

KAISER'S BIG GUNS POUND AT RUSSIAN CENTRE IN POLAND

Terrific Drive Against Polish Capital Developing as Foe Forces Way Five Miles Beyond Bzura.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 15.—Fighting is furious in Russian Poland, and resistance on certain points in the official bulletins may be construed as a virtual admission of the development of a terrific German drive on Warsaw.

The Kaiser's great eleven-inch guns, at least brought to the front in Russian Poland, south of the Vistula, are now pounding away at the Russian positions along a 15-mile line east of Sochaczew and Skierniewice, the nearest point of which is little more than 25 miles from Warsaw.

Tonight's official report, although silent on the nature of the bombardment, which is learned from unofficial dispatches direct from the front, says that the fighting is confined to artillery duels and to isolated infantry attacks by the Germans, all easily repulsed by the Russians' fire.

Their activity centres along a line to the east of Sochaczew and Skierniewice. Following a furious artillery action, the Germans occupied the district to the northeast of Bolimow, including the towns of Binski and Sucha.

Whatever the result of this expected rush for the Polish capital, it is evident that the Germans have at last successfully accomplished their long-sought immediate objective, a firm foothold on the eastern bank of the Bzura River.

They have made four attempts in two days to pass the barriers of the Russian trenches. All of them reported to have been broken. It was in one of these dashes that they occupied the villages southwest of Sochaczew.

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EVENING LEDGER SERENADED

Business Men Show Appreciation of Fight for Rapid Transit.

At the conclusion of the Academy of Music meeting last night the North Philadelphia Business Men's Association, headed by Edward E. Ziegler, its president, serenaded the Evening Ledger.

The band accompanying the business men played selections in keeping with victory and there were prolonged cheers by the marching rapid transit soldiers to express their appreciation of the Evening Ledger's campaign for a high-speed system.

They remembered that a subway line through North Philadelphia was one of the important steps it advocated, one sang the songs of the transit meeting and many who gathered to hear the late-hour concert applauded the serenaders and made them give numerous selections.

The musicians responded vigorously and then led the little army northward.

FLOODED RIVERS FORCE ARMIES TO SHIFT LINES

Large Areas of French and Belgian Battlefield Under Water.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—Most of the rivers in northern France and west Flanders are at flood tide in consequence of the hard rains that have been prevailing for many days.

The Yser, the Oise, the Aisne, the Aube and the Meuse are out of their banks at some places. Great stretches of lowlands in Belgium are under water, compelling both the Germans and the Allies to shift their lines at some places.

Some of the French pontoon bridges in the Aisne were carried away by the floods and when the French sappers attempted to save them they were fired upon by the German artillerymen.

TURKS CUT OFF RUSSIAN SUPPLY ROADS IN PERSIA

Selmas Now Held in New Strategic Movement.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 15.—Occupation by Turkish troops of the Tabriz district, in Northern Persia, derives its strategic importance from the fact that it carries with it Turkish control of highways and railroads leading to the Russian frontier.

These roads, which provide the only practicable routes through Persia, are owned and managed by either the Russian Government or Russian companies which have obtained concessions from Persia.

The occupation of Tabriz by the Turks was accomplished only after a hard fight, in which artillery was employed, according to information which has reached the Persian Legation here. The Turks have swept on and occupied Selmas, driving the Russians back to the frontier.

BAYONET CHARGE CAPTURES LA BASSEE HILL FOR FRENCH

Allies' Line Advanced by Sharp Infantry Attack.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—The French yesterday captured the hill overlooking the town of La Bassee, says a dispatch to the Petit Parisien from Hazebrouck.

Despite the water-filled trenches the infantry charged with bayonets after an artillery fire. The engagement lasted more than two hours, and in it the French won a position more than a kilometre in advance of their previous first line of trenches. The French loss was small.

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40,000 TURK TROOPS DASH TOWARD SUEZ TO ATTACK BRITISH

New Force Moves Into Egypt—Two Towns of Persia Taken by Ottomans From Russians.

CAIRO, Jan. 15.—The Turkish force advancing toward the Suez Canal number 40,000 men. Their artillery includes many guns of the most modern type believed to have been sent to Turkey from Germany.

British aviators brought this information to English headquarters today. They made a flight of 15 miles and got complete details of the Turks' equipment.

Reports have been received here that a British detachment has surrendered to the Turks.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 15.—The capture of two towns from the Russians in Persia and rapid advance by Turkish troops toward the Suez Canal were announced in an official statement issued here today.

Turkish troops have advanced gradually in Azerbaijan (province of Persia) and "had new great successes on Wednesday," says the report. "When they occupied Tabriz and Selmas, the Russians abandoned both places, though they had at first prepared to defend them."

"Our forces marching toward the Suez Canal are making rapid progress," the report adds.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

GERMAN

In the western theatre torpedo boats and other small craft approached within 14 kilometres (about nine miles) of the coast at Westende.

French attacks on both sides of Notre Dame Lorette, northwest of Arras, were repulsed with heavy losses in their retreat to the south bank of the Aisne, which took place under the fire of our artillery.

We repulsed a very strong attack north of Verdun near Consuevry, and our position near Ailly. French attacks at St. Mihiel, which reached our first line of trenches, were repulsed by counter attack with heavy French losses.

Last night we took some of the enemy's positions, which, after rebuilding our works, we left of our own free will without fighting. We reported an attack near Meault, southwest of Rheims.

There are only artillery duels in the Vosges.

In the eastern theatre of war there is no change in East Prussia or northern Holland. Our attacks are progressing west of the Vistula in Poland.

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In the same region, at La Targette and at St. Laurent, as well as in the region of Roye, our artillery has gained the advantage over that of the enemy. His batteries were silenced, two pieces being demolished. An ammunition depot was blown up, and earthworks under construction were destroyed.

At a distance of two kilometers northeast of Soissons the Germans attacked St. Epiere. They entered that place, but we recaptured it.

There have also been violent artillery duels in the region of Craonne and of Rheims, in the course of which the enemy's batteries have been frequently silenced.

In the region of Perthes, in the Argonne and on the heights of the Meuse there is nothing important to report.

INFLUENCE PUT BAN ON PARADE

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of the mysterious alumnus whose name is being concealed, said: "Can you call this demonstration off?"

Williams replied that he could and the notice in The Saturday paper was the result. Williams admits he knows the name of the alumnus whose influence put such a sudden and complete end to the elaborate plans of the University students to participate. He will not divulge this name.

UP TO STUDENTS, SAYS PROVOST.

Provost Smith said in his first conversation the suggestion of a political complexion to the mass-meeting came from the student body, and that he left it entirely in their hands whether to hold the parade.

"Do you know the names of the influential alumni referred to in the Pennsylvania Evening Post?" the Provost was asked.

"No," he said. "That came up through the student body. Two or three days ago, before chapel, a group of students talked it over with me. Some seemed to lack enthusiasm for the parade. I asked them why, and they said certain alumni had suggested that the University keep out of the mass-meeting on the ground that it was political."

"If that's so," I said, "do not have the parade."

"I finally left the matter entirely in their hands."

"The you give the names of those students who made the suggestion?" was asked.

"Well," said the Provost, "I don't think I should do that without seeing their names in the papers."

"Did any one else ask you to withdraw your sanction for the parade?"

"No," I didn't withdraw it; I left the matter in the hands of the students. I don't believe the University should get into things of a political nature. Personally, I am in favor of the plans for the parade."

LOGAN CITIZENS DUPED.

The workings of the all-powerful hand that duped the citizens of Logan have not been brought to light as yet. The Logan Improvement Association held a mass-meeting last night for the purpose of planning a vigilance committee.

Citizens whose homes have been robbed and their next door neighbors, ardent supporters though they are of the transit plans, were told it was their first duty to protect their homes from robbery.

They went to a meeting at which a vigilance committee was to be formed, and came away with no more protection for their homes than they had before. On this account the Logan delegation was not in the parade.

The vigilance committee was not formed, and resolutions to Councils demanding more lights and policemen were adopted. And in the meantime the transit demonstration was going on at the Academy of Music and Logan was not there to participate in it.

E. J. Lafferty, president of the Logan Improvement Association, denied that Logan was not represented at the mass meeting. He expressed the opinion that the section was as well represented as any other part of the city.

The representation would have been larger, in Mr. Lafferty's opinion, had the transit demonstration not been on at the Academy of Music. He said he had urged the citizens to go to the meeting, but that he would not call off his dog on Logan residents who could go to the transit meeting.

Mr. Lafferty also denied any influence had been brought to bear in Logan to divert residents from the transit demonstration.

\$400 LOSS IN STORE FIRE

Creations in spring gowns which were to have been shown at an opening next month were destroyed by fire early today in the store of Solomon T. Steinberg, southwest corner 18th and Chestnut streets. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss is estimated at \$400.

SUNDAY ASSAULTS PRIESTS OF GOD

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CITIZENS DEMAND VOTE ON TRANSIT

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BRYAN, JOB SEEKER FOR PARTY PAIS, IS NOT ASHAMED OF

Secretary, in Sharp Retort, Admits Appreciation of Service of "Those Who Work in Politics."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Secretary of State Bryan today sharply rebuked the publication of his letter to W. W. Vick, former American Consul in Santo Domingo, regarding the show that Bryan advocated the transit system in politics.

Bryan dictated this statement: "I am glad to have the public know that I appreciate the service of those who work in politics and feel an interest in seeing them rewarded. As Mr. Vick received his reward for his work, I thought he was a good man to address an expression of my opinion on the subject."

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—W. J. Bryan, politician, loomed up large yesterday in the President's investigation into the Dominican diplomatic scandal as the man who is keeping James Mark Sullivan, openly characterized as "totally untrustworthy" in the \$100,000-a-year job as Minister in Santo Domingo. Hearings laying bare the Dominican scandal are being held here by Special Commissioner James A. Phelan, Senator-elect.

Not only has Mr. Bryan whitewashed Minister Sullivan, according to the testimony, but the Secretary of State has also sought jobs in Santo Domingo "with which to reward deserving Democrats."

Witnesses yesterday said that a \$100,000 loan to the Dominican Government by the National City Bank of New York (which got the loan in competition with the Banco Nacional, organized by the interests which, it is alleged, put Sullivan in as Minister) was the "meat" of the entire situation.

BRYAN'S LETTER TO VICK

Walker Whiting Vick, formerly American receiver of customs of Santo Domingo, introduced in evidence the following letter from Secretary Bryan: "Department of State, Washington, August 2, 1914."

"Hon. Walker W. Vick, Santo Domingo, D. R.

"My Dear Mr. Vick—Now that you have arrived and are acquainting yourself with the situation, can you let me know what positions you have at your disposal which I might reward deserving Democrats? Whenever you desire a suggestion from me in regard to a man for any position there call on me.

"You have had enough experience in politics to know how valuable words are when the campaign is on and how difficult it is to find suitable rewards for all the deserving. I do not know what extent a knowledge of Spanish is necessary for employees. Let me know what is required, together with the salary, and when appointments are likely to be made.

"Sullivan will be down before long and you and he together ought to be able to bring about such reforms as may be necessary to reward deserving Democrats, a strong, courageous, reliable fellow. The more I have seen of him the better satisfied I am that he will fit into the place there and do what is necessary to it. Don't you think so?"

TELLS OF BANCO NACIONAL

William E. Pulliam, 21 Beaver street, receiver of customs prior to Mr. Vick's appointment, one of the principal witnesses yesterday, classed the secret of Bryan policies in the United States as a political exploitation.

When Mr. Bryan learned that the National City Bank had received the \$100,000 loan in preference to the Banco Nacional, he immediately thought of the "red street crowd." Mr. Pulliam said, "I was like waving a red flag in the face of a bull with Bryan." Bryan lent his valuable ears to the Banco Nacional crowd.

Mr. Pulliam, who has been 20 years in the Government service, made the following suggestion at the opening of his testimony: "If you want to get at the meat of the whole mix-up and scandal I suggest that you call on the National City Bank and send a representative who can explain this \$1,500,000 loan."

Justice Kallech Criticized

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 15.—Justice Kallech, presiding Justice in the trial of Louis Kuehnle, is taken to task in a statement issued today by W. F. Dougherty, who says his action in basing an appeal of ex-Councilman Murtland Dougherty from his own rulings is without precedent.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Fair tonight and Saturday; slightly colder tonight in north and west; light southerly wind; clearing Sunday; a strong cold front that was over Lake Erie yesterday has drifted southward to the vicinity of Lake Ontario, and has formed a trough-like depression, which is similar to the one that is approaching the north Atlantic coast. This development caused very light rains over a portion of the north Atlantic slope last night, with a moderate rise in temperature in all of the northeastern portion of the country. Snow flurries are reported along the northern border from Lake Superior westward, while light rains are being general in the Pacific and Atlantic States.

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