

GERMAN ATTACK ON WARSAW FROM THE NORTH FAILS AND ENEMY IS DRIVEN BACK

German Column which Advanced from Soldau, East Prussia, by Way of Mlawa, Beaten Back to Former Positions — Attempts to Break Russian Front West of Warsaw Frustrated and Czar's Forces Repulse Enemy Capturing Several of Their Positions and Hundreds of Prisoners.

Petrograd, Dec. 15 (via London).—German frontal attacks on the Russian line to the west of Warsaw, under cover of night, were successfully repulsed by the Russians, according to trustworthy information received here from the front today. At many points along the front the Russians succeeded in capturing isolated German positions. German attacks were answered by Russian counter attacks, in which it is said that several hundred prisoners and one field battery were captured by the Russians. During the last three days of fighting eight machine guns, two batteries of field guns, and four thousand prisoners have been taken.

Except for the night attacks of the Germans, there has been little heavy fighting in Poland during the last 24 hours.

According to the Army Messenger, the German attacks along the East Prussian front, which were conducted simultaneously with their offensive in Poland, failed on account of formidable fortifications which the Russians constructed in fields and forests, paralleling the German line.

The correspondent of the Bourne Gazette in Tiflis states that Gen. Sanders Pasha, the German military officer in command of Turkish troops, on arriving at Erzerum, ordered the German engineers to blow up all roads and mountain paths leading from Hassan Kala to Erzerum. Hassan Kala lies on the main line of the Russian movement against Erzerum. It is 18 miles east of that city and 12 miles west of the main Russian position at Koprakei.

The Army Messenger states that the Austrian army in Galicia expects that a division of Turkish troops will be sent to its assistance.

BERLIN ADMITS REPULSE.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—A retreat of the German forces which attempted to strike at Warsaw from the north was acknowledged in an official communication given out today at army headquarters. The statement is as follows:

"The German column which had advanced from Soldau, East Prussia, by way of Mlawa, in the direction of Ciechanow, has had to re-occupy its old positions owing to the numerical superiority of the enemy.

"Elsewhere in Poland nothing of material importance has happened."

VIENNA SAYS SERBIANS HAVE EXAGGERATED STORY OF VICTORY

Washington, Dec. 15.—Despatches from Vienna today to the Austro-Hungarian embassy here, say:

"Serbian descriptions of the withdrawal of the right wing of the Balkan army which was necessary for the dislocation of strong Serbian forces, as a decisive event and the announcement of our losses are immeasurably exaggerated.

"In the Carpathians our victorious troops continue to advance.

"Yesterday over two thousand Russians were captured in West Galicia, where the battle continues. Yesterday several Russian attacks were broken down by our artillery fire. The garrison of Przemyśl captured during the last sortie, 700 Russians and 18 machine guns.

ACCUSE GERMAN CONSUL OF HELPING SEND SUPPLIES FROM 'FRISCO TO GERMAN CRUISERS IN PACIFIC

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Agents of the Department of Justice, working here, informed the Attorney General today that the German consul, Baron E. H. Von Schack, supplied the funds with which a cargo of groceries, clothing and ship chandlery supplies were brought to Valparaiso aboard the American steamship Olson and Mahony. Clearance for the vessel was refused and the cargo was seized.

Baron Von Schack positively denied that he had any connection with the purchase of the cargo of the Olson and Mahony. The alleged evidence offered by the government agent consisted, it was said, of conclusions reached by tracing bank checks. It was found, according to the Department of Justice representatives, that Baron Von Schack drew against his account for sums which subsequently were said to have been placed to the credit of the

agents who paid for the cargo. These agents now are said to be on their way to Chile.

William Haas, senior member of the grocery firm from which a portion of the cargo was bought, refused to tell the Federal Grand Jury who was the purchaser, and the jury voted a presentment against him, charging contempt of court.

Baron Von Schack insisted that a mistake had been made. "I know not the first thing about the cargo of that steamer," he said. "I can say positively that I had nothing to do with the supplies loaded aboard her, and I do not know who did have."

The Olson and Mahony is the third vessel suspected of carrying supplies to the German Pacific fleet. One of these vessels has disappeared, and the other, the American steamship Sacramento, is in the hands of the Chilean authorities.

SINKING OF BULWARK WAS NOT DUE TO HOSTILE ACT

London, Dec. 15.—The official press bureau announced tonight that the sinking of the battleship Bulwark apparently was not due to a hostile act. Investigation has disclosed no evidence of treachery on the part of any person aboard the vessel, or of any act by an enemy.

The British battleship Bulwark was destroyed by an explosion on November 24, while lying off Sheerness. About 800 lives were lost.

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Professor A. T. Smith, 1 Mt. Charles street, Montreal, and formerly of Boston, Mass., writes:—"I suffered for many years from indigestion, constipation and horrible backaches. I have been treated by many doctors, without any result. One day a friend in Boston advised the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. After using two boxes I noticed great improvement, and after the fourth box I was completely cured. My digestion is good. I never feel any pain in the back. My head is clear, and I feel like a young man. I think Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are one of the best medicines on earth."

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers or Edmanston, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

MARKS END OF STRAINED RELATIONS

Holding out of Olive Branch by King Gustav of Sweden, brings Scandinavian Monarchs together again.

Christiania, Dec. 15.—The meeting of the three kings, Haakon of Norway, Gustav of Sweden, and Christian of Denmark, at Malmo, Sweden, December 17, on the initiative of King Gustav, will be the first conference of these three Scandinavian monarchs to discuss state affairs since the dissolution of the dual treaty between Norway and Sweden in 1905. The newspapers of the three kingdoms are expressing the greatest satisfaction at this evidence that the strained relations between the Royal families of Norway and Sweden have come to an end with this holding out of the olive branch by King Gustav.

The political object of this meeting is to demonstrate that Scandinavia represents a military and economic entity, ready to resist outside pressure, to take sides with any belligerent nation and able to defend its neutrality and resist violations of international laws.

These, the Scandinavian governments allege, are greatly hampering their trade and commercial intercourse with other nations.

EDITOR BECK HONORABLY DISCHARGED

Accused of publishing statements in paper libelling Montreal alderman.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—Edward Beck, editor of Beck's Weekly, accused of libelling Alderman O'Connell in connection with the publication of certain statements in his paper dealing with alleged conditions at the City Hall, was this morning honorably discharged in the court of King's Bench.

Recently Beck's Weekly printed an explanation in which it was stated that no charge had been made against Ald. O'Connell.

WAR PRISONERS WILL BE KEPT BUSY DURING WINTER CUTTING TIMBER

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The Experimental Farm which the Dominion government decided to establish on lands tributary to the Transcontinental Railway will be located on the Kapuskasing river, in the township of O'Brien, midway between Hearst and Cochrane.

Premier Hearst announced this morning that work would be commenced immediately on the clearing of the land. The farm will comprise about 1,000 acres and is heavily timbered. The German and Austrian prisoners of war now held at Kingston are being transferred to the new farm. They will live in colonist cars until summer when camps will be pitched. The location of the farm is right in the clay belt, and as the timber must be removed first, the work during the cold months will take the form of felling trees and removing stumps.

As soon as possible German and Austrian prisoners of war held at other points in Ontario will be taken to the farm and put to work. The premier believes that much of the land will be ready for breaking in the spring.

SHIPMENT OF FOUR MILLION EGGS FROM NEW YORK TO LONDON

Boston, Mass., Dec. 15.—Four million eggs, the largest single shipment ever sent from this country, were loaded today on the steamship Anglian, which sails early tomorrow for London. The eggs came from cold storage houses in Chicago and are valued at \$80,000.

EVERY PENNY SENT TO BELGIUM IS AS BREAD CAST UPON THE WATERS

Horrors of war described by eye-witness—Many of unfortunate inhabitants driven insane by sufferings.

New York, Dec. 13.—Two hundred members of the Green Room Club, who tendered Irvin S. Cobb, war correspondent with the German army in Belgium, a "welcome home" dinner tonight, started to laugh when he was introduced as one who could talk about the horrors of the fighting in Europe.

They continued to laugh for the first five minutes of his talk, but after that, as one horror after another was described, gasps and even sobs took the place of the laughter. Cobb finished his talk with the statement: "If I could really describe the war to you, I would not be writing for the newspapers. I would crowd the recording angel out of a job."

In telling his hearers about Belgium, Cobb said he was replying to many questions asked him before the dinner commenced.

"It is something you cannot describe," he said. "Think of a people 7,000,000 strong, where everything was gay with laughter at the outbreak of the war. Then picture this people reduced in four months' fighting from seven million to three million, and of these three million, picture one million as dependent on the charity of the United States tonight for their support, and then you have a faint idea of the war and Belgium."

"I came to a fort that had been blown to pieces by shells. A German told me the last day he was in the fort, they found it burning, and thought no living being could be in it. Then came out of a tunnel, a black man, stripped of his clothing. Behind him came two hundred others, all hairless and black and naked. Some were blind, all were deaf, most of them were insane."

"He told me some were in a hospital. I said I would like to see some, and he replied: 'Oh, no, you would not, for every one that lives is a gibbering idiot.'"

Wounded of No Use.

"At a railroad station, bandages torn from wounded men lay four feet deep on the ground. Women, who obviously were gently bred, dropped down into that mess and slept between the arrival of trains loaded with wounded from the front. We saw young men in the last stages of lockjaw, who had been five days in a hospital train. The greatest crime of the war is that a wounded man is of no more use. Trains loaded with German wounded lay on side tracks for days, while the road was kept open rushing fresh troops to the battle line."

"First aid bandages often stayed on a man's wound for nine days, while extreme set in, and yet he was sent to the front. In the train he was the raw material going to the mill. You could see eighteen hundred men coming back in a single hospital train, and indeed, could catch the odors from the train before it came in sight. That was the finished product on the way back from the mill."

"I tell you every penny sent to help in that stricken territory is bread cast upon the waters. To give is the greatest honor and privilege that you who are spared can have." (Special to Montreal Gazette.)

THE SANTA CLAUS SHIP.

Genoa, Dec. 15 (via Rome).—The United States naval stores ship, the Santa Claus, which brought Christmas gifts from the American people to the children of the belligerent powers, left here today for Saloniki.

UNSTRUNG, UNSTEADY SHAKY NERVES

MAY BE TONED UP BY USING MILBURN'S HEART AND NERVE PILLS.

Mrs. John Harper, Toronto, Ont., writes: "I have used Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills for the heart and nervous system. I was confined to a grocery store for twelve years, and had to give up business, as I became terribly run down and nervous, and had heart trouble, and I am sure I am gaining very fast now. I feel that nothing did me any good until I tried your Heart and Nerve Pills. I am positive they will cure me. The nerves of one hand would tremble and then seem to go numb so that I could not write or sew. Now my hand is quite steady, as you can see by my handwriting. This is a big change which delights me so much for I thought all was done that could be done. I was about to give up in despair when I tried this last remedy, and even after I had only taken half a box the change started to come."

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills will restore the enfeebled, enervated, exhausted, overworked system to full constitutional power.

Price, 50 cents per box, 3 boxes for \$1.25, at all dealers or mailed direct by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

BUSINESS AS USUAL IN WARSAW

Streets thronged with Xmas shoppers and Holiday spirit everywhere in evidence although sound of cannon at battle-front can be heard.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Dec. 15, via London.—Notwithstanding the proximity of Warsaw to the battle-front, the business of the city is proceeding as in times of peace. Although the sound of cannonading may be heard at times, Christmas crowds throng the streets. Shops and cafes are decorated gaily, and the holiday spirit has dissipated the gloom of war.

Among every rank and class of society there is supreme confidence that Warsaw cannot be taken by the Germans.

NEW POSTAGE ON NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Arrangements are being completed between the British and Canadian governments for a new postage rate on newspapers, magazines and trade journals, to go into effect on January 1. According to the new scale there will be an increase of half a cent in the postage charged on packets weighing between 6 oz. and 1 lb., but at the same time there will be a reduction of half a cent on all packets between one pound and 4½ pounds.

The present arrangement which concludes on December 31 was first concluded in 1907. Under this Canada had to pay the whole of the sea conveyance from the United Kingdom to Canada. However, that was considered scarcely fair and Hon. L. P. Pelletier opened negotiations with the British authorities for a new plan which would divide the expense.

The old arrangement ran out on July 1, but was left in force for another six months.

GET ORDER FOR SHELLS FOR BRITISH ARMY

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 15.—The Western Drydock and Shipbuilding Company has received an order for shells and munitions of war for the British government, to the amount of \$100,000.

The company has for some time been working on a proposition to get orders for the construction of submarine boats, and has been successful in this.

DISFIGURING ECZEMA ITCHED AWFULLY

Rash in Patches. Came on Like Blisters. Could Hardly Sleep or Keep from Scratching. Cuticura Soap and Ointment Healed.

Germany, Ont.—"My eczema broke out with a rash just in patches about an inch long. It came out like little blisters with water in them and got a little larger and then they broke and the water-like mass ran out. The eczema was red and like a running sore, then formed a thick scab. It caused disagreement for the time being. The sores itched awfully and even pained down to my throat. I could hardly sleep or keep from scratching them. When the scab came off it left a scar."

"I used some salve but it didn't do much good. Then two more sores broke out in the same way and I at once started to use Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I applied the Ointment to the sores and washed them with the Cuticura Soap and hot water. Cuticura Soap and Ointment cured me in two weeks without leaving any disfigurement." (Signed) Miss Tena Greb, Jan. 2, '14.

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Retain your good looks, keep your skin clear, scalp clean and free from dandruff, and hands soft and white. Cuticura Soap, with an occasional use of Cuticura Ointment, will protect and maintain these coveted conditions in most cases when all else fails. Besides in purity, delicate medication, convenience and economy, they meet with the approval of the most discriminating. Sold everywhere. Liberal sample of each mailed free, with 32-p. Skin Book. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. D, Boston, U. S. A."

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It will pay you to do this because the price of Royal, which is made from highly refined cream of tartar, has not been changed, and because you will find it in every way more satisfactory than the use of home-made mixtures to which you have been accustomed. Royal Baking Powder is famous for its absolute purity and its reliability as a quick raising agent.

COMPANY'S AGENTS NOT WORRYING OVER DELAY OF STEAMER FLORIDE

Paris, Dec. 15.—It was said today by representatives of the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique that no apprehensions were entertained concerning the safety of the steamship Floride, which sailed from New York on November 19, on New Zealand to the Antarctic. This expedition expects to make a landing the middle of January.

HEARING IS RESTORED TO DEAF

Without Mechanical or Artificial Hearing Devices, Deaf Hear With Their Own Ears. A Wonderful English Discovery.

SON OF THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR IS HELD PRISONER BY RUSSIANS

Berlin, (via The Hague and London, Dec. 15).—The Imperial German chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, today received word that his eldest son, who is a lieutenant of cavalry, has been made prisoner by the Russians in Poland. He is suffering from a bullet wound in the thigh, which he received while patrolling.

The announcement from Berlin confirms a previous despatch that a son of the German chancellor had been seriously injured at Piotrkow, Russia, Poland, and was in the hands of the Russians.

LARGE NUMBER ATTEND FUNERAL OF VICTIM OF DROWNING ACCIDENT

Newcastle, Dec. 15.—The funeral of the late Harry Wood of Douglastown took place on Sunday afternoon, interment in St. Mark's cemetery. Rev. Alex. Firth and the officers of Wycliffe L.O.L., conducting services. The attendance was very large. Beautiful wreaths were sent by Wycliffe Lodge, by the Douglastown Brass Band, of whom deceased was drummer, and others. The pall-bearers were all Orangemen: John Anderson, Douglas Atkinson, Allison Gray, Hubert Kirkpatrick, David Pickles and Allan Stewart.

At the second quarterly meeting of the Newcastle Methodist church, Monday night, Rev. Wm. Harrison, D.D., now in his third year of his pastorate here, was unanimously invited to remain another year. The finances were reported in good order. John H. Ashford, H. D. Atkinson and H. H. Stewart were chosen members of the local social service and evangelism committee. The members of the Sunday school committee were re-elected.

EX-PREMIER BARTHOU OF FRANCE, LOSES SON ON BATTLEFIELD

Paris, Dec. 16.—A son of former Premier Barthou has died from wounds received at Thann. Although only eighteen years old, young Barthou volunteered during the first days of the war. He declined to accept an easy place on the war staff, and requested to be sent to the firing line, where he won the highest praise for courage from his chiefs.

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