ALLIES HAVE REPULSED ALL GERMAN ATTACKS ON THEIR FRONT IN THE WES

The Germans are attacking the allied line to the south of Ypres in Belgium, but the French announce that they have been repulsed. At some point along the battlefront in Flanders and Northern France, the Germans have each day of late made a concerted movement with a view to pushing their advance farther west, or to the coa always failed.

Berlin reports that in the western war theatre a de is likely to start any day. This assertion is based on a statemen from German headquarter which says, "everything is proceeding according to our programme," and it is assumed in Berlin that the German operations thus far have been successful.

The bombardment of the Belgian coast by the allied warship between Ostend and Nieuport began Tuesday afternoon, in conjunction with land operations, according to a late despatch from Retternoon.

In the east conditions remain as previously reported, the occupation of Lodz by the Germans being considered certain, as well as a general movement of the Russians against Cracow, German troops have come to the aid of the Austrians at the Cracow fortress, thus stiffening the defences of the gar-

rison against Russian attacks.

In West Galicia activity along the battle line is increasing, and the Austrian troops, an official statement from Vienna asserts, have driven the Russians from Dobezyce and Wielizcka, taking more than 5,000 prisoners.

Emperor William is suffering from bronchial catarrh at Berlin and has

been unable to return to the front. The Japanese minister of marine, Vice-Admiral Yashiro, makes the an-

The Japanese minister of marine, Vice-Admiral Yashiro, makes the announcement that while the war in Europe lasts, the Japanese navy's duties will continue and that the Japanese fleet in conjunction with the British warships is seeking the Germans in South American waters.

The Colombian government has ordered the high-powered wireless station at Cartagena dismantled. This action follows protests made recently by Great Britain and France of alleged violation of neutrality by Colombia.

London, Dec. 8, 11.30 p. m.—The great battle for the possession of Poland continues. The front extends along 300 miles and victory over a part of it, at least, appears to have fallen to the Germans, while the Russians are pressing

upon Cracow in the south. That Lode is in the hands of the Germans seems undoubted and a Russian official report just issued apparently is preparing the public for the news by referring to the difficulty of defending the city, which gives to the Russian front an abnormal contour, and forecasts a reforming of the line.

Details of these mighty battles have yet to be written. The general fact that there has been fearful slaughter and intense suffering from the cold comprises about the total of the information received.

The Germans claim they are pursuing the Russians to the south and south-east of Lode. Several American correspondents were with the Russian army when the battle broke, but nothing has been heard from them for several days. Evidently they are under the hand of a strict censorship.

British military experts insist that three-quarters of the best material of the German army has been held in the western theatre of the war throughout the campaign and that the troops opposed to the Russians consist mostly of second

The French official report tonight announces that the Germans have made a violent attack upon the Allies at St. Eloy, south of Ypres, which was repulsed. This may mean a renewal of the German attempt to batter through the Allied This may mean a removal of the Germans lines, which the correspondents predicted from the movements of the Germans in Belgium. Elsewhere in the west there have been only local engagements.

The Austrian and Servian reports continue to claim success for their respective sides. Servia reports a victory on the northeast front, with nearly 2,000 prisoners. Vienna says the Austrian advance south of Belgrade is progressing. lin, from bronchial catarrh, with fever, is the most interesting news of the day, The emperor's prolonged activity, and the recent reports of his appearance, have caused the public to watch with particular interest any developments regard-

VISIT OF KING AND PRINCE

BY BRITSH FLEET AND TWO

London, Dec. 9, 10.10 p. m.—A British squadron, under command of Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, chief of the war staff, engaged a German squadron, under Admiral Count Von Spee, off the Falkland Islands, in the South Atlantic, yesterday, and won a victory which is being acclaimed through-

The armored cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, and the protected cruiser Leipzig, three of the German warships which had been menacing British shipping, and part of the squadron which sank the British cruisers Good Hope and Monmouth in the Pacific on November 1, were destroyed, while the cruisers Dresden and Nurnberg, the two other vessels which composed the German squadron, made off during the fight and, according to latest accounts, are being pursued. Two colliers were captured.

The announcement of this engagement and victory, which was the most important naval engagement of the war, with the exception of that off Heligoland last August, was made this evening in a statement by the Admiralty of less than one hundred words.

The statement makes reference to some survivors rescued from the Gneisenau and the Leipzig, but no mention is made of any of the crew of the Scharnhorst, which was the flagship of the German admiral, being saved, and it is presumed that Count Von Spee, his officers and men went down with the boat.

THE BRITISH LOSSES WERE LIGHT

The British losses were light, but beyond the fact that the British squadron was commanded by Vice Admiral Sturdee no information is vouchsafed regarding the ships engaged, and the newspapers are enjoined not to speculate as "other combinations may be effected."

The greatest enthusiasm prevailed in London over the victory, and the general impression is that it will be completed, as the Admiralty would not be likely to send ships that could not overtake the Dresden and Nurnberg, which are 24 knot and 23 knot vessels respectively, and probably even slower after their long service. They are at a disadvantage also because of their small coal capacity.

The British squadron which engaged the Germans left England without the knowledge of the general public, and until his name was mentioned it was believed that Vice Admiral Sturdee was serving in home waters. The fact that he was taken from the post of chief of the war staff in indicative of the determination of the British government to clear the Pacific and South Atlantic of all German warships. It is believed, therefore, that the British commander is at the head of a formidable squadron. THE KARLSRUHE

In addition to the Dresden and Nurnberg, only one German warship—the Karlsruhe—is now unaccounted for in these waters, although there may be one or two armed merchantmen which the Allies have not rounded up.

As the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau each carried a complement of 765 men, the Leipzig 286, the Nurnberg 322 and the Dresden 261, the total German loss is estimated at not far from 2,000 men, although the actual loss to the Dresden and Nurnberg cannot yet be known.

TWO OTHER GERMAN CRUISERS BADLY DAMAGED? Santiago, Chile, Dec. 9-The reports received here of the sinking of the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig by British warships off the Falkland Islands, say that two other German cruisers engaged in the battle were badly damaged.

A BUENOS AIRES REPORT

en were sunk by British or Japanese warships off the coast of Buenos Aires, Dec. 9—Three German merchantmen were sunk by British or Japanese warships off the coast of Terra Del Fuego, the southernmost extremity of South America, last Sunday, according to advices just received here.

The information was contained in a wireless despatch to the minister of marine, from the commander of the Argen-

tine was transport Piedra Buena,

The message said a division of warships, which the commander believed to have been either English or Japanese, aggregating live ironclads and one transport, on the morning of December 6, sank one of the Germans in the roadstead of Picton Island. The two other steamers were sent to the bottom the same evening, outside the harbor of Pantalon,

One steamer belonged to the German Cosmos line. The ownership of the others was not stated, but the com-under of the Buena reported that one of them had a yellow funnel with a black ring around it.

The Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau are armored cruisers of the same tonnage, 11,420 tons, and are sister ships. Both are 449 feet long, with beams of 70 feet, and a draught of 241-2 feet, and an indicated horse power of their engines of 27,759 h.p. Both were completed in 1908. Each has a complement of 764 officers and men, and is armed with eight 8.2 guns, six 5.9, twenty 3.4 and fourteen smaller guns.

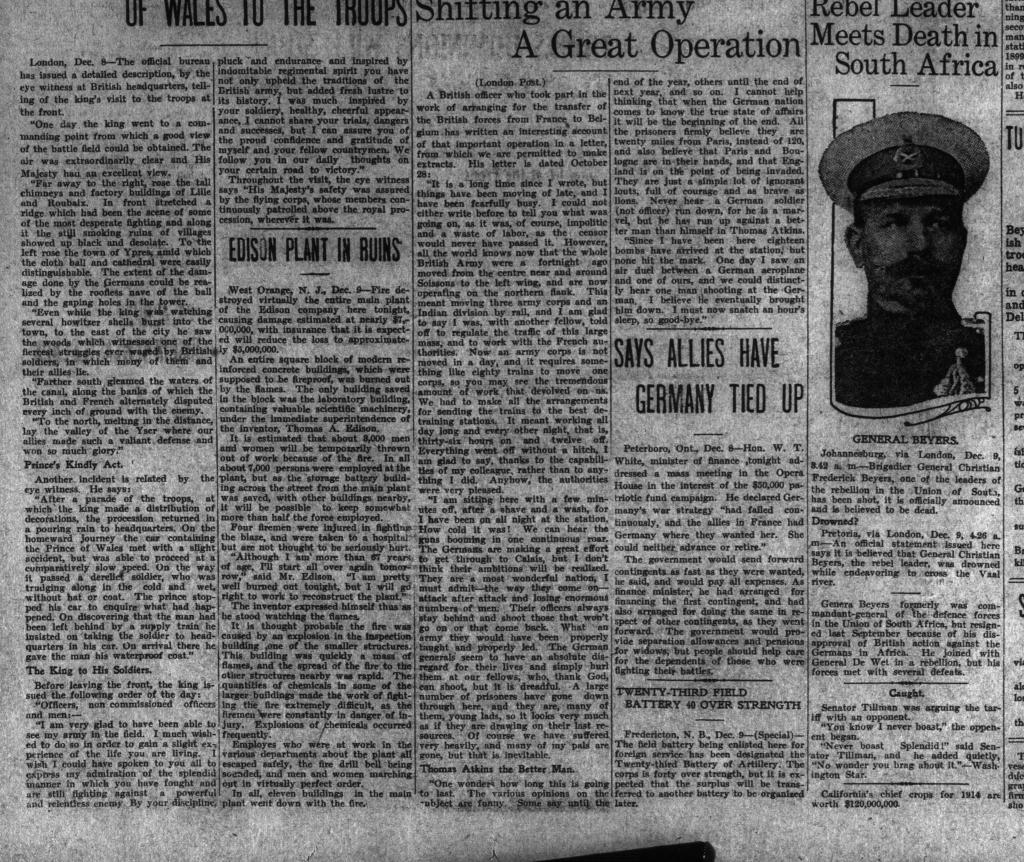
The Leipsig which was sunk had a tonnage of 3,200 and a complement of 303. The cost was about \$1,272,500, armament was ten 4.1 guns and fourteen smaller. The total length was 341 feet.

The Numberg is also a vessel of the same class differing from the Leipsig only in details. She has a total per-

The Dresden is somewhat larger, having a displacement of 3,544 tons and a complement of 361 officers and men. Her length is 364 feet and her armament consists of twelve 4.1 guns and four 2.1 and four machine guns. But the Dresden is one of the fastest vessels in the German navy, having a speed of 27 knots an hour. Like all the German vessels in this engagement except the Leipsig which was in the 1906 programme, the Dresden was completed in 1908.

OF WALES TO THE TROOPS Shifting an Army

Rebel Leader A Great Operation Meets Death in



SAYS GERMAN LOSSES IN POLAND HAVE BEEN APPALLING OTHERS ARE BEING PURSUED HAVE FAILED IN THEIR PLANS

Petrograd, Dec. 8—In today's official the results aimed at.

In the middle of November the Rusabout Russia's successes, but a great deal about the enemy's strategic move-

(Special Cable to Telegraph and Mont-plan, now for the first time fully retreal Gazette.) vealed by the Grand Duke's report, but

about Russia's successes, but a great deal about the enemy's strategic movements, and the whole appears intended to give the public to understand that the war has entered on an entirely new phase which will entail corresponding changes in the Russian plans.

The Germans have entirely failed to realize the plan which brought them back into Poland after the flight from before Warsaw. That is to say they have lost three weeks time and lives appalling in mere numbers they exceed 100,000 which are irreplacable in quality to save themselves from disaster at the hands of the Russians. The Germans, it is now officially stated, moved up from the western frontiers a force exceeding a quarter of a million men, who were thrown into the fighting line after the terrible defeat suffered a fortinght ago, but it has not enabled them to recapture the initiative which remains to recapture the initiative which remains to recapture the initiative which remains to the German sormed a new front, reaching from Stupzy to Thorn. The Germans, true to the German instinct for attack along the line of least resistance, direct.

SIR FREDERICK STURDEE HAS HAD INTERESTING CAREER

Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Charles tellegence from October, 1899, to October Doveton Sturdee who sank three of Gerber, 1902, and was also a member of the departmental committee formed to compile a digest of the leading prize ters on Tuesday, is a cousin of Colonel

to fin order to qualify for promotion to flag rank by taking command of the battleship New Zealand of the same three first class certificates and in 1886 won the gold medal of the Royal United Service Institution for the prize naval essay submitted that year. He returned to the Vernon as a senior staff officer in 1889 and in the following January was appointed in command of her tender, Vesuvius. He was advanced to commander in July, 1893, being at the same time selected for service as an assistant to the director of naval ordnance and torpedoes at the Admiralty. In this latter appointment he remained for more than four years and succeeded in winning the R. U. S. I. gold medal for the second time in 1894. He was in command of the Porpoise at the Australian station from November, 1897, to June, 1899, when he was advanced to captain in recognition of his service in command of the British forces at Samoa, which also won him the C. M. G.

He was assistant director of Naval In-

ters on Tuesday, is a cousin of Colonel E. T. Sturdee of this city. Only four weeks ago he was in London and entertained at dinner Major H. E. C. Sturdee and Captain Ronald McAvity of this city who went with St. John's quota of the Canadian contingent.

Sir Frederick Sturdee, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G., is a man of world-wide reputation and stands in Britain's roll of homor. He has worked his way gradually from the ranks, receiving his first commission in 1880 to the rank of lieutenant, and his career since that time has been rapid. During his years of service he spent two of them on the ill-fated Bulwark which was sunk off Sherness a few weeks ago. At that time 1905-1907 he was chief of the staff to Lord Charles Beresford in the Mediterranean command.

Admiral Sturdee was promoted only last December to the exalted position of vice-admiral. He is the son of the lare Captain Frederick R. Sturdee, R. N. C. (of the old navigating branch) and was born in June, 1859. He was promoted to lieutenant in February, 1880, with three first class certificates and in 1886 the many command of the same fiest. He became rear-admiral in 1908.

TURKISH COMMANDER SURRENDERS

WITH HIS ARMY TO THE BRITISH

London, Dec. 9, 9.22 p. m.—It is officially announced that Subhi Bey, late governor of Basra, Asiatic Turkey, commander of the Turkish forces at Kurna, yesterday surrendered unconditionally with his troops to the Indian expeditionary force which is operating at the head of the Persian Gulf.

Kurna, subsequently, was occupied by the British who are now in complete control of the country from the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers to the sea and of the richest part of the fertile

London, Dec. 9, 9.35 p. m.—The Indian office, in a despatch describing the operations of the British forces on the Persian Gulf, savs:

"A reconnaissance of the enemy's position at Kurna was made on December 5 by Colonel G. S. Fraser, with the 110th Mahratta Light Infantry. The enemy was encountered on the left bank of the Tigris, opposite Kurna. They were promptly attacked and driven across the river, losing heavily. Two guns and seventy prisoners, including three Turkish officers, were captured.

"Kurna was found to be strongly held by guns and infantry, and the British, finding no means of crossing the Tigris, withdew to their original posi-

General Fry, and captured Masera, cleared the left bank of the Tigris, and took three guns and 100 prisoners, including three officers.

"On December 8, the British crossed the river, and the next day Subhi Bey

"The British losses during the whole of these operations amounted to one British officer killed and three wounded, with forty Indians of the rank and file killed, and 120 wounded."

SERVIANS TAKE OFFENSIVE AND ROUT AUSTRIANS

Paris, Dec. 9, 721 p. m .- A despatch to the Havas Agency from Nish, Ser-

"The crushing offensive movement of the Servian army has been successful along the entire front. The Austrians are retiring in the greatest disorder, losing a large number of prisoners and cannon and war material.

"At one point alone the Servians took 20,000 prisoners, and the band and

the flag of the 22nd Regiment."

The Cunard liner Campania, the first "Five hundred German prisoners were vessel on which a newspaper was produced after the advent of wireless telegraphy, has been sold to a Sheffield firm, and it is understood that she will shortly be broken up. AGENTS WAN

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son, aged sixty-one year John, N. B., leaving children.

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CONDENS NEWS: I AND GE

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The following conti Patriotic Fund are Welsford school ch Woods, M.L.A., \$26.42 South Bay, \$2; reside \$24.50: Mrs. Blanche \$1: Cadet Corps of S

The British bark I St. John, raised the Baltimore last week, tered under the law ama Canal act. will hail from Mobile owner. The bark Ed uilt at Lower Coverd Mr. Smith, and rigger built in New bark was in St. Joh spring of 1913 when s by the veteran navig

For Scotch broth with less than two teacupful of best it boil, add 11/2 lb or mutton off the into very small turnip the same. Cut thick slices and a with your meat), let an hour, then add a and quarter of turn or four good thick potatoes cut into for two hours befor a few minutes, then into a bowl, and p

ner for a family