

RUSSIANS SPLIT ENEMY AT LODZ

German Army Declared to be Cut Into Three Parts.

Campaign Against Warsaw Frustrated, Russians Say.

(Latest Summary.)

Terrific fighting continues in Poland, in the neighborhood of Lodz, where, according to a semi-official statement at Petrograd, the Russians have cut the German army under General Mackensen into three parts. On the other hand, an official statement at Berlin says the Germans have checked the Russians in that neighborhood and have made successful counter-attacks. It is announced at Berlin that Emperor William is now with the German army in the East.

Attacks and counter-attacks continue in the neighborhood of Ypres, in Belgium, without materially changing the situation. Slackening of the Germans' heavy artillery fire in Belgium and France, was noticed in Sunday's fighting in Belgium and France, according to an official announcement at Paris, which says that the cannonading, though active, was carried on with lighter guns, and that "under these conditions the artillery struggle has turned particularly to our advantage."

In a report from the front, Field Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British forces, declares that the Allies, by their tactics in France and Belgium, have "tied down" in that territory the bulk of the German army, preventing the diversion of troops to the East, and have inflicted upon the Germans losses outnumbering 3 to 1 the losses sustained by themselves.

17,000 LOSS TO GERMANS.

Lemberg Advances Tell Of Toll In Three Days' Battle.

Lemberg, Galicia, via Petrograd and London.—In operations lasting three days in the vicinity of Strykow, 15 miles northeast of Lodz and Tushin, an equal distance to the south of this city, the Germans lost upward of 17,000 men, a heavy battery of artillery and 28 machine guns, according to authoritative information made available in Lemberg.

In the same fighting the Austrians lost 16,000 men, in addition to 20 machine guns.

The German operations in this locality are declared by Russian military observers in Lemberg to have been absolute failures, and the chance of their escaping further disaster is regarded here as slight.

BOMB NEAR U. S. CONSULATE

Breaks Windows and Kills Several Persons Outside.

Washington, D. C.—A bomb from a German airship fell in front of the American Consulate at Warsaw, breaking the windows of the consulate, but injuring no one within, according to a telegram dated today from American Ambassador Marye at Petrograd. Several persons in the street in front of the consulate were killed and wounded, but none of them were Americans. The incident was regarded here as indicating the proximity of the German advance guard to Warsaw.

76,000 AGAINST SUEZ.

Berlin Message Tells Of 10,000 Bedouins and 500 Camels.

Amsterdam, via London.—According to a Berlin message to the Telegraph, Cairo reports that 76,000 Turkish troops under Izzet Pasha are marching against the Suez Canal. This army includes 10,000 Bedouins, with 500 camels. The reports also state that the Turks have built a field railway to the Elakel Oasis. The road to the Suez Canal, according to the dispatch, is barricaded by the British with a long line of trenches and with artillery positions.

OVER \$600,000,000 FOR AUSTRIA.

Prices Of Provisions In Hungary Fixed By Decree.

London.—Subscriptions to the Austro-Hungarian war loans continued in large amounts through the last day on which the lists were open, says a Reuter's dispatch from Vienna. The total of the subscriptions was more than 3,000,000,000 crowns (\$600,000,000). The Official Gazette of Budapest publishes a decree, according to these advices, fixing the prices which may be charged for wheat, rye, barley, maize, potatoes, rice and flour.

ARMENIANS ATTACKED.

Holy War Call Brings Riots in Erzerum.

Petrograd, via London.—A dispatch received here from Odessa describes an outbreak of fanatical rioting in Erzerum.

Dispatches reaching Odessa from this Turkish city say that following the posting of a proclamation calling the Mohammedans to a holy war all the Armenian clubs, churches and schools were demolished by a mob. Four Armenians, including one woman, were killed on the street.

NEW GERMAN ARMY FIGHTS TO BREAK GRIP OF RUSSIANS

Kaiser Rushes Troops From East Prussia to Save Advance Column Caught in Net in Poland

CZAR'S ARMIES TURNED TO MEET FORCES OF RELIEF

LATEST OFFICIAL REPORTS ON THE WAR SITUATION

PETROGRAD.—The following statement from the Russian General Staff was made public here:

On the left bank of the Vistula our troops, advancing from the lower part of the Bzura River, have reached Gombin.

In the centre of the battle line we captured the town of Brzeziny and the villages in the valley of the Mroga River.

In some places we dislodged the Germans by bayonet attacks. Our offensive in this region continues.

Between Brzeziny and Glowno our cavalry succeeded in several charges against the German infantry.

During the retreat of the enemy we captured a number of field guns, some with their teams complete. We are computing the number of the prisoners captured.

Among the German troops we pushed back from Rgow and Tuszyn toward Brzeziny was a division of the Prussian guard.

In the region of Sierz and Strykow we attacked the Germans toward Lodz. Between Sierz and Sdunska Wola some German troops are still holding themselves in their trenches.

In general, between the Vistula and the Warta, the fighting is favorable to our arms.

FRENCH BULLETIN.

PARIS.—The French War Office gave out an official announcement which said:

The slackening of the artillery fire of the enemy was noted all along the line. Two infantry attacks directed against the heads of bridges which we had thrown down on the right bank of the Yser, to the south of Dixmude, were easily repulsed.

In the Argonne some infantry attacks resulted in the loss and then the recapture of certain trenches. The men engaged in this fighting never exceeded a battalion. The ground lost and then retaken was never more than twenty-five yards.

Along the heights of the Meuse and in the Vosges there is nothing to report.

BERLIN'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

BERLIN. (By Wireless Telegraph to London).—An official announcement given out in Berlin says:

English ships did not attack the coast of Flanders again. There have been no actual changes along the battle front in the western arena. To the north of Langemarck we have taken a group of houses and made a number of prisoners.

Our attack in the Argonne region has made further progress. French attacks in the neighborhood of Apremont and to the east of St. Mihiel were repulsed.

RUSHING REINFORCEMENTS.

Petrograd.—The Germans are bringing reserves from Prussia and from Danzig, and these troops are making train journeys of from one to four days to the frontier. Thence it takes five or six days marching to reach the fringe of the present battleground.

The Russians have part of their strength only turned inward on this position in a kind of siege operation, but the main army is thrown outward over a wide area in order to resist a determined effort now being made again from Thorn to reach the isolated German advance column.

BULWARK'S LOSS A MYSTERY.

London.—The British navy suffered the loss of a battleship and at least 736 officers and men in a manner which mystifies and alarms the public.

The pre-dreadnaught Bulwark, of 15,000 tons and built at a cost of £1,000,000 (\$5,000,000), blew up at her moorings off Sheerness in the estuary of the Thames and barely thirty-five miles from London.

The known facts are that a tremendous explosion occurred at 7.53 A. M., while officers and crew were about their ordinary duties—it is reported that the band was playing—and in three minutes the shattered hulk of the ship had disappeared beneath the surface.

BRITISH WAR LOAN A SUCCESS.

Despite \$1,750,000,000 Offering Allotments Are Cut Down.

London.—The statements concerning the success of the \$1,750,000,000 war loan have been officially confirmed.

The largest banking applicants will get a small percentage.

The city places the total applications for the new loan of \$350,000,000 (\$1,750,000,000) at \$365,000,000 (\$1,825,000,000). These bonds are quoted in the market at par, plus commissions.

Two British Ships Sunk by Submarines; Mine Destroys Third

London Stunned by New Disaster Following Loss of the Bulwark—Admiralty Cannot Still Rumors That Battleship Was Blown Up by Torpedo.

London.—A thrill of apprehension ran through London when it was learned that, following hard on the mysterious destruction of the battleship Bulwark at Sheerness, three British ships had been blown up in English waters.

German submarines, operating off Havre, were responsible for the loss of two merchant vessels, while the collier Khartoum was sunk, according to the Admiralty, by a mine near Grimsby.

The repeated successes of the Kaiser's submarines have stunned the public. Their achievement off Havre, which would indicate the under-sea craft passed with impunity the Straits of Dover, a shallow passage only twenty-one miles wide, have aroused the liveliest fears as to the extent of their powers.

Doubt Bulwark Story.

In spite of the repeated assurance of the Admiralty that the Bulwark could not have been a victim of a submarine, the general public is far from convinced that such was not the case.

The crew of the collier Khartoum was taken off and landed at Grimsby.

Kaiser's Army Seeks Way Out of Czar's Trap

Retiring Invaders in Poland Use Every Effort to Push Northward.

Petrograd.—Officials who have the ear of the Ministry of the War have been told privately that the Russians have won the greatest victory of modern times between the Warthe and the Vistula and about sixty miles west of Warsaw.

The report is that the Grand Duke Nicholas's armies have utterly crushed a large part of Gen. von Hindenburg's army, have captured or destroyed more than 60,000 men and have cut off the retreat of the surviving corps.

The German counter offensive, under Lieut. Gen. von Mackensen, was halted about twenty-five miles east of Czenochowa and driven back. Von Mackensen was forced to abandon Von Hindenburg's troops to their fate. Meanwhile the Russian advance in East Prussia was never delayed an hour and is reported to be nearing Insterburg.

The unofficial news is that Cossacks are driving Austrian rear guards into Cracow and that Russian guns are shelling the city from the northeast and the southeast.

EPITOME OF WAR NEWS

The Portuguese Congress decided that Portugal should co-operate with the Allies when it considers the step necessary. The Minister of War will issue a decree for partial mobilization.

Washington reported that a bomb hurled by a German aeroplane broke the windows of the United States Consulate at Warsaw and killed several persons in the street.

Off Havre two British ships were sunk by a German submarine and a British collier was destroyed by a mine off the English coast at Grimsby. The British dreadnaught Audacious, sunk by a mine or torpedo in the Irish Sea, has been raised and towed to Belfast for repairs.

Winston Churchill depreciated Britain's losses at sea. He said the British navy had paralyzed Germany's commerce, and could retain its supremacy if it should lose one dreadnaught a month, for a year, in which time Britain will have fifteen new ships of this class.

The following was given out by the German Official Bureau: "Our troops, under Gen. von Mackensen at Lodz and Lowicz inflicted heavy losses on the Fifth Russian armies. In addition to many killed and wounded we have in our possession about 40,000 uninjured prisoners, 70 cannon, 160 ammunition wagons, and 156 machine guns, while we destroyed 30 cannon."

A despatch from Berne says reports from a reliable source set forth that the French losses up to Nov. 1, were 130,000 men killed, 370,000 wounded and 167,000 missing.

BATTERY A FOR SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Demonstrates Value of Turtle As Pest Killer.

MOTHERS' PENSION BOARDS

Former Title Of Philadelphia Body Goes To Northampton Organization—To Fight Abolition Of Internal Affairs Post.

Harrisburg.—Application of citizens of South Bethlehem for the organization of a battery of field artillery to be mustered into the National Guard has been approved, and it will be officially designated as Battery A. Taking a title which has been vacant since shortly after the Spanish war when Battery A of Philadelphia became a troop of cavalry. It is planned to issue the necessary orders for the muster in of the battery within six weeks. Citizens of South Bethlehem are erecting an armory and have given assurance of use of thirty acres of ground for drills and training of horses, the erection of stables and furnishing of twenty-five horses and requisition will be made to the War Department for material so that the guns will be on hand when the armory is finished. This will give the State four batteries.

Under instructions from the Governor, Adjutant General Stewart will issue orders for the muster into the National Guard within the next two weeks of a field hospital at Tacoby, Philadelphia. This will be known as Field Hospital No. 2 and will likely be commanded by Captain Elmer E. Keiser, medical corps, National Guard.

The winter inspection of organizations of the National Guard by army officers to determine their readiness for field service will begin soon after the new year. This is separate from the inspection by the officers of the guard. The cavalry inspection will begin January 4 and the infantry inspection will begin January 11 and February 15. The dates for the inspection by State officers have not been determined.

Want Late Deer Season.

"Deer hunters and many men interested in hunting throughout Pennsylvania will ask the next Legislature to change the deer hunting season and I sincerely trust that a change of the season to make it run from December 1 to 15 will be made," declared Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, secretary of the State Game Commission. "The season just closed has been very successful, but there have been people killed and the change in the law should be made on humanitarian grounds, if so no other."

"After December 1 the leaves are all off the trees and the bird hunters have finished up their hunting," he continued. "With the leaves off there is less danger of people being killed and the number of accidents will be greatly reduced. Deer can be better tracked and as snow comes early in December in some quarters it will be better for hunting."

Value Of Turtle As Pest Killer.

State Zoologist H. A. Surface is of the opinion that the average Pennsylvanian does not know how useful as destroyers of pests are snakes, frogs, salamanders and other creatures. He has just issued a bulletin on turtles which he says is the most complete collection of turtle lore ever put out, equalling his bulletin which demonstrated that the snake was a friend of the farmer and that the bullfrog could do something besides make a noise. The turtle, he says, is a valuable adjunct in destroying pests; it cleans out snails, grasshoppers, crickets and beetles, keeps down toadstools and mushrooms; helps destroy mosquitoes and keeps the balance of power among fishes.

State Censcience Fund Enriched.

The State Treasury has been enriched by a fifty-cent piece mailed from Reading. The money came wrapped in several thicknesses of paper, enough paper to safeguard a thousand-dollar bill, and not a line of writing to tell why it was mailed. It was addressed to the "State Treasurer, Capitol, Harrisburg." The officials sent it to the censorscience fund.

Internal Affairs Post.

Friends of Henry Houck, Secretary of Internal Affairs, are lining up to defeat the proposed constitutional amendment to abolish the Department which passed the last Legislature and which, if it passes the next General Assembly, will go before the voters in November.

Mothers' Pension Boards Renamed.

Governor Tener announced the reappointment of the Boards of Trustees of Mothers' Pension Boards for the counties of Luzerne, Schuylkill, Allegheny and Beaver.

PENNSYLVANIA CHARTERS.

State charters have been granted to the following: Carver W. Reed Loan Company, Philadelphia, capital \$400,000. Treasurer, Carver W. Reed. The Super Glass Company, Philadelphia, capital \$100,000. Treasurer, Jacob W. Vodge. Trades Union Publishing Company, Philadelphia, capital \$5,000. Treasurer, Leon Kraft.

KEYSTONE STATE IN SHORT ORDER

Latest News Happenings Gathered From Here and There.

TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

Celebrate Anniversary Of Lookout Mountain—Nitroglycerine Blows Man and Team To Bits.

Founder's Day at Susquehanna University was observed by the decoration of a sixty-foot flag pole. Dr. F. P. Manhart, dean of the school of theology, was orator of the day. The flag was hoisted by Dr. David B. Floyd and Joseph Lumbard, local veterans who fought in the Battle of Lookout Mountain, of which conflict Tuesday was the fifty-first anniversary.

Three thousand quarts of nitroglycerine exploded in a magazine belonging to the Cupler Torpedo Company, Titusville, killing Ralph Tubbs, aged thirty-nine, an employe of the company. The building, the team driven by Tubbs and the man himself were blown to bits. Nothing was found of Tubbs or the wagon he had driven to the magazine.

A statement made by Schuylkill county banks shows that the Christmas clubs of Schuylkill county have saved six hundred thousand dollars for Christmas. This is an average of three dollars for every man, woman and child in the county. The Schuylkill Trust Company alone has \$150,000 on deposit by these clubs, which will be distributed this week.

Droz Snyder, the fourteen-year-old son of Senator Charles A. Snyder, of Pottsville, was seriously burned when he lit a match to look into a gasoline tank on an auto. The tank exploded. Although Snyder is painfully burned about the face, physicians say he will not lose his sight.

Mrs. Anthony Tremko, twenty-five years old, of Taylor, stood over the kitchen stove at her home in Scranton and poured kerosene on some wood to which she had touched a match. Her body, burned to a crisp, was found by her husband.

For "beating" his way from Pottstown to Norristown on a train, William Smith, a Civil War veteran, who claims that he is eighty-two years old, was sent to jail by Magistrate Clark. Smith says he was trying to get to the Soldiers' Home at Hampton Roads.

Fire of unknown origin, discovered in the basement of the department store of County Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil, McKeesport, destroyed that building and damaged buildings on each side, entailing a loss estimated at \$177,000.

Caught with a basket containing two dead geese August Ott, thirty-one years old, of Reading, told the police that he had stolen to keep his family from starving. Officers sent to his house found that the family has subsisted on a loaf of bread for several days.

More than a carload of food and clothing and almost \$300 in cash were sent to Philadelphia from Shamokin, to be added to donations from other centers for the relief of the Belgian war sufferers.

Virgil Hunt, of Stroudsburg, and Howard Demund, of Delaware Water Gap, patients at the Rittersville State Hospital, escaped by using sheets, from which they made a rope to get to the ground.

Fire destroyed the barn on the farm of William Oyer, near Camp Hill, burning seventeen cows and all the crops and wagons. This is the third barn owned by Mr. Oyer to be burned within a week.

Miss Nellie M. Cronin, of St. Davids, and Joseph M. McGee, postmaster of South Bethlehem, were married in the Church of the Holy Infancy. Rev. R. J. McGettigan, the rector, performed the ceremony.

Just after expressing a desire for a sandwich, which a son hastened to prepare, George J. Hyde, of Fullerton, a Civil War veteran, fell dead. He was eighty-six years old.

James McArdle, one of the many applicants for the postoffice at Nesquehoning, which carries with it a salary of \$1,700 per annum, has been notified of his appointment.

Walking on the Lehigh New England track with head lowered against the wind John Berock, aged thirty-five years, did not hear the whistle of an approaching engine and was killed.

There are two cases of children with enlargement of the tongue, a rare disease, at the Allentown Hospital. In one case the child was born with a tongue double normal size.

Rev. William Stroheimer, pastor of the Schoeneck Moravian Church, Easton, fell from a ladder on the church property and fractured an arm in two places.

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