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OFFENSIVE OF ENEMY WEAKENING

Germans Now Attack in Smaller Units and With Very Little Spirit—Enemy Dead Set on Ypres—Allies Gain Some Ground

(French Official Bulletin.) Paris, Dec. 1.—There is nothing to report, apart from several German attacks north of Arras, without result.

Our counter attacks have been somewhat profitable, and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

Destroying Ypres A strong German effort was made to ensure the destruction of Ypres.

The Cathedral belfry and Market Place collapsed successfully.

Some Advances On the 24th and 25th we managed to establish ourselves to the south of Dixmude.

Several of our soldiers, of whom two, knowing the German language, managed to reach a German trench.

The German soldiers begged and prayed that to defer, and several revolver shots took place in the German trench.

Are Halfhearted We have noticed that German infantry attacks are rare and always effected by much-reduced units.

The President of the Republic, accompanied by high officials, visited the battlefield in Argonne forest district.

The Foreign Minister published today a yellow book concerning the European War.

NORWEGIAN SHIP CARRIED CONTRABAND Halifax, Dec. 1.—Some twenty tons of crude rubber have been taken from the holds of the Norwegian steamer Sandefjord.

Germans Reported As Now Retiring From W. Belgium London, Dec. 1.—Telegraphing from Amsterdam the correspondent of the Central News says the German front before Dixmude has begun a general retirement.

S.S. Bonaventure arrived at Naples, Sunday.

How Germany Plans To Fight British Fleet

Building Host of Submarines and Aircraft to be Used in Attack on British.

London, Dec. 2.—Telegraphing from Copenhagen, "The Daily Mail's" correspondent says: "Realizing Britain's preponderance in dreadnoughts, work at German dockyards is being concentrated on the construction of submarines and aircraft and also on what are called floating batteries."

The German theory appears to be that the British fleet can only be beaten by launching against it a huge submarine and air attack.

It is reported that the German fleet has again steamed into the North Sea.

Germans Left British Tars To Their Fate

French Captain Swears Germans Said that They Could Have Saved Many of the Victims of the Fight off Chili

Santiago, Nov. 30.—Numerous British sailors who perished off the Chilean coast, when the German fleet sank the cruisers Good Hope and Monmouth, might have been saved had the Germans made any effort to rescue them.

This is admitted by the Germans themselves, according to a sworn statement made here by the captain of the French bark Valentine, which was captured and sunk off the Juan Fernandez Islands.

The crew of the Valentine were shamefully treated, he swore, for refusing to aid in the transhipment of coal from the bark to the warships.

For the front CZAR LEAVES FOR THE FRONT Petrograd, Dec. 2.—Emperor Nicholas left Petrograd this morning for the theatre of war.

U.S. NAVAL EXPERT MAHAN IS DEAD Washington, Dec. 2.—Rear-Admiral Mahan, retired, noted naval expert and writer is dead.

WINTER CAMPAIGN ENTAILS MUCH SUFFERING ON GERMANS

Condition of Kaiser's Men Taken Prisoners Said to Resemble that of Napoleon's Soldiers in Famous Retreat From Moscow—Investing Cracow

Petrograd, Dec. 2.—The condition of the German prisoners captured in the region of Lodz is said to resemble that of the French troops during Napoleon's retreat from Moscow.

Things Livens Up A Bit in Belgium Paris, Dec. 1.—A French official communication given out in Paris this afternoon says that yesterday the enemy showed considerable activity.

CUT OUT SPORT AT CAMBRIDGE London, Dec. 2.—It is officially announced that no athletics of any kind will be held at Cambridge University this year.

GERMANS SLIP OUT OF TRAP

Narrowly Missing Annihilation, by Dint of Furious Fighting They Manage To Pierce the Encircling Russian Lines

London, Dec. 1.—Though it seems clear now that the German army in Russian Poland, or that part of it which the Russians surrounded near Lodz, narrowly missed annihilation, the Germans fought with such fury that the cordon encircling them was broken and, as German reinforcements are coming up, the issue is not yet decided.

The British press, interpreting the news despatches from Petrograd, concludes that Russian successes on a colossal scale still are possible, but in all quarters it is admitted that the recent claims of a complete Russian victory were premature.

Centre of Interest. Poland, with the Emperor William in the field, will likely continue to overshadow all other war areas for some days to come.

Throughout Belgium the Germans are remaining, generally speaking, on the defensive and immediate signs of any renewal of their attempts to hack their way to the French coast are lacking.

Only Guesses? Some despatches say that the Germans already have begun to fall back from their rear encroachments.

King George's visit to France seems greatly to appeal to popular imagination. The newspapers are featuring His Majesty's trip, pointing out that it is the first time a reigning British monarch has been with his armies in the field for one hundred and seventy-one years.

DISLODGED AND ROUTED THE TURKS (Russian Official Bulletin.) Paris, Dec. 1.—A statement from the General Staff of the Russian Army in the Caucasus, telegraphed to-day from Petrograd to the Havas Agency, says:

"In the Valley of the Euphrates, a Russian column taking the offensive dislodged the Turks from their positions and put them to flight. The Russians captured two cannon and also a number of prisoners."

Prospero sails again to-morrow evening.

VILLA STILL IN LIMELIGHT Enters Mexico City at Head of Army of 25,000 Men, Presumably Subordinate to the Provisional President

Mexico, Dec. 2.—General Villa entered the capital to-day at the head of 25,000 troops.

He will not enter the capital part of the city until the arrival of Provisional President Gutierrez.

Villa has issued the following statement: My only mission is to restore order in Mexico and not to take personal revenge on anyone.

I am acting as the subordinate of Provisional President Gutierrez and the National Convention.

Germans Again Make Unsuccessful Infantry Attack (French Official Bulletin.) Paris, Dec. 1.—In Belgium the German infantry has essayed, without success, a sortie against those trenches to the south of Bixchoote, between Bethune and Lens.

After a rather brisk affair we captured a Chateau and Park of Vermeilles, south of the Lys river.

In Argonne we have advanced appreciably in the wood of Lagurrie.

On the rest of the front there is nothing to report.

Portia left Pushthrough at 4 a.m.

Chancellor Says Germans Doing Well

High German Official Thinks Kaiser's Army and Navy Have Accomplished Wonders.

Berlin, Dec. 2.—Addressing the Committee of the Reichstag to-day the Imperial Chancellor spoke in praise of the good spirit shown by the German army and navy and the unity of the German people in the present struggle.

The Reichstag meets to-morrow and the Chancellor will then express before the full sitting of the body his views on the general political situation.

GERMANY HAS 2,350,000 MEN IN FIELD

And of These a Little Over One Million Men Belong to the First Line—360,000 Territorial Fighting

Paris, Dec. 2.—A semi-official communication concerning the German armies in the field, made public to-day says: "Germany at present has at her disposal twenty-five and one-half active army corps of which twenty-one and one-half are operating against France and four against Russia."

These figures show that there is a total of fifty-eight and one-half army corps, active or reserve, fighting for Germany on the two fronts and not one hundred army corps as has been erroneously stated by the German Government.

"If the Territorial units (Landwehr) of which nothing was said in the German official note are taken into account, it would seem that eight Landwehr army corps are engaged against Russia that is to say, in all, and on the two fronts, thirty Territorial divisions (360,000 men). This sets the total for all classes of the German army in the field at 2,350,000 men."

FRENCH AGAIN AND FOREVER Paris, Dec. 2.—General Joffre during a recent visit to Thann, Alsace, welcomed, in the name of France, the Alsaitians gathered there.

"We have come back for good," declared Joffre, "you are Frenchmen forever."

The citizens of Thann gave Joffre assurance of their absolute loyalty and when he was leaving shouted, "Long live France! Long live French Alsace!"

FAMINE AND DEATH STALK THE RETREATING AUSTRIANS

Line of Retreat Strwn So Thickly With Dead That Russians Haven't Time to Bury Them—Galician Peasants Said to be Facing Famine

of Galicia state that the inhabitants of all the regions evacuated by the Austrians are facing famine.

PARISIANS EXPECT KING VISIT PARIS Paris, Dec. 2.—The report comes on good authority, that King George is to meet President Poincare.

There is the greatest satisfaction over the King's trip, in fact it is the only topic of conversation among Parisians who consider the optimistic tones of Field Marshal French's despatches and King George's trip as good omens.

King George went to the base hospital containing British, Indian and German wounded in France yesterday.

Hungarian Arrested Const. P. Kelly arrived by last night's train with a Hungarian peddler, named Johann Drexler. The man was arrested at St. Lawrence.

WEATHER REPORT Toronto (noon)—Moderate winds; fair and mild today and on Thursday.

GERMANY BIDS FOR U.S. FAVOR Crown Prince Has Some Nice Things to Say About the American Republic and its People—The British View

New York, Dec. 1.—A cable from London to The Evening Sun says:—All London papers, with two exceptions, as well as the leading provincial papers, to-day published what was purported to be an interview with the German Crown Prince.

The editorial expressions of the various papers were typical war-time comments. The Birmingham Post carries a lengthy ironical editorial. Commenting on the reference to the strategic ability of the heir to the German throne, the Post says that the Crown Prince handled the strategic problem of facing the newspaper interviewer, with conspicuous ability.

The Epress heads the story, "An interview with the German Crown Prince," and editorially characterizes the interview as Germany's latest attempt to influence American opinion.

The Daily Mirror's headline is, "Crown Prince interviewed just before battle. He fearlessly asks to be told what Americans think of him."

The Daily Sketch, in running comments with the story, says that the Crown Prince bewitched the correspondent by his affability, and that undoubtedly he had good reason to favour the American correspondent.

"The statement is obviously the German propaganda," says The Daily Mail.

The Manchester Guardian says the interview is interesting in showing the German government's efforts to win public opinion in the States. The motive is obvious throughout.

British Navy Safeguards Our Shipping

Sea Kept Open to British Shipping, Only Two per Cent. Being Captured German Trade Ruined.

London, Nov. 30.—A statement issued by the Board of Trade concerning the relative conditions of British and German shipping since the outbreak of the war, is highly interesting, as showing how effectively the British Navy has kept open the ocean routes for British shipping, while closing them to the German mercantile marine.

Of 10,123 British mercantile ships of over one hundred tons, 9,928 are still plying, while of 2,000 German ships, only 10 are plying. There are 646 German ships in neutral ports, 329 in German ports, and 246 held by the Allies; a total of 1,221 out of service, or 58.4 per cent.

Against this the British ships held or captured total 195, or only 1.9 per cent. of the mercantile fleet.

Naval Parade Has Been Set For Sunday

Had to be Postponed Last Week—Will Leave Calypso at 10.40 in the Morning and Men Will Attend Their Own Churches

The church parade of the Naval Reservists did not take place last Sunday but arrangements have been made for next Sunday.

The C.I.B. band has kindly consented to be present.

The members of the Church of England will go to the Cathedral, the Roman Catholics to the R. C. Cathedral and the Methodists to Gower Street.

They will assemble at the foot of Garrison Hill at 12.05, and then march to Government House.

All will be delighted to learn that the number of Reservists are increasing on the Calypso every day.

They are making great progress in their work, and the officers speak very highly of them.

PRISONERS HERE BY THE PROSPERO Const. Tulk arrived by the Prospero yesterday with a man named Forsey, who was sentenced to three months imprisonment at Twillingate for attempted forgery.

A young woman, Mary Downey, of Coachman's Cove, was sentenced to six months for stealing from a registered letter, also arrived.

S.S. Adventure arrived at Sydney at 9 a.m. from the Mediterranean; she loads coal for St. John's.

Fogota Sails Fogota sailed at 7 last evening, taking a full freight and the following passengers:

Capt. Osmond, S.A., Miss E. Barbour, Miss Barbour, Miss Bishop, Mrs. G. Barbour, G. M. Guy, J. Davis, Mrs. Hutchings, Miss Hutchings, Rev. M. H. Seeley, F. Saunders, A. B. Stratton, J. Hall, W. Hounsell, S. and Mrs. Roberts, Lt. Sainsbury, S.A., and 28 steerage.

FELL OFF HOUSE BADLY INJURED William Puddle met with a painful accident yesterday afternoon, and is now at the hospital.

He was employed painting the rear mansard of Mr. C. Miller's house, Mullock Street, when the ladder gave way and he fell.

In his descent he rebounded off the kitchen and then lay motionless.

Mr. W. T. Penny and a couple of others carried him to Mr. Penny's house where he was attended by a doctor who ordered him to the hospital and he was taken there in the ambulance.

The man was badly shaken up, but he hopes to be alright again in a few days.

S.S. Nascope arrived at Alicante, Monday. She left same day for Naples.