

## PESTILENCE NOW ATTACKS GALICIA

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## RUSSIANS NEAR ROUMANIA

Czar's Force, After Passing Through Whole of Bukovina, Occupy City on Frontier—German Gain at Bolimow Is Reversed.

LEMBERG, Galicia, Jan. 4. (Via Telegram and London).—It is reported here that pestilence is spreading in the city and among the garrison of Przemyśl, which is now almost without provisions.

Ineffective sorties still continue from Przemyśl, but they are less vigorously pushed. This is due, it is thought, to the garrison's knowledge of the failure of the Austrian relief forces to break through the Russian lines.

An official communication issued by the General Staff of the Russian army regarding the fighting in Poland and Galicia says:

**German Attacks Withheld.**  
"A strong artillery combat has been fought all along the front on the left bank of the Vistula. The attempt of the Germans to gain ground in certain places in the region of the Bzura River was without success."

"On the night of January 2 we discovered the passage of Germans across the Bzura in the vicinity of Koszów and Białobok. We watched the concentration of the enemy's forces, one of our glorious regiments surrounded the Germans. They attacked them with the bayonet without firing a shot and killed several hundred of them. The survivors saved their lives by surrendering."

"About 2 P. M. on January 2 a brigade of German infantry attacked our position near Bolimow, northeast of Przemyśl, but the Germans were dislodged, after gaining one of our trenches, with enormous losses through the fire from several batteries and a counter attack made by the bayonet."

**Fighting Stopped "Desperate."**  
"Desperate fighting occurred during the night of January 2, continuing until daylight, northeast of Rawa, where we succeeded in dislodging the enemy from some of the trenches which they had previously taken."

"South of the Przemyśl River fighting took place at Metelice and Gaschele, west of Inowloza, and also southeast of Malogorzec, near Volinje, where we repulsed all attacks of the enemy."

"In Galicia the fighting around Gorlice and Karkow continued. In the region of the Ussok Pass and Rostok (south of Lisko) we have made progress. We drove back the enemy, who fled in great disorder. We captured 2000 prisoners and some machine-guns. Several companies of the Austrians surrendered in a body. In their retreat to Ussok, the Austrians abandoned arms and ammunition."

"On our extreme left wing our troops passing through the whole of Bukovina have occupied the town of Sucuwa, one town (two-thirds of a mile) distant from the Austro-Romanian frontier."

**AUSTRIANS HAVE NEW BATTLE**  
Severe Battles Under Worst Weather Conditions Are Reported.

VIENNA, via Amsterdam to London, Jan. 4.—The following official communication was issued this evening:  
"In the severe battles in the district of South of Dobruja, where we fought under the worst weather conditions, our brave troops assured themselves, through getting possession of an important line of hills, and the Carpathians there has been no change. In the Upper Ung Valley there have been only small engagements."

"During the night of the northern theater Christmas time we captured 27 officers and 12,633 men."

**50,000 JEWS DESTITUTE**  
Three Thousand Dollars Daily Is Needed in Palestine.

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—The number of Palestine Jews thrown on charity because of the war is fast approaching 50,000. Bread and soup is served them once a day in Jerusalem, Jaffa and the larger centers, but the funds at hand are growing short. Unless food is brought in, famine will result.

The situation has been made more serious by the stoppage of the Jerusalem-Jaffa Railway, a French concern. It is estimated that the feeding of the Jews, who are receiving no aid from the outside world, will cost \$2000 daily until the crisis has passed.

**SHIPPING BILL IS RUSHED**  
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Fletcher declared, England had 5000 and Germany 2000 vessels in the overseas trade, while the United States had only six. He said that American merchants gave annually to foreign ship-owners \$300,000,000 in ocean freights. Charter rates here had increased in some cases 400 per cent since the war began, he added, and ships under the American flag were not obtainable at any price.

The emergency bill opening American registry to foreign-built craft, Senator Fletcher said, had not met the needs of American manufacturers. He read lists of the 100 ships which transferred their flags to show none was a first-class cargo boat; that more than 50 per cent of these were ships of companies which needed them for their own business, and consequently added nothing to the facilities for the transportation of general cargoes.

"We must see to it," he said, "that a war between our countries never shall cripple again our industries for lack of ships."

**Contraband Question Arises.**  
An amendment to the bill submitted by Senator Stone, designed to prevent secret shipment of contraband to foreign ports, would authorize the President to designate from time to time some cases of cargo which would be required to inspect all cargoes before loading. Heavy penalties would be imposed upon shippers and vessel masters for violations of the provision. It is the minority report the government ownership feature of the bill was discussed at length, and objections to such a policy were enumerated as follows:

"Subtraction from the field of personal endeavor, destruction of individual initiative and motive for effort, the constant tendency to maximum costs, multiplication of government employees and officials' increased opportunity for corruption, labor problems, administrative and executive inefficiency."

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