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Russia, Jan. 21 (via London)—The Russian government for the opening open as late in the week as the port of Archangel is disabled. Fifteen men have been frozen in spots of releasing them is the only port of Euro-

which has been open for commerce during the war.

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The correspondent reached the battlefield over the turnpike leading from Soissons, approaching by automobile as far as the village of Crouy, a scant mile from the French outposts, which were the scene three days earlier of desperate combats. The road is cut into the side of the hill between the plateau and the valley. The narrow margin of roadside on one hand before the drop into the valley, had become a long cemetery. The Germans had buried their dead of past months in rows of graves, surrounded by a stone or wooden cross, telling sometimes of one, oftener of twenty or thirty or more comrades lying at rest beneath. On the opposite side of the road were entrances to numerous tunnelled stone quarries, driven several hundred feet into the hillside. Within the quarries had been lodged German troops, the number in each cave varying from a company to a regiment.

The village of Crouy itself presented the familiar picture of shell-wrought destruction, with which the correspondent had become so well acquainted after five months of travel through the war zone. From the battlefield on the plateau above was unfolded a panorama of the precipitous sides of the Aisne Valley and the French positions on the opposite hills.

Soissons, in full view below, seemed starting closed with the towers of the Cathedral and the thirteenth century Abbey emerging from the maze of stone houses.

Battlefield Strawn with Dead.

The promenade along the exposed side of the plateau, in sight of Soissons, and the bank of the Aisne, held in force by the French, gave a rather uneasy feeling of insecurity. However, it was less dangerous than it seemed, as a slight haze rendered the little group in German field gray invisible to artillery on the hillside on the opposite side of the valley, and the infantry in the valley itself, although nearer, was too far below to direct an effective fire. The haze also made it impossible to ascertain to what extent Soissons had suffered under bombardment.

The battlefield is still dotted with corpses by the hundreds, principally of French soldiers who fell during their hasty retirement from the trenches. They had to cross open fields under artillery and infantry fire, and death overtook some as they ran. The positions of the bodies show that most of the French soldiers retired fighting, although some of them fell on their faces, as they were stumbling toward the rear. Some lie sprawling on their backs, faces to the sun, occasionally with heads pillowed on knapsacks, showing that death was not instantaneous, and that perhaps a last service had been rendered to them by their fleeing comrades. Three or four had managed to draw from their pockets packages of black French cigarettes for a

final smoke before passing away. Most of the bodies lie with heads pointed toward the abandoned French trenches, rifles by their sides, or often still clenched in the stiffened hands.

At the edge of the plateau, just over its brink, lay a long line of dead men. They had turned for a last stand against the advancing Germans and had met their death. Study of the situation showed that they had made no attempt to rush down the declivity to temporary safety. The bayonets on all their rifles were fixed, and in a number of cases the chambers of their pieces still held exploded shells. Two or three rifles were found the stocks of which had been broken off at the grip, evidence of the severity of the hand-to-hand fighting.

Their Last Message.

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They seemed like figures in a huge panoramic painting of a battle. The human note, however, often came out when one was told of the contents of the letters found in the knapsacks, or grasped in the hands of these dead French soldiers. It was the duty of the intelligence officer in the party with which the correspondent travelled to glance at such letters for the sake of the military information that they might contain. But of this there was little. Far oftener he found letters from home, with sentences about the health of the soldiers and children, and references to little presents and delicacies on the way to the soldiers. Some times there was home gossip, and often expressions of anxiety for the safety of husband or father, and always the hope for the end of "this terrible war," and the safe return of the loved one.

It was necessary to walk with precaution over the battlefield, particularly in the vicinity of the trenches, where the sound of a hand grenade was soon thickly about, ready to explode at any moment from a careless foot-step. German burial parties collected thousands of these weapons, which were wrapped in the boxes of explosives, bound to wooden handles 18 inches long.

Most of the captured cannon artillery has been removed from the battlefield, the German captors being anxious to send them in and receive the reward given each unit making a capture. But in the ravine of Lamoucel, on the eastern extremity of the battlefield, there was still six siege guns. The French had not been able to remove them in time, and now they were in possession of the Germans. A detachment of artillery experts was busy completing the interrupted task of transferring this heavy artillery to wheels for transportation to the rear.

While the artillery captain in charge was exhibiting his prizes with pride, and explaining that they were fifteen centimetre coast defence weapons, calling attention at the same time to the stores of ammunition also taken by his men, the French suddenly opened fire on these guns and on the road to the rear of them. Evidently they had conjectured that an attempt would be made to remove them, and knowing their exact location they were able to make it warm for the German artillerymen engaged in this task. This fire was a signal for the opening of a further general bombardment all along the line.

FREE GROUND TESTED EVERY FOOT
GROUND RETAINED BEFORE
GERMAN FORCES AT SOISSONS

Positions of dead bodies with which Battlefield is strewn, silent evidence of stubborn resistance enemy encountered — Bayonets fixed on rifles found beside bodies — Press correspondent describes fighting ground at Soissons after memorable struggle.

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MISSIONARIES IN PERSIA REPORTED SAFE

Cablegram received by Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, at New York.

New York, Jan. 21.—The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, after receiving today a cablegram reading: "Urumsa, Tabriz Missionaries Well," announced that it felt justified "in sending out the assurance that all the missionaries in Persia are safe."

MILK BOTTLES WERE NOT OF REQUIRED CAPACITY

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 21.—Large quantities of milk bottles have been imported into Canada for the use in the sale of milk, and these have been found to be of wine measure capacity instead of imperial measure. The Illinois Revenue Department has issued orders to hold up such imports until the department has satisfied itself that the shipments are within the tolerated percentage of error.

COTTON CARGO IS EXAMINED BY X-RAY

Boston, Jan. 21.—With every bale subjected to an X-ray test, the steamer J. L. Luckenbach began taking on a cargo of cotton and wool for Bremen today. Customs officers and representatives of the British consulate were present, and before the cargo was stowed, the customs officers made a careful examination of the hold, to guard against shipments of contraband.

Nervous Prostration and Heart Troubles.

Nervous Prostration, or Neurasthenia, is one of the worst forms of nerve trouble and brings about a general weakness of the whole nervous system. The symptoms presenting themselves are headache, a feeling of depression, disturbed and restless, unrefreshing sleep, often troubled with dreams, fright when a crowded place, dread of being alone, sorrow of society, fright at travelling, muscular weakness, sense of fatigue upon effort, etc.

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Barrington Street Buildings Completely Wiped Out By Fire Early This Morning

"The MacDonald Piano and Music Company," The Maze Cate, Frank Reardon, R. F. Johnston and G. C. Bate- man are the Sufferers—Other Buildings and Stocks Damaged by Water and Smoke—Loss Will Be in the Vicinity of \$125,000

HALIFAX, October 27.—As the result of fire which breaking out about five o'clock this morning, raged violently for hours, three buildings on the west side of Barrington street, between Blowers and Sackville streets, Argyle and Barrington street, were completely wiped out by fire. They are McDonald's Music Store, Frank Reardon's, and the Maze Cafe. Providentially the fire

did not spread to the buildings on the east side, and immediately upon his arrival sent in a general alarm from box thirty-eight. When this alarm was sounded the Reardon building was a mass of flames and these had spread with such remarkable rapidity that the J. A. McDonald building was soon enveloped and in a few minutes were a seething furnace. Chief Broderick, realizing that it was useless to try and

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"Why trouble about our national defence," A. D. L. asks this department, "while we still have the turnstiles in Boston's subway?"

Newcastle, Jan. 21.—County council was mostly occupied today with routine. \$10,351.23 school money was reported

ed on hand. The sec-treas. was authorized to borrow up to \$6,000 if required before taxes came in. Deputy-sheriff Irving's accounts, Jan. 16,

were passed. Boarding prisoners since July, \$661.10; constable work re- escaped prisoners, \$13.25; cleaning

Coun. Gillis moved to memorialize the railway department re urgent need of overhead crossing at the southern end of the Northwest Bridge.