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PIERCE BATTLE RAGING IN EASTERN AREA

ADMIRAL STURDEE TELLS OF SEA FIGHT

Commander of British Fleet Which Sunk German Ships in the South Atlantic Refers to His Achievement as "A Little Victory"—German Prisoners Have Been Sent to England—Nine Men Wounded on Sturdee's Flag Ship

Montevideo, Dec. 21—German sailors to the number of about one hundred who were saved during the fighting off the Falkland Islands December 8th, when the British squadron under Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, defeated and sent to the bottom a German squadron composed of the cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Nürnberg and Leipzig, sailed from here today for England on board the steamer Crown of Galicia. They were brought into port yesterday by the British cruiser Invincible, with Sir Frederick on board.

It was learned today that the Invincible showed signs of having been struck by six different shells. Nine men on board of her were wounded, including Commander Richard H. D. Townsend.

In the course of the reception tendered the British officers in Victoria Hall yesterday, an address of welcome was made by the British minister. In response Admiral Sturdee spoke as follows:

"I thank you for this reception. I hope our little victory will improve conditions for British, French, Russian and probably for Japanese commerce during this titanic conflict, which has just begun. We may suffer some reverses, but our sailors will maintain their high reputation and all will go well with our army and with the French allies.

"Lord Roberts recommended military preparations. Had he been listened to, the war would have been avoided. English business men, forgetful of their true interests, employed Germans for reasons of economy,

but I hope that their merchants and British steamship companies will profit from this lesson."

Continuing, Admiral Sturdee said that the Germans fought well and were excellent citizens except when they invaded neutral countries and attacked unprotected towns. He declared that the British squadron had suffered eight men killed and fourteen wounded in the battle of December 8. The engagement commenced at one o'clock and the German cruiser Scharnhorst, the flagship of Admiral Von Spee, went down at six o'clock. Unfortunately, the German admiral lost his life. The admiral lost two sons. "War is a sad thing," added Admiral Sturdee. "The vessels of the enemy menaced our commerce. Now they are at the bottom of the ocean."

JAP WARSHIP AT CALLAO.

Callao, Peru, Dec. 21—The Japanese cruiser Odzumo came into the port today.

The Idumo was in Mexican waters during the revolutionary disturbances which resulted in the overthrow of Provisional President Huerta.

Since the war began she has been in the Pacific and was reported some weeks ago off the coast of the United States.

THUNDERER NOT DAMAGED.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 21—The report sent out of New York last night that

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Amsterdam, Dec. 22—The Germans have evacuated Middle Kerke west end and West Roosbeke says a despatch to the "Tyd" in Sluis who adds that these towns have been visited by French and British patrols, but have not been occupied by the allies. The success of the allies the correspondent says north east of Ypres following the occupation of Bixschoote Langemarck Passchendale and Morslede is the most important of recent events.

BOMBARDED THE DARDANELLES

London, Dec. 22—A news agency despatch from Athens says it is rumored there that the allied fleet has bombarded the Dardanelles and that a French torpedo boat has shelled a force of Turks concentrated at Tenedos Island in the Aegean Sea but a little distance south of the Dardanelles.

GREAT BATTLE RAGING

Lemberg, via Petrograd, Dec. 22—More than 800,000 Russian and Austro-German troops are engaged in a great conflict over a battle front of about 125 miles long in Galicia. The battle line forms almost a right angle extending from Bircze a few miles west of Przemsyl southwest of Lupkow and thence northwest to Cakliczin on Dunajec River South of Turtow. The general battle was precipitated by energetic efforts of Austro-German troops to raise siege of Przemsyl. Only barest details are reaching here.

LILLE A MASS OF RUINS

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Amsterdam, Dec. 22—A correspondent of the Berliner Morgen Post who has visited Lille reports to that paper that the whole quarters of the inner town have been wholly destroyed. Hundreds of four story houses near the Grand Palace are in ruins. Only the churches and the theatre remain intact.

PREPARING FOR DEFENCE

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Amsterdam, Dec. 22—The "Telegraaf" states Preparations for defence are being made by the Germans at Zeelzaelea, a village on the Belgio-Dutch frontier twelve miles north of Ghent. Conversations with German officers indicate that they fear the British will force the Scheldt river and the canal linking Ghent with the Dutch town of Terneuzen.

PREPARING FOR A SMASH.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

LONDON, DEC. 22—DESPATCHES FROM THE EASTERN THEATRE OF WAR INDICATE THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE AGAIN STRONG

LY ON THE OFFENSIVE AND ARE ROLLING BACK THE IMMENSE HORDES OF VON HINDENBERG'S ARMY OF INVASION. THAT THE GERMANS ARE PREPARING THEIR PEOPLE FOR THE INEVITABLE SMASH IS INDICATED BY THE DESPATCH BY WAY OF COPENHAGEN, WHICH SAYS THAT GERMAN MILITARY EXPERTS, WHILE REAFFIRMING THE REPORTS THAT A VICTORY OF GREAT IMPORTANCE WAS GAINED IN POLAND, WARN THE GERMAN PUBLIC AGAINST EXAGGERATION OF ITS MAGNITUDE OR ITS DECISIVENESS. THEY SAY THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE CHECKED THE RETREAT IN POSITIONS WHICH ARE STRONGLY FORTIFIED. WE NOW HEAR BY WAY OF PETROGRAD THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE ADVANCING AGAIN WEST OF WARSAW AND HAVE DRIVEN THE GERMANS BACK OVER THE RIVER BZURZ. THEY HAVE STRAIGHTENED THEIR LINE AND ARE IN A STRONG POSITION FOR THREE DAYS. FIERCE FIGHTING ENSUED ON THE BZURA AND THE TOWNS THAT WERE THE CENTRE OF THE CONFLICT WERE CAPTURED AND RECAPTURED SEVERAL TIMES. AT ONE TIME THE GERMANS WERE WITHIN SIXTEEN MILES OF WARSAW BUT THE ARRIVAL OF RUSSIAN REINFORCEMENTS CARRIED THE DAY AND FORCED THE GERMANS BACK FROM THE WEST BANKS OF THE RIVER. THE POSITION OF THE GERMAN FLANK IS SERIOUSLY MENACED.

London, Dec. 21—Following on the categorical assurances of the Bulgarian government of its intention to maintain strict neutrality in the war the entente powers, Great Britain, France and Russia, have given guarantees to both Athens and Bucharest, that Bulgaria will not attack Greece. In the event of the latter country assisting Serbia, and will not attack Roumania, should that state actively participate in the war.

This is taken to foreshadow the approaching participation of Roumania and Greece on the side of the entente.

AUSTRIAN FEELING

IS FOR PEACE.

Washington, Dec. 21—A despatch from a prominent neutral diplomat in Vienna to his government of which officials here learned today, states that leading financial and commercial men in Austria are urging the making of peace.

The diplomat in a cipher telegram

confirms recent press reports from Rome of the dissatisfaction which the Austrian population feels at the lack of success of its army, and states, moreover, that indignation has been stirred up among all classes because of the recent reverses suffered at the hands of Serbia. The Austrian government, he adds, through strict censorship of the press has withheld details of these defeats from an anxious public.

The same diplomatic states that reports are persistent in well informed circles in Vienna that Italy will declare war against Austria about New Year's Day. These reports emanate from the despatch says, from prominent Italians, but Austrian officials are still confident that Italy will remain neutral.

WINNING ON BOTH WINGS.

Petrograd, Dec. 21—The official

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DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN ARRIVES HERE

The men of the Divisional Ammunition Column, Major W. H. Harrison commanding, arrived from St. John by special train at four o'clock yesterday. They marched at once to the soldiers' barracks on Queen street, where comfortable quarters had been prepared for them. They are a fine lot of men and attracted a lot of attention on the way in from the depot.

Following is the honor roll:

THE HONOR ROLL.

Walter S. Archibald, Hopewell Cape Albert Co., N.B.
Percy R. Allaby, St. John.
Richard J. Ashburne, St. George's, Harrowgate, Eng.
R. M. Anderson, West St. John.
James Amos, Lower East Bristol, England.
T. Clinton Brown, St. John.
Walter B. Brannon, West St. John.
Horace S. Brown, St. John.
Claudey Berton, St. John.
T. H. Bolster, Gibson, N.B.
George A. Biddcombe, St. John.
John Cook, St. John.
Andrew Campbell, Fairville, N.B.
George W. Chambers, St. John.
William H. Crocker, Albert, Albert Co., N.B.
J. J. Campbell, St. John.
Joseph A. Clark, St. John.
Joshua S. Clayton, Fernhill, St.

John, N.B.
H. H. Cole, St. John.
Wm. Connor, West St. John.
James A. Clark, St. John West.
L. C. Chamberlain, St. John.
H. H. Colwell, Brookville Station, N.B.
K. C. Christie, St. John.
George A. Chesley, St. John.
John W. Cosman, St. John.
C. H. Callan, St. John.
Sydney Cooper, Toronto.
Foster F. Duval, St. John.
Leslie M. Dennison, St. John.
F. V. H. Dunham, St. John.
W. A. Dennison, St. John.
R. Davis, Mt. Pleasant, Gates Head, England.
A. A. Dixon, St. John.
A. A. Dodge, W. St. John.
E. H. Dixon, St. John.
George Drinan, St. John.
A. M. Dykeman, St. John.
E. F. Evans, St. John.
Harold J. Fraser, Cross Point, Bonaventure, Quebec.
C. W. Folkins, St. John.
George A. Fagan, St. John.
E. A. Flewelling, Oak Point, N.B.
W. C. Goodwin, Upper Granville, N.S.
Sam Gamson, Wednesday, Eng.
W. L. Howard, St. John.
Wm. Hickey, Stoopie, Nfld.
Wm. Henderson, Nowburn, Eng.

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