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GERMANS MENACE REAR OF WARSAW

Campaign in Poland at Critical Stage.

RUSSIAN LOSSES ENORMOUS

Berlin Estimates Campaign Cost Czar 150,000 Men.

DAMAGE TO LODZ SMALL

Fact That Town Was Evacuated Secretly in Night Admitted Officially—Austrians Short of Men in Carpathians.

BERLIN, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Occupation of the city of Przasnysz by the German forces which have been advancing on Warsaw from the north, recently reported unofficially, was said definitely by the Official Press Bureau today to have been accomplished.

"This is the most important factor in the latest developments from the Eastern theater of war," the Press Bureau statement continues, "and while in itself it is not important, it shows that the Germans have begun active offensive operations north of the Vistula. Przasnysz lies on the direct line of communication between Willenberg, East Prussia, and Warsaw.

Warsaw Threatened in Rear.

This shows that the advance is directed against the fortified line along the Naraw River. If this line were broken, the Germans would be in the rear of Warsaw, which would exercise a deciding influence on the Polish campaign.

"News from South Poland and Galicia makes it clear that, notwithstanding certain successes achieved by the Germans and Austrians, severe resistance is being encountered everywhere.

Austrian Forces Inadequate.

"Evidently the Austrian forces in the Carpathians are too small to clear Hungarian territory of the enemy at once and must attack and repulse one column after another.

In the battles around Lodz, in Russian Poland, the Russians suffered greater losses than they did in their defeat at Tannenberg, East Prussia, according to the statement issued by the official press bureau today, announcing the evacuation by the Russians of the city of Lodz. The statement reads:

"The evacuation of Lodz took place secretly in the middle of the night and remained unnoticed by us at first, but it was the result of the previous three days' battles.

Trenches Filled With Dead.

"In these engagements the Russians suffered severely from the fire of our artillery. The trenches evacuated by the Russians were literally filled with dead. Not even after the battle of Tannenberg did our troops have to march over so many Russian corpses as they did in the battles around Lodz and Lwow.

"Although we attacked, our losses were much smaller than were those of the Russians. We lost comparatively few men killed. The Twenty-fifth Reserve Corps, in breaking through the Russian lines, had only 120 killed.

"It is significant that on a height to the south of Lutometersk and west of Lodz not fewer than 887 Russians were buried.

Russian Loss Estimated at 150,000.

"According to our estimates the Russians lost 150,000 men, including 50,000 (Continued on Page 6.)

WARSHIPS WANTED AT PANAMA CANAL

Colonel Goethals Asks For Destroyers at Once.

Explanation Is Sought and When It Comes Vessels May Go—Neutrality Violation Possible.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Colonel Goethals has requested that destroyers be sent to the canal zone immediately. It was learned tonight, but no specific explanation of the need for naval vessels there was included in the message. A reply asking for this explanation was sent at once, but no answer has been received from Colonel Goethals at a late hour.

Officials believe the canal Governor has experienced some difficulty in preserving the complete neutrality of the zone and its territorial waters. Many ships belonging to belligerent nations are in the vicinity and it is thought possible Colonel Goethals has found himself unable to check use of their wireless plants within the three-mile limit to convey information to world ships at sea.

With swift naval vessels to aid, it would be an easier matter to regulate use of wireless and it was thought probable tonight that the necessary destroyers would be dispatched as soon as Colonel Goethals' explanation is received.

Recent activities by British and Japanese warships in the vicinity of the Canal Zone, which followed the recent disaster to the British fleet under Admiral Craddock, has given rise to some concern here, although no specific reports of violation of neutrality have been previously received, so far as known. Reports of wireless interception from Panama have led to the belief that collars and warships were exchanging messages, which, if they have not otherwise been open to objection, have hindered commercial use of wireless to a considerable extent, it is said.

In view of Colonel Goethals' message, it is believed that code messages have been picked up, which, to some extent the waters of the zone have been made a base of operations by one or both of the allied fleets and that the Governor wishes to establish a patrol which will prevent further violations of neutrality.

1600 LAID-OFF MEN BACK

Southern Pacific Orders Los Angeles Shops to Resume Work.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Sixteen hundred men, who were laid off when the shops closed down late in October, will return to work Monday morning.

The original order for the lay-off declared that the shops would remain closed until January 4.

Today, however, orders arrived from T. W. Helntleman, of San Francisco, general superintendent of motive power, for the resumption of work Monday.

SMUGGLING ACT NIPPED

The Netherlands Authorities Seize Cargoes From Germans.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 12.—The correspondent at Hanswert, Netherlands, of the Amsterdam Telegraph, declares the Dutch authorities have seized 15 river boats containing cargoes of grain and other goods, which, it is alleged, the Germans were attempting to smuggle by way of the River Scheldt.

The German authorities, the correspondent adds, contend the cargoes are private property.

KAISER'S FEVER IS GONE

Catarthal Symptoms Disappear With Continued Improvement.

BERLIN, Dec. 12, via The Hague and London.—Emperor William's condition continues to improve, according to an official announcement issued today.

The catarrhal symptoms have wholly disappeared and His Majesty's temperature is normal.

CARRANZA SENDS WARNING TO BRYAN

Use of Force Will Be Held Unfriendly.

BLAME FOR FIRING IS DENIED

General Says His Men Have Backs to Boundary.

FORMAL REPLY IS READY

Secretary's Declaration That Retaliation Would Not Be Inevitable—Thoughtfully Contradicted—Think Twice, Is Admonition.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 12.—"If the United States employs force to stop the firing by Mexicans across the international boundary line at Naco, it will be considered an unfriendly act, notwithstanding the friendly motives cloaking the act."

In this manner General Carranza made answer, in a statement to the Associated Press, to the formal notice served by the United States on both Provisional President Gutierrez and General Carranza that unless such firing ceased force would be employed to protect American territory.

Responsibility for Shots Denied.

Carranza's reply to the American note, which is expected to reach Washington tomorrow, will be in general a repudiation of responsibility for any shots that have crossed the line, and clearly sets forth that he and his government will regard intervention at Naco as a hostile and unfriendly act.

At no time since the receipt of Secretary Bryan's note, in which attention was called to the repeated wounding and killing of residents of the town on the Northern side of the line, has General Carranza appeared perturbed, but he has had long conferences with those close to him, and, in framing his reply, it is said, he has been careful not to let himself remain in any uncertain light.

Blame Placed on Maytorena.

"General Hill, who is commanding the constitutionalist forces at Naco, is on the defensive," continued General Carranza, "and since his back was to the line it is difficult to see how he could be responsible for the firing in question. The fact is that Maytorena's men have been the attacking party and therefore it appears reasonable that they, and only they, could have been to blame.

"As a matter of fact I do not know that the rights of the American citizens have been violated. It seems to me that it would be well for the State Department to investigate this question in order to fix the responsibility. I remember similar instances at El Paso, where the Maderista forces were attacking there. In that case those shot were for the most part the imprudent and curious individuals who flocked to witness the fighting as if it had been a spectacular show staged for their benefit.

Bryan's Warning Against Force.

"As to the use of force, of which Mr. Bryan talks, that is something the gravity of which I fear he does not fully appreciate. He says it would not mean an invasion of our territory nor a violation of our National sovereignty. It would. And, moreover, it would more certainly be an act against the constitutionalists who hold the town and in favor of the Villistas, who would be left free to continue their operations. It would be simply tying General Hill's hands and leaving Maytorena free.

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HANALET'S CAPTAIN SUSPENDED 2 YEARS

Neglect and Lack of Skill Are Found.

SPEED IN FOG REPRIMANDED

Shaping of Course for North Channel Held Wrong.

DUTY IS POINTED OUT

Punishment of Master of Steamer Lost on Duxbury Reef, When 23 Lives Were Sacrificed, Most Severe in Years.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—The 11-cense Captain James J. Carey, master of the steamer Hanalet, which went to pieces on Duxbury Reef November 23, with a loss of 23 lives, was suspended today for two years by James Guthrie and Joseph P. Dolan, United States local inspectors, in an order which adjudged Captain Carey guilty of negligence and unskillfulness.

There remains an opportunity for Captain Carey to appeal the decision to Supervising Inspector Bulger or to the officials of the Bureau of Navigation in Washington. His sentence of suspension is one of the longest given in recent years here.

Deviation of Compass Shown.

When the Hanalet piled up on the reef it was running at full speed, although it was enveloped in a thick fog. Captain Carey was not on the bridge, having left the vessel in charge of Second Officer Reese, whom he blamed for the wreck. Reese was drowned.

A feature brought out the first time in the findings of the two inspectors is that, as on practically all vessels, there was a deviation in the ship's compass, in this case 3 1/2 easterly, and that if the navigator of the Hanalet had forgotten to take this compass deviation into consideration the steamer would have brought up in the exact position in which she stranded.

Charges Are Sustained.

Inspectors Guthrie and Dolan in their order to Captain Carey said:

"After careful consideration of the evidence we are satisfied that the charges of negligence and unskillfulness are sustained.

"First, you were negligent in navigating your vessel at full speed in a fog, in violation of the first paragraph of article 15 of the international rules.

"Second, you were negligent in not having an officer supervise the casting of the lead to verify your position instead of trusting this responsibility to two sailors when you left the bridge and remained about 20 minutes, your vessel being within four miles of Duxbury Reef buoy in a dense fog.

Wrong Course Taken.

"Under the circumstances it was your duty to have halted your ship off shore and stopped, provided you did not have an officer at the lead to relieve you during your absence.

"Third, you were unskillful in shaping your course for Duxbury Reef buoy and attempting to come in through the north channel during a dense fog. Had your course been shaped for the San Francisco lightship and through the main ship channel, it would have been safe for you to leave the bridge under the circumstances that compelled you to leave, and the steamer Hanalet would not have been lost, as you admitted at your trial."

British Warships Coal.

PANAMA, Dec. 12.—Six British warships are said to have been coaled 50 miles south of here yesterday.

They are supposed to have come from Australian waters.

Saturday's War Moves

THERE have been no marked developments in the last 24 hours either in the eastern or western battles, so far as available official reports disclose, although fighting of a more or less violent character is proceeding along the two fronts. In this the opposing headquarters assert the advantage fell to their respective armies.

As an offset to the Russian assertion of having checked the advance of three or five German columns invading their territory, the Germans say that their cavalry has repulsed the Russian horsemen on the East Prussian frontier; that in North Poland the German operations are developing and that in South Poland the Russian attacks have been unsuccessful.

It admitted in Berlin, however, that the Russian resistance to by means broken, although, according to the German estimate, in the battles preceding the evacuation of Lodz the Russians lost 150,000 men, including the 80,000 previously reported captured, while the German losses, it is said, were light. The town of Lodz suffered little damage.

There is the same disparity between French and German accounts of the battles in Flanders and France. It is apparent from both, however, that the allies have assumed at least a partial offensive. The French announce that this movement is meeting with success, while the Germans assert that the attacks of the allies have been repulsed with heavy losses in killed, wounded and prisoners.

The general impression is that the allies, with artillery and occasional infantry attacks, are preparing the way for a general offensive and in doing so are meeting with the usual stubborn resistance from the Germans, who are firmly established in entrenched positions. The advance, if it is possible, must therefore be slow, as General Joffre, the commander-in-chief, is not likely to sacrifice the lives of his men in an attempt to storm fortified works.

The Servians continue to announce successes of their troops, who are said to have been led by King Peter and his two sons. The Austrians tried to stem defeat by sending a force from Belgrade southward against the Serbian right wing, but this army, like that which is retreating westward, suffered heavy losses after repeated attacks.

The Pope's plea for a Christmas truce has failed, for while a majority of the European powers received it sympathetically, the others did not feel able to support it. From Berlin it is said that Russia would not consent to the truce because the Russian Christmas does not fall on the same day as that of the other states.

DRESDEN AGROUND OFF PATAGONIA

Fleeing German Ship Is Stranded.

NEWS REACHES BUENOS AIRES

Last of Five Commerce Raiders Accounted For.

WESTWARD FLIGHT ENDED

Pursuit by British Believed to Be Continued—Vessel Probably Now Within Territorial Waters of Argentina.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 12.—The German cruiser Dresden, one of the squadrone engaged by the British warships off Falkland Island and which took to flight, has stranded on the Argentine coast near Port Gallegos.

The engagement of December 8 off the Falkland Islands resulted in the destruction of the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig. Later it was announced that the Nürnberg also had been destroyed. The Dresden escaped from the encounter and was supposed to have fled to the coast of Patagonia.

Territorial Waters Reached.

Gallegos is a town at the mouth of a small and rapid river in Patagonia, almost due west from the Falkland Islands. The broad estuary at the mouth of the river is known as Port Gallegos.

No further particulars are given out here, but it is supposed the British warships continued the pursuit. The Dresden is believed to be within territorial waters of Argentina.

Japanese Waiting in Pacific.

It is believed the Dresden was trying to reach the Straits of Magellan, which would have offered many hiding places, as well as an asylum in the event of further pursuit. A Japanese squadron is said to be in waiting at the western terminus of the Straits.

SOME LEADING EVENTS IN THE WEEK'S NEWS LOOK ABOUT THIS WAY TO CARTOONIST REYNOLDS.

