

## RUSSIANS UPSET THE GERMAN PLANS IN POLAND; THE ENEMY DRIVEN BACK AT THREE PLACES

### Three of Five Austro-German Columns Driven back by Czar's Army—Russians Take offensive and End Enemy's Outflanking Movement Near Cracow, Capturing 2,000 Prisoners and Several guns—Servians Have Regained Most of Territory Near Bosnian Frontier and Have Taken 25,000 Prisoners—Germans Attempt Offensive Movement at Ypres But Are Repulsed—Vice-Admiral Sturdee's Victory Clears Pacific of Enemy's Ships.

London, Dec. 11 (9:35 p.m.)—Of the five Austro-German columns which for some days appeared to be making steady progress in their invasion of Poland, three have suffered checks, according to tonight's official report from Russian headquarters.

The column which was making a downward stroke from Miawa, on the East Prussian frontier, and which was reported in one despatch from Petrograde today to be within fifteen miles of Warsaw, after an energetic offensive, was repulsed and under counter attacks from the Russians was compelled to retire at some points.

#### DRIVEN BACK SEVEN TIMES.

The attacks of the main German column, which had its front on the line between Lodz and Lowica, and which came down diagonally from Thorn, were delivered with great force but were, according to the Russian account, repulsed with heavy losses to the invaders. That the Germans laid great store on the success of their attack here is shown by the fact that during the two days they faced the Russian trenches seven times, and were driven back by an effective fire.

The other column which has suffered is that composed of German and Austrian troops, which has been trying to outflank the Russian left south of Cracow. In this case it was the Russians who assumed the offensive, and they claim that after a tenacious resistance they defeated the Germans, taking several guns and 2,000 prisoners.

Of the German columns operating in the region of Piotrkow and that advancing from Czestochowa, there is no news, except the Russian statement that "on other parts of the front there have been no substantial changes."

A check or repulse of any one of the columns must, however, in the opinion of military critics, affect the whole German plan which was a formidable diversionary movement that had for its objective the capture of Warsaw and the relief of Cracow. For this, large reinforcements were sent from the west and operations were pushed with great vigour, but they met a determined opposition. It will probably take some days to determine, however, whether the checks have upset this plan. The Germans place the utmost importance, it is said, in securing a decisive result in the East before the Russians are able to make their numbers, which military men believe must already be superior, so overwhelming that the better means of transportation held by the Germans will be discounted.

#### SERVIAN VICTORY CONFIRMED

The Servian victory over the Austrians is fully confirmed by the occupation of Ushitz and Valjevo. The Servians have regained most of their territory toward the Bosnian frontier.

### FRENCH CABINET MEETS AGAIN IN PARIS

#### First Session in Capital Since Sept. 3, When Approach of Germans Necessitated Removal to Bordeaux.

Paris, Dec. 11.—A cabinet council was held at the Palace of the Elisee today, the first to meet here since September 3, on which date the government left for Bordeaux when the invaders were within twenty miles of the capital. There was the utmost cheerfulness at today's session, a singular contrast to the intense anxiety shown at the last previous meeting in Paris.

With the return to Paris from Bordeaux of President Poincaré the members of the cabinet and parliament and the diplomatic corps, renewed precautions have been taken to protect the city from raids by hostile aviators. A flying squadron of aeroplanes flew today over the Palace of the Elisee and the buildings of parliament.

A message to the Havas Agency from Lisbon says that Victor Cochin, his president of the Chamber of Deputies, has undertaken the formation of a new cabinet, in place of the ministry which resigned on December 5.

### AMERICAN STEAMER'S CARGO HELD

London, Dec. 11.—The American steamer George Hawley, which sailed from New York November 15, for Copenhagen and which reached Plymouth November 30, is among the vessels according to an official announcement in the London Gazette, "whose cargoes, or part of them, have been detained."

The George Hawley, of which Captain Moses is in command, is recorded in shipping registers as belonging to the Boston and Virginia Transportation Company.

### ITALIANS IN LONDON FORMING BATTALION TO HELP FRENCH ARMY

London, Dec. 11.—A visit to the Clerkenwell Italian quarter in London reveals the strong sympathy for the Allies. At the Italian Workmen's Club large numbers are enlisting to form a new battalion of the Foreign Legion already serving with the French army under the leadership of General Giuseppe Garibaldi, the grandson of the famous patriot the memory of whose visit to England is

### FOX BREEDERS ARRANGE FOR CONVENTION

#### P. E. I. Association Decides on Convention to Draw Up Legislation, to Safeguard Interests of Industry and Correct Wrong Impressions.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 11.—At the annual meeting of the Island Fox Breeders Association arrangements were made for a convention to be held in Charlottetown to draw up legislation to promote and safeguard the interests of the fox industry. The executive committee have decided to take immediate steps to correct false impressions abroad regarding the industry, the publicity to be carried out through leading newspapers, the committee acting in conjunction with the publicity agent.

### INVALIDED HOME FROM ENGLAND

#### Twenty-four Sick Soldiers and Fourteen "Misfits" from Salisbury Plains Reach Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 11.—First-hand reports of life among the Canadian troops at Salisbury Plains were received today when thirty-eight invalided and rejected soldiers from the first contingent arrived by the Allan liner Scandinavian. Twenty-four of the men are on the sick list and retain their uniforms. The other fourteen are "misfits" who have been dismissed because of drunkenness, disorderly conduct or other misdemeanors. Most of the invalided men have no particular grievances, but some of the "misfits" were not loath to air their opinions of things military at Salisbury Plains. The majority of the fourteen, however, regret their errors and many say they would be only too glad to get another chance with the troops.

The names of the men, invalided home are:

Atkins, Herbert, Paris, Ont.  
Adams, Joseph, Montreal, Que.  
Bucklin, Frank, Winnipeg, Man.  
Campbell, Joseph, Vancouver.  
Cote, Charles, Sherbrooke, Que.  
Cropper, William, Hamilton, Ont.  
Chifford, Thomas, Toronto.  
Dyer, Robert, Poplar Point, Man.  
Etterbeck, Harold, Kingston, Ont.  
Hiller, Sam, Toronto, Ont.  
Harris, William G, Toronto, Ont.  
Jackson, Samuel, Toronto, Ont.  
McGinn, George, Montreal.  
MacKay, John R., West Selkirk, Man.  
Matheson, James, Montreal.  
Manell, Emil, St. John, N. B.  
MacRae, Donald, Winnipeg, Man.  
Maxwell, Robert, Winnipeg.  
O'Brien, Henry, Toronto.  
Brainsford, J. R., Fredericton, N. B.  
Taylor, Albert, Ayles, Que.  
Wheeler, William, East Douglas, Mass.

Whitehouse, Thos., Hamilton, Ont.

The men dismissed, whose names are not made public, consisted of three from St. John, N. B., five from Toronto, three from Winnipeg, one from Vancouver, one from Brantford, one from Ayles, Que., and one from Montreal.

The early eighties is still cherished by the members of the Italian colony. Owing to Italian neutrality the British authorities have refused to recognize the force, but the French have adopted it.

### BRITISH CASUALTIES IN NAVAL FIGHT IN SOUTH ATLANTIC WERE SEVEN KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED

London, Dec. 11.—The Secretary of the Admiralty has received a cable despatch from Vice Admiral Sturdee, of the British squadron, stating that in the battle off the Falkland Islands in which the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig were sunk, the British casualties totalled seven men killed and four wounded. No officers, the despatch says, were either killed or wounded.

### FIRST INDIAN TO BE RECOMMENDED FOR VICTORIA CROSS

#### Sole Survivor of Company of 15 Who Killed Sixty Germans—When Found Still Clutched Sword of Enemy Whom He Had Despatched.

London, Dec. 10 (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The granting of ten Victoria Crosses within the last few weeks brings the total number of these awards during the present war up to twenty-one.

The Cross is the highest reward given to the British army "for some signal act of valor and devotion performed in the presence of the enemy." The decoration is accompanied by a pension of fifty dollars a year. Official lists of surviving holders of the honor at the beginning of the present war contained about one hundred and fifty names.

The ten latest "V. C." awards are as follows:

Private Sidney Godley, Royal Fusiliers, for coolness and gallantry in firing his machine gun under a hot fire for two hours after he had been wounded at Mons on August 23.

Driver Job Drain, and Driver Frederick Lake, Royal Field Artillery: At Leateau on August 26, as volunteers, helping to save guns under fire from hostile infantry 100 yards away.

Major Charles Yale, deceased, King's Own Light Infantry: Commanded one of two companies that remained to end in trenches at Leateau on August 26, when all other companies killed or wounded, led his nineteen survivors in a gallant charge. Wounded; died in hands of opponents.

Lance Corporal Frederick Holmes, King's Own Light Infantry: At Leateau on August 26, carried wounded men from trenches under heavy fire; later assisted to drive a gun out of action by taking place of a wounded driver.

Captain Edward Bradbury, deceased, Royal Horse Artillery: Organized defence of battery against heavy odds at Nery on September 1. With fifteen men was attacked in the trenches, just before dawn, by an overwhelming force.

In the brief hand-to-hand struggle which ensued, sixty Germans were killed. Gagna Singh, sole survivor of his little company, was left for dead in the trench with five bullet wounds. When picked up, he still held tight the sword of a German officer whom he had despatched.

This is the first war in which it has been possible for an Indian to win the Victoria Cross. Eligibility to the distinction was one of the boons granted by King George at the Durbar of 1912.

#### First Indian to Get Decoration

The first Indian to be recommended for the Victoria Cross is Havildar (sergeant) Gagna Singh, of the 57th Brigade's Battalion, Havildar, with fifteen men was attacked in the trenches, just before dawn, by an overwhelming force.

Armstrong, directors Nova Scotia, H. E. Pyke, C. W. Smith, A. W. Morton, G. H. Laidlaw, F. A. Graham, E. A. Worbin, New Brunswick, Geo. D. Ellis, A. R. MacKenzie, J. H. Prichard, E. A. Hoyt, H. C. Simmons, J. Pringle, Secretary treasurer, Hon. Geo. E. Faulkner.

The membership of the association is 1,308, an increase of 41 over the record for 1913. In Halifax 754 are registered and in St. John 554.

#### HALIFAX MAN NEW PRESIDENT OF TRAVELLERS' ASS'N

Annual Meeting Held Last Night—Vote of \$1,000 to Patriotic Fund—Members Going to Front Will Be Kept in Good Standing.

Halifax, Dec. 11.—The annual meeting of the Maritime Commercial Travellers Association held here tonight was largely attended. The sum of \$1,000 was voted to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and it was decided to retain in good standing on the membership roll any member who goes to the front.

The officers elected were: President, H. O. Wellner, Halifax; vice-president, Nova Scotia, T. H. Kearns, Halifax; vice-president New Brunswick, L. C.

#### RICHARD CANFIELD OWNER OF FAMOUS GAMBLING HOUSES DEAD

field, widely known sporting man of New York and Saratoga, died tonight at his home here from cerebral hemorrhage, resulting from a fracture of the skull sustained in a fall on a subway stairway on Thursday last.

Canfield, who was 58 years old, was generally rated a millionaire. He was noted as proprietor of palatial gambling houses in New York City and at Saratoga Springs, New York. A friend of Whittier, he had a collection of that artist's paintings which he valued at \$300,000.

#### CIVIC INVESTIGATION AT HAMILTON, ONT. RESULTS IN 2 ARRESTS

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 11.—Two arrests were made tonight, as a result of the civic investigation. J. H. B. Smith, of the Crescent Oil Company, and John Jess, contractor, were taken into custody, and other arrests will follow.

The charge against Smith is that by representing that he had delivered certain quantities of oil to the city, he obtained from the municipality upwards of \$1,200, and further that he did, during the past few years, unlawfully conspire with W. C. Brennan, ex-secretary of the works department, to obtain this sum.

The charge against Jess is that by falsely representing that he had delivered to the city thirteen hundred loads of gravel and that he obtained unlawfully from the city \$300, and conspired with Donald C. Mason to obtain this sum.

#### MONTREAL MAN IN TUESDAY'S NAVAL FIGHT?

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—At least one Canadian took part in the engagement between the British and German fleets off the Falkland Islands, if it is true that the Indefatigable was one of the British vessels. He is engineer Lieutenant Stanley N. De Quetteville of Montreal, who joined the Indefatigable in May, 1912, though he is still an officer in the Canadian navy, which he joined in 1910 as an officer on the Niobe. Lt. De Quetteville was loaned to the British navy by the Canadian Navy Department.

### THOUSANDS OF AUSTRIAN PRISONERS REACH NISH

#### Servians Disperse Enemy at Valjevo and Austrians Flee in Disorder—Enemy Makes Attempt to Resist But Quickly Routed by Serbs.

Paris, Dec. 11.—The correspondent of the Havas Agency at Nish, Serbia, under date of December 10, transmits the following account of recent military operations:

"At Valjevo, after dispersing the Austrians on December 8, the Servians continued in pursuit of their enemy and forced them beyond Oujtze, Kasjerice, Pouljen, Valjevo and Razareatz. The retreat of the Austrians was precipitate. They resisted only in the vicinity of Valjevo and Oujtze but here their stand was quickly broken and the Servians occupied the two towns.

"Heavy fighting has taken place also to the north of Kosmaj and Parovnitza, where counter-attacks delivered by the Servians resulted in heavy Austrian losses. The Austrians fled in disorder.

"Thousands of prisoners have arrived at Nish."

### CHURCHILL EXPRESSES ADMIRALTY'S APPRECIATION OF INVALUABLE HELP JAPANESE FLEET HAS GIVEN BRITISH

London, Dec. 11.—Replying to his congratulations on the victory of the British squadron over the Germans off the Falkland Islands, Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, today cabled the Japanese Minister of Marine, as follows:

"With the sinking of the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Leipzig and Nürnberg the whole German squadron which had its base at Tsing Tau at the outbreak of the war has been destroyed and the base itself reduced and captured.

"This event marks the conclusion of the active operations in which the allied fleets have been engaged in the Pacific for four months.

"Though it has fallen to a British squadron in the South Atlantic to strike the final blow, it was largely owing to the powerful and untiring assistance rendered by the Japanese fleet that this result has been achieved.

"Had the enemy turned west, again the honors would have rested with the Japanese and Australian squadrons moving forward in the general combination.

"The peace of the Pacific is now for the time being restored, and the commerce of all nations can proceed with safety throughout the vast expanse from the coasts of Mozambique to those of South America.

"The expulsions of the Germans from the east is complete and with good and vigilant arrangements by all a return by them should be rendered extremely difficult and hazardous.

"I take the opportunity of Your Excellency's cordial message to express on behalf of the British and Australian navies earnest recognition of the invaluable naval assistance of Japan."

### GERMANS SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES NEAR LOWICZ

Petrograd, Dec. 11.—The following statement from the general staff of the Russian commander-in-chief was issued tonight:

"In the direction of Miawa the Germans on December 10th, kept up a strong offensive throughout the day and night, but we succeeded in repelling them. Our troops, themselves taking the offensive, gave chase to the German columns, which, in some places, retreated in disorder.

"In the region to the north of Lowicz the enemy made some fierce attacks on the night of December 9-10 and throughout the whole of the following day. We repulsed these attacks and inflicted enormous losses on the Germans.

"We repelled in all seven attacks, during which some of our units permitted the enemy to approach very near, and then put them to flight with a murderous fire.

"In the region to the south of Cracow, on December 10, we were still continuing our offensive with success, in spite of the stubborn resistance offered by the Germans.

"We captured several guns and quick-firers and as many as two thousand prisoners.

"There has been no important change on the remainder of the front."

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