ST. JOHN, N. B., NOVEMBER 7, 1914.

Guard is being organized in Montreal, and similar action is being taken in St. Catherines, and has already been taken in some other towns. The Home Guard of Montreal is perhaps different from the conditions in Turkey, predicts that that country will play a very insignificant part in the war.

The Admiralty concedes the loss of the cruiser Good Hope in the naval batof Montreal is perhaps different from some of the others, since it is to be made up of business men who will buy their own rifles and cartridges and will dispense with uniforms. They will, however, be prepared to gather at a moment's notice at various posts throughout the city, and carry out a uniform plan of action should any danger arise. The government has promised to remit the duties on rifles so that the cost to the men may be as low as possible. Each member of the Home Guard Association will pay a fee of \$85 to cover the cost of rifle, cartridge belt and two hundred and fifty rounds of ammunition. The project is endorsed by the council of the Montreal board of trade, and it is expected that three to five thousand members will be secured in a few weeks. Among those at the head of the movement are Mr. J. N. Greensome of the others, since it is to be made the off Chili. It is believed she is the few weeks. Among those at the head of the movement are Mr. J. N. Greenshields, K. C., Lieut.—Col. Starke, Robert Bickerdike, M. P., the managers of sevral banks and other large corporations.

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The importance of having a Home Guard is that it ensures a uniform plan of action. Without such an organization German cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneis-German cruisers Scharnhorst and Oheisenau have been captured while coaling.

Let us hope the report is well founded.

The German-Americans might

The Germans have been caught snip
The Germans have been caught trouble for our Atlantic ports. But suppose trouble did arise, let us say in St. John, who would take charge of the situation, and what organization fare after this fashion. would he have behind him to take measures of defence? The proposal to organize the firemen is an excellent one;

Henri Bourassa is a traitor, and if he but we should go further and organize a Home Guard, who would also be ready at a moment's notice for any emergency, equipped for instant action, and assembled at the shortest notice at a definite point for a definite purpose. To say bled at the shortest notice at a definite point for a definite purpose. To say that such action as this is necessary is not to be an alarmist; but merely to give expression to the dictates of common prudence in time of war. As a matter of fact it will be good for the health of the average man about town to get the physical exercise involved in membership in a Home Guard, and it would also give rise to a fine feeling of comradeship which would be good for comradeship which would be good for for more than half a century,

### THE WAR NEWS.

plan of attack upon Warsaw has thus been completely defeated. The Russians had gained a decisive success over the FOR THE BABY

Germans in the region of Warsaw several days before the defeat of the Austrian army has been compelled to retreat. "This victory," says the Russian report, referring to the operations on the River San, "enables our troops to proceed to a realization of further tasks which will inaugurate a new period of the war."

Hardly less satisfactory is the news which comes from Flanders, especially the Ypres region. Today's reports say that while the Germans are clinging

that while the Germans are clinging tenaciously to their position the initiatenaciously to their position the initiative is now passing to the allies. The Germans appear to have made their supreme effort in the contest for possession of Ypres on Sunday and Monday last, and were driven back with heavy losses by the British. At no point has success attended the efforts of the enemy, and it is claimed that they are now suffering from a dearth of officers. now suffering from a dearth of officers, of whom large numbers have been sent to the Russian frontier. There appears to be good reason to believe that the German attack has spent its force, and that the danger of the war machine breaking the lines of the allies and gaining the French coast has passed. The Kaiser himself has been at the front to inspire his troops, but they have been unable to overcome the strongly entrenched opposition of the British and

From Tokio comes the good news of the surrender of Tsing Tau to the investing Japanese and British forces. The garrison had made a heroic defence, but garrison had made a heroic defence, but surrendered after the principal fort had recults. been taken by asasult. Thus Germany loses the last of her possessions on the Asiatic mainland, and the Japanese and British vessels which have been engaged in the reduction of Tsing Tau are refrom Canada to Cape Horn.

The news from Turkey comes through Russian sources, but it is to the effect that the Turks were surprised by the anexpected preparedness of Russia, and

The proposal to organize a Home set. It is worthy of note in this con-Guard in St. John is in line with what nection that Professor Banks, who is is being done in other cities. A Home now in St. John, and is familiar with

the community. But, first and most important of all, it would place the city in a condition to face an emergency with a greater degree of confidence. It has been said that in time of peace we should prepare for war. When the war is on there can be no doubt whatever about the necessity for preparation.

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Referring to the future of Poland the Boston Globe says:—"It is too early to say what ought to happen in Europe when the rage of war is spent. But in the growing conviction that races living under alien rules in close proximity to about the necessity for preparation. the demand of the Poles to be reinstated as a nation is not likely to be heard The most gratifying news of the day comes from the Russian general staff, which tells of a victory that inaugurates a new period of the war. The Austrian armies have been forced to retreat, abandoning their position on the River San. The Austrians retired along the whole battle front on November 5. and were vigorously pursued by the Russians. The whole Austro-German plan of attack upon Warsaw has thus in vain. The Czar's promise of auton-

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