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FIERCE FIGHTING IS RESUMED ON THE YSER

GERMAN TROOPS IN POSSESSION OF LODZ

Occupied Unfortified City in Poland After a Long Hard Fight--The Allies Have Begun an Offensive Movement in the West--King Peter Assumes Command of the Servian Army--The Official Statements

London, Dec. 7.—After a long battle fought with the greatest stubbornness, the Germans have succeeded in occupying Lodz, Poland which is an unfortified city. According to the Berlin report, the Russians suffered severe losses and are in retreat.

The success of the Germans, largely because of what preceded it, is considered by military experts a really remarkable achievement. Less than a fortnight ago the army to which this victory has fallen was surrounded by Russians and cut its way out only at the last moment, losing great numbers of men and many guns. Yet it was able within a few days to reorganize, take the offensive, and defeat the Russians defending Lodz.

This was made possible by the network of strategic railways on the German side of the frontier, over which reinforcements can be sent where they are most needed. The Russians, on the other hand, vigorously attacked on both wings were unable to send fresh men to stiffen their centre to meet the German wedge and were compelled to fall back.

There will be undoubtedly much more fighting before the campaign in this district is concluded. Lodz was won only after hand-to-hand fighting in the suburbs of the city, and the whole Russian line, from north to south, is now straightened out and will contest every foot of ground with the invaders.

ALLIES PUSHING AHEAD IN WEST

In the meantime taking advantage of the preoccupation of the Germans in the east, the allied French, Belgian and British forces have begun an offensive movement in the west.

They are now virtually in possession of the left bank of the Yser canal, and in northern France, particularly in the neighborhood of La Bassée, where the Germans hold a very strong position, the allies are beginning with a heavy cannonade to feel their way eastward.

The same process is being followed along the whole front. The French official communication speaks of "the superiority of our offensive," and the "marked advantage" of the French artillery over that of the Germans.

The advance, slight as it is in the northwest, has ended for the present at least, in the opinion of many, the German menace of the coast ports. It is thought that so long as the Germans are compelled to keep up the strength of their army in the east they will be unable to assume the offensive in the west. There is a report, however, that the Germans have kept the pick of their western army in the Aisne valley, whence, at an opportune moment, they can hurl it against the French lines and make another effort to get through to Paris.

King Peter of Servia, who has been ill for many months, has assumed command of the Servian army and, according to a Nish report, has checked the advance of the Austrians, inflicting heavy losses on them.

The Austrian reply to this is "that the occupation of Belgrade necessitates the regrouping of our troops."

The political news of the day was the authoritative announcement from Sofia that it was not considered possible anything would intervene to make it necessary for Bulgaria to change her policy of strict neutrality until next spring.

Germans are Taking Precautions Against the Bombardment of Zeeburgge by British Ships--Russians are Keeping up a Heavy Bombardment at Cracow---Outer Forts Have Fallen

German Cavalry Corps Said to Have Lost Thirty Thousand Men in the Fighting Around Lodz--Prince Joachim, Son of the Kaiser was in Command--The Capture of the City was effected After a Desperate Hand to Hand Fighting--The Russian Line is now Straightened out and will Contest Every Inch of the Ground.

BOMBARDMENT OF CRACOW

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Copenhagen, Dec. 8--The Russian fire on the forts of Cracow continues without cessation. The outer forts have been destroyed.

STRATEGIC CHANGES BY BRITISH

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

London, Dec. 8--A despatch from Belgium to the Daily News says there has been many strategic changes on the part of the allies and the British who have all along defended their front out of proportion to their numbers have shortened their lines. The troops are now enabled to take longer rests. The position of the British has been greatly strengthened.

RUSSIAN DEFEAT REPORTED

Berlin, Dec. 8--Via Sayville--Denial is given to the story that the French captured a corps of German aviators and that bombs were thrown on the Krupp family.

The situation in the West shows little change.

FIGHTING ON THE YSER

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Amsterdam, Dec. 8--The fighting has been resumed on the Yser. The Germans are taking precautions against the bombardment of Zeebrugge by the British ships.

BRITISH STEAMER ASHORE

Barrow, Eng., Dec. 8--The British Steamer Verna from Port Arthur, Texas, with a cargo of Gasoline went ashore this morning in a heavy gale. Only two of 36 of the crew were saved the cargo ignited and many were burned to death.

CHALLENGE TO GERMANY.

Washington, Dec. 7--The Belgian legation today made public the following statements:

"The Belgian minister, whose country in the hour of her great affliction has received such precious help from the American people, begs that the following statement may be made known to them:

"In a recent address made by the German Chancellor to the representatives of the German people, he lays the blame for the invasion of Belgium with all its terrible consequences, on Belgium herself. And, as a proof of this astonishing accusation, he claims that documents have been found in Brussels establishing that Belgium has surrendered her neutrality to England.

"The Belgian government has requested that these alleged documents should be published in full, thus proving the falsity of such a charge. Three months have elapsed since this alleged discovery, but nothing has appeared.

"In case these documents are published it will be seen that they do not constitute an agreement between Belgium and England against Germany, as the German Chancellor claims them to be. They are possibly a military plan drawn between the British military attaché and the Belgian staff, to be effective in case Germany should violate Belgian neutrality, which she effectively did in August last.

"It would indeed be humorous, should the matter not be too serious for such a term, that the German government should call a breach of neutrality this alleged plan which, if it existed, had for its object to fortify Belgium's neutrality against a possible aggressor. Events have shown too clearly, alas, that such a precaution against Germany's projects would have been timely."

GERMANS LOST HEAVILY

London, Dec. 8--In the capture on Lodz by the Germans the German cavalry corps commanded by Prince Joachim son of the Kaiser lost 30,000 men according to a despatch to the Daily News from Petrograd. The Germans were forced to abandon Zgierz northeast of Lodz. The capture of Lodz was effected only after the most desperate fight hand to hand in the suburbs of the city. The whole Russian line is now straightened out and will contest every foot of ground with the invaders.

MORE MEN FOR WEST AFRICA

Lisbon, Nov. 23--The government is preparing to send 4,000 more troops to Angola, Portuguese West Africa. Two thousand men were sent in September, five hundred marines in October, and another five hundred marines are being fitted out for departure this month.

It appears that Germany has armed great numbers of Portuguese African natives, which are commanded by German officers and provided with artillery. The prevailing view in Portugal appears to be that the most useful part Portugal can take in the great war is in the Portuguese African colonies and in aiding the British to carry the war into the German colonies which are contiguous to the Portuguese.

MANY FLORAL TRIBUTES

The funeral of Mrs. John Bolster took place at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon with services by Rev. Thomas Marshall. Interment was made at the Rural cemetery. The floral offerings were as follows:

Broken Circle--Family.
Crescent--Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Baxter.
Basket of Roses--Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Baxter and Miss Maud Baxter.
Flat Bouquet--Mrs. Geo. Baxter and family.
Flat Bouquet--Miss Elvie Baxter.
Flat Bouquet--Mrs. Arthur Staples.
Flat Bouquet--Mrs. C. Bolster and daughter Nellie.
Flat Bouquet--A Lady Friend.
Circle--Hook and Ladder Fire Department, F'lon.
Crescent--Walker Lodge, No. 35.
Circle--Ladies' Aid of Methodist Church.
Crescent--Mrs. J. M. Lemont and class.
Flat Bouquet--Vaughn McFarlane.
Basket--Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McLean.
Wreath--Staff of C.P.R. Freight and Ticket Office.
Flat Bouquet--Staff of N.B. Telephone Co.
Basket--Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLanahan.
Basket--Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Coulthard.

Mr. B. M. Hill, C.E., of Woodstock, is in the city.
Mr. George O. Stratton of Moncton, is among the guests at the Queen.

GRAHAM L. O. L. OFFICERS

At the regular meeting of Graham L. O. L. No. 20, last evening the following officers were installed by Past Grand Master Col. A. D. Thomas:

J. M. Chappell, W.M.
Howard Rogers, D.M.
J. Barry Allen, Chaplain.
M. Brewer, R.S.
A. E. Atkinson, F.S.
R. J. Baxter, Treasurer
G. N. Edney, Lecturer.
J. Murdock, D.O.F.B.
F. B. Cooper, Foreman of Committee.

Harry Serge, Robert Stewart, Robert Elliott, N. J. Smith, Committee.

Howard Seges, Tyler.

The report of the officers showed the lodge to be in good financial standing. The sum of \$100 was voted for patriotic purposes.

MANY CRACK SHOTS

Standard--Capt. A. E. G. McKenzie who was recently made a major and will go to the front with the 24th Battalion arrived in the city yesterday. Practically a full company of men have enlisted from Campbellton and neighboring towns. Most of them are hunters and crack shots. It has been claimed by the officers that the New Brunswick battalion will be the best sent from Canada and this boast has been made largely because of the fact that a goodly proportion of its members have handled a rifle in big game hunting.

Mr. M. McDade of St. John, and daughter, Miss Rita McDade, arrived in the city last evening and are guests at the Queen Hotel.



Gen. Joffre