

GERMANS FAIL TO HOLD THEIR GAINS

British Trenches Taken on West Front Are Lost in Counter-Attack.

SNOW FALLING IN SOUTH

Cold Weather in Northern Italy Reduces Fighting to Minimum. Russian Troops Withdrawn From Macedonia.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—"This morning," says the official report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters, "the enemy, by a local attack, supported by mine-warfare, succeeded in gaining a footing in our trenches east of Bullecourt, but a counter-attack was completely successful in restoring our lines. Eighteen prisoners were left in our hands. The hostile artillery was active during the day, southeast of Ypres."

BERLIN, via London, Jan. 8.—The repulse of a small British attack near Bullecourt is reported in today's official communication. The announcement follows:

British Attack Repulsed. Western front, army group of Prince Rupprecht. Isolated sectors in Flanders and southwest of Cambrai were subjected at times to a violent fire. At dusk British companies attacked east of Bullecourt. They were repulsed.

ROME, Jan. 8.—The official statement from general headquarters today says: "Snow and bad weather have reduced the fighting activity to a minimum. There were artillery actions of some intensity only in the eastern sector of the Asiago sector and Monte Tomba, Montefena and Montello regions. North of Monte Lamerio our reconnaissance patrols captured a few prisoners."

BERLIN, via London, Jan. 8.—The Austro-German lines in the Monte Asolo sector on the Italian front were subjected yesterday to sudden bursts of artillery fire at intervals, army headquarters announced today. There were similar demonstrations along the Piave line to the north of Vittorio Veneto, continued into the night. The statement reads:

Artillery Fire Lively. Italian front.—Throughout the day the enemy directed violent surprise firing attacks at Monte Asolo and on the Piave sector north of Vittorio. At night also a lively artillery fire was kept up.

Withdrawal of Russian troops from a sector on the Macedonian front is reported in today's statement from Army headquarters. It follows:

"There was spirited artillery fighting between Lake Ochrida and Lake Prespa in the Corina Bend and between the Vardar and Lake Delran. German Jagers brought in French prisoners from trenches west of Lake Prespa which hitherto have been defended by Russians."

All fronts are embraced in the terms of the armistice agreed to between Russia and the central powers and in conformity therewith the Russians in Macedonia evidently have been withdrawn from the trenches, as were those in France recently.

CITY TO APPEAL RULING

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large motor buses will replace the streetcars."

"But that does not meet the situation as it stands," said the city attorney. "What recourse have we in this six-cent fare decision?"

"The only recourse is an appeal to the Circuit Court," replied City Attorney LaRoche. "If you wish to enjoin the company from collecting the extra cent the court may suspend the company's Public Service Commission pending the court hearing, but the city would have to provide a bond on other surety to protect the company from loss of the additional cent. If the city wins the case it will. If it loses it foots the bill at the rate of 1 cent for each passenger."

The Council decided that the best it could do would be to appeal and have full question as far as the legal side of the issue is concerned set at rest. If the company loses it will be bound by the decision to refund the additional fare collected from each passenger. Accordingly the Council, by unanimous vote of those present, instructed City Attorney LaRoche to appeal without seeking the injunction.

FARES INCREASE IS OPPOSED

Alberta Commercial Club Would Abolish Public Service Commission.

The Alberta Commercial Club has come out strong against the proposed increase of streetcar fares within the city. Resolutions have been adopted by that organization that denounce the advance in fare.

It is declared the increase is not justifiable because of the city franchise, wherein the company contracts with the city to give its service for a uniform fare of 5 cents. It is recommended that a committee of experts be appointed by the City Commissioners to check and audit the books of the company to determine the valuation of the property and ascertain the return on the investment. It is further resolved that the Public Service Commission of the state be abolished at the next state election.

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SLAVS BACK AGAIN

Trotsky at Brest-Litovsk to Argue With Cunning Huns.

BOLSHEVIK PRESS ANGRY

England and Allies Declared to Be Trying to Use Russia in Order to Save Themselves at Peace Negotiations.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The Russian peace delegation, including Foreign Minister Trotsky, reached Brest-Litovsk Monday for the reopening of negotiations that afternoon, according to a Berlin dispatch received in Copenhagen and forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph Company.

There is no indication thus far of the manner in which Premier Lloyd George's definition of war aims has been received in Russia, or even whether his speech has been published there.

The Bolshevik press of Petrograd continues to attack Great Britain and her allies. The Pravda and the Izvestia published on Sunday an article based upon some words of Lloyd George, apparently one of his speeches in the House of Commons, accusing him of desiring to have the Russians make peace with the central powers so as to give the allies a free hand to negotiate to their own advantage. Other allied leaders have expressed themselves similarly, the article says. It continues:

Bad Faith Is Charged.

"The allies are preparing their public for peace and think that if Russia were forced to come to terms with the enemy, she, and not the allies, would bear the cost of peace. The greater sacrifices Russia makes the less the allies will have to pay. They could reach the same result by joining in the peace negotiations, but in that case it would be apparent that they had betrayed Poland, Lithuania, Courland and Roumania, using Russia as a small change to pay their debts. "By forcing Russia to make peace and allow Germany to subjugate the Poles, etc., they can blame Russia and catch themselves in the eyes of their peoples. The plan of the allies is to use Russia as a bargaining chip to prepare peace with the German imperialists at the expense of Poland, etc., can be thwarted only by a struggle in a struggle with their own governments."

Breach Has Been Widened.

M. Farberman, former London correspondent of the Petrograd Bourse Gazette, writes from the London Press that the Premier's statement of war aims has widened and deepened the gulf between the west and revolutionary Russia instead of bridging it. The Premier's reference to Russia, says M. Farberman, will be interpreted there as giving Germany a free hand to deal with Russia as she desires. The writer accuses the Premier of throwing overboard in childish petulance and vindictiveness because the Bolsheviks have been guilty of a breach of diplomatic decorum.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 8.—Count Adam Tarnowski von Tarnow, according to a dispatch to the Berlin Tageblatt, has been appointed by an Austrian delegate to the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk. The Count was named Ambassador to the United States last Spring, but was never officially received by the American Government.

3,000,000 TONS EXPECTED

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workers as it is for soldiers," said Mr. Ferguson. "It must do it if it gets ships. If I had the power I would commandeer houses, and I think the Government should do this. There is talk of working men two and three shifts. In our yard we have not enough men to work one shift, and in one house I know of 18 persons living in five rooms. We have not the money to build houses, and it is the duty of the Government to put them up. We are ready to furnish the land."

Declaring that 3,000,000 tons is the probable maximum production this year, Mr. Ferguson said that Lloyd's special report estimates the steel output at only 2,500,000 tons. Although he did not condemn the wooden ship program, Mr. Ferguson said that he doubted if the vessels after they were built would be fit for trans-Atlantic service. They could be used to great advantage, he said, on coastwise runs. Shipbuilding in established yards was hampered instead of expedited, Mr. Ferguson said, when the fleet corporation commandeered construction. Until December, he declared, the corporation was unwilling to pay additional costs for speeding up building operations, although the private owners of ships

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QUEBEC, Jan. 8.—Shifting of the ice enabled the crews of four American steamships imprisoned in the St. Lawrence River near Cape Chatte, to reach shore and relieve their distress for lack of food and water, according to reports from that vicinity today.

The four ships were identified as the Sloop, German, Key West and Keynor, understood to have been requisitioned by the United States Shipping Board on the Great Lakes for Atlantic service. They left Quebec for Atlantic ports several weeks ago. Each of the vessels has a crew of 25 men.

The Canadian ice breaker Montcalm is working her way to their assistance. All are reported to have been damaged by the ice.

Boys to Be in Farm Service Corps.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—A farm service corps for boys more than 10 years old will be established in the Chicago high schools at once, it was decided yesterday. Instruction in agriculture will begin immediately in an effort to make up for the great shortage of farm labor in the Spring.

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