

IS S'DETRACKED; GERMAN STORY

Berlin Papers Comment on Von Moltke's Retirement as Head of Staff.

Amsterdam, Dec. 14.—That General Von Moltke's removal as chief of the German general staff in favor of General Von Falkenhayn was due to a difference of opinion with the Kaiser, was the story printed today by the Handelsblad. It was stated that the Kaiser insisted on the German army being driven toward Calais and that General Von Moltke stood out for a vigorous offensive on Verdun. Von Falkenhayn, having been the German general staff commander who made the plans for the Calais movement, was naturally selected as Von Moltke's successor.

The Handelsblad declares that only General Von Hindenburg, in command of the German forces in the east, is strong enough to stand against the Kaiser's war plans.

German newspapers which have just been received here comment on the change in the leadership of the German military forces. They state that Count Von Moltke has been "politely sidetracked" as chief of the general staff.

"Von Falkenhayn was appointed

VICTORIOUS ADMIRAL, HIS DEAD FOE AND BATTLE IN SOUTH ATLANTIC



ADMIRAL VON SPEE ADMIRAL SIR FREDERICK STURDEE



Two days after he had sunk four German cruisers in the South Atlantic, Admiral Sir Frederick Charles Doveton Sturdee reported that he had sunk four, not three German cruisers as the first account of the greatest naval battle of the war had stated. The Nürnberg, a fast German cruiser, one of Admiral von Spee's fleet, was the fourth vessel to go down.

The map shows the course of the German fleet from its position off Chile about November 1, when it sank

temporary chief of the general staff on October 25," says the Berliner Tageblatt. "He, therefore, has held the position since the fall of Antwerp. During this period have occurred the battles of the Yser and Dixmude. In this serious time, therefore, Von Falkenhayn has been uniting all the functions which during the war of 1870 were divided between Von Moltke and Roon."

Announcement was made five days ago that General von Falkenhayn would remain at the head of the general staff, but that Count von Moltke might be given another mission.

The plan of campaign of Count von Moltke, as originally outlined, was to advance on Paris as rapidly as possible and this led to the swift movement toward the French capital by General von Kluck and General von Hausen in August and September, which was ended by the retirement to the positions now occupied by the Germans in France. It is stated that friction between Emperor William and Count von Moltke first occurred at this time, the emperor taking the ground that the move tactically was futile.

Campaign Dictated by Kaiser. After the capture of Antwerp, it was Von Moltke's desire, according to these reports, to concentrate efforts upon the Verdun-Toul line, while the emperor, pointing to the possibility of an enveloping movement by the allies, or a break through the wedge which Von Moltke proposed to advance, favored the continuation of operations against the forces of the allies in Flanders. This is the situation, it is now said, which finally led to Von Moltke's trip to Hamburg and the installation of Von Falkenhayn as chief of the general staff.

Mercy on Us! (Philadelphia Ledger.) We once met a healthy young octopus in a cave by the shore he blocked up us: "I'll now prove," quoth he, "I'm not 'mercy on us'." And his eight tentacles blocked up us.

ALLIES MOVEMENT GETTING IMPETUS

Conditions in West Indicate Advance by French— Austrians Held Back.

London, Dec. 14.—Both the German and French official reports prior to Saturday was a quiet day. They contain evidence, however, that the allies' offensive movement is beginning to gather impetus and is meeting with stubborn resistance from the German troops who have been left to hold the western line while their comrades are battling with the Russians in the east.

The French have been particularly active in the Woeyre region where they have been trying to cut off the German force which projects like an arrow head to St. Mihiel on the Meuse.

The German report shows that General Joffre's men have reached a point midway between St. Mihiel and Pont-a-Mousson, so they must have gotten across the German line of communications, but they lost 600 men in prisoners and a large number of killed and wounded.

In the same region the French claim to have gained substantial ground. There has been also more fighting around Ypres—that bone of contention in Flanders.

Each Succeeded.

The battles in Poland continue al-

most without intermission, and while both Russians and German announce successes and the capture of prisoners and guns, apparently no decisive result has been reached in any series of contests. The Germans are still deluging heavy blows at the Russian center, where they assert they took 11,000 prisoners and forty machine guns, while to the south of Cracow where the Russians are on the offensive, Grand Duke Nicholas records the capture of 4,000 prisoners, four guns and seven machine guns.

Austrians Held Back. Another Russian force is holding the passes of the Carpathians, and is thus preventing the Austrians from sending relief to their army in Galicia. There is no news of the German troops who are now advancing south of Mlawa with the object of attempting to turn the Russian right, since Petrograd reported a partial success over them.

The marvelous recovery of the Serbians and their defeat of four Austrian army corps which had penetrated half way across Serbia, remains the wonder of military men. The crown prince in an address to his troops, told them they "had beaten and pursued the enemy with a rapidity unheard of in military history."

The shattered Austrian right wing crossed the Drina into Bosnia, where it was attacked by the Montenegrins near Visegrad and had to leave another toll of prisoners, killed and wounded and war material. The pursuing Serbians also picked up another 5,600 prisoners and some guns and munitions.

Austrians Quit. The Austrian army from Belgrade has again essayed attacks against the Serbian right wing, but meeting with no success, retired. It is unofficially reported the Austrians are preparing to leave Belgrade.

That the former German cruiser, now owned by Turkey, was not so seriously damaged in her brush with

Russian cruisers as has been reported is shown by the fact that she took part in the recent attack on Batuin, the Russian seaport, which, according to the Turks, resulted in a serious fire, but which the Russians caused little damage.

Bulgaria, according to a Paris report, has expressed to the powers of the triple entente her desire to remain neutral. This means Roumania, if she so wished, would be able to join the allies without fear of being attacked by Bulgaria.

PROTEST AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT

Rome, Dec. 14.—Great mass meetings were held at various places throughout Italy Saturday with the object of calling the attention of the government to the grave situation being created by the lack of employ-

ment and by the steady rise in the price of foodstuffs.

Resolutions were adopted urging the government to adopt immediate and adequate measures of relief and recommending particularly that large public works, capable of employing the masses out of work be undertaken.

Special delegates were appointed to discuss the situation with the members of the cabinet and devise remedies.

Dutch Steamer Ashore. London, Dec. 14.—The Lloyd's dispatch from Oporto says the Dutch steamer Beger, from Amsterdam for Buenos Ayres, is ashore north of Leixoes, on the Portuguese coast, and is a total wreck. It is believed that 25 lives were lost.

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PEACE NOW WOULD BE EVEN GREATER DISASTER THAN THE AWFUL CONFLICT

Rome, Dec. 14.—Senator Morand presented a resolution in the senate Saturday in which he says that peace probably would be even more disastrous than the present awful conflict if it obliged Europe to provide new and excessive armaments as this would mean ruin to the economic forces and thus would be a grave danger to social order and civil progress.

The senator said lead armament lead to the cataclysm which they intend to avert. His resolution urges the government to use all its influence to avoid future armaments.

SIMPLE DRESS HAS EXTENDED HER LIFE

Carmi, Ill., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Betsy Storey celebrated her 102nd birthday today. She has lived on the same farm for 78 years. Mrs. Storey attributes her long life to her simple dress. She has never worn a corset, she said, nor ridden on a train.

CHICAGO WOMAN DIES OF INJURIES

Florence, Italy, Dec. 14.—Owing to the death of Mrs. Mary E. Flavell in Chicago last week, the trial of Pietro Rossi, a Florentine art student, who is charged with having assaulted her, has been postponed. The case was set for the latter part of this month.

Rossi is accused of having shot and robbed the elderly woman on board a train while she was journeying from Florence to Perugia, Italy, last May.

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