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STEADY PROGRESS BY ALLIES

Enemy's Forces Being Crowded Back From Ypres, Albert and Other Parts of Western Belgium

Paris, Dec. 19.—The French War Office this afternoon gave out an official announcement as follows: During day of December 18th we organized in Belgium the territory won from the enemy the evening before, to south of Dixmude, and we advanced our front to south of the Inn at Kerbeker.

Our advance to the south of Ypres has been continued over very difficult and swampy territory.

Considerable Progress

We have progressed in the region of Notre Dame Consolation to the South of La Bassee by more than one kilometre during the past two days. We also made progress in the direction of Carney, St. Laurent and Blangy.

In spite of spirited counter attacks the positions taken by December 17th have been retained. In the region of Albert during the nights of Dec. 17th, 18th, and during the day of 18th, we advanced under very violent fire of the enemy, and we reached the barbed wire entanglements of the second line of German trenches.

Captured and Lost

To the North of Maricourt we were obliged to abandon a trench occupied the night before, and set on fire by the enemy by means of hand grenades.

Several German trenches have been occupied in the region of Mamets and in the vicinity of Lipens three violent counter attacks on the part of Germans were repulsed.

In the region of the Aisne there have been artillery engagements and in Campaigne the artillery of the enemy showed on December 18th increased activity as compared to the 17th.

Battleships Added to Navy Since Declaration of War Total 180,000 in Tonnage

London, Dec. 19.—The Admiralty has made public the following list of vessels added to the navy between August 1 and September 15. They represent an increase of nearly 160,000 tons and have cost approximately \$100,000,000.

Battleships (Super-Dreadnoughts) Benbow, 25,000 tons, 10 13½-inch guns, 21 knots.

Emperor of India, 25,000 tons, 10 13½-inch and 12 6-inch guns, 21 knots.

Erin, 23,000 tons, 10 13-inch and 16 6-inch guns, 21 knots.

Agincourt, 27,500 tons, 14 12-inch and 20 6-inch guns, 22 knots.

British Cruiser Tiger, 28,000 tons, 8 13.5-inch and 12 6-inch guns, 28 knots.

Light Cruisers Arctura, 3,750 tons, 2 6-inch and 3 4-inch guns, 29 knots.

Aurora, 3,750 tons, 2 6-inch and 8 4-inch guns, 29 knots.

Galatea, 3,750 tons, 2 6-inch and 8 4-inch guns, 29 knots.

Undaunted, 3,750 tons, 2 6-inch and 3 4-inch guns, 29 knots.

Monitors Humber, 1,250 tons, 2 6-inch and 2 4.7-inch guns, 11½ knots.

Mersey, 1,250 tons, 2 6-inch and 2 4.7-inch guns, 11½ knots.

Severn, 1,250 tons, 2 6-inch and 2 4.7-inch guns, 11½ knots.

Destroyers Broke, 1,600 tons, 6 4-inch guns, 21 knots.

Faulkner, 1,600 tons, 6 4-inch guns, 21 knots.

Lance, 965 tons, 3 4-inch guns, 29 knots.

Laverock, 965 tons, 3 4-inch guns, 29 knots.

Leonidas, 965 tons, 3 4-inch guns, 29 knots.

Lookout, 965 tons, 3 4-inch guns, 29 knots.

Lucifer, 965 tons, 3 4-inch guns, 29 knots.

British Power Egypt's Shield

King George Assures the New Sultan of Protection of Great Britain

London, Dec. 20.—King George today sent a message to Hussein Kemal, whose appointment as Sultan of Turkey was announced yesterday, assuring him of his sincere friendship and unfailing support in safeguarding the integrity of Egypt.

"Your Highness has been called to undertake the responsibilities of your high office at a grave crisis in the national life of Egypt," the message ran, "and I am convinced you will be able, with the co-operation of your Ministers and the protectorate of Great Britain, to successfully overcome all influences which are seeking to destroy the independence of Egypt, and the wealth, liberty and happiness of its people."

Christmas Gifts For Canadian Men In Army and Navy

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The Duchess of Connaught has sent a box of maple sugar as a Christmas gift to each officer and man of the Canadian Overseas Contingent now at Salisbury Plains; The Royal Canadian Regiment now at Bermuda and the crews of the Royal Canadian Navy doing duty on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

The Portia left Curling at 7.30 a.m. today.

In the Argonne in the Forest of Lagurrie, we blew up a German undermining trench near St. Hubert. The enemy by a very spirited attack succeeded in making slight progress.

It has been confirmed that in the heights of the Meuse our fire directed by aviators, demolished two heavy batteries of the enemy and damaged a third battery.

From the Meuse to the Vosges there is nothing to report. In the Vosges there has been spirited German rifle firing, but no attack.

BRITISH DREADNOUGHT THUNDERER REPORTED SUNK

New York, Dec. 21.—The British Dreadnought Thunderer is reported sunk says a cable to The New York Tribune. The Thunderer, a Super-dreadnought of 22,500 tons was launched in 1912. Her speed is given in the Navy List as 21 knots and complement 900 officers and men. She cost nearly \$10,000,000.

Irresistible Offensive Of The Allies Forces The Germans From Dixmude

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—In the Allies' offensive movement, British and Belgians began furious attacks in West Flanders on the German positions. They previously had been closely reconnoitered by airmen. Sang "Lion of Flanders"

Notwithstanding the frightful weather the enthusiasm of the Allies is irresistible. Trenches a few kilometres before Roulers were stormed. The Flemings ran down upon German infantry singing their National Anthem "The Lion of Flanders."

Dixmude bridge had also been captured by the bayonet; the attack was supported by artillery and immediately afterwards

an advance was made Northwards to Dixmude.

The Germans were obliged to evacuate strongly fortified trenches at Nieuport after leaving many dead.

The Allies attacked St. George's with the help of improvised bridges, rafts and emergency boats and the last of the Lombertzyde houses was shot to ruins.

In the hand to hand fights the French cavalry made splendid charges.

The losses of the enemy in dead, wounded and prisoners were very great. The Germans are fighting with great tenacity.

Germans Forced Evacuate Dixmude

London, Dec. 20.—The Germans have evacuated Dixmude.

MINE SINKS "TUTONIA"

Was Bound From Partington to St. John, N.B.—All the Crew Reported Saved

London, Dec. 20.—The British steamer Tutonia struck a mine on the North coast of Ireland, Saturday, and it is believed foundered, according to an announcement made by the Admiralty to-day.

The crew were saved. The Tutonia was bound from Partington for St. John, N.B.

Fogota is due tomorrow morning.

Vienna Makes Bad Guess

Czars Troops Make Capture Of Many Germans

And Petrograd is Making an Announcement Gives Day, Date and Circumstances.

Petrograd, Dec. 20.—The following official communication was issued last night from general headquarters: On the right bank of the Vistula in North Poland, there has been no change. An attempt by the enemy to proceed from the right bank of the Vistula near Dobryzn was repulsed by artillery fire.

The enemy has been compelled to evacuate quickly an island in the Vistula which he had occupied. We seized at this point several pontoon bridges.

Fighting on the Bhura River has been gun to develop. We have repulsed sev-

Austrians Say West Galicia "Is Now Clear"

And Claim to Have Captured Twenty-Six Thousand Russian Prisoners There.

Vienna, Dec. 20.—Western Galicia was declared to be clear of Russians in an official statement issued here late last night.

The Austro-Hungarian army is declared to have taken 26,000 prisoners and great quantities of war material.

On the left bank of the Vistula there have been engagements only by advance guards.

In West Galicia on the left bank of the Doznietz, on the night of December 17th and 18th we captured as many as one thousand prisoners be-

Mine Sweepers Are Destroyed

Two British Vessels Blown Up While Searching For These Menaces To Navigation

Scarborough, Dec. 20.—The German mines claimed two more vessels off the coast this afternoon.

Two British mine-sweepers, which endeavored to remove the mines left by the German warships, were blown up and sunk, and there was damage done between Scarborough and Filey, seven miles south of here.

Practical Charity Of Sanitary Men

This morning at the sanitary stables the men took up a collection in aid of a brother employee who for the past few weeks have been laid off through illness.

BOER REBEL EXECUTED

Capt. Fourie, Leader in the Uprising, Condemned By a Court Martial and Shot

London, Dec. 20.—A Reuter's despatch from Pretoria tells of the first military execution of the rebel leaders involved in the uprisings in British South Africa, which followed the outbreak of the European war.

Capt. Fourie was shot after being convicted of treason. His brother, Lieut. Fourie, was also condemned to death, but sentence was commuted to imprisonment for five years, on account of the Captain's admission that he had induced his brother to join the rebellion.

Both men had been officers in the South African Defense Force, and being Boers, were tried by a court-martial composed of Boers.

The Captain met death with fortitude.

longing to German divisions, which already had been engaged in this region.

A strong force from the Przemysl garrison attempted to open the railway in the direction of Bierozna to the southwest.

Our troops are fighting here under favorable conditions.

Guns of British Ships' Play Havoc With the German Land Batteries

London, Dec. 20.—British warships off the Belgian coast were engaged with German land batteries with 12-inch guns for five hours on Saturday.

Reports reaching here, late last night from the front, state that the German guns were eventually silenced or destroyed.

Shelled German Positions.

The British ships shelled the German positions at Nieuport and Middekerke. The British ships are declared to have escaped undamaged.

The Allied land forces co-operated with the fleet by directing a deter-

WAS HIT 20 TIMES IN FIGHT

Invincible in the Thickest of Falkland Is. Naval Battle—No Men Killed—Not Seriously Damaged

Monte Video, Dec. 21.—Several interesting details of the Naval battle off the Falkland Islands became known here today, when Admiral Sturdee came ashore to attend a reception at the residence of the French ministers.

It is said that the cruiser Invincible, which led in the attack on the Scharnhorst, Von Spee's flagship, and which, after that vessel had been sunk, was in at the death of the Gnel-senau, was struck twenty times by projectiles, but sustained no serious damage.

No Men Killed. The vessel's casualties were light, considering the number of times she was hit, only fourteen members of the crew having been wounded.

When the battle began and while the Germans were firing at long range, it is said, the British commanders reserved their fire and permitted their men to have breakfast before answering the attack. When Britishers did come into action, however, little signalling was done as each vessel's commander already knew what his task was to be.

Von Spee and Two Sons. The Scharnhorst was ablaze when she sank with all hands, including Admiral Von Spee. Two sons of the Admiral, one aboard the Gneisenau and one aboard the Leipzig, also were lost.

The Commander of the British Flag ship was slightly hurt on his foot by being struck by a flying splinter. Had he ordered his six inch guns manned there doubtless would have been fatalities aboard as one of these guns was smashed by a German shell.

Schr. Dorothy Duff is at Fogo loading Labrador fish for Smith & Co.

Barq. Calidora, three and a half days from North Sydney, arrived yesterday with cargo of coal.

Churchill Dubs German Sailors "Baby-Killers of Scarborough"

London, Dec. 20.—Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a letter to the Mayor of Scarborough, in which he expresses the sympathy of himself and of the Navy, at the losses sustained through the German bombardment of Scarborough and the disappointment of the escape of the German warships, says:

"We await with patience the opportunity that will surely come. But viewed in a larger aspect the incident is one of the most instructive and encouraging that has happened in the war."

Frenzy of Hatred.

"Nothing proves more plainly the effectiveness of British naval pressure than the frenzy of hatred aroused against us in the breast of the enemy. This hatred has already passed the frontiers of reason. It clouds their vision; it darkens their counsels, and convulses their movements. We see a nation of military calculations throwing calculations to the

winds; of strategists, who have lost their sum of proportion; of schemers who have ceased to balance the loss and gain.

Act of Folly. "Practically the whole of the fast cruiser force of the German Navy, including some great ships that are vital to their fleet, and utterly irreplaceable, have been risked for the passing pleasure of killing as many English ships as possible, irrespective of age or condition, in the limited time available. To this act of military and political folly they were impelled by violence of feelings which could find no other outlet. This is satisfactory and should confirm us in our course.

"Their hate is a measure of their fear. Its senseless expression is proof of their impotence and a seal of their dishonour. Whatever feats of arms the German navy may hereafter perform, the stigma of baby-killers of Scarborough will brand its officers and men while sailors sail the seas."

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FRENCH ARTIST WAS WITNESS OF SOME GERMAN OUTRAGES

Tells of Little Boy, Innocently Watching Germans March Past, Having His Head Lopped off by Officer

ENTERED CONVENT OUTRAGED INMATES

"Germans," He Says, "Will Have Much to Answer For When Hour of Retribution Arrives."

Montreal, Dec. 15.—Direct from France, with the scenes and sounds of life and death in the theatre of war still in his mind, M. Ludovic Leblanc of Paris, has just arrived in Montreal.

"The attitude of the people of France is one of calm confidence," he said in a chat with The Herald and Telegraph.

"No matter what is now said, France was not prepared for war, nor was Britain nor Russia. I need not tell you that Germany and Austria were prepared and have been for years. Yet the mad rush did not carry us off our feet. At no time was there any panic. I was in Paris when the German army was within fifteen miles of the city. Even then there was no terror among the people. German airships were flying over the suburbs, and the Parisians stood looking up curiously at the unusual sight. When bombs were dropped the boys would run to look at the hole made in the ground. But afraid!

Not Excited.

"I was in Calais when the great German attempt to break through to that coast city was at its height. There was no panic, no unusual sign of excitement. People have grown to have supreme confidence in the capability of the French and British army, and admiration for the gallant Belgians. At no time have the forces of the Al-

lies on the French and Belgian frontiers equalled those of Germany. It was not necessary nor desirable that they should. Enough were constantly kept there to hold the enemy in check. We had abundance in reserve, after the first few weeks, and the British constantly poured in troops to fill up gaps and keep the line steady.

All For The State.

"The resources of our country have not been by any means fully taxed yet, nor do we expect that they will be. As for the British—of course you know that they have an immense army ready still to come. I am a Frenchman and a Royalist, but today Royalists are Republicans, Socialists—all are of one party, and that party is France. My wife is a Belgian, and ten of her nephews are at the front line; twelve of mine are at the front. All males in France are soldiers, ready when called. I am forty-seven and when I applied to the major to be allowed to serve, he laughed at me. "We do not need you chaps, yet," he said.

All Young Men.

"What aged men are now serving?"

"Those between nineteen and thirty-five have been summoned, and all of that list has not yet been exhausted, yet France has now a fresh army of 1,800,000 men ready for active service."

"Have you been at the front?"

"Yes; I have had some connection with writing for the press, and was privileged to see actions, including some near Lille. The French and British are excellently entrenched, quite and cheerful. Supplies flow to them freely and they have perfect confidence, meeting the furious onslaughts of the German hosts with wonderful coolness and steadiness. While German spies had long ago placed concrete platforms for heavy howitzers, in spots where the exact range of forts and towns had been carefully worked out, and consequently wrought great destruction at first, the field artillery of the Allies has proved far superior to the German.

STALKED ENEMY THRU' THICKETS

French Soldier Tells of the Signal Service That Won Him the Military Medal

A French soldier who was wounded in the fighting around St. Mihiel and has been recommended for the military medal writes a long letter to his brother-in-law in London from which we take the following extracts:

I was wounded on the 7th inst. south of St. Mihiel. I had the third finger of the left hand broken by a bullet and the first and second fingers slightly touched. My left eye was also touched by shrapnel, and my left ear and the second finger of my right hand struck by bullets too. You can judge it was pretty hot. I left the firing line when I was exhausted and unable to hold my rifle.

Brought Down By Shell.

The day before I climbed a tree for observation, and was brought down by the impact of a shell falling near, and had the shoulder slightly touched by a piece. Some days before I had been twice brought down by shells, but without any injury, except that I burnt my fingers to pick up a fuse falling near me.

After having been fighting for three days they asked for volunteers for a reconnaissance to see where the enemy was. We started, one sergeant and four privates. In front of us the ground was full of thorny brambles, nettles, &c. We had to crawl to get along, laying the rifle to rest our hands on, not without scratches to our face and hands.

Caught the Spies.

Afterwards we reached a ditch, where the Germans used to come at night covered with sheepskins to make them unrecognizable. I acted as a scout, so had to go first, and then reaching the ditch I saw a reconnaissance of Germans coming towards us, crawling too. There were seven of them, with a lieutenant and a ser-

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FORGING AHEAD!

That is the position of The Mail and Advocate, as each issue sees a larger sale. What about that WANT ADVT!

The Bear's Onward March

In the eastern theatre of war, the success of the Russian Bear seems assured. Winter is coming on—the Russians are prepared. They are a hardy race and cold does not affect them. We in Newfoundland consider ourselves hardy, but nevertheless we must also prepare ourselves to withstand the elements. To be comfortable during winter, dry feet are essential. You can have them by wearing only the Best Rubbers, i.e., Bear Brand. You can buy them from Monroe & Co. (have you seen the bear in their window?) W. R. Goochie, Nichol, Inkpen & Chafe, Steer Bros., Jesse Whiteway and J. M. Devine.—decl

Notice of an Attack.

It was a report of a Bavarian company, announcing an attack for the day after. We brought reinforcements and were ready for anything. The enemy charged with bayonets, but you could see them fall like flies. I came back with hands tied with my handkerchief, also bleeding from my eye and ear.

I saw the doctor and insisted on being sent back to the front at once, but he would not listen to me. In the hospital I asked the doctor to cut my finger right off, so as to be fit quicker for another go. Unfortunately my request has not been granted. My other wounds are quite all right.

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OUR POINT OF VIEW

The Massacred 78

THE fishermen are more firmly convinced than ever that Abram Kean is to blame absolutely for the loss of the 78 heroes belonging to the "Newfoundland" who were left to die on the icefields last Spring.

The Commission now enquiring into this awful waste of the flower of the manhood of the Colony should, above all else, keep before them the question as to who is to blame for the loss of those seventy-eight men and the crippling for life of another dozen.

The chief question they must put to themselves is "Would those seventy-eight men have died from exhaustion on the icefields if Abram Kean had not gone to the seal-fishery last Spring?" We represent a large portion of the toilers of the country and we have their authority to state that they unanimously believe that but for Abram Kean's presence near the "Newfoundland" and his action on March 31st, not one of the "Newfoundland's" crew would have died in the blizzard of March 31st and April 1st last.

Had Kean not forgotten that his duty to his employers did not consist in aiding a son in another company's ship to secure seals which his duty demanded he should have done all in his power to secure for his own ship and crew, he would not have hoisted that death-dealing signal to his son, directing all on board to travel miles from their ship to secure a supposed patch of seals.

Had Kean not been there to give that signal, the "Newfoundland's" crew would not have been despatched on that life-destroying venture. It was the prospect of securing seals that the signal indicated were to be had miles in the distance, and the belief that the men would find shelter on board of the "Stephano" on that fatal night, which were responsible for the start that morning of the poor chaps who composed the "Newfoundland's" crew.

Then, again, it is quite probable that no master of a sealer but Ab. Kean would have risked putting a ship's crew on the ice so far away from their ship for such a small quantity of seals in the face of weather conditions which then existed. Nor is it probable that any other sealing captain but Ab. Kean would have been able to arrive at the conclusion that the men so placed on the ice, so far away from shelter could have reached their ship in such a blizzard as swept the ocean that evening.

The country has not yet been blessed with a description of the wonderful reasoning power which possessed Ab. Kean that evening, and which led to his being convinced that the men whom he had placed on the ice just as a blizzard had broken, had been able to reach their own ship. The public should be informed as to what grounds Kean had for his belief that the men were safe, so safe that he did not trouble to inform the ships with wireless, in close vicinity, of what he had done.

Only the most conclusive reasonings, which would have left no shadow of doubt, would justify any Commission expenrating Kean from responsibility on this point. Kean should be able to prove conclusively by sound reasoning that there could not exist a shadow of doubt as to the question of those men having reached their ship that evening.

Can he do so? Has he been asked to do so? Why has he not been asked to do so?

The people are watching the issue closely and are inclined to say little and do little until the Commission's work is ended. But when that report is forthcoming, when the judicial decision of the cause of the catastrophe is announced, the fateful moment will have arrived, either to congratulate the country upon the satisfactory outcome and the revelation of the truth, or the initiation of the biggest internal agitation that ever swept over this country.

The question which the people have been putting to each other since April last is, "Would those seventy-eight men of the "Newfoundland's" crew have died in that blizzard had Abram Kean not been at the icefields in charge of a steamer?" and the unanimous reply is, "No, it was his action firstly, secondly and thirdly, which led to the death of these seventy-eight men."

Therefore, the universal determination of the people is that he should never again be permitted to sail to the icefields in charge of a ship. That is all the punishment the public demands, and it is the least that can be administered.

This question is a national one, and thousands are asking it daily and thousands are repeating the reply. Never again must Kean be given the chance to play with the lives of men at the seal fishery.

Thousands are saying that if any poor fisherman had been guilty of the action of Ab. Kean, that he would have been arrested on arrival from the sealfishery and charged with manslaughter.

The Sealing Commission held its first session a month ago and its duties will not end for another month, for to date it has not attempted to do anything but touch the fringe of the matter.

Those who know anything about sealing and the wrongs which exist in connection with it, or those who have studied the causes of the disaster and what is possible to do to prevent such in future, are fully convinced that if this business is to end beneficially to the Colony, or to protect the lives of the sealers and unearth the circumstances surrounding the founding of the "Southern Cross," then 95 per cent. of the investigating has yet to be done.

Let all concerned realize that the people will have a mighty big lot to say about the loss of those two hundred and fifty-three breadwinners, before the matter is closed. Let all concerned realize—and particularly Dr. Lloyd who has chosen to claim the right of presenting the sealers' case—that the people concerned in this awful business considered that the whole proceedings so far have been nothing more or less than a playing with the issues.

Let them also realize that many of the men so far called are disgusted in the manner in which they have been questioned and examined, and openly state that they are not half satisfied with the statements taken down. They say they are not asked questions they want to explain or reply to, and are not expressing themselves as they wish. They are not satisfied with the way in which search is being made to ascertain facts and conditions.

As far as this goes, anyone who reads the published evidence, who knows anything about sealing, is fully convinced that neither Mr. Squires nor Dr. Lloyd are the men who should be in charge of such a case as this. What they do not know about sealing conditions and what can be done to prevent disasters such as those which happened the crews of the Greenland, the Newfoundland, or the Southern Cross, would fill a good-sized book.

Let all feel assured that the fishermen have determined to assert themselves in this matter and the publication of the Commission's report will decide the issue. One thing is sure and that is that they blame the Government for attempting to whitewash Abram Kean who was one of their big "blow-offs" last fall, and if a big fight is to be put up against Morris in connection with this business, in addition to what he has to face over increased taxation, non-retrenchment, and outraging the principles of Constitutional Government, no one but a mad man would wish to be in his boots.

No effort has yet been made by the Commission to establish cases of bravery, self-sacrifice, or heroism among the men who lived through those two awful nights and days. Where is the noble example of Jesse Collins who is said to have been the means of keeping thirty men alive during the second night? Can it be that the Commission deliberately intends to cover up all traces of heroism in our sealers? Why? If there was a Commission in which the F.P.U. was interested to consider this matter, a dozen cases of heroism would be established.

Surely there is more to consider than the condition of the boats, the food taken by the men on the ice, the course the men walked on the first afternoon of the blizzard or the clothes most suitable to wear, and this, to the lay mind, is about all that is at present being considered by the Commission.

Surely the Commission might well spend some time in establishing one page of sunshine in the black chapter of this awful massacre, and let the world see that our men can face certain death as heroes.

U. S. CHANGES NAVAL PLANS

Washington, Dec. 20.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels, to-day, announced that he had abandoned the plan of sending warships to the Pacific side of the Panama Canal to aid in enforcing the neutrality of the Canal.



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Instead Of Frightening Britain, German East Coast Raid Spurs Nation To a More Warlike Spirit

London, Dec. 16.—From a myriad of special editions of the afternoon papers London learned of the action on the east coast. The news created excitement and intense interest, but not the slightest apprehension, nor was there any trace whatsoever of panic. On the contrary London was well pleased with the event, and perfectly confident of the outcome.

There was intense indignation over the bombardment of undefended places, which is generally looked upon as a bit of characteristic of the Germans. If the German action was designed to frighten England, it completely failed. Judging by the attitude of the London public, England is really well pleased, that the Germans have finally come out, and there was the utmost confidence today that the attacking ships never would get back.

Eagerness for News.

During the day the news came in fragments and even at a late hour this evening there was nothing to indicate how extensive the action had been, or what was still ensuing.

The Admiralty statement, "the situation is developing" aroused the keenest interest and the hope that it meant some general engagement between the great fleets, so confident is the public of the ability of Britain's naval forces to vanquish the Germans.

Keen as the interest was London found time to smile at this message, a Scarborough railway engineer sent to his wife: "Shells are falling thickly around me, but I am all right."

There was an unprecedented demand for newspapers. The news tickers which are much more extensively utilized here than in America, were surrounded all day. In financial circles the news was received calmly. Throgmorton Street even showed jubilation. "It is the best bull point for sometime" was the consensus of opinion, and so it was through the whole city.

Will Arouse England.

Britain has been determined in this war, but has outwardly shown little ferocity. This East Coast event will arouse the whole nation to a pitch of anger hitherto unknown.

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "It is worth two army corps to the new army. Frightfulness will produce no effect on the nerves of the country. This outrage on humanity will rouse a stirred, cold, anger, in the hearts of the sturdy men of the north. Those who have hesitated will hesitate no longer."

It is a big thing! is the headlines over the Pall Mall Gazette's column of comment, which contains this answer to the inquiry, "everyone will hope it is."

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TRIED TO SINK RED CROSS SHIP

Former German Crew Rendered Her Helpless Had She Started to Leak or Caught Fire

THE New York American publishes the following interesting despatch from Mr. Earle Harrison, its special correspondent in Belgium and Holland, who writes from Rotterdam as follows:

I spent the most part of to-day on board the steamship the Red Cross, which lies at anchor here in Rotterdam, after having executed her mission of mercy upon which she started from New York several weeks ago.

While luncheon with Admiral Ward and the other officers the question came up as to how many refugees she would carry back to New York. It seems that she is quite full. I was rather surprised to hear the chief engineer remark that he wished they were returning without any passengers.

I could not understand this, but after luncheon, when I returned to the chief engineer's cabin, where he introduced me to his assistant engineer and junior engineer, I learned this remarkable experience.

When the ship left New York she carried, in addition to the crew, 120 nurses and forty physicians, and the bringing over in safety of these 160 souls had required the most untiring energy on the part of the officers and crew. For, while it is inconceivable to think the former German crew, either with or without the knowledge of the Hamburg-American Line, had deliberately rendered the ship unseaworthy, and likely to sink in any kind of rough weather, or be destroyed by fire should the slightest blaze occur, as all her pumps had been practically destroyed.

I could not realize that such an atrocity could be perpetrated, but most substantial corroboration was given by the four engineers in charge of the ship in the form of a sworn statement.

KAISER'S INSULT TO BRITISH SHIP

Turned His Back to Saluting Vessel in Norwegian Waters Before War

A striking instance of the Kaiser's studied insult to England immediately before the declaration of war is furnished in a letter sent to Germany by a naval reservist named H. Griffiths. He writes:

Just before the outbreak of war I was serving as A.B. on the Royal Mail steamship Arcadie on her Norwegian yachting cruises from Grimsby. On the way to Norway were told we should meet the Kaiser's yacht on the following day, and we were to salute it. Elaborate preparations were made for the occasion. The day arrived, and we steamed into the harbor.

There lay the Kaiser's yacht, with a naval escort, in all its glory. I myself was duty bugler that day, the ship's bugler being unwell. The National Anthem was played, our ship was fully dressed, and rockets were fired; but the Kaiser, who was on the quarterdeck of his yacht, deliberately turned his back to our ship.

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The Royal yacht and escort weighed anchor and left for Germany.

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There was a large attendance at the Cathedral Men's Bible Class yesterday afternoon.

Before his lecture, Rev. J. Brinton referred to the work of the Orphanage

League and made an appeal on behalf of the institution. The offering was devoted to the Orphanage Fund. Letters were read from C. B. Dicks and A. S. Newman, members of the class who are with the First Contingent at Inverness. READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.

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SOME DRIVEN BACK, OTHERS CAPTURED

Guardsman Officer Tells how British Checked and Routed German Attacking Force

A n officer of the Guards, writing home to his parents, gives an account of the fighting which began on Oct. 22. He says:

"We spent a quiet night in the trenches, and on Sunday morning sniped some Germans about 500 yards away, bagging an officer. At one p.m. the bombardment began, and lasted till dark. They had the range almost exact, and blew several trenches in the air. I suppose 100 shells burst within a few yards of me, coming in groups of four as a rule, and shaking the whole ground.

Heard Cheering.

"At 6.30 p.m. we heard cheering on our right, and gathered that a counter-attack was taking place. Soon after a considerable body of men were seen approaching, and word was passed to us that they were our troops, so we did not fire. Three came right on the traverse of my trench, and about three yards from me I saw a German helmet. We at once opened fire. I shot the first man, the second was bayoneted, and the third taken prisoner, as he laid flat down until the first flurry was over.

We drove the whole lot back in about fifteen minutes, with the exception of about 200, who were captured, having got through where the trenches were blown in. It was awkward knowing some were behind us, as we did not like to shoot for fear of hitting our own reinforcements.

Kept Close Watch.

"In my trench I and one man looked out behind, the remainder watched the front. They had a machine gun in front, and one had to duck occasionally when one heard it. Our gun behind was also sweeping with shrapnel, and every shell just touched our parapet, so I had to watch for the flash and shout 'Duck.' The other companies lost some officers and men when rounding up those that had got through, which was awkward work, seeing that the darkness was only relieved by the light of burning houses.

Shelled Empty Trenches.

"From eight to nine a.m. on the 26th the German guns wasted some ammunition at some unoccupied trenches just in the rear of the line; but they then discovered their mistake, and literally blew our trenches to pieces.

French troops came up and I believe all is well with the situation. We are feeling a bit tired, but are quite well, and in a few days shall be ready to have another go.

"We can laugh at any number of the German infantry. It was the 'Black Marias' that did us, and our trenches should have been on the reverse slope to prevent the guns ranging them exactly.

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GERMANS PAINTED MINE LAYER TO RESEMBLE A HOSPITAL SHIP

And the Masquerading Vessel Was Boarded and taken Possession of by a Torpedo Boat

BROUGHT VESSEL INTO GRAVESEND

Where a Strong Guard Had to be Provided to Protect the Prisoners From Angry Populace

THE ancient borough of Gravesend has at great liking for the nation that has shown itself so contemptibly despicable in the methods it has adopted during the present war, and one cannot expect that there should be any rejoicing in the fact that some of its naval men have just put their feet ashore here. Such, however, is the case. German navy officers and men have landed here, and Gravesenders have rejoiced at the fact!

Coming up with the tide one afternoon recently there was seen by a few who happened to be on the front at the time a British torpedo boat bringing a harmless-looking hospital ship to an anchorage. Shortly afterwards three German naval officers and a company of about thirty men were landed at the Terrace Pier, while to help them to "toe the line" was a company of British soldiers with fixed bayonets to receive them. It transpired that this harmless-

looking Red Cross vessel was captured at Yarmouth by the smart little torpedo boat that escorted her up the river. Painted as she is exactly like a British Red Cross vessel, with the exception that the cross itself is on the funnel, and not on the hull, presumably she had thought anything of her. But evidently our Navy are quite awake and were running no risks.

The caps of the men bear the lettering in English "Naval Division," but while everything is thus carried out to deceive as far as possible, an examination of the vessel, I am informed, reveals the fact that it is not fitted up inside as a hospital ship.

No Hospital Fittings.

What was the vessel doing at Yarmouth? Evidently one of two things. She was there for observation purposes, or engaged in the rastardly work of laying mines; although, to give her the utmost credit, be it said there were no mines found on board. But then, the sea is large and deep.

Considerable time was taken up in getting van to take away the personal belongings of the crew, and while this was being accomplished the matter was soon noised abroad, and a good crowd gathered.

Many were the exclamations of disgust at the conduct of such dastardly deceivers. The women in the crowd cried out for the Germans to be handed over to the women of Gravesend. They would settle the matter. The men invited them to be sent to Crooked-lane (a notorious part of Gravesend), where they could be fixed up, while a little Belgian boy of about 3 years of age on his father's shoulders pulled grimaces at the Germans, and cried out in broken English, raising his fist at them. "Moonkeys! Moonkeys!"

Ring of Steel.

To carry out their plan of deception this innocent-looking crew of a Red Cross ship were all wearing large Red Cross bands on their left arms, and one infuriated marine went up to one of the Germans and tore off the badge he was apparently so disgracing. However, an officer intervened, and the badge was restored with the customary salutes on both sides.

The luggage being disposed of, the officers and crews were carefully formed up with a line of fixey bayonets on either side, and officers and police in front and around. It was well for the Germans the steel was shining for the temper of the Gravesend people gathered there was hot, and the destination of the Germans might have been altered.

The booing and shouting as the march started was certainly enough to appal a small company, and evidently the Germans were most uncomfortable. Their faces blanched white at the outbursts of anger, and if one could judge correctly they were expecting to get the deserts they so richly merited.

Protected by Soldiers.

As it was, a civilian, carried away by his feelings, broke into the ranks to do damage, but was expelled. An-

ITALY'S INTERESTS ARE WITH BRITAIN AND HER ALLIES

Italian Deputy Says His Country Cannot Now Safely Stay Out of the Great Struggle

THE Roman Nationalist deputy Federzone, at a banquet given in his honor, delivered a long speech, in which he reviewed Italy's political policy during the present crisis. He said:

"At the moment when the European war broke out, we, who were unaware of the previous diplomatic negotiations which led to Austria's ultimatum to Serbia, declared that if there existed any preventive agreements or pledges of honor binding Italy, we ought loyally to keep our word, whatever sacrifices of our personal feelings it might entail.

"Fortunately no such agreements existed. Italy's declaration of neutrality evoked no protest on the part of the Germanic empire, showing that Italy was her own mistress, free to safeguard her own interests in the future. But Italy must not remain inert in the struggle which is to change the face of Europe and of the world. It is necessary that the transformation which is taking place outside Italy should not be achieved at her expense. We are not Germanophobes, we are just Italians.

"We feel that our solidarity with all the nations of Europe which are enemies of the Austro-German bloc is necessary for the fulfilment of our historic destinies, because it is naturally Italy's interest to assert her opposition to the hegemony of any power on earth, seeing that Italian hegemony is out of the question. Our generation would be for ever an object of infamy if it let slip the opportunity which is offered to-day, and which will never occur again."

About 300 persons were present at the banquet, and received the speech with enthusiastic applause.

NOTICE.—Trinity Bay Councils of the F.P.U. will please notice that January 16th will be observed as Union Day in Trinity District, when every Council is expected according to the Constitution to parade. By order, J. G. STONE.—dec5

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other of the crowd, pointing to one of the crew, yelled out something about Tottenham-court-road which so enraged the German sailor that he was on the point of breaking out to fight the civilian when one of his comrades caught his arm and held him back. Crestfallen, and an object of scorn, this party eventually arrived at the Central Station and were entrained for Chatham.

BADEN-POWELL'S INVASION THEORY ALMOST AMOUNTED TO PROPHECY

The famous Founder of the Boy Scouts Predicted an Attack by Germans on North Coast of England—Recent Events Prove Him Correct

Baden-Powell shares the opinion of many other military experts who believe that Germany fully expects to invade England, if possible, and will direct its activities toward the commercial cities in the north of England, rather than toward London and the resorts of the south.

In the opinion of Gen. Baden-Powell, the German Emperor will endeavor to land at least 90,000 troops in England.

"I know that the general idea," said Gen. Baden-Powell, in a recent interview, "is that the attempt to invade England will be made on the coast of Norfolk or Suffolk. Personally, I think that the Yorkshire coast is more likely, for the Germans will first desire to invade the industrial centres of the north. They appreciate what effect that would have if they succeeded.

Attack Industrial Centres.
"Once let them get hold of some of the manufacturing towns, factories would be smashed up and ruined and I estimate that they could then throw 14,000,000 persons out of employment, rendering them destitute and starving."

"It is certain that even by a short, sharp raid they could do a tremendous amount of damage."

The Germans, it is pointed out by the General, have nine places from which they could embark with troops in an effort to make a landing in England. He estimates that a greater force than 10,000 would probably not be sent from each of these points, making a total of about 90,000.

Not Overly Optimistic.

Gen. Baden-Powell is far less optimistic about the war than many public men. The hero of Mafeking, in discussing the present crisis, said:

"There are still many persons in country districts, and even in some of our large towns, who do not realize what this great war means—that Britain's fight is one for her very existence. The right thing to do is to try to smash the Germans now, which means that every man must put his shoulder to the wheel."

The General says the 15,000 older Boy Scouts of England are doing everything in their power to assist in the present struggle.

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GERMANS WORRY OVER DURATION OF HOSTILITIES

One of Their Newspapers Says People Are Continually Asking "How Long Will it Last?"—Unanswerable Question

THE growing apprehensions of the German public in regard to the progress of their armies and the disorganization of trade finds expression in many anxious inquiries addressed to the newspapers for their opinion as to the duration of the war. Says the "Deutsche Tageszeitung" on this subject:

"How long will the war last? This is a question being asked not only in the cafes and railway carriages, but in a section of the Press. Our own readers repeatedly ask us for our opinion, but we cannot meet their wishes, simply because no one at present is in a position to answer the question with any certainty.

"It is both futile and senseless to express mere suppositions. Moreover, all such discussions are extremely harmful, for they may easily convey a totally false impression of national feeling, and that must be avoided under all circumstances. We content ourselves, therefore, with repeating that all sections of the nation are unconditionally resolved to hold on until an enduring, honourable, and certain peace has been achieved.

"This resolve has been repeatedly proclaimed with absolute clearness by all classes of the German people, and on this point the Emperor, the army, and the nation are at one. The question as to how long the war will last can, therefore, only be answered by saying that, humanly speaking, it will continue until this goal has been reached.

The chastened tone of the "Tageszeitung," which is probably the most rabidly Jingoistic organ in Germany, is significant, particularly when it is recalled that the same paper, in the early stage of the war, declared that peace was not to be thought of until each and all of the Allies had been pulverised.

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