GERMAN SIZES UP THE BRITISH FLEET

Berlin Press Bureau Says That He Flew Over Dover.

AUSTRIA TO LAUNCH BOLT

Preparing Final Blow Against Servia—Allies Fail To Advance.

[Canadian Press.]

BERLIN, Dec. 22. — (By Wireless to Sayville.) — Among the items given out for publication today by the official press bureau, were the following:

"The order of Gen. Joffre for an offensive movement has confirmed the belief held here for some days that the allies in the west were about to attempt to advance. Thus far, however, their attempts everywhere have failed and the situation seems little changed.

"An army headquarters' report concerning the operations in the east make mention of the continuation of an attack, but whether this is being made against the Russian rear guard or the Russian main army cannot be stated.

"Heavy Fighting in West Galicia."

"The situation in West Galicia is clearer. The Russians there are holding the east bank of the Dunajec River to Tuchow, and another line extends southeastward past Krosno. Heavy fighting is proceeding on both these lines, and also in the Lupkow Pass.

"A dispatch from Budapest says the Austrians are preparing a final blow against the Servians, but gives no information of what form it will take.

"The newspapers here today publish an official statement from headquarters in answer to the official French war bulletin of Dec. 18. The French report asserted that several trenches had been taken at Auchy, La Basse, Saint Laurent and Blangy. The statement from headquarters says all these places lie in the rear of the German positions.

French Battalion Exterminated.

"A French report said the French position near Albert had reached the entanglements of the second line of German trenches. The headquarters statement admits that eighty Frenchmen came this far, but that they were all captured. The French claim that the German attacks near Saint Hubert all failed, is answered with the statement that the Germans took 800 prisoners in these attacks, exterminating utterly the Ninth Battalion of French Chasseurs.

"The Germany navy aviator, Lieut. Stephan Von Prondzynski, flew over Dover, threw bombs and reconnoitred the position of the British fleet."

CANADA PREPARED TO GO TO THE LIMIT

[Canadian Press.]

WINNIPEG, Dec. 22. — Speaking at a luncheon of the Adanac Club, here, today, Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of public works, reiterated the determination of the Government and the people of Canada to see the war through.

"We are in this struggle with all our power, with all our energy and with everything we possess," averred Mr. Rogers.

"For the end is not yet," said Mr. Rogers, "but let me say, on behalf of the Government of Canada, that there is no limit to our readiness, no limit to our willingness, no limit to our financial ability, in preparing and sending every man within the borders of our Dominion of Canada, that can qualify under the military rules, if they are wanted and required by Lord Kitchener."

The economic vitality of the Dominion was dwelt upon by Mr. Rogers, exemplified particularly in the fact that development planned at the beginning of the year was carried out, despite the disturbing influence of the war in the latter months of the year, and the necessity for dealing with the emergency thus created.

BULLETIN DISCOVERIES.

[Canadian Press.]

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Arrangements have been made by which each branch bank in Saskatchewan will be equipped with a bulletin board to be used by the Government for the dissemination of information giving the farmers the benefit of the discoveries of the agricultural college.

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GERMANS FORCED INTO RIVER BY RUSS ATTACKS

Austrians Also Forced Back Upon the Nida, Suffering Losses of Eighteen Officers and One Thousand Soldiers —Operations Successful in Galicia.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.—The following statement from the general staff of the Russian commander-in-chief, was issued tonight:

"On December 21, on the left bank of the Vistula River between its lower course and the Pilica River, a number of fierce encounters took place. Among these the fighting on the left bank of the Pilica developed particularly.

"In general we repulsed all these attacks, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

"We only evacuated some small positions and fell back toward the east in order to occupy more advantageous positions.

"Our counter-attacks resulted in throwing into the river of the German troops who had crossed the Bzura near Sachaczew. These troops suffered heavy losses in killed; also we captured nine quick-firing guns.

"The situation between the Pilica River and the upper Vistula River is without important change except in the region of Skrzynno, where the Austrians, after having crossed the Nida River, were pushed back upon that stream by the bayonet attacks of our troops. Eighteen of their officers and about 1,000 soldiers surrendered.

"It has been established that in the region of Przedborz, on the 19th instant, we took seventeen officers and about 1,000 men.

"In Galicia our operations on the 21st instant continued to develop successfully. Near Ryglice an Austrian division made a sudden attack upon our troops but eventually was thrown back in disorder, leaving behind 1,500 dead.

"Another Austrian division which attacked us with the bayonet at Godlowo, also fled, leaving on the battlefield the bodies of 500 of their men. In this same region the Austrians, under the pressure of our offensive, lost many prisoners, three guns and some mitrailleuses.

"The sorties attempted by the garrison of Przemysl all were repulsed. The Austrians were thrown back toward their fortifications and suffered heavy losses."

RUSSIANS RENEW OFFENSIVE IN GALICIA.

VIENNA, Dec. 22 (Via Amsterdam to London, Nov. 23), 12:45 a.m.—The following official statement was issued tonight:

"In the Carpathians we are fighting south of the mountain ridge in the district embraced by the rivers Nagayar, Latorza and Ung.

"In Galicia yesterday (Monday) the Russians renewed the offensive without succeeding in breaking through. On the Lower Dunajec, particularly, they suffered severe losses.

"Along the Nida River and the district south of Tomaszow there has been slight fighting. The engagements in front of Przemysl continue."

RUSSIANS MAKE EFFORT TO STAND.

GENERAL MACKENSEN'S HEADQUARTERS, Russian Poland, Saturday, Dec. 19 (Via Berlin, The Hague and London,) Dec. 23.—2:34 a.m.—(Delayed in transmission).—The Russians, in retreat before the army of Gen. Mackensen, are making an effort to effect a stand on the strong natural line between the Bzura and Rawa Rivers. This line had previously been fortified and the Russians are now trying to hold it. The Germans, however, have already broken through, and it is thought that the Russians will be obliged to fall back still further, although they are attempting to check the German advance by a counter offensive.

The Associated Press correspondent met 4,000 prisoners this afternoon east of Lowicz under a small escort, and was informed by the commanding general that he regarded the situation for the Germans as excellent. He expressed the opinion, however, that heavy fighting would occur before the Russians would be obliged to retire behind the Vistula.

Lodz has suffered little through the bombardment, but the unemployed workmen are destitute.

RUSSIAN BASE ON ALAND ISLANDS.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Berlin reports say that Russia is planning to establish a naval base on the Aland Islands. The Gulf of Finland is now frozen over in parts, but the Aland ports remain free from ice. While the states bordering on the Baltic have objected violently to the construction of fortifications on the islands, it is understood that a number of Russian war craft, including some of her largest vessels, have arrived there, and that provisions and ammunition have been stored in great quantities.

The Aian (Archipelago consists of 80 inhabited islands and islets at the mouth of the Gulf of Bothnia. They were taken over from Sweden by Russia in 1809. They are populated by about 25,000 persons, mostly Swedes.

GERMAN COLUMN SPREADING OUT.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 22 (Via London.)—The heavy German column which has been driven across the East Prussian frontier from Mlawa, Russian Poland, by the Russians, is spreading out to the east and west, according to reports received here from the front. The purpose of the German movement is to debouch to the right of the entrenched Mazur Lake position and to reinforce the troops in the vicinity of Thorn for protection against the continued Russian advance on the Thorn-Allenstein-Insterburg Railroad, which is the main strategic line paralleling the north Poland frontier.

The Russian successes here not only threaten the right of the German Mazur Lake position, but also threaten the left wing of the army operating before Warsaw.

Opinion of Bourse Gazette.

The Bourse Gazette calls attention to the shifting of the weight of German troops from Belgium to the Polish front, but the newspaper is of the opinion that this action means no lightening of the task of the Allies since the withdrawal of Germans from the western battlefront are from parts of the line where elaborate entrenchments proved sufficient to withhold the French and British forces.

It is statedt hat the heavy draft on the seasoned German troops of the first line is being filled out with the pick of the reservists, and that new levies are being sent to the Polish fronts.

A second attempt made by the Austrians to pierce the Russian lines facing the Carpathian mountains at Sanok and Lisko, failed yesterday, in spite of a fierce night attack on the Russian trenches near Lisko.

Austrian Aviator Shot Down.

The garrison of the Austrian forces of Przemysl, seemingly informed of the movements of the Austrian Carpathian army, made a sortie coincident with the Austrian attacks, though separated by 35 miles from Lisko. It is assumed that an Austrian officer, whom an aviator shot down at Bircha, fourteen miles southwest of Przemysl, was carrying messages between the two Austrian forces.

The Austrian operations are rendered difficult by the fact that valleys north and south of this region cut the troops into separate columns and make a massed front impossible.

The chief scene of the present operations is about the mouth of Mesolaboretz Pass, which is traversed by a double track railroad from Homano, with the nearest railroad to the west fifty miles away. The nearest pass to the east is about the same distance and is held by the Russians.

HAS A CLOSE VIEW OF WAR IN FRANCE

J. J. Carrick, Canadian M. P., Saw Battles in Progress.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—"After spending four days on or near the battle line in Europe, I left impressed chiefly with the confidence which British and French soldiers of all ranks have in their ability to defeat the Germans eventually," said J. J. Carrick, M.P., tonight. Mr. Carrick has been in Europe on a special mission which enabled him to reach the front and traverse many miles of the Allies' lines in a war office motor car.

Saw Battle in Progress.

"We landed at Dunkirk two weeks ago, went to St. Omar, and from there to the British line near Ypres. We saw British batteries exchanging shots with German batteries, we saw the wounded being brought in from the trenches, which were a mile in front of us, and a half mile from the German trenches. We moved our car with the greatest difficulty over a road which had been shelled full of tremendous pits by the great German howitzers, we saw miles and miles of fertile land in France, where trees, buildings and fences had been smashed flat by the fighting, and we saw thousands of motor trucks hauling food and ammunition to the front.

French Restoring Homes.

A few miles back from the lines people who had been driven from their homes are going back to build new shelters that they may be ready to plow and plant next spring.

"The British, Indian and French fighting men are well fed. Except for the chance of shell or bullet, they are living a most wholesome life, and as far as I could see, they appear to be thoroughly enjoying the dangerous game they are playing.

Big Piece of Business.

"The whole thing struck me as the biggest piece of business I ever saw, and so big that it was really impossible to form an opinion of, let alone describe.

"The Canadians are most anxious to be moved from Salisbury camp to the front."

Do Not Let Anyone Be Overlooked This Festive Season---FOOTWEAR Is an Ideal Present

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Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, and English Plum Pudding. Special ..... 35¢

Full Course Supper.
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Cold Roast Turkey, Bread and Butter, and Cup of Tea or Coffee ..... 20¢
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Fruit Salad, Fancy Cake and Tea or Coffee ..... 15¢
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For Last Minute Demands

APART from the stockroom, which has been supplying the reserves from day to day, there is no noticeable depletion of stocks anywhere in this great Christmas store. Tomorrow morning the displays of gift merchandise will present the appearance of the first, rather than the last, day of the holiday season, and we hope to have ample selection of useful gifts up to the closing hour. BEGIN EARLY TOMORROW. You think better, buy better, shop most comfortably and with greatest satisfaction in the morning.

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Tomorrow---Last Day to Buy an Xmas Gift of the Special 39-Inch Black Satin Duchesse at Only $1.59 yard

This special number is imported direct from one of the best Swiss manufacturers, who has a reputation for reliable wearing Silks and Satins. Tomorrow's advertised Satin is a dependable one for fine dress wear at the price of a medium quality. Get your order in early. 5 to 6 yards for a dress, in beautiful boxes, 39 inches, **$1.59** yard

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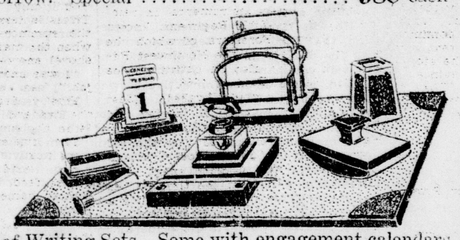

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Good Quality English Walking Gloves, in tans with self or red stitching, pique sewn, one dome. Price ..... $1.00 pair
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Large boxes of Christmas Note Paper and Envelopes, prettily boxed and tied with ribbon. Some boxes in cabinet style, ranging in price from .... 75¢ to $4.00
Pretty designs in cabinet style, with two different sizes of envelopes, note paper and visiting cards. $1.25
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Evening Scarfs for the theatre, dance, etc.
Handsome plain Crepe de Chene Scarf, with hemstitched ends, 2½x22 inches, in light evening shades ..... $1.50 each
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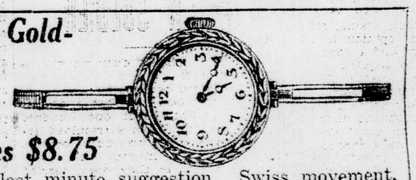

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