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Russian Rout of Allied Enemies Complete
BRITISH BATTLESHIP BLOWN UP; LOSS OF LIFE HEAVYBRITAIN LOSES
BATTLESHIP IN
THAMES RIVERBattleship Bulwark Blown Up
Off Sheerness Is Official
Report.

ONLY TWELVE MEN SAVED

The Crew Numbered Between
Seven Hundred and Eight
Hundred Persons.

VESSEL BUILT IN 1902

Scene of the Disaster Is Only
Thirty-Five Miles From
London.[Canadian Press.]
London, Nov. 26.—3:15 p.m.—It
was officially announced here today
that the British battleship Bulwark
had been blown up off Sheerness.
Only twelve men out of the seven
or eight hundred aboard were saved.The British battleship Bulwark,
15,000 tons displacement, was laid
down in 1899, and completed in 1902.
She was 411 feet long, 75 feet wide,
and drew 25 feet of water. Her
armament consisted of four 12-inch,
twelve 6-inch guns, sixteen 3-pound-
ers, six 3-pounders, and four sub-
merged torpedo tubes. She had a
complement of 750 men.Sheerness is on the Thames, at
the mouth of the estuary of the Mid-
way. It is 35 miles down the river
from London.According to the admiralty, the
explosion, which resulted in the de-
struction of the Bulwark, is be-
lieved to have originated in her own
magazine.The announcement of the disaster
was made by Winston Spencer
Churchill, first lord of the admiralty,
shortly before 4 o'clock this after-
noon.Magazine Explosion.
The explosion which destroyed the
Bulwark occurred at 7:53 a.m. A
vice-admiral and a rear-admiral,
who were at Sheerness, reported
that they were convinced the dis-
aster was caused by a magazine ex-
plosion. There was no upheaval of
the water. When the smoke had
cleared away the ship had entirely
disappeared.An inquiry will be held tomorrow,
and the admiralty believes that it
may throw some light upon the oc-
currence.Loss of Life Terrible.
Mr. Churchill, speaking in the
House of Commons concerning the
disaster, said: "The loss of the ship
does not sensibly affect our military
position, but I regret the loss of life,
which was very heavy. Only twelve
men were saved. All the officers and
the rest of the crew, which I sup-
pose amounted to between 700 and
800, perished."NO LEGISLATION TO
SUPPRESS FOOTBALLPremier Asquith Says Situation Does
Not Demand Such Measure.[Canadian Press.]
London, Nov. 26.—3:35 p.m.—"The
situation at present does not demand
legislation for the suppression of foot-
ball," said Premier Asquith in the
House of Commons today, replying to a
question as to whether such a move was un-
der way. The Premier added that nego-
tiations with the football magnates were
progressing, from which satisfactory re-
sults were expected.The agitation against football, because
it is interfering with recruiting, con-
tinues in the British press.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and low-
est temperatures recorded in London
during the 24 hours previous to 8
o'clock last night: Highest, 49; low-
est, 30.The official temperatures for the 12
hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 46; lowest, 35.

TOMORROW—COLDER.

Forecasts.
Strong winds, moderate to severe
southerly, gradually shifting to westerly
and northwesterly winds; fair and
mild today; turning colder during Fri-
day.The following were the highest and
lowest temperatures during the 24 hours
previous to 8 a.m. today:
Lowest. Weather.
Victoria 50 44 Cloudy
Calgary 50 44 Cloudy
Winnipeg 44 34 Cloudy
Port Arthur 46 32 Cloudy
Perry Sound 44 36 Clear
Toronto 45 40 Clear
Ottawa 38 34 Cloudy
Montreal 49 36 Cloudy
Quebec 36 32 CloudyWeather Notes.
Pressure continues to increase over
the Great Lakes, while a cold wave is
now spreading into Alberta from the
northward.Fair, mild weather prevails generally.
The winds are likely to increase from
the lakes to the Maritime Provinces.RUSSIAN ROUT OF GERMAN-AUSTRIAN
FORCES IN POLAND NOW COMPLETED"MILE OF PENNIES"
FOR WAR VICTIMSAdvertiser Illustration
[Special Correspondence of The
Advertiser.]Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—While
her father, Capt. Benton Clerk Decker,
commander of the S. S. Tennessee, is
stirring up things in Turkey, Miss Mary
Decker is at work in Washington col-
lecting pennies for the Belgian relief
fund.Miss Decker and several other relief
women have undertaken to collect "a
mile of pennies" to be presented to the
Queen of Belgium.RUSSIANS PROVED
EQUAL TO TASKBeat Gen. Von Hindenburg's
Isolated Army, and Are
After Crown Prince.

AUSTRIANS ARE IN FLIGHT

Berlin Beginning To Admit
Her Troops Are on the
Defensive.[Canadian Press.]
London, Nov. 26.—The correspondent
of the Chronicle in Petrograd, in de-
scribing the reported German defeat in
Poland, says: "The weakness of Gen.
Von Hindenburg's position was that he
was isolated from the Crown Prince's
army, which was fighting south of
Czestochowa, with the object of keep-
ing the main Russian force engaged,
while Von Hindenburg operated in the
north, but the Russian resources were
equal to the task, and when Von Hin-
denburg found himself hard pressed
he ordered into the gap at Wielun the
Austrian troops, who were intended to
turn the Russian left."These Austrians shared the fate of all
Austrians, who have been made to fight
the Prussian battles. The Russian Gren-
adiers fought their way through the
prisoners taken by the Russians, cap-
turing 5,000 prisoners and several scores of machine
guns.Position Hopeless.
Gen. Von Hindenburg's position is now
hopeless, and the thousands of prisoners
streaming into Warsaw speak eloquently
of his failure.In the battle with the Crown Prince's
army, the Russians are steadily win-
ning."The Russian army advancing west-
ward along the River San is now within
twelve miles of Cracow. The civil popu-
lation, fearing the destruction of the
city, demanded its surrender. The num-
ber of prisoners taken by the Russians is
estimated at 50,000."The Germans have begun a retreat
along the entire front, the correspond-
ent continues, "and in many places the
flight is a disorderly rout, marked by
the abandonment of artillery, Maxim
guns and transports.""Berlin meanwhile is beginning to
talk about repulsing Russian attacks,
which is a subtle method of announcing
that the German troops are on the de-
fensive."DECISIVE VICTORY.
London, Nov. 26.—"It is now clear
that the Russian victory in Poland is
decisive," says the Petrograd corre-
spondent of the Express. "The number
of prisoners taken by the Russians is
estimated at 50,000.""The Germans have begun a retreat
along the entire front, the correspond-
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talk about repulsing Russian attacks,
which is a subtle method of announcing
that the German troops are on the de-
fensive."MOVE TO HELP SERVIA.
[Canadian Press.]
London, Nov. 26.—The correspondent
of the Times at Sofia, Bulgaria, reports
that Russian troops have arrived in Ser-
bia to assist the Servians in fighting
the Austrians."Fifteen regiments of Russian troops
with seventy bargeloads of ammunition
and supplies have arrived at the Serbian
town of Radulovatz," the Times corre-
spondent says. "They made the 500-
mile trip up the Danube from Russian
territory. They will be rushed to the
front to assist the Servians."THE AUSTRIAN STORY.
Berlin, by wireless to London, Nov.
26.—4:45 a.m.—It is officially announced
in Vienna that the fighting in Russian
Poland continues. Twenty-nine thou-
sand prisoners have been taken in the
battle, as well as 49 machine guns and
a quantity of war material.Official News Received in London Russian Circles Tells of
Utter Defeat of Enemy by the Czar's
Troops.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Nov. 26.—12:35 p.m.—Official news received in
Russian circles in London today declares that the rout of the
German and Austrian forces in Poland has been complete.The general staff, however, is not yet able to give any de-
tails of this fighting.LED INTO TRAP.
[Canadian Press.]
Petrograd, Nov. 26.—Via London, 2:25 p.m.—Semi-official advices received
from Poland show that the German defeat at Lodz, culminating in the capture
of a German corps, was the result of a Russian manoeuvre by which the
Germans were led into an inextricable trap.The Russian left wing, resting on the River Warta, and the Russian right
on the Vistula, both lying along the Warsaw-Kalisz Railroad, moved forward
in unison in the last two days.Simultaneously the Russian centre gave ground and the Germans followed,
apparently relying upon a German column from Wielun to repulse the Russian
left wing and to form a junction with the main German forces.THOUSANDS SURRENDERED.
The German plan failed as a result of the battle on November 25, when the
German force from Wielun was repulsed. Thereafter the Russian wings ad-
vanced and closed the gap through which the German centre had passed.In the meantime Russian reserves had come up, and they surrounded the
Germans, thousands of whom surrendered. Others fought their way north in
an effort to join the German left in the vicinity of Lodz, a town 44 miles
southwest of Warsaw.TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE.
Paris, Nov. 26.—4:01 p.m.—All the newspapers of Petrograd, says a dispatch
from that city to the Havas Agency, affirm that the Germans suffered a ter-
rible catastrophe in attempting an offensive movement with five army corps
against the Russians between the Vistula and Warta Rivers.The German turning movement against the left wing of the Russians, in the
region of Wielun, to the north of Czestochowa, also is said to have met
with disaster. Eleven German army corps are reported to have suffered enor-
mously, one entire division being captured.BUY CANADIAN
GOODS, SLOGANCanadian Manufacturers' As-
sociation Hopeful For Pros-
perous Times.CO-OPERATION IS ADVISED
Prof. Shortt Says Manufac-
turers and Farmers Should
Come Together.[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Nov. 26.—Hopeful, as was
the keynote of a meeting of the Cana-
dian Manufacturers' Association, at the
Canada Club last night, which was
opened by an address on general econ-
omic conditions in Canada by Prof.
Adam Shortt, of Ottawa.The general contention of a number
of speeches delivered by local manu-
facturers was that Canada should pro-
duce more, buy less, and buy, as far
as possible, goods made in Canada,
while selling goods produced in Canada
to other nations.Prof. Shortt devoted his time to
showing why the "Made in Canada"
slogan was needed. The thesis was that
Canada as a nation had for many years
past borrowed too much, lived too ex-
travagantly, spent too lavishly, and
generally rioted in high living on specu-
lative prosperity, he said. "This, he de-
clared, must be ended sooner or
later, and the war had only hastened
the end. Now, he argued, it was for
the Canadian people to readjust their
methods of living to new conditions on
a lower level, with a smaller rate of
earning, a lower ratio of spending, and
probably a higher return for the money
earned and spent, so that the coun-
try could hold its own with others in
the world's markets."To this end, Professor Shortt ad-
vised a closer co-operation between the
manufacturers and farmers, with an in-
creased agricultural production and a
reduced urban population. If this were
done, he was hopeful that, with the
stagnation in Europe, which would
come after the war, Canada, with its
great wealth in natural resources, must
have a future full of hope for even
immediate prosperity.Speeches were also delivered by Sen-
ator Nathaniel Curry, George A. Slater,
L. J. Tarte, C. W. Tinning and J. H.
Sherrard.MAJOR GENERAL HUGHES
DENIES A YELLOW STORYBrands as Untrue the Yarn
Cooked Up in Local News-
paper Office.Branding it as "an absolute mistake,"
Major-Gen. Sam Hughes last night de-
clared a yellow story, cooked up in a local
newspaper office, and which was cir-
culated yesterday, that he had ordered the
arrest of four members of the Eigh-
teenth Battalion yesterday because of
German birth. The story declared that
the major-general had spotted the men
in his inspection, and had ordered their
immediate removal and instructed
Lieut.-Col. E. S. Wigle, if the action
was warranted by further investigation,
to send them as prisoners of war to
Old Fort Henry, Kingston.Last night, while speaking at the
public mass meeting here, the major-
general made an unqualified denial of
the whole story."Nothing of the kind occurred," he
said. "I did come across four Belgians
who were going back to help to avenge
the atrocities under which their people
have suffered, but I did not find any
Germans."BLAMES AUSTRIANS.
[Canadian Press.]
London, Nov. 26.—The Morning Post's
Amsterdam correspondent telegraphs:
"The Berlin correspondent of the All-
gemeine Handelsblatt says the people
of Berlin attribute the failure of the
German offensive near Warsaw and
Ivanogorod and the retreat to the Prus-
sian frontier to insufficient assistance
rendered by the Austrian troops under
General Danil, who let the Germans
wait three days and advanced only
when the Russians already had crossed
the Vistula."

IN VAIN THIS HUGE BRIDGE WRECKED TO RETARD RUSSIANS

Authorities Will Give Out Official Statement After Investi-
gation—Meanwhile Sensational Story of Attempt To
Poison Battalion Is in Circulation—Two Men Are
Under Arrest.Alleged That Suspected Individual Claimed Bottles Con-
tained Pepsin, Which Was Quickly Disproved—Mili-
tary Police Effected Arrest.Further arrests by the military po-
lice, the discovery of bottles labelled
"poison," and containing something
else than the pepsin their own-
ers claimed, and rumors of a plot
to kill the entire Eighteenth Battalion,
are but some of the sensational stories
that follow as the sequel to the arrest
of a so-called traveller on the city
streets yesterday afternoon by military
police.Lieutenant-Colonel E. S. Wigle, com-
manding officer of the Eighteenth
Battalion, absolutely refuses to say
one word in reference to the question.Rigid Inquiry Under Way.
"As soon as the investigation has
been completed, there will be an official
statement issued. Until then
nothing will be said. The question is
of the gravest importance, and
we can say nothing. A rigid inquiry
is being conducted, and as I said be-
fore, the results of this will be an-
nounced to the public."Such was the commander's state-
ment to The Advertiser this morning.
Utmost secrecy in connection with
the alleged plot and the arrest of the
men, said to be conspirators, has been
enjoined by the officers on the bat-
talion. The refusal to discuss the
situation has, therefore, been followed
by the wildest type of rumors and
statements.Rumor of Court-Martial.
Last night it was persistently de-
clared that, following the arrest of
Eserra W. Kreutziger, claiming to be
a commercial traveller, and one of the
members of a newly-organized battery,
that a court martial had been held,
and that a spy had been discovered.Today, with the addition of the poison
feature, the stories of spies and plots
to encompass the deaths of the whole
battalion, the rumors were enlarged a
thousand fold.Headquarters Is Muzzled.
The only statement given out at the
barracks today, concerning the arrests,
was that the men arrested last night
were on remand, and that nothing
could be said of the possible develop-
ments in the case. Absolutely nothing
was said concerning the arrests made
this morning or of the discovery of the
labelled bottles.One man said to The Advertiser that
[Continued On Page Three.]MARINES OF FRANCE
RECAPTURE DIXMUDEIn Attack Tuesday Night They Drove Germans Out of Three
Lines of Trenches, and On Wednesday
Retake the Town.[Canadian Press.]
London, Nov. 26.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Dunkirk,
France, telegraphs that Dixmude has been retaken by the Allies. He says:
"The French marines attacked the town strongly on Tuesday night and drove
the Germans out of three lines of advanced trenches. On Wednesday they
followed this up by entering the town in an irresistible charge."
"The enemy did not halt in their retreat until they were seven miles out
of the town. The marines lost 300 men."HUGHES SAYS HE NEVER
READS PRESS CRITICISMSMilitia Minister Knows Nothing About His Reported Threat
To Go to Front—Tells Reporters He is the Same
Old Two-and-a-Sixpence.[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Nov. 26.—Major-Gen. Hughes,
minister of militia, arrived here this
morning from London. His coming was
eagerly awaited at the exhibition
grounds camp, but he proceeded to the
Russell Motor car works to inspect an
armored car.At 12:15 the minister left for Hamil-
ton. He announced his intention of re-
turning here this evening for the par-
ticular purpose of reviewing the home
guard, and will leave tonight for Ot-
tawa. He told the newspapermen en-
clistment was "going along fine."
"We have already 100,000 men in train-
ing, and we can supply all that Great
Britain will need."Imputed to him that he would himself
go to the front if the war was not over
in the spring. Gen. Hughes said he
knew nothing about it. He was ready
to talk about the work of enlistment,
and the equipment of the troops, but he
quickly shut his interviewers off when
they raised questions about panics, shot-
guns, and resignations. He never read
newspaper criticisms. When the report-
ers pleaded that they felt awed in the
presence of a major-general and sought
to excuse on that ground the nature of
their questions, the minister said: "Well,
boys, you need not feel strange. I am
still the same old two and sixpence."U. S. BATTLESHIP
ASHORE AT CAPE HENRYMichigan Ran on Tail of Horsehoe
During Dense Fog.[Canadian Press.]
Norfolk, Va., Nov. 26.—The United
States battleship Michigan went ashore
on the tail of the Horsehoe, near the
lightship, just off Cape Henry, about
10 o'clock this morning, according to
a radio message to the navy yard.The Michigan was bound in at the
time with seven other warships. Dense
fog enshrouded the stranded vessel
this afternoon, according to the Cape
Henri observer, and the foghorn of the
lightship is sounding continuously. The
Michigan is not considered in any
danger.

KILLED BY ENGINE

[Canadian Press.]
St. Thomas, Nov. 26.—William Wil-
son, a switchman in the Pere Mar-
quette yards here, fell from the pilot
of an engine this morning and was
killed. He leaves a widow and three
children.British Bureau Allows Publi-
cation, But Says It Appears
To Be False.[Canadian Press.]
London, Nov. 26.—12:28 p.m.—Tele-
graphing from Amsterdam, the corre-
spondent of Reuters Telegram Com-
pany says the Berlin Tagesspiegel has
published a dispatch from Constanti-
nople to the effect that 2,000 Russians
have been massacred at Tabriz by Per-
sians.The British official press bureau,
while assenting to the publication of
the above dispatch, says it appears to
be false and to have been spread under
German instructions.MAN FROM DUTTON
KILLED AT THE FRONTSidney Watkins, Reservist,
Was Employed in Hotel
During Summer.[Canadian Press.]
St. Thomas, Nov. 26.—Word has been
received at Dutton that Sidney Wat-
kins, a British reservist, who had been
employed at the Queens Hotel at Dut-
ton during the past summer, but who
left to join the colors on the outbreak
of the war, has been killed in action
in France.