ARMIES LOCKED FOR DECISIVE STRUGGLE

500,000 Men Hurled by Hindenburg at Vistula-Warthe Line and 900,000 Russians Lined up to Halt German March on Poland's Capital

BATTLE FOR NORTH SEA COAST BECOMES AN ARTILLERY DUEL

Paris,—The onfall of winter has Big Naval Battle Is mans in Belgium and northern France. Snow is falling. Gales from the sea have driven tidewater far inland, widening the inundated district. Infantry operations are well-nigh im-

possible Neither side can do more than hammer the other with big guns. Two big battles are being fought

an Poland and a third conflict of vast importance continues in East Prussia. Of the three battles the one now at its height between the Vistula and Warthe rivers is exciting the greatest interest.

Decisive Battle.

Russian line at this point.

ground and the situation of the bat- opened fire at a distance of forty tlefield favor a really decisive battle cable lengths (about five miles.) to a degree which has not existed on any other field of the present war. The other battle in Poland is taking place on the Cracow-Czenstochowa front, and both the Russians and the Germans say it is proceeding satisfactorily for them.

In East Prussia the Russian advance is moving slowly through the country surrounding the Mazurian Lakes, which is difficult of passage. Russians Seize Passes.

In Galicia the Russians are going steadily westward and at the same time are seizing the passes of the Carpathians.

In the western theatre of operations it is officially announced that the Germans were forced to abandon heavy guns because of the spreading waters. Near Ramscapelle the Allies salvaged two large mortars which the Germans had been unable to remove.

Both sides have lost artillery and motor cars since the flood changed the character of operations.

haustion of the troops and there is and five sailors slightly wounded." much illness in the trenches.

The Germans have made a new effort to extend the wedge they have driven between Verdun and Toul at St. Mihiel on the Meuse,

French Advance.

tle from the north and south of their tinople. line, which forms three parts of a circle around St. Mihiel.

Western part of the village of Chau- suit, fied to Sebastopol. voncourt, on the west bank of the

Meuse. For the time being this region is a Eighty Big Guns and 7,000 Troops centre of interest. The French are making desperate efforts to close their lines east of St. Mihiel and thereby cut off a large German force. The Germans are trying as desperately to keep open the only breach they have made in the barrier of fortresses.

The operations to the north and east are closely connected with the fighting around St. Mihiel. The Germans in the Argonne are attempting to break the French line, which bars their connection with the German line on the heights of the left bank of the Meuse, and three attacks delivered by them were repulsed.

Germans' Ruse in East Halted, Russians Say

Von Hindenburg's Army Checked in One Area of Mighty Battle.

London.-While von Hindenberg's mighty army, reinforced by 500,000 men, has been driving the Russians back from Lenczyca a dozen miles in the direction of Lowicz, an important railroad town but 40 miles from Warsaw, the German force that defeated the Russians on the Vistula below Plock, has continued to advance, so that the vanguards of the two forces form the point of a wedge being slowly driven toward Warsaw.

Reinforcements are being rushed up on both sides and the Russians are said to have 900,000 men along the front between the Vistula and the Warthe, while the German invaders are nearly as numerous.

The Russian General Staff asserts that the Germans were defeated in one area of the great battle in Poland. It seems apparent that the Russians have halted their retreat and are making a vigorous resistance between the Warthe and Vistula rivers.

AUSTRIANS CAPTURE 73 GUNS FROM SERVIANS

Cross River Kulebra - Opponents Falling Back Toward Belgrade. London. - The following dispatch was received from Berlin by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Com-

In the latest fighting against the Servians the Austrians captured 42

gens and 31 machine guns. After three days' fighting the Austrians defeated the Montenegrins near Frabowr.

Cruiser Goeben Escapes Riddled With Shells-Petrograd Official Report Contradicted by Berlin.

Fought in Black Sea

Petrograd.-The following official statement was given out by the Russian Ministry of Marine regarding a naval battle in the Black Sea between the Russian and Turkish fleets:

"A division of the Black Sea fleet, returning from its cruise to Sebasto-The Germans, it is believed, have pol, near the coast of Australia, brought up by their line of strategic sighted, twenty-five miles from the railways in Posen and Silesia at least Chersones Light, a Turkish detach-500,000 men to reinforce General von ment, consisting of the Goeben and Hindenburg in an effort to break the the Breslau. The Russian fleet immediately drew up in battle order, Weather conditions, the frozen bringing the enemy to starboard, and

> "The first salvo of twelve-inch guns from the flagship Admiral Evstafry struck the Goeben and caused an explosion amidships, setting her on fire. Following the Evstafry, the other Russian ships opened fire, the Russian guns giving an excellent account of themselves.

"A series of explosions was seen the hull of the Goeben, which opened fire slowly. The enemy seemed not to have expected to meet us. The Germans fired salvos of their heavy guns, directing them exclusively at the flagship. The encounter continued for forty minutes, after which the Goeben withdrew and disappeared in the fog, taking advantage of her speed.

"The Breslau took no part in the fight, holding herself on the horizon. The Evstafry suffered insignificant damage. The Russian losses were a lieutenant, three ensigns and twentynine sailors killed, a lieutenant and Bad weather has increased the ex- nineteen sailors seriously wounded

TURKS CLAIM VICTORY.

The French appear to have antici- bastopol, according to an official repated the plan to have advanced a lit- port reaching Berlin from Constan-

One of the Russian battleships was seriously damaged and the other ves-The Germans have again taken the sels, with the Turkish ships in pur-

Sent to Northern France.

Rotterdam.-German officers on the Dutch frontier confidently assert Calais will be occupied December 10.

Eighty big guns were sent from the Krupp works in Essen to the northern battleground in France. Seven thousand troops, mostly engineers. left Liege for Dixmude. They carried much material for pontoon bridges and will be employed to cope with difficulties in the flooded fields.

Having been foiled at Ypres in the shortest cut to Calais, the Germans are still endeavoring to force their way at Dixmude, where they have massed many guns.

EPITOME OF WAR NEWS

Russian and Turkish fleets in the Black Sea met in battle without de-

cisive result. With the territory between the Belgian coast and Dixmude so completely inundated that infantry attacks are impossible, the Germans turned the fighting into a continuous bombardment of the Allies' lines.

The Germans reoccupied the destroyed portions of the Town of Chauvoncourt, Paris admitted. This means that they are again established on the west bank of the Meuse.

Reports received from Holland, it is said, state that in the fighting near Bixschoote and Dixmude the French lost 20,000 men and that 1,500 British were drowned in the Yser Canal. The Canadian Council has forbidden foreign airships to fly within ten miles of the principal Dominion cities, as a precaution against a pos-

sible German airship invasion. Russia is sending more troops against the Turks in the Batum district, and reports the defeat of the Kurds in Persian Armenia.

British reports of the fighting in Arabia claim victory where the Turks previously reported a British de-

German reinforcements are pouring into Poland where, between the Vistula and Warthe Rivers, a big battle is raging. Turkey, through Berlin, reported the

defeat of British forces in Egypt, and Russian troops in Transcau-

GERMANS DRAW THE NEWS TOLD NEARER WARSAW

Gen. Von Hindenburg's Army Continues Advance Into Poland.

Teutons However, Are Less Successful in South.

(Latest Summary.)

The terrific struggle between the Germans and Russians in the eastern arena along the Vistula and the Warta continues, and the Russians claim to have taken 2,000 prisoners and some machine guns. The Germans say they are pushing their attack along the entire line.

The German column between the Vistula and Warta Rivers comprises six army corps and covers a front 55 miles in extent.

The German advance has penetrated further into Poland than previously disclosed, and Warsaw is threatened a second time, the Germans being only 40 miles from the Polish capital.

There were 887 men in the crew of the British cruiser Good Hope, all of whom, together with the officers, went down with the ship in the battle with German cruisers off the Chilean coast. The French claim that in the artillery duel in the region from Arras to the Oise the French fire demolished

many lines of German trenches. Fifty thousand Poles have fled from Cracow, adding their sufferings to those of the Galician refugees.

The Austrians claim to have taken 13,000 Servians prisoners since November 6. The Russian littoral of the Black

Sea has been mined for a distance of 60 miles out from the coast. There was a violent bombardment of Ypres, during which the town hall

was destroyed. A British destroyer has captured a Turkish sailing vessel on which were two German officers in disguise.

JAPS READY TO SEND ARMY.

Big Force Awaits Call To Aid Allies In Europe.

London .- Arthur Diosy, founder of the Japan Society and an authority on Anglo-Japanese affairs, says in a statement that Japan is ready to furnish a large army if it is found necessary Berlin .- A Turkish fleet engaged a to increase the allied forces in Eu-Russian squadron, composed of two rope. "The Japanese Army is in a battleships and five cruisers, off Se- complete state of readiness," says Mr. Diosy, "and if it is necessary to increase the allied forces in Europe the Japanese are willing and ready to supply immediately a large, admirably equipped and highly trained army. The Trans-Siberian Railway and an ample supply of Japanese steamships make the transportation of 500,000 men in two months easy."

GERMAN PRISONERS 296,869.

Military Authorities Give Number Of Captives On October 21

New York. - The German press bureau in New York gave out the fol-

"The following statement has been officially issued by the German milltary authorities as to the number of prisoners of war in detention on Oc-

Officers. (a) Frenchmen 2.472 146,897 (b) Russians 2,164 104 524 (c) Belgians 547 31,378 (d) Englishmen 218 "Total, 296,869, including 6 French. 18 Russian generals (2 commanding

generals) and 3 Belgian generals. "Additional transports of prisoners of war are en route to the campa."

JEWS INVITED TO BE TURKS.

Ottoman Empire Offers Right Of

Naturalization To Russians. New York .- The Turkish Govern-

ment has assured the State Department at Washington that it will not expel Russian Jews residing in the Ottoman Empire, but will permit them to become naturalized Turkish subjects en bloc, it was announced, here by the American Jewish Commission. The committee stated that 5,000 Jews in Jaffa alone have already applied for permission to take advantage of this decision. More than 25,000 Russian Jews are residents of the Palestine region alone, it was said.

KAISER TO RETURN TO BERLIN. Emperor Will Attend Opening Of Reichstag.

London .- A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from The Hague says Emperor William has decided to return to Berlin shortly to be present when the Reichstag opens. The correspondent adds that instructions have been issued to the officials of the Emperor's Berlin castle to prepare it for a long sojourn there by him.

CHOLERA FOUND IN PRUSSIA.

Disease Said To Have Appeared Also In Silesia.

Paris.-Several cases of cholera are reported to have appeared in Prussia and Upper Silesia, according to a dispatch from Basle, Switzerland, to the Havas News Agency. Two deaths from the disease thus far have occurred in those districts.

IN PARAGRAPHS

From All Over the State.

LIVE NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Made Own Tombstone; Dies Working on Coffin-Hotel Wrecked: Suspects Held-Slatington Mills Resume Work-Teacher Fights Madman.

Miss Grace Jones, of Washington, teacher of a country school near there. risked her life when Robert Dreamer, a young man of the neighborhood, said to be demented, rushed into the schoolroom, waving a corn cutter above his head, and declared he was going to kill the teacher and every pupil in the room. The girl, after a bad half-hour, succeeded in forcing Dreamer from the room and locking the door upon him. As the teacher risked her life in the struggle with the youth the forty pupils in the room huddled in the corners and hid under desks.

Miss Ann McClure, of Felton, near Chester, routed a colored assailant after a desperate fight, stabbing him three times with a hatpin. The man sprang upon her along the roadway on Engle street, above Ninth, on the outskirts of Chester. Miss McClure jabbed him in the face with the hatpin. He cursed and grappled with her again, seizing her wrists. Wrenching herself from his grasp she stabbed him twice in the body with the pin. The colored man then fled.

Women for the first time in the history of the Protestant Episcopal Church were recognized on one of the eight boards of that denomination when the synod of the third province, in session in Pittsburgh, decided that the Provincial Board of Social Service shall hereafter be composed of one bishop, four presbyters, four laymen and two women.

Charles Chimel, landlord of a hotel at Exchange, was in a rear room at his place of business when the building was wrecked by dynamite, said to have been discharged by Joseph Parkewich and Frank Warsack, enemies of the hotel man. The suspects were subsequently arrested.

The Slatington Foundry and Machine Shops, started work after being idle for the past year. The Slating rolling mills started up again after several months of idleneess and are employing many hands. The Post & Monday.

Andrew Crossley, a veteran wagonmaker, of Bloomsburg, who several years ago made his own tombstone and expected to make his own coffin, only to be interrupted in the work by sickness, died at the age of eighty-two

Shooting a pheasant, Edward Houtz. aged eighteen, shot his playmate. Charles Shover, while hunting near Mifflin. Houtz declares that he did not see his friend concealed in the bushes near the bird. The shot which entered Shover's face may prove fatal.

Mayor Stratton of Reading issued an order prohibiting the soliciting on the streets of funds for Christmas dinners for the poor by persons disguised as Santa Claus. It was found that last year the solicitors got fifty per cent. of the proceeds.

Jacob Haussman, of Glen Carbon, was found unconscious near Buckley Station. He died five minutes after being found. A severe wound at the base of his skull led the police to believe that he had been murderously assaulted.

Aaron Seifert, seventy-seven years old, was the plaintiff in a suit in court in Reading against Sarah Trate, seventy-five years, a sister, to recover damages for alleged violation of con-

George Endy, aged forty, employed as a battery runner at the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co.'s No. 14 colliery, Tamaqua, was caught by a rush of coal in a chute and instantly killed. His neck was broken.

The Board of Managers of the Ches-\$100 from William W. MacMarlane, of the Pennsylvania Child Labor Asvice-president of the American Dyewood Extract Company.

Harry Walters, thirteen years old, died at Milton from the effects of a fall he suffered when he stumbled two weeks ago. Spinal meningitis developed from the accident. While endeavoring to secure coal

from a moving train at Coalport, for a little hut which he had built, Stephen under the train and killed. It cost Jacob Smith, Democratic

Representative-elect from Carbon county, \$306 to be elected, according to his expense accounts filed in the office of the Clerk of Courts.

CO-OPERATION TO STOP ACCIDENTS

Latest Happenings Gleaned Employer and Employe Must Work Together.

BALDWIN FOR SPEAKERSHIP

Major Taggart Severe Critic Of N. G. P. Infantry-Bluecoat Who Shot Boy Granted Full Pardon. State Capital Notes.

> Harrisburg.-John Price Jackson, State Commissioner of Labor and Industry, struck the keynote of the second industrial welfare and efficiency conference, by saying that if the people of the State co-operate they can prevent loss of human life and injury, raise the standard of living and help the women and children. Dr. Jackson strongly urged the necessity for cooperation of employer and employe in the general work of industrial betterment, and was supported by David Van Schaak, a Connecticut insurance expert, and by Miss Florence Hughes, in charge of the philanthropic work of the New Jersey Zinc Company, at Palmerton. Miss Hughes illustrated her

talk by photographs. Dr. Jackson gave a review of the work of his department, pointing out how it was hoped to relieve the unemployed by agencies and to check the large percentage of men who change place of work every year. It was estimated that more than 100,000 men change every year. The Commissioner urged continuation schools and a rigid medical examination.

In sectional meetings the conference discussed the proposed standards for moving-picture theaters now being worked out, cranes and hoisting machinery, foundry and grinding establishments, where blowers and exhausters are needed to cut down the death rate, and first aid, the latter being illustrated by the first aid crew of the Lackawanna Rallroad.

Major Taggart On Infantry.

In the reports of inspecting officers on the organizations of the National Guard as they appeared in encampments and on practice marches during the last summer, just made public by Adjutant General Stewart, Major M. H. Taggert, who inspected the infantry, makes some sharp criticisms, saying, among other things

"Unwarranted neglect of arms was apparent with consequential result. Many try to justify themselves by saying that they are without proper ma-Sheldon silk mill resumed operation | terials; some, that they have just been on guard or some other duty. I cannot accept such excuses when I stop to consider the ideal weather conditions immediately preceding inspection and know that proper materials can be acquired by requisition for cleaning and preserving the arms.

"All organizations could have improved their appearance by more attention to hair cutting and shaving. Cleanliness and neatness were, however, far above the normal. The greatest weakness was noticeable in the position of the soldier and this not alone in his standing position, but in the manner of grasping the rifle at the order and in executing 'inspection arms.'"

Bluecoat Granted Full Pardon.

Frederick Kilmer, the Germantown policeman who shot William Murphy while attempting to arrest him for malicious mischief last March, was granted a pardon after he had enjoyed the unique experience of hearing his own case argued and being called to the bar of the board. It was the first time any applicant had ever done so. His case was submitted by John H. Fow, who called him to the front and mentioned that his lieutenant, sergeant and two special officers had accompanied him. It was shown that he had stumbled when firing his revolver in the air and that the bullet had hit the boy unintentionally. Kilmer was released on parole by Judge Martin after serving thirteen days and asked pardon so that he could be restored to the force.

Law To Ald Domestics. William F. Long, of Pittsburgh

president of the State Laundrymen's Association, created a flurry in the sectional meeting of the Welfare Conference discussing employment legislater Hospital received a donation of tion by demanding of Paul N. Furman, sociation, why his program of proposed legislation did not provide hours for domestics. Mr. Furman had just presented an outline of child labor legislation, including prohibition of night work by boys under sixteen, regulation of street trades, a fortyeight-hour limit, physical examination and continuation schools when Mr. Long made his demand. The Pittsburgher said that it had been found that domestics had longer hours than Utrata, aged fifteen years, was thrown girls in factories. Mr. Furman answered that he understood that it would be cared for in the women's employment bill, causing the rejoinder by Mr. Long that he understood that there had been an agreement in a conference to include regulation of hours of servants.

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