

OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

Report Indicates That Their Communication Were Carried by French

DIAN MADE SUBMARINES

Whitworth Company Opened Big Plant at ...

French and German Reports contain ...

for the British Government may be ...

presented her urgent demand for ...

an cruiser Dresden, one of the ...

to three ...

France ...

reached on Thursday ...

in editing of the Dominion Commercial ...

received in Cape Town ...

in Victoria Rifles ...

official at Gravesend ...

in nitrate production ...

December 14.—According to the ...

foreign lines are listed as ...

New York in all parts of the world

WEATHER: Cold and Windy

THE MOLSONS BANK

THE DOMINION SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT SOCIETY

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HOUSES, FLATS AND APARTMENTS TO RENT

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Tonnage for future shipments is enlarged and the movement is prospectively to be of great proportions.

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"On the Belgian frontier on the Somme there is nothing to report. From the Somme to the Argonne, there have been intermittent cannonades, not very violent, except in the region of Crouy.

"In the Argonne we have made some progress and maintained our advance of the preceding days.

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RD SUGAR EXPORTS

December 14.—With a rain of nearly 100 per cent. of the normal amount, the record for exports of sugar was broken in the week ending last night. The Department of Agriculture reported that the United States had shipped 14,000 tons, as against 1,600 tons, but for Europe were estimated at only 1,600 tons last year.

VIENNA STATEMENT

Vienna, via Berlin, December 15.—The Russian forces that tried to reach Cracow from the southeast, have been driven back nearly 50 miles, according to an official statement issued to-day, saying that they were officially denied to-day. It was declared that the campaign against the Serbians would be carried out to a successful conclusion.

They have pursued us far as the Plain of Allenthal. The Austrians are taking many prisoners and inflicting heavy losses in killed and wounded upon the enemy.

The recent reverses of the Austrians in Serbia are attributed to the withdrawal of troops from that war to reinforce the Eastern Galicia forces. The offensive will be resumed in Serbia as soon as the Galician campaign is decided. Rumors that Austria had attempted to arrange a separate peace with Serbia are denied.

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Rome, December 15.—Despatches from Constantinople describe the Turkish capital as panic-stricken by the sinking of the battleship Mesudiye by the British submarine B-11. The exploit has provoked indignation against the Germans for precipitating Turkey into war with the defenses of the Dardanelles in sight.

The Turks openly blame the Germans and fear the destruction of the Ottoman navy by a repetition of the submarine feat. According to reports received here, many citizens of Constantinople are fleeing into the interior and the situation is extremely grave. There have been many anti-war riots and an uprising is feared. The Turkish government is so busy with its troubles that it has not yet replied to demands of Italy in the Hodelia incident.

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