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NOT A BIG

REVERSE

RUSSIANS **ANNOUNCE** A VICTORY

Inflicted a Serious Defeat on the Germans, Turning Their Right Wing-Captured Artillery and Supplies

Petragrad, Dec. 9.—An official communication given out by the General developed in the region of Preasnyes and Cirechanow, east of the East Prus Russian front an abnormal contour. sian border and Mlawa have not yet

In the fighting which took place in the region of Piotrkow we were only partially successful. The battle

Courageous Act.

the passage of the Dounaetz River in the second line organisations. the vicinity of Novy Sandov, our reinforcement assumed the offensive and inflicted a serious defeat on the German troops which had formed in the valley of Lesezyna.

The German right wing, which was pursued, was turned.

The 24th German corps transported here from Belgium opened this combat with an auto battery in its advance guard which was partly disabled and partly put to flight without striking blows.

Put Artillery out of Action.

and captured several cannon. German prisoners affirm that their grade is progressing.

of the companies being reduced to ness of the German Emperor at Ber- the war situation from the chief of We are pursuing theo ffensive. Turkish cruiser Breslau was discov- recent reports, have caused thep ublic General Health ered in the vicinity of Sebastopol. Our to watch with particular interest

cruisers and hydroplanes started in any developments regarding pursuit, but before an attack could be health. made the Breslau disappeared out to

Victory Won By Servians Overwhelming

Austrians, Overwhelmed, had to Retreat in Disorder, Losing Many Guns and Men.

of Dec. 5 on the north-eastern front is further emphasized in a Servian rear. official statement to-day which concludes as follows:

had to retire in disorder. In the pur- the region of Lodz will be reformed. der suit we took six officers and 1810 men prisoners and captured two howitzers and nine other guns, many rifles and some telegraphic material.

Twenty Nations Of West Lodge Formal Protest

American Peoples Express Disapprov mans. al of Effects of Belligerent Uperations on Trade.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Twenty nations of the Western hemisphere yesterday expressed their disapproval of the effect of theo perations of European belligerents in the waters of the Allies Drive two Americas and appointed a commission of diplomats to formulate practical steps contemplating a more vigorous assertion of the rights of

ALLIES MAKE GAINS IN WEST

(French Official Bulletin.) Nieuport.

melles and a portion of Routire to the dale, eleven miles northeast of Ypres. \$32.20 amount being one third nett Short March to Calais. east, on which we are along the rail- This indicates a distinct and im- proceeds Smoking Concert per Messrs. way line.

Along Battle Line of 300 Miles Germany and Russia Still War For The Possession Of Poland

Victory on Part of this Great Front Appears to have Fallen to the Germans, but the Russians Still Press on Cracow From the South-Violent German Attack in Belgium is Repulsed-Contradictory Reports From Austro-Servian Field-Kaiser Reported Sick

London, Dec. 8.—The great battle for the possession of Poland continues The front extends along three hundred miles. Victory over part of it at least appears to have fallen to the Germans, while the Russians are pressing upon Cracow to the South

That Lodz is in the hands of the Germans seems undoubted, and the Staff says "Engagements which have Russian official report just issued is apparently preparing the public for the news by referring to the difficulty in defending that city, which gives the

Fearful Slaughter and Intense Suffering.

The details of this mighty battle have yet to be written. General facts that there has been a fearful slaughter and intense suffering from cold, comprised about the total information received.

The Germans claim they are pursuing the Russians south and southeast which commenced December 5th, S.E. of Lodz. Several correspondents were with the Russian army when the bat- all deeply imbued with their superiorof Cracow in the region of Wielicska tle broke out, but nothing has been heard from them for several days. Evi- ity, and have absolute faith that they on the river Deriuty has developed in dently they are under the hand of strict censorship.

British military experts insist that three quarers of the best material of mand, renewed on account of neces- instance a deaf mute, have been the German army have been held in the Western Theatre of war throughout sary dismissals, has not committed thrown into prison. Near Przemysl After having courageously forced the campaign, and that the troops opposed to the Russians consist mostly of during the past three months, any of the committee reports, every village

Violent German Attack.

The French official report tonigle Strain Of War announces that the Germans have made a violent attack on the Allies at Steloy, south of Ypres, which was repulsed. This may mean the renewal the Allied lines, which was predicted from their movements in Belgium. Elsewhere in the Western theatre

Austrian advance to the South of Bel- for to-day.

units sustained enormous losses, some | Apart from the field battles, the ill- is able to give attention to reports of lin from bronchial catarrh with fever, the General Staff. is the most interesting news today. On the morning of Dec. 7th, the The Emperor's prolonged activity and

Lost Its Urgency.

Petrograd, Dec. 8 .- Official by Gensidering the abandonment of Lodz, reports say that during the fighting of the second half of the month of its urgency.

point of view. It gives our front an and France.

AVIATOR EARL AND COMPANION SHOT BY ENEMY

London, Dec. 9-Earl Annesley, and his companion Lieut. Beever, who disappeared early last month after start- London Hears that a Flotilla of Forty ing on an aeroplane flight to the Continent, have been killed by the Ger-

Countess Annesley was notified to-5th, while flying over Ostend

Prospero left Westport at 8.30 a.m.

German Staff From Roulers

The Bombardment of This Place Marks Distinct, Important Advance by the Allies.

London, Dec. 9.-The Correspon-Paris, Dec. 8.-In Belgium the Ger- dent of The Daily Express, telegraphmans have bombarded Oost-Dunkirk, ing from the Belgian frontier, says: was removed from Roulers when The Hon. Treasurer of the Church in cafes and other places where Ger- The suggestion that shells from hoslocated two and a half miles west of The German Divisional Headquarters

portant advance by the Allies.

Tells On Kaiser

of the German attempt to batter thro' Officially Announced at Berlin That well. He Has Bronchial Catarrh

Berlin, Dec. 8 .- It is officially anthere have been only local engage- nounced this afternoon that Emperor

Austrian-Servian reports continue The announcement stated he was prenticeships in the European war. to claim successes for their respective suffering from feverish bronchial ca-Following this we successfully put sides. Serbia reports a victory on the tarrh, and has been obliged to postout of action several pieces of heavy northeast front, with nearly two pone for several days his return to artillery, silenced five field batteries thousand prisoners. Vienna says the the front, which had been arranged

Of Belgian Army Continues Good

eral Staff of the Russian Army-Con- Chief Belgian Medical Officer Denies Reports Current of a Typhoid **Epidemic**

November, Lodz acquired a great London, Dec. 8.—The Belgium Premilitary importance, but German of- mier and War Minister, Charles De ensive on the Lodz-Lowicz line hav- Broqueville, and Genl. Melis, chief ing failed, the defence of Lodz lost medical officer of the Belgian army conferred with Earl Kitchener to-day The defence of this large city pre- concerning the disposition of the Belsents many difficulties from a military gian wounded and sick in England

Nish, Dec 8th-The Servian victory abnormal contour, which is embar- Gen. Melis denies the report of a rassing our communications with the typhoid epidemic in the Belgian army He says only 164 cases are reported It may, therefore, be expected with Half the army has been inoculated the settling of a lull on the left bank against typhoid, and serum is avail-"The enemy was overwhelmed and of the Vistula, the Russian lines in able for the inoculation of the remain-

Allies To Force Passage Of The Dardanelles?

Warships will Make the Attempt.

that this flotilla is preparing to force large. the passage of the Straits.

Canadians To Get \$8,000,000 Order For Ammunition

turers are receiving, or will shortly receive orders to the amount of \$8,-000,000 for the supply of shells for the British War Oce.

Acknowledgement

Between Bethune and Lens we have shells began to fall in the town af- of England Orphanage begs to ac- man officers and soldiers gather tile vessels in Long Island Sound tons, launched in 1898, and carrying taken possession of the village of Ver- ter British had recaptured Passchen- knowledge with thanks the sum of which, in English, runs: It's a Short, might demolish the arms works in a complement of 412 men. Somerville and Dewling.

SEVENPLANS OF GERMANS HAVEFAILED

Notable Instances Were Failure to Capture Paris, Dunkirk, Calais and Ypres, or to Pierce Allies' Lines

Bordeaux, via Paris, Dec. 8.-The Bulletin Des Armees after reviewing at great length the military operations since the outbreak of the war, sums up the French situation on December 1st as follows:

fight to-day like veterans. They are who are homeless. will be victorious. The higher com-

Larger Supplies.

Our supplies of artillery and ammu- to have been hanged. has been organized, and is working ed by the Hungarians.

The British army has been strongly

in six divisions, and is ready and re- all these facts have been authenticatsolute to reconquer its native soil. "The German plan has met with

The failure of the dash on Nancy, fury against the enemy. the failure of the march on Paris, the failure of the attempt to roll up our made their investigation under the disame movement in November, the fail- rinsky, Governor-General of Galicia. ure to pierce our centre in September, the failure of the attack on Dunkirk and Calais by the coast, and the failure of the attack on Ypres.

"In this barren effort Germany has exhausted her reserves. The troops she brings into the line to-day are badly officered and badly trained.

GEN. BEYERS MEETS FATE PORTIA IN PORT

Was Shot While Attempting to Lead Rebel Force Across Vaal River-Searchinf For the Body

Johannesburg, Dec. 9.-Brigadier General Beyers, one of the leaders of the rebellion has been shot, it is offici ally announced, and is believed to be

Pretoria, Dec. 9.—The circumstances which led the Government to announce that General Christian Beyers had been killed were made public

It appears that, during a sharp engagement on the banks of the Yaal Beyers, with some others, endeavored to cross the river. They were fired on and Beyers was seen to fall from his horse. His body drifted down the London, Dec. 6.-Advices reach stream and then disappeared under day that the men were shot November here that an allied fleet of forty Brit- the water. Search is being made for ish and French warships are now off the body. General Beyers was the the Dardanelles. It is understood only important rebel leader still at

'It's a Short, Short March To Calais' Sing The Germans

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Canadian manufac But, Just the Same, that Short Bit of Road is too Hard for Them to Pass.

> London, Dec. 8.—The British march ary, has now a rival on the other side erection of the structure at Bridge- Anthony were driven ashore. The same a structure at Bridge- Anthony were driven ashore. of the trenches in Belgium.

becoming adepts at singing it,

Austrian Cruelty In Galicia, Wholesale Murders Reported

Thousands of the People Are Starving and Homeless-Austrian Officials Act With Unrestrained Cruelty-10,000 Arrests and 1000 Executions Reported Throughout the **Province—Notable Instances of Barbarity**

Lemberg, Galicia, Dec.7.-A committee appointed to investigate conditions in Galicia reports that there have been wholesale murders, executions and excesses of every description in Galicia. Thousands of starving, homeless families give evidence of these depredations. The Russian population, the committee says, suffered most severely, less from natural consequences of war than from the cruelty of Austrian officials, who always suspected the loyalty of the Galician populace and have acted with marked severity since the beginning of the war.

Hanged or Shot Two Hundred and Sixty-Eight Men.

The committee established the fact that in seven counties two hundred city on fire. It is denied, however, and sixty-eight men have been shot or hanged, including two priests. Thro'-In numbers, the French army to-day out Galicia it is estmated that ten thousand arrests have been made and one is equal to what it was on August 2, thousand executions have taken place. In five counties the committee states its all the units having maintained their members counted four thousand and fifty burned homes. In the county in full strength. The quality of the troops which Przemysl is located there are three thousand six hundred and twenty has improved infinitely. Our men families with three thousand eight hundred children under five years of age,

Whole Families Imprisoned Whole families, including babies, Japan Sharing children and decrepit old men, in one those faults noted and punished in has been burned. In the neighborhaad of Jasiao, one hundred and sixty persons in a deserted hamlet were found

The heavy artillery which we lacked the committee to have been committ-

Girl Crucified.

It is stated that Cossacks who were reinforced during November, and is pursuing a detachment of Hungarinumerically stronger than at the be- ans found the body of one Russian ginning of the campaign. The In- girl who had been crucified. It is aldian divisions have finished their ap- so alleged that in one field hospital five persons horribly mutilated were "The Belgian army has re-formed received. The committee reports that

The report said the Russian troops seven far-reaching reverses, namely: had been aroused to a high pitch of

The members of the committee Halifax this morning for here. left flank in August, the failure of the rection of its pdesident, Count Bob-

Lively Struggle In the Forests

(French Official Bulletin.) Paris, Dec. 8.-In Belgium a violent German attack on Steloy, south of Ypres, has been repulsed. The struggle at times is very lively in the forests and to the east of Argonne. There is no other notable incident

FROM WESTWARD

S.S. Portia, Capt. Joe Kean, return- trance of the Gulf of Darien and three ed from the westward at 11 last night. The following passengers arrived the Atlantic end of the Panama Canal. by her: -Messrs A. H. Ingram, Capt. Keeping, D. . Burke, G. A. Bartlett, D. A. Brazil, M. Duggan, J. F. Devereaux, Geo. Devereaux; Misses E. Pittman, May Devereaux, and 40 second class.

U.S. Arm Factory Turns Out 1500 Arms Each Day

Orders From Europe Make Necessary | She takes two hundred tons from Erection of Million Dollar Addition to the Plant

structing an addition to the plant of Lane and MacAndrew, London. will cost more than \$1,000,000 is be- deep.

The demand for firearms for use in Fierce Storm the European war or created "on account of conditions incident to the war" makes the early completion of the new plant a matter of urgent importance. The company has closed a contract

rifles for army purposes. An unofficial statement from a reliable source says that the contract calls for 1,500 guns a day. The plans for the new addition as off the English coast to-day, the Brit- year.

originally drawn contemplated the ish cruiser Venus and the steamship port, Conn., but a sudden decision was Norwegian steamer Waterloo founder-Refugees tell of a new song heard reached making Ilion the location, ed last night. The refugees say the Germans are volved in the war is said to have in-

Does Not Give Germans Any Important Railways Which Are all Held by the Russians

War On The Sea

As Conflict Lasts.

yesterday said: "While the war in Eu-

S.S. Tabasco sailed this afternoon.

Pogota left Wesleyville at 9.40 a.m.

Earl of Devon left Exploits at mid-

Taking Chances

High Power Station at Cartagena

To Be Dismantled

Bogota, Colombia, Dec. 8.-The Min-

Cartagena is a seaport town of the South American republic of Colombia

and is situated on the Southern Coast

hundred miles eastward of Colon at

Four Thousand Tons.

The s.s. Saxonian, Captain Leech,

eighteen days from Sunderland,

bound to New York, arrived this morn

the Beatrice and will sail again tomor

Off Gt. Britain

Steamship Ashore-Norwegian

Vessel Founders.

land, Maine.

Oil Tanker Here

ister of Foreign Affairs to-day order-

less station at Cartagena.

Colombia Not

London, Dec. 8.-It is unofficially dmitted in Petrograd that the Germans have taken Lodz after a bompardment which set portions of the hat the loss of Lodz is a severe reverse, since the city does not control he main line of railways from Petrocow to Warsaw but is on a branch

The Russians are holding the juncion point of Koluszki and until the Jermans are able to occupy Koluszki hey cannot take advantage of the 'ailroad system.

hension in Petrograd as to the seriousness of the situation in Poland, but Her Navy Will Help Britain as Long army officials assert that the Russians have anticipated the German plans and are developing a further surprise. Tokio, Dec. 9.-Vice-Admiral Ya- There will be much more fighting benition have been largely increased. Most of these outrages are said by shiro, Minister of Marine, touching fore the campaign in this district is on the war in a speech in the Diet concluded.

Lodz was won only after hand to rope endures the Japanese Navy's du- hand fighting in the suburbs of the ties will continue. In the meantime city and the whole Russian line from our fleet, in conjunction with the Eng- North to South is now straightened lish fleet, seeks the Germans in South out and will contest every foot of the ground with the invaders.

PARTY LEADERS WILL ADDRESS **BIG MEETING**

One of the most important of patri-S.S. Queen Wilhelmina sailed from otic meetings held in this city since war began wll be that at the British Hall tomorrow night, under thea uspi cies of the Socity of United Fisher-

The speakers are to be Rt. Hon. Sir E. P. Morris and Pres. W. F. Coaker,

With Wireless A full house is expected and doubtless the patriotic appeals made by Minister of Foreign Affairs Orders these two leaders of opposing political parties will give a great incentive to recruiting in this city.

London Hears German Fleet ed the removal of a high power wire-Is Now Abroad

line of the Caribbean sea near the en- Rumors Persist in British Capital that Kaisers Ships are out of Hiding.

London, Dec. 5.-Reports persist here that the German fleet has started out from its home port for a battle in the North Sea and that the Zeppe-For Bunker Coal lin fleet is ready to aid it in attacking the British warships or in all pro-Saronian is New London Ship of Over bability the English coast.

Fire Patrol Hold Annual Meeting

Number of Fires This Year Much Less

The annual meeting of the Fire Pa-The Saxonian is a new ship built Ilion, N.Y., Dec. 6 .- Work of con- this year at Greenock and owned by trol Board was held Monday at the office of the Agriculture and Mines. he Remington Arms and Ammuni- She is 4,850 tons gross, 374 feet Hon. S. D. Blandford, Minister of tion Company which, with machinery, long, fifty-one wide and twenty-seven Agriculture and Mines, acted as

There were also present Messrs. L. R. Cooper (Secretary) and W. J. Scott, of Grand Falls, representing the Harmsworth Co, A. E. Harris, of Bishop's Falls, the Albert E. Reed Co., T. Howe, Chief Fire Ranger and R. Cruiser Ashore T. Howe, Chie Horwood, Esq.

The reports showed that \$4,730.25 for supplying a great quantity of H.M.S. Venus runs on the Rocks- were subscribed by voluntary contributors, outside the \$4,000.00 contribut ed by the Government.

The number of fires this year was London, Dec. 5.—In a violent storm considerably less this year than last

WEATHER REPORT

Torono (noon)-Fresh nor therly winds; fair and colder today and on Thursday.

S.S. Waal sails tomorrow for Port-