

# War News.

## Messages Received Previous to 9 a.m.

### BATTLE FAVORABLE TO THE RUSSIANS.

LONDON, Nov. 28. To the Governor, Newfoundland: Following from Press Bureau.—On the whole front between the Vistula and the Wartha, the battle has been favorable to the Russians, guns and prisoners have been captured, but the number of prisoners is not yet exactly ascertained.

The Germans are holding their trenches in the direction of Lodz.

On the Czestochowa-Cracow front, more than 4,000 prisoners were taken on Nov. 28.

Bochnia has been carried by assault. Over 2,000 prisoners, ten guns and machine guns have been taken. (Bochnia is in Austrian Galicia, an important railway centre, half way between Turnow and Cracow. The town has a population of 10,000.)

On the right bank of the Vistula, and in the Cracow region, the enemy is in disorderly retreat.

In France and Belgium there is nothing to report.

### HARCOURT.

### REINFORCEMENTS REACH FRANCE.

PARIS, Nov. 28. For three days British reinforcements have been pouring into France. There has been a steady stream of transports into the harbors of Havre, Dieppe and Boulogne. It is believed that the arrival of these reinforcements will be the signal for a general offensive movement. The exact number of men of this new force is unknown, but it is believed that more than a million fresh troops have reached French soil.

### STORIES FROM PETROGRAD.

PARIS, Nov. 28. Three German army corps are now practically surrounded in the Brezitz-Strykoff region in Poland. One corps has been captured and another routed, according to a Petrograd despatch to the Matin to-day. It has been learned on highest authority, the despatch states, that the German losses are considerably more than one army corps of men, who have

been captured. Another has been routed, and three corps are now practically surrounded in the above region.

### FIGHTING IN POLAND.

BERLIN, Nov. 28. Desperate fighting continues in Poland, but without decisive results. It is stated here to-day, it is expected that the German troops will be able to resume offensive, but it is admitted that heavy reinforcements, which have arrived on the frontier, are causing considerable trouble.

### GERMAN AIR RAID.

PARIS, Nov. 28. An official announcement is made this afternoon that the Germans attempted an aeroplane raid against Amiens on Nov. 18. Aerial duels between French and German airmen were fought on that day. The Germans were trying to destroy a French aerial depot, but were driven away.

### THE BELWARK INQUEST.

CHATHAM, Nov. 28. The inquest into the deaths of 800 men who were lost, when the battleship Belwark was blown up off Sheerness, was adjourned to-day until Dec. 6th, pending the Admiralty inquiry.

### PRaises THE TROOPS.

LONDON, Nov. 28. General Sir Douglas Haig praises the troops of the First Army Corps for their valor in bearing the brunt of the fighting for four weeks.

### SITUATION UNCHANGED.

BERLIN, Nov. 28. An official announcement this afternoon says that the situation in the west is unchanged, and that there have been unimportant engagements in the east.

### NOTHING TO REPORT.

PARIS, Nov. 29.—(Official.) As on yesterday, there is nothing of importance to report.

### MINE LAYER CAUGHT.

FLEETWOOD, Lancashire, Nov. 29. British warships have arrested the Norwegian trawler Nestor, accused of having laid mines on the North Coast of Ireland, while flying a neutral flag.

### ADVISE CAUTION.

LONDON, Nov. 29. Reuter's Petrograd correspondent sends an official statement which warns the public to observe caution in accepting rumors of a crushing Russian victory. The statement says

that the retreating Germans are offering a desperate resistance, and that the battle has not yet been finished.

### PRESIDENT POINCARÉ'S SPEECH.

PARIS, Nov. 29. President Poincaré has decorated General Joffre with the Médaille Militaire, in token of the national gratitude. He pronounced, on that occasion, a speech, ending as follows: "The mourning and horrors of this sanguinary war, shall not affect the enthusiasm of our troops. The losses and sorrow sustained by the nation shall not shake her constancy, or cause her will to waver. France has exhausted every means to spare humanity in this unprecedented catastrophe. She is aware that to avoid a renewal, she must hand in hand with her allies, definitely abolish the cause. She knows that the present generation is bearing the legacy of the past and the responsibility of the future. She knows that a nation does not stand wholly in such a tragic pass of its collective existence, and that unless we surrender our whole history we have not the right to repudiate our sacred mission of civilization and liberty. An indecisive victory, followed by a precarious peace, would expose to-morrow our French genius to renewed insults from that refined barbarity which takes the mask of science to gratify better, its dominating instincts. The French nation will continue till the end, by the inviolable union of all her children, and with the persevering co-operation of her allies, the work of Europe's liberation, that is now started; and when she will have ended it, she will find under the auspices of her dead, a more intense life in glory, concordance and security."

### LATEST FROM RUSSIAN-GENERAL STAFF.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 29. A communication issued to-day by the General staff of the Russian Army says: Our troops have won important successes along the Proschowitz-Bieszko-Bochnia-Vistula front, (Galicia, from 30 to 60 miles southeast of Cracow). In this locality on Nov. 28th, we routed the Austrian army, taking more than 7,000 prisoners, and capturing 20 cannon, ten of which were outfitted with horses, and over 20 machine guns. A Russian battalion at Bieszko captured what was left of the thirty-first regiment of the Hungarian honved. These prisoners included a commandant, two officers, and 1,250 soldiers, also a flag. We also took an automobile, carrying officers of the general staff. We are continuing our energetic pursuit of the enemy.

In the fighting at Lodz which continued on Nov. 29, we succeeded also in making progress at certain points. In the Carpathians our troops have attacked considerable Austrian forces.

### THE FIGHTING IN POLAND.

LONDON, Nov. 29. While deprecating exaggerated reports of Russian successes in the battle in Northern Poland, where the German Emperor has joined Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, to offer his advice and encourage his troops, later available official reports from the Russian headquarters state that advantage in the fighting still lies with the Russian Army. It is also officially said that enormous losses have been inflicted on the Germans, but no mention is made of the capture of German divisions, which has been so freely claimed by Petrograd correspondents of London and Paris papers. Opposed to this are German official reports, which say that the Russian attacks have been repulsed, and that German counter attacks have been successful. Some days must elapse before this battle, which promises to prove the most decisive of the war, is concluded. So far, all that is definitely known is that the German advance has been brought to a standstill, and some of the German troops have been partly or wholly surrounded, but they are still stubbornly fighting to break their way through the Russian lines, apparently to the northward. Reinforcements have been sent from Thora.

### Had Stormy Trip From Labrador.

The schooner Elizabeth, of Harbor Grace, the last of the Conception Bay fleet, is back from the Labrador. The crew reported at the home port that their return trip occupied five weeks during which the weather they say was the worst they ever experienced. Snow storms were frequent and but that the craft harbored many times coming along, might have fared badly. When the Elizabeth left the Labrador coast there was every sign of a severe winter north. The hills were covered with snow to a depth of a couple of feet, while the atmosphere was intensely cold.

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