

RUSSIA IS SATISFIED WITH WAR SO FAR

First Period Is Closing, Says Member of Petrograd General Staff.

NEW POSITIONS FAVORABLE

Admitting Teutons Have Advance, Observer Says They Cannot Hope to Send Force West, as Czar Is Reinforcing His Army.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 20, via London.—A General attached to the Russian General Staff, who recently returned to Petrograd from the front, reviewed the present military situation today in an optimistic manner. "We are now at the close of the first period of the war," he said. "It has ended to the eastward, but without marked advantage for the Germans. The German offensive was begun with the center extending from Posen to Kalisz. The armies of Generals Mackensen and Francois advanced to the river Bzura, occupying positions in almost a straight line from Plock through Domits and Lodz to Piotrkow, where they fortified themselves. The northern division which proceeded to Ciechanow and Makow was forced back to the frontier.

Railways Aid Teutons. The Austro-German troops from Silesia advanced toward Olska and Novo Radomsk, while further to the south the Austrians proceeded to the river Danube, aiming to free Cracow. To the southwest of Przemysl an Austro-Hungarian army attempted to cross the Carpathians, striving to relieve Przemysl and free Galicia. The centers of intense operations developed in the order above mentioned. The strategic position of the railroad lines enabled the Austro-Germans to maneuver their forces north and south, east and west and vice versa. The total number of Austro-Germans opposing Russia is estimated at more than 40 army corps (about 1,800,000 men).

30 Corps May Go West. The present aim of the enemy evidently is to take the Lithuanian fortresses of Kovno, Dvinsk and Grodno and occupy Western Poland as far as Warsaw, while the Austrians are attempting to free Galicia, push northward to Lublin and occupy Southern Poland. If the enemy were successful in thus freeing its own territory and fortifying the lines mentioned, no effort would be made to go farther. The enemy would content himself with remaining on the defensive along this front, so that 30 army corps might be transferred to the western theater of war.

These aspirations cannot be realized, because the Russians are being reinforced continually and now are occupying positions which may be defended much more effectively than their previous ones. The Sochaczew country, which is low and marshy, offers the most excellent facilities for defense. The rainy weather also favors the Russians in their trench-digging, while at the same time it ruins the roads used by the German forces.

New Battles Forecast. During the temporary lull in this region the next large battle is expected south of Cracow and Przemysl, with the probability also of German demonstrations in force around Mlawa, Suwalki and Wirballen.

The situation on the Caucasian front has not changed materially. The Russians there are remaining on the defensive on account of the rigorous weather. The greatly increased force, are attempting an invasion along a route which leads from Trumial, in Northwestern Persia, to the shore of the Caspian at Baku, thence to Elizabetopol and on to Tiflis. "Between Kars and Erzerum, where hostilities have begun, operations are at a standstill. The previous intention of the Turks to make a descent on the Crimea and elsewhere along the Black Sea has been either abandoned or delayed.

Meanwhile Russia is preparing a coast line defense. The Turkish fleet, after its reappearance at Batum, again has disappeared. "I regard the net results of this first period of the war as a source of general satisfaction."

HOMEOPATHS ARE INVITED

Dr. Byron E. Miller Plans Excursion From Chicago Next Summer.

Dr. Byron E. Miller, president of the American Institute of Homeopathy, returned yesterday from Marion, O., where he presided at the December meeting of the trustees of the institute. This concludes an extensive tour of the East taken by Dr. Miller the past month, during which he visited Minneapolis, Chicago, Columbus, O., Toledo and Cleveland.

The next meeting of the institute is to be held in Chicago and Dr. Miller is arranging to have a special train leave Chicago for Portland at the close of the institute sessions, July 4. The delegates on this special will pass several days in Portland.

COLLEGE GIRLS GIVE HELP

Co-Eds at Corvallis Contribute to Belgians and Local Poor.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Working in co-operation with the Belgian relief fund movement, the domestic science and art department of the Oregon Agricultural College has, during the last week, devoted the time of its students and faculty to making garments to be sent with the consignment of relief funds and articles from the Pacific Northwest.

MINE DESTROYS STEAMER

Briton Believed to Have Sunk Off Ireland, Says Admiralty.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The British steamer Tritonia of the Donaldson line, struck a mine off the North Coast of Ireland Saturday and is believed to have foundered, according to an announcement made today by the Admiralty. The crew of the steamer was saved. The Tritonia, which was of 2720 tons, was bound from Partington for St. John, N. B.

CHRONOLOGY OF CHIEF EVENTS OF WAR TO DATE.

PROGRESS OF PAST WEEK. December 12—German cruiser Dresden, survivor of battle off Falkland Islands, arrives at Punta Arenas, Chile. December 14—Serbian occupy Belgrade, which they evacuated December 2, after siege lasting since July 29. Austrians completely routed. December 15—Allies renew strong offensive campaign in France and Flanders. Austrians force way through Carpathians, driving Russians out. German converted cruiser Cormoran interned at Guam. December 16—German fleet raids east coast of England. Hartlepool, Scarborough and Whitby bombed. Eighty-four persons, mostly civilians, killed. December 17—Mines strewn by German raiding fleet in retirement from English coast cause loss of three British merchant vessels. December 18—Germans capture Lovicz, Poland, within 40 kilometers of Warsaw. Russians retire to strongly entrenched positions previously prepared. Three more British vessels sunk on coast of England by raiders' mines. EARLIER EVENTS OF THE WAR. June 28—Pan-Slavic propaganda culminates in assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to Austrian throne, and his wife. July 28—Austria informs Serbia her reply to a demand for reparation and unreserved apology is unsatisfactory, and declares war on Serbia. Troops invade Serbia. August 1—Russia refuses Germany's demand and German Ambassador presents formal declaration of war on Russia. France mobilizes informally. Austria formally declares between France and Germany. German and Russian troops engage in border skirmishes. August 2—Two German armies enter France. Russian troops enter Germany. August 3—France declares war exists with Germany and formal declaration not necessary. August 4—Great Britain declares war on Germany. August 7—Austria formally declares war on Russia. August 13—Great Britain and France declare war on Austria. August 15—Japan sends ultimatum to Germany, demanding that she withdraw ships and evacuate Kiau-Chau, China, giving her until August 23 to obey demand. August 18—British expeditionary army landed in France. August 20—German occupy Brussels. August 23—Japan declares war on Germany. August 24—Brussels surrenders to Germans. August 25—Namen falls before German artillery fire. August 26—British fleet victor in sea fight in Heligoland Bight. Germany losing cruisers and torpedo-boat destroyers. September 2—French capital moves to Bordeaux. September 6—Allies agree no peace will be made without mutual consent. September 22—Three British cruisers sunk by German submarine; 1400 lost. October 9—Antwerp capitulates to German forces. October 16—Germans enter Ostend, on English Channel. British cruisers sunk by German submarine. October 17—Four German destroyers sunk by British cruiser in North Sea. October 20—Japanese occupy Ladrones Islands, in Pacific Ocean. October 21—Germans retreat from Warsaw, Russian Poland. British fleet attacks Ostend. October 27—British super-dreadnought Audacious, third in tonnage and armament in British navy, sunk by torpedo or mine off north coast of Ireland. October 28—Four days' battle won by Russians south of Piltitz River. October 29—Turkey's warships bombard Russian ports and sink gunboat; Prince Louis of Battenberg resigns as First Sea Lord of British navy because of Austrian birth. October 30—Turkish government disavows acts of warships. October 31—Turks annex and invade Egypt; German submarine sinks British cruiser Hermes. November 1—British squadron defeated by German fleet off Chilean coast. November 2—Russia declines Turkish apology for attack in Black Sea. November 4—Great Britain and France formally announce state of war with Turkey. November 7—Taishan, German stronghold in China, falls before Anglo-Japanese assault after long siege. November 9—German cruiser Emden destroyed by Australian cruiser; German cruiser Konigsberg bottled up. November 20—German advance into Russian Poland checked. November 21—British battleship blown up and sunk near mouth of Thames from undetermined cause. December 2—Austrian army occupies Belgrade. December 7—Germans occupy Lodz, Poland. December 8—Germans destroy Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Leipzig and Nürnberg destroyed off Falkland Islands by British fleet. Cruiser Dresden escapes.

BRITAIN'S PATENT

Churchill Says Nation Will Avenge German Raid.

NAVAL PRESSURE PROVED

Lord of Admiralty Views Bombardment of Coast Towns as Evidence That Enemy's Hatred Paves Frontiers of Reason.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a letter to the Mayor of Scarborough, in which he expresses the sympathy of himself and of the navy over the losses sustained by the British in the bombardment of Scarborough and disappointment over the escape of the German warships, says: "We await with patience the opportunity that will surely come. But, viewed in its proper aspect, the incident is one of the most instructive that has happened in the war. Nothing proves more plainly the effectiveness of the British naval pressure than the frenzy of hatred aroused against us in the breasts of the enemy."

Water Rate Is Accepted

Milwaukee Likely to Have Suits If Bull Run Supply Is Used.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Milwaukee Council decided to accept Portland's offer to furnish water through a meter to Milwaukee, and approved the plans prepared by City Engineer J. W. Morris and the Council committee. It is announced that the Council will meet again December 28, when bids to lay the supply mains to connect with the Portland water system will be received. Owners of the Johnson and the Milwaukee Water Company plants are preparing to protect their property interests and will bring suit to restrain the city from building its plant unless the city buys their properties. The two plants are valued at \$22,000.

PIONEER OF YAMHILL DIES

Mrs. Zerelda Carpenter Stone Passes at Age of 92 Years.

SHERIDAN, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—With the death of Mrs. Zerelda Carpenter Stone at her home in Buell, Oregon, died one of Yamhill's oldest pioneers. She crossed the plains in the early '50s. Mrs. Stone was born in Cass County, Missouri, and was 92 years old. After crossing the plains in 1858 Mrs. Stone settled with her parents on the place where she has always lived, near Buell. "Mother" Stone had given a home and a mother's care to no less than 31 orphans. The funeral was held at the home near Buell and interment was made in the Pleasant Hill cemetery, Rev. Dowd conducting the services.

OREGON CITY TO GET GAS

Service by Clackamas Company to Start by January 1.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Gas service will be established in Oregon City before the end of the year by the Clackamas County Gas Company, a subsidiary of the Portland Gas & Coke Company. An extension of the franchise of the company, which was secured last Summer, will expire in a few days unless the company is established before the first of the year. Mains are laid through-out the residence districts but not along Main street. Gas will be secured from the Linton plant of the Portland Gas & Coke Company. The Sellwood main is tapped near the Multnomah-Clackamas line. To Cure A Cold in One Day. Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. They cure COLD, BRONCHITIS, COUGHS, COLIC, COLIC, COLIC, COLIC. E. W. GROVES' signature is on each box 25c.

ITALIANS BITTER AGAINST AUSTRIA

Police and Troops Suppress Outbreaks at Memorial for Martyr of Trieste.

ACTS, NOT WORDS, URGED

Rome Placarded With Mourning Posters and Son of Garibaldi Wildly Cheered—Arrests Made; Several Hurt.

ROME, Dec. 20.—The troops and police in many places in Italy were called on today to keep down riotous demonstrations against Austria at the celebration of the anniversary of the death of Oberdan, who organized the unsuccessful plot to assassinate Emperor Francis Joseph in Trieste in 1832 and was put to death for it. During the night of Saturday, although they had been forbidden by the authorities, a large party to the movement placarded the streets with posters referring to Oberdan and also distributed leaflets, some of them with mourning borders, bearing the inscription, "Remember the sacrifice of Oberdan." Several were arrested and some demonstrators were slightly injured in clashes with the police. Garibaldi's Son Cheered. The Republican Deputy, Cola Ann. delivered a speech to a sympathetic audience, which frequently broke into applause as the speaker recited the history of the Triestian martyr and his ideals, and declared it was necessary for the people to realize them. The demonstration reached its climax when Ricciotti Garibaldi, son of the Italian patriot, Garibaldi, leaning on his crutches, stood and said: "A voice is still ringing from Caprera Island, where my father is buried. It asks for acts, not words." The Republic ceased there was a tremendous outburst of applause and cries of "Long live Italy!" "Long Live Trieste!" and "Long live Trieste!" Police and Troops on Guard. Several crowds of demonstrators attempted to invade the center of the city, but were prevented from doing so by the police and troops. The Republican Association held a procession and later unveiled a marble tablet in the Republican Club in honor of Oberdan. Genoa demonstrations were suppressed by the police, while the town was strongly occupied by troops.

FOREFATHERS' DAY KEPT

DR. ELLIOT SPEAKS ON INCLUSIVE-NESS OF CHRIST-LIKE SPIRIT.

Rev. Earl M. Wilbur, President of Herkeley School, Heard at the First Unitarian Church.

Rev. Rev. C. C. Rarick Says Christian Science Gets Undue Credit.

"Christianity and Christian Science" was the sermon theme last night in the Central Methodist Church, Rev. C. C. Rarick preaching.

"Forefathers' Day" was celebrated yesterday in the First Unitarian Church with Christmas carols sung in the morning by the Sunday school children; by an inspiring and helpful sermon at the 11 o'clock service by the Rev. Earl M. Wilbur, president of the church, and by an evening service at which the Rev. Earl M. Wilbur, president of the Unitarian School for the Ministry, at Berkeley, spoke of the Pilgrim Spirit of the Twentieth Century. Garlands of greenery and holly as decorations, with a cantata by the choir, were the effect of the day's services.

DR. ELLIOT TOOK AS HIS THEME "The Inclusive-Ness of Christ-Like Spirit." His text was, "All things are yours and ye are Christ's and Christ is God's."

He said: "We may feel, at this time in our history, that the inclusive spirit of a spirit of inclusive service, embodied in the words, 'the love of God, and the love of man, to lift us into new and deeper interpretation of that Savior, The Christlike spirit should lift us up upon wings, where we may more clearly and more completely see the highest spiritual interest of others in our homes and vocations, in our city, state, Nation and the world."

"Forefathers' Day" was celebrated originally in New England by the early Congregationalists, and afterward by the Unitarians, and the custom of its observance is kept up in some parts of the country. The Pilgrim fathers originated the celebration of "Forefathers' Day," which was the name they applied to December 21.

BUNDLE DAY HERE AGAIN

Streetcar Conductors Will Assist in Getting Goods to Mtns.

This is Bundle day again. It is the day when the benefit of the poor children of the city whom the Mtns are seeking to provide with a bit of happiness on Christmas.

MAKING AGREE ON PLAN

CO-OPERATION OF SCANDINAVIAN NATIONS IS ASSURED.

Official Statement Says Monarchs Are in Accord on Special Questions Raised by War.

STOCKHOLM, via London, Dec. 20.—King Christian, of Denmark; King Gustave, of Sweden, and King Haakon, of Norway, who, with their foreign ministers, met in conference at Malmo on Friday and Saturday to formulate a plan to combine their respective interests during the war, reached an agreement on the special questions raised. The statement is made in an official communication, in substance as follows: "The meeting of the three monarchs was inaugurated Friday with a speech by the King of Denmark, who, with the unanimous desire of the kingdoms of the North to preserve their neutrality and pointed to the desirability of limiting co-operation between the kingdoms as a safeguard to their common interests. Kings Haakon and Christian expressed their hope that the conference would have good and happy results for the three peoples."

The deliberations consolidated the good relations among the three kingdoms and resulted in an agreement to pursue the co-operation so happily begun and to arrange, when circumstances should occur, for formal meetings between representatives of the three governments."

SLAIN WARDEN EULOGIZED

Attorney-General-Elect Brown Has High Praise for Hubbard.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Attorney-General-elect Brown today

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