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THE WEATHER.
Maritime—Gales west to north-west today and on Wednesday, decidedly colder. Local snow hurries, but mostly fair.

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FIGHTING RESUMED IN NORTHERN FRANCE

BELGRADE REOCCUPIED BY THE SERBIAN ARMY

A Fierce Battle Results in an Overwhelming Defeat for the Austrians--Had been Occupied by Enemy Since December 2--Official Communication admits That Austrians Suffered Heavy Losses--Germans Claim to be Making Progress Against the Russians.

London, Dec. 15--The Servians, after a fierce battle, have re-occupied Belgrade, according to a Nish despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company.

The Austrians occupied Belgrade December 2nd, after having besieged it since July 29th, bombarding from batteries near Semlin and from monitors on the Danube. A large portion of the city was said to have been destroyed by the fire of the Austrians.

When war was declared the Serbian government moved from Belgrade to Kragujevatz, and later went farther south to Nish, where it remains at present.

London, Dec. 15--A Petrograd despatch to The Times says:

"The German invasion reached its high water mark last Saturday. Having failed to undermine and overthrow the Russian wall, the invasion has now ceased to present a further inland in Poland, and interest is stimulated in the next move of the Russian staff, which a few days ago intimated that the Russian armies were ready to retire to more favorable positions behind Warsaw.

"Now that the Russian army has splendidly responded to this situation this will not be necessary, and the next move will be a manoeuvre to the German flank."

ADMIT CRUSHING DEFEAT.

London, Dec. 14--Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent says the Austrians admit defeat at the hands of the Servians, in an official communication issued at Vienna today. This communication follows:

"Our offensive movement, directed in a southeasterly direction from the River Drina, encountered southeast of Vajevs a greatly superior force of the enemy.

"Our advance had not merely to be stopped, but we were compelled also to make more extended retirements of our troops, which, for many weeks, have fought obstinately and brilliantly, but with many losses.

"Against this we may place the occupation of Belgrade. New measures will consequently be taken which will serve to repel the enemy."

GERMANS RETREATING.

Petrograd, Dec. 14--The general staff of the Russian army has given out the following communication under date of Sunday, Dec. 13:

"There has been no engagement of importance on any of the fronts. In the region of Mlawa we continue to force back the German troops, who are in retreat.

"On the left wing of the River Vistula there has been no change.

"In the region of Mount Dukla, Austrian columns are coming down the northern slope of the Carpathians."

CLAIM RUSSIAN REVERSE.

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 14--Vienna made the following official announcement this afternoon, according to a despatch received here today:

"The pursuit of the Russians in Western Galicia continues. As a result of encounters of a more or less serious nature we have won ground in a northern direction. Dukla (in Gal-

icia) is again in our possession. Our columns, advancing through the Carpathians, captured on Saturday nine thousand prisoners and ten machine guns.

"The situation in front of Regbrot, to the east of Cracow, and in Southern Poland, is unchanged. North of Lowicz our allies are pressing against the lower part of the Baura river."

GERMAN REVIEW OF SITUATION.

Berlin, Dec. 14, by wireless to Sayville, N.Y.--The official press bureau gives out the following:

"The week-end finds no change of importance recorded in the west, and in the east only the evacuation of Lodz by the Russians, although there is reason to believe that the German attack has been gaining ground.

"Southward of Cracow the Austrians are still repulsing all attacks, and further to the south have succeeded in clearing a number of the Carpathian passes of the enemy.

"The position of the German allies in Poland is generally considered favorable, an especially favorable point being the fact that the Russians appear to have assumed the defensive everywhere, without the power or energy to assume an aggressive advance in any section.

"There have been no developments, so far as advices disclose, in the Serbian operations."

"The German and Austrian bulletins issued Sunday combine to show that both armies are making progress against the Russians. While the German statement omits to say whether the capture of eleven thousand prisoners and forty machine guns, previously reported, occurred in the region of Lodz or Lowicz, or north of the Vistula, by the army which last week took Przasnysz, the Austrian statement renders it practically certain that it was north of Lowicz, where successful attacks continued upon the strongly fortified Russian position.

"Austria further reports the defeat of the Russian southern wing on Saturday at Limanova and the advance of Austrian forces over the Carpathian passes.

"Special correspondents with the Austrian armies attribute the rapid withdrawal of the Russians from the Carpathians to the increasing pressure."

KEEP BALKANS CLEAR.

Rome, Dec. 13--The Giornale de Italia publishes an interview with E. Venizelos, the Greek premier, who is reported to have said that relations between Greece and Italy are quite good. Greece's only wish with regard to the present war was that it should not spread to the Balkan peoples.

The recent Greco-Bulgarian incidents on the frontier had no consequences, according to some newspapers.

The Vienna correspondent describes a diminutive Hungarian enthusiasm for war and considers the position of Hungary critical.

CALLS ON 1915 RESERVES.

Berne, Dec. 14--Germany is calling out her 1915 class of reserves; that is, those born in 1895 and also those liable to military service born earlier. They must report by Dec. 15th.

The allies Made a Combined Attack on Hoeslebeke and Coytechaet says a Statement by the Official Press Bureau--Substantial Progress Was Made

German Losses in Great Battle in Poland Estimated at 150,000 Killed and wounded--Austria has Made a Tentative Offer of Peace to Russia, but the Latter's Terms Were Refused--The Germans Have Requisitioned all of the Copper and Lead in Belgium--A Turkish Cruiser Bombards Sebastopol

FIERCE FIGHTING IN FRANCE

London, Dec. 15--After a period of comparative quiet, fighting has recommenced in Northern France, says a statement given out by the official bureau this afternoon. The allies made a combined attack on Hoeslebeke, four miles south-east of Ypres, and on Wyttschaet. Several lines of German trenches were captured and a number of prisoners taken. "Substantial progress was made" is the language of the ultra-conservative news bureau.

BOMBARDED SEBASTOPOL

Berlin, Dec. 15--The Turkish cruiser Miderli Breslau, bombarded Sebastopol and the Sultan Selem, Geoben, bombarded Batoum Dec. 10.

RETREAT CUT OFF

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Rome, Dec. 15--The Cettinje correspondent of the "Trubuna" reports that the Montenegro army has cut off the retreat of the Austrian troops.

WILL REMAIN NEUTRAL

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

London, Dec. 15--Bulgaria has again declared to the allies her desire to remain neutral. She announces that she will in no way embarrass Roumania should the latter becomes involved in the conflict.

GERMAN LOSSES HEAVY

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Rome, Dec. 15--The German losses in the immense battle in Poland are estimated to have been 150,000 in killed and wounded. This number does not include the losses of the Austrians nor the prisoners from both German and Austrian armies which were taken by the Russians. Eighteen German army corps have been engaged.

THE GEOBEN BADLY DAMAGED

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Copenhagen, Dec. 15--Reports from Berlin indicate that the Turkish cruiser Geoben, formerly owned by Germany, but sold to the Ottoman Government, with the cruiser Breslau was severely damaged in the action at Batoum when the Turks shelled that fortified seaport in Trancaucaia. It is said that it will be a difficult matter to effect the necessary repairs to the vessel. A Berlin message states that Essad Pasha is supporting Servia.

PROCLAIMS A HOLY WAR

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Amsterdam, Dec. 15--Speaking from the throne Sultan Mohamed V yesterday declared that a consequence of the attack on the Turkish fleet by the Russians in the Black Sea and of the action of England and France in sending troops to the Turkish frontier he was compelled to proclaim a holy war "against the Christian world as a defence against the concerted policy which threatened destruction of Mohammedanism" "I am convinced," he continued, "that the Turkish forces will add brilliant victories to those of the Glorious armies of Germany and Austria against the common foes"

WANTS COPPER AND LEAD.

(Special to The Mail.)

Rotterdam, Dec. 15--Germany has requisitioned all the copper, tin and lead in Belgium.

AUSTRIA OFFERS PEACE.

(Special to The Mail.)

Berlin, Dec. 15--Austria has made a tentative peace offer to Russia but

Russian terms were refused.

GERMANS HAVE TYPHOID.

(Special to The Mail.)

Rotterdam, Dec. 15--A thousand Germans are ill with typhoid fever of a severe type at Courtrai.

London, Dec. 15--The most striking feature of the day's official news is the candid admission by the Austrian government of the defeat of the Aus-

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