

RUSSIANS CONSIDER LOSS OF WARSAW

New German Formations Bearing Down on City From Several Directions.

LOWICZ IS AS INFERNO

Bombardment Is Ceaseless for Fortnight and Score of Inhabitants Are Killed—Austrians Victorious in Carpathians.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Evacuation of Warsaw by the Russians is mentioned as a possibility by a Petrograd military expert in a dispatch received here today from the czar's capital, and which describes a new movement by the Germans against the Polish stronghold in which three columns of enormous numbers are advancing from as many directions. The observer, however, says the capture of Warsaw by the invaders should not be considered important "if it is of strategic advantage" to evacuate the city.

"That the most ferocious fighting of the war has been going on in the Russian campaign is indicated in various dispatches from Petrograd, the following being an example:

"A telegram received here from Lowicz, Russian Poland, describes the fortnight of ceaseless bombardment on all sides of the city as an inferno.

"Public buildings and private houses in great numbers are destroyed. The inhabitants took to their cellars for safety, but scores of them were killed or wounded.

"Many persons perished in attempting to escape from the town, according to the dispatch, some of them mothers with children in arms."

The Russian military expert previously referred to analyzed and interprets the German attack on Warsaw as follows:

"Although the German forces are more numerous than in their former advance and they are planning attacks from several directions simultaneously, their task is greater than before on account of the vastness of the Russian army which is massed to meet them.

"Thinking of Right Is Aim." "General Franke, of the Eighth German army corps, from Osterode and Soldau, is proceeding from East Prussia, southward through Mlaw, Ciechanow and Przasnys, on the right side of the Vistula, in an attempt to push toward Koshan, with the evident intention of giving the powerful fortress of Nowo Georgiewsk a wide berth. The Germans thus hope to outflank the Russian right wing and strike Warsaw from the northeast.

"General Mackensen's German army from Thorn meanwhile continues an offensive on the left side of the Vistula through Lowicz, engaging the Russian center and aiming to hit Warsaw from the west. Another part of Field Marshal Hindenburg's army from Sieradz recently engaged Lodz and Piotrkow, making every effort to march through Skierniewice and threaten Warsaw from the southwest.

"The Austrians from the west and southwest of Cracow complete the German plan by beginning an offensive in an effort to outflank the Russian left, which is besieging Cracow, while the other part of the Austrian army on the north, which is in contact with the extreme German right, is trying to proceed northeast with the object of taking Kielce and Radom. These movements take the form of a widespread fan, with Warsaw the handle.

"Except on the north from Ciechanow the movement of the German army is retro-Germans having tried them before and failed.

"According to the Russian authorities the yielding of cities to the enemy does not constitute an important factor, since the bombardment of big cities like Lodz and the attendant destruction of life and property, tends to demoralize the army.

"Thus, if it is of strategic advantage to evacuate Warsaw, the evacuation of that city ought not to be considered important."

Russians Repulse Attacks. An official Russian statement says: "On the left bank of the Vistula, on the evening of December 7, the Germans, under cover of darkness, suddenly began an offensive movement simultaneously along the entire front from Ilow (west of Warsaw) to Glowacz (southwest of Warsaw).

"The movement was remarkable for its stubborn nature. The attack was repeated again and again, the Germans advancing in compact columns, aided by searchlights, however, our fire decimated the enemy, who were everywhere repulsed. With the rising of the moon the attacks of the enemy ceased.

"The next day the desperate fighting on the Lowicz-flow front was resumed, but without success for the enemy.

"The fighting south of Cracow has continued tenaciously, presenting alternately offensive and defensive movements. The Germans twice attempted to break through our fronts but were repulsed with serious losses."

Taking of Railway Forecast. The following comment on the military situation in the East was made today by the official press bureau in Berlin:

"Owing to the proximity of Lodz to the railway connecting Czenstochowa and Warsaw, it is expected that General von Hindenburg will obtain complete possession of the railroad, thus compelling the Russian forces operating to the east of Czenstochowa to retreat in the direction of Ivangorod, which might lead to irreparable disaster for the Russian army."

The following official report was made public today in Vienna:

"Night attacks by the Russians in the district southwest of Novo Rodomak were repulsed.

"In West Galicia strong forces on both sides were active, and we have thus far captured 10,000 Russians. The battle continues today.

"Our operations in the Carpathians have resulted in the retaking of considerable parts of our own territory."

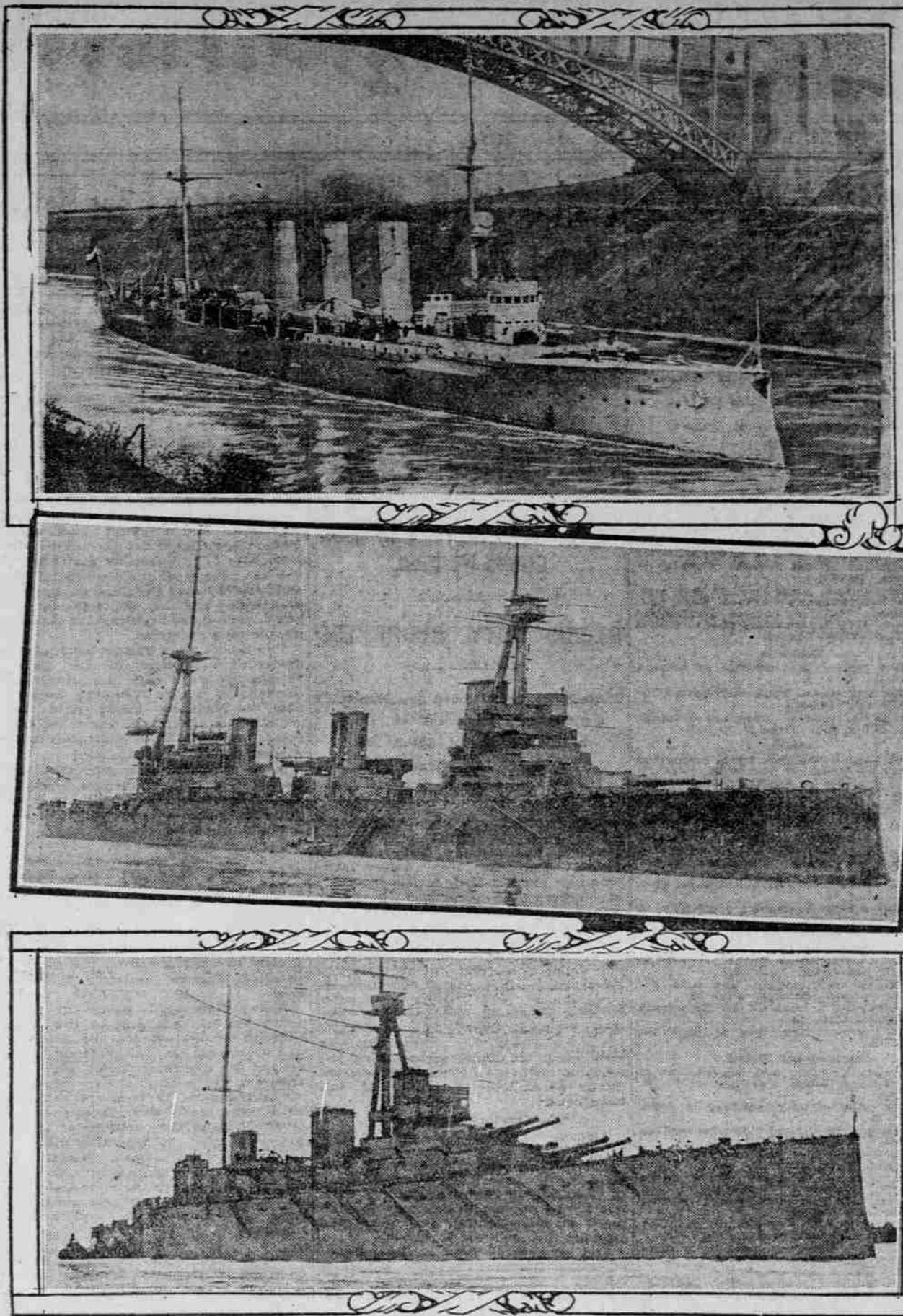
FIANCE SHOT, GIRL SAILS

Chicago Young Woman Goes to Austria to Nurse Sweetheart.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Miss Marie Henkel, of Chicago, sailed on the Royal Italian Mail liner America today on her way to Austria, where she will nurse her fiancé, Count Willy Feodor Henkel, an officer in the Austrian army, who was wounded in battle. Miss Henkel, who was accompanied by her mother, expects to remain abroad until Count Henkel returns to the front.

She started alone for Austria two months ago, but was overtaken in this city by her brother and consented to return to Chicago with him.

GERMAN WARSHIP REPORTED "CORNERED" IN STRAITS OF MAGELLAN AND TWO REPORTED TO BE IN PURSUING FLEET.



TOP—GERMAN CRUISER DRESDEN. BELOW—BRITISH BATTLE CRUISERS INDEFATIGABLE AND LION.

NURNBERG IS SUNK

German Cruiser Dresden Reported Cornered in Straits.

VANQUISHED LOSE HEAVILY

Attempt of Admiral Von Spee to Slip Quietly Home to German Port, Is Frustrated by Move of British Admiralty.

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ships of the German squadron had an immediate effect on insurance rates, and the government rate for insurance of cargoes against war risk was reduced today from 2 guineas to 1½ guineas per cent. One member of Lloyd's who recently has not been accepting any business resumed operations.

The impression prevails among naval men that Admiral Von Spee, realizing that he could no longer keep out of touch with the British and Japanese fleets patrolling the Pacific, decided to enter the Atlantic and make a run for home, in the hope that at least some of his ships would get past the British.

British Anticipate Move.

This move, it is said, was anticipated by the Admiralty and Vice-Admiral Sturdee was sent south to head off the Germans before they could get well into the Atlantic and scatter, which would have made their capture more difficult.

The Nurnberg was one of the small units of the German squadron which was defeated off the Falkland Islands by the British warships on December 8. She had a displacement of 3450 tons and a complement of 250 men. Her length on the water line was 354 feet and her beam 44 feet. She carried 10 4.1-inch guns, eight five-pounders and four machine guns and two torpedo tubes.

British Vessels Described.

The British battle-cruisers Lion and Indefatigable, reported to be part of Vice-Admiral Frederick Sturdee's squadron, displace 26,350 tons and 18,750 tons, respectively. The Lion was built in 1910; is 680 feet long, 86½ feet beam and has a draft of 30 feet. The Lion carries eight 13.5-inch guns and 16 four-inch guns and is equipped with three 21-inch torpedo tubes. Her complement consists

of 1000 men and she is capable of traveling 24 knots an hour. The battle cruiser Indefatigable is 573 feet long, 72½ feet beam and 27½ feet deep. She was constructed at Davenport in 1911 and has a speed of 28 knots.

The Indefatigable's armament consists of eight 12-inch guns, 16 four-inch guns and three 21-inch torpedo tubes. She has a complement of 800 officers and men.

Naval observers, commenting on the action off the Falkland Islands, make note of the fact that in all naval engagements in the present war, there is great disparity between the losses of the victors and the vanquished. In the case of the British cruisers Montmouth and Good Hope, sent to the bottom by a German squadron off the coast of Chile early in November, the Germans were practically unscathed, and the same is true of the British in their victorious engagement in the South Atlantic.

In other words, defeat at sea means virtually annihilation and the loss of all crews, with the exception of such men as the victors may be able to save. This is attributed, to a great extent, to the fact that naval engagements have been between ships of unequal armament. The German guns outranged the British off the coast of Chile and the roles were reversed off the Falkland Islands. Nevertheless, it is argued that even with ships of similar armament the disproportion of losses between the victor and the vanquished would be greater by far than anything possible in land warfare.

The German losses in the engagement off the Falkland Islands are believed here to have been between 1800 and 2000.

COAST SHIPPING DISTURBED

Uncertainty as to Karlsruhe Troubles South America.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The will-o'-the-wisp movements of the German cruiser Karlsruhe in South American and West Indian waters, and the belief that German secret agents are keeping her informed of movements of merchant vessels is working havoc with shipping along the South American coast, according to officers of the steamship Scottish Prince, which arrived here today from Santos.

The Scottish Prince left Santos for New York on October 31. She received wireless reports that the Karlsruhe was watching for her and altered her course to the extent that she steamed more than 1100 miles out of her way, almost to the west coast of Africa, on the trip to New York. Nothing unusual was sighted, however, and she completed her voyage in safety.

At various ports of Brazil and Argentina, between the Amazon and Plata River, officers of the ship said, they counted 87 German and Austrian steamships interned because of the war.

GERMANY LEARNS OF DEFEAT

Official Communication Reproduces British Account.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 10.—An official communication issued by the Admiralty today reproduces the statement of the British Admiralty regarding the sinking of the German cruisers off Falkland Islands, and adds: "Our losses seem to have been great. Concerning the strength of the enemy, whose losses are reported to be small, the English dispatches say nothing."

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JOSEPH SMITH DIES

Head of Reorganized Saints Is Succeeded by Son.

REVELATION PAVES WAY

Son of "Prophet" Smith, Who Was Killed by Mob, for 54 Years at Head of Church He Restored After Persecutions.

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Dec. 10.—Joseph Smith, president of the Reorganized Church of Latter-Day Saints, died at his home here today. At his bedside was his son, Frederick M. Smith, who will succeed him as president of the church, and other members of his family.

A revelation announced by Joseph Smith eight years ago, designating as his successor his eldest son, lifted from the church the burden of choosing a new leader upon the death here today of the patriarch, who for 54 years had presided over the organization.

The son, who since his father announced the divine revelation in 1806 has fulfilled many of the duties of leadership, automatically becomes head of the church.

Successor Already Ratified. The new president is 37 years old. His designation to succeed his father was ratified by the church general conference shortly after the father announced that he had received the revelation.

The wife, who was blind and during the last days suffered frequent rushes of pain, President Smith in his final hours showed a cheerful humor. Just before he became unconscious he smiled and said:

"I wish those of my friends who may intend placing flowers on my coffin would refrain. Let them give the money to charity."

The wife, six sons and two daughters of the president were at his bedside when he died, and had been about him all through his illness. From his lips they heard frequent words of counsel as to the future conduct of the church.

Body to Lie in State. The funeral will be held from the Old Stone Church here next Sunday. The body is to lie in state in the church from 8 in the morning until noon. Burial will be in the Mount Grove Cemetery, just outside Independence, the official burial ground of the Reorganized Church.

President Smith's father, known as "the Prophet," established the "New Jerusalem" of the Reorganized Church here in 1830.

His followers were driven out, however, and most of them went to Utah, after the death of Prophet Smith at the hands of a mob, and accepted the leadership of Brigham Young. Young Joseph Smith, remaining behind, worked as a farmer and as a clerk and studied law. This he gave up to effect the reorganization of the church, which was formally accomplished at Amboy, Ill., in 1860. Twenty years later headquarters of the church was established in Lamont, Ia., and in 1886 a removal was

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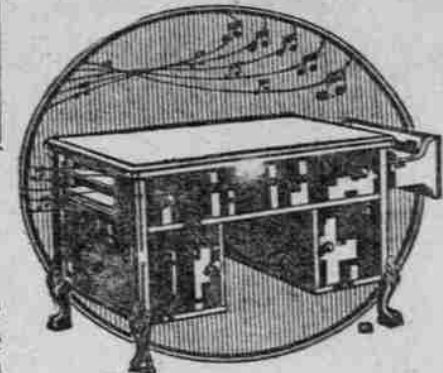


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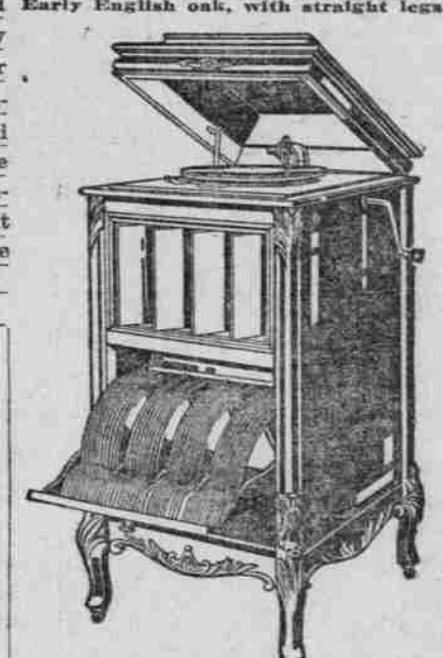
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SAILINGS TO BE RESUMED

British-Owned Pacific Line Gives Out Announcement.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—According to announcement received today from the offices of the Union Steamship Company in Vancouver, B. C., by the San Francisco agent of the company, its service between Vancouver, Honolulu, Fiji and Australia immediately will be resumed.

The line, which is British-owned, ceased operations shortly after war was declared between Great Britain and Germany, owing to the presence of German war vessels on the Pacific.

KAISER READY FOR TRUCE

Pope's Christmas Suggestion Acceptable, if Allies Agree.

BERLIN, by wireless telegraph to Sayville, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Among the news items given out by the German official press bureau today were the following:

"Immediately Germany received the suggestion of Pope Pius, the emperor, in the Christmas holidays, an affirmative reply was sent to the Vatican. The reply, however, was conditional on the acquiescence of all the other belligerents in the Pope's suggestion."

AMENDMENT IS DEFEATED

Charge of Felony Not to Bar Entrance of Immigrant.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Amendments to the immigration bill to bar aliens "charged with felonies" as misdemeanors, instead of conviction or admission of crimes involving moral turpitude, as provided in the House measure, were defeated today in the Senate, where debate on the bill continued.

Adolph Lewisohn, a New York banker, in a talk with President Wilson expressed his opposition to the literacy test.

TURKS TAKEN IN RUSSIA

Detachment Captured Shortly After Landing Near Odessa.

ODESSA, via Petrograd, Dec. 10.—A Turkish detachment of 25 men landed with horses at Bouras, a small port on the Black Sea, near Odessa. The Turks struck inland and were captured four miles from Tarutino, Bessarabia. They were disarmed and taken to Tarutino.

The Province of Bessarabia is in southeastern Russia, adjoining Roumania. Tarutino is a German colony of about 4000 inhabitants.

HOP CONTRACTS ARE MADE

Growers at Santa Rosa, Cal., Subscribe Liberally for Stock.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—A branch of the California Hop Growers' Association met at Santa Rosa today, where the growers subscribed liberally for stock and made hop contracts. Other meetings in the Sacramento Valley and Mendocino County are arranged for next week to complete organization. The Washington Association today reported satisfactory progress.

CAUCUS TO LIST BILLS

Right of Way for Appropriations Recommended by Steering Committee—Immigration Law Seen.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Democrats of the Senate will meet in caucus Saturday to frame a legislative program for this session of Congress, with a view to assuring completion of necessary legislation by March 4 in order to avert the necessity for an extra session to usher in the 64th Congress.

Decision to hold the caucus was reached at the conference at the Democratic steering committee late today, attended by Senators Kern, O'Gorman, Hoke Smith, Thomas and Owen. The steering committee discussed matters to be recommended to the caucus. One recommendation will be that appropriations bills be given the right of way and rushed with all possible expedition.

The Government ship purchase bill, conservation measures and the Philippine immigration bill, although not mentioned in the party leaders' recommendations, several Senators said, would be passed within a few days in all probability. Some Senators are understood to be pressing the party leaders to include in the legislative programme various other measures not generally contemplated, and these will be brought up in the caucus.

Czar Loses 60,000 Officers.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—The Russian Imperial Army is told War Must Go On Until Object Is Secured.

BERLIN, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y., Dec. 10.—The German official press bureau gave out the following today:

"Emperor William has told deputations of the Russian, Austro-German army that the war must be carried on until long-lasting peace is secured."



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