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AUSTRALASIAN FORCES IN EGYPT, WHERE THEY WILL OPPOSE MARCH OF THE TURKISH INVADING FORCE

Lull Occurs in the Western
Battle Area Where Artillery
Engagements are now
Chief Feature of the Fight
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RUSSIANS WITHIN REACH OF CRACOW

Fall of This Fortress Would
Open the Way for the Advance
of the Czar's Forces
to the Heart of Germany

ITALY WILL STAY OUT

Her Premier Announces Nothing
Has Occurred to
Justify the Country in
Abandoning Her Neutrality

London, Dec. 3.—With a lull in the battle in the West, which has assumed the proportions of heavy cannonading at widely separated points, with only occasional infantry attacks, interest is now almost entirely centered in the struggle between Russian and German armies in the East.

At last the Russians have approached within firing distance of Cracow; their steady advance from Przemyśl having proceeded without any real check. They were reported to-day to be mounting heavy batteries around the town of Wieliczka, which they occupied yesterday, from which the outer forts of Cracow can be reached.

Of Much Importance.

Important as this is, for the fall of Cracow would lay open the roads to Vienna, Breslau and Berlin, the main interest in the East continues to rest with operations on the irregular line from Czenstochowa, through Lodz and Lowicz on the East Prussian border.

Official pronouncements of the progress here are guarded, and it is thus difficult to arrive at a conclusion with regard to the course of events. It is apparent, however, that a new battle has developed south-west of Lodz where the Germans have formed a new line with fresh forces brought from Kalisz, and are again trying to penetrate the Russian centre.

Another Battle Raging.

The Russians, too, have had time to straighten out their line and in the eyes of the Allies, another battle is following closely on the one just concluded in this region, which must help them in the long run, for it is argued to win or lose the Germans must be further weakened, and in addition will soon have to turn their attention to the Russian offensive against Silesia, around Cracow.

On the other hand, German experts believe that a defeat for the Russians would enable German generals to unite all their forces for another blow against the Allies in the West.

Of Long Duration.

However, the battle must last for some days, as the opposing troops may be counted upon to fight with the same intensity as they did in the previous conflict, when losses in killed, wounded and prisoners reached enormous numbers.

There has been no news for some days of the fighting in the Caucasus or Egypt, but throughout the whole of Africa more liveliness is anticipated, now that General Christian De Wet has been captured, and General Botha can carry out his original plans of moving against the Germans in South-West Africa.

Australasians in Egypt.

The first Australian and New Zealand contingents have been landed at Egypt, for operations against the Turks, and Portuguese reinforcements have reached Angola to take offensive against the Germans on their African borders.

The chief political event is the announcement by the Premier of Italy that nothing had intervened to prompt Italy to alter her policy of neutrality.

The s.s. Morwenna left Sydney this morning for St. John's from Charlottetown.

4 Men Caught In Big Storm In Leaky Boat

Spent Day and Night on an
Island Without Either
Food or Shelter

Four men of Fox Island River had an experience on the 14th of November, which they are not likely soon to forget, says Wednesday's "Western Star."

At daybreak that morning Joseph Hynes, Manuel Hynes, Dennis Benoit, and Charles Leaffit left Little Harbor. The weather was fine and there was every promise of their having a good run home.

Strong Wind; Big Sea.

By the time they reached Coal River, however, the wind had sprung up from the westward and was throwing in a heavy sea. Considering it unsafe to proceed, they headed their boat for Shag Island.

When they reached there the sea was running so high that they feared their boat would be destroyed, and they decided to make another effort to reach their destination. When they had gone about a mile and a half further a heavy sea struck their boat and started four planks from the stem-post.

Began to Leak.

Water began to pour into the boat, and it was only by the use of three buckets going continually that they managed to keep her afloat still Shag Island was again reached. Here they spent a night and a day without food. During that time they repaired their boat, and the wind having subsided they reached Fox Island River the following day, hungry and tired after their hard experience.

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Made Captures In Carpathians

Russians Take 1200 Men Prisoners
and Capture 8 Machine Guns—
New German Offensive.

(Russian Official Bulletin.)

Petrograd, Dec. 3.—Fighting continues in certain districts along the front, in the region of Lowitz. Important forces of the enemy, chiefly troops transported in November from the German west front, opened the offensive on Dec. 2 in region of Liotomiersk and Sezerow.

On the rest of the front on the left bank of the Vistula there is no modification in the situation.

Beyond the Carpathians our troops have captured 8 officers, 1200 men and six machine guns.

Will Cut Out Footer Matches For This Season

London, Dec. 3.—Delegates of English, Scottish, Welsh, and Irish professional football association at a meeting to-day decided to recommend to their respective associations that international football matches this season be abandoned.

FORTY WOMEN IN MEN'S ATTIRE MADE PRISONERS

London, Dec. 4.—A Petrograd despatch to the "Morning Post," says the news that Russian troops have taken Wieliczka, only three miles from the outer fortifications of Cracow, seems to indicate that there is something wrong with the defences of that fortress as Wieliczka should be well within range of the smaller armaments of a first-class fortress.

Forty prisoners, among others taken by the Cossacks at Czenstochowa, were found to be women in soldiers' uniforms.

Earl of Devon left Coachman's Cove yesterday morning.

Hurrah Rolled From North Sea To Swiss Frontier

Germans in Two Hundred and Fifty
Miles of Trenches Cheer Chilian
Victory of Their Warships

London, Nov. 30.—How the German naval successes in Chilian waters was celebrated in the trenches near Soissons is told as follows in a letter from the front printed by the Hamburg Fremdenblatt:

"Night before last we had an inspiring demonstration. We had received news of the great naval battle and at the same time the army order of the Kaiser that the whole battle line should on November 7, at 10.30 p.m., give three cheers for our blue-jackets, and precisely at 10.30 came a deafening hurrah, rolling from the North Sea on the wings of enthusiasm down to the Swiss frontier.

Outside—

"It was an unforgettable moment. Never yet did 'Deutschland, Deutschland Ueber Alles!' resound more beautifully and more powerfully than here along the line of several hundred miles, and but 350 yards from the enemy.

"The French were beating time by cannon, as they suspected a general assault behind the 'hurrah!' by they, too, became silent on hearing the war song."

Australia Has Force of 164,631 Now In Training

These Will be Utilised for Home Defence
for Service in Europe and
to Fill up Any Gaps

Melbourne, Nov. 30.—In the Senate the Minister of Defence said that in addition to the forces raised for service in Europe and the citizen forces there were 51,153 members of rifle clubs and 16,000 recruits, totalling 67,153 reservists available for the war, a grand total of 164,631 men under arms.

The Government has also raised first, second and third reinforcements to the Australian Imperial forces, totalling 9,000 completed units previously accepted by the British Government, making a total of 28,258 for the Commonwealth.

WAR EXPENSES OF AUSTRALIA TOTAL \$58,000,000

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 4.—In his Budget speech the Governor estimates Australia's expenses in connection with the war at \$58,000,000 for the present year.

The speech expressed the hope that the day is not far distant when the Sister Dominion of New Zealand, while maintaining her identity unimpaired will be more closely associated with Australia.

German Official Yacht Was Captured

The German official yacht Komets has been captured off New Guinea.

A member of the Australian Expedition states that the Komets was found anchored, with most of the Germans asleep. The captain was shaving.

He expressed regret that he had been caught so easily without a scrap.

Bitter Weather In East Austria

Intense Frost, With Heavy Snowfalls
Causes Much Misery Even in
the Capital Itself

Venice, via London, Nov. 30.—Unusually bitter cold, accompanied by a heavy snowfall, is said to be causing intense misery to the population of Vienna.

Outside—

The situation is made worse by the exorbitant prices of food and the municipality is feeding many thousands of persons.

Owing to the high prices of flour, the authorities are experimenting a soup made from potatoes, barley and black meal.

Extraordinary cold weather is reported from the southern battlefield, especially in Bosnia.

BAY OF IS. LIKELY GET BIG CONCERN

Western Star Says That a
Large Pulp and Paper
Manufacturing Co. Will be
Established on the West
Coast With Headquarters
at Bay of Islands

During the past three or four months surveying parties have been cruising over the section of the country from Grand Lake to Bay of Islands, for the object, so it is said, of locating the extent of certain timber areas and also the selection of a suitable dam site on the Lower Humber.

The initial survey being about completed, it has been stated that a large pulp and paper manufacturing concern is to be established on the West Coast, with headquarters at Corner Brook, Bay of Islands. It has been reliably stated that the company, which is very liberally subscribed, consists principally of English capitalists. It is further stated that the operations to be conducted by this company will be three times greater than the works at Grand Falls.

Minerals Also.

There are said to be valuable mineral and vegetable deposits at the back of Corner Brook, which will be manufactured by the concern, thus affording employment to hundreds of persons independently of the pulp and paper works.

We are informed that in all probability the gigantic manufacturing plant will be erected on the eastern side of Corner Brook, with large warehouses and piers in the vicinity of Fisher's mill and dock.

A large dam is to be constructed near Patricia Head, on the Lower Humber, with a power house near the railroad old headquarters, and the water power of the river will be used to generate electricity for the working of the entire plant.

Begin After the War.

Applications is to be made to the Governor-in-Council for certain rights, and resolutions affecting this matter will likely be laid before the Government at the next session of the Legislature. Operations are to begin as soon as the European war terminates.

If success crowns the efforts of this proposed new venture, the trade of the whole West Coast, particularly that of Bay of Islands, stands to profit greatly thereby; and the readers of the "Star" will in all probability be receiving three years from now a paper manufactured from wood at present growing in the vicinity of Corner Brook.

Krupp Factory Was Bombed By Our Aviators

Bombs Dropped on Half the Buildings
Says Berlin Report, But Extent
of Damage Not Reported.

London, Dec. 3.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company quotes a message from Berlin, to the effect that the Krupp factory at Essen, Germany, was bombed yesterday by an aeroplane.

It is said that bombs were dropped from the aeroplane on guns in half of the buildings. The airmen escaped uninjured.

The extent of the damage has not been ascertained.

SEND XMAS GIFTS TO TRAINING CAMP BY "MONGOLIAN"

S.S. Mongolian was detained at Montreal by fog on the river, and consequently was late in discharging. She will not leave until Monday next which will bring her here on the 12th. She will leave on the 13th and will arrive in England in time for Xmas. Presents for the boys on Salisbury Plain going by her will reach the camp before Xmas Eve.

Fogata arrived at Seldom at 12.10 and left at 12.30 a.m.

Belgium Cheered By The Italians In Parliament

Premier Announces That Italy Has
Decided to Maintain Attitude of
"Watchful Neutrality."

Rome, Dec. 4.—The Italian Parliament opened to-day and the Premier made a statement in which he explained the situation of Italy and advised that she maintain her attitude of watchful and armed neutrality.

When the Premier alluded to what he termed "the just aspirations of Italy," the whole extreme Left arose, crying, "Viva Trent, Viva Trieste."

Spectators in the Tribunes joined in the demonstration.

As the Session was about to adjourn the Deputy Commandant said that he wished to ask the Chamber to send greetings to heroic and unfortunate Belgium. The whole Chamber including the President, Ministers and people in the Tribunes arose and shouted, "Hurrah for Belgium."

BELLAVENTURE AT LEWISPORTE

S.S. Bellaventure arrived at Lewisporte yesterday with coal for the R. N. Co. She returns to Sydney and will then come here, being due about next Thursday.

Victorious German Fleet In The Atlantic?

Said to Have Left the Pacific Ocean
and Reported to be Now
Steaming North

Buenos Ayres, Nov. 30.—Despatches received from Montevideo insist that there is good reason to believe that the German squadron, which has been operating in the Pacific Ocean, is at present in the South Atlantic. Neither the French nor the British legation has any information to confirm these reports; nevertheless private despatches gave them credence.

It is related among other things that several German steamers are preparing at Montevideo to provision the warships.

Wiped Out Rebel Force

DeWet's Men all Taken Prisoners—Russians in Neighbourhood of Cracow

(British Press Bureau.)

London, Dec. 3.—The French Government reports progress in several directions.

The Russians General Staff reports comparative calm on all fronts, but that violent German attacks upon positions, north of Lodz, had been repulsed.

The Russians have entered Wieliczka, 8 miles from Cracow.

General Christian De Wet has been taken prisoner with the balance of his force.

The Australian and New Zealand contingents have disembarked in Egypt to assist in defence and to complete their training there. When the training is completed, they will proceed direct to the front, to fight alongside of the other British troops in Europe.

Parliament Of France Meets In Paris Dec. 28

Paris, Dec. 4.—The French Parliament has been called to meet in Extraordinary Session at Paris on Dec. 28.

The foregoing despatch is the first official announcement that the Administration is to return to the capital.

Sinbad Arrives

S.S. Sinbad has arrived from Montreal with a full cargo including 5,200 bundles hay and 975 sacks oats. The Sinbad will likely lie up at Halifax during the winter.

Schr. Maud left Grand Bank yesterday for Oporto, with a cargo of fish.

Newfoundland Contingent Detailed For Garrison Duty At Forts, Inverness, Scotland

Two Hundred Horses, Belonging to a Canadian Cavalry Regiment, Stolen from the Lines

20,000 CANADIANS STILL UNDER CANVAS

But all Will be Housed by
Christmas—Violent Storm
Blows Down Hundreds of
Tents—Building Railway

Salisbury Plains, Dec. 4.—The Newfoundland Contingent has been ordered to Fort George, Inverness, Scotland, to do garrison duty there.

Two hundred Canadian horses have been stolen from the lines.

Twenty thousand Canadian troops are still under canvas, but it is expected that all will be housed in huts by Christmas.

One thousand men are engaged daily in the construction of a railway to serve the needs of the camps.

In the severe gale of Wednesday night, that swept over the greater part of the country, hundreds of tents of the Canadian Contingent were blown down.

Important Town.

Inverness is a seaport on the north-east of Scotland, situated on the junction of the Beaulie and Moray Firths. It is a very beautiful town, in the centre of a great tourist traffic and famed for its shipbuilding, iron-founding, distilling and woollen manufacture. It has a fine harbour and capacious docks.

The situation of the town is most important strategically, as it is at the head of a chain of lochs and Canal leading clear across northern Scotland to Loch Linnhe on the north-west coast, the outlet of the latter being just north of Ireland.

Inverness is fortified and the British authorities are leaving the enemy no opportunity of raiding it passing this gateway from the east to the west of the British Isles.

Newfoundlander Gets Commission In Crack Regiment

Word has just been received that 'Bert' Gordon, who left here with the 1st Nfd. Contingent, has been given a commission in the 8th Battalion Gordon Highlanders.

The Gordon Highlanders are one of the crack British regiments. They are great fighters and for years have always been in the thickest of the fray when Britain has been at war.

It is a great compliment to 'Bert' and also to the Colony that he should receive a commission with such well-known fighters.

We congratulate him, and hope he will come through O.K.

Belgian King Decorates Men Who Saved Calais

Picked Band of Cyclists Checked Enemy Long Enough for Allied Armies to Come Up.

Furnes, Dec. 1.—By order of King Albert, the cross of the Order of Leopold was conferred on every member of the little band of cyclists, who crossed the German lines and blew up a bridge near Mons, which cut the German communications for three days and allowed the Allies to assemble the force necessary to check the advance of the Germans toward Calais.

Ten From Each Regiment.

This company of cyclists, from which the men were taken for this piece of hazardous work, is composed of 200 members, sworn to give their lives to the country. Only ten were taken from each regiment out of the many who volunteered. The corps is used in operations which often mean certain death.

In the present case, the destruction of the bridge cut off the Germans' supplies and is considered by the King to be directly responsible for the failure of the Germans to break

Russian Trick Entirely Fooled German Naval Men

Czar's Ships, Painted to Resemble
the Enemy 'Joined' German
Fleet and Trounced it

London, Nov. 30.—The Petrograd correspondent of The Morning Post makes an interesting disclosure concerning a success which he says was achieved by the Russian Baltic fleet, under command of Admiral von Essen, early in September. His despatch in substance is as follows:

"It appears that German warships had acquired the habit of cruising in the Baltic up to the limit which the Russian fleet had decided to hold. Having received certain information, Admiral von Essen painted several of his cruisers and destroyers with the German colors and under cover of foggy weather contrived to join the German ships, the presence of the Russian warships had not been suspected until it was too late.

"At a convenient moment, the admiral opened fire, sinking one German cruiser and badly damaging another, while the Russian destroyers put in good work on the smaller German craft. Having delivered this blow the Russian vessels sailed home untouched.

"The Germans naturally remained silent regarding the fight and for various reasons the Russians also kept quiet, but a number of the coveted St. George crosses were distributed among those who were responsible for the success of this venture."

In connection with the above story, it is interesting to note a brief statement which was given by the official news bureau on Sept. 4. The communication was as follows:

"According to information derived from a trustworthy source, even German destroyers and torpedo boats have arrived at Kiel in a damaged condition, and it is understood that others have been sunk in the vicinity of the Kiel Canal."

Another Rhodes Scholar Enlists

Mr. Crawford, of the R. N. Co., has received word that his son, who is a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, has responded to Kitchener's call for men.

Hundreds of the University students have joined the ranks prepared to fight for the honor of the Empire.

Mr. Crawford who is a brilliant scholar and an all round athlete has passed the necessary examination and has been offered a commission.

Prospero Sails

Prospero sailed at 10 a.m., taking a full cargo and the following passengers:—Capt. Bishop, G. R. Lily, Capt. Hann, Rev. Thibault, Messrs. Spurrell, P. Miles, C. Winsor, Const. Turk, K. Norms, W. Bishop, Messrs. March, Avery, W. B. Kean; Mesdames Winsor, M. Noble, Hundson, Bartlett, White, Avery; Misses Carter, Perry, Jackman, Lewis Winsor and 60 steerage.

Portia arrived at Bonne Bay at 11.30 last night and left at 5.30 this morning.

through the line of the Allies in the critical days of the first week of November.

Officers Get Two Medals.

The officers who received both the Cross of Honor and the rank of Chevalier of the Order of Leopold were Captain Delrosses, Captain Courbets, Lieutenants Derode, Gervois, Flebus, Parden and Rolers, while the cross was given to twenty-four non-commissioned officers and enlisted men.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Strong winds to moderate gales, N. W. to N., decreasing tonight. Fair and cold today and on Saturday.