

TERRIFIC BATTLE RAGES IN POLAND FOR MASTERY OF RIVERS. KEYS TO WARSAW

CZAR GAINS GROUND IN WESTWARD DRIVE NEAR SKIERNIEWICE

Advancing Column Passes Railway Centre in Movement to Roll Back Germans.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.—The Russian movement to roll back Von Hindenburg's army of invasion over its path of invasion has begun, and by a bold dash has gained ground westward.

Bolnow, on the Rawka River, has been reached, while westward progress has carried one section of the front beyond Skierniewice, the railway centre reported taken by the Germans a few days ago.

Two hundred Germans, part of a column of the advance on Warsaw, were killed in a steady engagement along the Bura. At other points the foe lost heavily.

AUSTRIANS FAIL IN NEW MOVE AGAINST CZAR'S LEFT

Russians Repulse Night Attack on Trenches at Lisko.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.—A second attempt made by the Austrians to pierce the Russian lines facing the Carpathian Mountains at Sanok and Lisko failed yesterday in spite of a fierce night attack on the Russian trenches near Lisko.

RUSSIANS MENACE THORN IN EAST PRUSSIA DRIVE

Invasion's Advance to Mazurian Lakes Also Making Progress.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.—The heavy German column which has been driven across the East Prussian frontier from Mlawa, Russia Poland, by the Russians, is spreading out to the east and west, according to reports received here from the front.

GIANT GUNS REACH THORN ON WAY TO POUND WARSAW

Captured Russian Cannon Sent to Krupp for Repairs.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 22.—Three new 42-centimeter guns arrived at Cologne yesterday from the Krupp Works at Essen, to be sent to Thorn to be used in the advance against Warsaw.

TWO JOURNALISTS SEIZED

ROME, Dec. 22.—At the instance of the German government, the Italian frontier police yesterday arrested Maria Palombara and Umberto of Italia Maritima, and nearest relatives, on the suspicion of espionage.

GERMANS LOSE HEAVILY IN REVERSE NEAR RAWA

Czar's Column in Southern Poland Regains Piotrkow Railroads.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.—The Russian offensive against the right wing of the German army before Warsaw continues. The battle which was begun Monday morning southwest of Rawa resulted in the defeat of the Germans who were apparently not expecting attack in this quarter and had withdrawn all but a small occupying force.

VON TRPITZ'S HINTS RECALLED BY PLOTS TO SINK SUPPLY SHIP

Arrest of Alleged German Bomb-maker Foils Plan to Sink Liner From New York.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22.—The New Orleans police today asked the New York authorities to investigate the New York ends of the conspiracy revealed here by Hans Halle, a German, to place bombs on board French and British liners sailing for Europe.

According to the police New Orleans is the headquarters of the conspiracy and it is the plan to have been made here and then shipped by parcel post to New York and to other ports from which French and British ships sail.

Who are the New York agents of the conspiracy? To whom were the bombs to be addressed? Who was to place them on the ships and how was it to be done? These are the lines that they want the New York detective bureau to investigate.

THE ROCHAMBEAU SAFE. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Before the French liner Rochambeau sailed from New York for Havre officials of the line were warned that an informal machine would be placed on board the vessel.

JOFFRE OUSTS 24 GENERALS

Axe Falls Heavily on Leaders, Incompetence in Some Cases.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Rumors lately prevalent regarding the weakness of Joffre's axe against officers deemed incompetent, irrespective of rank, were substantiated by the issue from headquarters of a list showing that 24 generals of division have been placed on the reserve list.

TRUCE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Parlay for Many Soldiers—Sentiment May Halt Conflict.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Three and four-day truces were granted today to many British officers, who will spend Christmas at home in the British Isles.

PERSIA NOT TO AID KAISER

PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.—The Persian Legation today issued a denial of the reports that Persia will support Germany.

HUMANITY'S HOPE IS IN U. S. ATTITUDE, SAYS BARON FISHER

British Lord Calls Upon Americans to Ponder Question of Neutrality. Comment by Notable.

Fisher's Daughter-in-Law A Former Philadelphian

The American daughter-in-law of Baron John Fisher, First Sea Lord of England, whom he mentions as "none the worse for her name at birth being Morgan, and Philadelphia her home," was formerly Miss Jane Morgan, of Philadelphia. She is the daughter of Randall Morgan and was married to the Hon. Cecil Yvonneur Fisher, heir to the British Sea Lord, in 1910.

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LONDON, Dec. 22.—England's hope of Christmas cheer for humanity rests upon the hope that America's sympathies are here.

This is the declaration of Baron John Arbuthnot Fisher, First Sea Lord of the British Admiralty. The man upon whom rests Great Britain's confidence in her naval supremacy, and who succeeded Prince Louis of Battenberg as First Sea Lord, made his first statement since assuming command of all Britain's naval forces to the United Press today.

NEUTRALITY THE TEST. "Lord Fisher has to say—he is compelled to say—that the hope and good cheer that the Christmas spirit may bring humanity almost solely depends upon 100,000,000 of Christian men and women in America—and the realization of this 100,000,000 of what 'neutrality' means.

Another appeal of American sympathy was voiced by the Hon. George H. Percy, acting High Commissioner for Canada.

CANADA'S APPEAL

"Christmas," he wrote, "finds us in the middle of the period of most vital importance to our race. We Canadians are keenly, actively interested, because we believe Germany's defeat is necessary to our safety and would be of general benefit.

PEACE IN VICTORY.

Francis D. Ackland, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied as follows for Sir Edward Grey, Minister of Foreign Affairs:

MUST HELP THE SUFFERING.

Viceast James Bryce, formerly Ambassador to the United States: "The first and best thing we can do to make the new year happier than this last year is to do our utmost to help the suffering—as the United States and Canada are now so generously helping the unfortunate Belgians.

LETTER'S Best Coal. Ege 27, Slove 27.35, Chestnut 27.50. Large Round Pea Coal, 25.50. Largest Coal Yard in Philadelphia.



The Kaiser: "D—d machine's out of order!"

PORTUGAL READY TO PLUNGE INTO WAR AS ALLY OF ENGLAND

Deputies Vote for Preparations When Ministry Announces New German Raid on Angola.

LISBON, Dec. 22.—The entrance of Portugal into the European war was foreshadowed today when the chamber voted in favor of making preparations for Portugal to join England in the conflict.

500,000 ON BRITISH COAST STAND GUARD AGAINST ALIEN HEEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Trenches are being dug about London and extraordinary precautions are being taken on the English East Coast region in anticipation of German raids or an invasion.

FRENCH AVIATOR'S BOMBS DAMAGE GERMAN WARSHIPS

Station Near Strassburg Fired by Daring Raider.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Dec. 22.—Flying at a height of 600 feet, a French aviator dropped three bombs upon the main station of the German aviator squadron near Strassburg on Monday and caused heavy damage.

GREAT BRITAIN TO AID VICTIMS OF GERMAN RAID

Asquith Announces National Relief for Coast Cities Bombarded.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The people of Scarborough, Whitby and Hartlepool, where more than 150 persons were killed, numbers wounded and enormous property damage inflicted by the German bombardment, are to be aided by the Government.

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BRITISH ENVOY TO POPE RAISES CHURCH OBJECTION

Protestants Condemn Renewal of Relations After 400 Years.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The appointment of Sir Henry Howard as a special minister to the Vatican has called forth a protest from the Protestant Alliance, which denounces the appointment as illegal.

ALLIES' OFFENSIVE BREAKS DOWN, BERLIN DECLARES

Ground Gained by Germans at Several Points on Western Line.

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