

## THE ALLIES MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS

### The Germans Reached the French Trenches at One Place, But Were Repulsed After Severe Fighting.

### The British Chased the Germans Out of Armentieres and Roulers---The German Artillery is Active, But it is Not Equal to the French Fire.

Paris, Dec. 11.—Further progress of the allied troops along the entire line of more than 250 miles, with the exception of in the region of Ypres, is reported to-day in the official communique.

About Ypres, the Germans made three desperate attacks yesterday. At one point they actually reached the French trenches, but were repulsed after desperate fighting.

Further advances and the results of German attacks in the Argonne are reported, while along practically the entire line the German artillery has been active, but unable to overcome the advantage of the French guns.

### British in Roulers and Armentieres.

London, Dec. 11.—The allies have entered Roulers (Rousselaere) in West Flanders, about twelve miles northeast of Ypres, according to the Sluis correspondent of the Amsterdam Handelsblad.

Reuter's Boulogne correspondent, who has just returned to Boulogne from Armentieres, says that Tuesday the Germans were driven out of Armentieres by the British and hurled back beyond artillery range. Armentieres is nine miles northwest of Lille.

## FIFTH GERMAN CRUISER SUNK BY THE BRITISH

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 11.—Additional reports of the engagement off Falkland Islands received to-day, state that the British fleet includes the second cruiser squadron, attached to the home fleet, composed of the cruisers Shannon, Achilles, Cochrane and Natal.

The sinking of the German cruiser Nurnberg, first reported yesterday, has been confirmed. The Nurnberg was run down only after a chase and refusing to surrender, fought gallantly until sunk. The Dresden met a similar fate eight hours later. The main engagement off the Falklands lasted for five hours.

The German reports declare that Admiral Von Spee and officers of his fleet realized that they faced certain destruction when they saw they had been caught between the Japanese and British fleets. The German vessels immediately spread out and prepared to fight to the last man. The Nurnberg and Dresden, being light cruisers and the swiftest vessels of the German fleet, managed to keep up a running fight for hours.

The cruiser Karlsruhe and the converted Kron Prinz Wilhelm, which were in this vicinity, have fled. The British fleet, according to latest reports, has captured the crews and sunk colliers and supply ships which were serving these cruisers.

If these reports received by wireless are true, it is believed that the Karlsruhe and the Kron Prinz Wilhelm, as well as the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, will soon be rounded up by the British.

Deprived of auxiliaries, the cruisers will soon be rendered helpless owing to shortage of coal and supplies.

## LOCKED IN HOME BURNED TO DEATH

### Adams Boy and Girl Lose Lives as House is Destroyed—Mother Aways.

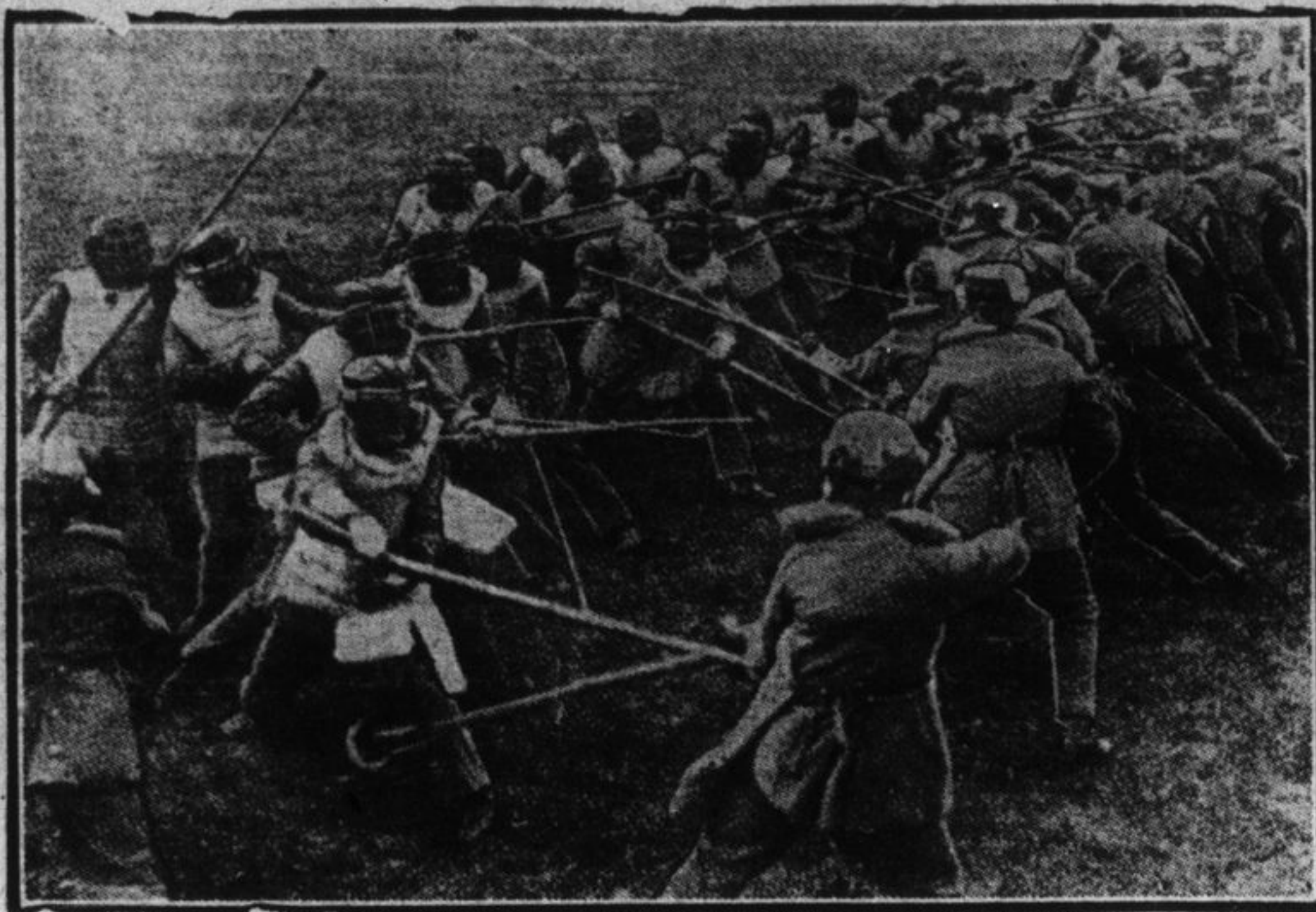
Watertown, N.Y., Dec. 11.—Dorothy Kelly, aged four, and brother, William, aged one and a half years, children of Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly, of Adams, were burned to death yesterday in a fire which destroyed the Kelly home.

The boy was dead before the firemen could get his body out. The girl was alive when rescued, but died at the Sisters Hospital, to which she was rushed in an automobile.

The cause of the fire is unknown. Mrs. Kelly locked the door of the home in which she lived and went to call at a neighbor's house. The two children she locked in. It is thought the fire may have been started by some clothing left near the stove to dry.

### Choice Apples.

By the peck, barrel or in wholesale quantities. All hand picked. W. B. McRae & Co., Golden Lion Grocery.



GERMAN RECRUITS PRACTISING BAYONET CHARGE.

In order to make their recruits efficient in the use of the bayonet, they provide them with dummy harness bayonets with which they instruct the recruits.

## WAR NOT KINDLED IN PEOPLE'S WELFARE

### German Socialist Says it Was Created by German and Austrian War Parties.

Amsterdam, Dec. 11.—Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the socialist member of the Reichstag, who was the only one to vote against the war credit at the recent session of the Reichstag, explains his action in an article just published in Berlin. He says:

"This war was not desired by any of the peoples affected, nor was it kindled to promote the welfare of the Germans or any other people. It was created by the common action of the German and Austrian war parties in the obscurity of semi-absolutism and secret diplomacy, in order to anticipate the advances of the revolution."

"At the same time, the war is a Napoleonic attempt to unnerve and crush the growing labor movement."

## FIFTH OF THE NEWS

Condensed Items by Telegraph and From Exchanges.

Rev. F. J. Sawers, Peterboro, has been offered the rectorship of Cobourg.

Controller Thomas L. Church is definitely in the Toronto mayoralty campaign.

A Canadian banker states that of the \$250,000,000 war loan Canadian banks secured \$20,000,000.

At Salisbury Plain, Pte. Mowbray Penn, Montreal, died at Bulford Manor of pneumonia.

Finley Perrin, London, millionaire biscuit manufacturer, died on Thursday, aged eighty-four years.

New indictments against four Chicago police officials charging bribery and confidence swindling were returned yesterday.

The provincial government is prepared to do everything in its power to stimulate home industries and build up great industrial centres.

The C.N.R. and G.N.W. telegraph amalgamation has been completed. The change takes place on Jan. 1st. The G.N.W. will take over the C.N.R. offices.

English brewers are seriously concerned over the effects of early closing and heavy duties upon their trade. Beer consumption has decreased fifty per cent. and the consumption of spirits is increasing.

Edward Murray Wrong, B.A., Balliol, has been elected to a Fellowship after examination in history by the president of the Fellows of Magdalen College at Oxford. He is a son of Prof. Wrong, Toronto.

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## NORWAY APPEALS DECISION

### Of German Prize Court Regarding Vessels Seized.

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 11 (via London).—The prize court at the German port of Swinemunde, on the Baltic, has rendered its decision in the cases of five Norwegian steamers seized by German warships, according to word which reached Christiania yesterday. Both the ships and their cargoes were declared lawful prizes and were confiscated.

The vessels were loaded with wood-pit props, consigned to English mine owners. The decision of the prize court is consequent upon the recent classification by the German government of wood as contraband. The seized ships were valued at \$400,000.

The owners of the vessels have entered vigorous protests, alleging that the confiscation is in violation of international law.

An appeal from the decision of the prize court has been taken to Berlin.

## MURDER AT WHITBY REVEALS NO ROBBERY

### Whitby Junction Operator Notified "Central" and Then Died at His Post.

Whitby, Dec. 11.—Later reports indicate that there was no robbery or any appearance of attempted robbery in connection with the murder of William Stone, Jr., the popular young operator. Chief of police said to-day the bullet which killed Stone went in just over his heart. There will be an autopsy and an inquest.

The message from the dying man reached the police chief just after midnight. A freight train had passed through just previously.

"Hello Central, this is the junction, somebody has shot me," said a voice over the phone.

Several arrests have been made on vagrancy charges in connection with the case.

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Lieut. Andre Ruel, of Sarria, has been decorated with a French medal for bravery in saving a general from capture by Uhlans between Rheims and Lille.

Influential Hindus in British Columbia who have seen service in the Indian and other British forces offer to raise a company of their countrymen for service in the war.

## HOW BRITISH SQUADRON SANK GERMAN WARSHIPS

London, Dec. 11.—Official details of the terrific naval engagement of Tuesday in which Admiral Sturdee avenged the death of his close friend and comrade, Admiral Cradock, are furnished by the admiralty's statement.

The most remarkable passage of Admiral Sturdee's report is that not a man aboard any of the British ships was lost.

The battle lasted for five hours. When the British squadron attacked, following the motions of the flagship, the British guns singled out the Scharnhorst, lying Admiral Von Spee's flag.

The German flagship replied and a vigorous engagement ensued in which only the Gneisenau stood by, the others being directed to scatter.

It took three hours of furious fighting, in which the gunnery of the rival crews was put to supreme test before the Scharnhorst was given its death blow.

The flagship went down, still fighting, with all on board, the British directed its guns against the Gneisenau, sister ship of the Scharnhorst.

Meanwhile the lighter cruisers of the British fleet were detached to overhaul the Leipzig, which then was sighted steering away in the wake of the Nurnberg and the Dresden.

The battleships of the British fleet continued their attack upon the Gneisenau, which put up a valiant resistance for two hours more, when it, too, was sent to the bottom.

Rescue Men In Water.

While in the distance the small warships of the British fleet were engaging the Leipzig, which was sunk after only a short fight, efforts of the units which had dispatched the Gneisenau were directed towards picking up the survivors who were struggling in the water.

Some of the boats which had gone overboard when the ships cleared for the action.

Of the crew of the Leipzig, also, some survivors were saved; but of the crew of the Scharnhorst none was found alive, though the water all about by this time was dotted with inert forms.

The rescue of the living delayed the chase of the fleeing Nurnberg and Dresden, which was led by the flagship, but the colliers accompanying the German squadron were easily overtaken and British crews immediately placed aboard them.

## MAKE SUPREME EFFORT TO RELIEVE CRACOW

### Fighting Develops into a Desperate Battle.

## GERMANS ARE POURING MEN FORWARD IN SEEMINGLY UNENDING NUMBERS.

### German Cavalry Attempting to Get Across Carpathians—Petrograd Reports Germans Being Held in Check Near Warsaw.

London, Dec. 11.—A supreme effort is being made by the Austrians and Germans to relieve the besieged fortress of Cracow. So important is this movement regarded, that Archduke Frederick, who has been in command of the main Austrian army, is said to have yielded the direction of operations, to the German general staff.

The fighting to the south of Cracow is developing into one of the great battles of the war. The Austro-German forces have made desperate attempts to break the Russian line by massed frontal attacks, pouring men forward in seemingly unending numbers. The artillery fire has been terrific. Every indication is that the German cavalry is endeavoring to get across the passes in the Carpathians to relieve the situation in Hungary.

Petrograd reports to-day state that the operations of Gen. Franco to the north of Warsaw are making little progress. The failure of the Germans, however, would be followed by a disaster more serious than that which befell Field-Marshal von Hindenburg on his first advance on Warsaw. Petrograd reports that the Germans are being held in check.

Enormous Booty for Serbs.

Paris, Dec. 11.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Nish, Serbia, says the total captures of the Serbians in battle fought with the Austrians from December 3rd to December 7th were 121 officers and 22,114 men, 68 field pieces, 42 quick-firers, eight mortars, 10,000 rifles, 50 waggons-loads of ammunition, 1,305 transport waggons, 10 hospital waggons, four ambulances, two treasury safes and 327 horses.

Germany Favored Truce?

Berlin, Dec. 11.—(By wireless telegraph to Sayre, N.J.)—Among the news items given out by the German Official Press Bureau yesterday were the following:

"Immediately Germany received the suggestion of Pope Benedict for a truce among the warring nations during the Christmas holidays an affirmative reply was sent to the Vatican. The reply, however, was conditional on the acquiescence of all the other belligerents on the pope's suggestion."

Kaiser Sitting Up.

London, Dec. 11.—The condition of Kaiser Wilhelm was improved to such an extent to-day that he was permitted to sit up for a few hours, despatches received here, via The Hague, state.

War Tidings.

A Turkish gunboat has been sunk by a Turkish mine, at the entrance to the Bosphorus.

The king has appointed Lord Kitchener colonel of the Irish Guards, to succeed the late Field-Marshal Lord Roberts.

Lieut. Gen. Sir James Wolfe Murray has been appointed chief of the imperial general staff in succession to the late Sir Charles Douglas.

In Rome it is said Prince Von Buelow, the provisional ambassador of Germany, is entrusted with a special secret mission to prepare for peace.

OFFICER ON GLASGOW DESCRIBES THE FIGHT

### That Took Place Off the Coast of Chili on the 15th of November.

London, Dec. 11.—The Times prints a letter from an officer aboard the H.M.S. Glasgow dated Nov. 9th, giving a vivid narrative of the naval fight off the Chilean coast.

Describing the search of the British squadron up and down the coast for the enemy's warships, the writer says that although they could not locate them, "We heard their secret and friendly wireless stations talking in code."

Coming to the battle itself, the writer says everybody was remarkably cool as if at practice. "I cannot understand the miracle of our deliverance. None will ever be struck at the water line in all five shells out of about six hundred directed at us, but strangely enough, not in vulnerable places, our coal saving us on three occasions, as we are not armored and should not be in battle line against an armored cruiser."

Toronto hotel-keepers will co-operate with the military authorities to maintain sobriety among the soldiers.

Col. Frederick McQueen, Toronto, is the new president of the U.E. Loyalist Association.

## STURDEE AVENGED

### Death of His Friend, Late Admiral Cradock.

London, Dec. 11.—About the admiralty there is told what purported to be the story of how Admiral Sturdee, who as far as the public knew, was still on duty as chief of the British war staff, came to be sent to South Atlantic waters to capture the German fleet that destroyed the Good Hope, flagship of Admiral Cradock, and the Monmouth on November 1st.

Through the long years of their service there has been almost a brotherly attachment between Admirals Cradock and Sturdee. Both had been held in high favor in the royal navy. Cradock immediately succeeding Sturdee as naval aide to the king when Sturdee in 1908 asked to be returned to sea duty.

When the news was received that Admiral Cradock was lost with his flagship in the engagement off Chile on the afternoon of November 1st, Admiral Sturdee brought the first lord of the admiralty, according to the story, to permit him personally to command a fleet of fast ships to avenge the death of his friend, Admiral Sturdee's "whim" was humored. And his friend and the service was avenged.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR EVERY SOLDIER

### The Government Will Provide the Season's Cheer For All Not Going Home.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Every man under arms in Canada will have a Christmas dinner at the government's expense. This will include the 8,000 odd men now doing outpost guard duty, the 30,000 troops now mobilized here for service overseas. It has been decided that no one of these shall be deprived of at least some part of the Christmas cheer which their fellows in uniform enjoy.

Of course, many of those now assembled at divisional and district headquarters who have homes in the dominion have enough to headquarters will be granted leave for Christmas day.

Liquor Shortens Life.

New York, Dec. 11.—That the use of alcoholic beverages shortens life was reported as a statistical fact to the eighth annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents at the Hotel Astor to-day.

Figures on the subject were presented by Arthur Hunter, secretary, in connection with the findings of mortality investigation into the lives of 2,000,000 life insurance policy holders, covering a period of twenty-five years.

Crosse and Blackwell's.

Crystallized ginger, 30c. lb. dry sweet ginger, 30c. lb. A wholesome confection, to be had at the Golden Lion Grocery.

DAILY MEMORANDUM.

Vaudeville, Grand Opera House, 7.30 p.m.

Mendel's big clearing sale opens to-morrow morning.

See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities.

Intercollegiate debate, Queen's vs. Ottawa, Convocation Hall, 8 p.m.

Balls, Casino, 8 p.m. Market Square. Y. W. C. A. rooms, Saturday morning.

THE DAILY BRITISH WHIG

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