ER'S GUNS SHELL FRENCH LINES ON AISNE

mans, who lack supplies, and ships.

said to be closing in upon also reported in pursuit of the Kaiser's four or more Japanese warships are

ENCH LINES ON AISNE SHELLED BY HEAVY GUNS

French troops along the Aisne have subjected to furious bombardment for the Garman centre, it is officially reted. In West Flanders and north of ran the invaders' artiflery has also

ere was no German infantry attack Helgium yesterday, but attack and erattack are reported from the Ar-

n Belgium the day of November 20 is marked by rather heavy cannon-es. The German infantry made no

narked activity to the north of Arras. In the region of the Alane there has seen a centinuous cannonade along

In the Argonne the fighting contin-med without causing any modification in the general situation. In the Weevre and in the Vosges here is nothing to report.

KING GEORGE VISITS TROOPS. The visit of King George to the British ope in France is having a very enrazing effect. The spirits of the Engroldiers have been raised by the oe of their monarch so near the line, and in the base hospitals this report lacks confirmation King further endeared himself by ng kind words to the wounded. Al Sir John French his warm ap-tion of the gallantry shown by his in action. The English King de-

PARIS, Dec. 1.

Iong the Aisne have rious bombardment in the could make the product moments of his life when he could mingle with men who fought so bravely for their native land.

King George had a rough passage across artiflery has also artiflery has also an infantry attack and together they visited a number of hospitals. Part of the time the throb of the far away cannonade sounded dully in the distance as the King paid his round of visits. round of visits.

The last time that an English King appeared upon the field of battle was in the war of the Austrian succession in 1715, when King George II commanded the English. Hanoverlan and Hessian troops at the battle of Dettingen against the French. This visit is in strange con-trast with the visit of King George II. The former monarch appeared upon a field The former monarch appeared upon a field where his armies were fighting against the French; King George V comes as an ally of the French

DUEL OF ARMORED TRAINS. A telegram from Furnes says that German and British armored trains fought a speciacular duel near Yores. The Reltish artillery had the advantage in range and the German train was smashed.

From a Dutch source it is reported that

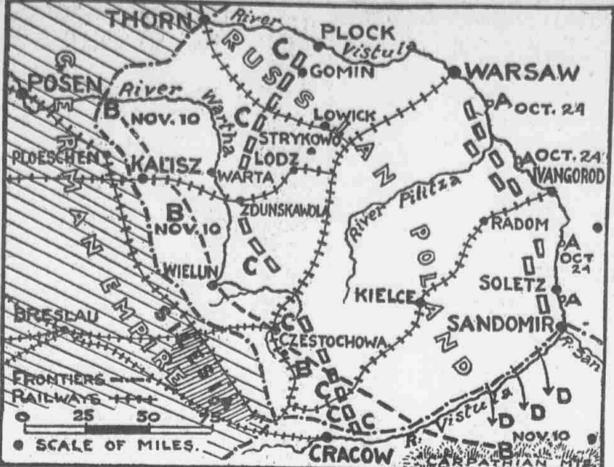
some of the German soldiers at the front have mutinied.

It is reported that the Germans have begun to retire from before Dixmude, but There has been an outbreak of typhoid fever in Belgium. It has spread from the German camp to the civilian popula-

fought and the result and details are learned it is believed it will prove to be

lleved, would be followed by the immediate retirement of the Germans to their second line of defenses in Belgium. The Kaiser would then be completely on the defensite on beth for

BATTLE OF THE RAILWAYS IN POLAND



The German invasion of Russia swept 125 miles across Poland to the line of Warsaw and the Vistula River (marked A A A above) on October 24. The Russian counter attack drove the Germans nearly 100 miles back to the line shown above B B B on November 10. Now the armies of 5,000,000 men are fighting on the middle line C C C.

AUSTRIANS HELD ON TOO LONG.

It was precisely because the Austrians

had hung on to Sandomir too long that

the capture of this place by the Rus-

sians became of such importance. The

Russian advance towards Cracow, the

gateway to Germany's prosperous indus-

trial section of Silezia, was then pressed

with great vigor. On November 15, the

entire Austro-German battle line had

been pushed back to some such front as

The German advance across Poland,

The Russian official reports do not

claim the capture of many prisoners or guns, so the German retreat must have

been orderly and inexpensive, that is to

DEATH GRAPPLE IN POLAND BOUND TO BE DECISIVE

"Battle of Railroads" Cannot be Fight to Draw, Says Expert-Armies so Placed That Great Victory Will Fall to One of Vast Forces.

By HILAIRE BELLOC

learned it is believed it will prove to be the most sanguinary conflict of the war. Its influence upon the entire situation will also be of the greatest importance. Some military experts believe that the PARIS, Dec. 1.-The great battle in Russian Poland is a railroad battle, if ever there has been one in history. Some military experts believe that the Germans are now marking time in the west, awaiting the outcome of General von Hindenburg's conflict with the Russians. Defeat in the east, it is believed, would be followed by the immediate

Which of the two elements will prevailthe Russian superiority numbers, at least 3,990,000 men, or the Austro-German superiority in mobility, which is equivalent to more than their 2,000,000 men-is still undecided after five weeks' continuous

The departure of the King for the front and his visit to the troops is believed to foreshadow an early offensive CAN BE NO DRAWN BATTLE. I have already said there cannot be drawn battle here as there has been in France, owing to the nature of the country and the numbers engaged. The decisive area of the whole European war is

now in South Poland. The battle there, since the third week of October, has had three distinct phases; is indicated upon the map by the broken line marked B B B, stretching from the neighborhood of Floeschen on the Ger-man frontier to the Garpathian Moun-First, the great advance of the German arroles in force to the front of War-saw, and their attempt to take the Polish capital and to cross the middle Vistula River at the points marked A A A A on

he above map.
Second, the repulse of the German inseders on the whole Vistula front from about 125 miles, and the Austro-German retreat, nearly 160 miles from the line of the Vistula and Warsaw, was accom-Ferman Generals in Flanders Calling for Reinforcements

THE HAGUE, Dec. 1.

Seven German soldiers were wounded

Seven German soldiers were wounded for the company of the c plished in three weeks. But it had left dangerously far to the eastward along the river San the remain-der of the Austrian forces which should have kept in line with this retreat. With the effect of that too prolonged delay along the San River I will deal in a mo-Germans lost control of the Warsaw-Lodz rullroad they lost their commammunition and supplies.

GERMAN RETREAT MASTERLY They had no choice except to retreat.

They had no choice except to letreat. Her colleagues, the Austrians, south of Sandomir and along the River San, were compelled to fall back, too. The German retreat was in good order, managed with great skill, but apparently the order for the Austrians to retire as a whole from the Vistula and the San together was either not given, or, if given, not obeyed, because a week later the Russians, having obtained possession of say, managed with success.

Germany. It will strangle a province essential to the economic support of modern Germany. That is why the Russians massed the weight of their troops against the German right wing, weakened by lack of proper Austrian support. But the Rusthe railway from Ivangored through Kielce and Radon, cut off the rear guard slans' main bodies were marching on the all-important point shaded in the map,

cause the occupation of Silesla by the invaders will mean the first serious moral

blow inflicted upon the security of prop-

erty and the industrial life of modern

of the retreating Austrian army at Kielce, capturing several thousand prisoners and many machine guns. Part of the Austrian army was compelled to cross the Vistula River southward in the direction of the arrows C C C, while the main army, probably 800,000 men, used the railway from Kielce back to the German frontier. Silesia, the Germans brought heavy rein-forcements from the west by the main railroad through Kalish. They attacked with great vigor when the railroad landed their troops.

Why did the Germans do this? First, to relieve the pressure against Cracow, and second, because of the strategic policy which modern Germany invariably pursues in war. Even where she has inferior numbers, Germany always at-tempts to turn an enemy's flank rather than to pierce his centre. It is a part of that powerful routine the following of which has been in history usually the strength, but in certain fatal momenta, the ruin of Prussia.

With fewer men than Russia on the whole battle line, Germany sent her troops in such numbers along the K Zdunskawola-Lodz Railroad that compelled the Russian centre to fall back, and with it the right wing as far north as Thorn. The Russians were driven as far back

as Lodz before they could concentrate sufficient troops along the Warsaw Railroad to stop the German advanc

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THOUSAND RUSSIANS SLAIN IN CROSSING CARPATHIANS

Austrian War Office Reports Check to Invasion of Hungary.

VIENNA, Dec. One thousand Russians have been killed and wounded and 1800 taken pris-oners in a battle at Homonna, Hus-sary, it was officially unnounced today. "The Russian troops at Homonna were surrounded by the Austrians and decisively beaten," the War Office statement says.

(Homona is on the western side of the Carpathians. The Russian troops at that point had penetrated a mountain

The War Office further states that the enemy has been beaten at Suvobor, where 1254 men were captured and 14 machine guns were taken.

ALLIED FLEET SIGHTED OFF LOWER CALIFORNIA

Japanese and British Warships Patrol Pacific Coast,

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.-Three Japa nese warships, one British warship and two Japanese colliers were sighted off Magdalena Bay, Lower California, Monday, by the American freighter Aztec low in port here from Iquique, Chill. The British light cruiser Newcastle,

sister ship of the Glasgow, and the Japanese cruiser Idsumo, both of which have long been patrolling the Pacific coast, were recognized, but another Japanese cruiser and a Japanese battleship were unfamiliar to the Aztec's officers. Probably these vessels were the battle-ship Hizen and the cruiser Asama, which coaled and left Honolulu as soon as the German gunboat Geler was interned there The understanding in the Japanese of one one in the Islands was that the Higen and Asama were bound for the South American west coast.

WAR NAMES FOR BABE

Chiefs of Allies Inspire Proud Parents at Christening.

PARIS, Dec. 1.
The first "war name" conferred upon a
French baby is "Raymound George Albert
Nicholas Joffre Pourtales." The infant
son of Countess Pourtales was so christened today.

President Poincare, King George V. King Albert of Belgium, Czar Nicholas and General Joseph Joffre are commemorated in the infant's name.

ALLIED WARSHIPS CLOSE IN ON FOES IN SOUTH ATLANTIC

British and Japanese Fleet Off South America; Germans Nearby-Great Bat-Believed Imminent.

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 1. A squadron of German war vessels is at the mouth of the River Plata, and a battle with a British or Japanese squadon is expected momentarily.

Apparently the Germans, under Admiral on Spac, who defeated the British squadon off the Chillan coast on November 1, sending Rear Admiral Christopher Crads ock and his flagship, the Good Hope, and the cruiser Monmouth to the bottom, have escaped from the pursuing Japanese in the Pacific and have passed through the traits of Magellan and reached the South Atlantic.

A powerful British fleet was sighted several days ago off the Brazilian coast, steaming southward, and it was known that it had been sent to form part of a trap with the Japanese for the German

quadron.
That the German vessels are lying off this port and that their supplies are al-most depleted was confirmed today by the British steamship Voltaire, bound for New York. The Voltaire intercepted wireless nessages being exchanged by four Ger-nan warships off the Uruguayan coast. These messages, the Voltaire officers

These messages, the Voltaire officers said, spoke of supplies required. Fearing to proceed farther along the coast, the Voltaire put in at Rio Janeiro and will remain in Rio until she is assured that danger is past.

This word from the Voltaire caused the British and French consuls here and at Bucnos Ayres to hold in port all merchant was in the flater than the flater.

chant vessels flying their flags.
There is strong reason to believe that a
Japanese squadron is pursuing the Germans and that with the British they will participate in the great sea battle now expected. The French merchantman Al-gerine, which has arrived at Rio de Janeiro, reports having passed four large war vessels, which she believed to be Japanese. The Algerine gained the im-pression that the Japanese were in pursuit of a fugitive German squadron

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.R. AT POLISH FRONT. EERS ARMY, BERLIN SAYS

Advantage Reported and-scale Fighting at Lodz. BERLIN, Dec. 1 ourney of Emperor William to the front has caused a feeling of n throughout the country. It is that the presence of the Kalser Marshal von Hindenburg's head-

in licates that all is going well war against Russia and that the b troops in the eastern arena will bred to fresh deeds of valor. reports from the eastern front to-selars the position of the German continues to improve. They have ded in intrenching themselves ef-ly and the Russian offensive con-to hammer at the German line

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BRITISH AVIATORS DROP

defensive on both fronts.

BOMBS IN GHENT RAID s Blocked in Effort to Land German Generals in Flanders Calling

Valley toward Batum are ad- in Ghent during bomb-dropping operaaccessfully, according to the tions by two British aviators yesterday, mmunications from field head according to a telegram received here

today. The same message declared that the niatum. An attempt on the German generals on the firing line in Flanders are continually calling for more uar; of the Tchoruk River has men. Two hundred and fifty thousand reinforcements left Ghent for the Yser

RUSSIANS AT CRACOW TURN DEFENDERS' WING ON SOUTH

on Monday

Investment of City Begun by Heavy Bombardment.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 1. Success at Cracow is reported by the official Army Messenger, which states: "All of our operations in Galicia are ending successfully for us. We continue to push the Austrian army in the direction of Cracow. In spite of the intense cold, which is delaying our offensive, we are advancing victoriously.

"Several of our contingents already are abreast of Cracow, the defenders of which are being turned on the south side. The morale of our troops is excellent."

A correspondent writes that the Russians are bombarding the forts with their heavy siege guns and that one of the suburbs of the city is reported to be

CZAR MOVES DAY'S MARCH FORWARD IN EAST PRUSSIA

Cavalry Disperses Germans From Previously Prepared Positions. PETROGRAD, Dec. 1. The extent of the Russian advance in

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