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FIERCEST FIGHTING OF MONTH DEVELOPS IN YPRES SECTION

Allies Admit Losses Are Heavy but Say They Are Advancing Steadily

GERMAN CASUALTIES ARE MUCH GREATER

Germans Deny Allies Have Made Any Gains and Said Attacks "Light"

Paris, Dec. 14.—This month's most desperate fighting in the western war zone had developed today in the Ypres region, through Armentieres and La Basses.

The struggle resulted from the strong counter-offensive with which the Germans met the allies' advance.

The conflict was hand to hand and extraordinarily bloody. The allies were advancing their lines, trench by trench, but their losses were heavy. They asserted, however, that the Germans' casualties were three times the number of their own.

In one charge along the La Basses canal a German regiment was said to have been practically wiped out after taking a French trench. It was flanked by Gallie troops, aided by British territorial.

German Retiring

Paris, Dec. 14.—A German retirement northward in the Woerwaer region, along a diagonal route between the Meuse line of fortifications and Metz, was reported in the official communication received here from the war office today.

The German Version

Berlin, Dec. 14.—By wireless via London, Dec. 14.—"Light French attacks on our lines between the Meuse and the Vosges," announced the war office today, "have been easily repulsed. Our operations in northern Poland are taking their normal course."

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MAY FORCE ITALY IN

London, Dec. 14.—Germany was expected here today to insist on a prompt and satisfactory reply by Turkey to Italy's demand for reparation for the demonstration last week at Hodeka, where the British consul was dragged from the Italian consulate, in which he had taken refuge.

PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO JAPANESE ARMY

Correspondent Says Treatment of Chinese by Mikado's Troops Is Very Best

(By Jefferson Jones.)

Japanese Headquarters, Shantung, Nov. 2.—(By mail via Tokio to San Francisco.)—I have now been with the Japanese troops in Shantung for more than a week and during that time I have seen nothing as regards their conduct toward the Chinese that would not speak the best for any nation.

GERMANY OPENLY REBUKES AUSTRIA FOR INEFFICIENCY

Berlin War Office Intimates It Does Not Believe Austria's Stories of Success

PRACTICALLY ADMITS AUSTRIAN DEFEAT

Servians Change Defeat to Victory and Give Austrians a Second Drubbing

By J. W. T. Mason

(Former correspondent for United Press)

New York, Dec. 14.—Differences of opinion apparently have arisen between Germany and Austria concerning the progress of the latter's campaign in eastern theatre of the European war.

BELLIGERENTS SHIPS VIOLATE NEUTRALITY

Probable Warship Will Be Sent to Panama Canal Zone to Uphold the Law

Washington, Dec. 14.—Secretary of State Bryan, Secretary of War Garrison, and Secretary of the Navy Daniels will decide at a conference here today whether to send warships to Panama to aid in enforcing neutrality in the canal zone.

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COLD SNAP STRIKES THE WHOLE COAST

Even Southern California Feels It and Is Visited by Real Jack Frost

Portland, Ore., Dec. 14.—Today dawned the coldest since 1909. A temperature of 25 degrees above zero was registered. It was predicted that the thermometer would go still lower. The forecast for today was "fair and continued cold."

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Petrograd, Dec. 14.—The German forces under General Mackensen, the commander whom the Kaiser sent to help General Von Hindenburg in Russian Poland, have suffered so severe a reverse in the Lowicz region, it was announced here today, that their line will have to be completely re-formed before it will be possible for them to take another general offensive. It was stated that the Germans had been checked along their entire 30 miles front. Fighting was said to be still in progress.

GOVERNMENT SHOULD MAKE PROJECTILES

Washington, Dec. 14.—An appropriation of \$500,000 for a government projectile plant was recommended today by Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

TO TEST AEROPLANES

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 14.—Plans were completed today for one of the most exhaustive army aeroplane tests in the history of the service.

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SITUATION AT NAGO IS GETTING SERIOUS; THREE MORE HURT

The Villa Forces Withdraw but Bullets Continue to Fall This Side of Border

CARRANZA'S TROOPS NO DOUBT FIRE THEM

Three Americans Hurt Yesterday by Bursting Shell, One of Them Seriously

Washington, Dec. 14.—The state department was advised this afternoon by the American consular agent at Cuanahuatl, Mexico, of the killing of two Americans by Mexicans several days ago at a point between Aguas Prietas and Nacoari. A rigid investigation was ordered by Secretary of State Bryan.

TURKS MAY MURDER ALL FOREIGNERS

If Allies Beat Turks Sultan Will Be Deposed and Red Handed Anarchy Reign

Athens, Dec. 14.—If the Turks are beaten by the allies the life of every foreigner and of every native Christian throughout the Ottoman empire will hang by a thread, according to arrivals here today from Turkish ports.

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AUSTRIANS WINNING SO ARE THE SERVIANS

Each Side Tells a Different Story and the Reader Can Believe Either or Neither

Milan, Dec. 14.—If Vienna accounts are to be accepted as true, the Austrians seemed to be operating with considerable success today in western Galicia along a line extending roughly in an easterly and westerly direction, parallel with and about 20 miles to the northward of the Carpathian range.

VESSEL IN DISTRESS

San Pedro, Dec. 14.—Clearing for San Francisco at 10:45 o'clock, the steamer Congress crowded on extra speed through the inner and outer harbor today to reach a lumber vessel which was reported in distress off Santa Monica bay. The Congress is equipped with a wireless apparatus.

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