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RUSSIANS' NEW ADVANCE.

cease his flight from the British bayonets until he had abandoned all the points he had previously carried. To the British first division belongs The Germans also made an attempt to advance from La Bassee to Bethune,

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Russians are making another effort to advance in East Prussia, while in Poland there has been a slackening in the fighting on both sides for the moment. The Bussians appear is be concentrating mselves on their offensive north of lower Vistula, while the Austro-Germans are busy making prepara-tions to meet the Russian advance thru the passes of the Carpathians and in southern Bukowina. Russian submarines have made their appearance in the western por-tion of the Baltic Sea. and have suc-ceeded in torpedoing the German cruiser Gazelle, which, however, reach-ed port with the assistance of a along the only road available, and paid , dearly for the attempt. They fled, leaving behind three hundred dead. The British here captured fifty-five The Germans have claimed success in their attacks south of the canal in

this section. They were defeated with great loss by the French troops oppoed port with the assistance of a Swedish steamer. Their activity has stopped the trade carried on by German steamers between Germany

great loss by the French thoops opport site Ypres. French in Counter Attack. The French made a strong counter attack on the trenches which the Ger-mans captured between Hurtublse and the Foulon wood, west of Craonne. In this encounter the new air bombs were read or the time of reporting one **CERMAN** the Foulon wood, west of Craonne. In this encounter the new air bombs were used, and at the time of reporting, one **BURST IN FLAMES** ection of the lost wooded ground was The Germans, evidently from these

ctivities, war critics believe, have beof the allies. The British and French are presumed to have plenty of men Dutch Skipper, Who Saw Naval Fight, Reports One Warship Caught Fire.

are presumed to have plenty of men in France, and are expected to come out of this contest with great profit. If the Germans make a great sacrifice of life it may be the prelude to what the allies are waiting for, a grand, general advance. The French are recovering some ground lost in the Argonne last week, after the German advance had ex-hausted itself. A foothold has been galned in trenches which have been BRITISH BEST GUNNERS

gained in trenches which have been lost near St. Hubert and Fontaine Madame. Several German saps were Much Wild Shooting Done by Kaiser's Navy in Wild

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GERMAN FERRY BOAT



RESCUERS ATTACKED GREAT BATTLE IS ON Monoplane Dropped Bombs Aeroplane Raids and Decisive Among Drowning Men Naval Fight Scheduled

of Blucher's Crew.

Canadian Press Despatch.

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Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. .PARIS, Jan. 26.-The Germans are

for Today.

as a birthday present to their emperor, a surprise of great victories. From different quarters, Holland, Italy and Switzerland, come reports for a gen-eral offensive on the whole front, Zenneilin and acroalement to give tomorrow. Ite on Sunday in the North Sea, who has returned here, described the sink-ing of the German armored cruiser Blucher as a terrible sight. The sea was covered with debris and men said to be preparing to give tomorrow eral offensive off the made and Lon-Zeppelin and aeroplane raids on Lon-don, Calais and Paris, and a sortie of

Zeppelin and aeroplane raids on Lon-don, Calais and Paris, and a sortie of dreadnoughts for a decisive battle. Reinforcements of German troops are being concentrated in Flanders and several sharp engagements have already been reported. German pri-soners, and also German soldiers, in conversations with French in nearby trenches, have been saying a great battle, the greatest of the war, will be fought this week in the southern part of Belgium. How nearly true these reports are, it is difficult to say, but it is unquestionable that enormous numbers of infantrymen and numer-ous guns are being rushed by railroad and automobile toward Courtral and Lille. These new troops are said to amount to 200,000 men. A letter just received from Germany states that surprises this week in the series have been promised the Ger-

A letter just received from Germany states that surprises this week in France have been promised the Ger-man people. It is realized here, how-ever, that these reports may have been allowed to pass for the purpose of frightening the French population.

The Toronto World. COPENHAGEN, Jan. 26.—A de-spatch from Trelleborg, Sweden, says that a German ferry which left yes-terday afternoon on its daily trip to Sassnitz, Prussia, returned two hours after its departure. The captain re-ceived a wireless message from Ger-man warships ordering him to turn belved in the Baltic, near Ruegen Is-iand. The Yellow Ticket" Matinee Today-There will be a matinee of "The Yel-With the Princess Theatre, beginning ai tit. The cast, which includes Flor-rorb.

of the Dutch Failiament of the extension of the British ships engaged in the action have returned in safety to port. The announcement was made by the

ecretary of the admiralty, whose statement said:

Admiralty's Report.

"All the British snips and tor-pedo boat destroyers engaged in Sunday's action have returned

pedo boat destroyers engaged in Sunday's action have returned in safety to port. "The Lion which had some of her forward compartment flooded by shells below the water line, was taken in tow by the cruiser In-domitable. The cruiser Meteor, which also was damaged, was taken in tow by the destroyer Liberty. Both vessels were guarded by strong escorts of de-stroyers. Repairs to both ves-sels can be speedily effected. "The total number of casualities among the officers and men ve-ported to the admiralty is: On the Lion 17 men wounded ; on the Tiger. one officer and nine men killed and three officers and eight men wounded; on the Meteor, four men killed and one man wounded. It is not believed that any other casualities occurred, but if so they will be immediately published. "As soon as Vice-Admiral Beatty's report is received a fuller account will be given." **Promise Speedy Repairs.** The statement adds that the dam-aged British vessels can be speedily repaired. The Lion was struck by a German shell below the water line and some of her forward compariments were flooded. The details of the damages sustained by the Meteor were not announced. The Lion, with her sister ship, the (Continued on Page 7, Column 5.)

HARWICH, via London, Jan. 27, 1.45 a.m.-A witness of the naval bat-

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Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronce World AMSTERDAM, Jan. 26.-- A despatch ofessions to the Am cellor's p mdent may be bro AMSTERDAM, Jan 26.—A despatch of to The London Chronicle says: "From Capt. K. Vuil of the steam trawler Holland IV., owned by the Praxes Company of Ymuiden, I have received a vivid account of the battle in the North Sea, of which he saw the greater part. He had been two days at sea and was returning to Holland with a good catch on Sunday morning, when about 9 o'clock he heard heavy gun firing, but he could not see any ships anywhere. He con-tinued on his homeward journey and in a few minutes he was able to make out a series of bright flashes on the horizon in the southeast direction. The flashes became more numerous, until they were so incessant that scarcely a second passed between them, and there was an increasing thunder of guns. Shortly afterwards he was able to make out two separ-ate squadrons coming straight for him at full speed, firing as they came. He realized quickly that he was right in the path of the British and German squadrons. He counted 24 British ves-sels. very simple test, the application which is more apposite, because serves to recall one of the leader serves to recall one of the leading facts which produced the present war. "Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg re-fused the proposal which England put forward and in which France, Italy and Russia concurred, for a confer-ence, at which the dispute would have been settled on fair and honorable terms, without war. If he really wish-ed to work with England for peace, why did he not accept that proposal? He must have known, after the Bal-



Survivor of Blucher Says Carnage on Cruiser Was

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squaarons, the counted of Drivin vor sels. "The British were trying their best to cut off the retreat of the Germans, who were flying homeward, and to bring them to a final, decisive combat. The skipper supposed that the Ger-mans had had a longish start and so the British were unable to come up quite to the level of the enemy and head him off from his home waters. "Futing on all speed the skipper took his trawler out of the warships' way and then lay to in case he could later be of help and pick up any sur-vivors. Cessation of Murderous Fire Saved Hundreds of

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vivors. "Speaking of the firing, he said that it, was indescribably terrific, making the bridge of his trawler tremble, while the report of each big gun so jarred her that it was as if she had collided with some soft dead Canadian Press Despatch LONDON, Jan. 27, 2.16 a.m.-The Scotsman today published a narrative

"Round about the British ships of a German bluejacket, one of the

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