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## 2 GERMAN DETACHMENTS DESTROYED BY RUSSIANS ON BANK OF VISTULA

(British Official Bulletin)

London, Dec. 21.—The French Government reports considerable activity along the front, and progress at various points.

The British troops lost on 19th some trenches taken on previous day. Indian troops advanced some hundred metres.

The Russian Government reports serious fighting on the left bank of the Vistula, two German detachments being annihilated.

A sortie in force from Przemysl entirely failed.—HARCOURT.

## Two Million Britons Under Arms; 500,000 Fresh British Troops Ready For The Front In Spring

Britain, With Only a Small Army In The Field, Is Spending The Huge Sum Of \$250,000,000 per Month On Her Troops A Larger Sum Than France Is Spending On a Far Bigger Army—Britain's Excellent Financial Position

London, Dec. 22.—In an interview given to the London representative of the Paris newspaper Humanite, Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, says that before spring half a million fresh British soldiers will join those already in France and Belgium. England has at present more than two million men under arms.

Although our army at the front is now scarcely one-sixth the size of the French army, our monthly war expenditure is \$250,000,000, which is a larger amount than France's total.

In addition to the enormous resources which we shall command through the new income tax we are turning into the War Treasury a loan amounting to the colossal sum of \$2,200,000,000.

## Allied Offensive Gains Impetus Gradually Pushing Germans Back

London, Dec. 22.—It can be said with every confidence that the general offensive movement on the part of the Allies which began nearly a week ago has met with striking success although they have not gained any sweeping victories.

The extraordinary conditions that govern the battle in Flanders preclude any possibility of a quick and decisive victory. Successes here are measured in yards but are developing gradually into miles and the battle can be decided only on points.

The advantage is all with the Allies. They are driving Germans from the trenches and consolidating the positions gained.

To the North East of Ypres the progress is even more marked, one by one, villages and important defensive positions are being taken and the Germans are gradually retiring in the direction of Ghent.

If progress is slow it is deadly sure. The advance is general and is confined to no particular area.

## One Hundred German Survivors Of Naval Fight Sent To England

Monte Video, Dec. 22.—German sailors to the number of about 100, saved during the fighting off the Falkland Islands on Dec. 8th when a British squadron under Admiral Sturdee defeated and sent to the bottom a German squadron composed of the cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Niernburg and Leipzig, sailed from here for England to-day by the steamer Crown of Galicia.

They were brought into port yesterday by the British cruiser Invincible with Sir Frederick Sturdee aboard. It was learned to-day that the Invincible showed signs of having been struck by six different shells. Nine men aboard are wounded, including Commander Richard Townsend.

Address of Welcome.

In the course of a reception tendered the British officers at Victoria Hall, an address of welcome was made by the British Minister.

In response Admiral Sturdee spoke as follows: "I thank you for your reception. I hope our little victory will improve conditions for British, French, Russian, and probably Japanese commerce during this titanic struggle which has just begun."

We may suffer some reverses but our sailors will maintain high reputation. "All will go well with our army now with our French allies."

Lord Roberts recommended military preparation. Had he been listened to war would have been avoided.

Forgot True Interests.

"English business men forgetful of their true interest employ Germans for reasons of economy but I hope our merchants and British steamship companies will profit from this lesson."

Continuing, the Admiral said the Germans fought well, were excellent

citizens, except when they invaded neutral countries and attacked unprotected towns.

He declared the British squadron had suffered 8 men killed and 14 wounded in the battle of Dec. 8th.

The engagement commenced at one o'clock and the German cruiser Scharnhorst, flagship of Admiral Von Spee, went down at six o'clock. Unfortunately the German Admiral lost his life, and his two sons also.

"War is a sad thing, but the vessels of the enemy menaced our commerce and now they are at the bottom of the sea."

## Austro-Germans Have Family Row

Von Hindenberg Wants Austrian Arch Dukes Kept Out of Sight.

Paris, Dec. 22.—Discontent with German domination is increasing rapidly in Austria where the people are saying the Austrians are being exposed to slaughter to save the Germans.

Numerous duels have taken place between German and Austrian officers and the German staff is continually replacing Austrian officers with German non-commissioned officers.

Field Marshal Von Hindenberg is quoted as saying "I'll not continue to direct the campaign unless the Arch Dukes remain at the least three miles behind the firing line."

S.S. Fogota is due at 6 this evening.

Prospero arrived at Herring Neck at 11 last night and left at 1 this a.m.

Portia left Channel at 9.45 a.m., coming home.

## FRANCE HAS 2,000,000 FRESH MEN NOW READY TO TAKE THE FIEL

Bar-le-Duc, Dec. 19.—Since the beginning of the war Germany has possessed one superiority over France—that of numbers. Germany, with peace, has an active army of 7,000,000 men, and passed each year 350,000 into the reserve, while France, with peace, has an active army of barely half a million and was able only to accumulate reserves at the rate of 250,000 men a year.

As a consequence Germany was able to put a large number of young reservists in the field. In order to put an army of equal numbers in the field the French Government would have to send to the front men four or five years older than the German contingents, men who had in that time lost to a corresponding degree. With the army these men are in no way inferior to the men of the active army. They, however, require a month or two of stiff training to bring back their military efficiency.

## German Cruisers In Coast Raid Displayed The British Naval Flag

Whitby, Dec. 19.—Through my visit, two important facts concerning the raid were brought to light. These are that two of the three ships which attacked Scarborough were the same that attacked Whitby and that one of the two was the battleship Von Moltke, sister ship of the Goeben. The other was a smaller armored cruiser.

They approached Whitby from the south at great speed, having left their companion ship to go southward past Pile and Flamborough for an unknown destination. The Von Moltke and her companion cruiser manoeuvred off Whitby for several minutes and came to a dead stop before proceeding to shell the Coast Guard Station, and a coast guard man who deciphered the Von Moltke's name told me they were both flying the British white ensign. He thought at first they were British cruisers in pursuit of the Germans who had been bombarding Hartlepool, of which he had been informed by telephone.

The first shell struck the cliff but the second shell fell in the middle of the Coast Guard Signal Station, instantly killing a Coast Guard who was rushing to warn his wife of the danger. A third shot wounded a boy scout so badly that he died. Having, as they evidently believed, wrecked the Coast Guard Station, the ships lengthened their range and demolished a corner of the Lodge Whitby Abbey, an ancient structure. Then, having finished that, they proceeded to land their shells over the hill, right in the centre of the residential part of the town.

## Million and Half Territorials.

A million and a half men of the territorials who have been in training since the declaration of war are now fit and ready to take their places in the fighting line. In addition to the younger element, men without family ties, as the middle aged territorials, who can be depended on for a bayonet charge and who bring into the grim work of war the enthusiasm of youth have been incorporated.

A contingent of 1914, 250,000 strong which should have joined the colors in November, but was prematurely called out in August, last week completed its training and left for the fighting line. Their places in the training depots were at once taken by a contingent of 1915, which has been called out one year before its time, as many men of that contingent volunteered for service as soon as war was declared. It so few deaths at Whitby, only three

Every town in France from Mar-sailles to Dunkirk, is gorged with troops, either training or waiting orders to leave for the front. In the last fortnight I have visited the principal centres on the French frontier and on the fighting line. At Chateau Thierry, Dormans, Rheims, Epornal, Montche-non, Chalons-sur-Marne, Vitry-le-Francois, Bar-le-Duc, Toul and Nancy the same spirit prevails.

## All Classes Eager.

The men of every category, young and old, are equally desirous of being sent to the front. The spirit animating the territorial force—that is to say, the men of middle age—is one of grim determination, while that of the younger contingent is one of youthful enthusiasm, which will spell the bayonet and the lute when they get within striking distance of the Germans.

## GERMAN CRUISER SUNK OFF SCOTLAND SAYS RUMOR NOW CURRENT IN LONDON

London, Dec. 21.—Persistent rumors are current here that a German cruiser has been sunk off the coast of Scotland.

It is also rumored that two British destroyers have arrived at Leith, Scotland, badly damaged.

There is no official confirmation of these reports.

## French Official Report Outlines Much Progress all Along The Line

(French Official Bulletin.)  
Paris, Dec. 21.—The French War office gives an official communication this afternoon as follows: "Throughout the day of December 20th there was nothing of importance in Belgium if exception be made of some progress in the region of Lombartzyde and St. George's and at a point to the south-east of the Inn of Kortaker, which is south-east of Blixchoote, the occupation of some houses in Warteltem, south of Zillebeke, and the bombardment by the enemy of the Ypres hospital." Between the Lys and the Aisne we have occupied a forest near the route between Noulettes and Souchez, and we also took possession of all the first line of German trenches between this highway and the first houses of Notre Dame De Lorette, south-west of Notre Dame De Liesse.

## Can Safely Come Into The Fight

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 guarantees to both Athens and Bucharest that Bulgaria will not attack Greece in event of the latter country assisting Serbia and will not attack Roumania should that State actively participate in the war.

## Arras Bombarded.

The enemy has bombarded Arras. Our heavy artillery silenced on repeated occasions the artillery of the enemy to north of Carnoy, which is to the east of Albert. This artillery also demolished the German trenches and sent held over heels two cannon of battery established near Hom which is to the south-east of Carnoy. Heavy artillery also secured distinct advantages on the Aisne and in a section of Rheims.

## German Forces Leave Middlekeke

Amsterdam, Dec. 22.—According to newspapers here the Germans have evacuated Middlekeke. There has been no considerable movement among German troops in West Flan-

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