# BATTLESHIP FORMIDABLE SUNK BY A SUBMARINE IN CHANNEL 600 MEN PERISH; 150 SAVED

British Vessel Torpedoed Fore and Aft by Germans Say Men Whom Trawler Picked Up

#### FRENCH TELL OF PROGRESS IN VOSGES AND ARGONNE

Austrians.

London.—German naval warfare AUSTRIAN RETREAT once more succeeded in getting home on the British fleet, when, in the height of a heavy gale in the English Cossacks Are Pursuing Austrians Into Channel, the battleship Formidable was struck either by a mine or a submarine torpedo and went down with more than 600 of her crew.

The Daily Chronicle states that sur vivors of the battleship report that the vessel was torpedoed both fore Warsaw and confining operations to and aft, and sank almost immediately, giving the crew hardly time to escape. The official announcement from the

Press Bureau reads merely as follows: "The battleship Formidable was sunk in the Channel, but whether by a mine or a submarine is not vet cerpicked up by a British light cruiser, favor of Russia. Scanning the German and it is possible that others may and Austrian official reports and have been rescued by other vessels." checking these with the statements of

This expressed hope was partly ful- the Russian General Staff, the followfilled later in the day, when the trawi- ing situations in the eastern theatre er Providence made port in Tor Bay, of war are apparent: bringing with her seventy additional members of the rormidable's crew, 600,000, massed from the junction of making the total saved out of 750, the lower Vistula and the Bzura to the region of Opoczno, has made no apso far as is known, 141.

The Formidable was more than fif- preclable progress in the last ten days teen years old, and in the age of in its effort to advance toward Wardreadnoughts had long outlived her saw. It has suffered staggering lossname. She was a 15,000-ton ship, and es in attempts to force the passage went into commission in 1899, being a of the Bzura and the Rayka, and 'to sister of the Irresistible and Implac- spearhead position is as far from War-

#### CAMPAIGNS EAST AND WEST. | Hindenburg could not go forward

London.-On the eastern battle when the combined German and Ausfront, the Austrians seem to be con- trian offensive was under full headtinuing their retreat toward Cracow way it is improbable that he can adand the Carpathians with the victori- vance now that the Russians are ous Russians hard on their heels, strongly on the offensive in southern while in Poland the German invaders Poland and in Galicia. are being vigorously attacked along an 80-mile line from Opoczno nor.h to the juncture of the Bzura with led by the Russian offensive west of the Vistula and are decidedly on the the Nida. A great Russian force is defensive. In this fighting both moving westward toward the Wolbron-Petrograd and Berlin claim the ad- Cracow line, and the movement is not vantage. In East Prussia the Ger only a fresh danger to Cracow and Simans report gaining ground agains the invading Russians.

Hot fighting continues at the Nor h Sea extreme of the western battle The effort of an Austro-German force line, where the little town of St. to turn the Russian left flank in this Georges, a couple of miles east of region failed with the defeat of Gen. Nieuport, is the bone of contention. Danki's army on the west bank of the Berlin now admits its capture by the Nida, and the statement of the Rus-Allies. The Allies claim to have ad sian General Staff that the Austro-Gery vanced a little to the north of Nieu- man army is now in full retreat toport. There is continuous fighting in ward Cracow indicates a very severe the Vosges and the Argonne, with the French reporting gains. Along the land. Aisne and in the Champagne region heavy artillery duels rage.

As usual, both Petrograd and Constantinople tell of victories in the Caucasus.

From Lisbon comes an official report that the Germans have invaded Angola and driven back the Portuguese troops. German attacks on Portuguese West Africa have been reported several times before, but have always been denied by Berlin.

#### GERMAN FLIERS RAIN

BOMBS ON CHANNEL PORT. drive toward Warsaw. London.-The Daily Mail's corre-

spondent at Dunkirk telegraphs; In answer to our raid on Cuxhaven German aeropianes raided Dunkirk, ter the fashion of Napoleon, interposdropping bombs all over the town. A ing themselves by swift marches befleet of four aeroplanes flew several tween scattered Austrian forces and times across the city, dropping bombs crushing them one by one. It is reon each journey. The soldiers in the ported from Petrograd that the Ausstreets replied with a vigorous rifle trian loss in prisoners is fully 30,000 fire, but the aeroplanes sailed calmly and that in the battles from December on. One seemed to have been hit, for 18 to December 26 the troops of Franit turned its head and descended sev. cis Joseph suffered a loss of fully 40. eral hundred feet before righting ftself, but it got away safely.

No sooner did one aeroplane seem pathians and is marching on Cracow. to be departing than another arrived. The whole city crackled with the noise of the rifle shots and bombs which threw up dense clouds of black smoke. Buildings and windows were smashed in all directions. The tramway lines were cut clear through in one place.

The first bombs fell in the fortifications. Two more landed near the railway station. Others fell in the Rue Caumartin, in the kitchen of the military hospital near the town hall, in the Rues Pierre and Nieuport, near the arsenal and in the suburb of Ros-

Factory districts in Coudekerque and Furnes also suffered. Many were wounded in these places. The arm of a child was blown off. An old woman was killed outright, her body dreadfully disfigured. The bombs were filled with shrapnel which pitted the walls of buildings.

The official returns estimate the casualties at 15 killed and 32 wounded.

#### TO WEAR COTTON UNIFORMS.

Experiment in England May Mean

Much to the Industry. London.-Thousands of recruits in the North of England Territorial Association soon will be wearing suits of cotton, khahi as overalls over the ordinary clothing until equipped with woolen uniforms for service at the front in France.

This is an experiment sanctioned by the War Office, and, if successful, will be important to the Laucashire cotton

BECOMES ROUT

Carpathians.

London.-Russian military critics

The news from Petrograd is ac-

cepted here with some reserve, but

English critics see in the developmen's

Marshal von Hindenburg's army of

saw as ever, thirty miles west. Mili-

German Centre Imperilled.

lesia but may develop into a turning

movement for the purpose of cutting

Von Hindenburg's communications.

ow to the whole German plan in Po-

Southward in Galicia, along the

Dunajec and Biaia rivers, the situa-

tion is even more ominous for the

hopes of the Germanic allies. In west-

ern Galicia and along the Carpathians

the Austrians under Gen. von Boehme-

Ermolli have suffered the fate which

overtook Von Auffenberg and Dankl

early in September, when their forces

were shattered by the Russians. The

Austrians poured a great army

through the Carpathians for the pur-

pose of crumpling the Russian left

wing and assisting Von Hindenburg's

The Russians were prepared for the

move and dealt with the Austrians af-

'000 in killed and wounded. Russia

again controls the passes of the Car

western Gallcia and are again rush-

ing forward over the Hungarian

reception to the Diplomatic Corps

in Paris said he believed the war

would end with victory for the Allies

The number of Austrians in retreat is

From the mass of more or less con-

tradictory news emanating from the

eastern war zone, it seems that the

Germans are not making any rea!

Announcement of creation of six Brit-

ish armies showed that Kitchener's

volunteers had been merged with

the regular forces, and indicated

that 800,000 British solders would

Foreign statisticians compute that the

first five monthms of war have cost

the nations engaged a total of 6,000,-

had abandoned the attempt to cap-

ture St. Georges in Flanders and

said that the British artillery fire

had destroyed the village and that

Berlin announced that German forces

headway toward Warsaw.

soon be at the front.

it had been flooded.

000 men and \$7,000,000,000

President Poincare at his New Year's

WAR NEWS

PITH OF THE

within this year.

placed at 175,000.

plains.

The German centre is now imperil-

tary observers point out that if Von

MONDAY.

War at a Glance

Renewal of the German offensive in Poland, reported from Petrograd, is said to be developing in such a manner as to lead Russian military observers to believe that the Germans real goal is not so much Warsaw as Novo Georgiewisk and Ivangorod.

The Austrian retreat before the Russians in Bukowina has taken the character of a great rout, according to an official announcement at Petrograd. It is stated that during the past fortnight Gen. Radko Dimitrieff has captured 22,570 Austrians and 45 machine

guns. In spite of the bad weather which continues along nearly the whole of the western front, there has been heavy artillery and infantry fighting. without, however, materially changing the situation

assert that by the Russian New Year, January 13, Germany will be fighting An intimation that the British Govdesperately to defend her own fronernment contemplates the introduction tiers, and that all hope of capturing of conscription for increasing the army and navy was given by Thomas Russian territory has been destroyed J. MacNamara, Parliamentary Secreby the overwhelming defeat of the tary to the Admiralty, in a speech at

Capture by the Turks of Ardagan, a Russian fortified town in Transcaucasfa, is announced by the Turkish tain. Seventy-one survivors have been a very noticeable turn in the tide in War Office. The announcement also states that Turks, in conjunction with Persia tribesmen, defeated 4,000 Russians 10 miles northeast of Saonjbulak.

London reports receipt of dispatches indicating that the Balkan Peninsula may soon be involved in the war.

#### SUNDAY.

Four German Army officers were York on the charge of conspiring to use passports fraudulently.

The offensive movement of the Allies in Belgium and France has been changed to defensive because the German attack in reply to the advance has strongly developed.

The French statement indicates this change of plan. It recites a series of night attacks along the front. The assaults were in great force, but the claim is made that they were repulsed. Russia issued an "Orange" book.

Black Sea which preceded the conflict with Turkey. The Berlin statement of the fighting in Alsace and the Argonne conflicts with the Paris version.

giving in review the happenings in the

ourther ground has been gained in the aged men and women, suffered severe-Argonne, and specifically denies the ly from fright and exposure, and sevclaims of the French War Office that eral were partly overcome by smoke. half of the Alsatian village of Stein- Police, firemen and nurses assisted bach has been captured and that the them down stairways, fire escapes and French are making a further advance ladders, and while the building was there. The Paris announcement as burning they were cared for by nearserts that some of the territory lost to by residents. Later the majority of the Germans in the Argonne has been the inmates were taken to two city regained, and that three new lines of buildings and provided with mathouses have been occupied in Stein- tresses. bach.

The German military authorities say there have been no changes in the eastern campaign, except that the German attacks on the line west of Warsaw have made further progress.

With the arrival of 30 survivors of the battleship Formidable the total edy which occurred at Kilarm among saved now numbers 201. The British foreigners was due to a Black Hand Admiralty issued a statement saying Captain Loxley and 20 officers are men are held in jail as witnesses. For probably dead.

#### SATURDAY.

was sunk in the British Channel. Accials nere. The by-laws were written cording to an official statement at in a little store account book in a code London, it is not known whether the system. The book has not been fully disaster was caused by a mine or by translated, although experts are at a submarine. Only 150 members of work on it. Other murders in the last the ship's crew of 750 men are known several months, including two Amerito have been saved.

tions in Poland, according to an offi- gang. cial announcement at Berlin.

An official statement at Vienna says the Russians have developed great activity in Bukowina and the Carpathians.

The struggle for possession of Steinbach, in Alsace, costinues, the War Office at Paris claiming that the French are making progress foot by foot.

Dunkirk, on the north coast of France, was again bombarded by German aviators on Thursday. French Russians have burst through the Ausaviators bembarded the railroad statrian defensive arrangements in tions at Metz and Arnaville.

The belief that the year just begun will see the ending of the war was expressed by President Poincare in an address to the members of the diplo- Fourth Big Supply Measure Now Dismatic corps at Paris.

#### FRIDAY.

the Germans. French attacks west of the new year in a short session. Sennheim are declared to have broken down under the fire of German EVANGELIST PAYS HEART BALM. artillery.

According to the French official re port, French troops now occupy half of the village of Steinbach, and houseto-house fighting is in progress there, Over 30 French and British wgrships are engaged in bombarding Péla, here that he had settled for a money Berlin via Copenhagen.

(slands, which since 1899/has been held by Germany.

#### THURSDAY

Vienna admits the success of the Russians in Galicia, and says it has been necessary for the Austrians to vithdraw their forces along the entire eastern front and in 'he plain of

Turkish successes in the Caucasus are reported from Constantinople, via Berlin

An official announcement at Berlin admits that the Germans have been driven out of the village of St. Georges, in Belgium, south of Nieuport. The French statement says St. Georges has been violently bombarded by the Germans since its capture by the Allies, who are putting the position in a state of defense.

Seven German aeroplanes flew over Dunkirk, on the French coast, and dropped bombs.

#### WEDNESDAY.

A Berlin dispatch states that the French appear to be developing new activity along an extended line against Alsace and Sundgau, and that news of importance is likely to come from the Vosges at any time.

Confirmation of reports from Petrograd telling of the repulse of Austrian armies in Galicia comes by wireless from Berlin, the dispatch stating that the Russian force in that region has proved itself superior to its opponents and that the Austrians will be "compelled to make new dispositions."

Petrograd sends further word of Russian successes in Galicia, and says the Austrian retreat along the Lisko-Sabok-Dukla-Zmigred front is becoming more and more disorderly. An official announcement from the Russian general headquarters represents that in Poland the Russians are more than holding their own against the Germans.

Of the fighting in Poland the German War Office says that progress has been made by the Germans on the taken off an outbound steamer at New | Vistula, Brura and Rawka rivers, and that in the region south of Inowlodz strong Russian attacks have been repulsed

Loss of the French submarine Curie in Austrian waters is admitted by the French Minister of Marine.

#### FOUR PERISH IN FLAMES.

Another Inmate Of City Home At Cambridge, Mass., Badly Burned. Cambridge, Mass .- Four deaths and

the probable fatal burning of another inmate in the fire which trapped the occupants of the City Home while they were asleep was definitely established when the officials made a careful checking up of the register. Many The German communication says others among the 238 inmates, mostly

## BLACK HAND BY-LAWS FOUND.

Foreign Society Blamed For Murder At Kilarm, W. Va.

Fairmont, W. Va.-The triple tragsociety, it has developed. Twenty the first time in the history of the Black Hand society, so far as can be learned here, a copy of the by-laws of the organization was discovered. It The British battleship Formidable is in the possession of the county officans-E. M. Smallwood and E. Mars-A heavy mist is preventing all opera- tin-are attributed to the Black Hand

#### AISHTON SUCCEEDS DELANO.

Chicago Railroad Man Appointed On Industrial Commission.

Washington, D. C .- Richard H. Aishton, vice-president of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, has been chosen by President Wilson for the Federal Industrial Relations Commission, to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Frederic A. Delano, of Chicago, as a member of the Federal Reserve Board. Mr. Aishton has been an active railroader for many years.

## HOUSE PASSES POSTAL BILL.

posed Of.

Washington, D. C .- The annual Postoffice Appropriation bill, carrying Hard fighting in Upper Alsace is re- \$321,000,000 for the conduct of the ported in an announcement from the Postoffice Department during the next German War Office, which says that fiscal year, was passed by the House. house after house in Steinbach has For the first time in many years four been destroyed by French artillery, appropriation bills were disposed of but the village is still in possession of in the House before the beginning of

Settles \$50,000 Breach Of Promise Suit For \$10,000. Pittsburgh .- Homer A. Rodeheaver.

the evangelistic singer, announced the Austrian naval base on the consideration the \$50,000 breach of Adriatic, according to a report from promise action brought against him by Miss Georgia Jay, a Chicago British forces have occupied Bou- enographer. Mr. Rodeheaver regainville, the largest of the solomon fused to give the amount paid in the settlement, but it was said to be

# GAPTAIN WENT DOWN WITH SHIP

Stories Told by Survivors of Latest Happenings Gleaned the Lost Formidable.

Thirty-Four Other Officers Perished With the Captain-Portsmouth Chief British Naval Station.

London .-- Five hundred and seventynine men perished by the sinking of the British battleship Formidable in the English Channel on New Year's Day, according to the latest estimates. Of the crew of 780 men 201 were saved, a cutter, with 50 living aboard having reached land since the first casualty list was compiled.

Many of the survivors of the Formidable were landed at Brixham, Devon, others at Lyme-Regis, Dorset, which indicates that the disaster occurred at the western end of the English Channel, although the admiralty has not given the location, nor has it made a definite statement with reference to the real cause.

Survivors relate that the warship was struck above the magazine. The explosion was terrific, but the magazine was not reached. Had this also blown up the ship would have foundered without there being time to save anybody.

As the water rushed in the men on the Formidable hurried to the deck. They found that the vessel already had a heavy list to the starboard. The small boats were sent out. A cutter foundered and the men in her were drowned. A launch and a pinnace succeeded in getting away.

Albert Edward Cooper, master-atarms, one of the survivors landed at Lyme-Regis, said the explosion occurred between 1.30 and 2.30 o'clock in the morning. When he reached the deck the ship had begun to settle on the starboard side. Boats were launched and remained near the ship to pick up survivors, but some of the boats, which stood out about 20 yards, were swamped by wreckage.

The men were all scantily clad and suffered terribly from the cold during the 20 hours occupied in reaching

## MANY GOLD COINS MADE.

Mints Turned Out 4,194,112 Pieces During 1914.

Washington, D. C. - Gold coin amounting to \$53,457,817 in 4,194,112 December 31 last. The total coinage of all money was valued at \$61,750,-161.72 in 154.850,157 pieces. The silver coinage was valued at \$6,083,823. with 31,368,655 dimes leading in number. There were 80,568,432 1-cent pieces coined. Coinage for the Philippine Islands amounted to 6,975,000 pieces: for San Salvador, 7,000,080 pieces; Costa Rica, 859,425 pieces, and Ecuador, 2,500,000 pieces.

#### GERMANY GUARANTEES FOOD.

American Ambassador Joins Represen tation in Belgian Situation.

London.-A Reuter dispatch from The Hague says:

"It is authoritatively stated that the Netherlands Minister at Berlin, supported by the Spanish Minister and the American Ambassador, recently made representations to the German Government concerning the requisitioning of food in Belgium.

"The German Government imme diately gave assurances that as long as the inhabitants of Belgium were supplied with food from elsewhere no requisitioning of food would take

## HAWAIIAN WOMEN WANT VOTES.

Delegate From Island Introduces Bill In Congress.

Washington, D. C .- A bill to authorize the Legislature of Hawaii to extend the right of suffrage to women was introduced in the House by Delegate Kalanianolo. The measure would permit the Legislature to submit the question to a popular referendum.

#### PENNSY ASKS STEEL BIDS.

To Use 17,600 Tons For Bridge Construction in 1915.

Philadelphia. - The Pennsylvania Railroad Company asked the steel manufacturing concerns of the country to bid on 17,600 tons of structural steel for bridge construction during 1915. The company also asked for bids on 1,270 tons of steel for use in reinforced concrete work.

#### OFFERS COAST-DEFENSE BILL. Gardner's House Measure Would Add 8,000 Men.

Washington, D. C .- A bill to increase the coast artillery by \$,000 enlisted men, a measure identical with one by Chairman Chamberlain, of the Senate Military Committee, was introduced by Representative Gardner. who explained to the House it was in compliance with the recent statement of Brigadier General Weaver, chief of coast artillery, that the service was 566 officers and 10,386 men short.

# THE NEWS TOLD

From All Over the State.

#### MAGAZINE DID NOT EXPLODE LIVE NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Chester Business Block Suffers \$10,000 Blaze-Three Allentown Veterans Die-One Killed, Three Hurt When Sied Hits Bridge.

Thomas A. H. Hay was elected a. etary of the Easton Board of Trade to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Charles A. Morrison

Thieves paid a second visit to the home of H. E. Russell, Pomeroy, durng the absence of the family. Three weeks ago while the family was in Coatesville the house was entered and many valuables stolen.

Charles C. Eckert, L. E. Carroll and Anson McVey were probably fatally injured in a grade crossing accident near East Petersburg. They were driving in a covered wagon when struck by a passenger train.

James Cassido, thirteen years old. was arrested at Lancaster, charged with robbing the mails and passing checks. He is said to have admitted having a girl accomplice, but refused to divulge her name.

Governor Tener issued a death warrant for the electrocution of James Boyd, Philadelphia, during the week of March 1, at the New State Penitentiary. This is the second warrant of the kind to be issued.

Passengers on a Pennsylvania local were routed out of their seats in Steelton to help fight a fire which started in an express car. It was put out by the aid of some cans of milk which were confiscated by the train crew.

While coasting Leo Bartholomew, of Shenandoah, six years old, ran into an automobile, fracturing his right led and left arm. Joseph Irwin, eight years old, another coaster, was hit by a bobsled and hurled down a 25-foot embankment and probably fatally in-

Losing control of his sled on a steep hill Charles Lynn, seventeen, of North Berwick, failed to make a turn at a bridge and crashed head first into a fence post. He broke off the post and suffered a fractured skull, nose and pieces was minted by the United lacerations of the head and body. He is not expected to live.

Thomas Lynch, aged 60, president of the H. C. Frick Coke Company since 1896, died in his home at Greensburg. He entered the employ of the coke company as a clerk in 1870. Mr. Lynch was a trustee of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, and his company was one of the first large corporations to adopt the "safety first" movement

The annual harvest of the ice in Berks county, was started. One of the biggest crops is being taken from the dam on the County Home property. It is eight inches thick and is expected to yield 325 tons. At Friedensburg and other districts in the lower section of the county, ice average eight inches in thickness is being stored.

Edward Miller, aged nineteen years. of Trevorton, was killed in a coasting accident, and James Taylor, Arthur Brown and Carl Rusk, three other youths who were riding with him. were seriously injured, when the bobsled upon which they were riding crashed into a bridge. Miller, who was steering the sled. lost control. with the result that it crashed into an fron span on the side of the bridge.

A successful raid was made by yegg men at Emaus, when they blew open the safe of the postoffice and got away with about \$500. The plunder consisted of a little more than \$100 in eash and about \$400 in stamps. Unluckily for the thieves. Postmastes Richard W. lobst placed the bulk of his valuables, including stamps and money order business, said to have been about \$10,000, in the vault of the Emaus Bank.

Mrs. Cassandra Haack, of York. presented to each of her children a check for \$1,000 as a Christmas gift. Regularly every Christmas she pre sented each with a check for \$5, but this year they received in addition to the \$5 check one for \$1,000. The children are: Mrs. Ida I. Schaale, Lebanon. Pa.; Charles F. Haack, Mrs. Minnfe M. Spangler, Mrs. Clara E. Alexander Mrs. Sadie Reigart, Mrs. Margaret Drayer, Mrs. Anna Levenite and Miss. Grayce Haack, all of this city.

Three Civil War veterans died in Allentown, Daniel Bachman, retired carriage builder, who served in the One Hundred and Third Pennsylvania Volunteers, aged seventy-nine; Jacob J. Bookmiller, old-time iron worker. who served in the One Hundred and Thirty-second Pennsylvania Vol. unteers, aged seventy-seven, and Henry G. Wagner, who served in the One Hundred and Twenty eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, aged seventy-five. They were long-time friends and prominent in Grand Army