

KAISER'S HEAVY BATTERIES SMASHED BY FRENCH FIRE

Continued from Page One are being held as hostages. Churches and schools of the Allies have been seized by the rioters in various towns and cities. Turkish troops at Adrianople are reported to have mutinied.

GERMAN TRENCHES TAKEN AT POINT OF BAYONET

Three batteries of heavy German guns have been destroyed by the French in an artillery duel at Vermilles. It was officially announced by the French War Office this afternoon.

The official communiqué follows: In the region to the south of Trepas, at St. Etloi, an attack of the enemy against a trench, captured by our troops during the day, was repulsed. Our artillery destroyed three heavy batteries of the enemy's artillery at Vermilles. The capture at this place, the park surrounding it, two houses of the village and some of the enemy's trenches were brilliantly captured by our troops.

In the Argonne an attack of the Germans against Fontaine has been repulsed and we have made some progress, capturing a trench in the woods of Conques-Chéennes and a small work of defense at St. Hubert.

The British base hospitals are in Boulogne; those of the French are in Dunkirk and those of the Belgians in Calais. More figures have ceased to convey adequately the terrible cost of war in the northern sphere, but an idea is gained by the information that more than 50 public and private buildings in these towns have been given over to care of the wounded. Within 24 hours more than 7000 wounded British, French, Belgian and Indian troops arrived in these three coast cities from that part of the battle line.

GERMANS CONTEST RUSSIAN SWEEP IN INCH TO INCH FIGHT

Cut Way Out of Czar's Steel Ring at Lodz and Lowicz, But Lose Possession of Plock.

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These highly colored narratives seem specially manufactured in Petrograd by correspondents who apparently are at the mercy of highly imaginative slaves for their information. The Russians are paying little attention to the operations in France and Belgium. The armies of the Allies in the west are chiefly thought of as being useful for diverting a large part of the Austro-German armies from the eastern operations.

WAR MOVES REVEAL CZAR'S HANDICAPS IN CAMPAIGN

Vast Forces Not Enough to Win Decision in Poland and Turkey, Expert Declares—Mobility and Equipment Lacking in Russian Organization.

By J. W. T. MASON

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The danger of serious internal disturbances if the Russian armies show no improvement over their former during the Japanese war is also an important factor in explaining the illlogical optimism at Petrograd. It would be dangerous to the security of the present bureaucracy if the news were allowed to spread throughout Russia that von Hindenburg is holding the Slav armies far from the German frontier; it would be more dangerous if the conviction were to gain ground among the people that the war may end without any German territory in Russian possession.

inability of the Slavs to retain the offensive in Poland, suggests that Russia may be suffering from the same failure of equipment that is so seriously hampering the Allies in the west. At the outbreak of the war the unlimited numbers Russia could put in the field was a favorite dinner-table topic. Since then it has become known that soldiers do not fight with their fists, but must have guns and ammunition. Russia probably lacks these supplies. Otherwise what has become of its exhausted millions of soldiers? Why aren't they in the field, overwhelming von Hindenburg and marching victoriously to Constantinople?

By WILLIAM RIDSDALE IN BELGIUM, Dec. 2.—If the troops of the Kaiser are to reach Calais by December 10 they have a very busy nine days in front of them. In spite of all statements to the effect that the enemy is retiring on the line between Dixmude and the coast, I am not convinced that they will depart without making another attempt to break through.

BRITISH ROUT BOER REBELS

Defeat of Several Commandoes Reported at Pretoria. A series of minor successes against the rebellious Boers, extending back over the last five days, was officially reported today.

TURKS MUTILATE SERB SOLDIERS IN HOLY WAR MARCH

Brigands Invade German Territory and Attack Railroad Patrols—Split of Moslems May Aid Allies.

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TURK FLEET ROUTED AFTER ATTACKS ON RUSSIAN SEAPORTS

Trebizond and Kopsi Freed of Bombardment—Czar Forces Cross Mountain and Seize Fortified City.

News from the battle front in the Caucasus begins to be more favorable to Russia. After the bombardment of Trebizond, Kopsi and other places, the Russian fleet has succeeded in stopping the attacks of the Turkish fleet on the shores of the Black Sea.

BRITISH WARSHIPS AGAIN SHELL SHORE BATTERIES

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The renewal of the artillery duel between the British warships and the German land batteries on the Belgian coast is reported in a dispatch from Rotterdam, which says that the detonation of the big guns is plainly audible at Sluis.

A Daily News correspondent, wiring from a town in Belgium, minimizes the reports that the Kaiser's troops are being withdrawn at Dixmude, and expresses the opinion that at least one more attempt will be made to break through the lines.

"The French batteries, most excellently concealed, replied with less violence but with considerably more precision. The continuous flashes gave away the German positions, and the French artillerymen went about their work coolly and steadily. Next day showed that some German guns had been silenced once for all.

"This little incident serves to show how erratic is the foe with whom the Allied armies have to deal. It is because the Germans do not hesitate to attempt the impossible that I think that even yet there may be a renewed attempt to break through the Dixmude-Nieuport line.

12,000 TURK CASUALTIES IN NEAR-EAST BATTLES

Somali and Arab Rebels Will Join Holy War.

VIENNA, Dec. 2.—In the campaign against the Turks in the Caucasus the Turks admit having lost 12,000 in killed and wounded up to November 22.

PRZEMYSL GARRISON SALLY CHECKS RUSSIAN ADVANCE

Carpathian Fighting Vigorous. Vienna Reports Taking 19,000 Prisoners.

VIENNA, Dec. 2.—The Austrian General Staff announced today that a successful sortie has been made from the Przemyśl garrison.

BERLIN ADMITS ADVANCES BY ALLIED ARMY IN WEST

Admission that the Allies have made "insignificant advances" in the western theatre of hostilities is contained in an official statement issued by General Headquarters this afternoon.

The Reichstag met today to vote further war credits. Doctor von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor, addressing the members, declared that the situation on both the eastern and western fronts was "favorable to our army."

At the same time the War Office announced the receipt of dispatches from eastern headquarters saying that, while the Russians were putting up a stubborn resistance, the German campaign is being prosecuted with success.

The German military authorities in Belgium have prohibited the Belgium National Bank from issuing any more bank notes because the gold reserve has been taken out of the country and there is gold specie in the vaults of the bank to secure the currency.

CZAR HOLDS CARPATHIAN PASSES, PETROGRAD SAYS

Cossacks Harry Plains of Hungary, Spreading Terror.

ROME, Dec. 2.—The Russian Embassy has a communiqué from Petrograd that Russia is about to publish lists of the names of German prisoners. The German war is vastly more numerous than the Russians in German hands.

BELGIAN PREMIER'S SONS FALL

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 2.—One son of Premier Broqueville, of Belgium, has been killed in action and another has been mortally wounded, according to a dispatch to the Nieuw Rotterdamse Courant.

East Prussians in Flight

LONDON, Dec. 2.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Mail says that over 200,000 fugitives from East Prussia have arrived in Germany.

800 GERMAN MINES LAID IN ATLANTIC, LONDON HEARS

Cruiser Berlin Reported to Have Accomplished Feat. LONDON, Dec. 2.—It is said that 800 German "live" mines have been sown in the open Atlantic to thwart the American trade and passenger route.

The distinguished Service Order has been awarded to 39 officers of all arms. Thirty-nine of them have been given lieutenant or second lieutenant. The rewards have been made for such reasons as "cheerfulness and optimism," "helping the brigade to pull together," "consistent good work" and "utmost gallantry."

SEDITION IN AUSTRIA; "SERIOUS," PARIS HEARS

Abdication of Francis Joseph Also Rumored.

A Geneva telegram to the Journal states that a serious insurrection has broken out in Austria and that it is rumored Emperor Francis Joseph will abdicate in favor of the present heir to the throne, Archduke Charles Francis Joseph.

SERVIANS IN RETREAT

Withdraw Before Austrian Advance for Strategic Reasons. NISH, Dec. 2.—Admission is made in an official statement that the Serbian forces are retreating before heavily reinforced Austrian columns.



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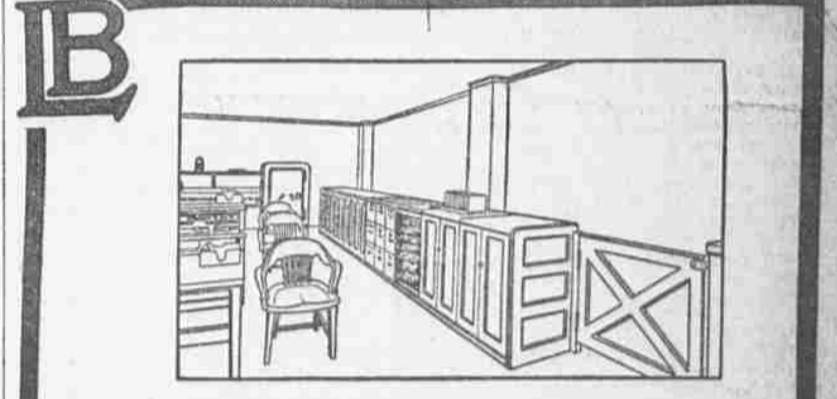
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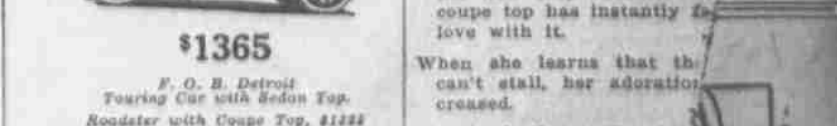
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LORD INNES-KER DECORATED

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