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The official communique follows: "From the sea to the river Lys the conflict presents a character of violence less than on preceding days. Numerous efforts by the Germans to cross the Yser canal by a sortie west of Dixmude and at other points of passage above there have been checked.

"Generally speaking, our positions have been maintained without change. To the north, to the east and to the south of Ypres the attacks of the enemy have been repulsed. At the end of the day, at different points of our line and that of the British army, from the region to the east of Armentières to the Oise, there have been cannonading and minor actions.

BRITISH COAST VISITED BY GERMAN AVIATORS

BERLIN, Nov. 13.—It is officially announced that German aviators have made flights above the British coast towns of Sheerness and Harwich. "The German navy has destroyed the legend of British naval supremacy," is the declaration of the German press in commenting upon the destruction of the cruiser Emden. While the naval critics deplore the loss of the cruiser, they emphasize the fact that England had called to her assistance Australian, Japanese, Russian and French warships to hunt the vessel down.

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"My brigade," he says, "occupied a front two and a half miles to the north of Ypres. For 40 hours we fought foot by foot, without a moment's respite. It is impossible to describe such a hell, but I witnessed the following incident: "A German regiment advanced with their flag flying. At 300 yards from our trenches it was met by a fire so deadly in the rear it returned in markedly diminished numbers.

"This time it got within about 100 yards of our lines, when our guns poured a torrent of fire upon it, and again it retreated. The third time it attempted an assault. This time orders were given to hold our fire till they had come up. At 30 yards every gun and rifle blazed away, and 10 minutes later the regiment was annihilated. In less than an hour 3000 men had been slain."

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"Similar failures have been incurred by the Germans in the environs of Berry-au-Bac. In the Argonne there has been a violent artillery duel. We have made some minor progress around St. Mihiel and in the region of Pont-a-Mousson.

GERMAN PRISONERS TAKEN. "A surprise attack by our troops against the village of Val-Et Chantillon, near Clécy, on the Vesouze, permitted the capture of a detachment of the enemy.

"A German attack on the heights of the pass of Ste. Marie has been repulsed. It is reported that snow has begun to fall on the heights of the Vosges."

For two days and two nights the great armies of the Allies and Germans in Northern France and West Flanders have been fighting in a storm that swept in from the North Sea.

The weather is much colder and the hail rains have partly filled some of the trenches. The inclement weather is causing great suffering and is responsible for an increase of sickness in the ranks of both armies. It has brought incredible suffering to the wounded, who still lie unburied on the battlefields.

Since the weather has become so severe the armies on both sides have been hampered in their operations. It is reported from Furnes that a German aviator was blown out over the North Sea while making a daring reconnaissance in the hurricane.

ALLIES' LINES ADVANCED

"In the course of the last few days of fog our troops have not ceased to progress little by little. They are established almost everywhere at distances ranging from 50 to 200 metres from the wire entanglements of the enemy.

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ADVANCE OF RUSSIANS IN EAST PRUSSIA



In the map are shown the line which was held by the Germans on October 18, at the time of their first advance into Russia, the present line of the Russian forces extending from East Prussia through Russian Poland, along the Silesian border and across Galicia to the Carpathian Mountains, and the present position of the Austrians after their retreat from the Vistula.

Russians have occupied all of Galicia as far as Turka (1) and that their army, now free from the possibility of an attack from the rear, has begun a new assault upon Przemysl (2). The Russian advance has carried them beyond the lower course of the Wisloka River and past Rzeszow (3). The Russian cavalry has been reported at Tarnow (4) and one report is that the advance guard of the Russian army has already reached the outer defenses of Cracow (5). The frontier of Silesia is said to be seriously exposed to the Russian attack and it is believed that an invasion is aimed at the line between Breslau and Cracow. The Russians, according to last report, are within less than 40 miles of Koenigsbrette (6) and are advancing directly on that city.

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KAISER MAY INVOKE MONROEISM AGAINST CANADA'S SHIPMENTS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—A new construction of the Monroe Doctrine from the German point of view may be put up to the State Department and President Wilson if this Government attempts in the slightest degree to interfere with shipments of coal and other contraband of war to German vessels from South American countries. This was stated today by a high diplomatic authority.

A very frank statement that "what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander" may be presented to this Government in that event, with regard to the Canadian situation. It is pointed out that this Government does not attempt to prevent the shipment to England from Canada of arms, ammunition and even troops on board regular transports.

Therefore, Germany is ready to ask why the United States should complain if another part of America, and one which apparently is regarded as being affected by the Monroe Doctrine, to prevent contraband shipments from Ecuador and Colombia, it has equal power to prevent contraband shipments from Canada to England, Germany contends.

State Department officials intimated today that the notes received from British Ambassador Spring-Rice, reciting alleged unneutral acts by Ecuador and Colombia in favor of Germany, such as supplying coal and permitting wireless ship messages, did not require any action by the United States or call for representations to Ecuador for further diplomatic exchanges with Great Britain or France.

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REPORT OF VON HINDENBERG CAPTURE IS REVIVED. German Leader's Whole Staff Rumored Seized by Russians.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—Rumors are in circulation in Berlin, according to a news agency dispatch from Copenhagen, that General von Hindenberg and his entire staff, including some German Princes, have been captured by the Russians.

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BATTLE AT CRACOW AS RUSSIANS MEET GERMAN OUTPOSTS

Czar's First Column Already in Action, While Second Moves Swiftly on City Through Galicia.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 13.—The Russian army north of the Vistula is now in contact with the German outposts before Cracow while the Russians in Galicia are pressing westward with their advance guards. News of the engagement which is now believed to be in progress, is expected hourly.

The three passes in the Carpathians between Galicia and Hungary are again the object of attack by Russian cavalry, which occupied them and advanced on the plains of Hungary early in October, but withdrew when the German offensive toward Warsaw compelled temporary abandonment of the campaign in western Galicia and the siege of Przemysl. Both of these operations have been resumed with such vigor that all of the ground temporarily evacuated has been retaken and much new territory occupied.

The army advancing toward Posen has driven the Germans back from their lines of defense along the Warta River. The Germans had dug trenches and erected barbed wire entanglements, an effort to delay the Russian progress until they could fortify themselves on the border.

The Czar has left Koim on his tour along the whole line of his armies, on which he started more than a week ago. He spent several days with the army on the Vistula and the East Prussian front and will not return to Petrograd for several days.

25,000 AUSTRALIAN TROOPS REPORTED GOING TO EGYPT

Twenty-three Transports Carry British Territorials. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—Passengers who arrived here today on the liner Ventura, which left Sydney on October 24, reported that a few days before that date 25,000 Australian troops were embarked in 23 transports, conveyed by 14 cruisers, and sailed at night for a destination rumored to be Egypt.

While off the Fiji Islands the Ventura sighted warships at sea. They came up rapidly, and proved to be the French cruiser Montcalm, the British cruiser Encounter and the Australian battle cruiser Australia.

Officers went aboard, scanned the ship's manifest and passenger list and asked for the latest papers. Australians in San Francisco who are in correspondence with relatives hear that the dispatch of troops is being conducted in Australasia with the same secrecy that has marked the movements of all the British forces.

GERMAN SUBMARINE RAMMED AND SUNK BY FRENCH CRAFT

Torpedoboat Engages Undersea Fighter After German's Torpedo Misses Mark.

PARIS, Nov. 13.—A French torpedoboat has rammed and sunk a German submarine off Westende near Ostend, according to the Echo de Paris. The newspaper gives this description of the encounter: "The German boat fired a torpedo at the French vessel, but missed. The latter then swung around and rammed the German, which sank. The French boat has arrived at Dunkirk slightly damaged."

CEAR THANKS POLES. PETROGRAD, Nov. 13.—Grand Duke Nicholas has repeatedly thanked the Polish population for its support, and now the Czar himself has issued an official expression of his appreciation of the kind reception and help given the Russian army by the Poles.

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DRIVE ON DANZIG CZAR'S NEW MOVE TO CUT FOE'S LINE

General Staff Plans to Sweep East Prussia to the Baltic. Strategic Positions Are Captured.

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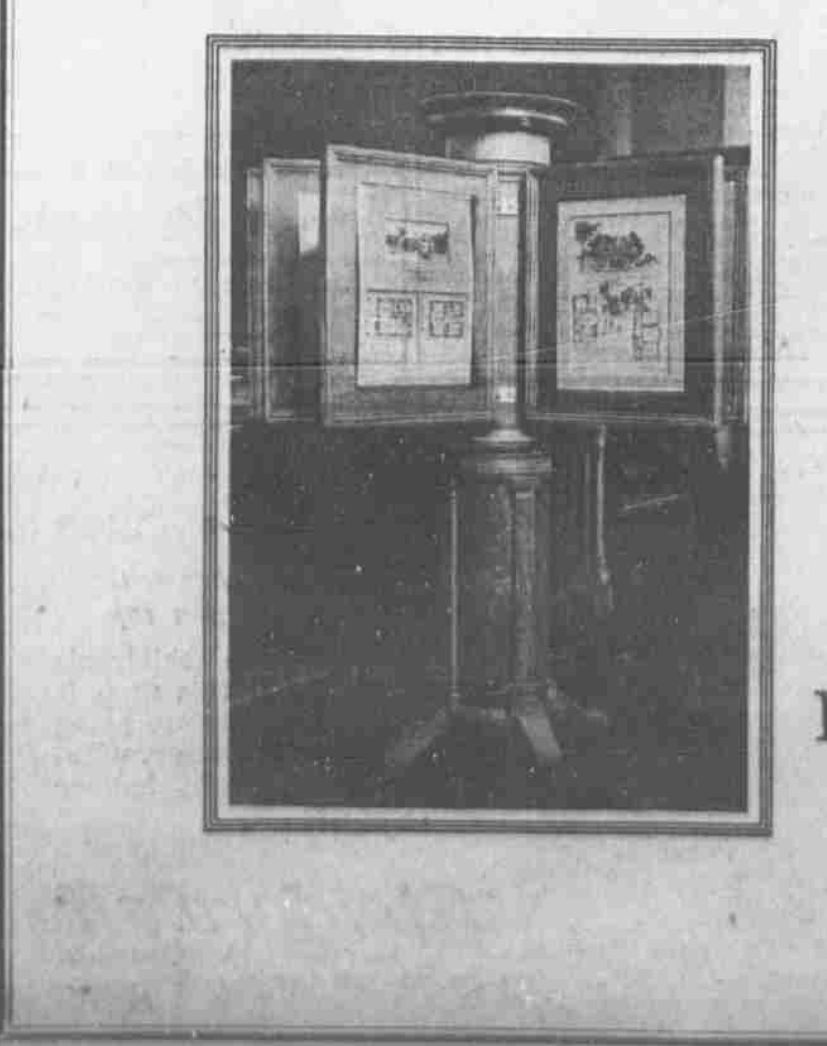
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