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**RUSSIAN TROOPS CONTINUING  
THEIR VICTORIOUS ADVANCE**

Germans, Who Persist in Furious Struggle, Have Been the Victims of Terrific Slaughter Last Sixteen Hours.

Petrograd, December 2.—The Army Messenger says: "The Russian army operating against the Germans, Austrians and Turks continue to meet with considerable success. All along the front our troops are continuing their victorious advance. The excessive cold, however, is delaying general operations."

"A portion of the Russian army is nearing Cracow, where it has halted awaiting the main body of troops. The capture of that town is imminent."

"After desperate fighting our troops by outflanking the Austro-Hungarian forces captured the villages of Belska and Gumnany."

"Despite the severe cold, the temperature being as low as 22 degrees at some points, the spirit and enthusiasm of our troops continue very good."

A despatch from Lemberg says: "The energetic Russian advance is persistently pushing back the Austrians into Cracow. The information reaching Lemberg from a trustworthy source is that the Austrians are evacuating position after position, with very large losses."

"The Germans persist in a furious struggle to burst through northward from Lodz and end their beleaguered position. They are charging the Russian infantry night and day for the control of the north road through Kutno leading to Thorn. This road, which follows the railroad, is the only passage through which a relief army can be brought from the north. Close quarter fighting has lasted 16 hours with terrific slaughter."

**WAR SUMMARY.**

Berlin contradicts the reports of a great Russian victory in Poland, and says that the German forces near Lodz succeeded in breaking through the Russian line.

Russians are said to have gained more decisive results against the Austrians.

If Vienna is to be believed, the Russian cause is quite hopeless.

Unofficial reports from Belgium say the Germans are preparing for another attempt to break through to Calais.

London despatches report that Roumania will soon join the Allies.

**GERMAN BATTERIES DAMAGED.**  
Paris, December 2.—It is officially announced that three German artillery batteries were damaged by French attacks, south of Ypres. The German attacks on a trench captured by the French were repulsed.

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**BATTLE MAY RESUME  
ALONG RIVER AISNE**

Possible That Allies May Attempt to Force This Position in Course of Few Days

**MORE FIGHTING IN FLANDERS**

Eastern Campaign Progresses—Russians Fighting to Cut Off German Relief—Russia Has Upper Hand in Kutno—Action Develops Near Lodz—Austrians Evacuate Positions.

(Special to Journal of Commerce.)

London, December 2.—The possibility of a renewal of the battle along the River Aisne lines with the Allies on the offensive is pointed out by the correspondent of the Daily News, in Northern France to-day.

The correspondent states that the French General Staff has been closely inspecting the German lines from Belfort to Ypres and has discovered several weak points against which attacks probably could be made with every hope of quick success.

The battle along the Aisne, it will be remembered, petered out two months ago when the two opposing armies were deadlocked, neither being able to advance. Then the fighting was suddenly transferred to Flanders where it has continued since. Now with the Flanders campaign apparently nearing an end the Allies are turning their attention again to the Aisne lines which were undoubtedly weakened by the Germans in many places, in order to strengthen their lines in Flanders. It is possible that an attack along the Aisne might be ordered by the Allies within a few days, the correspondent thinks.

Violent fighting is apparently developing again on the Yser in Flanders. Heavy guns were in action on both sides along some parts of the line yesterday.

An indication of the German activity was gained from the official communique issued yesterday in Paris. It stated that there was a sharp engagement between Bethune and Lens in which the French forces made slight advances. Later unofficial messages to Paris indicated that the fighting in Flanders had resumed with unusual violence and that the German attack appears to be developing strongly again. A particularly strong attempt was made to pierce the Allied lines at Bischoote yesterday, this was repulsed. The correspondent states that the recent engagements are the preliminaries of the "last dash for Calais." It will be remembered that several weeks ago the Kaiser was reported to have ordered the occupation of Calais by December 16th at any cost.

With no respite from fighting night or day Petrograd despatches say the Russians are pressing to win control of the north road through Kutno, leading to Thorn. This road, which follows the railway, is the only avenue for a German relief army.

The contest in Poland is still favorable for the Russians, according to unofficial dispatches from the front. The official report of operations says that on the left bank of the River Vistula in the region of Lodz, the action continues to develop, the attacks of the army being directed mainly against the front between Bielawy and Sobota. To the north of Lodz, the Russian offensive was successful. It is in this region that the Czar's forces are trying to dominate the German communications to Thorn.

Despatches from Lemberg say that the Austrians have evacuated positions with large losses, are being driven into Cracow. In the operations hitherto there has been nothing like the tension now existing in military circles over the situation in Poland. The Germans in the face of the most rigorous climatic disadvantages, persist in holding their positions facing Lodz and Lwow, where the Russians are declaring they are expected here and in fact Russian reconnaissance parties have discovered reinforcements coming south-east toward Sieradz.

**OSTEND AND ZEEBRUGGE BOMBARDED.**

Rotterdam, December 2.—Both Ostend and Zeebrugge were bombarded on Monday by the French and British warships, according to reports received from several sources. This bombardment caused the second suspension of work by the German marine engineers who are fitting out submarines at Zeebrugge.

**SERVIAN SITUATION SERIOUS.**

Sofia, via Berlin and Amsterdam, December 2.—The situation in Servia is critical. It is reported that the Servian army is being withdrawn from Belgrade and that all communication between Belgrade and Nish has been cut.

**BUSINESS MEN IN THE DAY'S NEWS**

Mr. Edward Hay, the new General Manager of the Imperial Bank, is another example of a Scotsman who left his native heath and made good elsewhere. Mr. Hay was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, but came to this country as a lad, or when it was first organized. The Honorable Robert Jaffray, President of the Imperial Bank, is also a Scotsman, being born at Banockburn.

Mr. H. S. Ross, K.C., who is to address the Equal Suffrage League to-night on "Woman's Rights in the Province of Quebec," is a "Blue Nose," who came to Montreal several years ago. Mr. Ross is a Radical of the first rank, and is keenly interested in all progressive movements, such as Woman's Suffrage, Single Tax, etc., etc. He finds time for a lot of work of this nature, despite the fact that he has a large legal practice.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who was to address the Redford Club on Saturday night, has sent word that he will not be able to be present owing to illness. Sir Wilfrid a few days ago celebrated his 73rd birthday, and is probably commencing to feel the infirmities of age making themselves felt. He has spent an extremely busy and active life, never sparing himself in the slightest, and it is only natural to suppose that he should be obliged to take care of himself at the present time.

Colonel Sir Hamilton Goad-Adams, who has just been appointed Governor of Victoria, Australia, is an Irishman from County Cork. Montaguers are interested in his progress owing to the fact that he married Miss Elsie Riddon, daughter of Charles Riddon of this city. He is a soldier by profession, having seen service in the Boer War and commanded a force against the Matabele in 1893, and also saw service in the Boer War. He has been Governor of Orange River Colony and of Cyprus, before going to his present \$25,000 a year job at Victoria.

**GERMAN GENERAL STAFF ARE IN  
A QUANDRY RE ACTION IN FLANDERS**

Its Army is Suffering Terribly From Cold and Floods—Pneumonia, Rheumatism and Typhoid Have Begun to Ravage the Forces—Famine is Also Commencing to Become a Factor in the Campaign.

London, December 2.—Telegraphing from the Belgian frontier, Martin Donohue, special correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, says: "The German army on the Belgium sea coast is feeling very acutely the terrible effects of winter weather, disease and shortage of food."

"The fine force with which the Kaiser hopes to break through to Calais is bitterly disheartened by the serious disasters it has met. Practically no winter quarters have been provided for the troops, who now are exposed to the rigors of West Flanders winter and their fighting effectiveness is reduced to zero."

"The flooding of Flanders by the Belgians, while it checked the German advance, also had a disastrous effect on the health of the German troops. Pneumonia, rheumatism and typhoid fever, I hear, have laid hold on the unwounded soldiers of the Kaiser's army."

"The death roll in Flanders has been very heavy, but perhaps the German soldiers' worst and most feared enemy is famine. Supplies of all kinds have run short and it has been found impossible adequately to feed the armies now holding the line in front of the Allies."

"The German staff now seems to be between two conflicting resolves. They cannot make up their mind whether to fling away a fresh army in another attempt to reach the coveted goal or cut their terrible losses and retreat from that Belgium which has been a grave of so many of the Kaiser's bravest legions."

**TURKS CUT OFF EARS  
AND NOSES OF SOLDIERS.**

Nish, December 2.—It is officially announced that Turkish brigands responding to the call for a "holy war" have invaded Southern Serbia and are attacking the troops.

One band armed with two quick-firing guns attacked a Serbian detachment which is guarding the railway bridge, cutting off the soldiers' ears and noses.

It is admitted that Serbians are retreating before Austrians for strategic reasons.

**GERMANS ATTACKED ENTRENCHED  
FRENCH BUT WERE REPULSED**

Paris, December 2.—The 3 p.m. official communique follows:

"In the region to the south of Ypres, at St. Eloi, an attack of the enemy against a French captured by our troops during the day was repulsed."

"Our artillery damaged three heavy batteries of the enemy's artillery at Vermeilles. The Chateau at this place, the Park surrounding it, two houses in the village and some of the enemy's trenches were brilliantly captured by our troops. In the environs of Fay, to the south and west of Peronne, there was a lively cannonade."

"In the region of Vendresse and Craonne, the German artillery bombarded violently. Our artillery answered the enemy's gunfire successfully, and succeeded in destroying a battery."

"In the Argonne an attack of the Germans against Fontaine-Madame has been repulsed, and we have made some progress, capturing a trench in the woods of Courtes Chaussees and small work of defense at St. Hubert."

"On the heights of the Meuse in the Woevre region and in the Vosges nothing worth mentioning has happened."

**MASSEY-HARRIS COMPANY.**

Toronto, Ont., December 2.—The plant of the Massey-Harris Company here has been partially opened. Additional men will be taken on from day to day. The company has secured a contract for 2,000 military waggon from the British Government.

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**TWO-DAY CAMPAIGN  
FOR CHARITY'S SAKE**

Winsome Society Ladies Dispose of Wares Over Counter at Goodwin's

**SALE PRONOUNCED SUCCESS**

Indeed Only a Stony-Hearted Individual of the Male Persuasion Could Resist Appeal Made in Behalf of the Poor.

Goodwin's is the busiest place in town to-day! The big departmental store was taken possession of by the ladies of Montreal who conducted a Two-Day Campaign for "Sweet Charity's Sake." Society women, those interested in charities of various kinds—religious work, the soldiers' welfare and other philanthropic movement—combined their forces and staged the most elaborate selling campaign ever put on in Montreal.

The organization was headed by Lady Allan, who acted as Lady Manager. Under her are many of the best known women in Montreal, each of whom has charge of a department. Assisting them again are scores of young society girls, whose conquests in the social world are being duplicated over the counter. It is indeed a stony-hearted, unsympathetic individual who can resist their persuasive ways and winsome smiles.

The selling organization has the ordinary church fair beaten a mile. The ordinary individual who goes in with his mind made up to spend but a limited amount is lucky if he gets away with ten times his estimated outlay. Not only are the goods temptingly displayed, and of a most attractive nature, but the object for which the sale is conducted appeals strongly to all who enter the store. In addition to that, there is the crowning appeal of young winsome women who positively refuse to be denied.

It would be impossible to enumerate the many able conducted departments, as every aisle of the store is bustling with activity. Perhaps to a mere man the lunch room, presided over by Mrs. R. A. E. Green-shield, is entitled to the blue ribbon. Certainly the land office business she transacted was a tribute to her organizing ability and to an innate knowledge of one of man's primal wants. The seating capacity of the lunch rooms was taxed to its utmost capacity. Another popular place was the candy booth, another the soda water and ice cream counter, where Miss Shaughnessy directed affairs. The toy department, Mrs. Laidlaw's wear, men's shoes, and even the prosaic grocery department, all bustling with a new life. The plea "For Charity's Sake" was the sesame which opened wide the purses of the purchasers.

The Two-Day Sale, despite the extremely bad weather, has been a pronounced success. Not only have the sales been unusually large, but the spirit animating the store will mean much for both buyers and sellers. The Society ladies, who went in and took charge of the store, knew little or nothing about the internal management of a great departmental store nor of the difficulties confronting those who serve. It has given them a new viewpoint, and, needless to say, a more sympathetic attitude towards the girl behind the counter. In this particular case, like all other charitable movements, "the quality mercy is not strained—it is twice blessed, it blesses him who gives and him who takes."

**REICHSTAG'S WAR CREDITS**

Imperial Chancellor of Russia Says Such Action Will Be Stimulus to Troops.

Berlin, December 2.—The Reichstag met to vote further war credits. Des Von Bethmann Holweg, the Imperial Chancellor, addressed the members, declaring that the situation on both eastern and western fronts "is favorable to our arms." He urged that the Reichstag vote credits asked on the ground that such action would be stimulus to the troops.

"At the same time the War Office announced the receipt of despatches from eastern quarters saying that while the Russians were putting up a stubborn resistance the German campaign is being prosecuted with success."

The German offensive toward Lodz is pushing back the Russians in that region, it is claimed.

German military authorities in Belgium have prohibited the Belgian National Bank from issuing any more bank notes because the gold reserve has been taken out of the country and there is no gold specie in vaults of the banks to secure the currency.

Notes issued against Belgian gold in London are allowed, however.

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**FRENCH AND RUSSIAN PAPER NOT WANTED.**

Chicago, December 2.—Local manufacturers have declined French Government six months and one year treasury notes in payment for supplies.

One large local concern has been obliged to decline a \$200,000 contract because it could not reimburse itself if the order was taken.

Banks will not take the paper for collection at maturity from the French Government. The Russian Government also seeks more goods than it has cash to pay for and its paper is not wanted.

**RUSSIAN GENERAL RELIEVED OF COMMAND.**

Copenhagen, December 2.—It is reported from Petrograd that General Rennenkampf, the Russian commander on the East Prussian frontier, has been relieved of his command, because he was two days late in carrying out the Russian General Staff's plans. His delay prevented the encircling of the entire German army of General Von Hindenburg by the Russians.

**APPOINTED MANAGER.**

Sydney, N.S., December 2.—S. G. Dobson, manager of the Royal Bank of Canada here, has been promoted to be assistant manager of the Montreal Branch. Mr. Dobson, who will leave shortly to assume his new duties, will be succeeded by Mr. Hall.

**GERMAN FLEET IN NORTH SEA.**

London, December 2.—It is reported that the German fleet again has steamed into the North Sea.