

## ALLIES ASSUME OFFENSIVE IN NORTHERN FRANCE

### BRITISH HAD SMALL LOSS IN SOUTH ATLANTIC FIGHT--TWO OTHER SHIPS HAVE BEEN SUNK

#### ALLIES BEGIN GREAT ATTACK-- DIXMUDE REPORTED RETAKEN

THE ALLIES SUCCEEDED IN FORCING GERMANS TO FALL BACK--ARE  
FORCING THEM INTO A POSITION OF GREAT  
DANGER.

(Special to The Daily News.)  
London, Dec. 10.—The Allies' line between Ypres and the sea is steadily pressing back the German right and progress, though slow, is steady. Especially is this true about Ypres and Dixmude, in spite of the bombardment of the Germans with heavy guns northwest of the forest of Routhulet.

It is rumored at Bruges that the Allies have taken Dixmude, a town five miles southeast of Bruges. This is unconfirmed, but if true it would be a substantial gain effected on the left side since the entrenched German position was the Yser. Hand-to-hand fighting is going on for forty-eight hours in this region without intermission and the British and French are steadily forcing the Germans back to a position of great danger.

Paris, Dec. 10.—(Official.)—In the Aisne region yesterday the German artillery showed increased activity but was mastered by the heavy guns of the French.

In Rheims region, the heavy French pieces compelled the Germans to evacuate several trenches. The evacuation was carried on under the Allies' infantry fire.

In the Argonne region the Allies continue to make progress, having repulsed six counter-attacks with complete success.

#### GERMAN MERCHANTMEN SUNK BY THE ALLIES

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Buenos Ayres, Dec. 10.—Three German merchantmen were sunk off the coast of Terra Del Fuego. Information was contained in a wireless to the Minister of Marine from the commander of the Argentine war transport Piedra Buena.

#### RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT WARNS NEUTRAL SHIPS

(Special to The Daily News.)  
London, Dec. 10.—The Russian government has notified all neutral ships that military reasons compel the placing of mines off the Russian and Turkish coast ports of the Black Sea. Neutral shipping must proceed at its own risk.

#### TERMS TOO STRENUOUS.

Russian Demands on Austrians  
When Latter Wanted Peace.

Berne, Dec. 10.—A dispatch from Prague says that after the fall of Lemberg, Austria tried to open negotiations for peace with Russia.

They were broken off, however, in the face of Russian demands, which were the cession of Galicia to the proposed Polish kingdom, the cession of Bosnia to Serbia, the constitution of the empire on a federal basis, the grant of autonomy to Bohemia and Croatia and the rupture of the alliances with Germany.

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#### MANY CIVILIANS KILLED BY SHELLS

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Petrograd, Dec. 10.—Public buildings and private houses in great numbers were destroyed in the fortnight's bombardment of Lowicz, in Russian Poland. The people sought safety in cellars but scores were killed and wounded. Many were killed in attempting to escape from the town.

#### GOOD-BYE TO TIGHT SKIRTS.

Fashion's Decree for Next Year  
Will Call for More Cloth.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 10.—Women are not going to wear tight skirts any more. Such is fashion's decree for next spring and summer. The makers of American styles for women have decided upon that one point and are going to confirm their decision at the twenty-fifth semi-annual convention of the National Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Association, which opens here tomorrow.

#### TO OUR PATRONS.

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If the pessimist thought very much of himself he would not be at odds with the rest of the world.

The widow who remains long a widow is very indifferent or very unwidowlike.



#### JOIN THE MOVEMENT.

It is no use to try to reduce the cost of living unless the people are willing to take advantage of it when it comes. This being the heart of the fishing business, fish diet will naturally be reduced to the minimum price. The trouble, however, is that the commonest article of diet is usually despised and consequently as every district despises what it has most abundantly the cost of living keeps on going up. The reason why the bountiful article of diet is despised is because people do not take the trouble to find out how it is best served. Few people understand how to serve a fish dinner in its perfection or to give sufficient variety in order to prevent a sameness. The Department of Marine and Fisheries has prepared a little booklet on "Fish and How to Cook It," and they have sent a number of these to the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Company, Limited, for distribution. Five hundred of them are placed today with the local fish retailers and a copy can be had for the asking. Get a copy and help the movement to reduce the cost of living.

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#### CZECH REGIMENTS DESERT AUSTRIANS

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Geneva, Dec. 10.—A Prague dispatch says that four Czech regiments serving against Serbia revolted on the battlefield. This news has created a deep impression in Vienna.

#### DEATH PENALTY IS PAID BY CHINESE GRAFTERS

Pekin, Dec. 10.—Wang Chih-Hsing, ex-president of Shuntienfu, the Metropolitan district in which Peking is situated, has been executed by shooting because of bribery and corruption—for selling offices under him and accepting "squeeze." Wang Chih-Hsing held the military rank of lieutenant general.

The case has caused great excitement in political circles in China, especially because General Wang was a personal friend of Yuan Shi Kai. It is reported that the President sent an emissary to the family of the general, informing them of his regret at having to fulfill the law in order to stamp out corruption, and of his intention to provide for the maintenance of the family.

Many minor officials also have lost their lives because of dishonesty, and opium smokers continue to die at the hands of the soldiers. The government of the important province of Kansu has been dismissed from office because he did not believe in the sincerity of the President when recently orders were issued that the time-honored custom of sending rich gifts to the emperor on the anniversary of his birthday was not to be followed in the case of the President.

#### SLIGHT LOSSES BY BRITISH IN SOUTH ATLANTIC FIGHT

ONLY EIGHTEEN MEN KILLED IN THE FIGHT--SOUTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON WAS RECENTLY STRENGTHENED  
—JAPANESE FLEET WAS NOT PRESENT.

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Tokio, Dec. 10.—The British Admiralty report to Japan tells that the British lost eighteen men killed in the naval battle off Falkland Island in the South Atlantic. The British South Atlantic squadron, according to information received here recently, was reinforced by several vessels bearing heavy guns. As there is no word

from the Japanese warships, it is presumed they did not take part in the action.

**British in Chase**  
Montevideo, Dec. 10.—A wireless message indicates that the German cruisers Dresden and Nurnburg are closely pursued by the British. They are making for the port of Santa Cruz, Patagonia.

#### TWO MORE GERMAN SHIPS SUNK-- THE BRITISH CHASE SUCCESSFUL

OFFICIALLY REPORTED THAT NURENBERG WAS SUNK AND  
BUENOS AYRES SAYS DRESDEN WAS SUNK  
ALSO BY BRITISH.

(Special to The Daily News.)  
London, Dec. 10.—An Admiralty report announces officially that the German cruiser Nurnberg

was overtaken and sunk by the British fleet in the South Atlantic. Buenos Ayres reports say that the Dresden was sunk also.

#### GOOD WORK BY LADIES' MUSICAL CLUB

The Ladies' Musical Club has purchased seventy-four cases of salmon with the proceeds of their concert. The G. T. P. is shipping the salmon free to Vancouver, whence it will be forwarded to Belgium for the relief of the sufferers.

#### BLOW UP A TUNNEL.

Coming of Russians to Aid of Serbia Will Be Impossible.

Amsterdam, Dec. 10.—The great tunnel near Tychetchar Tekija has been blown up by dynamite, thus severing communication between Serbia and Roumania, according to advices from Nish, Serbia to the Rotterdam Gaurant.

The passage of Russian transports along the Danube, the dispatch states, has therefore become impossible.

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#### THE WEATHER.

Compiled by F. W. Dowling, Observer.

Barometer ..... 30.069  
Max. temp. .... 39.0  
Min. temp. .... 29.0

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#### COMOX AVENUE THEFT-- TRIAL OF REX VS. HARRIS

Ingenious Schemes for concealing Money--Dollar Bills Sown in Buckle.

The theft case of Rex vs. Harris—the last criminal case to come before the Assizes was called this morning at 10:30.

Messrs. W. E. Fisher and A. M. Manson acted for the Crown, and Mr. L. W. Patmore for the defence.

The following jury was empanelled: Douglas Sutherland, foreman; O. J. Kirkpatrick, M. M. Wells, Phil McDonald, F. E. Clapp, F. W. Renworth, J. A. Edwards, J. J. Walsh, Wm. Blane, H. W. Tooker, Geo. M. Shirley and Lachlan McDonald.

Mr. Fisher, for the Crown, gave an outline of the case. The charge was that Lily Harris had stolen \$728 from Daisy Lee while living in her house on Comox Avenue. The accused told one of

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