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Venice, Via London, Dec. 6.—Advices received here from Vienna say that the work of fortifying the capital is proceeding rapidly. Several thousand men are reported to be employed in digging trenches. Eighty-eight railway cars filled with wounded men are said to have arrived in Vienna one day last week. Among the wounded was an Aus-

an general. Seoul, Korea, Dec. 7.—The government has suppressed the oplum onopoly, and put a ban on the smoking of oplum. These steps of the overnment were advocated by American missionaries.

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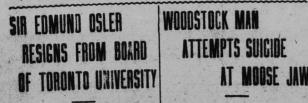
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The writer states on good authori-ty that the Germans re-named Ostend "Kales," which he says was done with the object of deceiving German sold-iers into the belief that Calais and Paris were in German hands. A few minor local successes are re-corded by the eye-witness, both the French and British forces, he says, having advanced slightly and taken some German trenches. THE GOEBENLOST 126 WOULD BE

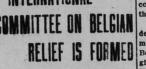


London, Dec. 7.—Delayed despatches to the Daily Telegraph from Petrograd indicate that the situation at Lodz Friday, the day of the des-patches were filed, was then serious. "For the past three days," says one of these despatches, "the Ger-mans in Russian Poland, around Lodz have been strenuously aggres-sive. Their wedge, which already has been driven into Russian Peland, is being pushed with tremendous reinforcements. The base of this wedge is Thorn and Kalisz. The apex is Lawicz. They are using the railroads to pour in an unceasing stream of fresh throops and engines of war. "The enemy's plan around Lodz involves the cutting of some of Wareaw's most important lines of communication. The Germans plan to hold this wedge all winter, inaugurating an elaborate trench warfare system like that on the west front."



Toronto, Dec. 6.—Sir Edmund Osler ated tonight that he had resigned tom the board of governors of Toron Diversity, as a result of their arc on the board of governors of Toron Diversity, as a result of their arc there Salurdaz. Brown was formerty there violated by any power. Sir Ed ward continued: "For us to be the first to violate it ward continued: "Toronto University in granting the action of the community, and a move-ment is on foot to hold a public met-ter is Fartiget hand tief has struck a mine and returned to Constantinople services and and returned to Constantinople services and and returned to Constantinople services into their terri-tiers flamidle has struck a mine and returned to Constantinople services into their terri-tiers flamidle has struck a mine and returned to Constantinople services into their terri-tiers flamidle has struck a mine and troops ourselves into their terri-tory."

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