

LODZ TAKEN BY GERMANS

Russians Driven From Polish City After Series of Hard Battles.

Forward Movement by German Wings Begun Thursday.

(Latest Summary.) Lodz, the second city of Poland and lying 75 miles to the west-southwest of Warsaw, has fallen to the German arms.

Around this important town a desperate battle has raged for days. Here countless thousands have fallen in desperate hand-to-hand conflicts and from the shells of hundreds of guns.

It was evident from the occupation of Lodz by the Germans that the heaviest kind of fighting has been going on, for late advices told of a vicious attack and bombardment of Lodz and fighting on the outskirts of the city, and previous to that of operations 20 miles west of Piotrkow.

Lodz has long been an objective point of the German Army. It has grown in recent years from an insignificant place to be one of the most populous cities in the Russian Empire.

In 1910 its population numbered 415,604, and with this important place as a base it is expected that the Germans will make a strong effort to reach the Polish capital of Warsaw.

The Germans, having been unsuccessful in their attempt to pierce the Russian center, have begun, with the aid of reinforcements, an attempt to envelop the Russians on both flanks.

Advices from Berlin via Copenhagen and London say that 40 British and French warships are gathered at a place, the name of which is withheld, but supposedly the Dardanelles, with the evident intention of forcing their way through.

While the Allies are pushing forward in Flanders and in Northern France, the Germans explain that they are giving ground for strategic reasons.

Russians occupied two towns in the eastern part of Turkey, in Asia, near the border, as the result of engagements fought on the Persian, Dilman and Khoi routes.

King Nicholas of Montenegro is said to have admitted that he had lost a third of his army. The war strength of Montenegro had been estimated at 50,000.

Thousands of men are engaged in digging trenches and otherwise completing the work of fortifying Vienna, the capital of Austria.

ALLIES PUSH OPERATIONS IN WESTERN FLANDERS

Kaiser's Infantry Continues Offensive Movement in Argonne Forests--King George and Kitchener Hearten British

RUSSIAN ARMY CLOSES IN ON CRACOW

RUSSIA. PETROGRAD.—On the left bank of the Vistula there has been some fierce fighting on the front of Glinow-Lowicz and also in the western roads toward Lodz and Piotrkow.

GERMANY. BERLIN.—In the western theatre of war French attacks against our troops in Flanders were repeatedly repulsed, as they were also in the region northwest of Aitkirch, where the French suffered considerable losses.

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AUSTRIA. VIENNA.—In the Carpathians, in West Galicia, and in South Poland, quiet prevails generally.

CHRISTIANS FLEE TURKEY AS HOLY WAR COMMENCES

Washington.—The State Department was advised that the Turks have proclaimed a holy war and that a general exodus of Europeans from the Ottoman Empire has commenced.

Airman Drops Bombs on Krupp Gun Works

Unknown Aviator Makes Daring Flight Over Germany's Great Plant at Essen, Shells the Building and Escapes Uninjured

London.—A foreign aeronaut dropped bombs on the Krupp factory at Essen, Germany, the great plant at which are manufactured the famous German siege guns, as well as smaller arms and ammunition.

REPORTS HEAVY GERMAN LOSS. Copenhagen Dispatch Says 658,483 Have Fallen.

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GERMAN ARMY SLIPS THROUGH GAP LEFT BY CZAR'S TARDY GENERAL

Rennenkampf Superseded in Command After Spilling the Grand Duke's Inclosing Movement in West Poland.

London.—Reports agree that the fighting in the northern section of the Western Poland battle front is still violent. Petrograd and Berlin both claim successes, though it is admitted in the Russian capital that Grand Duke Nicholas did not fully succeed in his enveloping movement.

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WOUNDED FILL MANY TRAINS.

Geneva.—The number of wounded soldiers arriving by train at Duesseledorf, Luxemburg, Cologne, and even Kolmar, is so great that many ammunition trains on the way to the front have been sidetracked, according to dependable advices coming to Geneva.

TSING-TAU WAS RICH PRIZE.

Tokio.—A list of the war booty captured by Japan at Tsing-tau, the German stronghold in China, was made public by army headquarters.

USE AND CONSERVATION.

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EPITOME OF WAR NEWS

The Russian army is closing on the Austrian fortress of Cracow, the complete envelopment of the city being temporarily delayed only by desultory German attacks.

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EMPTY MARKETS TURN TO AMERICA

Europe Will Need Our Help, Says President in Message to Congress—Ships Our Greatest Need—New Tasks and Duties Imposed on United States by the War.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The necessity for legislation to provide for transportation of our commerce by sea was strongly urged by President Wilson in his message to congress today.

The session upon which you are now entering will be the closing session of the Sixty-third congress, a congress, I venture to say, which will long be remembered for the great body of thoughtful and constructive work which it has done.

While we have worked at our tasks of peace the circumstances of the whole age have been altered by war. What we have done for our own land and our own people we did with the best that was in us, whether of character or of intelligence.

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of these two years of memorable labor. An Important Duty. But I think that you will agree with me that this does not complete the toll of our duty.

The routes of trade must be actually opened—by many ships and regular sailings and moderate charges—before streams of merchandise will flow freely and profitably through them.

Must Open Gates of Trade. Hence the pending shipping bill, discussed at the last session, but as yet passed by neither house.

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of concord. And we should be very jealous of this distinction which we have sought to earn. Just now we should be particularly jealous of it, because it is our dearest present hope that this character and reputation may presently, in God's providence, bring us an opportunity to counsel and obtain peace in the world and reconciliation and a healing settlement of many a matter that has cooled and interrupted the friendship of nations.

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