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RUSSIAN LOSSES IN CAMPAIGN ARE REPORTED TO BE OVER MILLION MEN

Noted German Military Critic Says Czar Has Already Lost More Than One-third of His Best Fighting Force—Disease Claims Many Victims Among Troops

GERMANS THROW RUSSIANS BACK AND RESUME OFFENSIVE NEAR WARSAW—FEW DETAILS GIVEN

English Correspondent at Petrograd Who Announced Russian Victory States Germans Are Holding Positions—Russians Within Eight Miles of Cracow

LONDON, Dec. 3.—For the first time since the Germans were checked in their advance on Warsaw, it was possible today to gain a fairly clear idea of the military situation in Russia in its broader aspect. Advices from both Berlin and Petrograd indicated that the Germans succeeded in throwing back the enveloping Russian forces and were maintaining their position west of Lowicz. Furthermore the Germans are again undertaking an energetic offensive. The completeness of the change in the situation indicated by a telegram from the English correspondent in Petrograd, who previously announced the Russians had won an overwhelming victory. He now states the Germans are holding their position and the situation remains extremely hazardous. A German critic estimates the Russian losses in killed, wounded and prisoners and death from sickness amount to fully 1,100,000, or one-third of the nation's best troops. Recent reports that the Russians had invested Cracow once again are contradicted by an unofficial dispatch, which says the invaders are eight miles from the city. In France and Belgium the deadlock remains unbroken. Although fighting proceeds at various points, there is no indication that either side won important advantages.

Rumor of Big Battle Near East Coast Are Unconfirmed

CABINET TO RETURN TO PARIS SOON

PARIS, Dec. 3.—The French parliament has been called to meet in extraordinary session at Paris, December 22. Members of the French cabinet are to leave Bordeaux next week for this city where they will put themselves at the disposition of the finance committee of chamber deputies. This is the first official announcement that the government will return to Paris.

LAMAR GUILTY AND GIVEN TWO YEARS

Wall Street Operator Convicted of Impersonating Congressman

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—David Lamar today was found guilty of impersonating Representative Palmer of Pennsylvania for the purpose of defrauding J. P. Morgan & Co., and the United States Steel Corporation. He was immediately sentenced to serve two years in the Federal penitentiary at Ascantia. The jury deliberated on the evidence 45 minutes. Lamar was convicted on two counts of the second of three indictments against him. His counsel announced an appeal would be taken to the United States Supreme Court on writs of error.

AMERICAN SHIPS DELAYED LITTLE

British Ambassador Promises That Search for Contraband Goods Will be Brief

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—British Ambassador Spring-Rice delivered to the State Department today a note giving assurances that Great Britain does not intend delaying American ships unduly in searching them for contraband.

SIMPSON GIRLS OUT

Sheriff Gage came over from Coquille today to serve papers in Circuit Court cases. He says that the Simpson girls were released yesterday. E. A. Becket and others furnishing bonds for Ruby Simpson while the father, M. A. Simpson, took the other girl home. Ruby Simpson is expecting the stork in about two months, he says. He declares that the Roseburg papers magnified the clash between him and Detective Mitchell.

NEW LAW IN WASHINGTON. Employment Agencies Abolished—Enjoin Prohibition.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 3.—Governor Lister today issued a proclamation putting into immediate effect the initiative measure adopted at the last election abolishing private employment agencies. The employment and prohibition bills were the only ones adopted, but Governor Lister has not proclaimed the operation of the latter because of an injunction case brought against it.

DIES IN NEBRASKA

A telegram was received here Saturday morning by Mrs. H. F. Morrison, Miss Ruth Reynolds and E. E. Reynolds, announcing the death of their brother, H. A. Reynolds, at Lincoln, Neb.—Bandon Recorder.

Foreign Military Critics Claim Big Operations in France and Belgium Are On

NEITHER SIDE GIVES OUT ANY CONFIRMATION Official Reports Indicate Lull in Operations Everywhere; Artillery Activity

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Although the opinion was expressed by European military critics that operations on a large scale are in progress in France and Belgium, today's official announcements from Paris and Berlin tell of no important battles. The fighting in the East likewise has diminished in intensity. The German war office reports nothing of importance in the East or West while the French statements say a violent artillery fight occurred near the North Sea at Nieuport and in the vicinity of Ypres and between the rivers Lys and Somme.

MEXICANS SHOOT ACROSS BORDER

Still More Trouble at Sonora and General Bliss Warns Governor Maytorena

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—Brigadier General Bliss reported today that bullets from Mexican snipers in Naco, Sonora, continued to strike in American territory. He has again protested to Governor Maytorena to prevent shots from being fired over the border.

BANDON BOYS TO BELGIUM

Walter Hartman and Charles Holbrook left on the Elizabeth Saturday morning for San Francisco from which place they expect to join the crew of a big line carrying provisions to Belgium. The young men were not exactly certain of the condition of affairs when they left here, but if everything is as favorable there as it looks from this end they will be off in a short time. They will be in the engineering department of the boat, going as oilers on this first trip.—Bandon Recorder.

U. S. HEALTH CONGRESS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 3.—The creation of a National Health Congress and the appointment of a committee to study drug evils in this country was recommended in resolutions adopted by the American Public Health Association.

PANAMA CANAL GRAFT INDICTMENTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Additional indictments against John Burke, manager of the Panama Canal Commissary Department, were returned by the Federal grand jury. They charge Burke with accepting two bribes totaling nearly \$10,000.

WORKED FOR HENRY.

W. J. Mitchell, who was arrested by Sheriff Quine Friday charged with kidnapping the Misses Ruby and Lolita Simpson, from Coos county, was a former employe of the government, and acted in the capacity of a detective during the time the land fraud cases were being tried in this state. He acted under instructions from Francis J. Heney, who was in charge of the government prosecutions at the time. Mitchell has lived in Oregon 24 years. It is understood he received \$2200 for his work on the Myrtle Point bank case.—Roseburg Review.

AT ROSEBURG, DECEMBER 7 THE COUNTY CLERK WILL OPEN BIDS ON 11,400 FEET OF COUNTY ROAD.

R. J. Bowers of Plinio, Cal., has leased a salmon cannery at Tillamook and will employ from 55 to 50 hands packing clams, crabs and small fish.

PROSPERITY GENERAL IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Business conditions are improving and a further advance toward prosperity will be witnessed during the next few months, according to a report which will be made at the annual meeting tomorrow of the National Civic Federation. The report was compiled from reports received from more than 600 correspondents throughout the United States, including Governors, mayors, officials of unions, industrial associations, banks and building associations.

IRISH PAPERS ARE FORGED TO CLOSE

English Officials Confiscate One and Another Suspends When Warned of Treason

DUBLIN, Dec. 3.—The newspaper Sinn Fein did not appear today, the publishers refusing to print it in consequence of having been warned by the authorities that they would be liable to prosecution for the publication of treasonable matter. The police last night raided the office of the Irish Freedom and also confiscated all copies of the paper on news stands.

TO SHOW RESPECT FOR FORMER ELKS

Memorial Services for Deceased Members to be Held Sunday Afternoon

In memory of deceased Elks, an annual memorial service will be held by the local order in their lodge rooms Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. A special musical program has been arranged and John D. Goss will deliver the address telling the significance of the occasion and what it means to the Elks. Throughout the entire United States every one of the 1300 lodges of this order will observe their annual memorial day. The local lodge has a record that is most unique. In the five years that they have been established here there has not been a single death to report among the members which now number more than 230.

According to Exalted Ruler D. Y. Stafford there was some thought of leaving the service open and inviting the public to attend, but considering the fact that their lodge rooms will accommodate but few more than the members and also that there have been no deaths in this order this will not be done and the regular ritual work will be in order.

MAY STRIKE OIL AT ASTORIA.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 3.—N. J. Jannson, the contractor who is in charge of the drilling operations in front of the Flavel hotel, where the S. P. & S. is endeavoring to secure an adequate supply of fresh water, states that the hole has reached a depth of 629 feet, and the drill is now passing through a bed of hard shale. How much further the digging has to continue before water is struck remains to be seen. The apparatus on the premises is capable of going down 1800 feet. The shale strata indicates an oil formation and it is possible that once the drill passes through this soil, such a lucky strike as oil might be possible and far more welcome than water.

FEAR RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE POWER WAS PROBABLY RUINED IN CAMPAIGN

Unexpected Recuperative Powers of Austrian Army Coupled With Heavy Losses in Fights With Germans, Badly Impairs First Line Forces of Czar, Says Critic.

RUSSIANS REPORT GEN. RENNEKAMPFF MADE TO SUFFER RESPONSIBILITY FOR GERMAN COUP

His Slowness in Bringing Up Reinforcements Permitted Germans to Cut Their Way Out—England Relieved by Capture of South African Rebel Leader

LONDON, Dec. 3.—A well known Berlin military critic maintains that the long resistance and unexpected recuperative powers of the Austrians, coupled with the Russian losses in Poland, have deprived Russia of such a large portion of her first line troops that her offensive power has been irretrievably impaired.

From Petrograd comes a report that General Rennekampff was made the scapegoat on account of the Napoleonic coup, which enabled the Germans to cut through the encircling Russian cordon. It is reported that the dilatoriness of Rennekampff in bringing up reinforcements made the German escape possible.

Anxiety in England over the conditions in South Africa was greatly relieved by the reported capture of the elusive De Wet, the most formidable among the leaders of the South African rebellion.

FRENCH REPORT GERMAN ACTIVE BUT REPULSED ALONG BATTLE LINE

PARIS, Dec. 3.—The official report this afternoon says: "In Belgium there was a rather lively artillery fire directed against Nieuport and to the south of Ypres. The inundations have been extended to the south of Dixmude. From Lys to the Somme Rivers there has been violent bombardment, particularly at Aix-Moulette. Quiet prevailed along the entire front from the Somme to the Aisne River and in Champagne. In the Argonne region several German attacks were repulsed and we made slight progress. In the Woevre district, the German artillery were active but with insignificant results. In Lorraine and Vosges, there was nothing important to report."

GERMANS REPORT NOTHING NEW

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—Today's official statement is limited to the following brief announcement: "In neither theatre of war has anything of importance happened."

KING GEORGE ON FIRING LINE KAISER MEETS AUSTRIAN LEADERS

LONDON, Dec. 3.—King George of England, who has been visiting the British lines in Flanders, went out to the firing line today, according to a telegram received this afternoon by the Evening News.

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—Emperor William yesterday conferred at Breslau with Archduke Frederick, commander in chief of the Austro-Hungary army. Archduke Charles Francis, heir to the throne, and General Von Hoetzendorf, chief general of staff, were also present. Later Emperor William visited the military hospital at Breslau.

BELGRADE TAKEN BY STORM

BUDEPEST, Dec. 3.—Belgrade, captured yesterday by the Austrians, was taken by storm at the point of the bayonet. Austro-Hungarian troops approached the city from the westward and rushed the defenses. After their victorious assault they marched into the city cheering loudly.

ENGLISH COAST SWEEPED BY GALE SERIOUS REVOLTS IN ENGLISH CAMP

Dutch Vessel Lost After Colliding With British Steamer—Worst Storm Known

LANCASTER, Eng., Dec. 3.—An attempt to escape was made last night by a thousand prisoners in the concentration camp here but was thwarted by guards who charged the mobs with bayonets, wounding several.

AERONAUT DROPS BOMBS ON KRUPP ARTILLERY FACTORY AT ESSEN

LONDON, Dec. 3.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from The Hague, quotes a message from Berlin that the Krupp factory at Essen, Germany, was bombed yesterday by an aeronaut who is said to have dropped bombs on the buildings devoted to the manufacture of cannon. The airman escaped uninjured and the extent of the damage has not been ascertained.

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND TROOPS ARE LANDED IN EGYPT

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Australian and New Zealand contingents have been disembarked in Egypt, according to official announcement, to assist in the defense of that country and complete their training there. When training is completed they will go direct to the front to fight with other British troops in Europe.

ITALY TO REMAIN NEUTRAL IN WAR PROGRESSIVES TO KEEP UP PARTY

Parliament Opens and Declaration of Premier for Peace is Applauded Today

ROME, Dec. 3.—The Italian parliament opened today. Sittings of both chamber deputies and senate were witnessed by a large gathering of deeply interested spectators. Premier Salandra made a statement in which he explained the situation of Italy and advised that he maintain an attitude of loyal watchful and armed neutrality. He was frequently applauded.

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