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VARSAW'S FATE HANGS ON BIG BATTLE 30 MILES FROM CI ERMAN INFANTRY ARE COMPELLED TO GIVE WAY ON 150-MILE LINE

nans Have Established Continuous Defensive Zone in Western Theatre

HEAVY REINFORCEMENTS

British Destroy Deadly Mines by Shelling Before Rushing Trenches.

(BRITISH OFFICIAL)

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 20, 6.30 p.m.—The great difficulties under which militury operations in France and Beldum are being conducted are described in a narrative of recent developments written by an official observer attached to the British headquarters and made public today by the official information bureau. The redtal brings the story of the war, as covered in these eye-witness reports, up to Dec. 17.

The opposition now being encountered resembles to some extent that met with by us in the beginning of October, when we first reached the France-Belgian frontier and before the Germans brought up their full force and assumed the offensive," says the report. "It has one great differ-

the report. "It has one great differ-nce, however, and that is that the enemy is in much greater force and his positions are much stronger and better organized than they were two

months ago.

Enemy's Defences Strong.

"At that time an advance on the eastern end of the line implied a very difficult country, ag it does still; and for us it meant an attack on skillight but ant an attack on skilfully but tily fortified strong points or vil-s, held to a large extent by cavalry jacgers. With the large propor-n of machine guns that we have in not of us today, it is no longer a (Continued on Page 7, Column 1.)

GERMANS FORCED TO GIVE GROUND

Constant Deadly Cannonading by New French Guns Creates Panic

DEFENCES ARE PIERCED

of the Somme is Seized.

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Dec. 20 .- Battered incesantly by the effective new Creusot suns used by the French troops on their firing line, the German armies bave been forced from their strongholds along the banks of the Rivers Olse and Alsne and are being driven the most of the allies in the west are being carried out lies in the w of the torest of Argonne. For a stretch along the battle line

of 150 miles the German infantry has been obliged to give way before the been obliged to give way before the constant deadly cannonading which has silenced and destroyed a number nowerful batteries, tas silenced and destroyed a number of the kaiser's powerful batteries, leveling the machine gun shelters and creating panic in the German ranks.

Defences Pierced.

The German defences northeast of Meuport have been pierced by the Franco-Belgian forces, who have captured new positions on their march to Ostend. East of Ypres and south forces have beaten back a German counter-attack and made important A wide line oof trenches south of the Somme, in the environs of Richebourg, has been seized by the French, who have also retaken an important Position not far from Marincourt after a combat lasting three days.

MANY RAID VICTIMS

-Military Funerals in Hartlepools

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Dec. 20 .- Many victims of the German bombardment, Dec. 16, of the east coast towns of England, were buried Saturday, and it was a day of pool and Scarborough. In the latter the original New York cast, will be town, where 11 funerals took place, a memorial service was conducted in the parish church by the Archbishop of matiness Wednesday. Xmas Day and Four thousand Poles are matiness Wednesday. The latter the first Polish contingent find the first polish contingen

BY RUSSIAN AVIATOR

Officer Made Bold Air Raid and Reduced the Station by Dropping Bombs

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PETROGRAD, Dec. 20.—A report from Last Prussia states that a Russian officer, in a bold air raid over Stallupohnen, succeeded in reducing the station to ruins by means of dropping bombs and destroyed a considerable part of the German line at that point.

ZEPPELIN OVER WARSAW DROPPED EIGHTEEN BOMBS

Ninety Citizens' Killed, Fifty Wounded and Two Houses Demolished

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to
The Toronto World.
ROME, Dec. '20.—The Varsavski
Kurier reports that on December 19
a Zeppelin airship hovered over Warsaw, dropping 18 bombs into the city,
killing 90 citizens, wounding 50 and
demolishing two houses.

Fate of Warsaw Depends on Outcome of German

RESISTANCE IS. FIERCE

Russians Press Invasion East Prussia - Little Change in West

Canadian Press Despatch.
LONDON. Dec. 20, 9.35 p.m.—Field
Marshal Von Hindenburg's army which
is advancing on Warsaw over a wide front between the Vistula and the Pilica Rivers and which on Friday occupied Lowicz, reached on Saturday the new Russian positions along the Bzura River and southward to Rawa, with the result that another big battle

is in progress.

The Russians retired across the Bzura River, destroying the bridges behind them, and two German detachments which followed over a partly burned bridge were attacked and are said to have been annihilated fifty survivors being taken prisoners.

Great Battle Begins.

This is only the beginning of the great battle for Warsaw, from which the Germans are now only thirty miles or less. Field Marshal Von Hinden-Wide Line of Trenches South

of the Somme is

unable to cross.

The Russians are continuing their operations against East Prussia as the the capital of Poland were not threatened, and by counter attacks are at tempting to throw off the Austro-German attacks in Galicia. An Austrian sortie in force from Przemysi, according to the Russian official statement, has entirely failed, and there, as well as at other points, prisoners and unable to cross. well as at other points, prisoners and

are being stubbornly opposed by the Germans who in their entrenchments and surrounded by wire entangle-ments, make an advance of even a few yards a costly matter for the

attacking forces. In Flanders a little ground has been gained at considerable cost despite the fact that along the coast the al-lies have the assistance of warships which continually bombard the Ger-man positions. The advance has been more marked from the Belgian bor-der south to the River Oise, where

the ground is not so wet as in the flooded regions of Flanders Gains and Losses Along the Aisne and in the Champagne district, the French artillery which is now probably stronger than the German, has been busy keeping the Germans on the move, but in the Argonne region it is the Germans who are on the offensive and they claim o have made a slight advance.

The general opinion of military men here is that some time must elapse before the allies can expect to make

WERE LAID TO REST any very marked progress. Besides being in fortified positions, which could only be taken after having been thoroly searched out by the artillery, the Germans still have more machine guns than the allies, and, as has been proved in previous battles, these, so long as they can be successfully operated, make infantry attacks too costly to be attempted

Famous Detective Play Tonight. "The Dummy," said to be the most famous of all detective plays, with

German Field-Marshal Admits | 8 Opponents Have Not Been Crushed

BIG TASK IN PROSPECT

Warsaw-Russians Strongly Posted

Canadian Press Despatch.

POSEN, Army Headquarters of the East, Dec. 18, via Berlin and London, Dec. 20.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army took Lowicz, Russian Poland, today, defeating the Russian right wing after reavy fighting for several days. The capture of the city compelled the further retirement of the Russian lines, which have lost 34 kilometres (21 miles) from Warsaw.

The German pursuit is proceeding successfully along the whole front, but the Russians are offering a firm resistance in positions which were previously fortified in preparation for defeat. The resistance of the Russian lines has by no means been fully broken, but their losses in the most recent battles have been enormous.

Russian Losses Heavy.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg, in whose headquarters the Associated Press correspondent arrived today for the purpose of observing further operations, says that the Russian losses since Nov, 13, including about 100.000 prisoners, have been enormous.

Russian Losses Heavy.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg, in the hearthor of Roulers Denied

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FIGHTING ON YSER

CONTINUES VIOLENT

British Ficet's Guns Playing Havoc—Occupation of Roulers Denied

Canadian Press Despatch.

Amsterna Myland London, Dec. 20.— The Sluis, Netherlands, correspondent of The Telegrand sends the following:

The German ransks. Trains filled with wounded are eitering Bruges; most of the killed and wounded at Tannenberg, but by no means so many were killed and wounded as in the present battle. Great masses of Russians were captured at Tannenberg, but by no means so many were killed and wounded as in the present battle. Great masses of Russians were captured at Tannenberg, but by no means so many were killed and wounded as in the present battle. Great masses of Russians had wounded as in the present battles, ac-

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BRITISH STEAMER VICTIM OF MINE

Tritonia, From St. John, N.B., Sunk Off North of Ireland

CREW ALL RESCUED

Flamborough Head Reopen- of 27. ed During Daylight.

DONDON, Dec. 20, 9:18 p.m. — The STURDEE GIVEN Canadian Press Despatch. British steamer Tritonia, of the Don. aldson line, struck a mine off the north coast of Ireland Saturday morning, and is believed to have foundered, according to an announcement made today by the admiralty. The crew of the

steamer was saved.

The Tritonia, which was of 2720 tons, was bound from Partington for St. John, N. B.
Owing to the fear of striking mines sown by the German squadron en-gaged in the recent raid on English east coast towns, the sailings of canadian Press Despatch. castle and Flamborough Head had been

two miles of the coast.
Lloyd's agent at Scarborough sends ing for mines five miles southeast of Scarborough, was blown up Saturday. One man was rescued, but the rest of the crew are missing. It is reported that two other vessels have been blown up in the region visited by the Ger-man squadron which raided the eastern coast.

FOUR THOUSAND POLES **ENROLLED IN LEGION**

First Contingent Under Distinctive Flag Authorized by Russia

Canadiar Press Despatch. WARSAW, Russian Poland, Dec. 20, via Petrograd and London, 5.45 p.m.— By authority of Grand Duke Nicholas, a Polish legion has seen organized. The Russian army contains many Polish volunteers, but the legion will be the first Polish contingent flying a

ON COAST OF BELGIUM

British Shelled German Positions Between Nieuport and Middelkerke

guns.

During the earlier stage of the action the German fire was heavy, but apparently the guns were destroyed or withdrawn, as the reply early in the morning was very slack.

RUSSIAN CRUISER BUSY ON COAST OF SYRIA

Lines Twenty-Five Miles From

Captured German Steamer and

Sent Turkish Vessel to

Canadian Press Despatch

Loan of Two Hundred Millions of Dollars Authorized by Royal

Decree

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. Rome, Dec. 20.—A royal decree authorizes the issue of a militard line at four and one-half per cent., the loan to be redeemed in 25 years at a price

A milliard lire is equivalent to about

FINE RECEPTION

Anglo - French Colony at Montevideo Honored Hero OCCUPATION OF THIELT of Naval Battle:

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 20.hagen have been suspended. That the British admiralty is making progress The British cruiser Invincible, which in coping with the danger from mines took part in the naval engagement off is indicated by its announcement Satthe Falkland Islands on Dec. 8, in which four German cruisers were reopened during daylight, but that sunk, arrived today in the roadstead vessels were required to keep within off this port. Sir Frederick Sturdee,

the British admiral who commanded word that a mine sweeper, which, with several others, was engaged in sweep-The English colony gave a brilliant reception in hoonor of Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, in which the members of the French colony participated. Later the British commander returned aboard his flagship, which made preparations to pro-CRUISERS OFF PUERTO MONTT.

Canadian Prace Despatch. PUERTO MONTT, Chile, Dec. 20. The British cruisers Glasgow and Bristol arrived today.

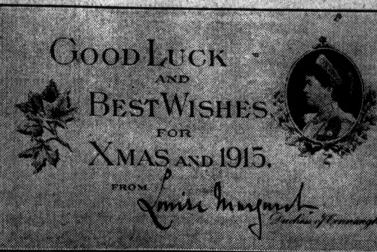
GERMANY TIGHTENS UP PASSPORT REGULATIONS

Canadian Press Despatch. BERLIN, Dec. 21 .- The Reichs Anreiger prints a decree prescribing moremore rigid regulations regarding passports. Every foreigner who leaves or enters Germany must have a passport bearing a personal descripition, parish church by the Archbishop of matinees Wednesday. Xmas Day and York. In the Hartlepools some victims Saturday. You are promised laughs were buried with military honors.

and thrills galore in "The Dummy."

The State of the week, with the legion and will be ready signature and an official certification of his identity.

THE DUCHES OF CONNAUCHT'S CHRISTMAS CAFD



As announced exclusively in The Sunday World, the Ducness o Connaught has sent a Christmas gift of maple sugar to every Canadian on active service, accompanied by the Christmas greeting card here

Officers and Long to

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(BRITISH OFFICIAL)

the 23rd Regiment and the Jaegers

Army and Bombardment by

British Fleet

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men by the dual attack of the Franco.

Belgian army in Belgium near Ostend

and Middelkerke and the bombardment of the British fleet. While the number has not been reported, it is said to be enormous and appalling to the defeated

German troops, whose big guns mounted near Middelkerke, had to be withdrawn out of range of the British fleet

batteries.
East of Passchendaele the French and

British troops gained positions of con-siderable strategical value.

AND RETURNS TO FRONT

man lines are bearing thousands

KAISER HAS RECOVERED

MOTLEY ATTIRE

LANDWEHR EAGER **OFFICERS LEAVE** FOR THE FRONT

Commanders of All Canadian Resent Harsh Treatment of Battalions Have Left Salisbury for France

CROWDING IN THE WORK

Men Will Get Several Hours Germans Appear to Be Dis-More Drill Every

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Dec. 20. - After havin taken a short training course in the Isle of Wight, the commanding officers of all battations composing the Canadian contingent have gone to France to learn, at first hand, the war situa tion, and to get acquainted with the ground and style of campaign being carried on. The officers include Col. Rennie and Col. Currie, Toronto; Col. Hill, Col. Magard and Col. Sabatt of

A significant camp order was issued today outlining the work which was to have been done during the next three weeks and crowding it into one week. The men will get several hours of extra drill every day, and signs point daily to an early transfer of the mer

FAMED CASTLE BURNS

Canadian Press Despatch. GLASGOW, via London, Dec. 21, 3.22 a.m.—Herbertshire Castle, an historic old feudal building at Denny. seven miles from Stirling owned by C. W. Forbes, was destroyed by fire Sunday. Three young women guests were burned to death. Many valuable paintings

ITALY TO GET LOAN OF TWO HUNDRED MILLION

Canadian Press Despatch. ROME, Dec. 20.—A government loan of \$200,000,000 at 5 1-2 per cent. has been arranged for. The loan will be issued Jan. 1, 1915, and will extend over a period of 25 years.

LOSSES BY GERMANS EXPECTED ANY MOMENT

Allies' Cavalry Patrols Already In Dual Attack by Franco-Belgian reckless and wand property. Are in Outskirts of the

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Dec. 20 .- The Flushing orrespondent of The Vaz Dias Agency reports that a Franc-British force has considerably advanced its strategic positions and succeeded in occupying Middelkerke and St. Joris. Combined movements of the allies elsewhere have resulted in the occupation of Dixmude and Roulers, the latter being one of the German concentration centres, which was defended desperately before being yielded. The allies' cavairy patrols are re-

ported as being already in the outskirts of Cortemarik and Thielt. It is wounded on to Aix-la-Chapelle, said the occupation of Thielt by the allies may be expected at any moment,

TACOMA AT COLON.

Conad's Press Despatch.

COLON, Dec. 20.—The United States cruiser Tacoma, ordered to the canal zone in response to Col. Goethals' request for warships to maintain the neutrality of the canal, arrived here today from Guantaname.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 21, 1.53 a.m.—The sets and mink coats are offered at covered and returned to the front, according to an announcement from the neutrality of the canal, arrived here today from Guantaname.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 21, 1.53 a.m.—The sets and mink coats are offered at half price—also marmot and muskrat covered and returned to the front, according to an announcement from the coats—ermine (the ideal gift fur), you will realize the undeniable savings possible at Dineen's. Don't put off coming—the choice is fast (windling).

Churchill Declares Raid is Clear Evidence of Frenzied Despair

BEAR BRAND OF SHAME

Entire Fast Cruiser Force Rushed to Wreak Insane Vengeance

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 20, 8.80 p.m.—Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, in a letter to the mayor of Scarboro, in which he expresses the sympathy of himself and of the navy at the losses sustained thru the German bombardment of Scarborough and disappointment over the escape of the German warships, says:

"We await with patience the opportunity that will surely come. But, viewed in its larger aspect, the incident is one of the most instructive and encouraging that have happened in the war. Nothing proves more plainly the effectiveness of the British naval pressure than the frensy of hatred aroused against us in the breasts of the enemy.

"This hatred has already passed the frontlers of reason. It clouds their vision, it darkens their counsels, and it convulses their movements. We

British army headquarters says:

"From a prisoner captured on Dec."

14 it has been ascertained that both

the 23rd Regiment and the Jaegers suffered enormous losses on Nov. 4. The same man described the fifth of November was a tercrible day, saying that he had never before seen such mud as that in which the Germans were operating, and that the troops were suffering very much from the presence of water in the trenches. The shelling that he went thru on the fourteenth of this month, he states, exceeded anything which he had experienced previously.

and crowding it into one week.

In an early transfer of the men firing line.

J. A. MacLaren.

LED CASTLE BURNS

THREE GUESTS PERISH

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Discard Famous Helmets.

"The Germans appear to be discarding their helmets, the plekelhauben with which they have for fifty years been associated in the eyes of the world. Many variations in their uniforms are now to be seen. Some of the troops are wearing their peace clothing, which is of brighter color than the grey service dress. There is evidence that some of the units facing us are much under strength.

The attack on the Yorkshire coast was a guerilla attack outside the palo of civilized warfare, as defined by The Hague convention of 1907, to which Germany assented. Whatever fighting the Yorkshire coast was a guerilla attack on the Yorks Warfare? cruisers and submarines, while floating mines have been sent on their errand of wanton destruction into neutral

evidence that some of the units facing us are much under strength.

Concerning the offensive movement of the allies, the observer says:

"In conjunction with the French, who also are pressing forward, a movement has been started which has resulted in a small gain of ground."

The narrative then records gains made by British and Indian troops near Ypres and south of the Lys, which already have been reported.

battles but raids have occ cruisers and submarines, wing mines have been sent or rand of wanton destruction in ports and neutral waters.

On land the kaiser did fighting for a time, but every we find him a guerilla bombs on undefended cities non-combatants, destroying On land the kaiser did some big fighting for a time, but even on land we find him a guerilla, dropping bombs on undefended cities, slaying non-combatants, destroying churches schools and hospitals.

> What does it all mean? For one thing it spells disintegration and impending defeat. It is the defeated army which breaks up into guerilla bands to prolong the war. It is always the vanquished who are reckless and wanton in destroying life

Guerilla raids like those on Scarborough, Whitby and Hartlepool, mark the beginning of the end.

Christmas Fure Must Be Bought in Next Few Days—Get Yours at Dineen's.

While Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, have been established for over 50 years, they have never offered such conspicuously good values before Christmas. The \$200,000 fur purchase must be LONDON, Dec. 20. - The Germans lost an almost incredible number of



purchase must be turned into cash and the prices quoted are rapidthis objective The history of this purchase sale is well-known. If the values offered were fully appreciated there would not be a

fur garment or fur piece re-maining on Christmas Eve. When you consider that Dineen quality mink