

GERMANS RIVEN BACK IN REGION OF MLAWA

General Headquarters Staff at Petrograd Gives Out Cheering Report of Fighting in Northern Poland — Austrian Offensive Movement in Galicia Unable to Make Ground Against Stubborn Resistance of Czar's Men and Tide of Battle Seems to be With Russians — Austrian Division Mowed Down by Bayonet Charge.

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The official communication issued today by the Russian general headquarters says: "In the region of Mlawa (Northern Poland), the Germans have fallen back towards the line of Lautenburg-Neidenburg (across the border into East Prussia). "On the left bank of the Vistula, there is no incident of importance to report. "In Galicia the Austrian offensive is being greatly hindered by our troops and the operations in this region have taken on a character extremely favorable to us. One of the Austrian divisions which was operating in the vicinity of Dukla Pass was easily defeated by a bayonet charge made by our troops. "The enemy left on the battlefield five hundred killed and we captured ten officers and more than a thousand soldiers. "The attempts of the Przemysl garrison to break through the Blousa line have been definitely repulsed. The garrison was forced back into the line of fortifications with heavy losses."

London, Dec. 21.—The Russian army defending Warsaw is today believed to have completed the formation of its new line before the Polish capital. The forces of Grand Duke Nicholas are declared to number more than 1,000,000 men, and the entire Russian line has been strengthened. Reinforcements which have been hurried into Poland have enabled Grand Duke Nicholas to lengthen the line defending Warsaw into a continuous battle from the Vistula to Pilica river. The Russians are thus massed on a front of more than sixty miles, with their main line running through the important railroad point to Skiernewice and on through Rawatowicka. The extension of the line to the south along the Pilica was made necessary by the advance of the Austro-German forces in the Pieterkow region. The branch line railroad running through Rawa is strongly defended and heavy forces are also in position along the main railroad running southwest from Skiernewice to Pieterkow. The main advance of the Germans is now along the Bura river and the railroad running through Lowicz to Warsaw. Snow, rain and extremely cold weather are forcing both armies to conduct their operations only under the greatest difficulty. The Vistula is declared to have started to freeze. The fighting during the past week in which the Russians have defended their position while their new lines were being formed, has resulted in extremely heavy losses. On the southern front, in Galicia, the fighting is still developing along extensive lines. The Petrograd statement declares the situation is without important change. A statement from

GEN. HUGHES BACK IN OTTAWA

First Contingent not likely to go to front in separate Battalions brigaded with British troops.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The first Canadian contingent is not likely to be sent to the front in separate battalions brigaded with British troops, according to General Sam Hughes, who intimated that the idea of breaking up the army division at Salisbury Plains was only the product of some fertile imagination. He also stated that he would not be surprised if the Princess Patricia had exchanged the Ross rifle for the British army rifle but that was a thing that he had nothing to do with now. General Hughes came back from the Maritime Provinces today with a worse cold than that which troubled him a fortnight ago. He said that the Nova Scotia regiment, the 25th, recruited for overseas service had 85 per cent. born in Nova Scotia, the 26th at St. John also had a large percentage of Canadian born. The Cape Breton Highlanders was a splendid body of men and the artillerymen mobilizing at Fredericton were fine capable men. The engineers recruiting in the Maritime Provinces also contained a large number of civil engineers and university graduates.

BRITAIN SENDS NOTE OF INQUIRY TO WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 21.—A note of inquiry has been addressed to the State Department by the British government in regard to the charges, which that government alleges Col. Goetz has admitted were baseless, against the conduct of certain British colliers, in the waters of the Panama Canal zone. The communication implied that the British captains were harshly treated. So far Secretary Daniels has been unable to learn just what led to the recent dismantlement of the wireless of a British collier at Panama, even the name of the ship being unknown. He has ordered a full report, which will be laid before the State Department as a basis for its answer to the British note.

OFFICERS HOME FROM SALISBURY PLAINS

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The party of officers who have returned from Salisbury Plains to take commissions with the second contingent or other forces being mobilized includes Lt. Col. J. R. Kirkpatrick, Woodstock, N. B.; Lt. Col. C. A. Andrews, Aldershot, S. I.; Lt. Col. E. S. Bois, St. Isadore, P. Q.; Lt. Col. C. Readman, St. Anne de La Paque, Que.; Major J. J. Bull, Woodstock, N. B.; Major J. T. N. L'Heureux, St. Anne de La Paque; Major Cressy, Sudbury, Ont.; Major S. M. Walbridge, Belleville, Ont.; Major J. H. Creighton, Lunenburg, N. S.; Capt. A. Savard, Quebec, and others.

POPE SHOWS INTEREST IN PRISONERS OF WAR

Rome, Dec. 21.—In the hope of alleviating the discomforts of prisoners of war and the anxiety of their relatives at home, Pope Benedict has instructed all Bishops in dioceses wherein are military prisoners, and apparently one or more priests who are acquainted with languages spoken by the imprisoned soldiers to instruct these priests not only to offer spiritual counsel, but so far as possible to look after the material welfare of the prisoners. Particular efforts will be made to discover whether the prisoners have communicated with their families and if they have not done so to persuade them to send word home immediately. In cases where prisoners are unable to write letters the priests will perform this service for them.

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FIGHTING IN THE WEST BECOMES MORE FURIOUS

Reported that Allies Have Taken Two New Lines of Trenches from the Enemy — Heavy Artillery of French Silences German Guns and Demolishes their Defences — Allies Gain Ground on Heights of the Meuse.

Paris, Dec. 21.—Two new lines of German trenches are reported to have been taken by French troops southeast of La Bassée today in the resumption of the fierce attack which is being made on the enemy's position. With the allied warships aiding in the fighting along the coast, by heavy bombardment of the German lines, the battle in Flanders and Northern France is steadily increasing in ferocity. It is now definitely stated that the coast city of Middlekerke has not been taken, but that the operations from the region of Nieuport are developing satisfactorily.

Paris, Dec. 21.—The French War Office gave out an official communication this afternoon as follows: "The day of December 20 brought nothing of importance in Belgium, if exception is made of some progress in the region of Lombaertzyde and St. Georges and at a point to the southeast of the Inn of Kortaker, which is southeast of Bischoote; the occupation of some houses in Warlelem, south of Zillebeke, and the bombardment by the enemy of the Ypres hospital. "Between the Lys and the Aisne we have occupied a forest near the route between Noulette and Souchez, and we also took possession of all the first line of German trenches between this highway and the first houses of Notre Dame de Lorette, southwest of Notre Dame de Loos. The enemy has bombarded Arras. "Our heavy artillery silenced on repeated occasions the artillery of the enemy to the north of Carnoy, which is to the east of Albert. This artillery also demolished the German trenches, and sent head over heels two cannon of a battery established near Hom, which is to the southeast of Carnoy. The heavy artillery also secured distinct advantages in Alsace and in the section of Rheims. "In Champagne, in the region of Prosees, Perthes and Beausejour, as well as in the Argonne we made along our entire front appreciable advances. This is particularly so to the northeast of Beausejour, where we won and occupied 1,200 yards of the enemy's trenches. "In the forest of La Grurye we blew up four mines and we established ourselves in the positions thus made."

TWENTY THOUSAND BUSHELS OF WHEAT DESTROYED BY FIRE

MacLeod, Alberta, Dec. 21.—Thirty thousand dollars damage was caused by fire in the elevator of the MacLeod Flour Mills today. Twenty thousand bushels were consumed. The building and part of its contents were insured.

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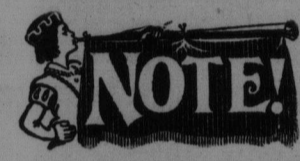
Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 21.—Among the latest subscriptions to the Winnipeg patriotic fund is \$1,138 from the Archbishop's Palace and the church parishes of St. Boniface. Subscriptions continue to come in freely from local firms and individuals and from outside points.



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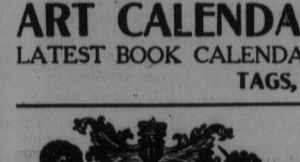
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