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Large Force of

Germans Said

to be Cut Off.

French Soldiers

Have Worked

Way Around

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.-A cable to

The Herald from London this morn-

"By admissions from Berlin,

seems certain the slender German hold on the Meuse at St. Miniel is about broken. The French have crossed the

erman communication with Metz mid-way between St. Mihiel and Pont-a-Mousson, although at a cost of 600 prisoners and a large number of men killed and wounded.

"The French have been particularly

active the last few days in the Woever district, as the culmination of a steady, grinding fight forward from the woods south of Apremont and an

equally gruelling advance from the forts south of Verdun. This conflict, almost lost sight of in the larger events of the Flanders and Polish

campaigns, would in any other war

have been ranked among the great

"It was in October that the German left centre made a sudden dash from Franco-German frontier in an effort

Franco-German frontier in an effort to cut a way through the barrier forts, roll back the French on Verdun and Toul and compel General Joffre to end his effort to outflank the Gerright. The dash resulted in the capture of Fort Camp des Romans and Fort Les Passes, and the occupation of St. Mihiel. There the invading army was checked, but the weeks that have passed have been filled with almost constant fighting to break this arrowlike force, projecting into

French territory.

the Enemy.

RUSSIANS GET

VICTORY OF

REAL MAGNITUDE

PETROGRAD, Dec. 14.-via London, 3.10 p.m.—Reports

reaching here to-day from the front state that the operations

of Russian forces north of War-

saw, partial success of which

was announced last week, have

now resulted in a decisive vic-

tory, after having pierced the

German front beyond Ciecha-

now and Przasnysz. The Rus-

sian success on this front, ac-

cording to these advices, has

been clinched by a wide swing-

ing movement of the advancing Russian left on the main high-

way from Plock to Mlawa, con-

cluding in a heavy cavalry en-

gagement at Jurominetna, seven

Russian successes of this nature would have three important

results. The immediate pressure

north of Warsaw would be re-

lieved and the German threat

against the railroad lines lead-

ing east from the city would be

answered. Russian troops on the right of the Vistula river

would be freed to seek a crossing and endanger the position

of the left wing of the German army in the region of Lodz. It

is said here that the Russians will now be able to scraighten

their entire front, running to the

Mazurian Lakes.

miles southeast of Mlawa.

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Civilians in France Unable to Restrain When Enemy Leaves

Such a situation, in fact, arose gling Germ

LONDON, Dec. 14.— Correspondents in northern France, who anticipate a general advance by the allies shortly, point out that the situation is fraught with the greatest danger to the civilian population of the towns occupied by the Germans. The sympathies of the civilians, the correspondents think, are likely to lead them to attempt to assist the allies, thereby compelling the Germans to take severe measures for their self-protection.

to the correspondent of The Daily Express, who says:

"When the allies by messages and signals, whereupon inhabitants that the town would be destroyed and every inhabitant killed unless neutrality was maintained. Roulers was evacuated too hastily to enable the Germans to carry out their threats, although the populace, openly hostile, began shooting at the retreating Germans from cellars and killed strag-

Christmas Bells In Merrie Old England To Ring As Usual

[By Special Wire to the Courier] tic manager of one of London's greatable to The Herald says:

"What sort of Christmas are we going to see in London this year? This is a question that everyone seems to is a question that everyone seems to be asking now. And yet it is a comparatively easy one to answer. Dull? Certainly not. But not by any means gay. In thousands of homes 'Absent friends' will be the toast and thousands of of minds will wander away from the fireside out to the trenches where those who have joined in the merriment of past Christmases are keeping lonely watch. But it is not good to be pessimistic.

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"'If we are out for a bright Christmas we shall get it; if we are bent on a dull Christmas we shall have it with interest—fortunately we hope for a Christmas almost as bright as it ever having as brightly as ever. So far as the effect of the war on Christmas shopping goes, we are having a decrease in the useless present and a great increase in the useless present and a great increase

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A London est stores.
"I think the lack of light will ser-

WRONG TO STEAL, BUT WHEN THERE ARE CHILDREN TO KEEP WARM, WHAT'S ONE TO DO?

Magistrate Livingston brought the go upon payment of the costs which Bible to his aid in dispensing justice amounted to \$10.45. at the police court this morning. The case was that in which Charles Uren was charged with the teft of wood by he being an Indian, and under the High Constable Fred Kerr. Uren said law not supposed to tamper with fireseen on what appeared to be vacant property, for the sake of his children the experienced in his little affair with who were cold and hungry, through lack of food. There was no fuel in his home and it was nevessary to sustain life in some manner. Although theft was in no circumstance justified yet there were many alle-

AN INDIAN CASE.

Robert Staats was found drunk ,and A HORSE DEAL

though theft was in no circumstance justified yet there were many alleviating circumstances. Lifting up the Holy Book and turning over to Proverbs he head: "Men do not despise a thief when he steals to satisfy his soul." Thus the Bible upheld the contention that this defendant should be discharged. Uren had been perfectly honest, and told a straight story. He would be allowed to go on a suspended sentence. However, it must be clearly understood that to steal wood was against the law and future offenders would be more ehavily dealt with.

Alfred Berry was also charged with a similar offence and he admitted taking wood but he had done it with more stealth, taking the wood under the shades of evening. He also pleaded a poverty and children to keep. He was given a warning and allowed to

Fire Started In Winchester Military Camps

MONTREAL, Dec. 14-The news that fire had broken out in the camp of the Princess Patricia regiment at Winchester, England, which had been responsible for the injury at least of one man, came in a cable from Major Hamilton Gault, notifying Mrs. L. J. Papineau that her son Lieut. Papineau would have to undergo treatment in a hospital for a week. The cable added that the lieutenant had in

"Light attacks by the French on parts of our positions between the River Meuse and the Voges Mountains were easily renee and the Voges Mountains were easily renee remains to be reported from the western theatr of the war.

"From East Prussia and Southern Poland there is nothing to reported from the western theatr of the war.

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MONTREAL, Dec. 14.— George Mountains were easily renormed to the war.

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FRENCH

[By Special Wire to the Courier]

Sinking of Turk-Ish Boat Was Real Achieve-

Battle in Poland Goes on Without Any Decisive Result.

ment.

CANADA

A DISCOVERY. HAVE YOU MADE IT?

SECRETARY WATT ASKS

FOR ASSISTANCE OF ALL

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Dec. 14, 12.15 p.m.— The first serious blow inflicted on the Turkish navy since the entrance of the Porte into the war—the tor-pedoing of the Turkish battleship Messudieh by a British submarine is the Dardanelles—gave naval color to-to-day's war news and was in fact the only striking occurence chronno ed by land or by seac.

Little or no change has been re-corted on the western battle front-and in the east Russian and Germany continue to fight a seemingly endless pattle for the control of westeren

Entered Dardanelles Under Fire marine. exploit of The submarine presu And Diving Under Mine Field not scratched. The submarine escap Did Its Work—Probably Most boats in a manner truly remarkable, and it was necessary for her crew to endure the ordeal of remaining under water for nine hours on a stretch. water for nine hours on a stretch. Russian guns have from time to time inflicted some damage on Turkish warships bombarding Russian ports, but the disaster reported to-day robs the Porte of its first big ship. The loss of life is not estimated in the brief annauncement of the episode given out by the British Admiraly, but if the Messudieh was manned as other Turkish warships have been, then there were a number of German officers on board of her. [By Special Wire to the Courier]
LONDON, Dec. 14.—11.25 a.m.—A
communication issued by the official

| dieh was reported badly damaged in a naval battle in the Dardanelles. She carried a crew of 600 men. The official bureau's statement is as follows:

"Yesterday submarine B-11, in charge of Lieut.-Commander Norman B. Holbrook of the Royal Navy, entered the Dardanelles and in spite of the difficult current dived under five the property of mines and tornedged the Tur-

The Messudieh was a very old boat, having been built at Blackwall, Eng., in 1874 and reconstructed at Genoa in 1903. She was 332 feet long, 59 feet beam and of about 10,000 tons burden. She had a speed of 17 1-2 knots and her main battery consisted of two 9.2 inch guns in turrets and twelve 6-inch guns in battery. In the war with Greece, in 1912, the Messu-

BERLIN, Dec. 13, via Londo BERLIN, Dec. 13, via London
10.30 a.m.—The correspondent of
the Tazeblatt, in Sofia, Bulgari,a telegraphs an interview he had with
Field Marshal Baron Von Der Goltz,
while the latter was on his way to
Constantinople. Regarding Belgium
Baron Von Der Goltz said:

"The Belgians fought bravely for their fatherland. Such opponents should be esteemed."

French territory.

"From the north, the south and the northeast to Metz. Berlin now confirms from Paris of the precarious the German lines. Gradually their entrenchments crept up on each side sonable to expect in the near future, until two weeks ago the Germans held the beginning of a desperate battle of only a tiny thread of ground from St. extrication." IN FINE SHAPE SAYS FIGHTING "MAC" COLQUHOUN AND READY, AYE, READY

isbury Plains, says in part:

of the first. I have just this to say. I don't think there are any better men in the city of Brantford than the men who enlisted in the first contingent and I will back that up with the say then the say the the statement that there has not been a man in my command that has been a man in my command that has been up on any charge since I left Brantford, and I have only had one man miss parade through sickness. I am proud of every man I have got. They are all playing the game and I have no doubt they will give a good account of themselves when we get to the front. We are all anxious to get there. I don't think the men who first there. I don't think the men who first offered their services deserved that Well, I have been so busy. When we





I feel like hollerin' "whip behind," at Santy fer there's a big imp a hang-in' on behind his sleight. His name

Capt. M. A. Colquhoun, writing to arrived here they doubled up the the Courier from Bustard Camp, Sal-companies and I have more work than ever. I have command of two corps "I have just received a copy of the now instead of one. I have a com Brantford Courier in which I see that one officer has expressed the opinion that the class of men joining the second contingent are better than those of the first I have a company of the 36th Battalion, along with my Brantford boys, and when on parade they look like a small battalion. We are all in fine shape and

BERLIN **OFFICIAL NOTICE**

BERLIN Dec. 14.-Via London.-An official communication issued today by the German army headquar-

[By Special Wire to the Courier]

OFFICIAL NOTICE

PARIS, Dec. 14.—2.44 p.m.—The
French official communication given
out in Paris this afternoon reads as
follows:

"There has been nothing of importance to report between the sea and the Oise.

Local Patriotic Association is Doing Its Best, but
Co-operation is Needed—Some Cases Have
Not Yet Been Reported

"The situation is normal, the population having convinced themselves that the Germans are not barbarians. Life continues as if in peace time and the commerce and transportation are getting better.