

CROWN PRINCE TO GET ANSWER WHEN THE PROPER HOUR COMES

But Allies Will Not Take Hasty Improvised Offensive Doomed to Failure.

A despatch from Paris says: Marcel Hutin, in the Echo de Paris, writes: "I am asked on every side whether Verdun may not have been expected on our side, and especially on our allies' side. From what I can learn the greatest patience must be observed. The hour will come when the enemy will pay dearly for his Verdun madness."

"Our brave soldiers at Verdun must still suffer and withstand for some time. If the enemy expects some hastily improvised offensive which is doomed to failure from us or the British or the Russians, he once more fails to understand the psychology that the war has ripened by the allies' experience. When everything is ready, with artillery, munitions and reserves, we, with our allies, will give the Crown Prince his answer."

CUSTOMS REVENUES SHOW BIG INCREASE

For First Two Months Nearly \$10,000,000 Over Last Year's Period.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The first two months of the fiscal year show an increase of nearly ten millions of dollars. The revenue for the month just ended accounted for the larger proportion of this increase, the Customs collections reaching a total of \$13,054,381, as compared with \$7,315,927 for the corresponding month in the previous fiscal year, an increase of \$5,738,457.74. The returns are regarded as highly satisfactory as the figures include an enormous net increase after allowing for drawbacks on re-exported munitions and similar commodities. For the first two months of the fiscal year the revenue has been \$23,400,953.23, an increase of \$9,808,652.51.

MAKING FINAL SPAN OF QUEBEC BRIDGE

Completion of Undertaking is Expected by End of Summer. A despatch from Ottawa says: The huge middle span of the Quebec Bridge will be in place this summer, or in the early fall, completing the shore-to-shore steel of the world's greatest bridge. The south shore span is nearly completed. The long middle span is being fabricated in the shore shops and will be floated into position on heavy pontoons now being built at Sorel. It will be built to meet exactly the two shore spans and in being raised above the pontoons will be bolted into position thus completing the bridge.

BRITISH LOSSES HEAVIER FOR MAY

A despatch from London says: British casualties in May were much heavier than in either of the two preceding months. The total from all fields of operations, as compiled from published lists, is 1,767 officers and 28,470 men. The total in March, including officers and men, was 20,424, and in April, 20,511.

ALLIES TO TIGHTEN GERMAN BLOCKADE

A despatch from Paris says: Lord Robert Cecil, British War Trade Minister, arrived here on Wednesday to confer with Premier Briand and Denys Cochin, French blockade Minister, as to the best methods of tightening the blockade of Germany.

TO AWARD DAMAGES TO DUBLIN VICTIMS

A despatch from London says: Herbert L. Samuel, the Home Secretary, has come to Dublin to discuss the question of the rebuilding of houses destroyed during the recent revolt and the compensation of owners of buildings for the damage done their premises during the uprising.

ZEPP SMASHED NEAR SALONIKI

A despatch from London says: A Central News despatch from Amsterdam says that a German Zeppelin, descending near Veles, on the Saloniki front, came in contact with some trees and was destroyed.

AUSTRALIANS CLEARING EGYPT OF HOSTILE TRIBESMEN

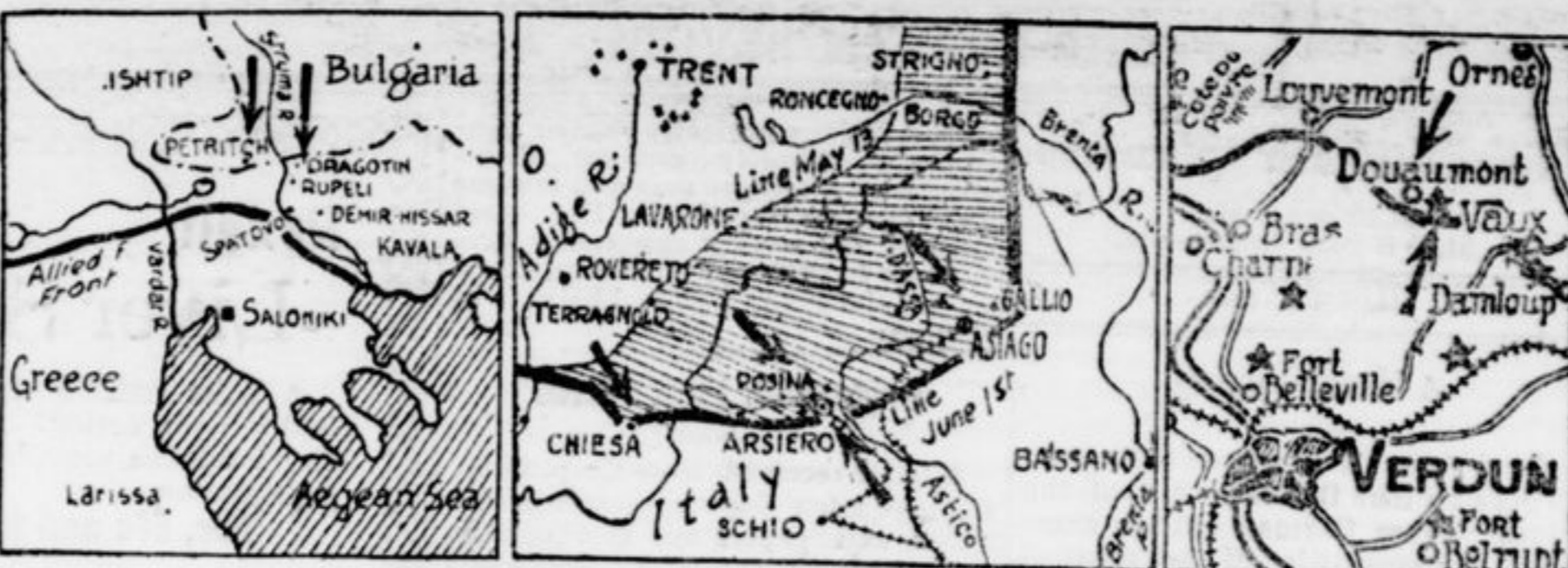
Cavalry and Aeroplanes Inflict Heavy Losses on Enemy During His Retreat.

A despatch from London says: The Australians are rapidly clearing Egypt of hostile tribesmen under Turk and German leaders. The Official Press Bureau gave out the following report on Thursday: "The commander-in-chief in Egypt reports that mounted Anzacs (Australian and New Zealand troops) drove the enemy eastward from the coast of Bir Sahuana, 20 miles east of Quatia (in Egypt 25 miles east of the Suez Canal), on May 31, the enemy, who was followed up by aeroplanes, losing heavily."

KILLING OF WOMEN AND BABIES BY GERMAN AEROPLANES

Open French Town Bombarded and Many Civilians Met Death.

A despatch from Paris says: On Thursday afternoon a group of German aeroplanes dropped several bombs on the open town of Bar le Duc in the French line south of Verdun. Eighteen of the civilian population were killed, of whom two were women and four children. Twenty-five persons were wounded, among whom were six women and eleven children. An Aviatik attacked by French aeroplanes, was compelled to land in the French line south of Verdun, in the region of Toul. The two enemy aviators were made prisoner.



THE WEEK'S DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WAR.

During the week Saloniki and the Balkan situation there came prominently to the fore after being practically out of the news columns for several months. An advance by Bulgarian forces over the Greek border was announced. This movement was made along the Valley of the Struma river (as shown in the map) and was not halted until a strong position on the heights on the Greek side of the border had been occupied. The delay here was momentary and the next day French headquarters announced that the Bulgarians had occupied Rupil, Dragotin, and were advancing from Demir-Hissar. Kavala was thought to be the objective. Two army corps, officered and held up in this movement. Simultaneously Greece became very angry and there were wild demonstrations hostile to the invaders. Incidental to the movement on to Greek soil, came the news that 100,000 Serbians, re-equipped and now well nourished, had been landed at Saloniki by French transports, and were ready again for what the future might bring in the way of fighting. Parts of this force already have been engaged.

The Italians have not had things their own way for the past few weeks. Their losses have been heavy in men and to some extent in territory also. Big guns that General Cadorna cannot match, have created havoc at times, and retirement has been necessary. The Austrians attacking in three columns south from Trent announced the capture of two towns, Arseno and Asiago, and large numbers of men and guns. These two towns are important railway bases for supplies at the foot of the mountains. But General Cadorna hopes to hold the enemy on the plains. There the enemy guns will not, he says, be so vastly superior. He will then also be able to use more troops during the past week has been as severe as at any time during the three months it has continued. The French appear to have the situation well in hand although, German attacks have won some small gains. New formations of Germans have been thrown pell mell against the heroic defenders only to be hurled back in confusion. The French first line trenches have been entered several times but at once counter attacks were organized with the result that before the engagement ended net result was slight. In an official review of several days fighting the French war office sets down the result as "a costly check for the Germans." This was perhaps the heaviest fighting of the war for it is said that the enemy concentrated along three miles of French front, between hill 304 and the Meuse, "more and heavier guns and denser masses of troops" than in any previous attack. Austrian reserves to the number of 80,000 have been observed among German troops at Douumont and other points of the line. On Wednesday the French reported a bombardment of "unheard-of violence." Thus does the Verdun fighting continue day after day, apparently becoming more bitter and entailing greater losses to both sides as the 100th day of the engagement is passed.

In other theatres of war, despatches have told of a check to the great Russian enveloping movement in Syria; and that General Smuts, operating in East Africa, has again defeated a strong German force. He still has heavy fighting ahead of him, however, and that campaign promises to be lengthy.

From Erin's Green Isle

NEWS BY MAIL FROM IRELAND'S GREEN SHORES.

Happenings in the Emerald Isle of Interest to All True Irish-Canadians.

At a special meeting of the Irish Commercial Travelers' Association a resolution was adopted protesting against the proposed new tax on railway tickets.

The total eggs marketed recently with the assistance of market over 37,000 dozen (representing one-half million eggs), and the money paid for same was \$12,500.

At the quarterly meeting of Danganon Rural District Council several contractors who had not carried out their contracts were fined sums amounting to \$2,545.

Over 14,253 men have, to date, been served at the free refreshment buffet for soldiers and sailors at Limerick Junction. It is supported entirely by voluntary contributions.

The committee of the Irishmen's Reform League has addressed a letter to the Recorder of Dublin, deploring his advice to return to the lash as a punishment for juvenile offenders.

The committee in charge of the public lighting in the Pembroke Urban District has decided that in certain points during the summer months the street lighting will be discontinued.

Kingston Urban Council has decided to apply to the Local Government Board for sanction of a loan amounting to \$381,091 for the erection of 271 houses for the working classes.

The latest returns compiled and published in the "Trades Labor Gazette" show that the Belfast district holds the record for the lowest rate of pauperism in the United Kingdom.

Two more of the officials of the Newry post office have left to join the Royal Engineers. This now makes it ten of the officials who have joined the Engineers within the past two weeks.

As a result of meetings held in the rural districts of Richill, Loughgall, the Farmers' Co-operative Society have raised the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of equipping several scutch mills.

At the football final at Gorey between the Ennischorry Volunteers and Bridestown a dispute arose over a goal, and the proceedings developed into a free fight. The match had to be abandoned.

The Dowager Marchioness of Londonderry publicly declares it is her intention to qualify for the armet which is to be issued by the President of the Board of Agriculture for women workers in agriculture.

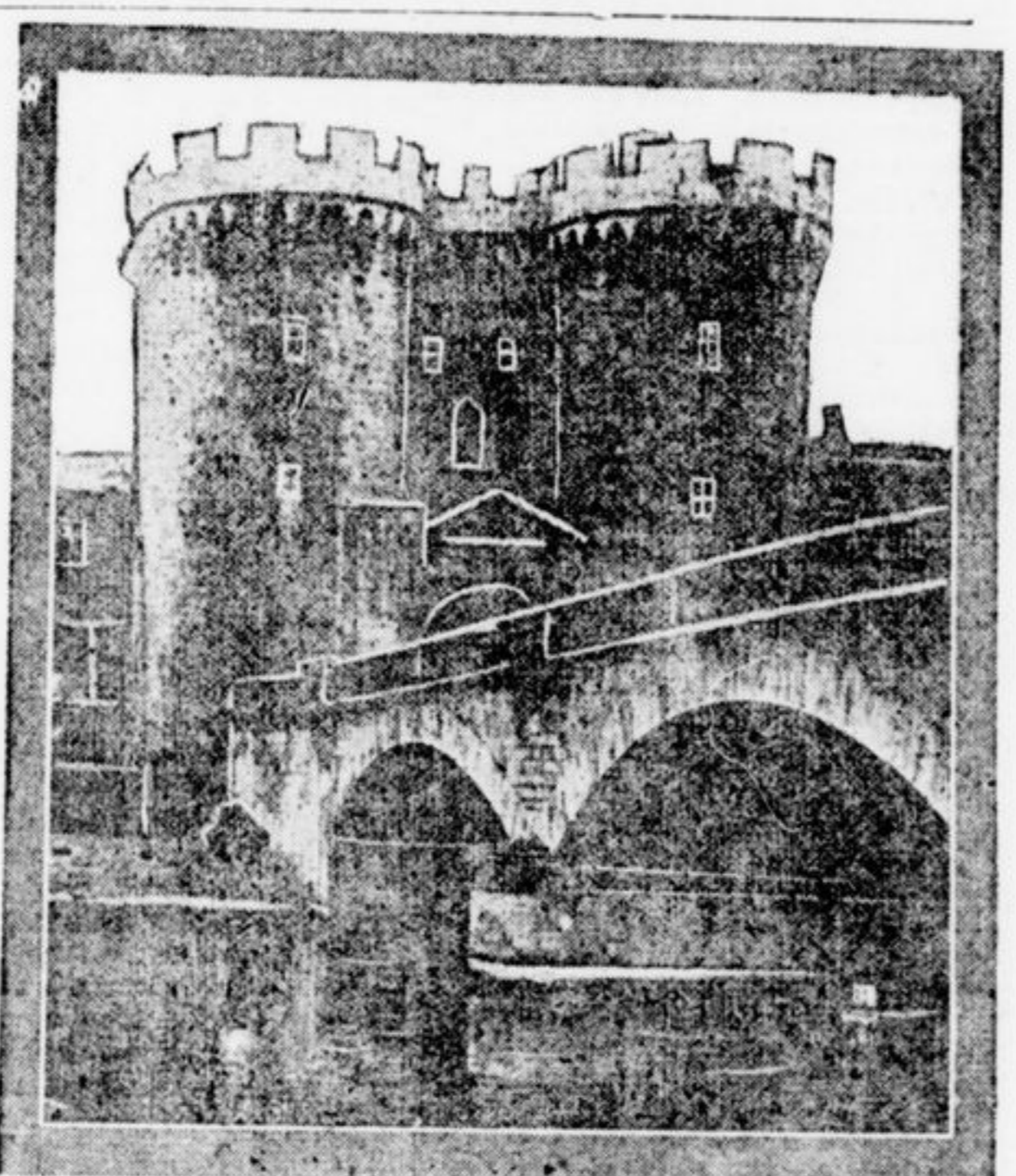
The funeral of Pte. Hamilton Deans, the first soldier of the Derry Regiment of the Ulster Volunteers Force to give his life for his country, took place in the Derry City Cemetery with full military honors.

To such large proportion the shipments of Irish eggs from Dublin to the other side of the Irish channel are being put on to convey the produce from the provinces to the North Wall.

An extraordinary air is reported from the Portadown district, Armagh, recently when at midnight several hundred armed men marched to Tarranaghan village, and with battering rams and picks levelled to the ground the new Hibernian Hall erected in the locality.

While a squad of men of A Co., 10th (Commercial) Battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers were practising bomb-throwing near Island Bridge Barracks, a live bomb fell back into the trench and Pte. Christopher Mitchell was instantly killed and Pte. McLaughlin severely injured.

With Powdered Alum. "Now," said the boss barber, questioning an applicant, "what is the thing to do if while shaving a man you cut the hide?" "Hide the cut," was the prompt answer.



VERDUN'S GATE STILL SHUT. The turreted entrance to the French city of Verdun—still French, though the greatest might of the German armies, under the Crown Prince himself, has been battering away at the outer defences of this city for months.

BRITISH PREPARE DECISIVE BLOW

Prohibition Against Starch and Potato Flour is Removed.

A despatch from London says: A Royal proclamation issued on Thursday extends the list of articles the importation of which is prohibited, except under special license. The new prohibitions will become effective June 8 and include carpet sweepers, cash registers, lawn mowers, sewing machines, stoves and ranges, wringers and mangles, toilet articles containing glycerine, metal bath tubs, beer, hops, matches, aluminum goods and leather goods, except belting, boots, shoes and gloves. The prohibition which had been imposed on the importation of starch, farina and potato flour has been removed.

Perfect Accord Between Haig's and Joffre's Staffs.

A despatch from Paris says: A very high authority here declares one of the favorite suggestions of the agitators, namely, that there is lack of co-operation between the French and British General Staffs. On the contrary, it is with the French Staff's accord that the British methodically continue preparations, and decline to be hurried into action before the psychological moment. This authority characterizes as a shameful lie the allegation that the British are indifferent to the French sacrifices at Verdun, and says that the difficulty has been to restrain the British until the appointed time. When the day comes—it is, perhaps, not far distant—the critics will be silenced and the rest of the world astonished.

NEW SUPER ZEPP.

Fitted With Seven Motors and Four Machine Guns. A despatch from Zurich says: Reports have reached Zurich from Romanshorn, a Swiss town on Lake Constance, that a new super Zeppelin, 750 feet long, has been seen when making trial flights over the lake. The total capacity of the airship is 54,000 cubic metres, or about double that of Zeppelins of the earlier type. The new craft is fitted with seven motors, four armoured gondolas, machine guns, small cannon and apparatus for dropping bombs and discharging aerial torpedoes. It weighs forty tons, is able to rise 15,000 feet, and has a long range of action.

ALL RUSSIANS OVER 19 CALLED TO THE COLORS

A despatch from London says: All Russians above the age of nineteen, according to a Petrograd despatch to The Times, have been called to the colors for immediate service. The age limit at which liability for military service begins, in Russia, has hitherto been twenty.

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BIG BATTLE IN NORTH SEA

British Loss Three Dreadnoughts, Three Cruisers and Eight Destroyers—Germans Admit One Battleship, Two Cruisers.

London, June 3 (Saturday).—The Admiralty issued the following supplementary official statement on the North Sea battle shortly after midnight. "From a further report from the Commander-in-chief of the Grand Fleet the Admiralty ascertains that our total losses in destroyers were eight."

"The Commander-in-chief reports that it is now possible to form a closer estimate of the losses and damage suffered by the enemy fleet. "A Dreadnought battleship of the Kaiser class was blown up in an attack by British destroyers, and another Dreadnought of the battleship Kaiser class is believed to have been sunk by gunfire."

"Derfflinger Blown Up. "Of three German battle cruisers, two of which, it is believed, were the Derfflinger and Lutzow, one was blown up, another which was heavily engaged by the battle fleet was seen to be disabled and stopped, and the third was observed to be seriously damaged."

"A German light cruiser and six German destroyers were sunk, and at least two German light cruisers were seen disabled. "The Commander-in-chief further reports that repeated hits were observed on three other German battleships that were engaged. "The report adds that a German submarine was rammed and sunk."

"Six British Cruisers Lost. The text of the Admiralty announcement issued Friday afternoon follows: "On the afternoon of Wednesday, the 31st of May, a naval engagement took place off the coast of Jutland. The British ships on which the brunt of the fighting fell were the battleship fleet and some cruisers and light cruisers, supported by four fast battleships. Among these the losses were heavy. The German battle fleet, aided by low visibility, avoided a prolonged action with our main forces. As soon as these appeared on the scene the enemy returned to port, though not before receiving severe damage from our battleships."

"The battle cruisers Queen Mary, Indefatigable and Invincible, and the cruisers Defence and Black Prince were sunk. The Warrior was disabled, and after being towed for some time had to be abandoned by her crew. It is also known that the destroyers Tipperary, Turbulent, Fortune, Sparrow Hawk and Ardent were lost, and six others are not yet accounted for. No British battleships or light cruisers were sunk."

"Enemy Losses Are Serious. "The enemy's losses were serious. At least one battle cruiser was destroyed, and one was severely damaged. One battleship is reported to have been sunk by our destroyers. During the night attack two light cruisers were disabled and probably sunk. The exact number of enemy destroyers disposed of during the action cannot be ascertained with any certainty, but must have been large."

BRITISH VESSELS LOST.

Ship	Class	Tonnage	Speed, knots	Completed	Month	Built
Queen Mary	Battle Cruiser	26,350	31	1,000	1914	
Indefatigable	Battle Cruiser	18,750	25	750	1911	
Invincible	Battle Cruiser	17,250	25	750	1908	
Defence	Cruiser	14,000	23	755	1908	
Black Prince	Cruiser	13,550	23	720	1906	
Warrior	Cruiser	13,550	23	704	1905	
Tipperary	Destroyer	1,850	32	140	New	
Turbulent	Destroyer	1,850	32	140	New	
Ardent	Destroyer	1,850	32	142	1913	
Fortune	Destroyer	935	30	129	1913	
Sparrow Hawk	Destroyer	935	30	129	1913	

GERMAN SHIPS ADMITTED LOST.

Ship	Class	Tonnage	Speed, knots	Completed	Month	Built
Pommern	Battleship	13,200	18	700	1907	
Frauenlob	Cruiser	2,600	20 1/2	270	1901	
Wiesbaden	Cruiser					

A British Admiralty report, issued this (Saturday) morning, states that a German battleship of the same class as the Invincible, and that of three battle cruisers engaged on, probably the Derfflinger, was blown up and the other two disabled. A German light cruiser and at least six German destroyers were sunk.

With the exception of the crew of the Warrior there is nothing to show that the crews of any other of the vessels were saved, apart from a few men picked up by the Germans.

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Markets of the World

Broadstuffs. Toronto, June 3.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.18; No. 2 Northern, \$1.17; No. 3 Northern, \$1.16; No. 4 Northern, \$1.15; No. 5 Northern, \$1.14; No. 6 Northern, \$1.13; No. 7 Northern, \$1.12; No. 8 Northern, \$1.11; No. 9 Northern, \$1.10; No. 10 Northern, \$1.09; No. 11 Northern, \$1.08; No. 12 Northern, \$1.07; No. 13 Northern, \$1.06; No. 14 Northern, \$1.05; No. 15 Northern, \$1.04; No. 16 Northern, \$1.03; No. 17 Northern, \$1.02; No. 18 Northern, \$1.01; No. 19 Northern, \$1.00; No. 20 Northern, \$0.99; No. 21 Northern, \$0.98; No. 22 Northern, \$0.97; No. 23 Northern, \$0.96; No. 24 Northern, \$0.95; No. 25 Northern, \$0.94; No. 26 Northern, \$0.93; No. 27 Northern, \$0.92; No. 28 Northern, \$0.91; No. 29 Northern, \$0.90; No. 30 Northern, \$0.89; No. 31 Northern, \$0.88; No. 32 Northern, \$0.87; No. 33 Northern, \$0.86; No. 34 Northern, \$0.85; No. 35 Northern, \$0.84; No. 36 Northern, \$0.83; No. 37 Northern, \$0.82; No. 38 Northern, \$0.81; No. 39 Northern, \$0.80; No. 40 Northern, \$0.79; No. 41 Northern, \$0.78; No. 42 Northern, \$0.77; No. 43 Northern, \$0.76; No. 44 Northern, \$0.75; No. 45 Northern, \$0.74; No. 46 Northern, \$0.73; No. 47 Northern, \$0.72; No. 48 Northern, \$0.71; No. 49 Northern, \$0.70; No. 50 Northern, \$0.69; No. 51 Northern, \$0.68; No. 52 Northern, \$0.67; No. 53 Northern, \$0.66; No. 54 Northern, \$0.65; No. 55 Northern, \$0.64; No. 56 Northern, \$0.63; No. 57 Northern, \$0.62; No. 58 Northern, \$0.61; No. 59 Northern, \$0.60; No. 60 Northern, \$0.59; No. 61 Northern, \$0.58; No. 62 Northern, \$0.57; No. 63 Northern, \$0.56; No. 64 Northern, \$0.55; No. 65 Northern, \$0.54; No. 66 Northern, \$0.53; No. 67 Northern, \$0.52; No. 68 Northern, \$0.51; No. 69 Northern, \$0.50; No. 70 Northern, \$0.49; No. 71 Northern, \$0.48; No. 72 Northern, \$0.47; No. 73 Northern, \$0.46; No. 74 Northern, \$0.45; No. 75 Northern, \$0.44; No. 76 Northern, \$0.43; No. 77 Northern, \$0.42; No. 78 Northern, \$0.41; No. 79 Northern, \$0.40; No. 80 Northern, \$0.39; No. 81 Northern, \$0.38; No. 82 Northern, \$0.37; No. 83 Northern, \$0.36; No. 84 Northern, \$0.35; No. 85 Northern, \$0.34; No. 86 Northern, \$0.33; No. 87 Northern, \$0.32; No. 88 Northern, \$0.31; No. 89 Northern, \$0.30; No. 90 Northern, \$0.29; No. 91 Northern, \$0.28; No. 92 Northern, \$0.27; No. 93 Northern, \$0.26; No. 94 Northern, \$0.25; No. 95 Northern, \$0.24; No. 96 Northern, \$0.23; No. 97 Northern, \$0.22; No. 98 Northern, \$0.21; No. 99 Northern, \$0.20; No. 100 Northern, \$0.19; No. 101 Northern, \$0.18; No. 102 Northern, \$0.17; No. 103 Northern, \$0.16; No. 104 Northern, \$0.15; No. 105 Northern, \$0.14; No. 106 Northern, \$0.13; No. 107 Northern, \$0.12; No. 108 Northern, \$0.11; No. 109 Northern, \$0.10; No. 110 Northern, \$0.09; No. 111 Northern, \$0.08; No. 112 Northern, \$0.07; No. 113 Northern, \$0.06; No. 114 Northern, \$0.05; No. 115 Northern, \$0.04; No. 116 Northern, \$0.03; No. 117 Northern, \$0.02; No. 118 Northern, \$0.01; No. 119 Northern, \$0.00; No. 120 Northern, \$0.00.

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