POLISH VILLAGES ARE LAID IN RUINS

Populace Destitute as Result of Invasion.

WOUNDED DIE IN TRENCHES

Winter Ends Misery of Those Hit by Shells.

WARSAW, LODZ HARD HIT

Losses of German Army During Last 3 Weeks of Von Hindenburg's Invasion Reported Unprecedented-Prisoners Many.

PETROGRAD, Russia, Dec. 7 .- (Spectal.)-Western Poland is absolutely a

Where the German army passed, the towns, if not quite destroyed, have

suffered terribly. Plotsk, Kielce, Radom, Plotrkow, Rava, Kalisch, Warsaw and Lodz all bear traces of fire and explosions. The endless requisitioning and looting

have left the population destitute. Money, Food, Clothing Taken. The Germans, it is declared, took for-

eibly not only money, food and cat-tle, but even clothes, from the backs of the inhabitants, with their bedding

In many places the peasants are exposed to the danger of being starved and frozen at the same time. It is further alleged that the Germans have systematically outraged the religious feelings of the Poles, Cathedrals and churches in Kalisch were used as stables and afterward destroyed.

Poland Great Sufferer.

and collections for the distressed are visit.

and collections for the distressed are being taken, but help is inadequate, as the number of sufferers in Poland is probably greater than in Belgium.

The losses of the German army during the last three weeks of General von Hindenburg's invasion of Poland have been unprecedented. His five army corps, which for a time were surrounded by Russians, had more than 30,000 men killed and wounded. Some regiments were reduced to a surrounded to the last three weeks of the German army during him are 0. Nelson, his secretary, and George W. Minckus, of Rahway.

And George W. Mincku

men, many of whom were frozen to death after being wounded. The oil PRIZE RULING MADE only railway line from the battlefield. that to Smolensky, carried 19 trains loaded with prisoners. Through Kiev loaded with prisoners. Through Kiev officers, including six Generals and many colonels.

LODZ BATTLE DETAILS WAIT oil of the British tank steamer Rou Berlin Reports Inability to Tell All. but Success Is Theirs

BERLIN, Dec. 7 .- (By wireless to London.)-The German official state- the defense that 4800 tons of oil which ment given out in Berlin this afternoon at the time of seizure had been dissays that in Northern Poland German forces were successful in prolonged mune from confiscation. fighting around Lodz in defeating strong Russian forces stationed to the northwest and to the southwest of this MONASTERY IS DESTROYED city. The text of the announcemen

"No especial reports have been re ceived from the western theater of the war nor from the region to the eas Northern Potand we gained im portant successes in prolonged fighting around Lodz by defeating strong Russian forces stationed to the northwest

the southwest of the city. "Lodz is in our possession. Details of the battle giving us Lodz cannot yet be made public because of the extended field over which the engagement was fought. The Russian losses were large An attempt by the Russians to come to the assistance of their threatened es in the north from Northern Poland was foiled by the activity of the Austro-Hungarian and German troops in the district southwest of

WEST GALICIA BATTLES RAGE

Vienna Reports Fighting in Eastern Theater of War Undecisive.

VIENNA, via Amsterdam and London Dec. 8.-The following official anincoment has been issued by the Austrian War Office.

The fighting in the Russian war the ater is not yet decisive. The Austro-Hungarian and German troops in the district southwest of Piotrokow (Po-land) attacked the Russian troops advancing northward across Nowo Ra-domsko and forced them to retreat.

'In West Galicia important battles are proceeding, but no result has been reported. The Austro-German troops captured 1500 Russians in that terri-

tory Sunday. "In the Carpathians the battles con-tinue and from some points the enemy has withdrawn strong forces behind the mountains"

Cannon and Ammunition Captured,

Too, Says Constantinople. CONSTANTINOPLE, via London, Dec.

—An official statement issued today

"Near Adjara we have gained new over the Russians, capturing nnon and ammunition.
"The Russian attacks east of Lake

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EX-MAYOR SCHMITZ OFFERS OLD TIMES

CANDIDACY IS ANNOUNCED ON RETURN TO SAN FRANCISCO.

Brass Band Greets Deposed Executive, Playing "He's a Devil in His Own Home Town."

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7 .- Eugene E Francisco, who was removed from of fice in 1907, while San Francisco's graft prosecution was in progress, re turned from New York tonight and formally announced that he will be a candidate for a fourth term as Mayor

At the ferry a large cheering crowd

and a brass band greeted Schmitz. He made a brief talk, in which he said: "I am going to be a candidate for Mayor, not because of any zeal for the office, but because my friends have APPROPRIATIONS ARE FIRST convinced me that the people want mg. "For three times while I was Mayor San Francisco had prosperity. people want the good old times, and I am coming back to you to be your Mayor again and be the same kind of a Mayor that I was in the good old days. I will ask for election in the interests of justice.

The people want a man who has absolute knowledge of the municipality, they want a man of broad, liberal policies, a man capable of handling

large affairs, and a man of backbone. I can fullfill these qualifications." When Schmitz had finished the band villages have been wiped out and the played "He's a Devil in His Own Home Town."

While in New York Schmitz sold an opera of his own composition. Since the dismissal of the indictments against him in the graft prosecution Schmitz has tried his hand at various occupations. At various times the legislative programme for the final he has been reported in stringent session of the 63d Congress, which will financial condition. Before his first end March 4, next, no definite plans election as Mayor he was leader of an were made for party conferences. These orchestra in a San Francisco theater. will not be considered until the Presi-

HARRIMAN'S SON IS HERE Young Man Heads Party Inspecting

Union Pacific Properties.

E. H. Harriman and representative of the day. the Harriman estate on the various All over Russia public subscriptions father was dominant, arrived in Port- conferred tonight with the President and collections for the distressed are land last night for a brief business at the White House. Mr. Wilson sent

Some regiments were reduced to a local conditions and to study require-few companies.

settled an interesting legal point to-day by ruling that the entire cargo of Discussing the legislative manian, which sailed on November 17 from Port Arthur, Tex., for Hull, was subject to seizure because it was Ger-

This decision upset the contention of charged at Purfleet, England, was im-

Germans Kill Priest and Two Monks in Attack Near Lodz.

PARIS, Dec. 7 .- A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Petrograd says: Germans have destroyed the Monastery of Lenozyca, about 15 miles northwest of Lodz, which has been in existence for 1000 years, on the pretext that the ringing of the angelus was a signal to the Russians. In the attack a priest and two monks were killed."

KNITTERS IN CONGRESS Society Women Make Clothes for

Belgians While Awaiting Sessions. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Capital so-ciety's latest activity knitting garments for stricken Belgians, appeared in the

halls of Congress. While the galleries were filling be fore the session opened, several young "brought their knitting" and plied their needles vigorously on muf-

POPE PLEADING FOR TRUCE

That War May Cease During Christmas Holidays Is Prelate's Hope. ROME, Dec. 7 .- Pope Benedict is

urging that an understanding be ar-ranged between the warring factions under which a truce will be possible during the Christmas holidays, It is said, however, that His Holiness has little hope for the success of

TURKS REPORT THEY WIN COTTON FOR GERMANY OFF

Shipment of 5000 Bales Said to Be First Since War From Atlantic.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 7 .- The Amerlean steamer Carolyn sailed today for Bremen with 5000 bales of cotton, This was said to be the first direct cotton shipment for any German port from the Atlantic seaboard since the outbreak of the war,

CONGRESS TO VOTE ON LIQUOR MEASURE

Hobson Resolution Is on Programme.

President's Wishes Will Be Carried Out, Says Leader.

Work of Present Session, Discussed at White House, Includes Philippine, Conservation, Porto Rican and Ship Bills.

WASHINGTON. Dec. 7 .- Congress econvened today after the Fall recess. Members had reunions in the Senate and House, and after the introduction of bills and resolutions and passage of formal measures incident to the opening of a new session, both houses adjourned to await the delivery tomorrow of the President's annual message. While members discussed informally

dent has been heard from. Wilson to Appear Personally.

The message will be delivered personally by President Wilson before a joint session in the chamber of the House at 12:30 o'clock, a joint resolution arranging for the session having W. Averill Harriman, son of the late been adopted before adjournment for

Senator Kern and Representative railroad directorates in which his Underwood, the majority floor leaders, He is making a trip over the for them late in the day and met them which necessarily will take up much Mult

Underwood, after leaving the White House, "with which I am not in ac-cord, and I see no reason why the programme of legislation which he will suggest should not be carried out be-LONDON. Dec. 7 .- The prize court it is an extra session next year. I do ing a motor car. Discussing the legislative pro-

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itive Weapon Is Deadly. BERNE, Switzerland, via London,

All Previous Efforts Excelled in Entries.

PRAISE IS GIVEN PROMOTERS

Predicted.

FINE STOCK TO BE SOLD

Bennett, Pleased Everything, Indulges in Some Reminiscences and Also in Some Personalities.

Yesterday was the get-ready day of the fourth annual Livestock Show under the auspices of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition, held at the Portland Union Stockyards in North Portland. "Get-ready day" is somewhat of a misnomer, for the ex-Beaver carries 235 passengers south, Page of preliminary work usually left for the finishing touches on the first day. However, the present show is something of an exception, as everything

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Expenses Are Heavy.

When the present show was advertised the premium list amounted to \$15,000 in cash. To this, if you wish to sum up the expense, you would have to add several thousand dollars for expenses-such as advertising, printing Dec. 8.—The Savarian press reports the of catalogues, postage and the cost of there passed 130,000 soldiers, who had been taken captive, in addition to 2500 when the foot and mouth disease broke Dispatches early in November re- out several weeks ago in the East and ported the death of General von Meyer spread as far west as Spokane. It has on the battlefront at Dixmude. (Concluded on Page 11)

Monday's War Moves

AFTER a long battle fought with the greatest stubborness, the Germans have succeeded in occupying Lodz, Poland, which is an important city. Ac-cording to the Berlin report the Rus-sians suffered severe losses and are in retreat.

The success of the Germans 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 net-work of strategic rallways on the Ger-Great Future for Industry Is man 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 center to meet the German wedge, and were compelled to fall

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

In the meantime, taking advantage of the pre-occupation 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 LaBasse, where the Germans hold a strong position, the allies are beginning with a heavy cannonade to feel their way castward.

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 orthwest, has ended, for the present at least, in the opinion of many, the German menace to the coast ports. It is believed 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.

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Oregon. Idaho and California—on the car hard to some the c wo heart-touching denations are received by Associated Charities for Christmas advisory board will be found something and make another effort to get through like 50 of the men most interested in

King Peter of Servia, who has been in truth this show of ours is not by thy ill for many months, has assumed com-Boy on roller skates killed by skidding auto means a local affair, is in no wise a mand of the Servian army, and, accordingly face 6. catch-penny exhibition for the exploit of personal advantage or the lining of local pockets. ing 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 ing payillons and Summer cottages. Belgrade necessitates the grouping 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 wrecked several small buildings it necessary for Bulgaria to change her near it. position of strict neutrality until next Spring.

the Russian capital, is the weak point eight bungalows were carried away. in the armor of the Teuton allies. These | Two hotels at Arverne were dammessages from Petrograd say that even aged, while Point Lookout at Long as early as at the time of the fall of Beach Lemberg, Austria asked Russia for washed away, and the wind was blowterms of peace. The negotiations to ing 50 miles an hour tonight. this end, if any really took place, apparently proved abortive. The story again is revived in Petrograd in the Sandy Hook continued tonight. At again is revived in Petrograd in the Sandy Hook conormous seas were form of a report that the Hungarian breaking over Prime Minister, on a recent visit to shores. Outside the Hook the Russian Emperor William, demanded better military protection for Hungary, lack of which would cause the loss of the king-

dom. The latest French official communication declares there is nothing to report on the western front and, with the effect that Ostend is burning, nothing has been received in London to dispute the accuracy of this laconic statement.

On the water some minor activity has been noted, resulting in the reported destruction of Turkish auxiliaries in the Black Sea by Russian submarines; destruction by mines of two Swedish merchant ships off the Finnish coast, and the crippling by a mine of the famous Turkish cruiser Hamidieh, which is said to have regained Constantinople with considerable difficulty.

Diplomatically, interest is centered on Rome, where the statement of for-mer Premier Piolitti that Austria planned war as tinst Servia in 1913 caused something of a sensation. The Balkan states are said to be nearing a rapprochement which will enable them to make common cause

against the Germanic allies. Another British merchantman, the Charcas, which sailed from New York October 1 for Western South American ports, has been sent to the bottom by German guns. The transport Prinz Ei-Friedrich sank the Charcas off the Chilean coast, It is not clear whether the German transport was accompanled by other warships or whether she was alone. The main German fleet has been reported recently to be in the

Having received a vote of confidence in the Parliament the Italian government maintains its attitude of neutrality, but has dispatched eight butns of troops to reinforce the troops in Libya and "to be ready for any

aggression. That an effort is being made to bring about a resumption of normal conditions in Paris is indicated by the fact that President Poincare will return to the capital from Bordeaux to preside at the Cabinet meeting next Friday after a period of inactivity extending from September 3. Pope Benedict is ideavoring to effect a truce between the belligerents during the Christmas

HUGE SEAS SWEEP ATLANTIC COAST

Great Tide and Howling Gale Create Havoc.

CONEY ISLAND LOSS \$200,080

Wreckage Is Strewn for Miles Along Shores.

HOUSES SWEPT INTO SEA

summer Resorts Devastated, Villages Flooded, Boats Wrecked, Trans-Atlantic Liners Fight 60-Mile Storm Off Sandy Hook.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 .- Huge seas. acked by a mighty tide and a howlin northeast gale, battered the coasts of New York today, smashing houses, wrecking boats, flooding villages, devastating Summer resorts and forcing trans-Atlantic and coastwise steamers to remain outside Sandy Hook and fight the storm.

At Sandy Hook the wind attained a velocity of 68 miles an hour, driving to a record-breaking tide and making it spossible for pilots to board incom ing vessels.

In New York harbor the tide was the highest in 13 years, and the waves drove the New Jersey ferryboats to cover and strewed the shore of States Island with the wrecks of scores of

miles tonight, with a forecast of a shift in the gale attended by more rain or The worst damage in this vicinity was suffered at Coney Island, where the loss within the past 24 hours is

In New York City the wind blew at 48 miles an hour-diminishing to 28

estimated at \$200,000. Two or three fine houses at Sea Gate were wrecked despite the fight of a wrecked despite the fight of a Two waves threw them aside, rolled in and tore the houses apart. Fifteen buildings along Coney Island had been damaged tonight, including big bath-

At Brighton Beach the board walls was demolished and the waves surged around the Brighton Beach Hotel and

Waves broke more than 25 feet over the high tide line at Rockaway Beach, Hungary, according to reports from baths and the board walk. At Seaside was inundated, and partly

> fax, lay anchored. The steamer St. Louis from Savannah was 15 miles off the Scotland lightship and had suffered deck damage and smashed windows.

and several other vessels also lay out on the rollers of the Atlantic waiting for a moderation of the gale before daring to try to reach port. For hours this afternoon commuters (Concluded on page 2.)

GROWTH OF PORTLAND'S

SCHOOLS TANGIBLE EVI-

Ships Dare Not Sail.

The Francisco, of the Wilson line,

DENCE OF PROGRESS. Portland's healthy growth as a city is reflected clearly in the crowded condition of its public school buildings and the number of large structures that are now under way and contemplated for early construction.

The \$24,000 Fulton Park School is progressing rapidly in construction and nearly all of the contracts have been let on the Couch school, at Twentieth and Glisan streets, and the Shattuck School, at Broadway and Hall streets. Each of these bulidings will cost \$160,000. In a few days the contracts will be let for the construction of the \$55,000 addition to the Richmond school, and then bids will be received for the first unit of the new Kennedy school that will be erected in Irvington Park at a

Provision is made in the 1915 budget recently approved by the taxpayers for the expenditure of \$100,000 to finance the erection of the first unit of the Franklin High School building at East Fifty-second and Division streets and a \$30,000 addition to the Albina Homestead School. In addition appropriations were made for various portable schools to be erected and for sites to be purchased for the location of the ultimate trade school on the East Side and the proposed Haw-

cost of about \$26.000.

BRINGING IT HOME TO WATCHFUL WAITING.

