

TRY TO CUT OFF POLISH CAPITAL

Germans Advance Upon the
Towns of Kovno and
Grodno.

ARE NEAR THE LATTER

Railways Carrying Populace
to Safety in the
Interior.

[Canadian Press.]
PETROGRAD, Feb. 18.—The following official communication from the headquarters of the commander-in-chief of the Russian forces was issued to-night:

"The fighting on the front between the Niemen and the Vistula continues. On February 17, reaching the climax of stubbornness in the region of Augustowo and also on the roads from Sierpoc to Plesk."

"On the left bank of the Vistula there was no fighting. In the Carpathians we repulsed a series of obstinate attacks by the Austrians on the front from Svidnik to the Upper San. In the regions of Koslowka, Toukolia, Senczhour, Wyszakow, and Klausow we made several successful counter-attacks, while we also continued to repulse the continuous general attacks."

"In Bukowina our columns have fallen back beyond the River Pruth."

"The German advance from East Prussia upon the towns of Kovno and Grodno appears designed to cut the railroad communication between Warsaw and an effort to take the Russian fortified positions in that territory."

Along the Plock to Niemen line, which is a little short of two hundred miles in length, there has been intermittent fighting. From all the towns in this district, which is the most populous of the Empire, the civil population is fleeing, thronging the highways and railways. The latter are offering the best service possible to transport the inhabitants to places of safety in the interior."

The German advance guards are reported to have reached the railroad between Augustowo and Bialymok, and to have reached within 10 miles of the former place, where they are said to have been checked by the Russians."

Russians Forwarded Troops.
"Traffic on the Petrograd-Warsaw line through Vilna has been temporarily suspended for military purposes."

The Germans are reported to be attempting to break through between Kovno and Grodno, taking advantage of the frozen Augustowo marshes and Niemen River, and facing the possibility of an early thaw, which might leave them at the mercy of the Russians as developed during a previous similar advance in the early fall, when the swamps made the country impassable."

The line to the north of Warsaw of Plock Nowy, Gorniewsk and Serock, is well defended."

Reported Russian Army
The general staff of the Russian army issued a report this afternoon:

"On the right bank of the Vistula the fighting has been going on in almost the same localities with great ferocity in certain sectors."

"In the region of the Niemen River, we have found only patrols of the enemy."

"On the left bank of the Vistula there has been no change."

Attacks Repulsed.
"In Galicia we repulsed an attack on the Khava-Viktorovsk front with great losses to the enemy. Further to the east, the enemy endeavored to attack us in the region of Loubne-Stronka, but without success. In repelling this attack we made prisoners of ten officers and 1,400 soldiers, and captured three machine-guns."

Battalion Wiped Out.
"On the front from Kozlowska to Mount Vyschokoff, the Germans delivered a series of determined and spirited attacks, forcing themselves vigorously in the direction of Mount Vyschokoff. All these advances were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. Almost the entire battalion was put to the bayonet; the rest of the Germans were made prisoners."

"There is no change in Bukovina."

GERMAN STATEMENT.
BERLIN, Feb. 18 (by wireless to Sav. ville).—The German army headquarters issued the following:

"Near Tauraggen and in the district to the northwest of Grodno, the pursuing German troops are fighting the enemy. A Russian detachment beaten near Kolno was reinforced to the north of Lomza by fresh troops. The enemy was then again attacked by us."

"Engagements near Plock and Radosow have been decided in favor of the Germans. In these encounters we have taken up to the point of 3,000 prisoners."

"There is nothing new to report from the south of the Vistula in Poland."

The results obtained near the East Prussian frontier are increasing in our favor. So far we have taken 49,000 prisoners, 71 guns, more than 100 machine guns, three hospital trains, an aircraft, 150 cars filled with ammunition, searchlights, countless cars filled with goods, and horses, a further increase of booty can be expected."

SPAIN HAS LARGE DEFICIT.
MADRID, via Paris, Feb. 18.—5:30 p. m.—A Government decree issued today authorized the issuance of treasury bonds to the value of \$20,000,000 to cover the deficit for the fiscal period.

Stomach Troubles Due to Acidity
SO SAYS EMINENT SPECIALIST.

So-called stomach troubles, such as indigestion, wind, and stomach-ache are in probability nine out of ten simply evidence that fermentation is taking place in the food contents of the stomach, causing the formation of acids. Wind distends the stomach, and causes that full, oppressive feeling sometimes known as heartburn, while the acid irritates and inflames the delicate lining of the stomach. The trouble lies entirely in the fermenting food. Such fermentation is unnatural, and acid formation is entirely unnatural, but may involve most serious consequences if not corrected. To stop or prevent fermentation of the food contents of the stomach and to neutralize the acid, and render it bland and harmless, a trustworthy remedy is needed, namely, probably the best and most effective corrector of acid stomach known, should be taken in a quarter of a glass of hot or cold water immediately after eating, or whenever wind or acidity is felt. This stops the fermentation and neutralizes the acidity in a few moments. Fermentations, wind, and acidity are dangerous and unnecessary, stop or prevent them by the use of a proper antacid, such as Bismarck's magesia, which can be obtained from any druggist, and thus enable the stomach to do its work properly without being hindered by poisonous gas and dangerous acids.—M. F. F.

STATES AROUSED BY GERMAN REPLY

The Press Says She Will Pay
Dearly If Any Vessels
Sink.

HER PLEAS RIDICULOUS

Can Buy Supplies Same As
Britain If She Can Trans-
port Them.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Feb. 18.—The World this morning says editorially: "Germany asserts, in effect, that when the law of nations and the rights of neutrals interfere with the military purposes of the German Government, the decrees of autocracy are supreme law. What Germany says about this matter is not highly important. It is what Germany does that is important. The President has made it plain that the United States will tolerate no policy of maritime lynch law in respect to the lives and property of its citizens. On that issue the American people stand united."

Sordid and Savage Irony.
The Tribune says: "If some neutral nation will accomplish something of vast military advantage to Germany, the latter will acknowledge the service by agreeing to humane methods of war. It is all round. This proposal has a touch of sordid and savage irony. What attention can civilized opinion be expected to pay a plea that neutrals shall try to humanize the practice of warfare which comes from a belligerent with absolutely unclean hands—from a Government which has outwitted all others in making the practice of warfare ruthless and inhumane?"

An Appeal for Help.
Continuing, the Tribune says: "The whole German argument is simply an appeal to neutral nations to help her to overcome the military disadvantage under which she labors from the inability of her fleets to keep the sea. If she had the naval resources to carry through the ambitious program of starving out Great Britain, which her admiral has announced, she would not bother to complain of the failure of neutral commerce to maintain its rights of the high seas."

Will Sell Her Supplies.
"The fact that supplies, including munitions of war, do not move freely into Germany and that Germany is in the countries with which she is at war creates no moral or legal obligation on the part of neutrals to redress that balance. We are willing to sell to Germany anything which we sell to the Allies. It cannot affect our rights and interests that Germany is unable to secure the delivery of contraband destined to her ports because she has lost control of the sea."

"Germany should not plead the 'baby act' because her navy cannot compete with that of Great Britain."

Weakness Obvious.
The Times says: "The weakness of the argument used by Germany in her reply is perfectly obvious. Accusing Great Britain of resorting to barbarous warfare, of seeking to overcome Germany by starving her civilian population, she replies that the declaration of the war zone and of the intention to use submarines and mines to the extent of her power in destroying British commerce was a measure of retaliation forced upon her by the necessities of the case. She fails to see that she does not at all make good her accusation against Britain."

"Blockade" a Farce.
"Germany herself supplied her enemy with a valid defence to that charge when she issued the order taking government control of all the stores of the Empire."

"Germany further fails to see that the war zone kind of blockade she has declared is a thing unknown to international law, and that that form of blockade and the use she proposes to make of it are expressly forbidden by the Declaration of London, which she declares she took over unaltered into her prize law at the beginning of the war. A blockade to be binding must be effective, and Germany cannot pretend that she can make this blockade effective by a force sufficient to really prevent access to the enemy's coast line. She transcends her rights, therefore, when she assumes to vanquish the neutral shipping that it will enter the war zone at its peril, that it may be destroyed by stray torpedoes or a hidden mine, and that for such 'accidents' Germany disclaimed all responsibility if neutral ships did not keep away are torpedoed and destroyed. If the design is to frighten neutral shipping, it may succeed with weak nations, but the United States would be untrue to its traditions, and in the sight of all nations it would show that it did not enter a war zone, spirited, vigorous and emphatic protest against the proposal of Germany to 'run amuck' in British waters, and blindly strike at friends found in her pathway as well as at the armed enemy."

BOARDER SUSPECTED
OF WOMAN'S MURDER

George Shortreed To Face
Trial For Slaying In
Winnipeg.

[Canadian Press.]
Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—The coroner's jury dealing with the case of Mrs. Stark, who was shot dead Wednesday night, returned a recommendation that George Shortreed, a boarder in the house, be placed on trial for the shooting. Stark's son, Bud Stark, was also shot, and lies in the general hospital in a critical condition.

Stark declared that Shortreed did the shooting, but the latter averred that Stark shot his mother and then turned the gun on himself. In the medical evidence, one of the doctors stated in his opinion the wound could not have been self-inflicted, while another thought it might.

LOOKING TO FUTURE

[Canadian Press.]
Rome, Feb. 19.—Indirect allusion to the international situation was made by Premier Salandra in an address before the Chamber of Deputies in commemoration of the victims of the recent earthquake. "We keep intact," he said, "Our undiminished faith in the immortal conviction that her fate is not comprised in the narrow circle of present interest, or even the life of one generation, but includes and connects those who were with those who will be, in all our memories of the past and in all our hopes and ideals for the future."

The Premier's address was loudly applauded by the members of the chamber.

The New Spring Fashions and February Sales Saturday

With the new spring merchandise crowding in, quick stock adjustment sales are necessary to make room for the proper display of the new, which are creating double interest in the fashion sections of the store, as in many instances the prices are cut in half. The hand of the February clock is over the half-past, and



Special Group of New Spring Suits Saturday \$7.50

SEE WINDOW DISPLAY.

Our first display of the new suit styles for spring will be ready Saturday, the introduction of which will launch a little special sale of Black and Navy Serges at above price. Just received in time for Saturday selling.

25 only, special suits for spring wear for \$7.50 each. Suit of All-Wool Serge; coat mercerized lined, 3-button, slightly cutaway fronts, notched collar and self lapels. Cuffs and back of coat button trimmed. Skirt raised waistline, 3-piece circular style. Made in Navy, also Black. Sizes 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42. Special \$7.50

Final Half Price Announcement LADIES' and CHILDREN'S COATS

Many are taking advantage of this once-a-year opportunity to buy a coat for this and next year at half of this year's price. The grouping is as follows:

80 Ladies' Colored Coats—Tweed, Zibeline and Curly, in tan, brown, grey and blue. All sizes in the lot, and all this season's coats. Regular \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00 to \$32.00. To clear at half-price \$5.00, \$6.25, \$7.50 and \$16.00
20 Ladies' Black Cloth Coats, in Zibeline and Curly. Regular \$20.00 to \$32.00. To clear at half \$10.00 to \$16.00
45 Children's and Misses' Coats, for ages 4 to 12 years, in Corduroy, Tweed and Chin-chilla. Regular \$5.00 to \$10.00. To clear at \$2.50 to \$5.00

Ladies' Neckwear, 29c and 50c Lines, 19c

ON SALE SATURDAY.

Six dozen Fine Swiss Vestees, two styles. Swiss Muslin Vestee, with three clusters of tucks each side of the front, with smart rolling collar.

Swiss Muslin Vestee, with row of insertion down the front, flare collar with picot edge. Regular 50c. Special 19c each
Three dozen Fancy Net Collars, in good flare shape with supports, ecru or white. Regular 29c each. Special 19c each

Saturday Sale of Flannelette and Canton Flannel, 8 1-2c and 12 1-2c

500 Yards Bleached Longcloth, full yard wide. Special 7 1/2c yard or 14 yards \$1.00
Hemstitched Pillow Slips, sizes 40 and 42 inches only, exceptional value. Regular 25c each. Special 19c each
500 yards Striped Flannelette, full 35 inches wide, an exceptionally good flannelette for nightgowns. Colors pink, blue, and fawns. Special 8 1/2c yard, or 12 yards for \$1.00
Extra Fine Twilled Back Unbleached Canton Flannel, nice soft, fleecy face, full 28 inches wide 12 1/2c per yard, or 8 yards for \$1.00

Great Opportunities Saturday for Men and Boys

These are of the most important nature, and the most unusual offerings of the season. More travellers' samples go on sale Saturday, including Men's Suits and Balmacaan Overcoats, and 132 Boys' Sample Suits, together with the final clearing of Men's Shirts, \$1.00 to \$1.50, for 69c, and the balance of Fine Underwear purchase, 100 Shirts only left, which will be cleared at 49c each. \$1.00 to \$2.00 qualities. Come at 8:30, the opening hour, Saturday.



132 Boys' Suits, \$6.75
Travellers' Samples, \$10.00
and \$12.00 Models

These suits were purchased together with our Men's Sample Suits, and will be cleared this month to make room for our regular spring lines. This is the once a season opportunity to buy brand new styles at about half regular price. These are the finest Tweeds, Worsteds and Serges for boys 7 to 16 years. Norfolk and double-breasted styles, newest designs and models. Bring the boys early Saturday, as these suits always go with a rush. \$10.00 and \$12.00 suits. 132 suits to choose from, all sample models. To clear at \$6.75

240 Men's Negligee Shirts, \$1 to \$1.25 Saturday, 49c

This is the final clearing of the balance of big purchase from the factory, which have been on sale at 79c. Just twelve dozen left, in light and medium colors, which will be cleared Saturday morning in rush sale at above price. All good washing materials, in neat patterns. All sizes 14 to 18, and qualities worth \$1.00 to \$1.25. To clear the balance to make room for regular new lines, Saturday 49c each



Shirts Only Left of Sample Underwear, Saturday 49c

About 100 shirts left from big sale of Men's Fine Underwear, \$1.00 to \$2.00 goods. These odd garments will be cleared with a rush Saturday. Sizes 34 to 42 only. On sale at 8:30 at 49c each

only a few days remain to dispose of broken stock (before the doors of the festival of spring fashions are opened), which means the greatest price opportunities of the year. We print here a partial list of the many shop-early suggestions for Saturday.

INFANT'S WEAR CLEARINGS

Saturday we will clear a few odds and ends in Kid Boots for baby. Some light tops soiled or slightly faded. Note the reductions below:

Little First-Step Shoes, in black kid, with patent toe or patent bottom, dull kid tops, laced or buttoned. Sizes 2 to 4. Regular \$1.00 and \$1.25, for 50c pair
First-Step Shoes, patent bottoms and pink kid tops, buttoned with white buttons. Sizes 2 to 7 1/2. Regular \$1.75 and \$2.00, for \$1.00 and \$1.50
Knit Sleepers (all wool). Regular \$1.25, for 59c
We still have a few coats in Tan Teddy Bear and Velvet, White Cotton Plush, for children 6 months to 3 years, at HALF-PRICE
Special Gingham Rompers, tan with red piping; blue with white piping; also in check and stripe. Sizes 2 and 3 years. Price 29c

LADIES' GOWNS, Special 59c FLANNELETTE OR CAMBRIC

Ladies' Gown, made of good strong Cambric, front yoke of pin tucks; long sleeve and neck neatly trimmed with embroidery edging. Special 59c each
Ladies' Gown of good quality Flannelette, slipover style, kimono sleeves, and neck trimmed with linen torchon lace. Pink and white. Special 59c each
Second Floor.

FINE LIGHTER WEIGHT HOSE FOR SPRING WEAR

Ladies' Extra Fine Black Cashmere Hose, seamless, spliced heel and toe, good weight. Sizes 8 1/2 to 10. Price 50c pair
Ladies' Plain Black Cashmere Hose, knit to form without a seam, good value, spliced heel and toe. Price 35c pair or 3 pairs for \$1.00
Ladies' Plain Black Cotton Hose, with ribbed tops, spliced heel and toe, seamless. Sizes 8 1/2 to 10. Price 35c pair or 3 pairs for \$1.00
Ladies' Plain Black Cotton Hose, with Balbriggan sole, spliced heel and toe, seamless. Sizes 8 1/2 to 10. Price 25c pair
Children's Holeproof Black Cashmere Hose, fine ribbed. Size 6 1/2, at 35c, or 3 pairs for \$1.00. Size 7 to 10 1/2, at 50c, or 3 pairs, guaranteed for three months, for \$1.50
Ladies' Holeproof Silk Hose, in black, white, tan, grey, gunmetal, navy, sky, pink and green. Price—\$1.00 per pair, or 3 pairs, guaranteed for three months, for \$3.00



Saturday Specials From Linen Section

KITCHEN ROLLER TOWELS AT 25c EACH—100 only. All Pure Linen Kitchen Roller Towels, assorted borders, 2 1/2 yards long. Price 25c each
17-INCH CRASH, 10c YARD.—300 yards All Pure Linen Crash for tea or roller towels, assorted borders, 300 yards only. Price 10c yard
25-INCH GLASS TOWELING AT 15c YARD.—100 yards only Pure Linen, red and blue check, full 25 inches wide. Price 15c yard
LUNCH NAPKINS AT \$1.75 DOZEN.—About 25 dozen only, beautiful fine Damask Napkins, spot and key border, and small neat designs, 18 x 18 inches. 25 dozen only. Special \$1.75 dozen
Bath Towels and Bath Mats Specially Priced. Complete new range of Damask Cloths and Napkins at prices which should interest all housewives. Buy your linens this month while our stock is complete, and save at least 20 per cent on your purchase.

12 1-2c TEA TOWELING, 10c yd.

500 Yards Good Heavy Tea Toweling, 22-inch, with red and blue borders. An excellent drying and wearing toweling. Regular 12 1/2c. Saturday, special 10c yard

MEN'S and YOUNG MEN'S SAMPLE SUITS \$13.95

If you have not seen these suits come Saturday. The entire range of samples from one of the largest manufacturers of men's clothing in Canada. All are made in Canada, and the highest grade goods at popular prices on the market. These are the models made up for the travellers for spring season 1915, and purchased by us at about half price. A deposit will hold one for you, and make a saving of from \$5.00 to \$10.00. All one price \$13.95



42 Men's Balmacaan Overcoats, Saturday, \$9.95

Travellers' Samples, \$20 to \$25
These coats are all spring and fall weights, all fine models in best shades and tweed mixtures. Coats worth \$20.00 to \$25.00, in all sizes from 34 to 42. To clear Saturday at \$9.95

Boys' Tweed Knickers Extra Special, 49c

Good strong School Tweed Bloomer Knickers. Sizes for ages 3 to 10 years. Lined. Get your supply Saturday 49c pair

SPECIAL—"OYSTER PATTIE"

and Cup of Tea or Coffee, 3 to 5:30—Special, 10c.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM

ROAST CHICKEN DINNER TODAY, SPECIAL, 35c.
Demonstration I.X.L. Coffee and Jellies. Free Samples.
Main Floor.