

That Lodz is in the hands of the Germans seems un-

Details of these mighty battles have yet to be written.

doubted and a Russian official report just issued apparently is preparing the public for the news by referring to the diffi-culty of defending the city, which gives to the Russian front

an abnormal contour, and forecasts a reforming of the line,

The general fact that there has been fearful slaughter and in-

tense suffering from the cold comprises about the total of the

The Germans claim they are pursuing the Russians to the south and southeast of Lodz. Several American correspond-

ents were with the Russian army when the battle broke, but nothing has been heard from them for several days. Evi-dently they are under the hand of a strict censorship. British military experts insist that three-quarters of the

best material of the German army has been held in the western theatre of the war throughout the campaign and that the troops opposed to the Russians consist mostly of sec-

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Linkin Copyrid London, Dec 8—A Petrograd despatch to Reuter's Telegram Com-pany, the date of which is not given, says German aviators, with head-to the latest reports, says the despatch, the town hall, three large tactories and forty-seven houses have been destroyed. Thirty persons have been killed and two hundred wounded. Turkleh forces from Trebizond attempted to prevent a Russian land-ing, but the guns of the transport, cooperating with the Russian land-ing, but the guns of the transport, cooperating with the Russian land-ing, but the guns of the transport, cooperating with the Russian land-try and frontier guards routed them with heavy losse. In the Kielce district, Poland, two German trains, loaded with pyr-coylin shells, collided and were destroyed. There were no survivors. Washington, Dec. 8.—Rheims was visited today by a German avia-tor, who dropped three bombs upon the city, destroying property but injuring no one, according to despatches to the French embasay from the foreign office today. The communication duplicated today the war office statement, and added: "An aviator dropped three bombs on the city of Rheims, destroying certain property but causing no further damage."

German Ammunition Trains Collide and

BRITISH German Ambassador at Washing Across Border. ington Charges Violation of

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Ington Charges Violation of International Law—Claims "Mushroom" Bullets Were Sent to Canada from States for British Army'. Washington, Dec. 8.—Count Von erastorff, the German ambasador re, bas brought to the attention of sette Department, charges of vio ion by British troops of the rules of the fining across the American border to state Department, charges of vio ion by British troops of the rules of the attention of international law. Muth his note, the measured by their builets. An official statement issued today by German embassy, says: "New of America, bar and shifts fired by the con-tage of warders bine, the sate of mouths his po-teed in violation of the international law. The German embassy, says: "New of America, by a unanimous vote late

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Cargo of Gasoline on British Steamer Takes Fire and Most of Crew /Trapped in

Barrow, Dec. 8, 8.10 p. m.--Wrapped in flames, and with the see about her ablaze from the cargo of gasoline she was carrying, only two men of her orew of thirty-six escaped death to-day when the British steamer Vedra piled on the shore near Barrow dur-ing a heavy gale, broke up and was consumed.

consumed. The two men rescued were severely burned while swimming through the faming sea to a tug. A majority of the crew were trapped in the fore-castel of the Vedra and perished. So suddenly did the fire break out when the vesel grounded that only complications between American na-fions and European powers, demon-tions and European powers, demon-t

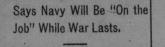
Washington, Dec. 8.—Twenty na tions of the western hemisphere today pressed their disapproval of the fetcets of operations of the European belligerants in the waters of the two of diplomats to formulate practice ascretion of the rights of neutral. Tathered in the magnificent Park merican Unions building, the far thations of this shemisphere to the American republics urged mitted action by the intic representatives of the American reas paced on commerce by the European war. It was the first interna-tional conference of neutral nation which had assembled in any part of the globe since the war began, and irrespective of its possible accompt to accomptend on the right of the first interna-tional conference of neutral nation is prospective of its possible accompt to accomptend on the right of the first interna-tionar difference of neutral nation is prospective of the spesible accompt to accomptend on the right of the park incomptend on the right of the first interna-tionar difference of neutral nation is prospective of the possible accompt to accomptend on the right of the park incomptend on the right of the park of the specific on of the right of the park of the park of the belligerents and of the neutrals in the globe since the serveral addressed in the globe since the present conflict in the specific of of the park of the park of the park of the belligerents of the belligerents in the specific of justice, whilch is a respect to the interest of the isouties syntal to a justice, whilch isouties syntal to a justice, whilch isouties syntal to a justice, whilch isouties syntal to the right of the park of the park of the park isouties the belligerents of the interest of the isouties syntal to a justice, whilch

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nd line organizations. GERMANS ATTACK SOUTH OF YPRES The French official report tonight announced that the Germans have made a violent attack upon the Allies at St Eloy, out of Ypres which was repulsed. This may mean a remusil of the German tampt to battee through the silled lines, which the correspondents predicted from the movements of the Germans in Belgium. Elsewhere in the wast there have been only local engagements. The Austrian and Servian reports continue to claim success for their respective sides. Servia reports a victory on the northeast front, which nearly two thousand prisoners. Vienna says the Austrian advance south of Belgrade is progressing. Mapt from the field of battle, the illness of the German Emperor in Berlin, from bronchial catarrh, with fever, is the most interesting news off the day. The Emperor's prolonged activity, and the recent reports of his appearance, have caused the public to watch with partic-ular interest, any developments regarding his health. Forms in a torn from to the second line of the engine-room. In a second line of the doomed vessel, also pourhas through rents in the hull into the sea. Reaching the weather side of the doomed vessel, also pourhas the chief engineer gave the three seamen with him life beitsue had picked up in this flight, and mounting the value of the rail, plunged headlong into the seature to reach a nearby tug which was endeavoring to his ability as a swimmer to reach a nearby tug which was endeavoring to pull off the Vedra. The engineer had taken only two strokes when a huse wave picked him up and dashed him against the side of the steamer, killing him. Two of the seamen immediately followed the engineer and swam until they were picked up, but in doing so were badly burned. The other seaman, unable to swim, feared to death where he stood. Meanwhile, a number of life boats had come upon the sceme, but they were unable to give aid to the men imprisoned in the forecastle whose of the flames. The Vedra, which was bound from

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e flames. e Vedra, which was bound from Arthur, Texas, for London, is



Tokio, Dec. 8.—Vice Admiral Yas-hire, Minister of Marine, touching on the war in a speech in the Diet, today sid: "While the war in Europe en-dures, the Japanese navy's duties will continue, in the meantime, our fleet, in conjunction with an English fleet, seeks the Germans in South American waters."

FOR GERMANG FAST AS NEEDED

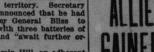
Japanese Minister of Marine Hon, Mr. White Addresses

Mass Meeting in Peterboro; Ont., in Interests of Patriotic Fund Campaign.

Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 8-Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, tonight addressed a mass meeting in the Op-era House in the interest of the \$50, ASK BOARD OF CONTROL WILL BE RESERVED FOR

000 patriotic fund campaign. He de-clared Germany's war strategy "had failed continuously, and the Allies in France had Germany where they wanted her. She could neither adce or retire."

For Emergency Arising Out of Mexican Troubles- Forty-Four Killed Already by Fir-



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