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## NAVAL BATTLE LIKELY NEAR RIVER PLATA

### NO DECISIVE RESULT IN EASTERN THEATRE

Russia Issues Warning Against Over Optimism--Berlin Official Statement Says There is Nothing of Importance to Report--British Military Experts Believe That Von Hindenburg's Forces Have Been Split Into Three Units--King George Visits Army Headquarters in France.

London, Nov. 30--Another day of the crucial battle between the Russians and the German allies in Poland has passed without news of a decisive result. The Berlin official statement tonight says that there is nothing of importance to report from Poland, while the Russian government rests upon its warning against over-optimism.

The facts, as gleaned from various messages of correspondents, appear to be that three semi-independent engagements are progressing between Thorn on the north and Cracow on the south, in which both combatants have achieved local successes, without a distinct victory for either side.

Some of the British military experts believe that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's forces have been split into three units, one of which certainly is almost completely enveloped, while the Russians have driven a wedge between the German army and its Austrian ally in the region of Cracow. They declare that the Germans have consistently under-estimated the quality of their Muscovite opponents and have opposed them with a badly composed almost wholly of second line troops, but are now rushing heavy reinforcements from the western line to avert a Polish Sedan. They express the opinion that the issue depends on whether these arrive in time.

Berlin reports the failure of the Russian attack on the fortifications east of Dirschau, in East Prussia, with heavy losses, while unofficial messages from Petrograd describe an important Russian gain and a capture of ten miles of trenches to the northeast of Lodz.

Advices from Holland report that railway traffic, newspapers and posts in the Brussels region are suspended, it is presumed for the purpose of suppressing news of a movement of German troops to the eastward.

The only development of the day in the western theatre was the renewal of the British naval bombardment of the German base at Zeebrugge.

#### THE KING IN FRANCE.

Britain was surprised at the announcement that King George had left last night on a visit to the headquarters of the British forces in France, where he is certain of an enthusiastic reception from the soldiers.

This was the fortieth birthday of Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, and the papers, except a few of those antagonistic to him, pay a tribute to his remarkable career. The seventieth birthday of the Queen Mother Alexandra will be celebrated tomorrow.

#### GERMAN MISDEEDS.

The Dutch papers say that the Germans have imposed an indemnity of \$7,000,000 monthly on Belgium for the duration of the war for the maintenance of the troops and, in addition on \$75,000,000, as a war levy for violations of neutrality.

Luxemburg reports that the Germans have paid a substantial sum for damages resulting from their occupation of the Grand Duchy.

#### KAISER AT THE FRONT.

Berlin, via The Hague to London, Nov. 30--The east is gradually coming into its own. Those familiar with conditions have recognized for the past three weeks that the centre of importance has been transferred from France to the eastern war theatre.

The departure of Emperor William to the eastern front, the appointment of General Von Hindenburg as a field marshal and the publication of appreciative telegrams to the eastern commanders have directed the attention, even of the uninformed public, to the fact that the events in Poland are of far greater importance than those in Flanders and along the Aisne. The presence of Emperor William at Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's headquarters is interpreted here as indicating that everything is thought to be going well. The emperor has conferred the Order of Merit on General MacKenzen.

There is nothing new to report from the west front and no important news is expected immediately from that vicinity.

#### KING GEORGE IN FRANCE.

London, Nov. 30--The official press bureau announced today that King George had gone to France last night to visit the general headquarters of the British expeditionary forces.

The King was accompanied by his private secretary, Baron Stamfordham, and his equerry, Major Wigram.

The party left Buckingham Palace last night and proceeded across the channel.

London, Dec. 1, 3.09 a.m.--A Reuter despatch from the North of France says that King George arrived Monday, after a very rough passage. The King was received by the Prince of Wales and paid a visit to the hospitals.

### CUSTOMS RECEIPTS HOLDING UP WELL

Notwithstanding the financial depression due to the European war customs receipts for the port of Fredericton are holding up well as compared with last year. The duty collected for month just ended shows a falling off of only \$5.99 as compared with the corresponding month of last year. The figures as compiled by Collector McNutt are as follows:--

#### NOVEMBER 1914

Free goods .....\$18,644  
Dutiable ..... 14,999

Total .....\$33,643  
Duty Collected .....\$3758.94

#### NOVEMBER 1913

Free goods .....\$3,490  
Dutiable ..... 16,540

Total .....\$20,030  
Duty collected .....\$3764.91

George B. Burt of Hartland is among the guests at the Queen.

### Squadron of German Warships Have Been Located off the Coast of Argentina in the Atlantic and May Soon Clash With a British or Japanese Fleet

French Troops Have Driven Back the Germans and Now Occupy the Vosges--All Germans up to Age of Fifty Years Have Been Called to the Colors--Heavy Fighting Still Continues Around Lodz With no Decisive Result for Either Side--German Journalist Now at Geneva is Trying to Induce France to Agree to Separate Treaty for Peace.

### NAVAL BATTLE IMMINENT

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Montevideo, Dec. 1--Admiral Von Spec's squadron of German warships is at the mouth of the Plata river and a battle with a British or a Japanese squadron is momentarily expected.

### AUSTRIANS CLAIM VICTORY

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Vienna, Dec. 1--An official statement concerning the fighting in Serbia given out last night at the Austrian army headquarters here declares that Suvubor was captured yesterday after a battle in which the Servians put up a stubborn defence.

### WILL WORK FOR PEACE

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 1--A German journalist has arrives at Geneva to form a Franco-German committee to work to restore peace. He declared that his mission is unofficial but it is suspected that he is connected with the propaganda foreshadowed by the utterance of the official German press to induce France to make a separate peace, leaving Germany to treat later with Great Britain and Russia.

### SALE of LIQUOR STOPPED

Amsterdam Dec. 1--The correspondent of the Maasbode in Oldenzaal learns that sale of liquor

has been prohibited in the German districts of Bentheim, Lingen and Meppen out of consideration for the public safety.

### PUTTING BACK THE GERMANS

Paris, Dec. 1--The French troops have occupied all of the Vosges according to a telegram from Montceliard. The Message announces that the Germans have evacuated the three villages of Seppois, Moos and Bistle, abandoning a large quantity of ammunition and other war materials.

### ANOTHER CALL FOR MEN

Copenhagen, Dec. 1--A German visitor states that all men up to the age of fifty years who have had military training have been called to arms by the German Emperor. He also declared that it was exceedingly probable that the so called untrained lanstrum which includes men rejected as unfit for military service, but possessing considerable physical strength would be called out.

### THE FIGHTING AT POLAND

Amsterdam, Dec. 1--An official statement given out by the German army Headquarters in Berlin declares that despite the reports of an immense Russian victory in Poland given out in Petrograd the fighting still continues around Lodz without decisive result for either side. Since crossing the Polish frontier, the statement says, the Germans have captured 70,000 Russians 150 cannon, 200 machine guns and much ammunition and supplies.

### MORE GERMAN KULTURE

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Amsterdam, Dec. 1--The Germans have requisitions from the municipality of Comtrai 40,000 litres of cognac, thousands of bottles of wine, 3,000,000 cigars and 3,000,000 cigarettes.

### APPEAL TO IRISHMEN.

(Special to The Mail.)

DUBLIN, DEC. 1--AN APPEAL TO IRISHMEN TO JOIN THE COLORS AND FIGHT WITH FRANCE IN THE STRUGGLE TO CRUSH PRUSSIAN MILITARISM APPEARS IN THE FREEMAN'S JOURNAL OF YESTERDAY, FROM THE PEN OF GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

### RETIRING FROM DIXMUDE.

(Special to The Mail.)

AMSTERDAM, DEC. 1--THE GERMANS HAVE RETIRED FROM THE FRONT AT DIXMUDE, A DISTANCE OF FIFTEEN KILOMETERS ACCORDING TO THE CORRESPONDENT OF THE VAS DIAS. A DESPATCH TO THE TELEGRAAF FROM BRUSSELS REPORTS THAT THE GERMANS ARE REFUSING

TO ISSUE PASSPORTS FOR TRAVELLERS IN ANY DIRECTION, ALL TRAIN SERVICE IN BELGIUM BEING COMPLETELY SUSPENDED.

Paris, Nov. 30--The following official statement was issued here to-

"A few details about what has occurred on the front from Nov. 21 to Nov. 27, inclusive: The general situation has not materially changed in that period. The enemy has worn himself out in partial attacks, without result. Our counter attacks have inflicted on him heavy losses, and have brought some pain to ourselves.

"From the sea to the Lys the attacks of the enemy have been very intermittent. On the 23d, the 24th, and 25th the German artillery in general has remained silent.

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