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ALLIES NOW IN POSSESSION OF DIXMUDE

THE ALLIES REPULSE A VIOLENT ATTACK

German Forces Swooped Down on the Allies' Line at St. Eloy and were Driven back--The Kaiser is ill at Berlin From an Attack of Bronchial Catarrh--Details of Mighty Battles in the Western Theatre are yet to be Written.

London, Dec. 8.—The great battle for the possession of Poland continues. The front extends along three hundred miles and victory over a part of it, at least, appears to have fallen to the Germans, while the Russians are pressing upon Cracow in the south.

That Lodz is in the hands of the Germans seems undoubted and a Russian official report just issued apparently is preparing the public for the news by referring to the difficulty of defending the city, which gives to the Russian front an abnormal contour, and forecasts a reforming of the line.

Details of these mighty battles have yet to be written. The general fact that there has been fearful slaughter and intense suffering from the cold comprises about the total of the information received.

The Germans claim they are pursuing the Russians to the south and southeast of Lodz. Several American correspondents were with the Russian army when the battle broke, but nothing has been heard from them for several days. Evidently they are under the hand of a strict censorship.

British military experts insist that three-quarters of the best material of the German army has been held in the western theatre of the war throughout the campaign and that the troops opposed to the Russians consist mostly of second line organization.

The French officials report tonight announces that the Germans have made a violent attack upon the Allies at St. Eloy, south of Ypres, which was repulsed. This may mean a renewal of the German attempt to batter through the allied lines, which the correspondents predicted from the movements of the Germans in Belgium. Elsewhere in the west have been only local engagements.

The Austrian and Serbian reports continue to claim success for their respective sides. Serbia reports a victory on the northeast front, with nearly two thousand prisoners. Vienna says the Austrian advance south of Belgrade is progressing.

Apart from the field of battle, the illness of the German emperor in Berlin, from bronchial catarrh, with fever, is the most interesting news of the day. The emperor's prolonged activity, and the recent reports of his appearance, have caused the public to watch with peculiar interest any developments regarding his health.

OFFICIAL STATEMENTS.

French.

Paris, Dec. 8.—The following official communication was issued by the French war office tonight:

"In Belgium a violent German attack on St. Eloy, south of Ypres, has been repulsed. The struggle at all times is very lively in the forests, and to the east of the Argonne.

"There is no other notable incident to report."

Hungarian.

Budapest, Dec. 8.—An official communication issued here today stated that the Russian forces which were invading Northern Hungary had been repulsed. The statement follows:

"The enemy who entered the counties of Szekes and Mienpin are in full retreat. Our troops are already in Galician territory at several points.

Only two or three communities in Hungarian territory are in the hands of the enemy."

Austrian.

Vienna, via Amsterdam and London, Dec. 9.—An official communication issued by the Austrian war office says:

"The battles in West Galicia increase in severity. Austrian troops also attacking from the west, drove the enemy from his position at Dobezyc and Wieliczka. More than five thousand prisoners among them twenty-seven officers, were taken.

"In Poland renewed Russian attacks southwest of Piatrikow have been repulsed by the German troops. "In the Carpathians nothing of importance has occurred."

REPORTS LITTLE CHANGE.

Berlin, Dec. 8, by wireless to London.—A review of the situation in both theatres of the war up to the end of last week reveals little change as compared with the preceding week. This is especially true as regards the western theatre, where the Allies made a number of attacks which always were defeated.

Much encouragement has been derived here from the recent Russian reports which are considered much less confident in tone than formerly. If an investment of Warsaw should result from the present operations, military men say it will deprive Russia of a most important centre of railway communications and place the Russians in a serious position.

The Austrians apparently still are meeting with resistance in Serbia, but from the Carpathians nothing new has been reported. Only skirmishing is said to be taking place in West Galicia.

RUSSIA WILL WIN, CZARINA DECLARES

Copenhagen, Dec. 6.—"Tell Denmark that these are the words of the Empress Marie Feodorovna," said the Czarina in the following interview, published by The Berlinske Tidende: "Have you noticed how the war has welded the people into unbreakable unity."

"As long as the war lasts there will be no political parties in the lands over which the Czar rules. The labor party is going hand in hand with other parties. Poles, Finns and Jews have become Russians. They are collecting money for our hospitals and have voluntarily joined the colors. Many have already distinguished themselves in battle.

"From the Arctic to the Black Sea, from Vladivostok to the Baltic, you will find one united Russia which can establish itself victorious if the war is prolonged, however costly in life it may be. The defenders of justice, and not promise breakers or neutrality violators, will at last secure the victory."

Mr. James Logue of Oromocto, who has been travelling through Upper Canada for the past ten days, for the Valley Railway Construction Co., returned to Fredericton today, from Montreal.

A Brudges Despatch Says That They are Now Moving on in the Direction of the Belgian Coast--The Kaiser Laid up With An Attack of Pneumonia

German Occupation of Lodz Does Not Represent a Success on the Part of the Enemy, as They Were Driven Towards the Town by an Offensive Russian Movement, Says a Report--Turks Have Made an Invasion of Persia--The Germans are Reported to be Retiring From Flanders--Beyers was Drowned

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

KAISER SERIOUSLY ILL

Berlin, Dec.—The illness of the Kaiser has developed into an attack of pneumonia and he is seriously ill.

ALLIES HAVE DIXMUDE

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Amsterdam, Dec. 9.—It is rumored in Bruges that the allies now possess Dixmude and have advanced to Zevécote near Ghisteltes. Zevécote is about seven miles directly east of Nieuport but six miles from the sea coast. At Ledeghem, Zedelghem, says the despatch to the Telegraaf thirty civilians have been shot and ten houses burned.

RETIRING FROM FLANDERS

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Amsterdam, Dec. 9.—The German retirement from Flanders is continuing and the Germans have either left or attempted to leave the advanced trenches while the allies are endeavoring to inflict as heavy losses as possible on them according to the Dunkirk correspondent of the "Tijd."

OCCUPATION OF LODZ

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Rome, Dec. 9.—The "Messaggero" correspondent at Petrograd, says that the Germans

almost destroyed Lodz in bombarding and that its occupation does not represent a success on the part of the Germans as they were driven toward Lodz by a Russian offensive movement which they could not resist.

TURKS INVADE PERSIA

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Rome, Dec.—An official announcement from Constantinople says that the Turks have invaded Persia occupying Sant Schulak.

REBEL LEADER WAS DROWNED

Joahannesburg, S. A. Dec. 9.—Brigadier General Christian Frederick Beyers, the last of the leaders of the latest Boer revolt, was wounded in a fight near Bloempof before he was drowned in the Vaal River trying to make his escape. This official statement was issued last night to clear the conflicting reports as to the manner of his death.

WOULD BUY NEUTRALITY

Rome, Dec. 9.—According to the "Idea Nazionale" Prince Von Buelow the new German ambassador to Italy, comes to Rome authorized to negotiate the cession of the Province of Trento to Italy in exchange for the maintenance of neutrality.

ENEMY'S TURNING MOVEMENT.

"To the south of Cracow we perceived recently a turning movement on the part of the enemy, directed against our left wing. Reinforcements which arrived for our forces found that the bridge over the Bounaets, near Kourovo, had been destroyed, and that the heights on the left bank of the river were occupied by the enemy. Under a sustained fire from the Germans one of our glorious regiments crossed the Bounaets at a ford. They made their way back through the icy water up to their necks, and coming out on the other side, they charged the heights by a vigorous assault. This assured and made safe the passage of the river for our Russian troops."

GERMAN AVIATORS

WORRIED LODZ.

London, Dec. 8.—A Petrograd despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company

the date of which is not given, says German aviators, with headquarters at Czenstochowa, continue to drop bombs on Lodz. According to the latest reports, says the despatch, the town hall, three large factories and forty-seven houses have been destroyed. Thirty persons have been killed and two hundred wounded.

Stubborn fighting has taken place near Butum, Trans-Caucasia. Turkish forces from Trebinzond attempted to prevent a Russian landing, but the guns of the passports, co-operating with the Russian infantry and frontier guards routed them with heavy losses.

In the Kielce district, Poland, two German trains, loaded with pyroxylin shells, collided and were destroyed. There were no survivors.

Petrograd, Dec. 8, via London.—The Bourse Gazette quoted a "high authority" today as saying that the defense of Cracow, the Galician strong hold now being attacked by the Rus-

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