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Something Will Crack Soon Between the Russians and Germans.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 28.—The belated cold spell reported in Poland is expected to precipitate a definite result in the German Polish campaign which is now practically at a standstill.

Thus thwarted by mild weather the activities around Mlava have reached a complete lull and after unsuccessful attempts to cross the Bzura river, the Germans are still resting on the left bank of the River Sochaczew.

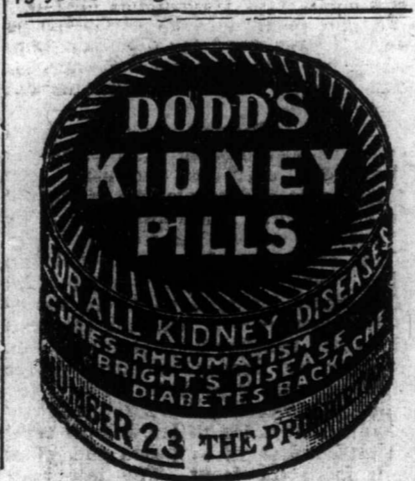
The Austrian activity in the Kielce region and along the rivers Ida, Donajec and both sides of the Upper Vistula continues. The cold, which has now set in, lasts, freezing the Vistula, Bzura and Pilica Rivers.

In contradiction to a report that Germany has seventy nine army corps of which about twenty are operating against Russia, it is stated here that Germany's total army consists of fifty nine corps, of which twenty nine are operating on this side and perhaps with the Austrian forces, aggregates between forty and fifty corps.

London Chronicle: In spite of the unexpected checks imposed on them by the heroism of the Belgian resistance, there was a time at the end of August and the beginning of September when their hopes were not far from being realized.

George E. Smith, the oldest fire chief in Ontario, a member of the Barrie brigade for half a century, and chief for thirty years, was seized with a fainting spell at a small fire, and died before reaching home. He was 75 years of age.

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But Nigel was not long unavenged. The huge iron club of Belford struck the dwarf Ragueneil to the ground, while Belford in turn was felled by a sweeping blow from Beaumanoir.

Some, however, were beyond all aid. Croquart had cut at a Breton knight named Jean Rousselot and had shorn away his shoulder-piece, exposing his neck and the upper part of his arm. Vainly he tried to cover this vulnerable surface with his shield.

But now the combat had lasted half an hour without stint or rest, until the warriors were so exhausted with the sword and the spear, the loss of blood, the shock of blows, and their own furious exertions, that they could scarce totter or raise their weapons.

For a time it seemed as if nothing would break it, but as the dawn of a new day broke, the general as well as a warrior. Whilst his weary, bleeding, hard-breathing men still flung themselves upon the front of the line, he himself with Ragueneil, Penance, Alain de Karanais, and Dubois rushed round the flank and attacked the English with fury from behind.

It was strange to see them as they staggered with many a lurch and stumble toward each other once again, for they moved like drunken men, and the scales of their neck-armor and joints were as red as fishes' gills when they raised them.

But the opening of this second phase of the combat brought one great misfortune and disappointment to the English. Bambo like the others, had undone his visor, but with his mind full of many cares he had neglected to make it fast again.

Then the English drew back, sullen and dogged, bearing Bambo's head and the Breton, bearing the head of the English leader, in their own hands. At the same instant the three prisoners plucked up such weapons as were scattered upon the grass and ran over to join their own party.

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