

## NURNBERG SUNK AFTER PURSUIT

### German Cruiser Dresden Reported Cornered.

## BRITISH ADD TO VICTORY

### Last of Five Vessels of Teuton Fleet Said to Be in Magellan Straits.

## VANQUISHED LOSE HEAVILY

### Attempt of Von Spee to Slip Home Quietly Frustrated by Move of Admiralty.

LONDON, Dec. 10. — The German cruiser Nurnberg, which withdrew from the battle off the Falkland Islands last Tuesday and attempted to make her escape in company with the cruiser Dresden while the British warships under Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Doveton Sturdee were sinking the cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig, was hunted across the water by units of the British fleet and sunk the same day.

### Dresden Reported Cornered.

Although the official press bureau says the British men-of-war still are seeking for the last one of Admiral Von Spee's vessels, unofficial reports received in Buenos Aires say the Dresden has been cornered in the Straits of Magellan, the tortuous waterways leading from the Atlantic to the Pacific at the southernmost point of South America.

Whether these reports are true or not, it is believed in Admiralty circles here that the Dresden, even though she is a somewhat faster boat than any of those sunk in Tuesday's battle, eventually will be brought to action.

### Action Lasts Five Hours.

The text of the official bureau statement reads: "A further telegram has been received from Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Doveton Sturdee, reporting that the Nurnberg was also sunk on December 8, and that the search for the Dresden still is proceeding.

"The first action lasted for five hours, with intervals. The Scharnhorst sank after three hours and the Gneisenau two hours later. The enemy's light cruisers scattered and were chased by our cruisers and light cruisers.

"No loss of any British vessel is reported."

The destruction of a majority of the

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## SHIPPING IS IMPORTANT THEME OF THE ANNUAL.

Two factors are bringing about great changes in the commercial map of the Pacific Coast—the European war and the Panama Canal. The direct effect of the canal on the Columbia River's shipping in intercoastal trade and the movement of foodstuffs to Europe already is being strongly felt. The extent of this activity will be discussed fully in The Oregonian Annual. Discussion of other factors that are bringing Portland to the fore as a world port will be presented, such as trade opportunities with Australia, New Zealand, Honolulu, China, Japan and South America. These subjects are of intense interest not only to the people of Oregon and the Columbia River Basin but to shippers, merchants and manufacturers of other sections of the United States who have business connections on the Pacific Coast. Supplementing these subjects there will be special articles showing the part the railroads are playing in the general development of Oregon and what Portland is doing in extending trade with Alaska.

## SUBMARINE FLEET FRIGHTENS DOVER

### GERMANS SAID TO HAVE TRIED TO MAKE DARING ATTACK.

### Heavy Guns of Channel Harbor Fire on Supposed Invaders and Torpedo-Boats Put to Sea.

DOVER, England, via London, Dec. 11.—The city of Dover was thrown into excitement today by the announcement that the Germans early today attempted a submarine attack on the harbor works and the fleet at anchor in the harbor.

The night was dark and a heavy rain and haze made searchlight work difficult. The forts were put on the alert by the appearance of the harbor entrance of an unidentified steamer which refused to stop until a shot was fired across her bow. This vessel then retired. She is believed to have been the tender of the submarines.

Half an hour later, it is said, a single submarine was sighted and one of the heavy guns in the harbor fired at her. This submarine, which evidently was the advance scout, disappeared, but at 6:30 the observers sighted what they believed to be a fleet of about six submarines several miles out in the channel.

The channel forts began firing in the direction of the supposed submarines and kept it up for almost half an hour. At the same time a torpedo-boat destroyer flotilla put to sea, where it remained all day.

Large crowds gathered on the waterfront in the early morning hours and watched the searchlights and the artillery fire. When they saw no results of the shelling many persons expressed the opinion that it was a false alarm.

## AUTO HELD UP BY TWO

### Joseph Tauscher Waylaid on East Side and Robbed of \$65.

Two men held up Joseph Tauscher near East Thirty-seventh street and Hawthorne avenue last night as he was driving his automobile, forced him to get out, robbed him of \$65 and fled, after telling him to "beat it."

### Tauscher was driving slowly when

halted by the first man, who stepped from the curb and pulled back his coat as if showing a policeman's star. The second man then sprang out from behind a telephone pole and, pointing a revolver at Tauscher, forced him to get out to be subjected to search.

Tauscher, who lives at 882 East Burnside street, has supplied the police with a detailed description of his waylayers.

## NORWEGIAN VESSELS KEPT

### German Prize Court Holds Two Ships Are Legal Captives.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, via London, Dec. 10.—The prize court at the German port of Stenemunde, on the Baltic, has rendered its decision in the cases of five Norwegian steamers seized by German warships, according to word which reached Christiania today. Both the ships and their cargoes were declared lawful prizes and were confiscated.

The vessels were loaded with wooden pit props, consigned to English mine owners. The decision of the prize court is consequently upon the recent classification by the German government of wood as contraband.

## ALLIES CAPTURE ROULERS

### German Division Headquarters Lately Located in Same Town.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 10.—The allies have entered Roulers (Roulers) in West Flanders, about 12 miles northeast of Ypres, according to the St. Louis correspondent of the Handelsblad.

A dispatch to a London newspaper from the Belgian front yesterday said the German divisional headquarters was removed from Roulers when shells began to fall in the town after the British had recaptured Passchendaele, a short distance to the west.

## ALL WAR AID MAY CEASE

### Senate Bill Would Stop Export of Food Even to Belligerents.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Food, clothing or any other commodity which would in the slightest degree serve to prolong the European War, as well as contraband, will be barred from export by a bill introduced today by Senator Works.

Direct prohibition of export would include food, clothing, supplies, arms, ammunition, horses or war supplies of any kind, whether the same be contraband of war or not.

## BEYERS' BODY IS FOUND

### Discovery Is Near Spot Where South African Rebel Sank.

PRETORIA, via London, Dec. 11.—The body of General Christian Beyers, the rebel leader who was drowned recently while attempting to escape across the Vaal River from government troops, has been found at Vilgie Krall, not far from the spot where General Beyers was seen to sink.

The official announcement says there is no doubt with regard to the identification.

## Turkish Gunboat Sunk by Own Mine

LONDON, Dec. 11.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Athens says that a Turkish gunboat has been sunk by a Turkish mine at the entrance to the Bosphorus.

## FRENCH MEASURE GAINS BY YARDS

### Series of Successes on Line Asserted.

## ARTILLERY LOSSES REDUCED

### Capture of Much German War Material Reported.

## CONQUERED GROUND HELD

### Infantry Also Shows Increased Activity—Enemy's Guns Bombarding Various Sections Along Front Are Silenced.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—An official report of the principal happenings on the battlefield from November 27 to December 5 was given out in Paris today. It is in part from the observation of eye-witnesses at the front and is as follows:

The period of time between November 27 and December 5 was not marked by operations of any great extent, but observations made during these days established the fact that along the entire front we have taken the ascendancy over the enemy with our artillery and infantry. The French artillery, without suffering severely from the fire of the German cannon, was successful at several points in silencing and demolishing batteries of the enemy. Our infantry made progress everywhere and at no point was progress followed by retirement.

### Artillery Inflicts Serious Damage.

"From the sea to the Oise, on December 1, and at Bixchoote and Merken our heavy artillery inflicted serious damage on five German batteries. Several ammunition wagons were blown up. The same day at Wyndredt we destroyed a section of German machine guns. December 4 our heavy artillery imposed silence on the heavy artillery of the Germans. On November 28 our heavy artillery demolished certain bridges built by the enemy and destroyed his supplies in the region of Knocke.

### There was a similar series of en-

gagements December 2 at Bixchoote.

### Supply Trains Bombaraded.

"On November 27 we bombarded successfully at a point near Lens certain German supply trains and December 5 we demolished the earthworks of the enemy in the vicinity of Rollincoart. Here is a list of the principal infantry engagements, with the dates and localities where they took place:

"At Paschendaele on November 27; at Bixchoote on November 30; again at Paschendaele on December 2; at Wyndredt December 5, and at Brod-

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## LODZ IS FOUND DESERTED

### Populace Gone and No Food Left at Time of Capture.

LONDON, Dec. 11, 2:44 A. M.—A Petrograd dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company says the Polish town of Lodz at the time of its evacuation by the Russians was completely destitute of food.

The population quit the town in masses, fearing the Germans. Thousands proceeded to Warsaw on foot.

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## PEREMPTORY NOTE SENT TO MEXICANS

### Threatening Tone Reported at Capital.

## BOTH FORCES ARE WARNED

### Carranza, Gutierrez and Local Chiefs Notified.

## STERN DUTY REGRETTED

### Time Will Be Allowed for Heads of Contending Factions to Communicate Fully With Officers in Field.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The United States has served formal notice on both Provisional President Gutierrez and General Carranza that unless they promptly prevent their troops from firing across the American boundary such force will be employed by this Government as may be necessary to protect American territory.

In the most emphatic and threatening expression from the Washington Government since the diplomatic correspondence with General Huerta which preceded the occupation of Vera Cruz, identical warnings were sent to the chiefs of the two factions opposing each other at Naco, across from the Arizona town of the same name, that firing across the international line must cease.

### Answers Expected Today.

Although the messages, which were to be conveyed by American Consul Canada to General Carranza at Vera Cruz and by American Consul Silliman to General Gutierrez at Mexico City, left here late last night, they did not reach their destination until today and answers are expected tomorrow.

### The peremptory tone of the commu-

nications did not become generally known until tonight, although the sending of three batteries of field artillery to Naco was explained previously by high officials as meaning that the Mexican forces would be shelled out of their positions and driven several miles from the line if the firing into the United States continued.

### Fatalities Pointed Out.

The messages to both Gutierrez and Carranza pointed out that several Americans had died from wounds received from bullets which were fired from Mexican territory and that the United States had appealed in vain to Generals Maytorena and Hill, commanding the rival forces at Naco, to regulate their fire so as to prevent a repetition of such occurrences.

Having failed to impress Hill and

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## Thursday's War Moves

WHILE the defeat of the German squadron in the South Atlantic has evoked the liveliest satisfaction throughout Great Britain, there have been no celebrations such as marked the victories of the South African war, the British people being too much wrapped up in the operations of the allied armies on the Continent.

The lack of news from Poland causes some uneasiness in England regarding the result of five prolonged battles between the Russians and Germans, but the reports from France are considered to be favorable to the allies. The daily communications from Paris show that the French have been making slow progress at many points for the past fortnight, and a review sent by a French eyewitness for the period from November 27 to December 5 asserts that the ascendancy of the French infantry and artillery over the Germans has been established and that while the infantry has advanced the artillery has mastered the German batteries.

The report from French headquarters yesterday adds little to the general knowledge, as it says the situation is unchanged, which indicates, however, that the positions taken have been maintained. Berlin, on the other hand, states that the French attacks in the Argonne have been repulsed.

It is apparent, however, that with the withdrawal of German troops to strengthen the armies in the East, the allies have been able to push their lines forward in many places.

The Germans, meanwhile, continue their efforts to smash the Russian armies. While a large part of their force is endeavoring to hold the Russian center, another army is advancing from East Prussia to the east of Mlawa and is attacking the Russian right with a view to cutting communications and entering Warsaw through the back door.

Heavy fighting is going on to the southwest of Lodz and to the southeast of Cracow, where the Austrians and Germans are endeavoring to get around the Russian left and force these troops to retire from the fortress.

On a larger scale their favorite tactics of outflanking the positions of the opposing forces. In this they have always been able to gain initial success, because of their ability, with better means, to move their troops quickly by the Carpathians, however, before they have met them with overwhelming numbers.

The defeat of the Austrians by the Serbians is virtually admitted in the Austrian official report, which says that because they have not strong battle forces, some of the Austrian troops have been ordered to occupy more favorably situated positions.

This sudden turn of events in favor of the Serbians is somewhat of a mystery, but it is possible that they have received reinforcements from Russia or more guns and ammunition from some friendly country; or it may be that some of the Austrian troops were withdrawn from Serbia after the occupation of Belgrade. Whatever the cause, the Serbians have inflicted a severe defeat on the invaders.

The latest official report from Berlin says that the German Emperor's health is much improved. It is believed that the bronchial attack to which he is subject at this time of the year, was well under control before the fact of his illness was made public, and that he probably will make a quick recovery.

General Louis Botha, Premier and commander of the defense forces of the Union of South Africa, announces that the rebellion is practically at an end. Since the capture on December 4 of 700 rebels and the surrender of 200 others five additional rebel leaders and their commanders have unconditionally laid down their arms. Only one rebel leader at large, Colonel Maritz, has been captured.

General Botha, in making the announcement, warns the people against harboring any vengeful feelings, and concludes: "Maritz and Kemp, who were corrupted while officers of the Union defense forces, have succeeded in escaping to German Southwest Africa, and from there equipped with fresh arms and artillery by their German allies, will seek to invade the Union. Our next duty is to deal with this danger and make it impossible for German Southwest Africa to again be used as the source of a base from which to threaten the peace of the Union."

"I hope and trust that the people will deal with this danger as energetically as they dealt with the internal rebellion."

The Indian office reports that 1100 Turkish prisoners, exclusive of wounded and nine guns, were captured at Kurna, on the Persian Gulf, which was occupied on December 8.

## RULER PROMOTES COUSIN

### Archduke Frederick, of Austria, Is Now Field Marshal.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram Company from Amsterdam says a telegram received there from Vienna says that Emperor Francis Joseph has appointed the Austrian commander-in-chief, Archduke Frederick, a field marshal.

Archduke Frederick is a cousin of the Emperor.

## KAISER REPORTED BETTER

### Illness Is Relaxing and His Temperature Is Normal.

AMSTERDAM, Holland, via London, Dec. 10.—Emperor William's health has considerably improved, according to an official announcement made in Berlin today.

His Majesty's stomach is relaxing and his temperature is normal.

## FIRE AT IRVINGTON SCHOOL INJURES 10

### Blaze Envelops Pupils at Christmas Tree.

## PANIC STARTS; IS STOPPED

### Mothers in Audience Roll Burning Tots in Fine Coats.

## TEACHERS ACT HEROICALLY

### Flash From Electric Wiring, Apparently, Spreads Sheet of Flame to Tinsel Tree and Costumes. Investigation Is Sought.

### Seriously Burned.

Edwin Phillips, 9 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence C. Phillips, 456 East Fifteenth street; painfully burned about face, hands, arms, chest and back.

Zelda Mosesohn, 8 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Mosesohn, 485 East Eighteenth street North; hair singed, face, hands and wrists burned.

Slightly Burned About Face and Hands.

Jack Seabrook, 8 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim B. Seabrook, 454 East Ninth street North.

Imogene Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lewis, 677 Schuyler street.

Bernice Manning, 11 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Manning, 759 Clackamas street.

Harvey Dick, 10 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Dick, 459 Thompson street.

Basil Burke, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burke, 459 East Twenty-second street North, hands burned.

Hugh Kyle, 15 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Kyle, 805 Halsey street, burned about face, hands and wrists.

Elmer N. Brown, principal of the school, hands burned.

Miss Ella Williams, teacher of fourth grade B, hands burned.

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