadfast eye; and lovely dames will bring him jam, and hicken broth and deviled ham, and slabs of pumpkin pie. So, selfishly, I ng, and stop the flow of brine; and as I hobble on my crutch, I say, "They

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