TEUTONS RETIRE FOR WINTER TO **BUG RIVER LINE**

Fortify Interior Front, After Failure to Secure Lida-Rovno Railway

ELABORATE DEFENSES

General Ruzsky Predicts Russian Advance-Shell Famine Past

BERLIN, Dec. 13 .- The army of Field Marshal von Hindenburg has engaged at several places in minor engagements between advanced posts and the enemy's reconnoitering parties, the War Office reported today.

"The Russians succeeded in taking an unimportant German post. A Russian attack near Vulka, south of Lake Vygonovskdye, failed. The Russians lost about 100 in killed and prisoners."

LONDON, Dec. 13. Dispatches from Petrograd Indicate that the Germans are withdrawing their centre to what is known as the Bug River line, which, however, at many places is con-siderably northeast of that river.

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This withdrawal is due to their inability to secure complete control of the Lida-Baronovitchi-Rovno railway, which was necessary for the successful holding of the advanced positions which they reached after their great drive of last summer. They have evacuated Slonin, lying to the west, and Baronivitchi and Kobrin, just to the east of Brest-Litovsk, which they are making the centre of their new lines. These are being strongly fortified.

This auggests that the Germans hope t create a stalemate in the East, as they did in the West, and that if they cannot break through they will make it just as difficult for the Russians to do so.

Reuter's Petrograd correspondent gives details of the fortifying of the Bug River

details of the fortifying of the Bug River line, saying:

"The Germans assembled near Brest-Litovsk more than 100,000 workmen, including numerous prisoners, who were employed especially on trenches. Women and children also were forced to aid. Because of poor and insufficient food the workers fell ill in great numbers. They

workers fell ill in great numbers. They then were sent to Bialystok.

"The Germans are reorganizing the east bank of the Bug with particular care, constructing interminable lines of trenches, fortifications and blockhouses, with artillery of all calibres. At the same time they are energetically restoring the forts at Brest-Litovsk, rebuilding the fortress according to the plans of the German general staff, with the view of turning the stronghold against the Russians when the latter assume the offensive."

ANGLO-FRENCH SWEPT **OUT OF SERBIA BY FOES**

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patch to the Times says that the Bulgarians lost 8000 men in two attacks against the British position north of Lake Doiran. The Greek political situation is normal

again. The crisis between the Entente Powers and Greece has been settled by the understanding that the Allies will be given every facility for freedom of mili-tary movement in Macedonia.

The Allies modified their original de-mands for the withdrawal of all Greek troops from Salonica, but only a small number of Helienic soldiers will remain

at the Allies' base.

The Fifth Corps of the Greek army has been withdrawn from the Doiran to the

Salonica zone. The troops have been instructed by the General Staff not to enter hostilities with either Teutons or Allies on their soil. The Greek Government is now en-

deavoring to obtain guarantees that in no event shall Bulgarian troops invade only Teutonic troops entering Greek territory in pursuit of the retreat-

tng Allies.
The allied troops are falling back across the Greek boundary with an un-broken front. The Bulgarians, slowly fol-lewing, are reported to be within five miles of the frontier.

The retreat of the expeditionary forces, it is reported, was being covered yester-day by artillery forces and machine gun contingents stationed only a few miles across the Greek border.

Direct telephone communication between Berlin and Sofia was opened to-day. The line runs through Budapest, Orsova and Nish. The first conversation was carried on by General Falkenhayn, German Minister of War, and General Naadenoff, Bulgarian War Minister, both expressing the highest satisfaction over the rapidity with which the service had been established for the quick exchange of news and views.

Swift action by Russia is deemed nec-essary by London military experts to save the Balkan situation. The czar has as alternatives, in any effort to throw troop

ternatives, in any effort to throw troops into Serbia, violation of the neutrality of Rumania by an overland drive of the heavy forces massed on the border, or transport of troops from Odessa and Sebsatopol across the Black Sea to Varna, using the chief Bulgarian port as a base of operations for a sweep through Bulgaria to the Graeco-Serb frontier.

The approach of the retreating Angio-French forces in Serbia to the Greek frontier marks a crisis in the Teutonic Balkans campaign. The kaiser must now decide whether to pursue the enemy into Greek territory and run the risk of gaining the enmity of the Greek nation by carrying the horrors of war among the peaceful Greek citizens along a new battle line to Salonica.

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A profound impression would be created
in the Balkans if the Angle-French
troops were compelled to take to their
transperts. The spirit would fall out of
the Serbian army in Albania, and it is
probable Rumania's future attitude would
not be hostile to the victorious Germans.
But the work of drawing the western Ajlies out of Greece should prove much
more difficult than the present operations
in Serbia. Not only is Salonica with
its currounding hills a very strong defensive position, but it can be protected
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GAVE LIVES FOR COUNTRY New Issue of Debrett's Shows Heavy Titled Losses

LONDON, Dec. 13.-War has levied a heavy tell upon the British aristocracy. Changes in succession to more than 100 titles have already been caused.

According to the new issue of Debrett's Peerage, just out, there are 800 names of noblemen on the roll of honor of those who have been killed in action or died of wounds. The list contains the names of 1 member of the royal family, 6 peers. Is baronets, 6 knights, 7 members of the House of Commons, 164 companions of various orders, 16 sons of peers, 82 sons of baronets and 84 sons of knights. ERIE CONGRESSMAN PRAISES THIS CITY AS A NAVY CENTRE

Thinks League Island Should Be Given Every Facility

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—In comment-ing on Secretary Daniels' report, Repre-sentative Liebel, of Eric, Democratic member of the Naval Committee from Pennsylvania, said:

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"A careful reading of the report indicates that Secretary Daniels has covered the ground fully and with much detail. I am interested particularly in what he says about the Philadelphia Nawy Yard, because personally I believe that money can be spent profitably there in making can be spent profitably there in making it a greater and more valuable yard. I have said repeatedly that geographically Philadelphia has the best situated yard in the country, and it is deserving of every consideration. It is near to every needed source of supply and it has unsurpassed transportation facilities. The Philadelphia yard should be given every facility so that it can build the greatest of dreadnoughts."

Pennell to Talk on Whistler TURKISH EMPIRE The artist, Whistler, will be discussed by Joseph Pennell at the regular meeting of the Contemporary Club tonight at the Believiz-Stratford. BOKHARA WOPOSED R OTEHERAN BAGDAD P.E.R.S.I.A BALUCHISTAN DELHI O ARABIAN BOMBAYI ADEN

PROBABLE ROUTE OF PROPOSED TEUTONIC MARCH ON INDIA Reports from Switzerland assert that in the spring Germany plans to menace British possessions in the East with a march on India. The map indicates how the threat might be accomplished. From Berlin troops could be transported by express trains direct to Constantinople. Thence there is a railway across Asia Minor extending part of the way into Mesopotamia, this being a portion of the far-famed project of the "Berlin to Bagdad" Railroad. The Teutonic forces might reach the Persian Gulf with comparative ease, but from this point there would be a march of more than 1000 miles across barren and mountainous regions in Persia, Afghanistan and Baluchistan to the banks of the Indus. The British effort to prevent this proposed move has met with failure so far, the advance on Bagdad having been hurled back by the Turks, who are now reported to be threatening Aden, the important port at the gates of the Red Sea. It is controlled by Britain.

LE TRUPPE ITALIANE CONQUISTANO TUTTE LE ALTURE DI BEZZECCA

SVIENNA

CONSTANTINOPLE

Dalle Creste del Vies e del Mascio le Batterie di Cadorna Dominano i Forti di Lardaro

UNA BELLA OPERAZIONE

ROMA, 13 Dicembre. Gli italiani operanti nella zona di Riva hanno conquistato le alture tra la valle Giudicaria e la valle Concel, in modo che sono venuti ad acquistare il controllo completo di tutta la conca di Bezzecca dove la valle di Concel si unisce a quella di Ledro. In tal modo le forze italiane hanno guadagnato un altro punto importante da dove possono quando sara* necessario iniziare le operazioni contro i forti di Lardaro che sbarrano la valle Giudicaria ed impediscono loro di risalire

il Chiese verso Trento. Le operazioni contro le alture nano la conca di Bezzecca furono iniziate il 7 corrente con un bombardamento da parte delle artiglierie italiane delle posizioni austriache ben munite sulle creste delle alture. Gli austriaci risposero anche delle alture. Gli austriaci risposero anche dai forti di Lardaro, che sono cinque, cosicche' fu necessario portare le arti-glierie italiane su posizioni da cui poter controbattere le batterie dei forti, prima di poter spingere le operazioni sulle creste. Nella notte del 10 dicembre la fanteria aliana comincio' l'attacco e guadagno' osizioni sulle creste orientali ed occidentali del gruppo. Allora l'artiglieria pote riprendere il bombardamento e sabato mattina la fanteria, ripreso l'attacco, conquistava le ridotte e le trincee fortissine sulle creste dei monti in seguito a ripetuti assalti alla baionetta.

Ecco il testo del rapporto del generale Cadorna pubblicato ieri sera dal Minis-

tero della Guerra:
"Successive e brillanti operazioni of-fensive nella zona compresa tra Val Giudicaria e Val Concel di hanno portato alla conquista di forti alture che ci as-sicurano anche il completo controllo della conca di Bezzecca. "L'attacco comincio" il 7 Dicembre e si

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sviluppo' cantamente, essendo neces-sario un controbombardamento della poderosa artiglieria dei forti di Lardaro

nostre truppe raggiunsero le create oc-cidentali ed orientali dei monti Vies e Mascio, a sud-ovest, di nerzolo. "Nella mattinata, in seguito ad una efficacissima preparazione di artiglieria.

la nostra fanteria con assalti alla balo-netta conquistava successive linee di trincee e di ridotte che coronavano le "Sul resto del fronte la situazione e im-mutata."

Siccome nella Camera dei Deputati i deputato Enrico Ferri aveva sollevato la quistione del controllo parlamentare sulle apese per la guerra, il Ministero Salandra ha chiesto in proposito un voto di fiducia, affermando che il governo doveva avere pieno ed illimitato controllo delle spese. La Camera diede ieri un voto di fiducia, e 400 deputati votarono per il ministero e olo 50 votarono contro.

NELLA PENISOLA BALCANICA Notizie da Atene dicono che ogni peri-olo per gli alleati in territorio greco, pericolo di sorprese da parte di truppe grecche, e' eliminato avendo il governo ellenico accettato tutte le domande degli alleati. Salonicco sara' la base di operazione delle forze anglo-francesi, ed in quella citta' rimarranno soltanto poche centinaia di soldati gred. Il governo greco ora sta cercando di avere garanzie le forze bulgare non invaderanno la Grecia per combattere contro gli alleati, ranno se crederanno di inseguire le truppe anglo-francesi. Queste avranno ogni liberta' di movimenti nella Mace-donia greca e le forze greche non osta-coleranno in alcun modo queste opera-

zioni e movimenti. Intanto le forze alleate hanno evacuato Ghevgheli e Doiran, ritrandosi verso Salonicco, e si dice che le forze bulgare che le inseguono siano ora a circa cinque miglia dal confine della Grecia. Si dice che il capo dello Stato Maggiore greco, generale Duamania, ha dato ordine alle forze greche di ritirarsi davanti alle avan-zanti forze bulgare ed evitare di dar bat-

I critici militari svizzeri hanno calco-



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e la distruzione di numerosi lavori acces-sorii di difesa. "Durante la notte del 10 Dicembre le

americano domanda che il governo austriacao dichiari l'affondamento dell'An-cona illegale ed indifensibile; che l'ufficiale che comandava il sottomarino che affondo' il piroscafo sia punto e che ri-parazione sia data sotto forma di paga-monto di indonnita per gli americani periti o feriti nel disastro.

Dice lo nota nel suo periodo ultimo;
"Il governo degli Stati Uniti aspetta che
il governo austro-ungarico, conscio della
gravita' del caso, acceda prontamente alle sue domande; e basa questa credenza sul-l'opinione che il governo austro-ungarico non sanzionera no difendera un atto che e' condannato da tutto il mendo come inumano e barbaro, che e' orribile per tutte le nazioni civili e che ha causato la morte di cittadini americani invocavi". morte di cittadini americani innocenti

AGED WOMAN DIES

Born Christmas Day, Married Christmas Day, Life Ends Near Christmas

LANCASTER, Pa. Christmas Day, married Christmas Day Mrs. Anna Rowe, 85 years old, of Quarryville, died today, not far from another Christmas Day. Her husband, John B Rowe, died November 17, aged 99

She was known far and wide as Grandmother Rowe and was active among the The two were married 63 Dunkarda. years last Christmas.

alleati teutonici, cioe' Germania, Austria Bulgaria e Turchia, 317,000 uomini tra morti, ferici e maiati. I morti sarebbero, secondo i calcoli di quei critici svizzeri, 81,000, di cui 50,000 tedeschi od austriaci. Intanto corre voce che truppe franco-inglesi siano sbarcate a Kavala, altro porto greco sull'Egeo, a circa 89 miglia da

GLI S. U. ALL'AUSTRIA. nota inviata dagli Stati Uniti all'Austria per protestare contro l'affon-damento dell'Ancona e' molto energica, e molti la considerano come qualche cosa di piu' di un ultimatum. Il governo

GERMANS POUND BRITISH LINES IN DRIVE ON CALAIS

Great Artillery Conflicts BRITISH ATTACK REPULSED, Reported North and South of Ypres

TEUTONS MASS TROOPS

Amsterdam Reports Big Guns in Continuous Action for 24 Hours

Artillery actions of great intensity and extent indicate that a great battle is in progress to the north and south of Ypres. The British and Belgian armies hold the positions which are reported under fire.

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Recent reports from Amsterdam revealed that the Germans were moving great masses of troops and guns to the Flanders front, and it is believed that the great artillery action now under way foreshadows another attempt by the Kaiser's armies to smash a path through the British lines. Although this attack may be an effort to cut the British lines and turn the left flank this attack may be an effort to cut the British lines and turn the left flank of the French army, thus opening a possible path to Paris, it is more than likely that Calais and Dunkirk are the immediate objectives of the Germans.

LONDON, Dec. 13.

A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam says the Telegran? Jearns from the frontier that for the last 24 hours there has been an uninterrupted cannounde audible from the direction of Ypres. The bombardment was so heavy between noon and 2 o'clock that the fire could be distinctly observed on the horizon.

The Policies export today tells of con-

The Belgian report today tells of con-siderable artiflery action along the Belgian front.
An official communication from Brit-ish headquarters at the front in France

"Our artillery has continued the bom bardment of portions of the enemy's lines at Wez-Marquart and La Boutelllines at Wez-Marquart and La Boutell-lerie. The parapet was breached in several places. A fire started by our ar-tillery yesterday in Cite Saint Elie was still burning this afternoon. The enemy's shelling of Armentleres in reply to our bombardment caused two fires, which were quickly got under control.

"A successful bombing party was car-ried out by us last night about Neuve Chapelle. The German trenches were entered, although strongly held; one German machine gun was destroyed by bombs, and a number of casualties were



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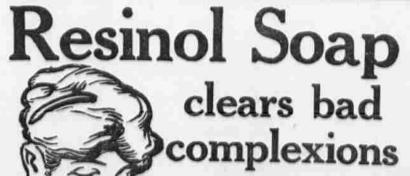
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inflicted on the enemy and the party returned to our trenches safely. One officer and four soldiers were wounded.

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ITALIANS WIN STRONG

POSITION IN TYRO

Capture Heights Commanding Austrian Forts in Giudicaria Valley.

SAYS GERMAN REPORT

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—A statement fasued mat hight at Army Headquarters says: "East of Neuve Chapelle, southwest of Lille, an endeavor by a small British de-tachment to penetrate our position by a surprise attack broke down before our

entanglements.
"In the Vesges there has been aporadic patrol fighting."

FRENCH NAVAL OFFICER DEAF TO U. S. SKIPPER'S PROTEST

Seized German Steward Without Making Any Explanation

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The arrest of the United States steamship Carolina, of the New York and Porto Rico Line, by a French cruiser was described on her arrival here today. "It was about 5:30 o'clock on the after-noon of December 5 when the cruiser fired a shot across our bows as a warn-

ing to stop," said Captain J. O. Foss. "We had been stopped many times before, but that was the first time we were ever boarded. After the ship stopped a French Heutenant came on board, apparently looking for Germans. There were many persons of German descent on board, but only one, Carl Schade, my chief steward, was taken off. I protested but to no avail. The officer would not ven make an explanation."

South Phila, Business Men Meet

The board of directors of the South Philadelphia Business Men's Association will make a report at a meeting of the as-sociation in Old Fellows' Hall. Broad and Pederal streets, tonight at 8:15 o'clock, James A. Hamilton is president of the as-



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POSITION IN TYROL

Capture Heights Commanding dicaria Valley

ROME, Dec. 13.— In the operations northwest of Riva, at the head of Lake Sarin, in the Tyrol, the Italians have captured the heights between the Giscaptured the heights between the Giu-dicarla and Concel Valleys, giving them control of the Bezzecca basin at the mouth of the Concel Valley and a new advantage in the campaign against the Lardero forts in the Giudicaria Valley,

The attack began on December 7 with artillery bombardment of the creats of the heights. The Lardaro forts replied and a counter bombardment of these was necessary before the operations could be continued.

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