

THURSDAY, Jan. 11th, 1917.

son of prophesying, and prophecies are abundant N them, however much they may prove to be justified in the event, have the authority that entitles them to a hearing, but there are some that carry much weight. Among the first of these is to be reckoned the forecast of the military expert of the Lonlon Times who has always been sober in his judgments and never rashly optim-

istic in his anticipations. He predicts with justice tremendous efforts by Germany in 1917 and endeavours to situation the directions in which they

will most probably be made. He dismisses the West front, to be gin with, and no one will quarrel with him there. The initiative i France will be entirely with the Allies, and if it is not used to such good purpose as to paralyse Germany's ini-

tiative anywhere else, we have no

ly that Germany is in a position to attempt both, or would do so if she were. Always with an eye on Italy, he thinks that Russia will be made the scene and object of a last titanic

much that supports the view, not least the persistence of the attack in Roumania, which is clearly an attempt to turn or weaken the Russian left

flank. The internal disorganization of our great Ally, of which he speaks, need not be taken seriously, though in passing the resignation of M. Trepoff, who seemed to be doing so well, needs explaining. This policy of anticipating the worst

that the enemy can do is a wise one, great object of the Allies is simply to

parry those blows successively and, leading them more and more to mee blows of their own, weaken and les-

sen them until they are entirely defensive in their nature. Thus we can

permit these countries, as last year and on a greater scale, themselves to be the attackers. The only thing that would preclude it is their exhaustion of ammunition, which there seems to be no ground whatever to fear.

answered by Russia herself. We do not yet know the extent of her new

offensive in the farthest north region, at Riga, nor yet its purpose-whether it aims at breaking the German front

or simply at distracting the Germans from their Roumanian campaign: we know only that she has taken advant- of Mr. and Mrs. Arch H. Knight, was age of the winter frosts to launch an attack which already seems to have scored some successes. It is made, moreover, at a point where Germany cannot afford to see it long successful. Whatever its result may be, it serves at any rate to refute the frequent al-

legations that Russia is under another ammunition famine. There is, however, another prophecy

cent unreservedly. He anticipates a last tremendous effort by the German

navy, possibly the Austrian also, to break the blockade that is starving their countries to death. As far as

ness one or more battles at sea beside which even the Jutland fight will appear a skirmish. Everything points writing to him, to the Parish Priest to it. If the logic of the position did or any of his neighbors.

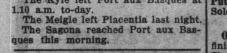
not dictate it, we have sufficient knowledge of the feverish activity of the St. Isidore, Que., 12 May, '98.

German dockvards to serve warning instead. The Allies will be prepared There can, of course, be but one final outcome of such an encounter. The

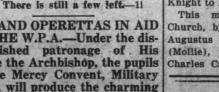
British navy will doubtless suffer severely, but the German navy will be annihilated and no room left even for deception of the German people. For the command of the sea will still be ours, and the blockade will continue

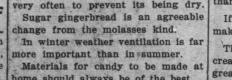
relentlessly-until peace comes. **Reids' Boats.** The Argyle left Lawn at 1.55 p.m.

yesterday, inward. The Home left Tilt Cove at 1 p.m The Kyle left Port aux Basques a



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