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STEADY PROGRESS BY ALLIES

Enemy's Forces Being Crowded Back From Ypres, Albert and Other Parts of Western Belgium

Paris, Dec. 19.—The French War Office this afternoon gave out an official announcement as follows: During day of December 18th we organized in Belgium the territory won from the enemy the evening before, to south of Dixmude, and we advanced our front to south of the Inn at Kerbeker.

Our advance to the south of Ypres has been continued over very difficult and swampy territory.

Considerable Progress

We have progressed in the region of Notre Dame Consolation to the South of La Bassee by more than one kilometre during the past two days. We also made progress in the direction of Carney, St. Laurent and Blangy.

In spite of spirited counter attacks the positions taken by December 17th have been retained. In the region of Albert during the nights of Dec. 17th, 18th, and during the day of 18th, we advanced under very violent fire of the enemy, and we reached the barbed wire entanglements of the second line of German trenches.

Captured and Lost

To the North of Maricourt we were obliged to abandon a trench occupied the night before, and set on fire by the enemy by means of hand grenades.

Several German trenches have been occupied in the region of Mamets and in the vicinity of Lipens three violent counter attacks on the part of Germans were repulsed.

In the region of the Aisne there have been artillery engagements and in Campaigne the artillery of the enemy showed on December 18th increased activity as compared to the 17th.

Battleships Added to Navy Since Declaration of War Total 180,000 in Tonnage

London, Dec. 19.—The Admiralty has made public the following list of vessels added to the navy between August 1 and September 15. They represent an increase of nearly 160,000 tons and have cost approximately \$100,000,000.

Battleships (Super-Dreadnoughts) Benbow, 25,000 tons, 10 13½-inch guns, 21 knots.

Emperor of India, 25,000 tons, 10 13½-inch and 12 6-inch guns, 21 knots.

Erin, 23,000 tons, 10 13-inch and 16 6-inch guns, 21 knots.

Agincourt, 27,500 tons, 14 12-inch and 20 6-inch guns, 22 knots.

British Cruiser Tiger, 28,000 tons, 8 13.5-inch and 12 6-inch guns, 28 knots.

Light Cruisers Arctura, 3,750 tons, 2 6-inch and 3 4-inch guns, 29 knots.

Aurora, 3,750 tons, 2 6-inch and 8 4-inch guns, 29 knots.

Galatea, 3,750 tons, 2 6-inch and 8 4-inch guns, 29 knots.

Undaunted, 3,750 tons, 2 6-inch and 3 4-inch guns, 29 knots.

Monitors Humber, 1,250 tons, 2 6-inch and 2 4.7-inch guns, 11½ knots.

Mersey, 1,250 tons, 2 6-inch and 2 4.7-inch guns, 11½ knots.

Severn, 1,250 tons, 2 6-inch and 2 4.7-inch guns, 11½ knots.

Destroyers Broke, 1,600 tons, 6 4-inch guns, 21 knots.

Faulkner, 1,600 tons, 6 4-inch guns, 21 knots.

Lance, 965 tons, 3 4-inch guns, 29 knots.

Laverock, 965 tons, 3 4-inch guns, 29 knots.

Leonidas, 965 tons, 3 4-inch guns, 29 knots.

Lookout, 965 tons, 3 4-inch guns, 29 knots.

Lucifer, 965 tons, 3 4-inch guns, 29 knots.

British Power Egypt's Shield

King George Assures the New Sultan of Protection of Great Britain

London, Dec. 20.—King George today sent a message to Hussein Kemal, whose appointment as Sultan of Turkey was announced yesterday, assuring him of his sincere friendship and unfailing support in safeguarding the integrity of Egypt.

"Your Highness has been called to undertake the responsibilities of your high office at a grave crisis in the national life of Egypt," the message ran, "and I am convinced you will be able, with the co-operation of your Ministers and the protectorate of Great Britain, to successfully overcome all influences which are seeking to destroy the independence of Egypt, and the wealth, liberty and happiness of its people."

Christmas Gifts For Canadian Men In Army and Navy

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The Duchess of Connaught has sent a box of maple sugar as a Christmas gift to each officer and man of the Canadian Overseas Contingent now at Salisbury Plains; The Royal Canadian Regiment now at Bermuda and the crews of the Royal Canadian Navy doing duty on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

The Portia left Curling at 7.30 a.m. today.

In the Argonne in the Forest of Lagurrie, we blew up a German undermining trench near St. Hubert. The enemy by a very spirited attack succeeded in making slight progress.

It has been confirmed that in the heights of the Meuse our fire directed by aviators, demolished two heavy batteries of the enemy and damaged a third battery.

From the Meuse to the Vosges there is nothing to report. In the Vosges there has been spirited German rifle firing, but no attack.

BRITISH DREADNOUGHT THUNDERER REPORTED SUNK

New York, Dec. 21.—The British Dreadnought Thunderer is reported sunk says a cable to The New York Tribune. The Thunderer, a Super-dreadnought of 22,500 tons was launched in 1912. Her speed is given in the Navy List as 21 knots and complement 900 officers and men. She cost nearly \$10,000,000.

Irresistible Offensive Of The Allies Forces The Germans From Dixmude

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—In the Allies' offensive movement, British and Belgians began furious attacks in West Flanders on the German positions. They previously had been closely reconnoitered by airmen. Sang "Lion of Flanders"

Notwithstanding the frightful weather the enthusiasm of the Allies is irresistible. Trenches a few kilometres before Roulers were stormed. The Flemings ran down upon German infantry singing their National Anthem "The Lion of Flanders."

Dixmude bridge had also been captured by the bayonet; the attack was supported by artillery and immediately afterwards

an advance was made Northwards to Dixmude.

The Germans were obliged to evacuate strongly fortified trenches at Nieupoort after leaving many dead.

The Allies attacked St. George's with the help of improvised bridges, rafts and emergency boats and the last of the Lombertzyde houses was shot to ruins.

In the hand to hand fights the French cavalry made splendid charges.

The losses of the enemy in dead, wounded and prisoners were very great. The Germans are fighting with great tenacity.

Germans Forced Evacuate Dixmude

London, Dec. 20.—The Germans have evacuated Dixmude.

MINE SINKS "TUTONIA"

Was Bound From Partington to St. John, N.B.—All the Crew Reported Saved

London, Dec. 20.—The British steamer Tutonia struck a mine on the North coast of Ireland, Saturday, and it is believed foundered, according to an announcement made by the Admiralty to-day.

The crew were saved. The Tutonia was bound from Partington for St. John, N.B.

Fogota is due tomorrow morning.

Vienna Makes Bad Guess

Czars Troops Make Capture Of Many Germans

And Petrograd is Making an Announcement Gives Day, Date and Circumstances.

Petrograd, Dec. 20.—The following official communication was issued last night from general headquarters: On the right bank of the Vistula in North Poland, there has been no change. An attempt by the enemy to proceed from the right bank of the Vistula near Dobryzn was repulsed by artillery fire.

The enemy has been compelled to evacuate quickly an island in the Vistula which he had occupied. We seized at this point several pontoon bridges.

Fighting on the Bhura River has begun to develop. We have repulsed sev-

Austrians Say West Galicia "Is Now Clear"

And Claim to Have Captured Twenty-Six Thousand Russian Prisoners There.

Vienna, Dec. 20.—Western Galicia was declared to be clear of Russians in an official statement issued here late last night.

The Austro-Hungarian army is declared to have taken 26,000 prisoners and great quantities of war material.

On the left bank of the Vistula there have been engagements only by advance guards.

In West Galicia on the left bank of the Doznietz, on the night of December 17th and 18th we captured as many as one thousand prisoners be-

Mine Sweepers Are Destroyed

Two British Vessels Blown Up While Searching For These Menaces To Navigation

Scarborough, Dec. 20.—The German mines claimed two more vessels off the coast this afternoon.

Two British mine-sweepers, which endeavored to remove the mines left by the German warships, were blown up and sunk, and there was damage done between Scarborough and Filey, seven miles south of here.

Practical Charity Of Sanitary Men

This morning at the sanitary stables the men took up a collection in aid of a brother employee who for the past few weeks have been laid off through illness.

BOER REBEL EXECUTED

Capt. Fourie, Leader in the Uprising, Condemned By a Court Martial and Shot

London, Dec. 20.—A Reuter's despatch from Pretoria tells of the first military execution of the rebel leaders involved in the uprisings in British South Africa, which followed the outbreak of the European war.

Capt. Fourie was shot after being convicted of treason. His brother, Lieut. Fourie, was also condemned to death, but sentence was commuted to imprisonment for five years, on account of the Captain's admission that he had induced his brother to join the rebellion.

Both men had been officers in the South African Defense Force, and being Boers, were tried by a court-martial composed of Boers.

The Captain met death with fortitude.

longing to German divisions, which already had been engaged in this region.

A strong force from the Przemysl garrison attempted to open the railway in the direction of Bierozna to the southwest.

Our troops are fighting here under favorable conditions.

Guns of British Ships' Play Havoc With the German Land Batteries

London, Dec. 20.—British warships off the Belgian coast were engaged with German land batteries with 12-inch guns for five hours on Saturday.

Reports reaching here, late last night from the front, state that the German guns were eventually silenced or destroyed.

Shelled German Positions. The British ships shelled the German positions at Nieupoort and Middekerke. The British ships are declared to have escaped undamaged.

The Allied land forces co-operated with the fleet by directing a determined sortie against the region of Nieupoort.

Playing Havoc With Germans. Amsterdam, Dec. 20.—A Netherlands correspondent from the Telegraph sends the following despatch: Violent fighting continues on the Yser.

The British fleet's guns are playing havoc with the German ranks.

Trains filled with wounded are entering Bruges. Most of these trains proceed eastward.

The Allies have not occupied Roulers, but fighting is raging between there and Ypres and Dixmude.

Churchill Dubs German Sailors "Baby-Killers of Scarborough"

London, Dec. 20.—Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a letter to the Mayor of Scarborough, in which he expresses the sympathy of himself and of the Navy, at the losses sustained through the German bombardment of Scarborough and the disappointment of the escape of the German warships, says:

"We await with patience the opportunity that will surely come. But viewed in a larger aspect the incident is one of the most instructive and encouraging that has happened in the war."

Frenzy of Hatred. "Nothing proves more plainly the effectiveness of British naval pressure than the frenzy of hatred aroused against us in the breast of the enemy. This hatred has already passed the frontiers of reason. It clouds their vision; it darkens their counsels, and convulses their movements."

"We see a nation of military calculations throwing calculations to the winds; of strategists, who have lost their sum of proportion; of schemers who have ceased to balance the loss and gain."

Act of Folly. "Practically the whole of the fast cruiser force of the German Navy, including some great ships that are vital to their fleet, and utterly irreplaceable, have been risked for the passing pleasure of killing as many English ships as possible, irrespective of age or condition, in the limited time available. To this act of military and political folly they were impelled by violence of feelings which could find no other outlet. This is satisfactory and should confirm us in our course."

"Their hate is a measure of their fear. Its senseless expression is proof of their impotence and a seal of their dishonour. Whatever feats of arms the German navy may hereafter perform, the stigma of baby-killers of Scarborough will brand its officers and men while sailors sail the seas."

WAS HIT 20 TIMES IN FIGHT

Invincible in the Thickest of Falkland Is. Naval Battle—No Men Killed—Not Seriously Damaged

Monte Video, Dec. 21.—Several interesting details of the Naval battle off the Falkland Islands became known here today, when Admiral Sturdee came ashore to attend a reception at the residence of the French ministers.

It is said that the cruiser Invincible, which led in the attack on the Scharnhorst, Von Spee's flagship, and which, after that vessel had been sunk, was in at the death of the Gnel-senau, was struck twenty times by projectiles, but sustained no serious damage.

No Men Killed. The vessel's casualties were light, considering the number of times she was hit, only fourteen members of the crew having been wounded.

When the battle began and while the Germans were firing at long range, it is said, the British commanders reserved their fire and permitted their men to have breakfast before answering the attack. When Britishers did come into action, however, little signalling was done as each vessel's commander already knew what his task was to be.

Von Spee and Two Sons. The Scharnhorst was ablaze when she sank with all hands, including Admiral Von Spee. Two sons of the Admiral, one aboard the Gneisenau and one aboard the Leipzig, also were lost.

The Commander of the British Flag ship was slightly hurt on his foot by being struck by a flying splinter. Had he ordered his six inch guns manned there doubtless would have been fatalities aboard as one of these guns was smashed by a German shell.

Schr. Dorothy Duff is at Fogo loading Labrador fish for Smith & Co.

Barq. Calidora, three and a half days from North Sydney, arrived yesterday with cargo of coal.

Advertisement for G. Knowling's Ladies' New Jackets, featuring various styles like Untrimmed Navy, Black & Tweed, and Girls' New Jackets, with prices ranging from \$1.95 to \$20.00.