

LONGEST BATTLE IN HISTORY STILL RAGES AMID BLIZZARDS IN POLAND

Gigantic Engagement Which Started Nov. 13 Still Continues in Blinding Snowstorms, Surpassing Anything of Its Kind The World Has Ever Known—Old Men of Landwehr Reported Drugged and Sacrificed by Germans

(By W. H. Neilson, Special War Correspondent)

Warsaw, Russia, Dec. 26.—(By messenger to Athens and mail to United States).—The longest battle in the world—the second battle of Poland—still rages adding day after day to a record that is already established. Beginning on November 13 with a bloody fight at Wlask, the conflict continues, and every time the calendar moves forward a day thousands more of Russians, Germans and Austrians find their last resting place in the valley of the Vistula.

Apart from the suffering it is an interesting, a delectable, battle to Warsaw, not many miles distant—the goal of Hindenburg and the precious possession of Russia.

At nightfall when the air is still and the rumble of traffic quieted it is quite the proper thing to gather in groups and listen to the boom of cannon in the distance. The horse-play and rough antics of peasants amuse the bystanders.

But the passing of an ambulance brings the clowns to their senses and the vanguard to an end, because this is real serious business, this war, in Poland. Out at the front soldiers who escape bullets are freezing to death. Sentries turn to pillars of snow under the blizzards. It is zero in the trenches. Russian winters are had enough in times of peace; frightful in war.

Also from the front comes the story of absolutely the latest horror of war—drugs.

"The Germans are drugging the old men of the Landwehr with ether," swears a wounded Russian captain now in a Warsaw hospital.

"The stupid men are compelled to advance over open ground against the Russian trenches. A withering fire opens and they stumble blindly forward, too senseless from the effects of the drug to seek cover. Soon the entire line is annihilated and the real attackers advance using the bodies of their fallen comrades as cover. That was the original plan."

"Prisoners belonging to the Landwehr have had to be sobered from the effects of the drug by Russian doctors."

A statement from General Soukhomlinoff declares that the Germans are sacrificing great numbers of soldiers. His communication follows:

"Partial displacements of our armies recently effected, between the Vistula and the Warta rivers can have no bearing upon the check that might have been inflicted upon us by the enemy in the course of a battle extending over an enormous front."

"Such occurrences in either direction are inevitable. Retreat at one point is compensated by an advance at some other point. Thus in the direction of Warsaw the enemy is away from himself in vain attacks on our Bzura positions, uselessly sacrificing considerable numbers of troops."

"The right bank of the Vistula has been entirely cleared. The enemy, after a serious defeat in the region of Miava, has been thrown back upon his own territory."

"In South Poland and in Eastern Galicia the German offensive has been stopped absolutely. All the efforts of the

garrison of Przemyśl to force the blockade have been defeated. Under these circumstances there can be no question of allowing Warsaw to fall into the hands of the enemy.

"The untruths which the German general staff is trying to spread may find their excuse in the necessity of giving heart to the German people and influencing the public opinion of neutral countries in favor of Germany. The civilized world has been able to gauge their worth."

"A frail soldier, with large, intelligent eyes, was brought to my attention," declares a Russian surgeon, describing the bravery of the Russian fighting men. "His hand had been crushed by a fragment of shell, and it was necessary to amputate the wounded member. I was selected to perform the operation."

"While I was preparing my instrument the soldier said: 'Your Honor, why don't you begin?'

"His voice had a mocking tone. I shall be ready directly,' I replied. 'Don't be afraid, your Honor,' he said; 'it won't hurt.' But I think it better to send you to sleep," I answered. 'No, I will not sleep,' said the soldier. 'But you will scream,' I remonstrated. 'Am I a woman?' asked the man."

"The result was that we did not give him chloroform. While I was performing the operation he did not make a sound, but his face, before gray and animated, wore a look of strong determination. When the operation was over the man gave a sigh of relief, and his face regained its look of animation."

"That's all right," he exclaimed; 'but what about the hand, your Honor? what shall you do with it? I suppose you will throw it into the fire.' 'What shall I do with it?' I answered, and my voice trembled involuntarily. 'Ah,' said the soldier, 'it is a pity to lose it after all. It has well beaten the Prussians, and now it seems that I am to fight no more.'"

"While the arm was being bandaged the soldier examined the hand, which lay on the table, with close interest. 'Shall we send it to one of the Germans as a present he asked at length. 'He may be glad of it,' and as he took leave of me he laughed."

By the time this reaches the United States the Russian campaign in the Caucasus against the Turks probably will be productive of extensive and bloody fighting. It is natural to believe that Russians are weakening the forces of the German-Austrian front to battle the Sultan's hosts.

This is not true. The forces to the east are regiments which had not yet reached the Polish battlefields and perhaps would not be sent here except in dire extremity. Their commander has his own troops and none have been drawn away from Poland to operate against the Turks.

If anything, the force fighting the Turks would be brought to the Caucasus and the Turks left to shift for themselves over the cold Caucasian passes, the inhabitants of which are infested with barbaric fury. Guerrilla warfare and a mountain winter are believed sufficient to discourage even the wildest fighting Turk, so the Russian fear serious invasion could result.

IT'S JUST PLAY FOR BOY CRAFTSMAN TO MAKE THIS ARTISTIC BOOK RACK

BY JOHN L. DOUGHERTY

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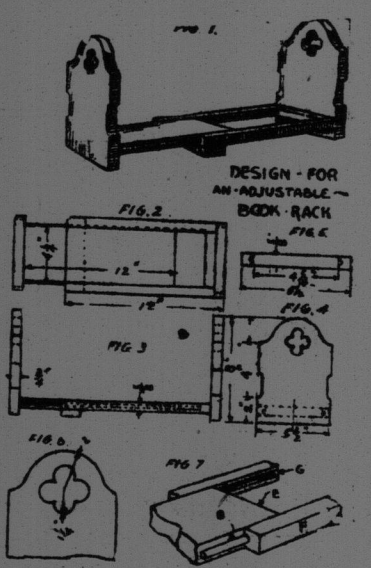
You can get the wood for this book rack from some old piece of furniture in the attic, or buy it for a few cents at a lumber yard or second-hand store.

Begin work by cutting out the ends of the pieces from which they are to be cut. Draw your lines carefully with a fine-pointed hard pencil. The holes near the top of the sides need not be fully drawn. Mark their centres only. Use a 3-8-inch bit in boring each of the four holes which form the completed hole.

The curve at the top and sides is sawed with a compass saw and smoothed with wood chisel and sandpaper. A compass or coping saw is a small wire frame with saw blades that may be put in quickly. They are very handy for the boy mechanic. One frame and six blades can be bought for a small sum.

To ensure both ends being similar, mark them out from a cardboard pattern.

In boring the holes have your hardwood piece blocked firmly and let it rest upon a piece of pine. Continue to turn the bit until it has cut into the pine a



DETAILS OF THE ADJUSTABLE BOOK RACK ONLY DIFFICULTY IN MAKING IT WILL BE IN PRESERVING EXACTLY THE DIMENSIONS. STUDY THE DIAGRAM VERY CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW IT ABSOLUTELY.

half inch. This will keep the reverse side of the hole from being broken and jagged.

The sliding part of the rack is shown in Fig. 2. Get a piece of flooring that has a notch on one side and a groove on the other. Plane down the groove side and make it like the other. This is to fit into a frame made of grooved pieces "p" and "c" in Fig. 2. The end of "p" is straight and fits flush against the end of the frame. Figs. 3, 2 and 5 show all dimensions and details.

Use small nails or fine screws, always boring holes for the latter. Not a nail or screw must show on the finished article. Start them always from the inside or underside. Strike them below the surface of the wood with a steel punch, putty over them and apply your stain.

The wood filler for hardwood comes next. This is colored dark or light oak with the stain before it is applied. A second coat of stain follows the filler, and if it does not look even apply a third coat. After this you can polish with wax.

This book rack, ornamental and useful for the parlor table, will cost you only a few cents, instead of several dollars which it would cost at a store.

BUSINESS CHANGES

Sussex Record.—A. W. Currie, Penobscot, has purchased the Penobscot branch of the Sussex Mercantile Company, together with the real estate connected with it and will amalgamate his business with that purchased. It is understood that Guthrie Innis has purchased the Pettitodiac branch of the Sussex Mercantile Company. Mr. Innis for some years was one of the successful business men of Norton. Later he located in the west, but subsequently returned and has been managing the business at Pettitodiac, of which he is now proprietor.

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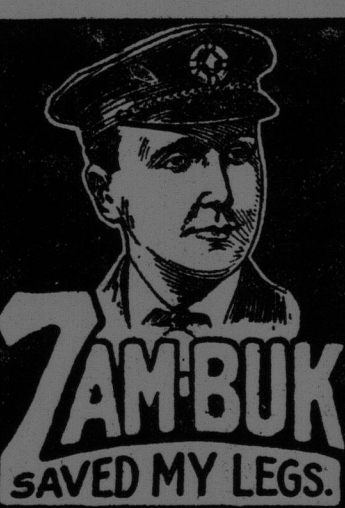


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Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Wallace, of Upper Woodstock, N. B., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara V. to Guy F. Williams, of Solon, Maine.

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Mr. Macdonald, since coming to Halifax some eighteen years ago, has clearly shown what pluck and enterprise can do. The eighteen years' residence in this city has been marked by continued progress and prosperity, both for himself and the various enterprises with which he has been associated. Coming to Halifax as a salesman his keen business mind saw opportunities which he did not fail to embrace. His first venture was to enter into partnership and form the firm of Miller Brothers & Macdonald. Later he



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bought out that business and started the present firm, that of J. A. Macdonald Piano Company, the success of which is well known all over the maritime provinces.

Apart from his interest in the firm of J. A. Macdonald Piano Company, he is identified with a score of enterprises, notably the Amherst Piano Company, one of the largest and most flourishing industries of the town of Amherst, and it might be mentioned in this connection that as a mark of his ability and standing in that community the Board of Trade of Amherst has made him its vice-president. He is vice-president of the Nova Scotia Trust Company, president of Sterling Securities, president of the Canada Realty & Investment Company, director of the Eastern Linen Mills, director of Humphreys, Limited, and president of the J. A. Macdonald Piano Company. This will give some idea of the wide scope of Mr. Macdonald's business activity.

Mr. Macdonald takes a keen interest in the development of the province and in its institutions and is a vice-president of the Nova Scotia branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, and a governor of St. Francis Xavier College.

He is an ardent friend of the working-man, and his services and sympathies in this connection have been recognized many times, he having been chosen as arbitrator representing the railway men on several occasions, notably the big strike on the C. P. R., when the arbitrators held their meetings at Ottawa.

At the grand convention of Brotherhood of Railway Employees, representing lodges all over Canada, held last week in Montreal, the members passed a resolution thanking Mr. Macdonald for his interest in their work in the past, and assuring him of their continued confidence.

It will be seen that Mr. Macdonald has not lost much time since coming to Halifax, and if he has gained a full measure of success, the city and province have also received unmeasured benefits. The Halifax Herald takes this opportunity to pay a just tribute to one who, in honoring himself has honored the whole community. Fifty J. A. Macdonalds would make Halifax a great city.

HINTS FOR THE COOK

Coffee Mousse

One quart thin cream, 1/4 box gelatine (scant) or 1 cup boiled coffee, 1/2 tablespoon granulated gelatine, 1 sugar, 2 tablespoons cold water, and 3

tablespoons hot water. Add gelatine, soaked in cold water and dissolved in boiling water to the coffee, add sugar. Set in a pan of ice water and stir until it begins to thicken, then fold in whip from cream, put in mold. Cover, pack in salt and ice and let stand four hours. For raspberry and strawberry mousses wash and hull 1 box of berries (quart box) sprinkle with sugar, and let stand

one hour, mash and rub through a fine sieve, then proceed as above.

Citron Cake

One quarter pound butter, half pound sugar, three eggs, half cup milk, half pound flour, one tablespoon brandy, one cup citron, thinly sliced, then cut in strips, one and a half teaspoons baking powder. Cream the butter, add sugar

gradually, yolks of eggs well beaten, milk and flour mixed and sifted with baking powder. Beat whites of eggs until stiff and add to first mixture, then add brandy and citron. Bake in a moderate oven for 45 minutes. Reserve a little of the flour to mix with citron; this will prevent its falling to bottom of cake. Fruit and nuts should always be floured before adding to cake mixture. Be careful in the baking.