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## FRENCH CLAIM TO BE ADVANCING SLOWLY ALONG WHOLE LINE

### Fighting Reported at All Points Along Frontier, with Germans Yielding

## THE BATTLE LINE NOW IS 250 MILES LONG

### German Reinforcements Said to be Mostly Boys 18 to 20 Years Old

Paris, Dec. 11.—Fighting in water-filled trenches in roads knee deep in mire, through swampy patches of woods and in fields which are no hotter than mere hollows for men and horses, the allies made further gradual progress Thursday, according to a war office statement issued here today.

Besides recounting briefly for Thursday's developments, this statement went into detail concerning recent operations up to December 5.

It related that the allies' advance was proceeding literally by yards, but that nevertheless it was steady, and extended all along the line, from the sea into Alsace.

An unofficial report was current today that the Germans had evacuated Roulers and it was thought possible that they had also retired from Thourout and Thielt.

There was fighting today, said the official account, along the entire 250-mile line to the northeast, east and southeast of Paris, except in the Ypres district, where it was stated the Germans delivered their furious attacks Thursday, once actually reaching the French trenches, only to be repulsed finally.

Gaining Everywhere.

Evidently fearing that they had not enough men in the extreme north of Belgium to hold the coast, the Germans were said to be reinforcing their troops in that section with recent levies, mostly boys 18 to 20 years of age.

Of the Ypres fighting the statement said:

"December 10 the French repulsed three German attacks in the region of Ypres. The Germans reached the French trenches at one point but were repulsed."

Turning to developments at other points on the line, the report continued:

"The French are progressing everywhere.

"Artillery duels are in progress in the Arras and Yvencourt districts.

"In the Argonne region we have repulsed the Germans' attacks and advanced."

About Varennes the German artillery is active but harmless.

"Our progress in the LePretre region has been accentuated.

"The French troops have taken the Asprez depot."

## TEN ARE BURNED AT CHRISTMAS TREE

Portland, Ore., Dec. 11.—Eight children and two teachers are suffering from burns today as the result of the cotton-decorated costume of a boy pupil catching fire by coming in contact with an electrically-lighted Christmas tree in the assembly room of the Irvington school during an entertainment late yesterday. The boy dashed wildly among other scholars, communicating the flames to their clothing.

A panic was narrowly averted by the teachers and visiting mothers, some of whom seized the flaming children, threw them to the floor and smothered the fire by rolling them in coats, while others carried and ushered the frightened youngsters from the building.

Two children, Edwin Phillips, 9, and Zella Musseloh, 8, were seriously burned.

The school house was not damaged.

## TO SELL STATE LANDS ON 20-YEARS' TIME

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 11.—State Senator-elect H. Stanley Benedict said today that he will use his influence at the next session of the legislature in behalf of the proposed plan to set aside state lands to be sold to settlers on 20-year payments and at low prices.

Benedict as a member of the assembly, was responsible for considerable land legislation, and is author of many land laws on the state statute books.

"The plan is excellent," said Benedict, "and I am heartily in favor of anything that will help the poorer people to secure homes here."

It is human nature to want other people to be liberal.

## CONGRESSMAN PAYNE EXPIRES SUDDENLY

### Was 71 Years Old and Had Been in Congress for Nearly 30 Years

Washington, Dec. 11.—The sudden death of Representative Sarano E. Payne, of Auburn, N. Y., Thursday evening was the leading topic of discussion among the national lawmakers here today.

Payne had served fifteen terms in congress with but a single break, following the first of them, and was one of the best known men in Washington. He was seemingly quite well but a short time before his death, chatted with friends in the lobby of the Portland hotel and had retired to his room when the office received a sudden summons from him by telephone for help. He died, seated in an arm chair, just as an attendant entered his room. It was believed he was a victim of heart disease.

Congressman Payne was a republican. He was 71 years old.

Speaker Clark appointed a committee of the house today to escort Payne's body to Auburn, where interment will be made, and Vice-President Marshall appointed a senate committee to attend the funeral.

## ALUMNI ISSUE PAPER.

The class of 1905 of Willamette University yesterday published the first issue of the Alumni Bulletin, now to be a regular publication of the University. The secretary of the association, James Crawford, is acting as editor of the paper. The new paper is to appear quarterly.

## ADMIRAL GETS JOB OF CLEANING SEAS

### Is Expected to Sink, Capture or Dispose of All German War Vessels

London, Dec. 11.—To Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, whose British squadron sank the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig off Falkland island last Tuesday morning and six hours later sent the Nürnberg also to the bottom, has been assigned the task of sweeping the Atlantic clear of the Kaiser's commerce raiders by January 1, it was stated on high authority here today. The belief was expressed that he would succeed.

The admiral's latest report indicated that the Dresden, which escaped when the other cruisers were destroyed, had already been cornered, and naval experts believed the British vessels were closing on it along a line extending from the Falkland island to Magellan strait. Any one of the Sturdee's ships was said to be a match for the German cruiser, and its destruction was considered a certainty.

It was the impression in admiralty circles that Admiral Von Spee's squadron scattered when attacked by the superior British naval force, which would account for the long running fight which ensued. One of the lighter British cruisers was thought to have overtaken and sunk the Nürnberg miles from the spot where the other vessels were sent to the bottom.

Though the blow inflicted by the destruction of the bulk of Von Spee's fleet was a stunning one to the Germans' commerce raiding activities, attention was called to the fact that the cruiser Karlsruhe was still at large and that its exploits have been equalled only by those of the Emden. It was said Sturdee was expected to account for it before returning to England.

The newspapers were demanding fuller details from the admiralty concerning the doings of the British squadron.

## THE WAR LINEUP

Germany—Kaiser's illness reported better; ailment now given as catarrh of the throat.

France and Belgium—Allies still advancing slowly; fighting along entire 250 mile front except at Ypres.

Russia—Petrograd says Germans are making little progress but hints that Slav evacuation of Warsaw might not be considered hocket for the czar.

Austria—Battle south of Cracow developing into one of war's biggest.

Austro-German forces supremely attempting city's relief.

England—Admiralty refuses confirmation of reported attempted German raid on Dover, with sinking of three German submarines.

Argentina—Report of sinking of German cruiser Nürnberg confirmed and Dresden said also to have been destroyed; German accounts say three British ships were lost in Falkland Islands fight; admitted 3,000 Germans perished; Japanese declared to have helped British.

## LOOKING INTO THE GERMAN TRENCHES ALONG THE YSER IN THE GREAT BATTLE OF FLANDERS



This very real war picture takes you into the trenches of the German troops in Flanders. When it was taken the soldiers were sighting their rifles and machine guns on positions supposed to be held by the English. In such trenches as this soldiers on both sides have been fighting for weeks in the desperate struggle of the Yser. Photo by American Press Association.

## ENGLAND SECURES VERY RICH PRIZE BY TAKING KORNA

### Captures Best Part of the Old Babylonian Empire on Persian Gulf

## ALL THE POWERS WERE ANXIOUS TO GET IT

### Is of Vast Strategic Importance—Nebuchadnezzar Took It 218 Years Ago

(By J. W. T. Mason, former London Correspondent for United Press.)

New York, Dec. 11.—Tuesday's spectacular naval battle off the Falkland islands and recent German victories in Russian Poland have distracted attention in the past few days from the news of British successes in Asia Minor, which will have far-reaching consequences when the present European war is over.

Only brief mention has been made of the capture by British Indian troops of the town of Korna, in Asiatic Turkey.

Yet this capture gives the British possession of the district which controls the Persian Gulf, one of the few colonial prizes unannounced by some European power.

Russia, Germany and Great Britain have all been eager for years to obtain this choice bit of territory, which was the most flourishing part of ancient Babylonian empire ruled by Nebuchadnezzar, 2700 years ago.

It was not antiquarian interest, however, which created so much international rivalry for ownership of the Persian gulf's northern littoral. Commercial and strategic military interests are what give to Babylonia its modern value.

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TAFE IS ACQUITTED.  
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 11.—The Tafe conspiracy case collapsed yesterday afternoon when the jury in Judge Cushman's court returned a verdict of not guilty as to all three of the defendants, Frank H. Tape, China Dan and Chin Kin.

The alleged conspiracy was in the intimidation of government witnesses called to appear against Tape, formerly Chinese interpreter in the United States immigration service, accused of bribery and smuggling of Chinese into this country.

The conspiracy culminated in the murder of Lum Kong.

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## WILL ORGANIZE TAXPAYERS LEAGUE

### Committee Appointed Last Night to Draft Plans for the Organization

To investigate tax conditions and to work for lower taxes is the purpose of an organization in this county for which preliminary steps were taken at a meeting at the court house last night. A committee consisting of J. Frank Hughes, C. S. Hamilton, R. P. Boise, D. J. Fry and R. K. Page was appointed to perfect the plan for the organization of the Marion county taxpayers' league and will bring in a report at the next meeting which is to be held at the courthouse on the evening of December 17th.

Retrenchment along all lines will be the object of the organization and a special committee will be appointed to investigate the items of the city and county budget in order to keep taxes at a minimum. Some of the heaviest taxpayers in the county were present at last night's meeting and all stand for lower taxes and the greater efficiency in some of the departments of state and county governmental machinery.

Some of those present expressed the opinion that while all tax payers of the state undoubtedly favored lower taxes that they were inclined to pay the bills and then forget the matter until called upon to repeat the process the next year. They believe that if the people took more active interest in the matter their conditions would be improved as county courts in general are willing to work for the best interests of the people but if the people do not express themselves the county courts are obliged to use their own judgment.

Robert E. Smith, of Roseburg secretary of the state taxpayers association delivered the principal address of the evening and cited numerous reasons why an organization of the taxpayers should be affected. Joseph Albert acted as chairman of the meeting. Judge Busby was present and stated that he favored an organization of the taxpayers of the county and expected much good to come from such an organization.

## GOVERNORS TO BE THERE

Washington, Dec. 11.—The governors of Utah, Idaho, Colorado and California will appear before the senate lands committee next week in regard to the proposed water power leasing bill.

John A. Britton, of San Francisco, president of the Pacific Gas and Electric company appeared before the committee today and spoke against the measure.

## THE WEATHER

THIS BEATS TANGOING

Oregon: Tonight and Saturday fair; easterly winds.

## FIRING ACROSS LINE MUST BE STOPPED

### Artillery Arrives at Naco—Bullets and Shells Drop on This Side

Washington, Dec. 11.—Government officials here were determined today to completely stop firing into Naco, Ariz., from across the Mexican border. A message from General Bliss at Naco said everything was quiet there.

Official warning to General Carranza and Provisional President Gutierrez that they must control their troops, it was believed, would result in General Hill and General Maytorena, leaders of the opposing factions at Naco, Sonora, being ordered from the border.

Advices received at the state department said General Gutierrez had ordered Maytorena to cease firing unless he can continue without endangering the American side of the border.

Fighting at Naco.

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 11.—Artillery sent from El Paso to guard the international boundary here arrived today. The troops and their guns detrained some distance east of Naco.

Maytorena opened on the Hill forces with artillery this morning from a new position. Many bullets and a few shells fell on the American side of the boundary.

When people call at your home, it isn't necessary to ask one of your family to sing—unless you want to chase them.

## CHINA IS FACING ANOTHER REVOLT

### Prominent American Chinese Would Elevate Dr. Sun Yat Sen

Portland, Ore., Dec. 11.—That China faces a new revolt which will have for its purpose the ousting of President Yuan Shi Kai, and the elevation to his place of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, was the belief in Oriental circles here today. It was reported that prominent American Chinese are behind the proposed uprising.

Dr. S. Y. Fung, ex-secretary of Sun Yat Sen and T. C. Koo, ex-commissioner of commerce, leaders in the Chinese nationalist league, who are making a tour of the United States, are scheduled to arrive here tonight to meet with local Chinese. The Chinese nationalist league is said to be behind the new movement.

It is said that Chinese in all parts of the country are wiring President Wilson, protesting against a \$10,000,000 loan that President Yuan is alleged to be endeavoring to secure from J. P. Morgan & Co.

Similar protests are said to have been sent to the Morgan banking house.

## PLEADS "NOT GUILTY"

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 11.—Date of the trial of David Fountain, confessed murderer of Margaret Milling, 10, in the Lutheran church, will be fixed December 15. Fountain made a formal plea of not guilty at his arraignment, but it is understood that he will not attempt to repudiate his confession when called to trial. His attorney, appointed by the county, will cite Fountain's insane asylum record, but will not push it as a defense further than to obtain a life sentence instead of the death penalty.

## "WORLD AT WAR" ATLAS

The Capital Journal has just received a new shipment of the "World at War" atlases. They are of a later and revised edition, compared with those we have been giving away to our subscribers. Instead of 16 pages, they consist of 24 large, highly-illustrated pages, printed on heavy enameled book.

The atlas contains splendid colored maps of all the warring countries, with routes of travel and railroad lines; many tables of army and navy and general statistics—in fact, the work is a complete ready-reference library for students of the great war. It is a book which would ordinarily sell for \$1.00 or \$1.50, but we are having them made up in large lots and buy them at a price which allows us to give them away to subscribers on very easy conditions.

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## GERMAN ADMIRAL'S SHIP GOES DOWN WITH FLAGS FLYING

### Admiral Von Spee Goes Down with His Ship, Refusing to Surrender

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 11.—Positive confirmation of the sinking by British warships of the German cruiser Nürnberg was received here today.

It was also learned that the Dresden met a similar fate eight hours later. This was not official, but it was stated on reliable authority and was generally believed.

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Buenos Ayres, Dec. 11.—The loss by Admiral Stoude of three British ships in the fight which ended in the destruction of nearly the whole of the Kaiser's cruiser squadron under Admiral Von Spee was indicated by German reports received here today.

The British losses were, at any rate, it was asserted, much heavier than was announced officially.

The Germans admitted that 3000 of their countrymen perished as a result of the fight.

According to the latest account to reach here, the Germans were caught between a British and a Japanese squadron, but fought until their last gun was silenced.

The Scharnhorst, Admiral Von Spee's flagship, was said to have continued firing until its artillery actually was submerged.

An insistent report was current here that the Dresden was sunk eight hours after the destruction of the Nürnberg. If this statement was true it means that Von Spee's squadron was wiped out completely. It consisted originally of the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Leipzig, Nürnberg and Dresden.

A number of the British wounded were being taken to Montevideo.

Fight Lasted Five Hours.

Stoude's fleet was understood to include the second cruiser squadron ordinarily attached to the home fleet and consisting of the Shannon, the Achilles, the Cochrane and the Natal.

It was learned that the main engagement off the Falkland islands lasted for five hours. Admiral Von Spee and his officers were said to have realized that they faced death, but their vessels spread out and showed fight with no sign that anyone on board them had a thought of surrender.

The Nürnberg and Dresden were faster than the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig and therefore able to keep up a longer running battle. The Nürnberg was finally overtaken, however.

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