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GREAT BATTLE RAGING NEAR WARSAW AUSTRIANS ARE VICTORS IN SILESIA

BERLIN CLAIMS FOUR STEAMERS SUNK BY MINES **GREAT VICTORY OVER RUSSIANS** RAIDERS LEFT

Russian Offensive Against Silesia and Posen Said to Have Broken Down -In Poland, Czar's Army Claimed in Retreat-Warsaw Reports Great Battle in Progress at Sochaczew.

LONDON, Dec. 17 .- One of the greatest victories of the war is claimficial statement contains these words: the territory covered yesterday by esia and Posen has completely broken vessels scattered mines to cover their down. In the whole of Poland the enemy was forced to retreat after

and is being pursued everywhere." Berlin speaks confidently of the situation in the east and states that the Austrians have achieved their actual successes against the Russians in West Galicia.

Conflicting Reports

Belgium and northwestern France, is definitely, the subject of conflicting claims.

The German war office announces try assaults and that at other points to the south and east the artillery of the allies has done effective work.

Great Battle Raging

WARSAW, vin London, Dec. 17, 4:20 p. m .- A great battle is in progreas at Sochaczew, thirty miles west don, 1:32 p. m .- The steamer Prinof Warsaw. The German wedge, cess Olga, bound for Aberdeen, Scot-

Merchant Vessels Perish Off English Coast in Territory Covered by German Warships Yesterday-Names of Two Ships Unknown and Crews Perish-Other Crews Rescued.

SOUTH SHIELDS, England, Dec. 17 .- Four steamers were sunk by ed today by Germany. The Berlin of. mines off the east coast of England in "The Russian offensive against Sil- the raiding German warshops. These retreat.

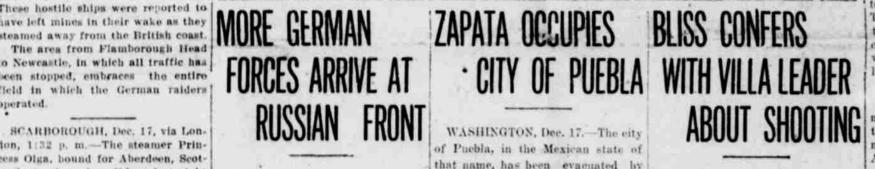
Only two of these vessels has so Derce and stubborn frontal battles, far been identified. One is the steamer Elterwater. Twelve of her crew A semi-official statement from were saved, but seven lost their lives. The casualties on the other ships have not yet been determined, but it is reported that the crew and passengers of the passenger vessel were seen taking to their boats.

The admiralty has announced that The great battle in the west, which all traffic between Flamborough Head is being carried on most fiercely in and Newcastle has been stopped in-

Flamborough Head is about twenty miles down the coast from Scarborthat the allies have made new atacks, ough, one of the points bombarded but they have been beaten back with yesterday by the German cruisers. heavy losses. The French statement These hostile ships were reported to says that several German trenches in have left mines in their wake as they Belgium have been captured by infan- steamed away from the British coast. The area from Flamborough Head to Newcastle, in which all traffic has been stopped, embraces the entire field in which the German raiders | operated.



The day of the flying destroyer is here. A new flying machine called the "aeroplane chaser," is being used accessfully by the British to clear the air of aeroplanes.



THE FLYING DESTROYER TO PREY ON WAR AIR GRAFT. DARING RAIDERS **AUTO BANDIT** ESCAPED FROM HOLDS UP BANK BRITISH FLEET OF

> Reached Helgoland Safely-Raid Upon Unfortified Towps Arouses Britain - Second Raid Expected and Prepared For.

LONDON, Dec. 17, 10:35 a. m .---The crippling of telephone and telegraph wires by the bombardment yescoast of England by German cruisers, about these towns by the police and military authorities made it impossible even today, more than twentyto obtain more than an approximate later being wounded himself. estimate of the civilian dead and wounded.

Whitby casualties at two dead and two wounded. Of the Hartlepool

casualties, seven of the dead were soldiers, while of the wounded, fourto 150 persons. This does not include the slightly wounded civilians who bandaged their own hurts and left town on the first trains.

England is Aroused

German Cruisers Supposed to Have One Cashier Wounded, Another Shot At, and Robber Captureu After Duel With Policeman in Which He Is Wounded-Officials Follow In Automobile-\$8000 Secured.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 17 .- An automobile bandit believed to have been operating alone, terrorized the west terday of three ports on the east side business section today, robbed two banks within a radius of ten together with the precautions thrown blocks, shot and seriously wounded the eashier of one bank, shot at the cashier of the other and finally was four hours after the shelling of Sear- captured after a revolver duel with borough, the Hartlepools and Whitby, | three policemen, one of whom he shot,

It is known that the robber obtained \$8000 in the first bank, the West According to an official statement, End branch of the Provident Savings fifty-five persons met death in the Bank & Trust Co., and the officials Hartlepools, while 115 were wounded. | of the Liberty Banking & Savings At Scarborough 17 dead and 30 company, the second bank robbed, bewounded was the toll. Both official lieve that the amount he obtained and unofficial estimates place the there will run into thousands when a check is made.

Police Follow in Auto.

The police in another automobile followed the bandit, picking up his teen men belonged to the military. trail after the second robbery. The The maximum of wounded is close on | policeman, who was shot, and the robber were removed to a hospital. but the physicians in attendance said they were unable to say how serious the wounds might be.

There were several persons in each Bristling with wrath and resent- bank at the time of the robheries, but nent at this attack on unfortified the promisenous use of the bandit's towns, England is astir today as revolver held them in check. At the never before since war was declared. branch of the Provident bank the rob-Another raid is confidently expected, ber scaled an eight-foot screen, fired

which is proceeding in a southeasterly direction from How, has managed, after heavy fighting in which serious losses are reported, to have been inflicted, to establish a quarter of a mile west of Sochaezew. The Polish campaign now centers at that point. The German column was met at

Sochaczew by fierce resistance on the part of the Russians. The fighting was extremely severe, at points leading to hand-to-hand encounters. Artillery fire on both sides was heavy and continuous. German aeroplanes are constantly circling over the town.

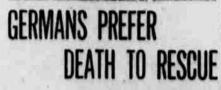
Reinforcements oured In

Reinforcements are being poured in rapidly on both sides. The Russians are bringing in troops by highway and by the railroad from Warsaw. The Germans are moving forces from the region about Lodz.

Notwithstanding the conflicting nature of reports concerning the charneter of the German operations, it is evident that their maneuvers, which, according to some reports, include as many as fve army corps are being conducted along a line to the north of Lowiez.

BERLIN, Dec. 17, by wireless .-The first actual successes by Austrians against the Russians in the last few days appear to have been achieved in West Galicia. Here the Russians, according to advices here LODGE INTRODUCES from the zone of hostilities, have been attacked simultaneously from two

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PETROGRAD, Dec. 17, via London, 4:10 p. m .- It was officially annonneed today the steamer Derentie, of the German Levantine line, was found navigating off the Turkish coast near Kerazunt and was sunk by a Russian warship after all on board the merchantman had been ordered to leave. Only two Turkish officers and twelve soldiers obeyed the order, and the others went down with the ship. Kerazunt is a seaport of Asiatic Turkey, seventy miles west of Trebizond on the Black Sea.

land, struck a mine off here last night and went down. Eighteen of the crew landed in their own boats.

The British steamer Princess Olga was a coaster of 438 tons and 186 feet long and was built in \$901. The Elterwater also was a small coaster 743 tons, 255 feet long and built in 1907.

SHORTAGE IN RAGS

CAUSED BY WAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- Possis tive corps, the withdrawal of which bility of a shortage in rags due to the from the Servian front led to disaster European war today led the joint there.

congressional committee on printing ARREST NATURALIZED to reduce the amount of rag paper it plans to buy for the year beginning next March for the government printing office.

According to specifications agreed apon, the big government printing shop will use \$1,000,000 worth of paper next year. Sealed bids for furnishing this paper will be received on January 25, and the award made February 1.

ARMY INCREASE-BILL A

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- Senator Lodge today introduced a bill embodying Secretary Garrison's plan for increasing the aggregate mobile army to full strength for 1000 additional officers and for the discharge of soldiers after eighteen months' service in the regular army to constitute an army reserve.

SEATTLE EVENING SUN **OFFERED FOR SALE**

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17 .- The receiver of the Seattle Evening Sun, who is continuing its publication, prints an advertisement offering the paper for sale. Failing to effect a A police sergeant and a policeman two hospitals were rushed to the close the affairs of the company.

LONLON, Dec. 17, 7:28 a. m .- The Carranza forces and now is held by

grad understands that three addi-Russian front, making altogether parting.

nine corps which have reached Field Marshal Von Hindenburg within a able, he said, to send two corps to Hungary while retaining twenty corps on the Polish front.

it appears that 170,000 Austro-Gerand neighboring passes in the Carpathian mountains. The Austrian contingent, he says, include three ac-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.-Special month. The Germans were thereby Agent Canova, reporting to the state department today from Mexico City.

said Provisional President Gutierrez had not only issued a decree stopping The Times correspondent adds that political executions, but had promised to punish any officials responsible for mans already have crossed the Dukla unwarranted executions so far. Canova reported that executions, of which there had been a great number, had diminished.

> The latest word from General Carranza warning his commanders at Naco to avoid firing into American

territory.



Sunderland, a short distance north of ATHENS, Dec. 17, via London, the English coast towns which were

a dispatch published by the Exchange concentrated Sunday on the coast of today in a dispatch from Mytilene. the Gulf of Saros, the arm of the Details are lacking.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- Brigareached the German armies on the burned the railroad station before de- ported to the war department today at work, while in London plans to or- revolver. with General Ramirez, military seere- way.

tary of General Maytorena, the Villa sieging General Hill's Carranza troops.

undertook to communicate the repre- might impede military movements. sentations to Mayortena.

The wardepartment has not made public the details of General Bliss' report but Secretary Garrison declared it disclosed that the conference was harmonious and that General Bliss did not make threats as to what he would do if his warnings were unheeded. No mention was made of any further line yesterday which regarded as an encouraging sign.

bombarded by the Germans yesterday, 11:47 a. m.-A British squadron has Aegaen Sea north of the Dardanelles. were arrested over night, according to bombarded Turkish troops who had This information was received here

and the entire machinery of home de- at Edward Hughes, cashier, grabbed fense has been put into motion. On \$8000, backed slowly to the door and correspondent of the Times in Petro- Zapatistas. A report to the state de- dier General Bliss, commanding the the east and the southeast coast of escaped in his automobile, followed pariment today says Carranza troops troops on the Mexican border, re- England, emergency committees are by a fusillade of shots from Hughes'

that he conferred at Naco yesterday ganize a national guard of men too old for military service are under up his trail, but had lost it when they learned of the second robbery, which

Although to the British mind a raid was carried in practically the same commander of the Mexican forces he- on London seems remote, yesterday's manner as the first. At the second episode drove home the realities of bank the bandit shot and probably war as little else could. Arrangements seriously wounded George Winters, Ramirez was told by General Bliss have been made at Deal and Dover to cashier,

what was expected of the Maytorena expedite the removal of the civilian The bandit had rented a room yesforces in shaping their operations population in case of an attack, terday in a West Ninth street apartagainst the Carranza forces so as to These measures are primarily to fore- ment house and the owner of the avoid danger to life and property on stall any panie or congestion on the apartment having read a description the American side of the line, and he railroads and thoroughfares which of the man, called the attention of the police to a similarity.

Return to Helgoland

In Shower of Shots

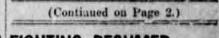
Three policemen called at his room, Steaming at high speed, the German raiders, barring mishap, should and upon opening the door were rehave reached their advance naval ceived with a shower of shots. Policebase off Helgoland some time after man Knaul fell wounded and the banmidnight last night, their trip requir- dit, jumping past the other two offiing about fifteen hours. Thirty cers, fled to the street, re-entered his hours out of port on such a venture automobile, which was standing in in mine-laden waters is a feat Eng- front of the honse and fled. His easualties on the Arizona side of the lish papers do not belittle, and in his flight proved unlucky for him, inasheart every Englishman hopes that it much as he crashed into a pole will be essayed again, and if neces- rounding the first corner and wrecksary again, until the call is paid once ed the machine.

He extricated himself from the too often. wreckage and started to run, but the It is presumed that behind them the German eruisers strewed mines, so a officers by that time were close to fleet of trawlers is now out engaged him and after an exchange of shots the bandit fell. in the precarious task of sweeping. Physicians at the hospital said

The belief is general that the Gernans in this expedition had the able (Continued on page two.)

probably both Policeman Knaul and the bandit would die. Both were shot four times.

The police after comparing a pho-



OUT RANK GARRISON FIGHTING RESUMED **BY CARRANZA FORCES**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.-Interment of twenty-two officers and 355

possession in the Ladrone archipelago, makes the foreign force there nearly equal numerically to the American guard, which consists of about 400 marines.

The question of the transfer of available.

NACO, Arizona, Dec. 17 .- The Carranza garison of Naco, Sonora, opened fire with artillery at daylight today upon the entrenchments of the Maytorena besiegers. The evident effort to provoke a reply from Maytorema failed up to 9 o'clock. Millhowever, believed Maytorena ultimately would be forced to renew the interchange of shots.

the house was filled with a matinee thetheater. The scene of the lion hurt about the head by another lion

LION HUNI ON THE STREETS OF

subdued. the street. It was killed in a tene- ended.

Telegraph company.

two policemen and severely injured seriously wounded while half a dozen knocked down the proprietor who both of them. The other four lions policemen were firing at the lions. were cornered in the theater build- Two other men, names unknown. a woman. The woman, too, was ing and driven back to their cages. also were shot. Ambulances from knocked down.

sale, the receiver says he will sus- were shot, the former seriously, by theater, pend publication of the paper and bullets intended for the llons. Two One of the llons was brought to bay more policemen blazing away at it. for a large force at Guam were not

men, it was reported, also were shot. in the lobby of the theater, Angered This lion was killed.

was staged in the streets of New York than a hundred were knocked down by bullets, the lions attacked the policemen who were firing at them. GERMANS INTERNED this afternoon. Five lions which es- in the wild stampede to reach the Policeman James Craig was caught caped from the stage of the Eighty doors when the lions walked off the by one of the beasts which chewed his left hand. Sixth street theater at a time when Two hospitals sent ambulances to Policeman Edward Hegney was

audience, were attacked by scores of hunt. East Eighty Sixth street near and was shot in the right hand by policemen with revolvers and finally Lexington avenue, was the center of one of his companions who sought to

a throng that numbered tens of drive the heast away. Only one of the llons escaped to thousands before the chase finally One of the llons reached the street Cormorant at Guam, the American

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 .--- A lion hunt | Dozens of women fainted and more | by bullets, the lions attacked the

ment house, after it had attacked Police Sergeant Glynn was shot and gallery. As it entered the room it

and made its way to a photograph

was in the act of taking a picture of

The lion then went upstairs to the these internes to a less remote quar. tary observers on the American side,

tenements above, with twelve or ter was suggested today as facilities