

ALLIES REPORTED CAPTURED ROULERS, GERMAN HEADQUARTERS, AND OCCUPY PASCHENDAELE AND ARMENTIERE

EXCEPT AT ONE POINT ALL GERMAN ATTACKS COMPLETELY REPULED—ALLIES HAVE CONSOLIDATED THEIR GAINS OF PREVIOUS DAYS—GERMAN ARTILLERY ACTIVE BUT FAILS TO INFLECT ANY LOSSES—BRITISH CAPTURED SLADEN, 14 MILES N. OF YPRES—BATTLE IN POLAND—FIGHTING IN THE WEST—RUSSIAN WINNING OF WARSAW—AT ALL OTHER POINTS RUSSIAN WINNING

British Continue Advance (Special to The News)

Paris, Dec. 11.—(Official)—The enemy showed some activity in the region of Ypres yesterday. He directed several attacks against us, three of which were completely repulsed. At only one point did the Germans reach our trenches. We have continued to advance in the region of Arras and Valenciennes.

In Artois we pushed forward several trenches and rolled back two German attacks.

In the region of Valenciennes we have consolidated our gains of the preceding days. German artillery is showing great activity, but has been unable to inflict any losses. The same on the heights of the Meuse. In the forest of Lapreire our advances have continued, and south of Thann we captured the Asbach railroad station. In the Vosges artillery duels are going on.

British Taken Roulers

(Unofficial)—British have taken Roulers, the German headquarters, twelve miles north-east of Ypres.

The British have recaptured Paschendaale and Armentieres.

Servians Pursuing Austrians (Special to The News)

Nish, Dec. 11.—The pursuit of the Austrians in North-west Serbia is proceeding along the whole line. Prisoners are estimated at 22,000, and the war material captured includes the entire artillery depot.

Russians Are Winning

Petrograd, Dec. 11.—General Mackenzie's army has passed Lwow and the fighting is now fifteen miles from Warsaw. At all other points the Russians are winning.

Fierce Fighting at Lwow

In the streets of Lwow, Poland, for fourteen hours, and the Germans control the outskirts of the city.

The authorities predict Warsaw will soon be attacked from the west and north-east. There is a lull in the fighting east of the Mazurian lakes.

Turks Repulse Russians

Constantinople, Dec. 11.—(Official)—The Russians attempted to land a force at Conia, near Batoum, under the protection of warships, but were beaten off. The Turks captured two guns at Vilajetwan.

Vienna Claims Successes (Special to The News)

Vienna, Dec. 11.—(Official)—We have taken 10,000 Russian prisoners in Western Galicia, and stubborn fighting continues between large forces on both sides. The Austro-German armies in Poland are steadily gaining. The Russians have been driven back twenty-five miles at some points.

British Capture Sladen

Rotterdam, Dec. 11.—It is reported that the British have captured Sladen, fourteen miles north of Ypres.

Berlin Says "No Change"

Berlin, Dec. 11.—(Official)—There is no change in Flanders, but we have repulsed French attacks in the forest of Lapreire and west of Pontamousson.

Servians to Recapture Belgrade

Paris, Dec. 11.—It is reported that the Austrians lost 60,000 in Serbia. The Servians are within five miles of Belgrade, and expect to recapture it.

FIRE INSPECTOR'S WARNING

CHRISTMAS TREES DECORATIONS SAFETY OUT

Use only metallic, tinseled or other non-inflammable material and set the tree securely, so that children in reaching for things cannot tip it over. Do not use cotton to represent snow. If you must have snow, use asbestos fibre. Do not permit children to light or relight candles when parents are not present. They frequently set fire to their clothing instead. The tree itself will burn when needles have become dry. Keep matches out of the reach of children at holiday time; they like to experiment with them. The light inflammable decorations in stores, churches, houses, makes fires easy to start and easy to spread. A match, gas flame or any electrical defect may do it, watch gas jets, watch smokers. Do not make changes in electric wiring without consulting the electric inspector. The above is a fair warning to all stores doing decorating during Christmas week. The house of merriment is better than the house of mourning. Don't decorate Christmas trees with paper, cotton or other inflammable material.

GERMAN CRUISER DRESDEN REPORTED TAKEN REFUGE IN AN ARGENTINE PORT

SAID TO BE BADLY DAMAGED AND WILL PROBABLY BE INTERNED

Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 11.—Wireless reports state the German cruiser Dresden is reported to have taken refuge in the Argentine port of Santa Cruz and is badly damaged. She will probably be interned there.

London, Dec. 11.—Although the official press bureau says the British men of war are still seeking for the last one of Admiral von Spee's vessels, unofficial reports received in Buenos Ayres say the Dresden has been cornered in the Straits of Magellan, the tortuous waterway leading from the Atlantic to the Pacific at the southernmost point of South America. Whether these reports are true or not, it is believed in admiral circles there that the Dresden, even though she is a somewhat faster boat than any of those sunk in Tuesday's battle, eventually will be brought to action.

Insurance Reduced

The destruction of a majority of the ships of the German squadron had an immediate effect on insurance rates, and the government rate for insurance of cargo against war risks was reduced from 100 per cent to 10 per cent.

One member of Lloyd's who recently has not been accepting any business resumed operations.

The impression prevails among naval men that Admiral von Spee, realizing that he could no longer keep out of touch with the British and Japanese fleets patrolling the Pacific, decided to enter the Atlantic and make a run for home, in the hope that at least some of his ships would get past the British.

This move, it is said, was anticipated by the admiralty, and Vice-Admiral Sturdee was sent south to head off the Germans before they could get well into the Atlantic and scatter, which would have made their capture more difficult.

Dresden Is Cornered

Buenos Ayres.—The German cruiser Dresden, the only warship of Admiral von Spee's squadron to escape after the battle with the British squadron under command of Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, has been cornered in the Straits of Magellan, according to advice obtained through well informed circles today.

The naval division commanded by Admiral Sturdee is understood to include nine warships notably the British battle cruisers Lion and Indefatigable.

The British battle cruisers Lion and Indefatigable, reported to be part of Vice-Admiral Sturdee's squadron, displacement 20,350 tons and 18,750 tons respectively. The Lion was built in 1910; is 180 feet long, 86 1/2 feet beam and has a draft of 30 feet. The Lion carried eight 13.5 inch guns and sixteen 4.7 inch guns and is equipped with three 21-inch torpedo tubes. Her complement consists of 1,000 men and she is a very fast cruiser.

The Indefatigable, built in 1909, is 164 feet long, 578 feet long, 27 3/4 feet beam and has a draft of 29 feet. She carried eight 12 inch guns and sixteen 4.7 inch guns. Her complement consists of 1,000 men.

King George Visits Sturdee

London.—King George today sent a message of congratulation to Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee and the men of his squadron for their work in sinking the cruisers Scharhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig off Falkland Islands.

Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British land force, congratulated Admiral Sturdee on behalf of the army. The message he sent read: "I congratulate you on having practically swept the seas of the enemy."

ANOTHER GERMAN CRUISER REPORTED SUNK BY MINE

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM FRANCE SAYS MOST OF THE CREW DROWNED

Paris, Dec. 11.—The German armored cruiser Friedrich Karl, is reported sunk in the Baltic by a mine, and most of the crew of 567 men were drowned, according to an official statement by the French minister of

JAPS SINK A GERMAN TRANSPORT

PRINZ EITEL FREDERICK NOW SAID TO HAVE BEEN SUNK

Valparaiso, Chile, Dec. 11.—A merchant ship which arrived at Concepcion reports it intercepted a wireless stating the German transport Prinz Eitel Frederick has been sunk by a Japanese warship.

GERMANS AGREE XMAS TRUCE

Berlin, Dec. 11.—Official statement.—Germany agrees to a Christmas truce as asked by the Pope; if other nations agree.

KITCHENER SUCCEEDS ROBERTS

London, Dec. 11.—Earl Kitchener has been appointed Colonel of the Irish Guards, to succeed Field-Marshal Lord Roberts.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

The members of the congregation are informed that the north and south transepts and the south aisle will be given up to the seating of mounted Rifles on Sunday morning next at the 11.00 a.m. service. Regular worshippers are asked to bring their own books so that as many as possible may be placed at the disposal of the troops.

FIREMENS' SECOND PATRIOTIC DANCE

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE ARMY ORY IS THE NEXT DATE

The firemen have arranged to hold the second of their series of patriotic dances in the armory on New Year's evening. Music will be provided by Daly's orchestra, and dance programs will be furnished. Admission will be \$1.00 and supper will be 25c extra. The proceeds will be devoted to the Brandon Patriotic fund.

THE WEATHER

The weather throughout the West has been mostly fair and cold. Light snowfall has been general in Saskatchewan.

Forecast: All West.—A few light local snow falls or flurries, but mostly fair and cold today and on Saturday.

KAISER'S CONDITION IMPROVED

BERLIN DENIES REPORT THAT EMPEROR SUFFERING FROM PNEUMONIA

London, Dec. 11.—Kaiser's condition has greatly improved. He was permitted to confer with the Imperial Chancery last night. The fever has disappeared and the catarrh is better.

Berlin denies the report that the Kaiser is suffering from pneumonia.

LOOKING AFTER NEEDY CITIZENS

MEETING THIS AFTERNOON CONSIDERED HOW BEST TO DISTRIBUTE ASSISTANCE

At the call of Dr. Pickard the medical officer of health, there was a gathering this afternoon of the charitable women of Brandon in the council chambers and organization was made for efforts that will supply the needs of the needy.

It is particularly in the case of the poor that the help of the community is needed.

There are many people who are in need of help that it is desired that assistance shall be spread evenly and that one family or person shall not be looked after by two or more organizations and others neglected. There is also a need of kindness and help from individuals or social organizations for people who will not accept help from the city. Dr. Pickard has only the names of the families who have applied to the city but is willing to take the names of all families that are in need of clothing, fuel, etc., and assist the women in the distribution of such necessities.

The meeting was only proposed by him yesterday and he called on the women of a number of ladies who are workers or officers in church organizations, social and charitable associations and he had in response a representative meeting this afternoon.

A Real Santa Claus

The spreading of Christmas cheer will be one of the duties these ladies will undertake and a first movement will be an investigation committee that all people will have a very merry Christmas.

Their hearing if they are finding it difficult to get along this especially hard.

Several attempts to enter the harbor to attack warships but failed.

Dover, Dec. 11.—German submarines in an attack here are being repulsed by British destroyers. At least one submarine has been sunk when it attempted to enter the harbor.

The East passage to torpedo boats at anchor.

Dec. 11.—Half a dozen German submarines made an attempt Thursday morning to enter the admiralty harbor, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company, and for half an hour the batteries kept up a furious fusillade, firing at least two hundred shots. It is reported that two or three of the submarines were sunk, but no confirmation of this can be obtained.

The attempt was made under cover of early morning darkness, during a heavy rainstorm. The first alarm was given by the firing of a naval gun, and soon all the batteries were in action.

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MCDONALD ACCORDS RECEPTION FROM ELECTORS IN WARD ONE LAST NIGHT

CATER, AS USUAL, CLAIMED ALL GOOD POINTS ENUMERATED BY OPPONENT—ALD. COLEMAN HOTLY REFUTES INSINUATION FROM MORRIS

Something like a hail after a storm was the meeting of the ratepayers of Ward 1 last night after the session with the Canadian Guaranty Trust

at the attention of the present to trip Mr. McDonald into the King George School was sufficient to take all the chairs and Ald. McDonald, the candidate for mayor, was applauded both for his sincerity and his ready account of issues, rather than of men.

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