

BRITAIN'S TRIUMPH.

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Dominions Will Have Colonies---Characteristic Hun Appeal---Brussels Will Receive King Albert To-day.

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LONDON, Nov. 21. The German fleet surrendered to the British to-day, it became known this evening, consisted of nine battleships, five battle cruisers, seven light cruisers and fifty destroyers. One German light cruiser while on its way across the North Sea with the other ships of the German high seas fleet struck a mine. The warship was badly damaged and sunk. Germany's high seas fleet after its surrender to the Allied navies was brought to the Firth of Forth to-day. The British grand fleet and five American battleships and three French warships in two long columns escorted the 71 German vessels to their anchorage.

LATEST GERMAN APPEAL.
AMSTERDAM, Nov. 20. Prince Lichnowsky, former German Ambassador at London, is the author of the latest German appeal for clemency. His appeal appears in the Berlin Vorwaerts. He declares: "The conditions of the armistice were inspired by a spirit of revenge and will lead to starvation, anarchy, chaos and the spread of Russian tendencies, which are the most dangerous enemies of democracy and freedom. The overwhelming majority of Germans did not desire the war and earnestly wish for reconciliation. A cruel exploitation of our present situation would endanger the ideal of League of Nations. I do not appeal to pity, but to praiseworthiness." Prince Lichnowsky further declares that the aims for which Great Britain entered the war, the protection of Belgium and France, and the conversion of Germany into a democratic state, have been attained, and adds: "I cannot believe in a just war for revenge and desire to strengthen the German people prevail, to the exclusion of the sentiments which before the war dominated the British nation."

FUTURE OF GERMAN COLONIES.
LONDON, Nov. 21. (Reuter's).—Rt. Hon. Walter Long, Colonial Secretary, has written to the Agent General of New South Wales in reply to an enquiry as to the future of the German colonies, stating that Premier Lloyd George has authorized him to say that the whole support of the government will be given to the claims of the Dominions on this subject. Mr. Long says that Premier Lloyd George has already made this clear to the representatives of the Allies at Paris.

BERLIN TAKING THINGS CALMLY.
BERLIN, Nov. 16. (By the A.P.).—Berlin has now had a week of revolution. The streets have the same appearance they presented on any Saturday during the war. With the exception of the absence of newspaper references to events along the front, a casual visitor would not be aware that this has been the storm centre of a gigantic political upheaval. The mass of the public appears anything but excited over the future progress of events. Its jaded war-weary nerves are apparently no longer capable of responding to the thrills no matter how inspiring. News of food relief temporarily eclipsed curiosity over the political drama. After four years of grinding war the listless attitude of the middle class elements in the early stages of the revolution is typical of the apathy that prevails. While parliamentary leaders of the middle parties beat a headlong retreat when the abdication of Emperor William was announced and left the Social Democrats undisputed masters of the tangled situation, the majority of the middle class in citizens appeared oblivious or perplexed in the face of grave events. It was only after the Socialists had worked feverishly for eight days to anchor the revolution in the hearts and minds of the workmen that the middle classes decided to issue their first call to arms. The Ebert-Hassel cabinet is apparently in undisputed control, although its organization is still somewhat chaotic. It has taken over such elements of the old bureaucratic regime as was indispensable and placed its party men in strategic positions without, however, manifesting inclination towards bias. The hastily created subordinate bodies and committees are gradually introducing a semblance of method and continuity into their work. The conflict of authority and disputed jurisdiction which made the Reichstag building a babel early in the week

has now disappeared. The Executive Committee of the Soldiers' and Workmen's organization was supposed to be the highest authority to the present government, but it does not obtain this distinction. It is subordinate to the final authority of the council formed by the six peoples commissioners. Until the National Assembly has decreed the structure of the republic the present apparatus must be accepted as a provisional makeshift. It is the best the Socialist Democrats have been able to devise in the hour of revolutionary travail. At present the Ebert Cabinet is concerned with the urgent problems of food and demobilization. The gravity of both is such that the Radicals are wisely refraining from indulging in any Utopian experiments. They have been more than circumspect and their reticence that they propose to convene the National Assembly is interpreted to mean that they do not propose to offer affront to the middle classes or place the conditional developments in jeopardy. Responsibility for the disorders in the first days of revolution rest on the Spartacus group, in which Liebknecht and Rose Luxemburg carry little of the influence they held at first. Soldiers and sailors are ready to suppress any plot against the government and are insistent in their demands for non-partisan politics and for convening the National Assembly at which the greater German republic will receive its baptism.

U-BOATS SURRENDER.
LONDON, Nov. 20. (British Wireless Service).—The following account of the surrender of the first batch of twenty German submarines, which was accomplished this morning at sea, is given by an eyewitness of the incident. More than 80 other German submarines are to be handed over to the Allies' naval commanders before the end of the week. After steaming some twenty miles across the North Sea, the Harwich forces which consisted of five light cruisers and twenty destroyers, were sighted. The flagship of Admiral Tyrwhitt, the Commander, was the Curaco. High above the squadron hung a big observation balloon. The squad-

ron, headed by the flagship, then steamed toward the Dutch coast, followed by the Coventry, Dragon, Danial and Centaur. The other ships followed in line with their navigation lights showing. The picture was a noble one as the great vessels with the moon still shining, ploughed their way to take part in the surrender of the German U-boats. Soon after the British squadron started, the paravanes were dropped overboard. These devices are shaped like tops and divert any mines which may be encountered, for the vessels were now entering a minefield. Almost everyone on board donned a life belt, and just as the red sun appeared above the horizon, the first German submarine appeared in sight. Soon after 7 o'clock twenty submarines were in line, accompanied by two German destroyers, the Tibeney, and the Serra Vanan, which were to take the submarine crews back to Germany after the transfer. All the submarines were on the surface with their hatches open and their crews standing on deck. The vessels were flying no flags whatever, and their guns were trained fore and aft in accordance with the terms of surrender. A bugle sounded on the Curaco, and all the gun crews took up their stations, ready for any possible treachery. The lead destroyer, in response to a signal from the Admiral, turned and led the way toward England, and the submarines were ordered to follow. They immediately did so. The surrender had been accomplished. Each cruiser turned, and keeping a careful look out steamed toward Harwich. One of the largest of the subs. carried two 5.9 guns, and 23 officers and men were counted on her deck. The craft was estimated to be nearly three hundred feet in length. Its number had been painted out. Near the ship was a lightship, and three large British seaplanes followed by an airship were observed. The Harwich forces and the seaplanes and airship made a most impressive sight. One of the submarines was seen to send up a couple of carrier pigeons, and at once a signal was flashed from the Admiral that it had no right to do this. When the ships had cleared the minefield and entered the War Channel the para-

venes were hauled aboard. On reaching a point some twenty miles off Harwich the ships dropped anchor, and Capt. Addison came out on the warship Maidstone. British crews were then put on board the submarines to take them into harbor. With the exception of the engine staffs, all the German sailors remained on deck. The submarines were then taken through the gates of the harbor, and the German crews were transferred to the transports which will take them back to Germany. As the boats went through the gates the White Ensign was run up on each of them with the German flag underneath. Each German submarine commander at the transfer was required to sign a declaration to the effect that his vessel was in running order, that its periscopes was intact, that its torpedoes were unloaded and that its torpedo heads were safe. Orders had been issued forbidding any demonstration, and these instructions were observed to the letter. There was complete silence as the submarines surrendered and as the crews were transferred. So ended an historic event, and the first portion of the German submarine fleet is now in the hands of the British Navy.

ENTERING HIS CAPITAL.
LONDON, Nov. 21. Belgian history will reach a climax Friday, when King Albert will make his official entry into Brussels, said the correspondent of the Daily Mail with the British army in Belgium. The day will be one of political regeneration as well as one of regal ceremony. The Belgian parliament the correspondent adds, will meet and make a great decision.

ALLIES CAN GET RAW MATERIALS.
WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 21. Restrictions on the exportation of raw cotton to Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium and Japan were removed to-day by the War Trade Board and the committee on cotton distribution. The order is effective Dec. 2.

MOVING TOWARDS FRONTIER.
LONDON, Nov. 21. Field Marshal Haig to-night reports on the British advance as follows: The second and Fourth armies resumed their march this morning towards the German frontier. The movement of our troops is being conducted in accordance with programme without incident. On our right advanced detachments are pushing forward towards the Meuse, south of Namur. On our left we have reached the general line of Gembloux Wavre.

BEGINNING OF PROHIBITION.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 21. President Wilson to-day signed the Emergency Agricultural Appropriation Bill with its Legislative Rider providing for National Prohibition from next July 1 until the American army is demobilized.

CANCELLING WAR CONTRACTS.
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AN ANTI-WAR MAN.
WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 21. Opposition to a League of Nations was voiced late to-day by Senator Reed, of Missouri, Democrat, who in a speech in the Senate declared any arrangement that would cause the United States to be embroiled in European troubles was "the most monstrous doctrine ever proposed in this republic."
QUEEN VICTORIA OF SPAIN TO VISIT ENGLAND.
MADRID, Nov. 20. A rumor was in circulation to-night that Queen Victoria intended to leave Spain for a visit to England. (Continued on 7th page.)

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From Straits.
The steamer Diana, Capt. Burgess, sailed from the Straits of Johore at noon on Sunday. The steamer left St. John's two weeks ago and proceeded direct to Battle Harbour, and called at all the Ethiopean ports to Humbermouth. On Monday and Saturday of last week she experienced heavy gales of wind. Burgess reports good plentiful all along the coast, but operations were hampered through stormy weather. Good catches of herring have been caught on the Labrador and Newfoundland sides of the Strait, but the fish are scarce. No cases of influenza were reported on Labrador. The ship brought a large number of passengers and a big freight. All her crew are well. The Diana is now getting ready for another trip to the Straits, but it is probable she may sail direct from Humbermouth, and not call at Curling, Western Star.

Herring Fishery at Bay of Islands.
Stormy weather last week interfered somewhat in the herring fishery operations in Bay of Islands, and some of the fishermen lost much gear. The fish, however, showed up fairly well, and on Sunday and Monday there were some good catches around Big Island, Green Island and along the Crabs shore and off North Arm Point. The fish is fetching \$6.00 per barrel from the nets.
Kenneth Doman had forty tubs of herring off Green Island on Wednesday.
On Monday Leo and Edward Boland had 15 tubs each. They brought them to Curling.
John Pettipas had 15 tubs at one haul the first of the week.
On Sunday and Monday catches ranged from five to fifteen tubs per boat.—Western Star.

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Marine Disaster.
The Nova Scotia Company's ore steamer Wagama is overdue at Sydney from Bell Island, and it is feared she foundered in the heavy gale of last week. The steamer left the island on Tuesday of last week, the 12th inst., and was due to reach Sydney the following Thursday. It will be remembered a fierce storm swept the Nova Scotia coast on the afternoon and night of that Thursday, and in this gale it is believed the Wagama went down.—Sydney Post, Nov. 18.

Presbytery Destroyed.
The effect that the Presbytery of St. John's, Nfld., had been destroyed by fire was stated by the Assistant Collector of Customs yesterday. The fire started at 10 o'clock, through a defective chimney, and despite the efforts of the police and firemen, the building was completely destroyed making a considerable loss to the parish.

True Patriotism.
Some fifty soldiers have been discharged during the week and many of them have resumed their old positions. The Anglo-Newfoundland Co., at Grand Falls, has notified its former employees now in the Regiment, that their old places are open to them, and as a further inducement the difference, if any, between the soldier's pay and their former pay is ready to be handed them as soon as they resume work. This act speaks much for the patriotism of the company.

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