

RUSSIAN VICTORY A CRUSHING BLOW

Petrograd, Nov. 25, via London, 8.15 p.m.—Reports reaching here concerning the magnitude of the defeat of the Germans to the west of Lodz, Russian Poland, which in some instances place the German losses as high as an entire army corps, appear, in a measure, to be confirmed by telegraphic despatches from Warsaw.

Forty-eight trains have been despatched from Warsaw to bring in the prisoners and wounded. This number of trains, made up of the maximum number of cars of the Russian wide gauge, would carry between 45,000 and 50,000 men, it is estimated here.

Military men here express the opinion that the reported defeat was partially due to the failure of the column of Germans from Wielun to defeat the Russians sent against it. Bad roads delayed this German column, it is reported, enabling the Russians to concentrate a sufficient force to repulse it and turn the flank of the main German column.

There is great jubilation in army circles here, officers expressing the conviction that the enemy has received a crushing blow, which is likely to prove decisive in the campaign in Poland.

GERMANS SURRENDERED ON ALL SIDES.

Petrograd, Nov. 25.—The following official communication from the Russian general staff was given out here tonight:

"The fighting near Lodz still continues. The large German forces which, on Nov. 20, broke into the region of Strykow, Brzeziny, Koluski, Rzgów and Tuszyn (all these places are in the vicinity of Lodz), are pressed on every side by our troops, and are now attempting, by a supreme effort, to cut through toward the north.

"To the south of Koluski station some scattered units are roaming about. We captured prisoners, some heavy ordnance and field guns.

"The outcome of the battle of Nov. 24 was to our advantage.

"In the fighting near Sienstochowa and Cracow our troops manifestly have the upper hand.

"Beyond the Carpathian passes we are surrounding large bodies of Austrian troops in the vicinity of Mezopotamia. In this region we captured a general, forty officers, more than 3,500 soldiers and machine guns. Near the pass giving access to the Hungarian Plain we occupy the city of Homonna."

ONE DIVISION CAPTURED; ANOTHER SURROUNDED.

London, Nov. 26, 2.45 a.m.—"The action near Lodz," says the Daily Mail's Petrograd correspondent, "resulted in a great Russian victory. One division of Germans already has surrendered and another is in such a hopeless position that it is expected to surrender immediately."

PRUSSIAN GUARDS AMONG THE PRISONERS.

London, Nov. 26, 3.50 a.m.—The Warsaw correspondent of Reuters Telegram Company sends the following despatch:

"Long columns of German prisoners are passing through this city. Among them are many of the Prussian Guards. Many wounded Germans have their hands and feet frozen and lack warm clothing."

MORE EVIDENCES OF CRUSHING VICTORY.

London, Nov. 26, 2.57 a.m.—The Morning Post's Petrograd correspondent says he learns that one German army corps of over forty thousand men, with their munitions complete, have been captured, and that he believes, when the official details of the fighting in the east are forthcoming, it will be found that at least two army corps have been captured.

KAISER LOST COAT AS DID NAPOLEON.

Petrograd, Nov. 25, via London, 11.05 p.m.—The Army Messenger asserts that among the trophies taken by the Russians at Sienstochowa was Emperor William's carriage, and that it was the Emperor's blue coat.

Dealing with the fighting north of Lodz the Army Messenger says:

"The Germans are making attack after attack in an attempt to break the Russian forces, but without success. The Austro-German army is staking all on this battle."

The newspaper adds that on the Galician front the Russian offensive is becoming more energetic, and is reducing the enemy to a state of impotence.

ROADS STREWN WITH FROZEN TURKISH DEAD.

Petrograd, Nov. 25.—That the Turkish forces are still retreating before the Russians in the region around Erzerum is recorded in the following statement from the general staff of the Russian army in the Caucasus, made public here tonight:

"In the direction of Erzerum our troops continue to chase before them the bulk of the Turkish forces they have defeated. We are capturing many prisoners, and much ammunition and stores.

"The roads along which the Turks are retreating are strewn with the frozen bodies of their dead.

"Prisoners taken are unanimous in declaring that the defeated army is making haste, with a view to seeking shelter behind the forts at Erzerum and Deve-Boyan.

"The situation elsewhere remains unchanged."

MAN, COMMERCE CARPENTER HERE TELLS OF WRECK

On board the Manchester Mariner, now in port, is A. W. Miller, the carpenter, who is a survivor of the ill-fated Manchester Mariner, which was sunk by a mine off the Irish coast, twenty miles west of Inishabull light.

Mr. Miller was at work in the forward part of the vessel, about 2.15 o'clock in the afternoon, when the explosion occurred and he at once notified the officer of the watch. The ship began to list heavily, almost immediately, and went down by the head quickly.

Many of the crew were tossed severely by the explosion and stunned. Only one boat was available to save the position of the vessel, and this was lowered and cut away just as the vessel began to plunge.

Miller was thrown into the water between the ship's side and the boat and swam around until he was able to climb into the small craft.

Captain Officer Caldwell was also knocked overboard and succeeded in swimming to the life boat. After the ship had foundered, those who had reached the boat rowed through the wreckage and rescued members of the crew who had managed to keep afloat by clinging to spars and other wreckage. Thirty men were saved and fourteen were lost.

Owing to the suddenness of the disaster the company had little time to do anything and that the majority of the crew escaped drowning showed that the men, he said, maintained their presence

of mind and quickly obeyed orders. The cook of the Manchester Mariner, a man named Harrison, of Liverpool, died on Monday while the steamer was nearing port, and was buried at sea. He had suffered from heart disease.

PEERAGE FOR SHAUGHNESSY?

Montreal, Nov. 28.—The Montreal Star says:

"Humors in London regarding more important changes in the directorship of the C. P. R. than yet disclosed here, are revived by the McNeill-Bury announcement."

"It is persistently reiterated that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's friends in England and Canada have been active of late in representing that he should enter the House of Lords and take over the number of prominent men in England and Ireland have been working to this end for the past three years, and the way is now said to be fairly clear for such an event."

England's Resources.

(Philadelphia Public Ledger.)

England's resources in money seem to be inexhaustible. She has already loaned \$215,000,000 to her allies and friends for war purposes: \$20,000,000 to Belgium, \$40,000,000 to Serbia, \$8,000,000 to Greece, besides large cash advances to Canada, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. These loans are without interest so long as hostilities continue.

When the European nations took up arms against Napoleon England pursued the same policy. She financed country after country until the menace of a continental tyranny was banished. There is no doubt that Great Britain is in a healthy financial condition and better able to stand the drain and strain of a long war than any other Power. And her financiers prophesy that when peace comes she will be in even better condition than when the struggle began.

THE NEW NAPOLEON



General Joffre, at left, commander-in-chief of the French forces, pictured as he was making a quick inspection of the battle front accompanied by Gen. de Castelnau, his right hand man in the campaign. Gen. Joffre's strategy has moved European experts to look upon him as one of the greatest soldiers of all time, and it is even said that Napoleon never showed any greater ability than already displayed by the man who is now holding his job.

MEN OF 26TH FIRE SALUTE AT MILITARY FUNERAL

Lt. Col. J. J. Tucker Laid to Rest at Hands of Soldiers Whom He Layed So Well—Service at Trinity Church.

Thursday, Nov. 26.

One of the most impressive and best arranged military funerals ever held in the city was that yesterday when the body of Lieut.-Colonel Tucker, honorary lieutenant-colonel of the 26th Fusiliers, was laid at rest, starting from Trinity church, where the body had been taken in the morning. The service at the church began at 2.30 o'clock, when the organ played and prayers were read by Rev. Ralph Sherman, assistant priest, and the lesson by Rev. E. B. Hooper, chaplain of the 26th, while the full band of the 26th Fusiliers played the hymn 'Abide With Me.' The handsome mahogany coffin was draped with a Union Jack, on top of which rested the bearskin, sword and belt of the deceased colonel. The pallbearers were Lieut.-Col. A. A. Armstrong (retired), Lieut.-Col. E. G. Stedman and M. B. Edwards, R. O.; Lieut.-Col. McAvity, 2nd Lt. Col. Wedderburn, R. O., and Lieut.-Col. B. R. Armstrong, 1st Lt. Col. J. J. Tucker, R. O., and M. B. Edwards, R. O. The service was held in the morning. The body was taken to the church by a motorcade, and the funeral procession was led by the band of the 26th Fusiliers. The service was held in the morning. The body was taken to the church by a motorcade, and the funeral procession was led by the band of the 26th Fusiliers.

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TOTAL BRITISH NAVAL LOSS TO DATE IS 7,343

Of This Number 4,327 Were Killed and 473 Wounded, With 968 Missing—Measures Taken for Protection of England's Coast—The Zebrugge Battle.

London, Nov. 25, 9.20 p.m.—Thus far during the war the royal navy has lost 4,327 officers and men killed and 473 wounded, while 968 men are missing and 1,575 are captured, or have been interned.

These figures are contained in a statement issued tonight by the Admiralty and include, in addition to naval men, the marines of the royal naval division. The casualties and the number of men captured or interned is given as follows:

Officers: Killed, 220; wounded, 37; prisoners, 2; interned, 40.

Men: Killed, 4,107; wounded, 436; missing, 968; interned, 1,535.

A great majority of those reported killed were drowned, 1,718 losing their lives in the manner, when the cruiser Pathfinder, Aboukir, Cressy and Hogue were sent to the bottom by German submarines, while the foundering of the Minos which was the cause of the loss of Chile was responsible for the loss of 1,054 officers and men beneath the waves.

The operations of the royal naval division at Antwerp are accounted for nearly all of those reported interned or missing. Most of the missing are said by the Admiralty statement to be prisoners of war in Germany.

Emergency committees of prominent citizens have been formed in several of the large towns. The principal measure taken has been the evacuation of the women and children from the areas which may be threatened, and also the removal of live stock and grain which would be useful to an invading army, the destruction of grain and other commodities which cannot be removed, and the blocking of roads and destruction of bridges.

Rifle clubs are being organized. The war office has decided to recognize these clubs, many of which are now drilling. Only those who are ineligible for service as regular soldiers or territorials may belong to such organizations. Members are required to furnish their own equipment.

The city of Hull, according to the Daily Mail, has been divided into six districts. In each district is a committee of 200 prominent men, which will co-operate with the police. Similar committees have been formed in Deal, Sandwich and Margate. In each of these towns, the mayors usually acting as chairmen.

DESTROYERS PLAY IMPORTANT PART.

London, Nov. 25, 5.05 p.m.—Despatches from Dover to the General News say that the British destroyers played an important part in the bombardment of Zebrugge, on Monday. Steaming with great daring close to the shore, the destroyers, in co-operation with the German guns which disclosed their positions to the British naval guns.

The British ships now have with them a heavy gun, and are returning to home ports to take on stores.

NAVAL GUNS STILL ROAR AT ZEBRUGGE.

Amsterdam, via London, Nov. 26, 3.42 a.m.—The Maasbode says that reports received here from Rotterdam, Zebrugge, and other sources state that heavy continual gun firing has been heard there since yesterday at noon, and that the British fleet was still bombarding the German positions near Zebrugge.

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