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PETROGRAD, Russia, via London, Jan. 10.—(Special.)

I learn from reliable sources that a gigantic battle is raging in Galicia, 4000 big guns in action, producing an even worse shell-rain than that preceding the allied Autumnal offensive at Loos.

Wounded officers newly arrived from the battle say that the thunder of the guns has been heard incessantly for a week 48 miles away and that the communication has broken every window in villages within five miles.

German Trenches Reached.

The German first-line trenches have been reached by the Russians and are held by them in many places in spite of elaborate defenses, consisting largely of machine guns and electrical wire entanglements.

Hundreds of German machine guns have already been smashed by the Russian high explosive shells, of which there is no dearth. These, however, have proved less successful against the wire which is employed in the utmost profusion before the villages.

For example, 25 rows of electrified barbed wire defended certain German positions at the beginning of this battle. The Russians dealt with this by attaching grapnels to stout insulated ropes. They then drove heavily armored automobiles up to the electrified wire, and, using the grapnels over the wire, they backed the cars at full speed, thus ripping out the tangled strands, strand by strand, while rubber-gloved squads, equipped with snippers, cleared up the torn wires in readiness for the gaps.

Russian Charge Approes Nears.

A decisive feature of the fighting a few days ago was the wholesale stampede of Russian peasants back of the lines when the Russians charged against the city. They were able to give valuable information as to the conditions behind the German lines.

They described the Kovel-Sarni-Rovno triangle, which was a smiling and prosperous landscape when I saw it last, but now a desolate wilderness denuded of every stick of timber. Not only have the forests been razed, but even the peasant log huts have been torn down to provide the Germans with trench timber. The best is sent to the French front, while that of inferior quality is retained on the Russian front.

FOX TROT CLUBS ACCUSED

Liquor Sales and Improper Conduct Are Charged.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—Police investigation of the "fox-trot" clubs in the downtown district was promised today after a young woman had told of what she said were immoral conditions at the place.

Among the charges were allegations that liquor was sold to young men and women long after the saloon closing hours, and that improprieties were sanctioned by those in charge.

Mayor Thompson announced that liquor licenses would be revoked if these reports proved well founded.

BRITISH SUSPECT AMERICA

London to Be Bullied "Once More," Says Newspaper.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—The Evening Standard, commenting editorially on the reported settlement of the submarine controversy between Germany and the United States, says:

"It is said that now that America and Germany are bosom friends again, England is to be bullied once more for interfering with America's war profits. If the British government reflects the British people, Washington will hear some startling truths from this side of the Atlantic."

BROTHER OF PIUS X DEAD

Angelo Sarto, of Late Pope's Family, Passes at 89.

ROME, Jan. 10.—Angelo Sarto, only brother of the late Pope Pius X, is dead at the age of 89 years.

WARSHIPS TALK BY RADIO 2500 MILES

Flagships of Atlantic and Pacific Fleets in Touch.

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Men and Women Fall Ill After Drinking Poisonous Spirits—Vendor Is Trapped by Police—Extensive Trade Is Alleged.

DUO SENTENCED BY MAIL

When Prisoners Plead Guilty by Post Judge Gives Similar Decision.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 10.—(Special.)

Charged with selling a quantity of wood alcohol, which has resulted in the death of several men since January 1, T. Takana, a Japanese, 28 years old, manager of a drugstore at 302 Fifth avenue, South, was arrested this afternoon. City Detective Yoris and Waechter say they saw the sale by Takana of two pint bottles of the poison. A specific charge of manslaughter will be preferred against the druggist by the Prosecuting Attorney's office.

Accusers Are Held.

The pharmacy operated by Takana, according to the detectives, has been made the base of supply since the dry law went into effect, January 1, for a number of bootleggers, many of whom, it is alleged, operated under the direction of the Japanese. Five men, who assert they bought bottles of wood alcohol from Takana, are held in the City Jail as witnesses.

Two more victims, John Burns and an unidentified man, died of wood alcohol poisoning today. This makes a total of 11 who have died of alcoholism from wood alcohol or cheap whisky substitutes since the dry law went into effect.

Other Victims II.

John Allen, 48 years old, laborer, and William Burke, 36 years old, tinsmith, are at the City Hospital in a precarious condition as the result of drinking wood alcohol, believed to have been supplied by Takana.

Mrs. K. Soterian, who was found unconscious in the rear of a fruit stand at Second and Taylor streets Sunday night, has regained consciousness. It is believed she will recover. Dr. E. M. Smith, of the City Hospital, says she drank either wood alcohol or some cheap whisky.

Frank Williams, who lives at the Oregon House, James Gardner, Dearborn House, A. Larson, longshoreman, and R. A. Stone, steamboat man, came to police headquarters this afternoon and told Police Lieutenant Hedger of the activities of Takana. All said they had bought one or more pint bottles of wood alcohol from Takana. The men threatened to "get" Takana if he persisted in this trade.

MARKET MAKES \$350.40

December Rental of Booths Shows Profit to City.

For December the Yamhill-street Public Market took in \$350.40 more in receipts for rental of booths for 19 cents each than the cost of operating the market, according to the monthly statement made public yesterday by Commissioner Bigelow.

The receipts amounted to \$516.65 and the disbursements \$166.25. In no month since the market was started have the receipts been less than the expenditures.

T. R.'S NAME NOT ON BALLOT

Michigan Official to Notify Colonel That Wish Will Be Respected.

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 10.—Secretary of State Vaughan announced today that he will notify ex-President Theodore Roosevelt that the latter's name will not appear on either the National Progressive or Republican Presidential primary ballots in Michigan.

The secretary's announcement was made immediately after he had received a letter from Colonel Roosevelt requesting him to withdraw his name from the National Progressive ballot.

KING PETER STILL HOPES

Serbian Ruler Waiting Patiently for Reorganization of Army.

PARIS, Jan. 10.—King Peter of Serbia, who is still in Salonika, is full of confidence, according to the Serbian Minister in Greece, who has just returned from Salonika, says a Havas dispatch from Athens today.

The King is waiting patiently for the completion of the reorganization of the Serbian army, the dispatch adds, "so that he may put himself at its head."

HOPE FOR HUERTA FADING

Patient Gradually Losing Strength. Illness at Critical Stage.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 10.—Bright hope for the recovery of General Victoriano Huerta remained tonight.

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Depositors Willing to Let Court Decide.

LAWYERS ACCUSED OF GREED

American Bank & Trust Company Troubles Aired.

BAD FAITH IS CHARGED

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