

pected. London. December 9 .- The victory off the Falkland Islands, where the British squadron sank the German cruisers Scharnhorst, opeiscnau and Leipzig, and the success of the Indian troops on the Gulf of Persia, where they compelled the surrender of a Turkish army, have for the moment overshadowed, so far as England is concerned, the larger events which have taken place on the continent of Europe.

The sinking of the German cruisers materially lessens the menace to British shipping, while the success of the Indian forces gives Great Britain control of the Persian gulf and the delta of the Tigris and Euphrates, and threatens that part of Turkey on which German railway builders have had their eyes set for many years.

With this good news for the Allies comes what is considered here as a favorable French communication on operations in Flanders and in France.

Withdrawal of German troops from the West to strengthen their armies in the East has enabled the Allies to resume the initiative to abstain entirely." along the front, reaching from the Swiss border to the North Sea, and Bryan were: while they have not made any marked advance, they have been able according to official announcement to organize and consolidate positions won during the last few days.

This has not been done without opposition from the Germans, who claim to have inflicted heavy losses, particularly in the Argonne and north of Nancy.

Flanders now is considered fairly safe from German attacks which, when they do materialize, it is believed here, will be directed more at the French centers.

Russia has at last admitted the occupation of Lodz by the Germans, but in an official statement today declared her soldiers evacuated the city fifteen hours before the Germans' occupation, changing sion on evangelism. their positions without the loss of a single man.

Forces Both from North and Center Marching Toward City in Poland. It is apparent from the various offimovements on Warsaw from the Center, combined with outflanking movements to the outheast of Cracow. The success of my of these movements would require he Russians to turn back from Cracow matter which tried to get around their left ing. A later Austrian report, howver, indicates partial success in this egian

Emperor is suffering font brouchial catarrh, to which he is subject, and is compelled to remain in

military reports. As the result of the 'Sultan's proclaincatened against the Italians and the Turkish ambassaome has hastened to assure Italian government that the Sub-

is trying to avert it. " Servian cabinet, composed

GERMANN ADVANCE ON WARSAW. tionary force, which is operating at the FLEICHER · GIVES head of the Persian Gulf. Kurna subsequently was occupied by the British, who are now in complete control of the country from the juncal reports that there are converging tion of the Tigris and Euphrates fivers to the sea and of the richest part of the fertile delta. in a report of these

The Indian office operations savs: "A reconnaissance of the enemy's

position at Kurna was made December 5th by Col. G. S. Frazer with the 110th Competent to Meet Any Afloat mich they have not done thus far. As Mahratta light infantry. The enemy fact, the Russians assert was encountered on the left bank of at they have inflicted a "grave de- the Tigris opposite Kurna. They were Austro-German force attacked and driven across the river, losing heavily. Two guns and 70 prisoners, including three Turkish officers, were captured.

SAYS "Kurna was found to be strongly Reports of the serious illness of the held by guns and infantry and the erman Emperor, coming through Am- British, finding.no means of crossing terdam, have not been confirmed. It the Tigris, withdrew to their original Possibility of Conflict With That Nabivouac. "The following day reinforcements

were sent from Basra under Brig. Gen. is able, however, to receive Charles Irwin Fry and they captured Masera, cleared the left bank of the Tigris and took three guns and 100

a holy war, a serious upris- prisoners, including three officers. "On December 8th the British crossed the river and the next day Subhi Bey surrendered. The British casualties during, the

meet the war fleet of any nation except whole of these operations amounted to one British officer killed and three led, with 40 Indians of the rank

auditorium earlier than history in this State Christian educawas ex-He entered the building untion becomes actually one of the benevrecognized and his secretary had to olent objects of the denominational acmake his identity known to the clerk. tivity. The fourth feature of the day Mr. - Bryan was introduced to the delegates by Dr. Charles S. MacFarland, was the raising this morning of \$8,000 the secretary of the council. Mr. Bryan towards the completion of the Wake n response said: "I did not know Forest College church building. that I was to be a delegate. I came Tonight a fitting climax to the day because I have a broad and general

On the platform

city.

Idealism.

with

Dr. Shailer Mathews, of the Univer-

Reports were read from the admin-

Commends Mr. Wilson.

Secretary Bryan addressing the Fed-

NAVAL STRENGTH

Except Great Britain. \*

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tion so Remote That No Reason

to Have Navy Large Enough

to Control Seas.

Washington, Dec. 9.-The ability of

ADMIRAL

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tonight's meeting on

of features was the mind stirring and sympathy with your work." heart touching address delivered by Mr., Bryan remained through the entine session, paying attention to the Rev. J. F. Love, D. D., home secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, of Richng of the reports and to a short address by Dr. William H. Roberts, o mond, Wa. Well known; intimately be-Philadelphia. The session concluded loved, formerly a masterful pastor in with an address by Mr. Bryan, largethis State, Dr. Love stood in the house ly given to the subject of the supof his friends when he spoke the words pression of the liquor traffic. of burning eloquence tonight.

There may be differences of opinion Pilgrimage to Wake Forest.

before.

as to the methods of suppressing the Two years ago the Convention, in liquor traffic," Mr. Bryan said, "but it session at Goldsboro, appointed a committee and authorized them to co-opermust be agreed that the man who shuts off the demand for liquor at his ate with the Baptist church at Wake own mouth, decreases the traffic in the Forest in the matter of erecting a mod-United States more directly than in ern, model, meeting house on the camany other way. We ought to unite pus of Wake Forest College. The Conin a beginning by training the chil- vention pledged \$25,000 to the building. dren in the church and Sunday schools the local church to contribute \$15.000. Last year when the Convention met it

Secretary was announced that the building would Bishop E. R. Hendrix, of be ready when the Convention met in St. Louis; Dr. W. H. Roberts, Philadel- Raleigh. This morning, using a special phia; Pa.; Dr. H. C. Grose, Boston; train, the Convention, officers, messengers and visitors, 800 people, went to Dr. Charles S. MacFarland, New York city; Dr. Rivington D. Lord, Brook-Wake Forest, held two sessions of the lyn; Dr. Rufus W. Miller, Philadelphia; | Convention in the church building and Dr. Charles E. Schäeffer, Philadelphia; | returned to Raleigh tonight.

Bishop Alexander Walters, Alfred R. The report of the committee shows the cost of the building to be \$17,515.34. Kimbal, Dr. Albert C. Lawson, and Bishop Luther B. Wilson, New York Of this amount \$20,247.66 has been aised. The Convention agreed to raise

\$18,000, the local church to handle the sity of Chicago, delivered an address balance. About \$8,000 was immediately "Militant pledged and a committee appointed to secure \$10,000 additional.

**Constitution** Amended. strative committee, the secretary of Bv unanimous vote the Convention the Federal Council outlining the enchanged its constitution and provided tire scope of the council's work, the for a board of education, to be located at Durham, and this board will have associate secretary, and the commis-

entire oversight of all phases of educational work and institutions and, further, the support of the educational work goes on the budget of the churches along with state, home and foreign

mission. This board will be appointed later.

Wake Forest Healthy. The report of the board of trustees of Wake Forest College to the Convention shows a healthy condition. This the 80th year in the history of Wake orest College and from the modest eginning of 16 students in 1834 there now the enrollment of 446, and increase over last year of 11. The first graduating class numbered four in the year 1839-the last graduating class numbered 77. in 1914. The student body is better provided for than ever The college hospital with its staff of three physicians insures medi-

cal attention. The new dormitories completed during the year at a cost of \$40,000, provides rooms for 75 pupils, The old dormitories have been vastly improved by the introduction of steam heat and running water.

New members of the faculty reported by the board are of more importance than the physical improvements. Dr. John W. Newell, Ph.D., of Johns Hopkins, and A. M. of Wake Forest, is appointed as associate professor of chemistry; Mr. Clarence D. Johns, graduate student of Harvard and Master of Arts of Chicago' University, has been elected associate professor of political sci-

the American 'navy to successfully ence; Prof. Roger P. McCutcheon, A. B., of Wake Forest, and M. A. at Harfard, has been chosen to conduct the Great Britain was asserted today by department of English during the ab-Rear Admiral Fletcher, commander-in- sence of Dr. Sledd, and Associate Professor Ira'E. Hubbell. Prof.

proceed to Naco with the field is en route there, officials expect an answer to the sharp warning given to Mexican factions battling across the border that bullets and shells must not fall on American soil.

"No act of aggression" is contem plated, a statement issued by the White House said, but officials draw distinction between aggressive and de fensive action. For cavalry or field artillery to cross the Mexican line or open fire first would constitute an act of aggression, but to remain on Amercan soil, and return the fire of the Mexicans is in the opinion of high

officials a measure of defense fully justified and not an act of war or invasion

White House Statement. The White House statement issued by Secretary Tumulty after a conferwith the President was as fol-

thought wise to "It has been strengthen the forces at Naco because the reckless carelessness of the of contending factions there in failing to control the direction of their fire. Of course no aggressive, action is contemplated.'

It was explained at the War Department that the artillery ordered to Naco\_could fire over the Mexican town into the lines of the Mexican factions which insisted on firing into American territory. This is the plan should warnings, prove futile. The general

expectation, however, is that no such contingency will arise. The Washington government's action

constitutes a precedent for the future and was taken to mean that any firing into American territory along the border would be met by similar steps Many telegrams had come telling of

injuries and deaths resulting from stray bullets and at vesterday's cabinet meeting, where telegrams were discussed, it was understood that the determination to put an end to such occurrences was emphatically expressed Charges Discrimination.

Rafael Zubaran Capmany, Carranza' (Continued on Page Eight.)



Vigorously Replies to Charges

of "Pork Barrel."

**RIVER AND HARBOR BILL** 

National Rivers and Harbors' Congress Convenes in Annual Session at Washington-No Sectional-

Washington, Dec. 9.-Advocates of

ism Predominates.

waterway improvement from all parts The of the country met here today in the 11th annual convention of the National cific fleet which, in the engagement an hour. They must be completed Rivers and Harbors Congress. Secre- with the British squadron under Rear within twelve and thirteen months rethe delegates

London, December 9.-It was announced officially here today that the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig had been sunk in the South Atlantic by a British fleet. The following aunouncement was issued by the official information bureau:

"At 7:30 P. M. on the 8th of December the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Nurnberg, Leipzig and Dresden were sighted near the Falkland Islands by a British squadron under Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee.

'An action followed, in the course of which the Scharnhorst, flying the flag of Admiral Count Von Spee, the Gneisenau and the Leipzig were sunk. The Dresden and Nurnberg made off during the action, and are being pursued. Two colliers were also captured.

"The Vice-Admiral reports that the British casualties are very few in number.

'Some survivors have been rescued from the Gneisenau and the Leipzig.'

The official statement makes reference to survivors rescued from the Gneisenau and the Leipzig, but no mention is made of any of the crew of the Scharnhorst, flagship of the German admiral, being saved. and it is presumed that Count Von Spee, his officers and men went down fighting.

The British casualties were light, but beyond the fact that the British squadron was commanded by Vice-Admiral Sturdee, no information is vouchsafed regarding the ships engaged, and newspapers are enjoined not to speculate, as "other combinations may be effected'

The greatest enthusiasm prevailed in London over the victory, and the general impression is that it will be complete, as it is not thought the Admiralty will be likely to send ships that could not overtake the Dresden and Nurnberg, which are slow and at a disadvantage, because of their small coal capacity.

ENGLAND WAS DETERMINED

mand Squadron in Atlantic.

Pacific and South Atlantic of German

warships. It is believed therefore that

the British commander is at the head

In addition to the Dreden and Nurn

buerg, only one German warships-the

Karlsruhe-now is unaccounted for in

those waters, although there may be

one or two armed merchantmen which

As the Scharnhorst and Gneiseneau

each carried a complement of 765 men

the Leipzig 268 the Nurnberg 322 and

loss is estimated at not far from 2,000

men, although the actual losses to the

Scharnhorst, Gneisenau

Dresden and Nurnberg are not

German

yet

and

the allies have not rounded up.

the Dresden 261, the total

of a formidable squadron.

20 24 pounders, four machine guns and four torpedo tubes. ent the Best Officer She Had to Com

The Leipzig had a displacement of 3,250 tons and carried 286 men. She The British squadron left England was 341 feet long on the water line, had a beam of 43 1-2 feet and was knowledge of the general rated at 23 knots. Her largest guns, of which she carried ten, were 4.1 inch. tioned it was believed that Vice Ad-She had also ten one pounders, four miral Sturdee was serving in home machine guns and two torpedo tubes. waters. The fact that he was taken Admiral Von Spee, commander of the from the post of chief of the war staff German squadron, was aboard the is indicative of the determination of Scharnhorst, which was his flagship. the British government to clear the

## OTHER CRUISERS DAMAGED

## Reports From Santiago Chile Says Other Vessels Engaged Damaged.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 9.-Reports received here of the sinking of the German cruisers Scharnhorst. Gneisenau and Liepzig by British warships off the Falkland islands say that two other German cruisers engaged in the battle were badly damaged.

Newnort News, Va., Dec. 9 .-- Contracts for two oil tank steamers costing \$1,000,000 each were awarded today to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydoc kCompany by the Ctand-The new vessels will ard Oil Company. Liepzig, with the cruisers Nurnberg be 500 feet long, of 14,900 tons each and Dresden, composed the German Pa- and will make a speed of 10 1-2 knots Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock, off spectively.

ment today assured the members of intention to carry on the war to end in the belief that the sacri- tes the country has made will be rec- nized by the Allies when the war is ded to the sacri-	<b>EVACUATION.</b> Not a Man Lost in he did not believe in a naval policy de- be did not believe in a naval policy de-	vo per cent of the student members of churches. Re- waterways soon because of cheapness	the coast of Chile on November 1 sank the British cruisers Monmouth and Good Hope, with the loss of about 1,500 men. Since that time British and Jap- anese squadrons have been searching for the German fleet, of which little has been heard. Recent reports from
der King Peter now is making a hborn stand against the further ad- Nish reports, has inflicted heavy munication issued	-The evacuation Lodz, Russian Po- a semi-official com- today though the instion all day by the committee at the instion all day by the committee at the	vigorous replies were made to criti- cisms of the last river and harbor bill as a "pork barrel" measure. Senator Ransdell, president of the Congress,	Montevedeo, Uruguay, were to the ef- fect that the German fleet was believed to have rounded the cape, and entered the South Atlantic, but there has been and the patch from Amsterdam says:
tian Forces Victorious in Persian Guit-England Controls Section. In ot lose a soldier was given up. The text of the Interview of the soldier was given up. The text of the soldier The text of the soldier The text of the soldier	when the position and print public heating on a navel approvement of the priation bill held in many years. He cent of the was plied with many questions about ing to com condition of the navy, judged by les- cial communication sons of the European war. Although enlarging the American permanent	amount, the remainder hav- ne from the endowment. An budget is made necessary by patronage, to say nothing of improvements.	no authentic information as to the whereabouts of these vessels since the battle with the British squadron. The Scharnhorst and Gneisenau were the largent vessels of the German fleet. They were sister ships of 11,600 tons "The emperor received a re-
Based Asiatic Turkey, commander the Turkish forces at Kurna, yes- the Sufference at Kurna, yes-	should be placed in of England, he added that if this coun- t is evidenced by try continued to build only two battle- cated at Mussian treeps with- ships a year, Germany on the basis of of better co	ort of Chowan College, lo- urphreesboro, tells the story cher, of Florida, explained the claims onditions. Dr. T. T. Speight of the Oklawaha river for attention in	displacement, 450 feet on the water to port of the military situation but the line and were rated at a mean speed of the was too weak to give any in-