

GERMAN "COMMISSION" WERE REALLY SPIES

Lisbon, Dec. 12.—The member, of a German commission, supposedly studying the railway and agricultural development in Angolas the Portuguese African province, were really spies, it is declared here to-day. One member of the commission has been arrested, the others have fled.

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Told By Men In The Trenches

Wriggling carefully through trenches made by comrades who have gone in advance, the allies are forcing the Germans to retire at Flanders by bayonet charges and machine gun fire, according to a letter received in New York by the parents of Lori G. Periard, a French infantryman.

When he wrote the letter on Nov. 5 he was resting at Montrol, a village back of Tresseneuse for two days after a twenty-four hour shift at "advance work" the driving back of the Germans.

"It is 4 o'clock in the afternoon he writes. "We are at rest for two days in Montrol, a small village a little back from Tresseneuse, where has been fought the frightful battle of Oct. 8 of which mayhap you have heard. I was in that battle.

"There I saw my captain killed at my side as he shouted to us 'Forward, my children, Courage!' The poor one. He was indeed one brave! I saw my best friends killed beside me. Myself, I got bit a spent bullet in my pocket.

"Now we are advancing with caution. We take the advanced post every third day. That is to say this: We advance on Tresseneuse, where the Germans are, with sharp dashes.

"The Prussians are only four hundred yards away from us. We sprint and fall flat and then we work all night to make some trenches to shelter us. The charges are always made at dark. In the morning we relieve ourselves by crawling back, while other soldiers who have had sheltered positions crawl to relieve us. I say crawl, because if the Prussians should catch sight of us they would honor us with a fusillade of regie.

"During the day we hide behind mounds of earth which we throw up, and we fight foot by foot any attempt they make to advance. They like not our cold steel, and many times must we give it to them.

"My health is very good. I am

going to spend the five francs I have received with great profit as soon as I am able. Ah, still two good nights to rest here in the barns, and then back to replace our comrades in the trenches.

"Our captain has just caught a pig and some one has just found some potatoes. These are scarce these days of devastation, and that pig will taste good. In a few months from now it will not be at all funny, this war.

"But I cannot write longer. I must go and relieve the sentinels. It is awful here. A bunch of fools are yelling and singing about him but it pays to be philosophical in a regiment especially during war. I kiss and jump to take my place like a brave."

THE KAISER'S RIVAL

An officer, a colonel on the Headquarters Staff of a Division writes from near Ypres: I am writing this in a Jugont in a wood—many shells have burst around me, but I am merry and bright. The evening before last we were under heavy fire for an hour or so, and it was just like being in the midst of a bad thunderstorm and not more alarming. Shell fell everywhere, the town is bombarded, and yesterday a shell wounded three poor women, one of whom has since died. We are holding our own all right against these attacks, which is a great thing.

The Kaiser himself was just in front of us a couple of days ago when the fiercest attack took place, but I don't know where he is now. An amusing incident took place yesterday morning. As Lieutenant— was searching a wood for wounded, he came across a German soldier singing loudly in German, "I am the Archangel Gabriel." He was very drunk, with a bottle of wine in his hand, having wandered forward from his own lines, so took him prisoner.

A SCREEN OF WOMEN.

How German brutality was avenged by the 1st Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment is told by Lance Corporal Winpeony of that regiment, in a letter from the front to a friend at Workingham.

He says: "We had been in the trenches under shell fire for three days when the Germans found that they could not crush us by fair means they drove all the women and children they could find across the danger zone and advanced behind their cover.

"We should have fired by right, but when the commanding officer looked over his shoulder, he said,

"Bye, I was going to ask a question, but I can see the answer in your eyes," he added. "Thank God, I am an English officer."

"These were his last words, for his right shoulder was smashed to pieces a moment later by sharpnel.

"We waited our time, and the enemy were fairly caught. The charge was given by word of mouth, and not sounded as it usually is by trumpet. The strange part was that we had got close up before the Germans discerned our movements, and it was then too late for them to extend. Some fought well, but the majority wanted to surrender, but their action with the women and children had upset us, and they did not get much chance. Out of 1,800 Germans only five were left standing when they were captured.

Austro-German Forces are Routed.

Petrograd, Dec. 11.—The attempt of the Austro-German forces south of Cracow to break the Russian line has resulted in their complete route. Thousands of dead were left on the field, and the Russians remain complete masters of the situation. The Army Messenger, official organ of the War Office, to-day makes this claim concerning the operations on the southern front.

The Austrians were heavily reinforced by German troops, it is stated and directed an energetic attack upon the Russian lines. They were repulsed, and the check was then turned into a hasty and disordered retreat, five batteries were captured and an entire column of armored motor cars were taken.

The efficiency of the Russians in bringing down German aeroplanes in etc. by the Army Messenger. Two reconnoitering aeroplanes were brought down by Russian guns on Tuesday.

Paris, Dec. 12.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Matin wire his paper that the German plan in Poland has completely failed. His despatch says: "The German plan which consisted of turning the Russian right wing at Lowicz and at the same time completing a similar manœuvre on the extreme left, on the River Donajec, has completely failed. The Germans are reduced to making bloody and useless attacks on our front."

Paris, Dec. 12.—"On their Eastern battlefield, the situation is critical for the Austro-German allies," says Lieut. Col. Rousset, in the Liberte. "Germany has been compelled to support almost the entire weight of the war in order to make up for the weakness of her allies, as neither Austria nor Turkey amounts to much. It is true Germany's resources are considerable, but they are not inexhaustible, and to carry on such a formidable struggle in the east and west simultaneously, she is compelled to play a game of shuttlecock with her forces, which must come to an end sooner or later. The fierceness of the struggle in Poland is forcing Germany to withdraw her troops from the west. When operations are a little further advanced, I think, we shall witness startling events. Already all along the line we are scoring. The Austrians are beaten hands down by the Serians and Montenegrins. This is admitted in the Austrian official bulletin, which says, "Our troops are taking up more favorable positions." In plain language, that means the Austrians have been defeated."

London, Dec. 12.—The Times Petrograd correspondent telegraphs "Heavy losses sustained by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and greater difficulties of transport retard the enemy as his invading armies go further from their railways. These considerations have very properly influenced the Russian plan of awaiting the Germans, since the Kaiser is determined to repeat the experiment which already has cost him so dear."

The Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Petrograd wires, "The Germans are making a supreme effort to save Cracow. The fall of that city would allow the Russians to

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we get their way between the German and Austrian armies, and would derange the Austro-German scheme of common defence. The fighting around Lodz and even in Northern Poland is a desperate German attempt to draw off a portion of the Russian forces that are threatening Cracow. Furious attacks have been made upon the Russian lines to the south of that city. The Army Messenger says these attacks have utterly failed and that the enemy has lost heavily in men and material.

Paris, Dec. 12.—A Petrograd despatch to the Havas Agency gives a brief official statement, issued by the staff of the Russian army in the Caucasus. It is as follows.

"There is no important action to report, as having occurred on Dec. 10."

London, Dec. 12.—A despatch received here from Constantinople by way of Berlin says a Turkish fleet yesterday bombarded the environs of Batum, the Russian sea port on the eastern coast of the Black Sea. One hundred Russians were killed and a number were wounded by the fire.

Christians Flee Turkish Cruelty

Washington, Dec. 4.—Christian refugees are fleeing in large numbers from the interior of Turkey to coast cities since the proclamation of a Holy War by the Sultanic church, Ambassador Morgenthau cabled the State department from Constantinople today.

Continued from last week.

GRADE II.

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MARY SLIPP. END.

'Circus Trapeze' Was German Field Signal

Bucharest, Nov. 23.—"And what is it that is in the box?" asked the customs official at Bodza, on the Roumanian frontier. "Where are your horses, your caravans, your tents?"

"We are really circus people," said one of the two German travellers. "Our vans and the rest of the troupe are on the road. We are going to Constantinople, and we are in a hurry."

The stolid customs man was unmoved. He knew that Turkey was relying upon German military officers. These two circus men told him the box contained their trapeze wires. They were engaged to perform before the Sultan's harem.

"If the rest of your troupe are coming soon," said the customs man, "you can wait and get through with them. Besides, you can make money by performing here. We have seldom good circuses."

The two travellers protested too much, whereupon soldiers opened the box and found a complete military field telegraph apparatus.

Worse Food Required for the Starving Belgians

The Committee in Belgium who has charge of the contribution of all relief supplies has made another appeal for food for these people. It is estimated that it will take \$6,000,000 per month until Spring to give these starving millions two meals of soup and bread per day. New Brunswick has done well, over twenty cars of food and clothing and \$12,000 in cash has already been sent forward, but a special appeal is now made by the Provincial Committee for cash to buy food in large quantities wholesale to load the Admiralty Steamer "Treneglos" sailing from Halifax about December 25th. The Committee has on hand about \$11,000 that will be invested in food stuff at once, but more is urgently required. The Belgians are starving and we must redouble our efforts promptly. Have you sent what you can? Send cash contributions to James H. Frink, Mayor, of St. John, Treasurer, and address all communications to James Gilchrist, Secretary, P. O. box 204.

Great Misery In Vienna

Venice, via London, Nov. 30.—Unusually bitter cold, accompanied by a heavy snowfall, is said to be causing intense misery to the population of Vienna. The situation is made worse by the exorbitant prices of food and the municipality is feeding many thousands of persons. Owing to the high price of flour the authorities are experimenting with a soup made from potatoes, barley and black meal.

Extraordinarily cold weather is reported from the southern battlefield, especially in Bosnia.

The Renovation of Neglected Orchards

Bulletin Number 79 of the Experimental Farm is entitled "Renovation of the Neglected Orchard." It has been prepared by M. B. Davis, B. S. A., Assistant to the Dominion Horticulturist. Special attention is given to the following practices: Heading back old trees; thinning, scraping, cleaning and tree surgery; cultivation and cover crops; systems of cultivation; fertilization; spraying and thinning fruit. The bulletin is generously illustrated. It has been prepared with a view of showing how, by a reasonable amount of labour and care, profitless old orchards, which are a menace to the local orchard industry, may be made a remunerative part of the farm and a credit to the neighbourhood. Copies of this bulletin are available at the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.