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WEATHER: FINE AND COLD.

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FRENCH REFUGEE SHIP ADMIRAL GANTEAUME SUNK BY GERMANS
British Admiralty Official Report Shows German Intentionality to be of Worst Kind.

London, November 25.—The French steamer Admiral Ganteaume, which was sunk October 26, while on her way from Calais to Havre with a great throng of refugees aboard, was the victim of a German torpedo. According to an Admiralty statement issued today, an examination of the vessel revealed a fragment of the torpedoes in a lifeboat. Though crowded with 1,000 refugees, many of whom were women and children, only forty lives were lost, the others being rescued.

With the foregoing announcement the Admiralty announced the picture of the torpedoes, adding that "this proves conclusively that the vessel was torpedoed by a German submarine."

The Official Information Bureau issued a statement today saying that certain detachments of the Indian Army in Flanders had gallantly re-taken some positions which the British lost yesterday.

RIOT IN MEXICO CITY.
Mexico City, November 25.—Serious rioting broke out here last night and mobs took virtual possession of the city. Rioters armed themselves with weapons and looted stores from which they raised large quantities of foodstuffs.

THE RUSSIAN STATEMENT.
Petrograd, November 25.—The official Army Message says:— "Despite the continued successes of the Russian troops, the victory over the Germans is not yet complete. Great bodies of German troops have fled into Silesia, but veteran troops of the enemy who have been broken up by the dashing attacks of our forces.

INDIAN TROOPS RE-TAKE TRENCHES.
London, November 25.—The Official Statement issued by the British Official Press Bureau today says: "The situation is unchanged. The Indian troops have re-taken the trenches they lost. They captured three German officers, over 100 men, one mortar and three machine guns.

RUSSIAN ADVANCE ON TURKS.
Petrograd, November 25.—It is officially announced that the Russian troops are advancing directly on the Turkish fortress in Armenia. The Turks have been defeated and are fleeing along the coast. The fighting is developing on the Black Sea coast near Batoum, which seems to be the object of the Turkish attacks in this region.

GIFTS OF DISTINCTION
In selecting presents for your relatives and friends, you cannot be too particular.
Come to this big gift store, where the choice is so large and the merit of the articles so unquestioned, that it is a pleasure to make your selection here.

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HEAVY GERMAN GUNS READY FOR ACTION

Great Battle now in Progress From Ypres to La Bassée. Kaiser's Troops Make Supreme Effort
WORK OF GARRISON ARTILLERY
Front Has Hardened Ground and Fields.—Arrives on Both Sides Have Moved Their Heavy Pieces Into Position. Kaiser May Command.

Paris, November 25.—A great battle that will rank with the battle of the Marne and with the previous battles along the Yser is in progress from Ypres to La Bassée. The assault of the invaders which soon became general all along this line was begun at Ypres, which seems to be the main point of the German objective. This is taken as the supreme effort of the Kaiser's troops to break through to the French Channel ports at this point.

For the attack the Germans have brought up large reinforcements and fresh guns, the heaviest known in military history. The struggle which began on Monday has been terrific. From reports received at the War Office the Allies have checked the advance of the Germans successfully.

The opening stages of the battle were dominated by the guns of the Royal Garrison Artillery, which performed astonishing feats. It is the fighting plan of the Allies to allow the Germans to exhaust themselves in their furious attacks.

Frost has hardened the grounds and the fields, and the armies of both sides lost no time in moving their heaviest pieces into position. It is believed here that this fresh assault by the Germans is at the direct command of the Kaiser. He has already said that Calais must be taken by December 10th, and there seems to be a general determination on the part of his troops to carry out his will no matter at what cost.

Late reports received here seem to leave no doubt as to the destruction of Zebrugge, which the Germans had made their naval base. The Sillway works, near the Bruges Ship Canal are a heap of ruin, and the six submarines which were brought there in sections, have been reduced to twisted iron.

A large quantity of stores has been destroyed. For three hours on Tuesday the rain of shells fell on the town, so far out to sea that they were barely discernible from the coast the swiftly moving British warships kept up a relentless fire. In less than an hour the coast guard building and the public school had been wiped out.

The German batteries hiding in the dunes, near Blankenberg, tried to reply to the fire but they were soon knocked over. The guns at Heyst also replied and a shot from the fleet struck the church tower there.

The battle on the Warsaw Lodz line continued today with unabated fury, according to the official report from Petrograd. Unofficial reports say the German retreat is gathering speed with the Russians in rapid pursuit. German official statements regard the decision as deferred on account of Russian numbers. German reinforcements are pouring over the border of Poland, and the heaviest part of the fighting is probably to come.

Observers here interpret the reports of German retirement as marking the close of the first stage of the fighting, in which large recommitting bodies were engaged. The Russians, having fallen back to desirable positions and to points of concentration, are now the more aggressive and are seeking to come to grips with the main body of Germans.

GOOD BILLET TONNAGE SOLD AT A CONCESSION

New York, November 25.—A slight increase in foreign orders in steel is reported this week. The United States Steel Corporation has taken orders for 10,000 tons of steel plates for a pipe line in Australia. Other orders for semi-finished and finished steel reported total about 10,000 tons. Included was a good tonnage of billets which was sold at a concession from the Pittsburgh level quoted at present.

According to a steel jobber sheets are firm, although the makers in some districts are offering concessions, no sales at those prices are recorded. Pig iron at Buffalo has been advanced about 75 cents per ton, making the new price \$13.25 per ton for No. 1 X for the first quarter delivery.

Fire destroyed church at Moncton. Moncton, N.B., November 25.—The Central Methodist Church was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday evening. The conflagration was confined to the church and school room.

ALL TRAFFIC IN MEXICO STOPPED. Mexico City, November 25.—All street car traffic is stopped and the only conveyances that were able to get through the streets were the Red Cross cars, bearing wounded from the fighting at Tacubaya.

REV. GEORGE WOOD APPOINTED CHAPLAIN. St. John, November 25.—Rev. George Wood, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Chatham, N.B., is the third New Brunswick clergyman selected as chaplain with the New Brunswick second contingent battalion. It is expected also that a Catholic priest will be chosen.

WAR SUMMARY.
Failure of the German offensive in Poland is confirmed by late despatches. Gen. Von Hindenburg is expected to make another determined stand near the East Prussian frontier.

TERROR PREVAILS IN CONSTANTINOPLE. Petrograd, November 25.—Terror prevails in Constantinople, says a letter sent from the Ottoman capital to Odessa and thence telegraphed here. "A massacre of Christians is imminent. Rioting is a daily occurrence. Foreigners are being threatened."

WASHINGTON REFUSES TWO CLEARANCES. San Francisco, November 25.—The steamers Olson and Mahony was refused clearance from this port yesterday by Collector Davis acting upon instructions from the Treasury Department at Washington.

ITALIAN CENSORSHIP TIGHTENS. Rome, November 25.—New and sharper censorship regulations were announced. The International Office at Bern, the Italian administration, renews the notice that for telegrams to and from Italy the signature in plain language is obligatory.

BERLIN REPORTS SUCCESS IN EAST. Berlin (via wireless), November 25.—An official statement by German General Staff, issued here says: "English ships did not repeat their expedition against the coast yesterday. The situation in the western theatre is unchanged. We have made slight progress at Arras."

WANTED IN MONTREAL. St. John, November 25.—Gullo Boat is under arrest here on the strength of a Montreal telegram. He is said to be wanted on the charge of defrauding creditors.

GENERAL DE WETS CAPTURED IMMINENT. London, November 25.—A despatch received this morning from the Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Johannesburg, states that General Botha, commanding a strong force of Government troops, is pressing hard on General De Wet and his rebels, and that the rebel leader's capture is imminent.

SIR GEORGE PAISH BULL ON AMERICA

Believes United States is in for Great Era of Prosperity Commencing Next Year
CONDITIONS ARE BETTER
Does Not Look for Additional Attacks by Government on Big Business—Misfortunes Will Come in Future.

New York, November 25.—The S. S. Adriatic of the White Star Line passed out at noon today with a notable gathering of financiers among her passengers. Among them were Sir George Paish and Basil Brackley, who have been in this country for about a month, conferring in behalf of the British Government and United States Treasury on banking officials in an effort to arrange for the re-establishment of international banking communication which has been upset by reason of the European war.

Mr. Paish, a member of J. P. Morgan and Company, accompanied them for the purpose of continuing the conference in London.

Sir George left New York a continued ball on America. His parting words were to the effect that this country was in for a great era of prosperity which he thought might develop during 1915.

"I do not look for any more attacks from the government on big business or any further legislation against corporations. Business will now settle down on satisfactory basis and our present opportunities in United States cannot be measured."

By the turn of the year, I think confidence will be pretty fully restored, and the Stock Exchange business will be conducted in a regular manner without any great liquidation.

BOARD OF TRADE TO SETTLE STRIKE. London, November 25.—Sixty thousand men will be affected. Workers demand increased wages because their risks are increased by the war. The situation is so serious that the Government Board of Trade will intervene in an attempt to effect a settlement.

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SKY SEARCHING GUNS. Washington, November 25.—The Navy Department has found it possible, by making some changes in the carriage, to turn the discarded one-pounder guns of the mark VI type into effective anti-airplane guns.

WHEAT PRODUCTION SHOWS DECLINE. Ottawa, November 25.—A cable to the Government from the International Institute of Agriculture states that the probable production of wheat in Australia is from 20 to 25 million bushels, compared with a production of 113,345,000 bushels in 1913-14, and of 91,970,000 bushels in 1912-13.

ARMY REMOUNTS DIE OF STARVATION. Between thirty and forty horses that were shipped from Fort Worth Texas, to France as army remounts, died on the wharf yesterday, as a result of exposure and starvation.

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FOUR POSSIBLE GENERAL MANAGERS OF IMPERIAL. Three names have been prominently mentioned as possible successors to the late D. R. Wilkie, as general manager of the Imperial Bank of Canada. These are Mr. Edward Hay, of Toronto, at present capably filling the position of Assistant General Manager; Mr. J. H. Richardson, manager of the Montreal branch; and Mr. N. G. Leslie, manager of the Winnipeg branch.

THE FRENCH STATEMENT. Paris, November 25.—Official French statement says:—"From the North Sea to Ypres there has been no German attack. Between Langemarck and Zonnebeke we have gained ground. At the edge of La Bassée the Indian troops have retaken from the enemy some trenches which had been captured from them the night before."

From La Bassée to Soissons the line in the fighting is almost complete. We have made some slight progress near Berry-au-Bac and in the Argonne. At Valenciennes, northwest of Verdun, a German assault has been repulsed. An armistice requested by the enemy has been refused. In the region of Pont-a-Mousson our artillery has succeeded in bombarding Arnville. Nothing has happened in the Vosges. Announcement of activity in the region of Pont-a-Mousson, indicates that the French have taken the initiative in that district, and are striking at Metz, the great German stronghold just across the frontier. Pont-a-Mousson is in the Moselle Valley, only 15 miles south of Metz.

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GIFTS OF DISTINCTION
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Awnings
PAULINS, TENTS, FLAGS, RUGS AND CANOPIES