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**FRANCE CABLES THANKS
FOR CANADIAN HOSPITAL**
Institution Established at Dinard is
Treating Many Wounded.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—M. DeLacasse, the foreign minister of France, has cabled the Canadian Government, expressing the thanks of the French Government for the establishment of the hospital at Dinard.

The hospital is fully equipped and treating many wounded. It is in charge of Dr. Duckworth Baker.

RUSSIANS NEARING GERMAN INVASION

Hold Pivot Positions, and Will
Sweep Enemy Away, Says
Correspondent.

[Canadian Press.]
LONDON, Dec. 19.—3:30 a.m.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Times sends the following:

"The enemy's third incursion into Galicia has been arrested on the very borders of the province. Some manoeuvring on the part of General Radko Dimitrieff's corps sufficed to check the invading columns although they crossed the Carpathians on a wide front extending between Wieliczka and the head waters of the San River.

"No definite information has been forthcoming as yet regarding the new point of attack in Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's invasion of Poland. After his fruitless efforts to break through the Russian lines on the Bzura River it is probable that he will seek to deliver the blow further south. It is not known whether this will be toward Warsaw or Kielce.

All the enemy's efforts, however, can only serve off the day of reckoning. The Russian army is within a stone's throw of the Silesian border north of Cracow, which is the real pivot of all the operations now developing.

The desperate flanking moves on the Bzura River and from the Carpathians only serve to indicate that the Russians hold the pivot firmly, whence, in good time, they will sweep the flanking columns off the road and advance into the heart of Germany.

NAME BELGIAN "RULER"
Germans Trying to Persuade Harassed
People That Country is Conquered.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Dec. 19.—A cable to the Tribune from Paris says: "The Germans are doing their utmost to force upon the Belgians the conviction that their country is definitely conquered and will become a German state, after the fashion of Bavaria and Saxony. They even hint that the future Belgian ruler will be Prince Otto of Windischgratz, who married Princess Elizabeth, daughter of the late Archduke Rudolph and his widow Stephanie, now Countess Lonyay, daughter of the late King Leopold.

Prince Otto and his wife have three sons, the eldest born in 1904.

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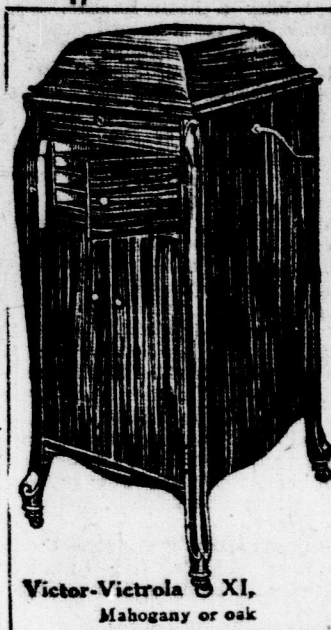
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FIGHTING NOW IN LILLE

General Withdrawal of Main
German Forces to Tour-
coing and Robaix.

[Canadian Press.]
LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Daily Chronicle prints the following dispatch, which is dated Northern France, Friday:

"A week of successes for the Allies has followed the resumption of hostilities in France and Flanders. Roulers has been captured after our fierce assaults on the German trenches outside the town. The inundations between Dixmude and Neuport have been surrounded by the Allies' troops, who have pushed north from Dixmude and south from Neuport, and have joined forces on the east side of the flood. Fierce bayonet attacks have been pushed home at Lembertzyde, with the result that our patrols have advanced to Middlekerke, a few kilometres from Ostend.

"Belgians Will Not Down." "The fighting on the borders of the flooded area was particularly furious. The Belgians advanced toward the entrenched positions of the Germans at Ostkerke, but were driven back by the well-posted machine-guns of the enemy. Three times they rallied to charge, and three times they were repulsed. The fourth assault, however, crowned the gallantry of the Belgians with success, and the trenches were carried at the point of bayonets.

Thousands Prisoners Taken.

"So interwoven were the German trenches at this point that the defeat of the enemy at Ostkerke were responsible for the capture of nearly a thousand Germans. They were caught in parties varying from thirty to three hundred in number. For a time the reckless dash of two armored automobile cars into the Belgian lines nearly saved the situation for them. The cars tried with deadly effect until they were compelled to withdraw.

Bayonet-Fighting in Lille. "The wounded are beginning to arrive at the base hospitals. The German casualties are reported to be very heavy. The French and British troops have arrived at the gates of Lille. Fierce bayonet-fighting in the streets of this great industrial city is reported, and a general withdrawal of the main German forces to Tourcoing and Roubaix has taken place."

**SCARBOROUGH NOW
UNSAFE FOR WOMEN**

View of Former Sheriff of York Ex-pressed at Inquest.

SCARBOROUGH (via London), Dec. 19.—2:15 a.m.—The inquest over the bodies of those who lost their lives in the bombardment of this place by a German fleet last Wednesday, was concluded today. The verdict returned was similar to those found at Hartlepool and Whitby—that the victims were killed by shells from German warships. The foreman of the jury wanted to employ the word murder, but the coroner explained that this would necessitate the prosecution of someone.

A coastguard officer in testifying said that when the attack was opened upon Scarborough the German ships were within six hundred yards of the castle, which stands on the promontory rising above the harbor. He said he believed that nearly five hundred shells were fired.

Former Sheriff Turner, of York, said in his opinion it was not safe for any woman to remain in Scarborough.

SIAM PRINCE AT NIAGARA
[Canadian Press.]
NIAGARA FALLS, Dec. 18.—Prince Kempenzitch, brother of the King of Siam, is sight-seeing here. He is supplied with a number of moving picture cameras and is taking colored views of the falls.

ouh! Up and At 'Em Now!"

**Richard's
QUICK NAPHA
THE
WOMAN'S SOAP**

BERLIN EXPECTING NEUTRALS TO HELP

Believes Reports of Russian
Defeat Will Change
Attitude.

VORWAERTS IS SKEPTICAL

Fails To See How Czar's
Armies Can Be Destroyed
Easily.

[Canadian Press.]
LONDON, Dec. 19.—3:37 a.m.—The Daily Mail's Petrograd correspondent, says:

"Russian reinforcements are pouring to the front in Poland and the issue in the fighting west of Warsaw depends upon which side can fling the larger weight in numbers into the battle line."

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—(By Wireless to Sayville, L. I.)—The official news bureau today gave out the following items:

"The coincidence of the expedition to the English coast and the victory in the east continues to cause general rejoicing. Although the headquarters report is chary of details, there is general expectation that the Russian defeat will prove to have been complete.

"From details already available, however, it seems safe to say that the victory has freed Germany from any possible menace of invasion from the east for a long period. The Austrians appear to have done their worst quite as thoroughly. The political effect of the victory also is likely to be advantageous as regards certain powers, whose attitude might depend on the course of the events of the war.

What Vorwaerts Says. "While nearly the whole press is disposed to consider Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's victory in the light of an utter crushing of the Russians, the military critic of the Vorwaerts speaks in a more moderate tone.

"The talk of a destructive defeat of the Russians is for the present a senseless and misleading exaggeration," says this critic. "An army of a million men, like the Russian army, which has, indeed, in the last four weeks suffered severe loss, but which always has been able to fill the gaps with recruits, does not let itself be destroyed under present conditions. It is a front of several hundred kilometres (a kilometre is about two-thirds of a mile).

"Vienna's report indicates that the Russians still are maintaining the aggressive in the Carpathians, but declares that they are retreating elsewhere."

WHAT CAUSES COLDS?
This question and "How to Prevent Colds" is asked a thousand times every day. A cold is really a fever, not always caused by the weather but due to a disordered condition of the blood or lack of important food-elements. In changing seasons food-factors are essential because they distribute heat by enriching the blood and so render the body better able to withstand the varying elements.

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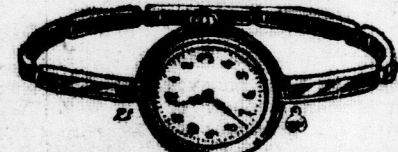
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ROTTERDAM, via London, Dec. 18.
11 p.m.—The steamship Orn arrived
here today with 1,500 tons of food for
the destitute Belgians.

MESSUDIEH LOSS 100

German Officers Among Those Who
Sank on Torpedoed Ship.

[Canadian Press.]
Athens, via London, Dec. 18.—9:55
a.m.—Semi-official announcement is
made here that 100 lives were lost, in-
cluding some German officers, when
the Turkish battleship Messudieh,
which was torpedoed by a British sub-
marine, sank in the Dardanelles.

The fact that the Turkish battleship
Messudieh had been torpedoed by a
British submarine was made public by
the British official bureau on Decem-
ber 14. The work was accomplished by
Lieutenant Norman B. Holbrook, in
charge of submarine B-11. He took his
little ship into the Dardanelles and
dived under five swarms of mines before
he discharged the fatal torpedo into the
Messudieh, which was guarding the
mine fields.

CREEPING TO HARBOR

Steamer Ishthman, Badly Damaged,
Making For San Diego.

[Canadian Press.]
San Diego, Cal., Dec. 18.—The Ameri-
can-Hawaiian steamer Ishthman this
morning, with a hole in her bow and
her stern high out of the water, con-
tinued to proceed slowly toward this
harbor and safety. If she remained
afloat and maintained her gait of 7 1/2
knots, it was estimated she would ar-
rive off San Diego about midnight to-
night.

The Ishthman carries a million-dollar
cargo of fruits and a crew of forty.

GAEKWAR PURCHASES LINER FOR HOSPITAL

Empress of India To Be Used for Bene-
fit of Indian Troops.

[Canadian Press.]
Seattle, Wn., Dec. 19.—The liner Em-
press of India of the Canadian Pacific
Railway Company, which has been ply-
ing between North Pacific ports and the
Far East for 23 years, has been sold to
the Gaeckwar of Baroda, said to be the
richest prince of the Indian Empire.
The Empress of India is to serve as a
hospital ship for Indian troops.

News of the sale of the steamer was
brought by the Japanese steamer Sano
Maru, which arrived here yesterday
from the Far East.

**CRUISER AUSTRALIA
ARRIVES AT CALLAO**
CALLAO, Peru, Dec. 18.—The Aus-
tralian cruiser Australia arrived here
this evening.