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FIGHTING HAS BEEN RESUMED IN NORTHERN FRANCE

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trian army, in Serbia, and apparently of the abandonment of its third attempt at the invasion of the territory of its small Slav neighbor.

While attributing the failure to the enemy's superior force, the Austrian war office announces plainly an extended retirement and many losses.

"New measures will consequently be taken to repel the enemy," says the Austrian statement. Apparently that means that the Austrian army directed against Serbia will assume a defensive line. Against its repulse Austria balances the occupation of Belgrade as an asset to the good.

An unofficial despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company, from Nish, Serbia, however, reports that "the Serbians, after a fierce battle, have re-occupied Belgrade."

The progress of the war in Northern Hungary is less definite. Sunday's German wireless report, with candor equal to that of the Austrian bulletin, spoke of the "severe resistance" which the German and Austrian armies are encountering in South Poland and in Galicia, and added that it was evident that the Austrian forte in the Carpathians are not numerically strong enough to clear the Russians out of Hungarian territory. But the Austrians claim that they are driving down the northern slopes of the Carpathians the Russian invaders, who were last week in occupation of several towns south of that mountain range.

POLAND SUFFERS

Poland is fast becoming another Belgium in point of suffering, while the opposing armies drive each other back and forth, occupying and re-occupying cities and villages, and inflicting upon the inhabitants bombardments similar to those that have been and Northern France.

More than five hundred Polish towns have been ruined, according to various accounts from the correspondents. Both armies accuse the other of looting and cruelty. The flight of the civilians from Lodz was one of the most tragic episodes of the war, while one correspondent pictures the fate of Kalisz as a repetition of Louvain, with the slaughter of four hundred civilians and the sacking of the city.

A distressing feature of the fighting in Poland is the blood-kindred pitted against each other. There are several hundred thousand Poles in the Russian ranks, and several hundred thousand more in the ranks of the Germans and Austrians.

The Germans claim a distinct gain in their position in Northern Poland, although they are not believed to be as near to Warsaw as the report last week indicated.

On the other hand, the Russians announce a strategic realignment of their forces in that field which strengthens their position.

In a late report tonight the Austrians announced that they have re-occupied the important point of Dukla, to the north of the Carpathians, on a line south of Przemyśl and Cracow, but nearer to the former, with the capture of nine thousand prisoners.

The main issue in the eastern theatre of the war—whether the German and Austrian armies by the German operations in Northern and Central Poland and the Austrian advance across the Carpathians, will shake the Russian grip from Przemyśl and Cracow fortresses—remains unchanged.

TROOPS DISCOURAGED

The day has shown no important development in the western theatre. The French war office reports artillery engagements in which they had the better of the Germans and small advances at various points, particularly in the neighborhood of Verdun and St. Mihiel, in accordance with General Joffre's famous scheme of "milking" at them.

But the German bulletins deny these claims.

The troops in France and Belgium are suffering a plague of mud and damp, which causes them greater discomfort than did the cold wave at the end of November, with its positive hardships of frozen feet and hands, and effectually vetoes any movement on a big scale. Life in the trenches of the Allies is easier than before, since they have been reinforced; so that they do not have to spend more than two days on the firing lines, whereas, last month, they were, without rest or an opportunity to remove their clothing for a week or more at a time.

The Turkish army has not yet asserted itself, nor has it engaged in any great battle. Enver Pasha has taken command of the Caucasian army, and Talaat Bey has succeeded him as minister of war. A report comes from Turkey of growing hostilities to both foreign and native Christians in that country, which may lead to attacks upon them.

A Berlin wireless despatch says the Austrian newspapers declare that when peace negotiations begin the United States will have a right to act as intermediary.

CRUISER DRESDEN

HAS BEEN LOCATED

Washington, Dec. 14.—American consul Latham, at Punta Arenas, late today cabled the State Department that the German cruiser Dresden had reached the port safely and uninjured.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 14.—It is officially announced that the German cruiser Dresden, now at Punta Arenas is damaged. She will be allowed to ing definite was known about the sail immediately after these are effected, or else intern.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The German embassy here issued the following statement today in regard to the recent battle between the British and German fleets off the coast of South America.

"According to official information eight English cruisers among them two of the Invincible type, took part in the battle off Falkland Islands. The Dresden, which arrived undamaged at Punta Arenas, intercepted a wireless message which stated that the Neius enau and Scharnhorst were sunk, and that the Leipzig was burning. Noth make repairs, but will be compelled to Nurnberg.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 14.—The minister of marine has been informed that two British warships have entered the Straits of Magellan in pursuit of the German cruiser Dresden, which has taken refuge at Punta Arenas.

Tokio, Dec. 14.—It is reported here that the German armed merchantman Oford, has been captured by the British in the Indian Ocean, and that the German converted cruiser Cormoran has entered the harbor at Guam, in the Ladrones Archipelago.

HEARD ON THE STREET

"Fleming is a dead one," said a prominent Conservative a few days ago. "We know it, and he knows it. We nominated him for the federal parliament to let him down easy, but take it from me, when election time comes round Fleming will be among the missing."

"What do you think of Mr. Clarke as Premier?" asked another Conservative, who is in a position to know. "Too small for the job," he replied.

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