## EVENING LEDGER-PHIEADELPHIA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER TO, 1914.

TWO MORE GERMAN CRUISERS REPORTED CAUGHT AND SUNK BY BRITISH IN ATLANTIC WHOLE TURK ARMY

# **CZAR BEATS BACK GERMAN ADVANCE ON 50-MILE FRONT**

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Lowicz in Flames From Kaiser's Shells, But Furious Fight Near Mlawa Subsides - Lodz Victory Discounted.

### PETROGRAD, Dec. 10.

The Kalser's Poland army advancing on a fo-mile line from How, near Lowicz, to Glovno was repulsed with enormous lunnes, according to today's statement from the War Office.

The fury of conflict on the Miawa-Boldau line, whence the Germans are aiming a new drive on Warsaw, has subhabin.

Persistent attacks within 40 miles of Warsaw are admitted by the War Of-

Night attacks by the Germans in the battle now going on in the region about Lowicz, Poland, have been repulsed by the Russians. The German attacking columns were revealed by searchlights used by the Russians, and the assailing forces suffered serious losses, according to an official statement made today at the War Office.

Lowles is being bombarded by the Germans and part of the town is in fames. The Kaisar's troops are fighting to gain possession of the railroad between Glovno and Lowicz, but their attempts have re-sulted in failure thus far.

suited in failure thus far. The Russian military experts assert that the evacuation of Lodz by the Rus-sian troops, which was announced last night, will be of no benefit to the Ger-mans, because they will be unable to break the Russian lines east of Lodz. The campaign against Cracow has not yet reached a successful termination. Fichting is going on in Galleis south of

Fighting is going on in Galicia south of Cracow, with the opposing forces alter-nately taking the offensive.

### ALLIED FORCES SEIZE RAILWAY

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cessation of Russian advance in these regions.

Turkish forces, under Subhi Bey, ex-Governor of Basra, surrendered to the British after three days' fighting now hold the entire region along the Persian border. Kurna has been occupied by the British.

The German cruisers Nurnberg and Dresden, which escaped when the three warships were sunk by the British off Falkland Islands, are reported to have been caught and sunk. Admiral von Spee, German commander,

with the estimated loss of 2000 men and officers. The British squadron is each. commanded by Admiral Sir Frede-



WAR TREND FINDS GERMAN

tions against Russia. Petrograd estinates alx arms corps and five cavalry divisions, about 300,000 men, have been added to the German strength in Poland within the last fortnight. Part of this force is declared to have come from France and Belgium, hut Petrograd does not size the proportion. The gains the Alles are now making in Finders and conthern France fol-

one of the world's greatest manufactur-ing centres of war supplies. Not only is it the Belgian Essen, but it is also the munitions factory for many of Europe's multions factory for many of Europe's smaller countries. The Germans un-doubtedly have set all the furnaces and forges of Liege going at full speed. The supplies thus turned out are forming a spiendid supplement to the Krupp out-put, and yet the wastage of war is pre-venting the continuous arming of Ger-many's reserves. The gains the Alless are now making in Flanders and northern France, tol-lowing the long weeks of slow require-ments subsequently, mean a very con-siderable change in German strength. Of 300,000 reinforcements sent to Von Hin-denburg, probably one-half, and possibly more, have been withdrawn from the west. Whether the seasoned veterans can be returned to Belgium and France is a crucial matter for Germany. That Germany has had to divert troops from one frontier for work on the other means beyond any doubt the limit of supply of many's reserves. It appears now as if Germany were fast approaching the critical time of its double campaign. Hitherto the tactics of Frederick the Great, who held Europe

of records, the order, who hed subopt at bay by quick concentrations against isolated divisions of the enemy, have been followed by the German General Staff. It is becoming, however, more and more dangerous to continue these beyond any doubt the limit of supply of munitions has been reached. The official French estimates of Ger-many's present battle line strength, cou-

pled with German census figures, show there are probably a million men in Ger-many with military training apart from the untrained civilian population who tactics, because the enemy's strength is growing. For the first time eince the war started the German race back and forth between frontiers is beginning to the untrained civilian population who forth between fronti have not been sent to the front. When, make the men pant,

TWO GERMAN SHIPS CAUGHT AND SUNK

Continued from Page One the South Atlantic, are pursuing the Nurnberg and the Dresden, which escaped, although damaged, after the battle. It is officially stated that the Scharnhorst, the Gneisenau and the Leipzig were sent to the bottom and the loss if life is estimated at 2000 men and officers. Thus does Britain avenge the loss the South Pacific on November 1 of the Good Hope and the Monmouth, with Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock and the men of the two cruisers. The announcement of the victory was accompanied by an injunction to news-

papers to forego discussion of the possi ble formation of the British squadron since "other combinations may be effect-

#### NINE SHIPS IN PURSUIT.

There are believed to have been nine warships in the British fleet under Vice in the Tigris Valley. The British Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, which defeated the German fleet under Admiral Graf von Spee in the South Atlantic off Falkland Islands on Tuesday, with the loss of nearly 2000 lives. The battleship Canopus, which arrived

too late to take part in the engagement off Chili on November 1, when two English cruisers were sunk, is believed to have played a part in the sinking of the German armored cruisers Scharnhorst,

is believed to have gone down with his ship. Admiral von Spec's flagship, the Scharnhorst, with the Gneisenau and the light cruiser Leipzig were sunk, with the satimuted local states and the Breater and the Leipzig, 23.7 knots, and the Dresden and Nurnberg, which escaped, about 25 knots

SISTER SHIPS ENGAGED.

a displacement of 17,250 tons, which was

reported to have left her home base some time ago.

GERMAN MERCHANTMEN SUNK.

The Buenos Aires dispatch adds: "A wireless measure to the Ministry of Marine from the commander of the Argen-

tine war transport Piedra Buena says that three German merchantmen were sunk by either Britlah or Japanese men-of-war off the coast of Terra Del Fuego.

# ALLIES' OFFENSIVE, AIDED BY ARTILLERY THRUSTS BACK FOE

Undoubtedly this limit would have been reached before if Liege had not fallen into German possession. Liege is

Gains South of Arras and in the Argonne Claimed by French --- Crown Prince's Army Menaced.

## PARIS, Dec. 10

Slight gains by the Allies in the region of Le Quesnoy and Sandechy, south of Arras, and an increase in the violence of the artillery fire along the Aisne were reported in the official statement issued by the French War Office this afternoon. The French declare that in the Argonne their guns are showing superiority over the German artillery, while the infantry have taken several trenches and have

repulsed counter attacks. The capture of more German trenches between the Aire and Meuse Rivers by the French and the occupation of an im-portant piece of strategic railway line, oon which the army of the Crown Prince has been relying for a considerable por-tion of its supplies, are announced in un-official dispatches from the eastern end of the battle front.

of the battle front. S Heavy exchanges of artillery are re-ported from the remainder of the front, specially in west Flanders, where the French and British have advantages in position which offset the heavier calibre of the German ordnance.

The French have made a number of rischers in the Argone, where the fighting has been at close quarters for the possession of trenches commanding rick Sturdee. The Kaiser suffered a severe cough-ing attack. His condition is believed serious. Although the Admiralty has remained allent on the composition of Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee's fleet, it is under-stood that among the other shipe en-gaged egainst the Germans were the



# Battleships Since the War Began

The decisive defeat of the German naval forces under Admiral von Spes leaves the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans practically free to the commerce of the Allies. The Dresden and the Numberg, which "made off, but are being pur-sued," cannot long escape capture or destruction, with the powerful fleets of

sued, cannot long escape capture of destruction, with the powerful needs of the British and the Japanese in pursuit. This will leave the Karlsruhe and the auxiliary cruiser Kronpring Wilhelm still operating against merchantmen of British and French register in the Atlan-tic. Naval experts assume that the British fleet which disposed of Admiral von Spee will speedily overtake and vanquish those two vessels.

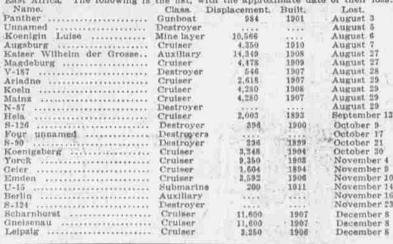
 Spee will speedily overtake and vanquish those two vessels.

 Then the Germans will be left without a war vessel in any water excepting the Baltic and their two Turkish cruisers in the Black Sea. The Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans will be open to the commerce of all the Atlast and the neutrals without a chance of interference by German cruisers, and all German commerce will be effectually swept from the seas.

 With the sinking of the cruisers, the Scharnhorst, the Gneisenau and the Leipzig, Germany has lost 28 warships of various classes since the war began. Of these 13 are cruisers, 10 destroyers, two auxiliary cruisers, one is a submarine, one a mine layer and one is a gunboat. Of the 28, two are interned—the Geler in Honolulu and the Berlin in Sweden—and the Koenigsberg is bottled up in East Africa. The following is the list, with the approximate date of their loss: Name.

 Class
 Displacement. Built.
 Lost.

 Panther
 Gunboat
 584
 1201





Prestige of English Naval Tigris and Euphrates Valley Power Restored by Result of Battle in South Atlantic, Says Expert.

### By A NAVAL EXPERT

BY A NAVAL SAFABA NEW YORK, Dec. 10. - With the de-struction of the armored cruisers Scharn-horst and Gneisenau and of the light cruiser Leipzig off the Falkland Islands ends the career of the main body of rovers that have given a new meaning to commerce destroying and compelied the admirations of the world to readings their admirables of the world to readjust their theories in regard to this important though secondary operation of war. The performances of the Emden have revealed the influence-large in the financial side, but greatest of all in its moral aspect-that such efforts have on an enemy. It

that such efforts have on an enemy. It shows besides this the errors into which most admiralities have drifted as to the possible functions of cruisers, moderate in displacement, high in speed and ample in coal capacity and endurance. Much sympathy has been wasted on the capturing of private property at sea, not only as first in descent from the forays of pirates, but as in direct antagonism to the laws of war on land. Even veteran seamen have been mialed by this altruism of peace, forgetting that a blow to the finances of a country and to its lines of communication is an offensive weapon of high value. As an American author has high value. As an American author has wisely said, property belonging to private individuals but embarked on the process of transportation and exchange is like money in circulation. It is the life blood of national prosperity on which war de-pends and as such is national in its em-ployment. To stop such circulation is to ployment. To stop site, or which war de-pends for its energy, and is a measure as truly military as is killing of men whose arms maintain war in the field.

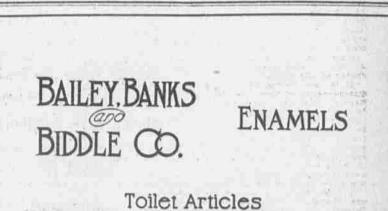
arms

Great Eritain has come to recognize this, and now the destruction and disin-tegration of the inrgest force of com-merce destroyers Germany has put affoat will be welcomed with unbounded satis-faction quite apart from the satisfaction of the amour progress organdered by a randered. of these operations amounted to one Brit-ish officer killed and three wounded, with 40 Indians of the rank and file killed and wounded.

of the amour propre engendered by a stand-up fight on the surface and in the open, where, as of old, the gallant gun has been the main weapon.

PARIS, Dec. 10.-"Crown Prince Fred-srick Wilhelm has taken command of the German troops along the Yser," says a Bound in the end to be picked up, al-ways facing desperate conditions that de-manded, desperate remedies, seamen the dispatch from Furnes. manded, desperate remedies, seamen the world over must unite in praising the in-trepidity and skill with which the Ger-man rovers carried out the duties in-trusted to them. On the other hand, when the wide expanse of sea that had to be covered and the will o' wisp conditions that had to be resolved, no less praise is the meed of the squadron which, under command of Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Studies has added in a mode did feath USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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Captured and Occupied by Invaders - Kurna Taken. British Losses Slight.

LONDON, Dec. 10. It is officially announced that Subhi Bey, late Governor of Basrs, Asiatic Tur-

key, commander of the Turklah forces at Kurna, yesterday surrendered unconditionally with his troops to the Indian expeditionary force, which is operating at the head of the Persian Gulf.

SEIZED BY BRITISH

IN PERSIAN FIGHT

the head of the Persian Guir. Kurna subsequently was occupied by the British, who are now in complete con-trol of the country from the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers to the sea, and of the richest part of the fertile

The Indian Office, in a dispatch describ-ing the operations of the British forces on

ing the operations of the British forces on the Persian Gulf, says: "A reconnolssance of the enemy's posi-tion at Kurna was made December 5 by Colonal G. S. Frazer with the 110th Mah-ratta Light Infantry. The enemy was en-countered on the left bank of the Tigris opposite Kurna. He was promptly at-tacked and driven across the river, losing heavily. Two guns and 70 prisoners, in-cluding three Turkish officers, were cap-tured.

"Kurna was found to be strongly held "Kurna was found to be strongly held by guns and infantry, and the British, inding no means of crossing the Tigris, withdrew to their original bivouat: "The following day reinforcements were sent from Bazia under Brigadier General Chastes Irayia Fry and captured Massera.

Charles Irwin Fry and captured Masera cleared the left bank of the Tigris and took three guns and 100 prisoners, includ-

"On December 3 the British crossed the river and the next day Subhi Bey sur-"The British casualties during the whole

CROWN PRINCE ON YSER

### **GERMANS SEIZE STRATEGIC** TOWN NORTH OF VISTULA

Taking of Przasnysz Marks Advance in New Move on Warsaw.

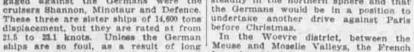
BERLIN, Doc. 10.

A German victory at Przasynsz, a town of Poland north of the Vistula River, resulting in the capture of that place and 600 prisoners, was announced here today.

The town was taken only after hot fighting to stop the German admance.

This victory is highly significant, as it marks a decided German advance in the new drive on Warsaw from the north. reported earlier this week.

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In the Woevre district, between the Meuse and Mozelie Valleys, the French service in tropical waters, that their speed has been greatly reduced, these Britishers will have some difficulty in overhauling the Droeden and Nurnberg. The British, however, probably have still faster cruisers in the South Atlantic. It is not unlikely that one of these is the Invincible, rated at 23.5 knots, and with

Meuse and Moselle Valleys, the French have been trying to operate the road to Conflars and to secure positions in the rear of the Germans, who ile along the east bank of the Meuse. Members of the staff of General Gal-lieni, the Military Governor of Paris, predict that the pressure of the Ailles at both ends of the line will soon cause a withdrawal of the German troops lying between the Oles and Asne Rivers. The between the Oles and Alam Rivera. The French Government feels secure. Presi-dent Poincare and Premier Viviani, who returned yesterday, assumed their ordi-nary routine of Government duties to-day. day.

**GERMANS PRESS FIGHT** the south have been checked in an at-FOR RAILROAD TO WARSAW tempt to reinforce the Russians in this

section, and the possession of this line by the Germans can only be followed by a retreat of the Russians. Check Russian Reinforcements in Action Near Czenstockoiva.

BERLIN, Dec. 10 While the German forces northward to ward the Vistula are continuing their ad-vance along the How-Lowicz-Lodz line, great interest is manifested here today Useful **XMAS GIFTS** Sensible IN LEATHER in the development of the fighting in the Traveling Bags, BRIEF CASES, TRUNKS, in the development of the fighting in the Piotrkow region. Owing to the numerical atrength of the Russians. It may be sev-eral days before further appreciable progress is reported by Field Marshai von Hindenburg in his main advance. In the Piotrkow region, the fighting is for possession of the railroad line between Warsaw and Czenstochowa. Troops from SUIT CASES, Umbrellas, Etc. Special Repair Dept. ARATA & CO. Trunk The Old Trunk Stand, Establish 118 S. 13th St.

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compressions point and the Ad-tity on having practically avcept the tiour of the example ships." research of congratulation was also iver to day from M. Augagement, other of Harins of France, by Winn-Churchill, Frugt Love of the firstlab

FRINCE OF WALES PROMOTED. Data 10.-The Prints former

Who Losse Heavily. NiBH, Dec. M. The Austrian aroot that Invaded Servia is betreasting in disorder bordering on paths, accounting to an official statement from Saturday since, when the Aus-trians retreated precipitately from the whole front, they bot 600 presences, incov mountable gues and vasi a senit-tion of supplies. The Austrian Resist-ance is almost complately broken. DIAMONDS Ming' perfint this ! WM. LAYCOCK

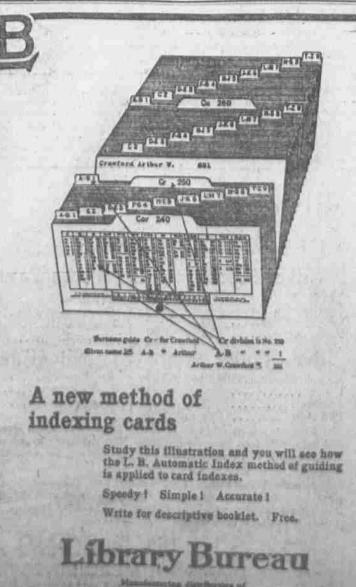
though strong runors have reached Lon-don that the Von der Tann slap is in the Bouth Atlantic. Also there may be one or two armed merchantmen which the Alles have not rounded up.

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