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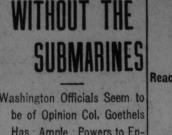
NEXT DECISIVE STEP ON VISTULA PLAINS, BERLIN SAYS

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Berlin (via The Hague to London, Dec. 14)—Despatches from the southwestern war zone report that a violent artillery duel was in pro-gress Sundaysin Upper Alsace, rising apparently from an attempt by the French to advance in the direction of Altkirch. The firing lasted from eleven o'clock in the morning until late in the afternoon. The result of the fighting has not been reported. The correspondent of the Zeitung Am Mittag with the Austrian general headquarters telegraphs that the battle in Poland, following the capture of Lodz, now is waging along a stationary front in that re-gion. In West Galicia, the correspondent says, there have been tangi-ble results to the Austro-German offensive, their success being shown in the withdrawal of Russian columns from the Carpathians to serve as reinforcements where they are most needed. The correspondent adds that the indication is that the next decisive step is due to take place in the Visula plains. the Vistula plains. sweeping all before them, as the Austrians admit defeat at the hands of the Servians to the south east of Valjevo, where they were compelled to make an extended retirement.

Progress along the Ypres Canal noted in the latest French of-al war bulletin, although the ather conditions are unfavor-e to any extensive movement the opposing forces on the tlefront in Belgium and France. The Germans have replied to a tatacks of the Allies, and vi-nt fighting is reported during past twenty-four hours. In interesting feature of the ench official communication is statement that the railway tion of Commercy, in the De-tment of Meuse, has been bom-

attle, have re-occupied The Servian capital was the Austrians on Decem-fter a siege of several If this report proves true rvians are apparently



be of Opinion Col. Goethels Has Ample Powers to Enforce Neutrality in Panama Zone.

Washington, Dec. 14 .-- Col. Goethal terated request for destroyers for e in enforcing neutrality laws in th nama Canal zone, was the subject conferences today between Secre ry of War Garrison, Counselo iferences today between Sec of War Garrison, Counse ing, of the State Department, a Admiral Fiske, chief of the nav

Lansing, of the State Department, and Rear Admiral Fiske, chief of the nawy's oureau of operations. No decision resulted, and it was indicated tonight that, because of the delecacy of the question involved and the scant infor-mation furnished by Col. Goethals, it might be several days before any ac-tion was taken. Secretary Garrison early in the day received a cablegram from Col. Goethals in reply to his request for details concerning the call for de-stroyers. This message was not made public, on account of its confidential nature, but Mr. Garrison sald in Col. Goethals judgment misuse of radio communication with in canal waters and the necessity of preventing mis-inge of the zone as a base of supply by belligerents, required the presence of switt-moving warships. Before any step is determined up-on, it is understood that officials of the administration will go deeply into

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has at his com to enforce the night the first of a series of meetings at which he has been delegated to ex-press the thanks of the Admiralty to the shippard and engineering works the United States government exercise no control. There is an e military force in barracks in one to maintain order and to deal any vessel after if has passed up the entrance looks of the would avail nothing."





London, Dec. 14-A letter sent I Bonar Law and the Marquis nsdowne, Unionist leaders in th A. Bonar Law and the Marquis of Lansdowne, Unionisi leaders in the House of Commong and the House of Lords, respectively, to Prime Minis-ter Asquith on Sunday, August 2, when the decision of the government whether to participate in the war or not was doubtful, was read by Mr. Bonar Law are meeting of the Union-ist chairman and agents today. The letter was as follows: "Lord Lansdowne and I feel it our duty to inform you that in our opinion, as well as in that of all our colleagues, whom we have been able to consult, that it would be fatal to the honor and the security of the United Kingdom Russia at the present juncture, and Russia at the present juncture, and

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hristmas. All possible facilities were given to he Hebrew members of the Canadian contingent this week end to attend he special services in connection with heir religious feast of Hanukah. RICHARDS-Suddenly at Ottawa on Saturday, December 12th, Nettle F., wife of J. Fred Richards. Interment at Fredericton on Tuesday



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## FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 14.—The French ficial statement given out in aris this afternoon reports com-intillery exchanges of relatively inor importance elsewhere. In e Meuse, German batteries are ild to be moving to the north. In e Woevre district the French ptured a trench and repulsed vo counter attacks. The advance of the French line to Alsace has brought it to a bint north of Altkirch, and about n miles to the east of the from-

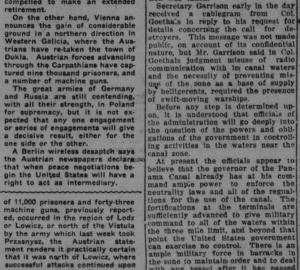
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of 11,000 prisoners and forty-three machine guns, previously report-ed, occurred in the region of Lodz or Lowicz, or north of the Vistula by the army which last week took Przasnysz, the Austrian state-ment renders it practically certain that it was north of Lowicz, where successful attacks continued upon

"Austria further reports the de-feat of the Russian southern wing

reat of the Russian southern wing on Saturday at Limanova and the advance of Austrian forces over the Carpathian passes. "Special correspondents with the Austrian armies attribute the rapid withdrawal of the Russians from the Carpathians to the in-creasing pressure."



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