

LITTLE DETAIL OF BATTLE IN POLAND

A Berlin Report States German Attack in the North Is Gaining Ground

PLACE OF ACTION NOT MADE KNOWN

Military Correspondent of Berlin Newspaper Assumes That the Attack Is Being Directed Against Russian Positions in the Rear of Lodz

Berlin, Dec. 11, via The Hague and London, Dec. 12, 2.20 A. M.—It is doubtful if shorter reports with less detail ever have been given concerning the progress of a great battle than the series covering the operations in Poland. To-day's bulletin is typical. It says:

"Our attack in Northern Poland is gaining ground. There is nothing new from Southern Poland."

No indication is given as to where this attack is occurring on the extended front.

Major Morant, military correspondent of the "Berliner Tageblatt," who occasionally seems to have special sources of information, assumes that the attack is being directed against the Russian positions immediately in the rear of Lodz, where the Russians have fortified the line of the Miarga, a small stream twelve or fifteen miles east of the city.

The Russians have a factory of fortifying a series of positions in the rear, one behind air, and hence it is difficult for a successful opponent to get the Russian masses readily into action towards the rear.

Pictures Strategy of Battle Major Morant pictures the strategy of the battle as a thrust against the main army standing between the Vistula river and Lodz while a wide flanking movement is in progress from the north from East Prussia and Austro-German forces in Southern Poland are operating to prevent the detachment of any reserves to assist the threatened Russian center.

The German army in the center, says the major, "is faced with the task of thrusting its opponents back bodily because the left wing of this army is now near Lodz and has not advanced far enough toward the Russian line of communication to exercise a decisive effect on the Russian retirement from Lodz."

The northern force, operating from East Prussia, has advanced about twenty-five miles into Poland, a quarter of the distance to Warsaw. Major Morant believes any further advance may force the Russians to divert their strategic reserves at Warsaw to head off this new danger.

View on Western Situation Concerning the situation in the west, Major Morant says that from the French point of view the time may seem ripe to inaugurate a general advance. Germany is engaged in an all-important struggle in Poland and the German attacks on the front in Flanders have ceased temporarily.

The situation in the past few weeks has given the French time to bring up young troops and the British opportunity to get Colonial reinforcements to the front. Although this strengthening is counteracted to a certain extent by the return to Morocco of African troops who were unable to stand the climate and are needed in Africa, Major Morant says that it cannot be predicted whether all these circumstances will lead to an attack against the German fortified front, but he believes that General Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French forces, is too wise to risk a big venture at this time.

No Great Change Lately No great change has occurred on the western front lately says the correspondent, except that La Basse, where there has been a slight German advance and west of Verdun where the Germans have reached a point within eight miles of the railway between Verdun, Calons and Paris and about twenty miles north-west of the fort line of Verdun. Major Morant says the German situations here is favorable and he considers that this offers the best prospects of any point on the west front for bringing affairs to a decision.

GERMANS SHOWING SIGNS OF DISCOMFORT ALONG FRONT London, Dec. 12, 3.51 A. M.—Telegraphing from Northern France a correspondent of the "Daily News" says: "All along the front the Germans are showing signs of discomfort. The allies' lines are being gradually pushed forward. Slowly, but surely, their unyielding wedge is being driven into the heart of Belgium."

"The air is full of rumors of allies' victories and of German retirements. Opinion is general that the allies will begin definite offensive operations within a short time. Their passage across West Flanders is likely to be swift. The enemy intends to make his great stand before Brussels."

GERMAN PLAN IN POLAND HAS FAILED, STATES SCRIBE Paris, Dec. 12, 4.35 A. M.—The Petrograd correspondent of the "Matin" writes his paper that the German plan in Poland has completely failed. His dispatch says:

"The German plan which consisted of turning the Russian right wing at Lodz and at the same time completing a similar maneuver on the extreme left on the river Donajec, has completely failed. The Germans are reduced to making bloody and useless attacks on our front."

Many Expelled From Palestine Malta, Via London, Dec. 12, 9.42 A. M.—The steamer Caledonian, which arrived from Port Said today, had on board a large number of members of religious orders, mostly French. Sixty-six nuns were landed here, but the rest will proceed to France on the steamer. A majority of these people were expelled from Palestine by the Turks, while the others fled owing to the menace of Mrs. Etter, and the essential qualities of effective oral reading by Sylvia Cover. There was also a discussion of the "Teachers and School" by Colgrove.

BRITISH CONSUL TAKEN BY TURKS AND SPIRITED AWAY

Rome, Dec. 11, 10.15 P. M. (Delayed in Transmission).—An incident of considerable gravity has occurred at Hodeida, a seaport of Arabia on the Red Sea, 100 miles northwest of Mocha. It appears from advices that have been received here that the Turks on learning that G. A. Richardson, the British consul, was still in town, tried to enter his house to arrest him.

Consul Richardson escaped to the neighboring Italian consulate, which place the Turks besieged, in spite of the fact that the Italian consul, Signor Cecchi, a son of the well-known explorer, immediately came to the defense of his colleague. Richardson was taken prisoner and dragged to a boat, which then left for an unknown destination.

As British subjects in Turkey are under American protection, the American embassy at Constantinople, it is stated, has been asked for information regarding the reported violence against a British subject, while Italy is inquiring about the alleged violation of her consulate.

FRENCH NON-COMBATANTS ARE PRISONERS IN SAXONY

Paris, Dec. 12.—The Havas Agency has given out the following dispatch from its correspondent at Pecamp: "Madelmoiselle Morelle, a teacher at Pecamp, in the Department of Ardennes, wrote a letter on November 22 from Zwickau, Saxony, in which she said that she and 450 other inhabitants of Autry had been taken to Zwickau as prisoners. Among them were 75 children. The trip lasted for 15 days.

"The prisoners had nothing but the clothes they wore and the children in particular suffered from cold and hunger."

400,000 FRENCH YOUTHS BEGIN MILITARY SERVICE

Paris, Dec. 12.—Four hundred thousand youths of 19 and 20 years, forming the class of 1915, went into training yesterday in military instruction camps and barracks throughout France. Having had preliminary drills at home, they will be ready for the spring campaign.

Cardinal Amette celebrated mass for several thousand of these young men here yesterday at the Church of Notre Dame des Victoires. He closed the service with this admonition: "Go in courage and confidence."

Services of prayer for the soldiers in the field are being held daily in churches throughout France.

26 Steamers Declared War Prizes

London, Dec. 12, 3.18 A. M.—Reuters' Christiania correspondent says a German prize court at Swinemunde has declared as prizes two Danish and twenty-four Norwegian steamers, all of which were captured in the Baltic, most of them laden with lumber. The newspapers throughout Denmark, Norway and Sweden, express the greatest indignation at these seizures, the correspondent adds.

SUBURBAN MECHANICSBURG

Woman's Club Holds Last Meeting of Calendar Year Special Correspondence.

Mechanicsburg, Dec. 12.—The Woman's Missionary Association of the First U. B. church held a silver chain tea in the dining room of the church last evening.

The cottage prayer meetings held last evening in the several districts of the town were again well attended and a continued interest is shown.

Last evening the Woman's Club, of town, held the last meeting for the present calendar year. The meeting was held at the home of Miss Grace Wimer, South Frederick street. The next meeting will be held Friday, January 1, 1915, at the home of Mrs. Samuel Segelbaum, South Second street, Harrisburg. Mrs. Segelbaum is a member of the club.

None of the churches of the Brethren in this vicinity will hold any services to-morrow on account of the funeral of the Rev. Henry Beelman, which will be held at Mohler's church in Upper Allen township. Mr. Beelman was a prominent preacher in the Brethren, or Dunker, church.

Who will be our next postmaster is a general query. Several good candidates are being talked of.

Mrs. Jennie Hummel, of Hummelstown, is visiting here.

The High school was represented in the high school night in Dr. Stough's tabernacle in Harrisburg last night.

To-morrow morning Melita Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will attend services in St. Paul's Reformed church. The pastor of the church, the Rev. John S. Adam, who is a member of the order, will preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Starr Hauck are visiting relatives in Columbia.

Christmas vacation at Irving College begins on Friday, December 18, and ends on Wednesday, January 6, 1915.

August Leachey and family moved this week to this place from Churchtown.

HIGHSPIRE

Public School Teachers Meet for Study —Mrs. Etter Talks Special Correspondence.

Highspire, Dec. 12.—Miss Beatrice Avery and Miss Etta Samsel were recent visitors in the borough.

Miss Kathryn Kaylor, of Elizabethtown, has returned home after a short visit to her sister, Mrs. Benjamin Hoover.

Mrs. John Baker and Mrs. Harvey Baker, of the borough, spent Wednesday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Alice Rhoads, in Hummelstown.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sturgis have returned to their home in Litzitz after spending several days with their daughter, Mrs. E. R. Mohler.

Jacob C. Lyder, of Thompsonstown, was entertained by Highspire friends on Wednesday.

Mrs. Abraham Martin, of Harrisburg, visited her friends on Thursday.

The Rev. Frank Edward Moyer, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran church, lectured Tuesday evening before the Adult Bible classes of the United Brethren Sunday school, Royalton.

The second meeting of teachers of the Highspire schools was held in the local High school Wednesday afternoon. The program included a discussion of the place of drill in elementary education.

NEWVILLE

Civic Club to Meet at Home of Mrs. J. Clyde Swigert Special Correspondence.

Newville, Dec. 12.—George P. James, confectioner, has purchased from Ralph H. Lehman and Carol Getter the property on Big Spring avenue which he now occupies as a residence and store room. Carson Whistler has secured from the same persons the implement shop at High street and Liberty avenue.

The Civic Club will meet next Monday evening at the home of Mrs. J. Clyde Swigert, High street, and will be addressed by Mrs. G. M. Reed on the subject, "The European War."

Communion services will be held in the Big Spring Presbyterian church to-morrow morning.

Miss Althouse spent Wednesday in Carlisle.

Miss Helen McCulloch, Parsonage street, has as her guest Miss Magee, of Washington, D. C., who was a former district nurse in this place.

Mrs. Belle McKinney Swope spent the past few days in Gettysburg.

H. S. Landis, of Frederick, Md., visited at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. G. W. Landis, on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. John Hefflinger, of Carlisle, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Graham, Fairfield street, on Thursday.

DILLSBURG

Funeral of the Rev. Henry Beelman to Be Held To-morrow Special Correspondence.

Dillsburg, Dec. 12.—The Rev. Henry Beelman, for many years a resident of this section, died at his home in Carroll township Thursday morning. The funeral will be held to-morrow morning from his late home. Interment at the cemetery adjoining Mohler's church. The deceased is survived by a wife, two sons and three daughters. He was 74 years old.

The second number of the Star Course will be given in the Opera House next Monday evening by the DeKoven male quartet.

The plasterers are busy working on the W. O. Weaver house on Gettysburg street.

The Agricultural Club, of this place, have decided to hold a four-day poultry show in connection with the farmers' institute, February 9-12.

Willis Sheffer, a former resident of this section, whose present home is near Paw Paw, Ill., is spending a few weeks with relatives and friends in this place and vicinity.

The Farmers' and Merchants' bank, of this place, will pay out to its 200 members of the Christmas savings club more than \$4,000 during the coming week.

At the reorganization of the Dillsburg School Board J. S. Kapp was elected president and D. W. Beitzel vice president. The secretary, C. W. Gross, and treasurer, W. P. Deardorff, had been elected in July.

Dr. A. A. Granville, president of the Gettysburg College, will preach in the Lutheran church to-morrow evening.

MARYSVILLE

Special Meeting of Civic Club to Be Held Monday Evening Special Correspondence.

Marysville, Dec. 12.—A special meeting of the Civic Club will be held on Monday evening.

Scott S. Leiby spent Tuesday at Newport.

W. E. Palmer spent Wednesday with his aunt, Mrs. C. A. Spangler, at York.

Mrs. A. F. Vance spent Thursday in Philadelphia.

Wesley Koehler, of Baltimore, is spending several days with his brother, H. I. Koehler.

F. W. Geib spent Tuesday at Newport.

Mrs. Charles Donahue spent Thursday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. J. B. Allen is spending several days in Harrisburg.

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MIDDLETOWN

Funeral of George Kurtz Held From Home of His Parents Special Correspondence.

Middletown, Dec. 12.—The funeral of the late George Kurtz was held from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kurtz, Sr., yesterday afternoon. Services were held at the house at 1.30 o'clock and at 2 o'clock in the River-side chapel. The Rev. W. R. Ridington, pastor of the M. E. church, officiated. The pallbearers were Morris Cain, Irvin Schenck, Clarence Weirich, Foster Hickernell, Charles Hickernell and Benjamin Zimmerman. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. A large number of relatives and friends from out of town attended the funeral.

William Bushnell, of Harrisburg, transacted business in town yesterday.

Miss Lydia Laverty has returned home from a week's visit to friends at Philadelphia.

Mrs. J. M. Burton and children, of Temple, New Hampshire, are visiting relatives in town.

Communion services will be held in the M. E. church to-morrow morning. New members will also be admitted.

Mr. and Mrs. John Core, of Harrisburg, attended the funeral of the late George Kurtz, yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Clarence Sweeney, of New Cumberland, spent Friday in town attending the funeral of the late George Kurtz.

Mrs. A. A. Markley, daughter, Saris; Mrs. L. H. Markley and Esther Deimler spent the day at Harrisburg.

T. Reynolds, of the Keystone restaurant, is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Seltzer and son, Lendley, returned home from a two days' visit to Philadelphia.

The social committee of the Men's Bible class met at the home of H. E. Moore last evening to make final arrangements for the annual social to be held at the parsonage of the church on New Year's evening.

The Liberty Fire Company will hold its annual banquet in the hose house on New Year's eve.

Oscar Polstrom, of Harrisburg, spent yesterday in town.

The Mothers' Congress Circle and friends met in the High school building last evening. The new magic lantern which was presented to the High school was exhibited and gave perfect satisfaction. Mrs. J. W. C. Laverty made the presentation of the new lantern.

The Rev. W. R. Ridington is suffering with a severe cold.

The American Girls' Club held an apron and candy sale in its rooms in the Kramer building this afternoon and evening.

John M. Rutherford received the contract to fill in the approaches to the new bridge being built between Royalton and town.

The School Board and Borough Council will meet in regular session on Monday evening.

George Blotcher, of Falmouth, is spending a few days in town.

Miss Dorothy Sellers has gone to Youngstown, Ohio, where she will visit relatives and friends.

BLAIN

Ladies' Aid Society Holding Bake This Afternoon and To-night Special Correspondence.

Blain, Dec. 12.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Lutheran church is holding a bake this afternoon and which will be continued this evening.

The R. T. A. Club was pleasantly entertained Tuesday at the home of Mrs. S. M. Woods.

John Will, Herman Hartman and Elmer Bricker returned from Grundy, Ia., to visit their homes here.

Samuel Ebert and wife, of Loyville, spent the week-end visiting Mr. Ebert's sister, Mrs. Mary Holtz.

Mrs. M. E. Reisinger came home from Ohio on Monday to visit her father, Lewis Britcher.

The W. C. T. U. held its regular meeting Monday evening in the Reformed church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stine and granddaughter, Margaret Trapp, of Steelton, spent the week-end with Mr. Stine's brother, George F. Stine.

NEW CUMBERLAND

Sunshine Guild to Meet at Home of Miss Marion Leib Special Correspondence.

New Cumberland, Dec. 12.—The Sunshine Guild class of Mrs. William A. Cookerly of Trinity U. B. Sunday school met at the home of Miss Mary Peterman on Third street last evening.

F. E. Taylor has opened a daily market on Bridge street near the Yellow Brick road.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Embick, Reno street, announce the birth of a son, William Embick, Friday, December 11.

A special meeting of the Sunshine Guild has been called by the president, Miss Marion C. Leib, to take place at her home on Third street Monday aft-

HALIFAX

The Public Schools Are Raising Funds for Belgian Sufferers Special Correspondence.

Halifax, Dec. 12.—Harry Pike, of Northumberland, spent Thursday with his mother, Mrs. Sarah Pike.

G. W. Westfall, who is employed at Elm, Lancaster county, is spending the week-end at home with his family.

Mrs. William Chubb is visiting friends at Steelton.

An orchestra under the leadership of Paul Bowman is being organized in the Halifax High school.

The Rev. J. C. Peske, of this place, is conducting revival services in the Union United Brethren church, near Entertine, thus far twenty-five persons have been at the altar.

The public schools of town are raising a Belgian relief fund.

The Reformed church will hold their Christmas entertainment on Wednesday evening, December 23.

MILLERTOWN

Items of Interest About People Who Come and Go Special Correspondence.

Millertown, Dec. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin, of Pittsburgh, were recent visitors of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martin.

The Rev. C. F. Himes is holding revival services at Donally's Mills nightly.

Joseph Martin, who has been quite ill, is improving.

Mrs. Laura Carter spent several days this week in Mifflin with her sister, Mrs. Edward Rumpel.

DAUPHIN

A Number of People Attended the Stough Meeting at Harrisburg Special Correspondence.

Dauphin, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Charles Irvin and children, of Baltimore, are visiting Mrs. Agnes Irvin.

R. A. Simmons, of Pottsville, was in town Tuesday.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Lutheran church met at the home of Mrs.



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DUNCANNON

Special Services Will Be Held To-morrow in Presbyterian Church Special Correspondence.

Duncannon, Dec. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hiltner spent Thursday in Harrisburg.

Lane S. Hart and family and William emings and wife attended the Stewart-Hart nuptials in New York City on Monday.

Patrick Hobbs left this week with a gang of men for Philadelphia where they are repairing the pipe line for the Standard Oil Company.

Special services will be held in the Presbyterian church on Sunday morning when the Rev. George Johnston will preach to non-churchgoers on the theme, "Why Go to Church?"

The Crescent Bible class of the Methodist Sunday school was entertained at the home of Mrs. John Miller on Front street.

Mrs. W. A. McCune has returned from a pleasant visit with friends in Carlisle.

Mrs. Daniel Zerling entertained a number of friends at cards Thursday afternoon.

Edward Zell has accepted a position at the State Hospital at Harrisburg.

Mrs. Emma Owen is visiting friends in Harrisburg and Reading.



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