Leaving them to discuss the idea,

Hill fell to planning how best to ap-

proach Vanderpool. Why not go direct

to him at his office? Preposterous as

the notion seemed at first, the more he

thought upon it, the more plausible it

appeared. Was there not as good a

chance of finding out the truth in this

manner as in any other? Vanderpool

had agreed to his (Hill's) incarceration,

it was true, but the reasons for so

doing were strong, and his objections

had been overruled by the rest of the

gang with whom the asphalt magnate

had appeared to be associated. At any

was aware of the knowledge which he

ing under a search-light, so to speak,

the moment his escape was discovered.

On the whole, the notion seemed a

good one, for by its execution nothing

could be lost, while much might be

"And I think," he said aloud, "that

shall take Mr. Jones; he will make

"Merely that I am going out now.

Out from the dimness and dirt of

the back tenement, from the low-

roofed houses, degraded mansions of

an earlier day, out from the muck

unswept Greenwich into the roaring

canyon of commerce to the east, went

Hill, the little brown bear tagging

after, and joining with his master the

river of humanity that swept between

the towering cliffs of granite on either

hand; the strange, incomprehensible

towers, which stretched up, up, higher

than one at their feet could see, at a

single glance, any more than he could

grasp their significance with a single

thought. Before one of these build-

ing Hill paused, and assuring himself

At first there was difficulty with the

door-keepers on Mr. Jones' account,

but they were successfully persuaded,

and he passed them only to be balked

protest than that of the uniformed offi-

cial to cope with, for Mr. Jones flatly

"Just as well," murmured the paint-

wenty-oddth floor, and the offices of

found himself face to face with Iris'

midst of the market-place. Why?"

return frankness for frankness.

his pocket and spreading it upon the

fumbled at the black silk ribbon that

secured his eye-glasses, found and

adjusted them, and began to read the

the end, he went back and read it for

it upon his knee, sat looking at it in

"Well?" said Hill, desiring, at any

Hill merely pointed to the paper.

knowledge," lied Hill with a readiness

"Then this is a sort of blackmail?"

"Not at all!" cried Sam hotly.

beastly but would be a pretty strong

don't; to do so would be to defeat my

want is nothing more than some state-

cost, to come to the point.

"Yes."

"And she?"

"You love my daughter?"

United Asphalt company.

ened porter.

after me."

that it was that which he sought, be

gan maneuvers to gain admittance.

mother," responded Hill, rising forth-

me more conspicuous and, conse-

What's that?" queried Nita,

gained.

quently, safer."

The Impossible Boy

By NINA WILCOX PUTNAM

CHAPTER XVII-Continued.

My friends-my very good friends," heard it, prepossessed as they were bean Rowe slowly, tracing the table-hold designs with a stiletto, which, had just been made. in capacity of paper-cutter, lay at n engaged—a fact that we are ab- face. bed in to the exclusion of all else od righteous enterprise with his good stold you and it is true as far as our enterprise!" pes. But there is another and a seer interest which is the real mo-m behind his assistance, and which lying!" hown to me alone; more, without bilding out this interest as bait ing him eye to eye. him, there would be no money forth-

there was a moment of stupefied ist down upon the table resonantly. captain. What do you say! No revolution! n you trying to make fools of us, do you really hold such a secret? na, so playing, we are busy men!" broken at last by Thave made no exaggeration of the arose with a sigh. th senores," replied Rowe. "And it I take but little time to prove as th Let us speak of Senora Daussa!" "h! the brave and noble senora!" taimed the little officer fervently. whose interest in our cause gives the so much needed courage! me immense popularity will be of value to us!

Wait!" said Rowe. "Let me inform first of all, that the honored an knows no more of this revoin than this table does!"

ar interest! You have only my fler that," said Rowe. "You have -not one of you-spoken a single him alone. Me with her on the subject!" was too true. Save for that one mey, when little or nothing had

said, Senora Daussa's sympathy him. been taken entirely learsay, furnished only by Rowe

his is most extraordinary!" exthe captain in bewilderment, utes," she said, "and I have heard evyou please to explain this ac- erything!" more, what bearing it has upon

it last is the ensiest to reply to." of Rowe, "and, therefore, to take stpecif Good captain, she is the

al" exclaimed the first man was a pause, then:

a permitted to ask how?" said qualq with exaggerated polite-

Regulably," replied Rowe cheer-Vanderpool has been in love ter for years; he believes her Apriloner in Venezuela. I alone a acquaintances know exactly lia! ha! behold your it is very simple!" How do you hold her.

there?" demanded the captain, te purpling ominously. "How she to be with you?" at is soon told—at least, part and Rowe, who, for hidden rea-

this own seemed bent on mak-Considerable confession. "She tar been in love with him for Pers, and I am supposed to be her to find him. Find him, all the time I am in constant with him! Meanwhile, I tell ut the search is hopeless—that and find this lover of hers!

where is she?" growled the tever taking his eyes from

is another question," snapped That is something I do not thawer, save that you are by to learn."

in the devil's name, what is me-what do you want to ared the captain. "First you as into joining the revolution You defraud Vanderpool. matter. What does it Explain, for by the Holy truth out of your lying throat!" shall net leave this room

have done so!" inscrutable smile played corners of Rowe's mouth, thied a fresh eighr with much before replying. Then he captain squarely in the eyes took on a determined set seem squarer than ever. to be dictator of Veneald very distinctly.

ce. On the old-fashioned at her furiously. e shelf an ornate little

(Copyright by Bobbs-Merrill Co.) so low and faint that none of the men with the stupendous statement that

"And how do you intend going and, "I shall tell you all; but first about attaining this mild ambition?" "I am no prisoner! I am going to review the situation as it stands. asked the second officer with mock find my lover!" begin with, then, there is to be a courtesy. A look from Rowe cut him

"I have already gone about it," Rowe this time, being good patriots all, said in his precise way. "It only re- on the panels. "Carmen! I love you! a taying the best interests of our mains for you gentlemen to make a Come back, and I will help you, Carslendid country most sincerely at decision between the situations. Ou men!" art. Secondly, our patron, who shall one hand, you support me, lend me the nameless, is backing this patriotic power which you control a no mean force as I am quite aware—and I will out the least knowledge of the city or (Hill) possessed, and under any cirdean dollars. Now, to those inter- present you each with the official aped and active in this most glorious pointment which you most desire in her lover! makly that he is not so much inter-ted in the overthrow of the present treasurers—anything you will, when sten and corrupt government be-once I am seated in the presidential chair. On the other hand, refuse, and stion as because of his immense as-talt interests there, and the dispro-trionate export-tax which is at pres-trionate export-tax which is at presbeing put upon it, and which a asphalt is only a minor issue with as new government would promise our friend. Once he has the lady, strance to diminish. All this he he'll risk neither life nor money in

"I do not believe you!" cried the sec-

Rowe looked straight at him, meet-

"You know I am not lying," he reming, and consequently no revolu-mat all!" sponded slowly. "Try it, if you doubt me!"

"You would be ruined if we did so fise. Then the captain brought and it proved true," murmured the

"I'd rather see us all ruined than fail of my pet plan," rejoined Rowe. new accomplishment; namely, to use broken at last by the captain, who strapped to his front paws.

"Well, Valdez," said he, "you have got us at your-shall we say-mercy? performer's efforts, is not conducive I think the other gentlemen will agree that there is nothing for us to do but consent to help you, and incidentally, ourselves, if you are to be trusted to fulfill your promises to us, which I doubt. Any other course we may take seems even more likely to land us in upon how he should set about getting prison than this does."

One by one they agreed and then, with a regal gesture, Rowe dismissed

"Tomorrow we shall talk," he said." Move nothing of the plans! Why, "I shall meet you all here at ten o'clock in the evening. Meanwhile, sweet dreams of our future power." Then, one by one, they left, string-

ing out down the steps, and clanking across the little paved court, leaving "Gracios a Dios, that is over!" said

he, stretching luxuriously, "It is not over!" said a voice behind

the senora, her golden hair in disorder, her face white as death. "I have been outside for ten min-

fours in so deceiving us-and "Heard - you - you listened!" he

stammered, the room seeming to reel about him.

at What bearing has it upon ing me-you, whom I have trusted, whom I have loved as a friend of my heart, whom I have put my faith in, and come away with into this strange land. Oh! you have cheated, and reviled me, and I believed in you. You eave lied to me-lied, lied, lied! About



"You Shall Tell Mei I Will Have the Truth Out of Your Lying Throat!"

arength of Senora Daussa's my lover you have Hed, about my coun-A proposing to make her son try, about your patriotism-you have the even as his idolized father used me as a tool with which to acat how that we are in too deep complish your own dishonorable ambiway, you tell us that she tions! Have you lied to me about teching of the plot, and by that, my child? Answer me! Is she dead, Intimate that she would not even as you said? Why does she write no more? Tell me, de you know? Ah! the and the senora off against I would not believe you even if you boy," said Anna's lover, "but a girl upon my activities disguised as a layer of clean flannel. The top layer, and then, at the eleventh spoke, and yet, I must-I mustation us and disclose this Where is my lover? Where? Tell me! in that case?" You shall tell me! I will have the

"Carmen!" he cried. "For the love of God be quiet! You are like a mad woman."

say!" "I will not!" he stormed. "Tell you -do you think I am mad also?"

"Then, if you do not tell me, I will leave you!" she said through her teeth. His eyes were bloodshot as he glared

"You shall pay for this, you wildtad loudly, and from some cat!" he panted. "I will tall you noth and so it was arranged.

where near at hand came a low moan, | ing! And you are a prisoner from | this moment!" She gave a laugh, a terrible, mirthless laugh, and clenched her hands at

her sides, rigidly. "Again you lie!" she flung at him.

And, turning swiftly, she flung open distion in Venezuela, in which we short, and wiped the smile from his the door, stepped out and closed it after her, locking it as she did so,

"Carmen!" screamed Rowe, beating

But Senora Carmen Daussa was gone, rate, it was worth trying. Vanderpool without money, without English, withof the way to turn-gone in search of cumstances the latter would be work-

CHAPTER XVIII.

And Counterplots.

When Pedro and Sam Hill separated on the night of their Jersey adventure, the latter made straight for Jones street, accompanied by Beau-Jean, and upon reaching the refuge of the rear tenement tumbled into bed without more ado, and for seven hours slept the sleep of the just, his head upon an improvised pillow of quilting-beneath which his hand grasped the preclous document that Iris, as he thought, had sent him.

Very possibly his repose would have continued for a much longer period, and squalor, the sinch and grime of had it not been for the activity of Guneviere and Hermania in the room immediately below. These ladies, their household duties, as usual, entirely neglected, were loudly applauding Old Nita's efforts to instruct Koko in a A long silence followed, which was as cymbals the lids of two fish kettles

Now the clash of cymbals, no matter how amateurish and uncertain the to slumber, to say the least of it; and, therefore, with a groan of protest, Sam returned to consciousness of all that had befallen him, and all that was yet to be undertaken. While he washed and shaved he pondered deeply the information that Iris desired. As he drew on his boots he still wondered, and uncertainty did not cease with the knotting of the silk bandanna about his throat. But at about this point hunger began to distract his attention, and so, deciding that he would be able to think more collectedly upon a full stomach, he descended to the flat below and demanded to

Koko dropped to his all-fours at this intrusion, glad to be rid of the encumbering kettle-lids, which Old Nita untied, grumbling at the interruption of the lesson, but nevertheless delighted to see Hill. The other two women bustled about and prepared food for him, and soon he was munching ruminatively, oblivious of, and impervious to, the questions that they showered upon him. At last Hill's attention was arrested by them, however, and he inquired if Anna were ill.

"No," replied Nita. "She is going to have a baby in the spring, that is "Yes! I heard! I listened and I all, and she is getting so that she will found out how you have been deceive not let Rico out of her sight; nor will she go out with him to dance the bear. How they will live I do not know, what with bringing no money in, and such idleness! They are a pair of fools, those two. I am a very wicked woman, I am, but I really do think they should get married now."

"Are they not married?" said Hill, surprised. "Why not, do you sup-

Nita merely shrugged and turned away upon some matter of her own. Hill, cup in hand, arose and apcoached the lovers.

"Bon jour," said he abruptly. "Why the devil aren't you married?"

Rico looked up pleasantly, his smile ever ready and friendly for the beloved Sambill. Then, as the latter's words sank into the unknown depths of his slow mind, a cloud crossed his handsome face.

"Married? Why, I do not really know, mon ami," he responded slowly. 'Anna-why are we not married?" For a moment she looked as bewil- desk before her father. Vanderpool

dered as Rico, and then a smile of understanding broke upon her lips. "Why!" she said, "we love each other! We have been very, very busy little paper. When he had come to

loving each other, and dancing the bear, I do not believe we ever thought the second time; and then, spreading about getting married." So serious and obviously sincere was silence. this reply that Hill scarcely knew

whether to laugh or frown. But to refrain from making the patent suggestion was impossible. "Why not do it, now that it occurs

to you?" said he.

Rico looked at him earnestly.

"Very true," replied the painter gravely, "but there is the child to con- trouble." sider. You would like it to bear your name, would you not?"

would be Anna, so what is to be gained | goodness-knows-what?"

jected Rico.

To gain time Hill finished his coffee | that surprised himself. It would take a long while to ex-"Mad!" she screamed. "Would you plain just why it is a good plan to not be mad? Tell me where he is, I be married," said he at last. "But if have no wish to use the power which you are willing to take my word for it, the knowledge I have gives me over allow me to say that it is good! In you-though that and the evidence of fact, I am contemplating doing it my- the friends who rescued me from that lish. self before very long."

"Well," said Rico, "if you say it is good, it must be so. We will find a priest if you agree, Anna."

"I've no objections," replied Anna;

to fulfil the conditions of that promise yond reassuring her, I give you my word that I shall keep your confidence plied Vanderpool with a wistful smile. your enterprise!"

up and down, silently, appearing to it's a wonderful story! It will set consider the proposition that the everything right for me, if you'll only Line From North Sea to Aisne younger man had just made. Then he come along!" stopped abruptly, shooting a direct glance at Hill from under his fine "There are some vital details yet to brows. He was a man of quick deci- be attended to. Besides, I prefer not sions, and he had decided in Hill's to return to the house again. The

"I believe you are sincere," he said you with the whole story. Sit down and smoke if you like-no, I prefer to walk."

silence for a few moments, his white hend bowed, his thin, youthful figure alert and active as a boy's, his handsome cameo-like features contracted in thought. Then he spoke abruptly.

"You have surmised that a revoluis-in Venezuela. My asphalt inter- laughed aloud in relief. ests are chiefly there. The export-tax, as it stands, would be a drain upon there is another reason, a deeper one, known only to myself and one other -Rowe. It concerns a woman, who,



by the elevator man. There was more refused to enter the car, and in the end Hill was obliged to leave him in charge of a half-delighted, half-frighta child-a girl it was, but it was be- gin arriving. ing brought up as a boy because the great deal . . .

Even before he had come to this in that . . . tion broke out. It broke out in the the cellar, with its two famous kegs However, difficulties were not at cilious office boy who had condescendway"-and so, without more ado, Sam | family."

"Iris' mother?" said Hill.

As Hill entered the luxuriously appointed office, the distinguished man the letter upon which he was en- Rowe, who had been prominent in the lons, to serve as seats. gaged. When he had done so, and affairs of Venezuela during my visits "I wonder if there are enough?" himself had come armed, decided to daylight tomorrow. I have here a let-"I have come because of this," said would sufficiently explain my ab their costumes. he simply, taking Iris' manifesto from sence."

"You are going with them-with which your daughter has signed. Be the revolutionists!" exclaimed Hill. "I am going to rescue Carmen." re-

entirely: furthermore, if I can hon- "And you sail at dawn! Will you estly do so, I shall even assist you in not come with me to the house at once, and tell Iris what you have told Vanderpool arose and began to pace me," cried Hill excitedly. "By jove!

"Impossible!" replied Vanderpool. servants have been told I have gone away for some time, and I do not now slowly, "and there, I am going to trust wish to do anything that will excite the slightest comment."

"But Great Scott!" exclaimed Hill in dismay, "will you write out a cer-The financier continued to pace in tificate for me to show her as the proof of what I shall tell her?"

"I heard the young lady giving in structions that you were not to be admitted," said Vanderpool with a twinkle. "Has the order been revoked? "I-I don't know," gasped Hill. tion was afoot? You are right-there Then an idea struck him, and he

"See here!" he said, "she is going

to a costume dance at the Milligans my profits, and ostensibly that is the tonight. Couldn't you go there with reason for my backing this scheme to me just before you leave for the boat. upset the present government. But and help me get things straightened out? I know it's a lot to ask, but-" "But you're not above asking," finished Vanderpool with a laugh.

I think it could be managed. I'll have to go in these clothes, though. Wiff they let me in?" "I'll take care of that!" cried Hill

joyfully, "where shall I meet you?" "Call for me at the Calumet club. at about twelve," said Vanderpool. "1-I don't quite know how to thank

you," began Hill, but the other stopped him with a gesture. "I have been 25 years without the

thing I am helping you to get," said "Do you suppose I want you to wait? Then, too, I rather like the idea of having you for a son-in-law. You'll be good for Iria." "Er-yes!" said Hill.

"And now, get out, I'm busy," said Vanderpool, tearing in half the letter that he had just written.

CHAPTER XIX. A Momentous Evening.

De Bush dined at the Milligans on the night of the masquerade, and besides the great painter there were Edwards and little Berry Forest, who paints those fluffy landscapes, Blaume ate there, too, and Theodore Pell, who came in at salad-time, and absenthe tells me, is kept a prisoner by the mindedly ate it all, while he told of now president of that God-forsaken seeing Pedro at Beer Peter's place, place. Let me tell you about her, and of the splendid article which he, When I first took up this business I Pell, had made out of it. And as was went to Venezuela to make my con- the custom of the house, when the tracts. I got good ones, and I made coffee cups had been drained for the friends with the dictator-a fine old second time, Bell Milligan made them man. He had a very young wife-hard- all help to clear up, and get the floor ly more than a child. I fell in love waxed, for it was nearly ten o'clock, with her and she with me. She had and before long the guests would be-

Bell wore a yellow costume with father had been so bitterly disap- sparkling things on it, and ornaments er, as he was spirited upward. "If pointed at having no son . . . and of the same sort across her forehead, they have any clap-trap mysteries Carmen was faithful to her child and and to it she added an all-enveloping about that office, secret dungeons, etc., her husband . . . I am glad she gipgham apron, while she superinand I don't come down, they will get was . . . I would not have had it | tended the arrangements, her frank tired of holding the bear, and come up otherwise. But we danced together a chaff and the laughter which made there was no harm her so well beloved by all these fa-Then, one night the mous men, ringing clear. optimistic conclusion they reached the inevitable, or rather the usual revolu- The dim red lanterns were lighted, closely pressed.

ballroom . . , where we were of October brew, was arranged for waltzing. The orchestra stopped those who chose to sit and drink to the Carpathians into Hungary. But an end, and it was only after consider- abruptly: all was confusion. I was the accompaniment of dancing feet able argument and hauteur that Sam knocked unconscious while trying to upon the studio floor above; the tiny succeeded in having his name sent in save her husband. When I came to, I kitchenette was crammed to its utterto the president of the concern. The was aboard a ship bound for New most capacity with the good things with provision and munition trains and name, it seemed, was magical in its York. The president was saved, as I for supper, and at half past ten preeffect, for almost instantly the super- learned afterward, but the revolution cisely the musicians arrived: a thin was successful and he was deposed flutist, a fat German cellist, a dapper, ed to take it in returned briskly, and Carmen, I heard, was dead. Then, dyspeptic planist, and a temperainvited "Mr. Hill to please to step this after a while, I married to please my mental, hungry-looking violinist. These took up their places around the weather-beaten plane, and tucking "Yes," continued Vanderpool. "She their handkerchiefs under their chins, . . I was fond of her, in a way, was traditional of the Milligans' parat the wide shining desk did not look and sorry . . . but I never forgot ties. Around the walls were couches, up until he had finished addressing Carmen. Recently, I came across and between them, on the floor, cush-

secured the seal, he turned and faced there. He told me that Carmen was said Den, and without waiting for an Hill with the frank, direct look not dead. . . Good God! that answer, darted across the alley to was known to be characteristic of him. was all he needed to say, but he take from under the very head of a "Well, Samuel Hill!" he said, "so added that she was being kept a pris- neighbor, the desired articles, with you have not only escaped, but felt oner, to all intents and purposes, by which he presently returned. Meanit safest to beard the lion in his den the present government for fear that while. De Bush, gray-haired, dignified -to seek out the conspirator in the the country would rise in favor of her despite his pirate costume, was solsupposed son if she were left free. emnly sliding over the wax he flung For an instant Hill wavered as to Now you will understand the situa- upon the floor, while on the balcony what course was best; and then, in tion. I have financed everything. The Plaume, the poet-model, and Pell, view of the attitude with which he last boat sails on the early tide, before were giving each other illustrations of Gotch-Hackenschmidt Intest ter to my daughter which I thought match, greatly to the detriment of

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



Home-Made Filter.

A large, common flower pot is covasked. "We could not love each other were unwilling to relieve her mind, layer of coarse gravel about three timized in some manner, and so set er of white sand of the same depth. Pe- me to find out the cause of the Above the sand put four inches of duced his "amorphous phosphorus, charcoal, broken in fragmenta. "It shall be called Rico if it is a in the first place, instead of spying covers it, or if you have not a sponge new in use. ver, whether of flannel or sponge, is "Because I knew you would be un- to be made sterile by frequent wash-"But your last name," insisted Hill. der no necessity to tell me anything ings and boiling. Set the filter in a "Last name? But I have none!" ob- unless I already possessed some wooden frame and under it put a clean vessel to receive the water as it

Not a Regular,

comes through the filter.

The tall blonde has Mrs. Malaprop backed off the map when it comes to dealt with. reckless handling of the queen's Eng-

"My cousin, Ignatz, has joined the weapon if I chose to use it. But I navy," she confided to her friend, "Is he a regular sailor?" asked the

own ends and those of Iris. What I short brunette. "Not yet," replied the tall blonde; ment from you, which will enable me "he is just a submarine, I guess."

"Lucifer" matches (so called from ered over at the bottom, the opening the sulphur with which they were "She has been distressed about you and all, with a piece of clean flannel tipped) came into use about the year "Do you advise it, Samhill?" he for some time," said he, "and as you or of zinc gauze. Over this put a 1835. Since then matches have been greatly improved, though, of course, the more because of a few words said she decided that you were being vic- inches deep and over the gravel a lay- the main principle remains the same. About 1845 Schrolter of Vienna, pro-If which was the beginning of the inven-"Hum!" said Vanderpool. "And possible, use animal charcoal. Lay tiers that have resulted in the very why did you not come here this way. over the top a clean, fine sponge that bleasant and almost perfect match

> British Wool Importations. Wool to the estimated value of \$100, 000,000 arrives annually in the port of London, about a third of which passer through the authorities' warehouses, while rubber of various qualities worth between £300,000 and £350,000 is placed on the show floors and in the sheds every three or four days and

Plunkville News.

"Yes, my son is going to spend a few days in the city.'

"He'll git bunkeed sure." "Well, he's sure of carfare home He's wearing a \$10 bill underneath i porous plaster on his chest."

ALLIES REPULSE GERMAN ATTACK

River Holds Despite Heavy Assaults.

Ypres, Bombarded From Distance of Eight Miles, In Ruins.

New Position On Plateau Of Vregny Is Occupied-Kalser's Troops Hold Three Points On Vser To Prevent Flanking Attack.

Continued Russian successes on the East Prussian front, in Poland and in Galicia are announced in an official statement at Petrograd, which states that the Russians, having dislodged the Germans from their fortified position at Wirballen, have progressed into East Prussia as far as Stalluponen. Farther south Russian cavalry, it is stated, has penetrated German territory northwest of Kalisz, and in Galicia many prisoners have been

German military authorities are quoted as declaring that the retreat on the East Prussian frontier is for strategic reasons, and that in the coming battle the Russian Army will be completely destroyed.

Efforts by the German forces to break through the Allies' line in the neighborhood of Ypres continue, and heavy fighting is reported, but the French War Office declares that the German attacks have been without result and that on the remainder of the line the Allies are holding their ground

everywhere. On the River Aisne, in France, the French report says, the Allies have advanced northeast of Soissons to the plateau of Vregny, on which they had not previously gained a foothold.

A German official report announces that on Saturday an important elevation near Vienne-le-Chateau, on the west of the Argonne, which had been the object of fighting for weeks past, was taken by the Germans, who captured two large guns and two quick

The German cruiser Geier, which entered the harbor of Honolulu about three weeks ago for repairs, has been interned for the remainder of the war.

AUSTRIAN ARMY CUT OFF.

Russian Forces Get Between Them and Germans. Rome.-A special dispatch to the

Tribuna from Petrograd says: "The Russians have cut off the Aus trian Army from the Germans. The Austrians were encircled on their left flank and compelled to precipitately retreat, but Thursday the Russians, with a swift movement, occupied all the ways of retreat toward Cracow. and thus the entire Austrian Army was pushed toward the Carpathian Mountains, against which they are

Their condition here is desperate. as their only line of retreat lies across the Carpathians at this time of the year and with the recent snow falls are almost impassable to 1,500,000 men

present victory, which surpasses all former ones, because of its decisive

BELGIANS HOLDING CONGO.

died within a year, leaving the baby prepared for the strenuous time that Reports State That Germans Have Lost Fort.

> Havre, via Paris .- A report of the operations of the Belgians in the Congo, as published in the Courrier L'Armon Reles sava:

> "Our troops have conducted themselves bravely in the colony of Congo. A flying column bas just taken Kissegule, a fortified point on t' bank of Lake Kivu. The troops in their assault on the fort inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

> "A German attempt to take Albert ville, on the west shore of Lake Tanganyika, failed.

"A Belgium column from Katanga has entered British Rhodesia to aid the British forces from Abercorn in an operation directed against German East Africa."

FOR BATTLE IN PACIFIC.

Japanese Will Have Three Squadrons Hunting Germans,

Washington. - Official dispatches telling of the fall of Tsingtau were received at the Japanese Embassy and interpreted as signaling the beginning of an offensive naval campaign in the Pacific. Three squadrons of warships, which have been occupied in blockading Kiauchau, will now be released, It was said, to hunt down the German ships in the Pacific.

RUSSIAN PORT BOMBARDED.

Success By Turkish Warships In Black Sea is Reported.

Amsterdam .-- A dispatch from Sofia. Bulgaria, to the Vossische Zeitung states that Turkish cruisers have successfully bombarded the Russian fortified seaport of Batum, on the east shore of the Black Sea.

PROTECTS INDIA CABLE.

English Seize Port Of Fao, On the Persian Gulf.

London.-The Admiralty announces the occupation of Fao. a port of Aslatic Turkey, at the mouth of the River Shat-el-Arab, on the Persian Gulf. A military force from India, covered by the sloop Odin, landed with a aval detachment after the Turkish runs had been silenced, according to the announcement. Pao is the ter--inus of the submarine telegraph to