

SAW AUDACIOUS NEARLY RAISED 3 WEEKS AGO

British Warship sunk by Submarine soon to See Service Again.

SAY DUMMY FLEET IS TO BLOCK KIEL CANAL

A traveller who returned a day or so ago from a trip to England told this news yesterday that not only was the speeded-up Audacious being raised, but he had seen her being refitted.

The ship's crew, it was reported, are being sent to the coast of England at that time, he said, and that the ship would soon be towed to dry dock, probably at Harland & Wolff at Belfast, for repairs.

The same informant says that he talked with members of the crew of the Audacious later. They told him, he says, that the battleship was beached on a shelving ledge of rock after the Olympic left with the bulk of her crew.

These members of the crew, as quoted by THE SUN'S informant, say that there is no doubt that it was a torpedo and not a mine which sank the battleship.

When the vessel was a long way off and they say that such an injury could scarcely be caused by a mine which would be more likely to be struck by the forward part of a vessel.

According to these members of the Audacious's crew, the Olympic made an attempt to sink the vessel, but the Olympic left and the Audacious was run on the beach.

When the vessel left Liverpool, he saw some fourteen or fifteen oil tramp steamers, which were being loaded with coal for the German fleet.

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Canadian Leader Fighting Dominion Aid to England

Henri Bourassa, Anti-Imperialist Orator, Attacks Edward Grey, Opposes Recruiting and Is Regarded by Many as a Separatist.

LAUNCHED ON HIS CAREER BY LAURIER

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—The most talked-of and best hated man within the Canadian federation to-day is Henri Bourassa, journalist, pamphleteer, politician and leader of the Nationalists in the Province of Quebec.

Who is Henri Bourassa? What school of political thought does he represent? Henri Bourassa is descended from an ancient French-Canadian family, long located in Quebec, and is the grandson of the celebrated Louis J. Papineau who in 1827 united force with William Lyon Mackenzie in the fight for Canadian self-government and raised the standard of rebellion against the imperial authorities of Britain.

Opposed Aid in Boer War. But in 1896 came the Boer war, and with it a rapid change in Bourassa's relations with the Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Mr. Bourassa is an anti-imperialist, and offers frank and open hostility to all schemes which tend toward imperialism. In his opinion, the only way to secure harmony with his own political convictions in the Liberal party, he has in his political makeup a large strain of English Radicalism, and through its influence is strongly opposed to imperialism of any shape or form.

EXODUS FROM ERZERUM AS RUSSIANS ADVANCE

Preparations for Defence Rushed—Government Leaves City.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. PETROGRAD, Dec. 27.—The Bouras Gazette's correspondent, Tiflis telegrams, and other sources, report that the exodus from Erzerum is proceeding feverishly day and night under German supervision.

TURKS CLAIM GAINS. BERLIN, by wireless to Saville, L. I., Dec. 27.—The Official Press Bureau gave out the following today: "The Kaiser reports that the action against Batumi is proceeding favourably. The holy banner of the Prophet has been brought into Damascus and great rejoicing."

TURKS IN ANTI-GERMAN PLOT. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. BANGOR, via Rome, Dec. 27.—News has reached here from Constantinople to the effect that 100 Turkish military officers were arrested at the Ottoman capital on December 25, charged with conspiracy in an anti-german plot.

POPE'S ENVOY SEES SULTAN. LONDON, Dec. 27.—A despatch from Constantinople says Mr. Dole, the newly appointed Apostolic Delegate to Turkey, was received by the Sultan yesterday and presented an autograph letter from the Pope.

AUSTRIAN TROOPS IN MUTINY. Military Squad, Refusing to Leave on Christmas, Declined. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. VIENNA, via Rome, Dec. 27.—Austrian troops between the ages of 42 and 50 have been summoned to the colors for Christmas duty.

RUSSIA DENIES SALE OF ISLAND TO JAPAN

Did Not Exchange Half of Sakhalin for Arms; Government Declares.

TOKIO CONFIRMED REPORT

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 27.—Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, telegraphing today, says: "With regard to the statement emanating from Washington that Russia has ceded to Japan the Russian half of the island of Sakhalin in return for heavy guns, the Petrograd official telegraph agency is authorized to declare in the most categorical manner that the report is absolutely unfounded and does not contain the semblance of truth."

JAPAN ALSO DENIES. Suggestion Made That Report Was From German Sources.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—It was explained tonight at the Japanese Embassy that the published reports that it had received official confirmation from Tokio of statements that Russia had ceded half of Sakhalin Island to Japan in return for guns and ammunition were the result of a misunderstanding.

HOPES FOR JAPAN'S AID. M. Clemenceau Favours Bringing Troops to Europe.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. PARIS, Dec. 27.—Referring to the arguments of Stephen Pichot in favour of bringing Japanese troops to Europe, Georges Clemenceau says in his paper, L'Homme Libre: "Yes, I agree that it is strange to see white peoples so highly placed in their own esteem that they are inviting the cooperation of the yellow men."

TOKIO'S CABINET REMAINS. Elections for New Diet Fixed for March 25.

WARNS U. S. ABOUT JAPAN. Dr. Sun, Chinese Editor, Says Mikado Seeks Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Dr. Ian Sun, a Chinese editor and Speaker of the First Assembly of the Chinese republic, who is visiting here, said today: "Germany has made strong efforts to get the trade of China and has treated the Chinese fairly in my judgment, but Japan is seeking to monopolize the trade of the Philippines and is striving to get the Philippines and Chinese into the United States will keep them. Our people have been called upon to assist in the defence of the United States in defending the territory."

BRITON FINED FOR CHEERING. Pays \$1 for Being Unneutral in a Pittsburgh Movie.

ONIPKO WOUNDED IN FRANCE. Russian Revolutionary, Who Escaped From Siberia, Badly Hurt.

DAY OF PRAYER IN ENGLAND. Church to Observe January 3 With Special Services.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 27.—The King has written a letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury, in which he expresses great satisfaction at the announcement of a day of intercession, which has been fixed for January 3, and which is likely to be observed by all Christians in a heartfelt, reverent spirit.

WAR MINISTRY IN PARIS JANUARY 7. Paris, Dec. 27.—It was announced today that the French War Department, which is still in Bordeaux, will return to Paris on January 7.

Weather Conditions May Decide Length of War

Roger W. Babson Says Severity of Winter in Belgium and Elsewhere Is More Serious Factor Now Than Loss in Battles.

REPORTS FROM EUROPE SHOW INCREASE OF ILLNESS

Stream, and north and east winds bringing cold and snow from the North Sea. Such changeable weather is unhealthy and exceedingly trying. In the southern portion of the western theatre, in the vicinity of Alsace and Lorraine, there is very much more snow and the weather is much colder, although doubtless more healthy.

Saks Evening Clothes & Cutaways are made of the same fabrics as other evening and semi-formal clothes, but they are cut differently

In an evening garment and in a cutaway, it is the cut that counts. That is why for more than forty years we have been making our own evening garments. We simply must have something a little better than the best alternative. And if you are as fastidious as we are, Saks evening and semi-formal clothes must appeal to you. There positively is something about these particular garments which is original and uncommon. That something is the personal, pertinent, purposeful touches we tailor into them. That something distinguishes and dignifies a Saks Tuxedo from the crowd. That something identifies and individualizes a Saks full dress coat in any gathering. That something elevates a Saks cutaway a figurative head and shoulders above the average. And that something, that personal touch, that is what you want above all else in an evening garment, or a cutaway.

Table listing clothing items and prices: Full Dress Coat and Trousers \$28.00 to \$50.00, Tuxedo Coat and Trousers \$25.00 to \$38.00, Waistcoats, white and fancy \$3.50 to \$12.00, Braided Coat & Vest, silk lined \$28.00 to \$38.00, Trousers \$6.50 to \$14.00.

Table listing silk-lined evening clothes: Dress Coat and Trousers \$28, Tuxedo Coat and Trousers \$25.

Saks & Company Broadway at 34th Street

Special sale today of Broken lines of Men's White Shirts at 95c. Heretofore they sold up to \$3.00 apiece.

A limited lot—a broken lot—but outside of that they are perfect. Just the left-over contingents of several lines, now crumpled under a uniform price for quick action. Dress shirts, informal white shirts, both varieties in tucked, pleated and plain bosom models, with plain or double cuffs, and warranted for workmanship and wear.

\$1.00 & \$1.50 White Shirts with starched bosom 59c

Pre-Inventory Clearance today of Fitted Bags & Suit Cases at 25% off regular prices.

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Advertisement for The Provident Loan Society of New York, offering 1% per month upon pledge of personal property.