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## GERMANS DRIVEN BACK BY THE RUSSIANS

### A Complete Victory Achieved by the Czar's Troops North of the Vistula River---The Enemy Compelled to Recross Their Own Frontier

#### THE ALLIED ARMIES ARE FORGING AHEAD

Offensive Operations Being Carried Out Under Siege Conditions---Superiority of French Artillery Has Been Demonstrated---British Warships Bombarded the German Position in Flanders--Servian and Montenegro Armies Have Joined Hands---Germans Evacuate Dixmude.

London, Dec. 20--Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's army, which is advancing on Warsaw over a wide front between the Vistula and the Pilica rivers and which on Friday occupied Lowicz, reached on Saturday the new Russian positions along the Bzura river and southward to Rawa, with the result that another big battle is in progress.

The Russians retired across the Bzura river, destroying the bridges behind them, and two German detachments which followed over a partly burned bridge, were attacked and are said to have been annihilated, fifty survivors being taken prisoners.

This is only the beginning of the great battle for Warsaw, from which the Germans are now only thirty miles or less. Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, however, expects stern resistance, which the strongly reinforced Russian army is certain to offer to his further advance, protected by the Vistula river, which the Germans have been unable to cross.

The Russians are continuing their operations against East Prussia, as though the capital of Poland were not threatened, and by counter-attacks are attempting to throw off the Austro-German attacks in Galicia. An Austrian sortie in force from Przemyel according to the Russian official statement, has entirely failed, and there, as well as at other points, prisoners and guns were taken.

#### KEEPING UP SIEGE WARFARE.

The offensive operations of the Allies in the west are being carried out under conditions of siege warfare and are being stubbornly opposed by the Germans, who, in their entrenchments and surrounded by wire entanglements make an advance of even a few yards a costly matter for the attacking forces.

In Flanders a little ground has been gained at considerable cost, despite the fact that along the coast the Allies have the assistance of warships which continually bombard the German positions. The advance has been more marked from the Belgian border south to the River Oise, where the ground is not so wet as in the flooded regions of Flanders.

Along the Aisne and in the Champagne district the French artillery, which is now probably stronger than the German, has been busy keeping the Germans on the move, but in the Argonne region it is the Germans who are on the offensive, and they claim to have made a slight advance.

The general opinion of military men here is that some time must elapse before the Allies can expect to make any very marked progress. Besides being in fortified positions, which could only be taken after having been

thoroughly searched out by the artillery, the Germans still have more machine guns than the Allies, and as has been proven in previous battles, these, so long as they can be successfully operated, make infantry attacks too costly to be attempted.

#### ARMIES AT SARAYEVO.

The Servian and Montenegrin armies have again joined hands after the defeat of the Austrians, who invaded Servia, and are now making their second advance toward Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia. The two armies, the supplies of which have been replenished by captures from the Austrians, have formed a junction near Visegradum which the Montenegrins have occupied. They expect to be before Sarajevo within three or four days.

The first Boer rebel to meet the extreme penalty was Capt. Fourie, a former officer in the Union Defence Force, who was executed at Pretoria this morning. This would seem to indicate that any of the officers of the Union Defence Force who joined the rebellion, especially the leaders, will be severely dealt with, although there is a strong sentiment in the country for leniency.

#### GERMANS OUT OF DIXMUDE.

London, Dec. 21--A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam, says:

"The Germans have evacuated Dixmude, but the report that the Allies have taken Middelkerke is untrue."

#### SATISFACTORY GAINS.

Paris, Dec. 20--The official communication issued by the war office tonight says:

"There is no modification to report along any part of the front."

The following official communication was given out in Paris this afternoon:

"From the sea to the Lys we have gained a little ground, before Nieuport and Saint Georges."

"To the east and south of Ypres, where the enemy reinforced his organization, defensive artillery battles occurred and there was slight progress on our part."

"From the Lys to the Oise the allied forces have seized a portion of the German trenches of the first line on the front, running through Richebourg, L'Avoue and Givencht-Les-La Bassée."

"To the southeast of Albert the trench captured by us on the 17th, near Maricourt, and lost on the 18th, was recaptured yesterday."

"In the region of Lihons the Germans made two very violent attacks

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Paris, Dec 21--Two new lines of German trenches are reported to have been taken by the French troops southeast of Labassee today in the redemption of the fierce attack which is being made on the enemy's position. Allied warships are aiding in the fight along the coast. The battle in Flanders and Northern France is steadily increasing in ferocity. The coast city of Middelkerke has been taken but operations from the region of Nieuport are developing satisfactorily.

#### REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE RUSSIANS

London, Dec. 21--Reinforcements have been hurried into Poland to strengthen the Russian forces and enabling Grand Duke Nicholas to make complete dispositions of his troops for the defence of Warsaw. The Grand Duke has now more than a million men and to break through Von Hindenburg must suffer enormous losses. The Russians are massed on a front of more than sixty miles, their lines running through Skiernitewice and on to Rawa and Plica. The extreme cold is considerably hampering both armies. Regarding the campaign in Galicia, Petrograde reports that the situation is without change while Vienna admits that the Russians have been greatly reinforced.

#### MAY BE INDEMNIFIED

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Amsterdam, Dec. 21--The Flushing correspondent of a Dutch newspaper learns that citizens of Antwerp who suffered damage by the bombardment of the city, will be allowed to apply for eventual indemnification.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Rome, Dec. 21--A despatch to the Messengers from Petrograde declares that the Germans have been completely beaten north of the Vistula river and have been compelled to recross their own frontier. Many guns were captured

by the Russians in this conflict. The number of Austrian and German soldiers now held prisoners in Russia is 250,000, Says the dispatches.

#### ALLIES PUSHING FORWARD

London, Dec. 21--The Flushing correspondent of the Vazdiaa agency reports that cavalry patrols of the allies are already on the outskirts of Cortemarck and Thielt. He declares that the occupation of Thielt by the Allies may be expected any moment.

#### KAISER'S HEALTH RESTORED

Berlin, Dec. 21--Kaiser Wilhelm has returned

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