

FEAR OF GERMAN POLAND SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN BROKEN

Russians Cross the Bzura and Take Some of German Positions — Flank of Von Hindenburg's Army is Threatened — Fierce Struggle in Carpathians for Passes Leading Into Hungary — Allies Planning For a Drive at German Line in the Arras Region.

London, Feb. 5.—Coincident with the arrival at the front of Emperor Nicholas, the Russians have assumed the offensive directly west of Warsaw, and, according to a Russian official statement, have crossed the Bzura river and taken some German positions. This, in the opinion of military experts, will, if the Russians have sufficient forces at their disposal, break the deadlock which has existed in the battle in Central Poland for so many weeks, since it threatens the flank of General Von Hindenburg's army, which is engaged in the violent struggle immediately to the southwest in an effort to break down the Russian defenses in the region of Borjowim. The Russians appear, according to reports from Petrograd, to have crossed the Bzura near its junction with the Vistula and working southward to have taken part of the German position near Dakhova, south of Sochaczew, which was the point at which the Germans made their original attempt to break the Russian line. This new offensive on the part of the Russians explains their anxiety to clear the right bank of the lower Vistula of the Germans, for, having accomplished this, they would be free to threaten an outflanking movement from that direction.

No Slackening in the Fighting.

Still there has been no slackening in the desperate fighting which has been proceeding for some days in the woods and roads along the right bank of the Rawa river, from Borjowim to the Skiernewice, Warsaw road. Here attacks of the Germans, under the leadership of the Russians, under an artillery fire whose violence has never been exceeded.

In the meantime the Russians are making slow progress in East Prussia and are withstanding the attempts of the Austro-German forces to take the offensive on the river Nida, in Southern Poland, and on the Dunajec river in Galicia. The Austrians admit the loss of Tarnow, Galicia, an important centre, possession of which by the Russians insures the main line of communications in Western Galicia.

Allies Preparing for Drive at Enemy in Arras Region.

Artillery engagements and a few small infantry attacks make up the sum of the operations on the western front. There are indications, however, that the allies are preparing the way for an offensive movement in the Arras region. The Austro-German forces have been very busy, and where they have captured some German trenches. In the Argonne region, too, the French claim to have improved their position. The failure of the Turks in their preliminary attack on the Suez Canal gives a good deal of satisfaction to England, as it is felt that the Territorial and Australian troops engaged there have proved their mettle. Mil-

INCREASED REVENUE FROM EXCISE DUTIES FOR JANUARY

A Gain of \$121,454 Shown in Financial Statement — Total Revenues from all Sources Only Little Over Million Below Last Year's Figures Despite Unusual Conditions.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Feb. 5.—The January statement of the finance department shows a picking up in excise duties. The revenue from this source was \$1,540,121, an increase of \$121,454 over a year ago. The post office revenue of \$1,395,956 was an increase of \$185,446. Public works, railways and canals and miscellaneous sources also showed increases.

NAVAL BILL GOES THROUGH CONGRESS

Calls for 2 Battleships, 6 Torpedo Boat Destroyers and Submarine Fleet.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Over a strenuous protest from Majority Leader Underwood, the House in passing the Naval Appropriation Bill tonight retained provision for the construction of two new dreadnoughts. The bill as it goes to the Senate carries \$144,648,902 and authorizes the following construction program: Two battleships of the largest and most powerful design, \$7,500,000 each, exclusive of armor and armament. Six torpedo destroyers, \$925,000 each. One sea-going submarine torpedo boat, \$1,400,000. Eleven submarines, \$550,000 each. One oil fuel ship, \$1,140,000.

THE MEXICAN IMBROGLIO

Washington, Feb. 5.—So serious has the friction become between the Carranza government and members of the diplomatic corps in Mexico City that the withdrawal of many foreign legations is now threatened.

TO INVESTIGATE NICKEL INDUSTRY IN ONTARIO

Government Will Take Measures to Carry Out Refining Project if Commission's Report Warrants.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—The Ontario government has taken action to have a thorough investigation made of the nickel industry in the province, with a view to having all nickel refined at home. The Hon. G. Howard Ferguson announced that in order to ascertain all the facts and to acquire a full knowledge of the situation, it had been decided to appoint a commission to investigate.

SIR GEORGE PERLEY GOES TO THE FRONT

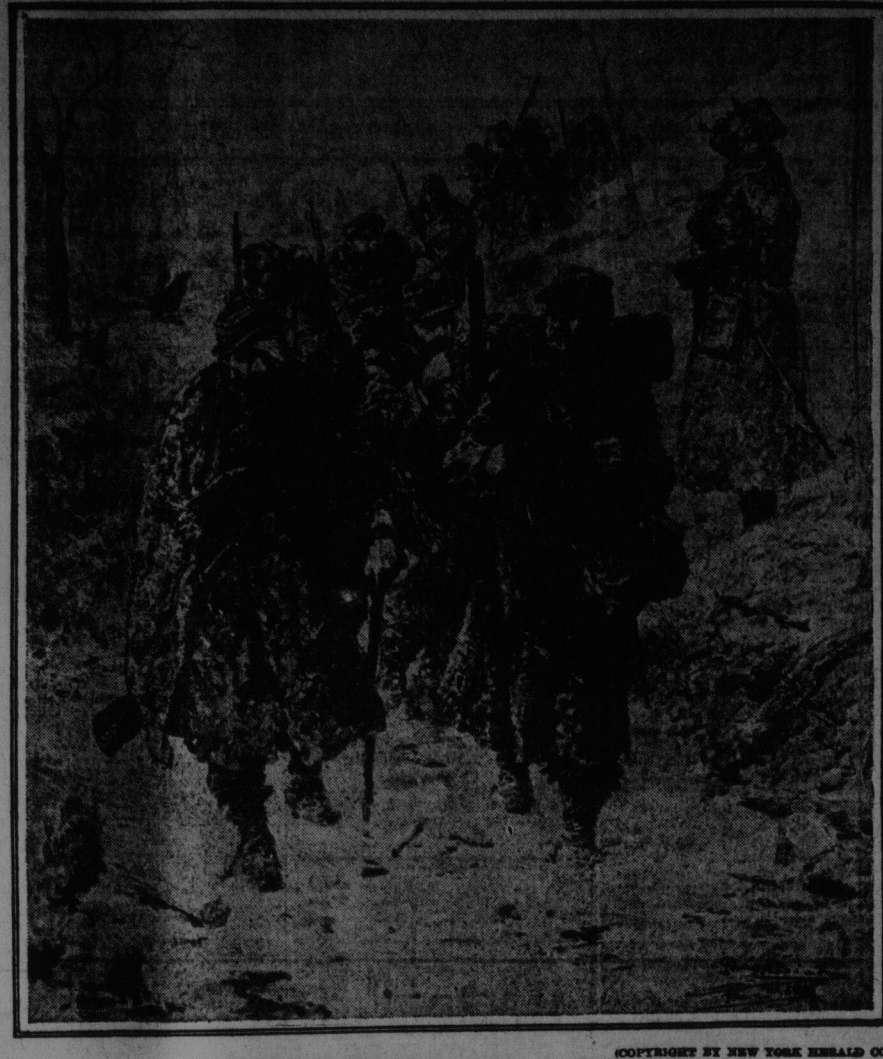
BROUGHT NO WORD OF EXPLORER STEFANSSON

Dawson, Yt. Feb. 4.—No word concerning Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, was contained in the budget of mail brought from Fort MacPherson by Northwest Mounted Police, who arrived yesterday from the Arctic coast. Letters dated December 11, said no tidings had been received from the explorer, who set out from Herby Island last March for Banks Island.

DIED.

SANDALL.—Mrs. R. Sandall, widow of T. Overton Sandall, at Montreal, February 5. Funeral from the residence of A. O. Skinner, 24 Coburg street, at 3 p. m. GREEN.—At McAdam Junction, on 8rd inst. George Green, customs officer, after a brief illness, in the 72nd year of his age, leaving his wife and two daughters to mourn. Notice of funeral later.

THE FIGHTING "POLIUS" OF THE FRENCH ARMY.



"POLIUS" ON WAY BACK FROM THEIR TRENCHES.

WARSAW'S IMPORTANCE IN EASTERN WAR FIELD

Warsaw, Feb. 5.—Warsaw's status as a fortress is less important than as a central ganglion of communications and as a distribution centre for reinforcements for wounded and for prisoners. The city is fortified mainly because only rail communications of the Grand Duke Nicholas' vast armies now fighting on the Bzura and Rawa streams thirty miles away. The reinforcing and feeding of these millions by two double-tracked railroads is a problem of the campaign.

Against the stream west of men, food, and munitions, is an east-going stream of wounded and prisoners. During the last fortnight the number of wounded has fallen off, and the number of prisoners has decreased greatly. Accompanied by nurses and surgeons, they march down the Jerusalem Allee, a long thoroughfare leading to the southern Vistula bridge, and then cross the bridge to Praga. There again they entrain. Sentries posted at the west end of the bridge drive back the loungers and small boys who complete the procession.

For the badly wounded are street cars, fitted with couches, and marked outside with red crosses. This system was devised at Moscow, which is girded with the biggest cobblestones in Europe. Warsaw has also some well-fitted motor-ambulances supplied by the Jewish community. The street cars take the wounded along the Marzajska Street to the north centre of the city, whence they are distributed to hospitals, public and private, many of which are converted concert and picture-show halls. I went into a converted picture-show hall near the Bagin Garden, and found forty wounded men being treated to old films of Max Linder, Bunny, and Wild West scenes. The "sanitary trains" are well-fitted, mostly being converted passenger trains. On the Kalisz line is a splendid Red Cross train provided by the Empress Alexandra. This and the other trains used for the very badly wounded run directly across the river to Praga.

Transport of the wounded causes great difficulty, owing to the over-crowding of the tracks. The movement of men and goods west is so great, compared with the movement east that the empty trains returning for fresh wounded are held up for hours. With spring, the transport will be improved, if, as is hoped, the Russian armies are still west of, or on, the Vistula. All of the wounded destined for South Russian centres will be moved on hospital barges up the river to Ivanogrod, and from there sent by train to Kiev. Already hospital barges are being equipped. For slightly

wounded, able to walk, there will be barge dining-halls, which will be towed by steamer to points where many wounded are due to pass. Forty thousand wounded are in Warsaw, Praga, and other suburbs. A month ago the height of the terrific battles for Lodz, the number was 100,000, and for days this number could not be reduced, in spite of very quick and efficient "evacuation" to other towns. The present small number is due to the fact that, after their great efforts in capturing Lodz, Lovitsch, and Skiernewice, the Germans have relaxed their efforts. There is still proceeding heavy fighting—fighting which forty years ago would have counted as a great battle—but it is nothing to what went before.

Among the prisoners were Prussian Poles, who made themselves understood in the Slavonic with the words woda (water), pier (beer), chleb (bread), and other words common to both Slav languages. All the depot waited Polish ladies with cardboard boxes of cigarettes, tobacco, and "makhorke," the deadly greenish grain tobacco which the monk-like smokers. When the tobacco was distributed, the wounded Russians treated the enemy to "makhorke." The Germans tried it in their pipes, made wry faces, and spat. Then the Russians distributed cigarettes. The Germans refused to smoke the thin Russian cigarettes, but broke them up and stuffed the tobacco in their pipes. Before parting, the enemies exchanged greetings. The Germans saluted; and the Russians, as they do at home, ceremoniously lifted their forage caps and bowed.

Later, I saw these Germans, with 200 Austrians, entraining at Praga for Moscow and Siberia. In the party were two Austrian officers, who dined for the German Petersburgers Zeltling, and showed disgust when they heard it has ceased to appear. They purchased "Guides to the Russian Language."

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LESS OF SHOWS

Streets are the Shops and Richer Soldiers.

Paris, Jan. 15.—I have to study out what has Paris since war began—changed, I mean, to my eye. Of course, houses and open spaces remain the same, but the streets in twenty miles, and the bombing of Soissons, six weeks ago, has left new dropped an occasional Paris; and the lights of are dimmed and shaded or may be turned off altogether. The gratings at the kept closed, and no auto-out without a permit. back and forth only at and only until ten at ways pass, loaded down banities. Inside the sub—has full trains. If you you can see outside, where trees were cut do still remains of the frise that were planned back was expected. Just far from any new lava, prohibited. Paris and ings only last week hav ed from what is called zone. No even accus cans might visit Paris ing any material chang

Streets Are En Yet the eye has an u difference. The streets for one thing. There buses, not even alone t where there are no tr auto-buses of late year utilized for provisioning the front, and there a horses for the old-fashio Here are auto-cabs, b there are resurrecte There are also eyes pe see wonderful Paris. Y have been open, and of ing daily. One manage South American are a usual. Perhaps the tenton to newspaper h keep North Americans It must be said that the the everlasting passin Paris streets were wo the eye of visitors. Mo er and many large shop are closed. This is why the quarters inhab people," who never ha with luxury, seem now, "their shops an the necessities of life, war and peace the na equipments also no long fashionable. American Pa is Laix, the most h frankly an "ambulance bottom; and another chiefly given up to an sewing girls that are enough work to keep together.

Paris Puts on a Display

Luxury can be dispensed over and above the well-being which are the of all human society. brought many Parisian eyes in the scene of s appears outwardly. Pr brave face on war, w and without nerves— fact. The eye gives no that Paris would not t three or for twenty ye This does not mean war apparitions in th There are frequent so ed in uniform, which are on errands or have from among the hundr of troops concentrated camp of Paris. As a b not in evidence in Pa war time, not so much in time of peace. So dlers have come to a are far advanced in c making ready to go b The wounded are though Paris has its h pitals and ambulanc you see two or three together, one with his another leaning heavil live within a stone's t American Hospital an four hundred wounde City College and of ambulance installed school building. Fro have seen sixteen to greatcoats and kni themselves into the t their wounds are ne English soldier in th camp minus the left f a heel out of commiss me in the train talki ese. But in general, in the centre of Pari of war are not in fu most careless eye, so struck by the numb girls who pass in bl

Faces of Young

There is a disapp the eye becomes un of the faces of you boys, whistling as the about or premature, and when there is the tired, elderly faces, there seem to be few women along the stre ting or sewing for th

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