

## Gradually Pushing Germans Back

London, Dec. 22.-It can be said The advantage is all with the Allies. with every confidence that the general They are driving Germans from the offensive movement on the part of the trenches and consolidating the posi-Allies which began nearly a week ago tions gained.

has met with striking success although they have not gained any gress is even more marked, one by sweeping victories. one, villages and important defensive

The extraordinary conditions that positions are being taken and the Gergovern the battle in Flanders preclude mans are gradually retiring in the diany possibility of a quick and decisive rection of Ghent.

victory. Successes here are measured If progress is slow it is deadly sure in yards but are developing gradually into miles and the battle can be de- The advance is general and is con fined to no particular area. cided only on points.

**One Hundred German Survivors** Of Naval Fight Sent To England the reserve, while France, with peace, contingents France is therefore in a

ors to the number of about 100, saved neutral countries and attacked unpro-

feated and sent to the bottom a Ger- wounded in the battle of Dec. 8th. ers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Nuern- o'clock and the German cruiser burg and Leipzig, sailed from here for Scharnhorst, flagship of Admiral Von years older than the German contin-England to-day by the steamer Crown Spee, went down at six o'clock. Un- gents, men who had in that time lost of Galicia.

They were brought into port yes- his life, and his two sons also. terday by the British cruiser Invin- "War is a sad thing, but the vessels ior to the men of the active army. cible with Sir Frederick Sturdee of the enemy menaced our commerce They, however, require a month or

the Invinciple showed signs of having sea." been struck by six different shells. cluding Commander Richard Towns- Austro=Germans Nine men aboard are wounded, inend.

Address of Welcome.

an address of welcome was made by the British Minister.

as follows: "I thank you for youh re- German domination is increasing ra- and day for a numerical equality, struggle which has just begun.

with our French allies.

to war would have been avoided.

Forgot True Interests.

England has at present more than two million men under arms.

army, our monthly war expenditure is \$250,000,000, which is a larger amount than gress in the region of Lombartzyde Meuse France's total.

In addition to the enormous resources which we shall command through the new To the North East of Ypres the pro- income tax we are turning into the War Treasury a loan amounting to the colossal sum occupation of some houses in Wartel- voye.

## of \$2,200,000,000.

FRANCE HAS 2,000,000 FRESH MEN Every town in France from Mar- Between the Lys and the Aisne east of the Fort of Coyon. seilles to Dunkirk, is gorged with we have occupied a forest near NOW READY TO TAKE THE EIELD troops, either training or waiting or- the route between Noulettes and Can Safely Come

Bar-le-Duc, Dec. 19.-Since the numbers only 230,000, as compared the first of the first and on es between this highway and the beginning of the war Germany has with 250,000 of the class of 1914. It The fighting line. At Chateau Thierry, first houses of Notre Dame De Loretpossessed one superiority over France will be ready for the field in March, Dormans, Rheims, Epornal, Montche- te, south-west of Notre Dame De Lies--that of numbers. Germany, with when it will be succeeded by the class Francois, Bar-le-Duc, Toul and Nancy

peace, has an active army of 700,000 of 1916. men, and passed each year 350,000 into With the territorials and the new the same spirit prevails.

has an active army of barely half a position to pour 2,000,000 fresh troops, The men of every category, young million and was able only to ac- which have not yet fired a shot, into and old, are equally desirous of being Monte Video, Dec. 22.-German sail- citizens, except when they invaded cumulate reserves at the rate of 250,- the fighting line. Britain is pouring sent to the front. The spirit animathundreds of thousands of men into ing the territorial force-that is to so demolished the German trenches 000 men a year.

As a consequence Germany was able France and has 1,500,000 under train- say, the men of middle age-is one of and sent held over heels two cannon Islands on Dec. 8th when a British He declared the British squadron to put a large number of young re- ing. The Allies are thus increasing grim determination, while that of the of battery established near Hom squadron under Admiral Sturdee de- had suffered 8 men killed and 14 servists in the field. In order to put their strength every day, while Ger- younger contingent is one of youthful an army of equal numbers in the field many has mobilized her last man and enthusiasm, which will spell the bayadvantages on the Aisne and in a secman squadron composed of the cruis- The engagement commenced at one the French Government would have to is now fighting a desperate defensive onet and the lutte when they get within striking distance of the Germans, tion of Rheims. send to the front men four or five battle.

fortunately the German Admiral lost to a corresponding degree. With the to a corresponding degree. With the army these men are in no way inferarmy these men are in no way inferaboard. It was learned to-day that and now they are at the bottom of the two of stiff training to bring back Displayed The British Naval Flag

All Classes Eager.

about Hartlepool being fortified or

visit, two important facts concern- by cut glass and small fragments of lished ourseles in positions thus made among German troops in West Flan-General Joffre showed his confidertaking the struggle with inferior ing the raid were brought to light. shells. dence in his army by resolutely un-

numbers on his side. He relied on the These are that two of the three ships The spirit of the people was astonsuperiority of quality over mere which attacked Scarborough were the ishingly calm. Life went on after as ed the British officers at Victoria Hall, Von Hindenberg Wants Austrian Arch quantity, and the troops under his same that attacked Whitby and that usual though business had been uncommand completely justified his con- one of the two was the battleship Von interrupted. Strangely enough few

fidence, but at the same time the Molke, sister ship of the Goeben. The complaints were heard of the immense In response Admiral Sturdee spoke Paris, Dec. 22.—Discontent with French War Office was working night other was a smaller armored cruiser. damage to property, which in Whitby ception, I hope our little victory will pidly in Austria where the people are Germany knew this and hurled over south at great speed, having left dent showed me to-day the head of a improve conditions for British, saying the Austrians are being expos- fresh levies into the fighting line. The their companion ship to go south- four-inch shell that had destroyed

French, Russian, and probably Japan-ed to slaughter to save the Germans. reserves and landwehr were mobilized ward past Filey and Flamborough most of his home. ese commerce during this titanic Numercus duels have taken place and four weeks ago the landsturm, or for an unknown destination. The "What will you sell it for?" I asked. between German and Austrian officers levee en masse, composed of boys Von Moltke and her companion "Well," he said, "it cost me the best We may suffer some reverses but and the German staff is continually re from seventeen to twenty and men cruiser manœuvred off Whitby for part of £1000, but I would not sell it

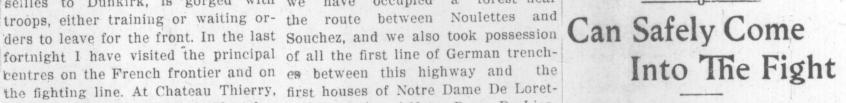
our sailors will maintain high reputa-placing Austrian officers with German from forty to sixty was incorporated. several minutes and came to a dead for that." Germany has shot her bolt. She stop before proceeding to shell the A Defenceless Town. "All will go well with our army now Field Marshal Von Hindenberg is has realized the Kaiser's phrase: Coast Guard Station, and a coast A great trade is being done in these quoted as saying "I'il not continue to "The last man," in his proclamation guard man who deciphered the Von fragments of shells and the people "Lord Roberts recommended milit-direct the campaign unless the Arch at the beginning of the war. His Maary preparation. Had he been listened Dukes remain at the least three miles jesty also added "last horse." This both flying the British white ensign. large number of school children passmay come, too, if all stories of the He thought at first they were British ed along the path of the shell fire a

condition of the Germany cavalry, ar- cruisers in pursuit of the Germans Tew minutes before the bombardment S.S. Fogota is due at 6 this evening. tillery and baggage train are true. who had been bombarding Hartle- began.

Although our army at the front is now scarcely one-sixth the size of the French was nothing of importance in Belgi- and in the region of Gercourt and

and St. George's and at a point to the We have gained ground at Lagrope, south-east of the Inn of Kortaker, a point two kilometres north-west of which is south-east of Bixschoote, the Brabant and in the forest of Consen-

lem, south of Zillebeke, and the bom- Finally on the heights of the Meuse bardment by the enemy of the Ypres we have made slight progress in the Forest Des Chevalieres to the northhospital.



London, Dec. 22 .-- Following on the categorical assurances of the Bulgarian Government of its intention to maintain a strict neutrality in the war, the Entente Powers, Great Britain, France and Russia have given the east of Albert. This artillery al- guarantees to both Athens and Bucharest that Bulgaria will not attack Greece in event of the latter country assisting Servia and will not attack Roumania should that State actively

participate in the war. Heavy artillery also secured distinct This is taken to foreshadow the approaching participation of Roumania and Greece.

In Champagne in the region of Proanes, Perlhes and Beausejour well as in the Argonne, we made along German Forces

This is particularly so to north-east of Beausejour where we won and occupied 1,200 yards of the enemy's trench- Amsterdam, Dec. 22 .- According to

Arras Bombarded.

Gur heavy artillery silenced on re-

The enemy has bombarded Arras.

peated occasions the artillery of the

enemy to north of Carnoy, which is to

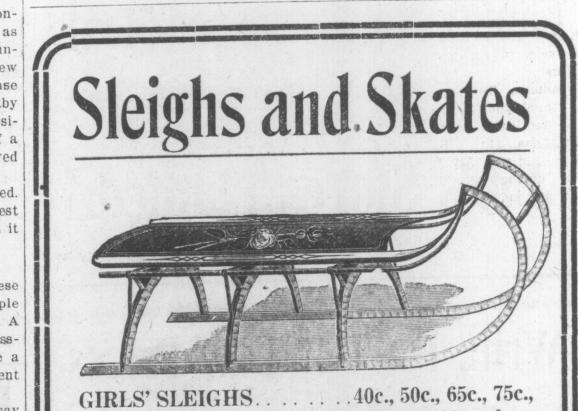
Leave Middlekeke

Central,

East End,

newspapers here the Germans have

In the forest of LaGrurie we blew evacuated Middlekerke. There has Whitby, Dec. 19.-Through my in all, although many were injured up four mined trenches and we estab- been no considerable movement



Have Family Row

behind the firing line."

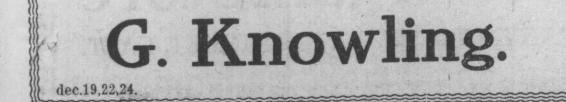
Dukes Kept Out of Sight.

their military efficiency. Joffre Wanted Quality.

"English business men forgetful of their true interest employ Germans for reasons of economy but I hope our Prospero arrived at Herring Neck France is producing trained soldiers by telephone. merchants and British steamship com at 11 last night and left at 1 this a.m. by the hundreds of thousands with a The first shell struck the cliff but even Scarborough there can be no Continuing, the Admiral said the Portia left Channel at 9.45 a.m., inspire respect even in a Pomeran- the Coast Guard Signal Station, in- an absolutely defenceless town, for panies will profit from this lesson."

Germans fought well, were excellent coming home.

Just Received a Large Shipment Window Glass in all the most useful sizes of very superior quality.



Now thet ables are being turned, and pool, of which he had been informed Whatever the Germans may say precision and regularity that would the second shell fell in the middle of pretense that Whitby is anything but

ian unteroffizier. was rushing to warn his wife of the If these towns had not been darkened

A million and a half men of the ter- danger. A third shot wounded a boy the bombardment undoubtedly have ritorials who have been in training scout so badly that he died. begun before eight o'clock, as the since the declaration of war are now Having, as they evidently believed, ships were waiting off shore for a fit and ready to take their places in wrecked the Coast Guard Station, couple of hours for daylight to enable the fighting line. In addition to the the ships lengthened their range and them to take aim.

younger element, men without family demolished a corner of the Lodge A curious feature of the people's ties, as the middle aged territorials, Whitby Abbey, an ancient structure. attitude was that they are constantly who can be depended on for a bayonet Then, having finished that, they pro- repeating the question: "What will charge and who bring into the grim ceeded to land their shells over the Americans do after this? Won't they work of war the enthusiasm of youth hill, right in the centre of the resi- feel like coming now?" There is criticism of the Govern-

dential part of the town. have been incorporated. ment only on one point-their failure Fired Shrapnel. A contingent of 1914, 250,000 strong which should have joined the colors in Proof that they intended to deal to have given instructions as to what November, but was prematurely called death and destruction to non-combat- the civil population should have done out in August, last week completed its ants is afforded by the fact that now in such conditions.

training and left for the fighting line. they began to fire shrapnel. I saw Their places in the training depots walls pock marked and windows bored S.S. Earl of Devon sails northward were at once taken by a contingent of clean by shrapnel bullets. Here a again, Saturday.

1915, which has been called out one railway employee was killed while year before its time, as many men of driving a cart whereas the horse was | Job's schr. Mildred arrived this that contingent volunteered for ser- uninjured and it was astonishing that morning from Pernambuco, after vice as soon as war was declared. It so few death at Whitby, only three run of 31 days.

\$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.80 each. CHAMPION COASTERS, \$1.40, \$1.80, \$2.20, \$2.50, \$4.00 each. BABY SLEIGHS.....\$3.95, \$6.00, \$8.25 each. Ladies' Glacier Skates, Ladies' Beaver Skates, Regal Featherweight Hockey Skates, Velox, Mic-Mac and Velox Hockey Skates, Hockey Sticks, Hockey Pucks.

Central,

East End, West End

dec.15,17,19,22,24