

RUSSIAN AND AUSTRIAN HOSTS IN DEADLY CLASH FOR POSSESSION OF CRACOW

FURIOUS GERMAN CHARGE CARRIES ALLIES' TRENCH

Repulsed in Three Other Attacks in Ypres Region, Invaders Succeed in Piercing Opposing Lines.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—Strengthened by the reinforcements that have been sent to aid them in their attempt to pierce the Allies' line in the region of Ypres, the Germans have taken a fierce offensive there.

An official statement issued here this afternoon says they made several attacks yesterday. Three of these attacks were repulsed, but in another the Germans captured one of the Allies' trenches.

The French are making progress in the region of Arras and Juvincourt, and in the Argonne they have beaten back two German attacks and taken several trenches. Further gains in the forest of La Perthe are also claimed.

The French advance in Upper Alsace is continuing, and the railway station at Aspach, south of Thion, has been captured.

Elsewhere along the lines the battle is largely an artillery affair, the German guns showing increased activity.

GERMAN RETREAT REMOVED. The report that the Germans have evacuated Roulers is unconfirmed, but credit is given to the rumor, which comes from Amsterdam. Thourout and Thielt may also be abandoned, movements of the Germans appear to indicate. The persistent advance of the British along the railroad from Ypres to Roulers has forced this action upon the enemy.

French military men believe that the Germans have begun to develop vigorous demonstrations at several points to cover the retirement of troops from these districts.

These troops are being sent into the eastern theatre of war. It is of great advantage to the Germans to keep up brisk activity, especially at points from which they have withdrawn formations.

The French have established an important base for aerial activities at Beloeil. Both French and British airmen have been sent there to make raids over southwestern Germany and to attack German air bases on the southern Rhine line of defenses.

BIG GUNS KEEP UP CANNONADE. Never before in the world's history has there been gathered together such an enormous amount of heavy artillery upon any battlefield as has been massed along the 200-mile front from the Vosges to the North Sea, where the gigantic armies of the Kaiser and the Allies are locked in an iron embrace.

All the big guns in France have been planted along the battle line with the exception of those defending Paris and the immovable artillery in permanent fortresses. All the big guns in the British Isles, with the exception of those necessary to defend the coast, have been rushed into France since the outbreak of the war. Flinders and France mounts to \$1,000,000 a day.

FOES FIGHT HAND TO HAND FOR POSSESSION OF LOWICZ. Germans Only 15 Miles From Warsaw, Unofficial Report.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—Fierce hand-to-hand fighting has been in progress in the streets of Lowicz, Poland, for 14 hours, and the Germans are in complete control of the outskirts of this important railroad center, says a dispatch received from Breslau.

Unofficial reports give the Germans greater advantage in the drive on Warsaw. These state that the Kaiser's army is within 15 miles of the objective.

This news, together with the German successes north of the Vistula, led Berlin military experts today to predict that Warsaw would soon be attacked from two sides, the west and northeast. They say that in this eventuality the Russians probably will evacuate Warsaw.

The fall of Warsaw would open the way for the investment and capture of Novo Georgievsk, which would leave the Germans master of western and northwestern Poland and remove all possibility of the Russians striking any blow at Thourout. The lull in the fighting east of the Masurian Lakes indicates that the Russians there have been weakened in order to reinforce the forces in western Poland.

PETROGRAD DISCOUNTS RUSH ON WARSAW FROM NORTH. Suggests, However, That Evacuation of Capital Would Not Be Reverse.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 11.—The operations of General Franco in the north of Warsaw are causing little alarm here, as scant progress has been made by the Germans in this region. However, this thrust of the Germans from the East Prussian frontier through Mlawa is a threatening development of the eastern campaign. It is obvious that the Germans are endeavoring to sweep down upon Warsaw from the northeast, making a detour to avoid the fortress of Novo Georgievsk, on the Vistula, northwest of the Polish capital.

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THREE BRITISH SHIPS REPORTED LOST

Continued from Page One. Officers and crew interned, should the report here be true, are the results of the greatest naval battle of the war.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—All Britain is rejoicing today over the great naval victory in the South Atlantic. Reports here say the Dresden, sole survivor of the battle off Falkland Islands, has been trapped in the Strait of Magellan.

A dispatch from Buenos Aires says: "The German cruiser Dresden, the only warship of Rear Admiral von Speer's squadron to escape after the battle with the British under command of Vice Admiral Sturdee, has been cornered in the Straits of Magellan, according to advice obtained through well-informed circles today. The naval division commanded by Admiral Sturdee is understood to include nine warships, notable among which are the British battle cruisers Lion and Indefatigable."

The Nürnberg had a complement of 235 officers and men, and it is regarded as significant that the Admiralty announcement makes no reference to the rescue of any one on board of her. The German loss in men has probably been swelled to nearly 2300.

The announcement of the sinking of the Nürnberg, following its pursuit, was issued through the Official Press Bureau, it says.

A further telegram has been received from Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee reporting that the Nürnberg was also sunk on December 8, and that the search for the Dresden is still proceeding. The action lasted for five hours, with interludes.

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GERMANS, IN LEAD, AID AUSTRIANS IN FIGHT AT CRACOW

Petrograd Admits Seriousness of Austro-German Offensive — Kaiser's Staff Controls Campaign.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 11.—German officers have assumed complete control of the operations of the Austrians as well as of the German armies south of Cracow in western Galicia, where one of the biggest battles of the war is developing. The seriousness of the Austro-German offensive is admitted here.

The fighting to the south of Cracow is developing into one of the great battles of the war. The Austro-German forces have made desperate attempts to break the Russian line by missed frontal attacks, pouring men forward in seemingly unending numbers. The artillery fire has been terrific. Every indication is that the German artillery outranges the Russian, but the Russians have held their lines by the bravery of the Cossacks fighting on foot.

Archibek, Frederick, commander-in-chief of the Austrian armies, has yielded the direction of the massed forces south of Cracow, which are trying to hurl the Russians back and relieve Cracow, where the Russians are establishing a siege.

Upon the outcome of this conflict depends the fate of Silesia. If the Austro-German forces are defeated the Russians will sweep onward into Silesia in an effort to open up the way to the very gates of Vienna.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg, the German commander-in-chief, is throwing huge masses of cavalry toward the southeast, in an effort to push through the passes of the Carpathian Mountains and relieve the situation in Hungary. Alarmed at the steady advance of the Russians into eastern Hungary, the Hungarian Government sent an appeal to the Germans to help attack the Russians.

The march through the Carpathian Mountain passes, which is being forced at top speed because of the seriousness of the situation in Hungary, is being attended by the greatest difficulties and hardships.

AMERICA NOT NEUTRAL. GERMAN PAPER SAYS. Acceptance of War Contracts "Merely New Form of Subsidy."

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—The Deutsche Tages-Zeitung today declared that the acceptance of war contracts from England and France by America is merely a new form of subsidy.

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FOES GRIPPED IN HARD FIGHT

Continued from Page One. superseded Archduke Frederick of Austria in command.

The campaign in Poland now centers about Lodz, where Berlin reports the Germans in control of this important railway town southwest of Warsaw.

Further progress of the Allied troops at a number of points along the Franco-Belgian battle line is reported today in the official communique issued this afternoon by the Paris War Office.

About Ypres, however, the Germans have assumed the offensive. They made four separate attacks there and at one point carried the French trenches after furious fighting.

Reports from Amsterdam that the Germans have evacuated Roulers lack confirmation, but the news is credited in Paris, where it is also believed that the Kaiser's forces are about to fall back from Thourout and Thielt.

Turkish forces frustrated an attempt by the Russians to lance a detachment at Gonia, south of Batumi. It appears Russia is attempting to reinforce its garrison at the Black Sea port.

The German cruiser Dresden, sole survivor of Admiral von Speer's fleet following the battle off Falkland Islands, is reported to have sought refuge in Santa Cruz, Argentine port.

AUSTRIANS DRIVE FOE BACK 25 MILES IN WEST GALICIA. Vienna Forecasts Abandonment of Cracow Investment.

VIENNA, Dec. 11.—Austrian successes in western Galicia coupled with German successes in Poland have virtually broken the back of the second Russian advance on Cracow. Held back in their immediate advance, and with the situation along the Warthe-Vistula front, one of peril to Warsaw and later Petrograd, the Russians will be compelled to repeat their procedure of the late of the initial drive on Cracow—that is withdrawn from Galicia to take hold of the serious situation at home.

The Czar's forces defending Warsaw on a 50-mile front have been beaten back by the Austro-German columns. The retreat at some points covers a distance of 25 miles, an official report issued today states.

In western Galicia the Austrian army has been successful. Up to the present more than 10,000 Russians have been taken prisoners. The fighting continues stubbornly for the objective of Cracow. The Russian advance to Cracow has been halted and it is considered probable that the situation in Poland, where the German armies have won successes at Lodz and Praszmyz, will force the Czar's General Staff to withdraw troops to reinforce the army defending Warsaw.

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DANIELS FAVORS TWO-BATTLESHIP PROGRAM FOR NAVY

Says There Should Be No Change Before International Disarmament Agreement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels today told the House Naval Affairs Committee that until there was an international disarmament agreement this country should continue to build two battleships a year, no matter what the size of the navies of other countries may be.

This statement was brought out by Representative Wetherpoon, a "small navy" man, who sought to have Mr. Daniels say that if foreign navies are reduced by war or otherwise, this country might interrupt its building program.

"Suppose the navies of other nations should consist of only 15 battleships each, must we keep on building?" asked Wetherpoon.

"I would continue building two battleships a year until there is an international agreement regarding reduction in armament," replied Daniels. "We are not building ships against any particular navy."

Daniels added that this country would be glad to join in an international agreement looking to disarmament, but that until this comes the policy is to go ahead with the regular building program.

Representative Butler developed that in the event of trouble it would require at least two years to build 10 battleships by working all of the private and Government shipbuilding yards. Secretary Daniels said England has found it impossible to rush out a battleship, in less than two years with her improved facilities and that the United States has facilities not quite as good as those of England.

Representative Hensley asked if Daniels was not sorry that the Philippines had been acquired as a result of Dewey's victory at Manila Bay.

"I am sorry, of course, that we took the Philippines," said Daniels, "but Dewey pursued exactly the right course at Manila Bay and his actions were wise and patriotic."

PETROGRAD CHEERS SERBS' VICTORY DESPITE HANDICAP.

22,000 Austrians and 100 Guns Captured in Campaign.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 11.—News of the hard-pressed Serbs' victory over the Austrians has aroused great enthusiasm here.

Just a week ago the Austrians extended their lines over very difficult country along the right banks of the Riva Koluvara and Dina for a distance of about 75 miles. The two left-wing divisions started on a triumphal march to Belgrade, while the right wing was extended to envelop the Serbian left.

The Serbians attacked the Austrian center held by the 15th Corps and, breaking through, compelled the right wing to retreat in considerable disorder. Turning then northward the Serbians continued to break up the Austrian center, including divisions of the 13th Corps, and pursued the retreating right wing, consisting of the 15th Corps.

The Austrian left, a portion of the 13th Corps, which rested on Belgrade, does not appear to have come up in time to take an effective part in the fighting. Indeed, it is stated that Austria, believing the Serbs practically crushed, already had dispatched several divisions of this corps from Belgrade to the Russian frontier.

The rejoicing in Russia over the Serbian victory exceeds anything aroused by Russia's own successes, for it is recognized that Serbia has had a hard task.

A dispatch from Nish says the total capture of the Serbians in battles fought with the Austrians from December 3 to December 7 were 22,000 men and 22,114 men, 65 field pieces, 42 quick-firers, 3 mortars, 10,000 rifles, 25 wagonloads of ammunition, 130 transport wagons, 19 hospital wagons, 4 ambulances, 2 treasury safes and 27 horses.

STADEN REPORTED CAPTURED. British Drive Germans From Flemish Town North of Ypres.

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 11.—British troops have captured the town of Staden 14 miles north of Ypres on the railroad between Thourout and Ypres, according to a report from Nish.

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SENATOR WEEKS URGES AN ARMY OF 500,000 MEN

Also Advocates Establishment of Strong Military Reserve — Scores Lodge-Gardner Agitation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Vigorous opposition to the Lodge-Gardner resolution, demanding public investigation of the preparedness of the United States for war, was voiced in the Senate today by Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts, who declared for immediate reorganization of the regular army by increasing its strength to 200,000 men and the establishment of a strong military reserve.

Senator Weeks, who is an ex-naval officer and a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, said at this time it was not prudent to take any action which would change the Government's policy or add to the naval equipment except by an omnibus appropriation which could be expended under the direction of the General Board of the Navy, with the approval of the Secretary of the Navy and the President.

The Senator said the United States Navy was in a class with that of Germany and France, and probably second only to that of Great Britain.

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