

THE WAR

Fighting continues in the Plozkow region, in which each has alternately taken the offensive. South of Cracow two attempts to pierce our front were repulsed with heavy loss.

LOZDZ EVACUATION. A QUIET AFFAIR. PETROGRAD, December 10. An official statement denies the German report of heavy Russian losses at Lozdz.

THE KAISER'S COLL. AMSTERDAM, December 10. The Kaiser caught a chill during a secret visit to the Emperor Franz Josef of Austria.

ON YSER FLOODS. A BELGIAN DECOY. SUCCESSFULLY WORKED. DUNKIRK, December 10. The Belgians on the 9th inst. cleverly captured several German aeroplanes on the Yser.

ADVANCE IN FRANCE. PARIS, December 10. Official: The French have advanced before (Briailles) (5). The German attack on Tracy Leval was repulsed.

MEETING OF THE NATIONS. LATER, AT BERLIN. LONDON, December 9. The Times' correspondent who entered the railway station at Kette 6323: "The scene would have rejected the heart of an artist."

A MAN AMONG MEN. LONDON, December 9. A British officer with the Indian army describes the King's visit. "It was," he said, "the most informal show ever seen."

HONOR AND WAR. SYDNEY, December 10. Captain Oswald Watt, formerly of Sydney, describing his experience as a French military aviator, says: "The Germans have broken practically all the laws of civilized warfare."

ATROCITIES TO ORDER. LONDON, December 9. The Belgian Commission, replying to German demands of atrocities, etc. official proclamation by German authorities threatening fire and sword, heavy fines, and shooting hostages unless the towns surrendered and the German terms were observed.

THE AIRMAN'S ARROW. MUNICH, December 10. The Bavarian General Von Moller has been killed. He was stepping out of a motor car when he was transfixed by a steel dart dropped from a hostile aeroplane.

AMUSEMENTS

QUEEN'S THEATRE. A picture that should arouse considerable interest is that of the cruiser Sydney, which is included in the current programme at the Queen's Theatre.

PLAZA PICTURES. 'The Broken Idol,' a drama in which there is a well-connected story of villainy which in the end is unmasked by the hero, heads the current programme at the Plaza Pictures.

KING EDWARD THEATRE. There were good attendances at the new King Edward Theatre yesterday and in the evening, when a new programme was submitted.

HAYWARDS PICTURES. The Ocean Theatre received its full share of patronage last evening, the bill being comfortably full.

KING'S THEATRE. The programme submitted to the large attendance last evening at 'Follies' gave entire satisfaction, the series being of an exceptionally interesting character.

'HUMPTY-DUMPTY' PANTOMIME. Messrs G. Stephenson and A. Linley intend to present at His Majesty's Theatre next Tuesday a pantomime comprising 85 people, with entirely new scenery, dresses, ballets, marching and other specialities.

ST. JOHN'S, ROSLYN. The breaking-up ceremony at St. John's School and Kindergarten, Roslyn, has been abandoned this year, owing to an outbreak of measles.

THE NAVAL BATTLE. REJOICINGS IN AUSTRALIA AND CANADA. A CHALLENGE TO FIGHT DECLINED. OTTAWA, December 10. There are great rejoicings throughout Canada over the result of the South Atlantic battle.

MELBOURNE, December 10. Joy prevails in naval circles, not Admiral Sturdee's victory, tempered by regret that the Australian fleet did not participate.

IN SOUTH AMERICAN WATERS. WASHINGTON, December 10. The Pan-American Union have appointed a commission, including Mr Bryan and the various South American Ambassadors, to study the effect of the belligerents' operations in American and South American waters.

U.S. DEFENCE

ANNEXATION OF THE NORTH POLE. A QUESTION OF MORE SHIPS. Press Association—By Telegraph—Copyright. WASHINGTON, December 10. (Received December 11, at 8.30 a.m.) Representative Smith, of New York, has introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives providing that the lands in the Arctic, including the North Pole, be formally annexed and described as United States territory.

26,000 ARMY INCREASE. THE BATTLESHIP THE SUPREME WEAPON. Press Association—By Telegraph—Copyright. WASHINGTON, December 10. (Received December 11, at 8.30 a.m.) The Secretary of War, in his annual report, recommends an additional thousand officers and 25,000 men, to bring the army up to its full strength, and to ensure preparedness.

EDISON'S PLANT DESTROYED. NEW YORK, December 10. (Received December 11, at 8.30 a.m.) The Edison Company's entire plant at West Orange, New Jersey, except the laboratory, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at a million sterling.

THE MEAT INDUSTRY. OTTAWA, December 10. (Received December 11, at 8.30 a.m.) The Alberta Sheepbreeders' Association are urging the Dominion Government to enforce the regulations requiring that all domestic and imported Australian mutton shall be properly labelled before sale.

AUSTRALIAN AFFAIRS

SHOP ATTENDANTS' WAGES. Press Association—By Telegraph—Copyright. SYDNEY, December 11. (Received December 11, at 9.55 a.m.) A report dealing with industrial conditions in the shops of the Commonwealth shows that the average increase per head in wages in 1913 was 4s 6d weekly.

MELBOURNE, December 11. The State Treasurer estimates Victoria's revenue for the current year at £10,231,359, and the expenditure at £11,231,359. He estimates that the railway receipts will fall £501,719 below the working expenses.

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ENTHUSIASTIC PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS (discussing the organic and inorganic kind) called me up and asked me my own name and drop my head—and about now more, you would say I was a clod. But I move, I leap, I run; then what do I do? The dancing alone will be a distraction for the ladies of the ballet have been specially trained by Miss Ethel Clifford.

SHACKLETON EXPEDITION

Press Association—By Telegraph—Copyright. SYDNEY, December 11. The Aurora is now ready to depart for Antarctica. URIOKET. OTAGO ELEVEN v. COLTS. The attendance at the cricket match at Carisbrook yesterday was disappointing, only about 25 being taken at the gates.

OTAGO ELEVEN.—First Innings. Siedeberg c L. Chadwick b Eckhoff ... 15. Watson lbw b Eckhoff ... 0. Chadwick c and b Sheppard ... 0. Rev. W. Hay c Malcolm b Sheppard ... 6. Bruce b A. W. Alloo ... 21. Ramsden b Eckhoff ... 13. Casey c Satterthwaite b A. W. Alloo ... 27. Adams b A. W. Alloo ... 0. A. P. Alloo c L. Chadwick b A. W. Alloo ... 30. F. Williams c and b Sheppard ... 20. Stigflur not out ... 50. Extras ... 30. Total ... 155.

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YOUR BOY WOULD BE PLEASED..

Advertisement for Williamsons watches. Includes an image of a pocket watch and text: 'To Dick with love about Xmas wishes. Your Boy would be Pleas'd.. With one of our Watches this Christmas. We have the style suitable for Boys' usage at 6/6 and 12/6.'

Advertisement for Taylor's City Hatoneum. Includes an image of a man in a hat and text: 'Buy British Goods. Gentlemen, don't fail to inspect our New Summer Goods, imported direct from England. They have opened in first-class order, and the styles are thoroughly representative of all that is most up to date in the New Fashion. Hats, Caps, Hats, Specialists, and will be pleased to show our Goods at all times. TAYLOR'S City Hatoneum 153 Rattray Street. [ESTABLISHED 1869.]'

Advertisement for Speight's whisky. Includes an image of a Speight's bottle and text: 'Purity Strength and Flavour are combined in SPEIGHT'S No other Ale approaches it in Quality.'

Large advertisement for Mollison's Holiday Bargains. Features the Mollison's logo and text: 'Mollison's Holiday Bargains. A Week's Offering of Special Purchases. Reductions 6/8 in the Pound. 36 LADIES' NEW CREPE WASHING FROCKS, with Basque; in Grey, Brown, Cream, and White. 21/ For 10/6 each. AN EXCEPTIONAL BARGAIN. 32 LADIES' TAILOR-MADE TWEED COSTUMES, latest cut; coats tailor-made. Usually 30/ To go at 15/ each. 25 only NAVY COATING SERGE COSTUMES, tailor-cut, dressy, and useful; some silk-lined. To go at 25/ each. SPECIAL OFFERING OF 350 LADIES' WASHING BLOUSES, in Nap. Crepes; colors—Navy, Sage, Sky, Camellion, Mauve, Champagne, and Grey. Also in Navy, Sage, and Grey Striped Nurse Cloth. All sizes. With New Polo Collar. Usually 12/6. To clear at 9/11. SEASIDE AND HOLIDAY HATS LESS THAN HALF-PRICE. 130 CHARMING TRIMMED HATS, exclusive models, no two alike; all representative of the very latest, style for mid-summer wear. The true value is from 30/ to 12/6. Our price this week is 10/6 each. 200 Ladies' Holiday and Seaside Hats, in crepe, straw, and shades. Worth 36/0. Our price this week, all 17/ each. 400 Children's and Maids' "Sunshine" and "Picnic" Hats, all good quality straws, correct shapes, comfortable, pretty, and a perfect shade. Usually 2/6. Price this week, all 6d each. A Fine Collection in the Fancy and Haberdashery Departments. Antimony Trinket Boxes, various and unique designs, and various quantities of Japanese designs. Prices—2/6, 3/6, 4/6, and 5/6. Antimony Inkstands, Vases, etc., in novelty shapes—Worth 10/ each. Prices—2/6, 3/6, 4/6, and 5/6. ANTIMONY JEWEL AND TOILET BOXES, a handsome and useful ornament for the dressing-table. Prices, 5/6, 7/6, 12/6, 19/6 each. ANTIMONY STUD AND PEN HOLDERS. ANTIMONY TRAYS, assorted styles; beautifully designed. Prices, 1/6, 1/6, and 2/ each. BRONZED ROSE BOWLS, splendid design; in novelty shapes. Worth 10/ each. E.P. HAND MIRRORS, new styles; full size. Special. At 3/6 each. Worth 5/6. CELLULOID HAND MIRRORS, White only. At 1/6 2/6, and 4/6 each. MILITARY HAIR BRUSHES, with embossed antimony backs; an acceptable present for a gentleman. Price, 5/ pair. DRESS BASKETS, extra strong, with leather straps; sizes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Without Straps—1/9, 1/11, 2/3, 2/6, 2/9. With Straps and Handles—3/6, 3/9, 3/11, 4/6, 4/9, 5/6. THREE SPECIAL IN LADIES' HANDBAGS, at half usual prices; good shapes and qualities. Lot 1.—Worth 2/6. Now 1/ each. Lot 2.—Worth 5/6. Now 2/6 each. Lot 3.—Worth 10/6. Now 4/6 each. A SPECIAL NOVELTY AT HALF USUAL PRICE. 500 SHAKE-HEAD ORNAMENTS AND MATCH HOLDERS, 18 new designs. Usual 1/6. Now 1/6 each. A NOVELTY BARGAIN. 250 SWISS WEATHER COTTAGES, a pretty ornament and a reliable "weather prophet." Usually 5/6. Now all 4/6.

Advertisement for Patriots! Encourage BRITISH TRADE by Purchasing the 'KITCHENER' MORRIS CHAIR. A Genuine British-made Article. For Comfort, Durability, and Design this is the Best Value Chair on the Market. Scoullar & Chisholm, Ltd. 21/- Tay Street, Invercargill. Rattray Street, Dunedin. Ready-to-wear Straw Hats. The Most Popular Styles of the Season just Landed! See Our Display! CHRISTMAS FURNITURE Most Modestly Priced. SPECIAL MORRIS CHAIRS from 21/ OCCASIONAL CHIPPENDALE CHAIRS from 17/6. DIVAN LOUNGE CHAIRS from 50/ CHESTERFIELD SETTEES from 26 15/ NEW SHIPMENT OF FLOWER BOWLS, just arrived Direct from the Potteries 2/3, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6 up.

Advertisement for Herbert, Haynes & Co. Limited. Includes an image of a chair and text: 'HERBERT, HAYNES & CO. LIMITED. We have made special arrangements for a continuous supply of the "LATEST WAR PHOTOS" direct from the front, which will be shown in our windows after each mail.'