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GERMANS ARE PLANNING A VIGOROUS ONSLAUGHT

GERMANS CLAIM THAT LODZ HAS FALLEN

Desperate Fighting Has Been Going on in That Vicinity for Some Time--Is the Second City of Poland--The Allied Armies Continue to push Forward in the vicinity of Flanders--Hard Fighting in the Argonne District.

London, Dec. 6--An official announcement from Berlin declares that the Germans have occupied Lodz, where a series of battles have been in progress for some time. Lodz is the centre for the railways leading through Northern Poland.

There is no news from South Poland beyond a German denial of a success reported to have been achieved by the Russians at Czenstochowa.

The capture of one of the advanced positions at Przemysl is regarded as conferring a valuable advantage to the Russians in their attack on the fortress. Leaving this city to the attentions of the besieging armies, the Russians are pushing, in small bodies steadily across the plains of Hungary and fugitives are said to be pouring toward Budapest.

In the face of the Austrian advance in Serbia there has been talk of the removal of the capital from Nish to Mitrovica, but Serbia denies that step actually has been taken.

ALLIES GOING FORWARD.

The Allies continue to push forward in Flanders and in Northern France, but the Germans explain that they are giving ground for tactical and strategic reasons. The advance, as far as Flanders is concerned, seems to have been checked on the outskirts of Langemarck.

There has been a recrudescence of hard fighting in the Argonne district, where the French claim they are making progress. On the whole, however, in these siege operations these successes and reverses mean only a gain or loss of a few hundred yards, and a slight readjustment of positions.

Seemingly, more important is the unofficial statement that the French have seriously interfered with the German communications between Metz and the Woëvre district in France, for here, as elsewhere, command of the roads is of the greatest importance to the armies.

It was officially announced tonight that during his visit to France, King George conferred the order of merit on Field Marshal Sir John French, and also pinned the Victoria Cross on the first Indian soldier to win that decoration.

GERMANS OCCUPIED LODZ.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 7--It is officially announced that the Germans occupied Lodz Sunday.

Lodz, a city of some 150,000 population, is the chief manufacturing centre of Russian Poland. It has numerous textile mills, the majority of them for the manufacture of cotton goods. In addition it has flour mills, brickyards, machinery plants and breweries. The population is made up of Poles, Germans and Jews.

ATTACKED IN VICIOUS MANNER.

Petrograd, Dec. 6, via London--Lodz was subjected Friday to a vicious attack and bombardment. The heaviest fighting was for the possession of a Jewish cemetery on the outskirts of the city.

This position changed hands twice. As the result of many attacks and counter-attacks, the German and the Russian troops exhausted their ammunition, but continued fighting with bayonets and rifle butts.

The gas house in Lodz was damaged. The suburb of Baluty was burned and three other outlying villages were partly destroyed by fire caused by exploding shells. Thirty citizens were killed and two hundred wounded. In Lodz fifty houses and a Catholic church were demolished.

SITUATION SERIOUS.

The Bourse Gazette says the Roman curia has requested the Austrian government, through the papal nuncio at Vienna, to remove from the cathedral at Cracow the wireless apparatus erected there and guns planted on the building.

London, Dec. 7--Delayed despatches to The Daily Telegraph from Petrograd indicate that the situation at Lodz Friday, the day the despatches were filed, was then serious.

For the past three days," says one of these despatches, "the Germans in Russian Poland, around Lodz, have been strenuously aggressive. Their wedge, which already has been driven into Russian Poland, is being pushed with tremendous reinforcements. The base of this wedge is Thorn and Kalisz. The apex is Lodz. This gives the Germans control of all the railroads in this triangle. They are using the railroads to pour in an unceasing stream of fresh troops and engines of war.

"The enemy's plan around Lodz involves the cutting of some of Warsaw's most important lines of communication. The Germans plan to hold this wedge all winter, inaugurating an elaborate trench warfare system like that on the west front."

MARYSVILLE NOTES

Marysville, Dec. 7--The Main Street Baptist Orchestra, composed of the Misses Staples and Pincombe, Messrs. Hallet, Delong and Cain Bros., rendered some choice selections at the service on Sunday last. With a little practice this would make a marked improvement to the choir.

The Ladies Sewing Circle in connection with the Main Street Church will hold a sale of fancy goods Friday evening in Oddfellows Hall. Refreshments will be served.

The Patriotic Club will meet at the home of Mr. Geo. Tapley on Monday evening.

Mrs. Miles Spencer has arrived home from the Stanley Hospital where she underwent a successful operation for cancer.

Mr. John Sloat who met with a serious accident some time ago is not gaining as rapidly as his many friends would wish.

Master Ralph Dennison is improving slowly from his recent illness.

PROCLAIMED DAY OF INTERCESSION

Ottawa, Dec. 6--The government has set aside Sunday, January 3, as a day of special intercession and prayer on behalf of the British and allied cause, and to the memory of those who have fallen in battle. The same Sunday will be observed in Great Britain in the same manner.

Will Make Another Desperate Effort to Break Through the Allies' Lines in Flanders--Austrians Claim to Have Defeated the Russian Forces in the Carpathian Mountains

General Joffre Promises the French People a Christmas Present That Will be worth While--Turkish Troops are Reported to be Occupying Koda--Turkish Cruiser Badly Crippled by a Mine in the Black Sea--Norwegian Destroyers Made in Germany Have Been Seized--Sweedish Steamers Sunk by a Mine.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT PROMISED

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

London, via North Eastern France, Dec. 7--"We shall have a Christmas present worth while for our people if things go well," is the remark recently attributed to General Joffre of the French army and field commander of the allied forces.

GERMANS TO RENEW ATTACK

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Copenhagen, Dec. 7--Advices from Berlin are to the effect that it is generally believed that the Germans are preparing to make a renewed and violent attempt to break through the allies left wing in Flanders. Reinforcements are constantly moving forward toward Ostend.

TURKS OCCUPY KODA

Amsterdam, Dec. 7--The Turks have occupied Koda an important point east of Batoum according to a message from Constantinople.

SUBMARINE MAKING REPAIRS

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Copenhagen, Dec. 7--The German submarine U 16 arrived yesterday at Esbjerg at the mouth of the Hjerding River in Denmark to make repair on its engine. Her commander expects to leave this morning within the time limit.

DESTROYERS SEIZED

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Copenhagen, Dec. 7--A Despatch from Norway declares that Germany has seized two Norwegian destroyers which were being built in Germany for use in the Kaisers navy, which the dispatch adds "Is greatly in need of reinforcements"

TURKISH CRUISER CRIPPLED

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Paris, Dec. 7--The Turkish cruiser Hamidieh encountered a mine in the Black Sea and regained Constantinople with difficulty says a despatch from Zebastope.

ANOTHER PAPER SUPPRESSED

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Rome, Dec. 7--Because it declared that the reports of Austrians victories are purely imaginary the newspaper Narodnielistk at Prague, Austria, has been suppressed.

NEW MOVEMENT IS ON

Amsterdam, Dec. 7--German attempts to regain recently captured ground in Flanders during the last three days have failed and a new movement is believed to be going on within the Belgium border.

SWEEDISH STEAMERS SUNK

Stockholm, Dec. 7--The Sweedish steamers Lumma and Everilda struck floating mines and were sunk off the coast of Finland in the vicinity of Maentylsoto. The entire crew of the Lunma and one man of the crew of the Everilda were saved.

AUSTRIANS CLAIM VICTORY

Amsterdam, Dec. 7--A Victory by the Austrians and Hungarians over the Russian troops, which have invaded Hungary through the Carpathian passes is claimed in a despatch from Iglo-Hungary. The despatch declares that the Austro-Hungarian armies have repulsed the Russians in the region of Hemplin and Saros, and have occupied Stropko. The railway communication from Bartfeld to Orlo has been restored.

CLAIMS ARE RIDICULOUS

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 6--An official statement issued here describes as ridiculous the German claims of having captured enormous numbers of prisoners, cannons and machine guns.

It says that the armies have been fighting continuously, and that it is impossible to estimate the losses.

"This fact," continues the statement, "prevents us from publishing

an official denial, as the general staff carefully avoids giving any details that have not been verified.

"On the other hand, the German denial that they have lost a single gun is disproved by the fact that in the Trzeziń district alone, near Lodz, we took from them twenty-three guns and a large amount of spoils. As to German prisoners, 10,000 have passed one point alone of our front where pri-

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