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CZAR'S INVADING ARMY 20 MILES IN EAST PRUSSIA

Berlin Admits Russian Northern Wing Has Reached Darkehmen—Allies Assume Offensive in Belgium—Heavy Siege Guns Batter Cracow and Suburbs Are in Flames.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Germany acknowledges that the Russian northern army has penetrated into east Prussia to a distance 15 miles south-west of Gumbinnen, which is about 20 miles west of the German border.

The German official statement says that strong Russian forces attempted a surprise attack on the fortifications of Darkehmen, in East Prussia, and that they were repulsed. Semi-official information from Petrograd is that operations along the Russian front are turning to the advantage of the Russians and that the Germans are retiring in disorder.

According to the French official statement the German forces in Belgium are on the defensive and the allies have made progress "at certain points." Fighting continues in the Argonne where, the French statement asserts, German attacks were repulsed.

The whereabouts of the German Pacific fleet, of which little has been heard since it sank the British cruisers Good Hope and Monmouth off the coast of Chile nearly a month ago, has become one of the mysteries of the war.

Russia's forces, it is reported unofficially today, have at last reached Cracow, the Austrian fortress in northwestern Galicia, near the boundaries of Russia and Germany.

Other than this report, there was little new information concerning the situation in the east. The main question, in the opinion of London, was whether the German army which struck at the Russian center would be able to extricate itself and fall back to the border without a disaster.

JIM CROW LAW OPERATION UPHELD

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The judgment of the Oklahoma federal courts, which refused to enjoin the operations of the Oklahoma Jim Crow law, was affirmed today by the supreme court. The lower court held the law unconstitutional, notwithstanding the section which provides sleeping, parlor and chair cars for white persons alone.

MINE ADRIFT IN PATHWAY OF ALL ATLANTIC LINERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—A mine with five contact points extending from it is afloat six miles west of Fire Island Light, according to Captain Davies of the steamship Etonian, in today from London.

The spot where the mine is said to be adrift lies in the pathway traveled by all trans-Atlantic vessels leaving and entering New York harbor. How the mine happened to be there, by what agencies it was set adrift, whether its presence was accidental or by design, were problems. The possibility that it had been set adrift in the belief that it might eventually find lodgment against the side of a warship caused some speculation.

A recent report that a mine had been lost by or was missing from the Brooklyn navy yard was denied this afternoon at the commandant's office there.

PORTLAND EXPORTS SMASH RECORDS

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 30.—With a valuation approaching close to \$3,000,000, Portland's exports in November smash every monthly record of the year, as a result of the growing demands of warring nations in Europe.

More than double the amount of wheat and over 40,000 more barrels of flour was exported this November than the corresponding month of 1913. Approximately 12,000 tons of oats went to Europe to feed the mules and horses of the allies, or enough to feed 100,000 head of stock for twenty-five days.

BIG INDEMNITY FROM BRUSSELS

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 30, via London, 6:30 p.—A message from Brussels to the Handelsblad states that the German governor of the province of Brabant, in which Brussels is located, convoked a meeting of financiers and told them that Belgium must pay 35,000,000 francs (\$7,000,000) monthly for the maintenance of German troops.

NORWEGIAN SHIP IS PRIZE OF WAR

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 30.—A Norwegian steamer in tow of a British cruiser is being brought to this port as a prize of war, it was announced today. The steamer is reported to have a cargo of cotton, but is suspected of carrying contraband of war. The cruiser and her prize were expected to arrive late this afternoon.

GERMAN FLEET NEARS BRITISH IN SOUTH ATLANTIC

Warships Last Heard of Off Chilean Coast Reported Off Mouth of River Plata—Powerful British Squadron Rumored Nearby—Sailings of English Steamers Suspended.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Nov. 30.—The recent reports that the German fleet is now in the South Atlantic appear to have been confirmed here today. It is also rumored that a powerful British fleet is nearby.

Interruption of British shipping and the outfitting of German merchant ships with supplies were accepted here as confirmatory of reports of the approach of the German fleet, which is now believed to be off the mouth of the river Plata.

The German steamer Patagonia is being loaded here with provisions, the Sierra Cordoba with coal and the Mera with coal and water.

Sailings of British steamers from Montevideo and the Brazilian port of Santos have been suspended. Marine records show that the Sierra Cordoba was at Montevideo on November 22. The Mera reached that port on September 8, since which time there has been no report from her.

FRENCH YELLOW BOOK PUTS WAR BLAME ON KAISER

PARIS, Nov. 30.—The French foreign office today gave out a yellow book, which recites the French view point of the events which led up to the present war.

This book reviews at length the diplomatic exchanges previous to the declaration of war. An abstract given out by the foreign office lays emphasis upon the responsibility of Austria as primal cause of the conflict and says that Germany persistently avoided every opportunity to adopt measures of conciliation and reach a settlement.

GARDNER TO DISCUSS WAR WITH WILSON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Representative Gardner of Massachusetts will call at the white house tomorrow to ask for an engagement with President Wilson to discuss his resolution for an investigation into the military preparedness of the country.

ORDER OF MERIT GIVEN MACKENZEN

LONDON, Nov. 30, 5:03 p. m.—A news dispatch received here from Danzig, in West Prussia, says that Emperor William in a telegram to General Mackenzen expressed great satisfaction with the successes achieved by the general's army in Poland. His majesty conferred on General Mackenzen the Order of Merit.

PROPOSED INCREASE IN RATES SUSPENDED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Proposed increases in freight rates extending throughout the middle west and west, affecting many classes of freight were suspended today by the interstate commerce commission pending investigation.

ROCKEFELLER ASKS TO CHANGE PLEA NEW HAVEN CASE

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—The three pleas in abatement filed by William Rockefeller and eight others of the twenty-one directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, under indictments alleging violations of the Sherman anti-trust law, were overruled in the United States district court here late today.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—William Rockefeller, Standard Oil millionaire, today sought permission of the federal court to change his plea to the indictment charging him and twenty-other former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company with criminal violation of the anti-trust law.

Applications for permission to change their pleas were made also by D. Newton Barney, Frederick F. Brewster, Henry K. McHarg and G. P. Baker.

Mr. Rockefeller was joined in his application by Robert W. Taft, Chas. A. Brooks, William Skinner and Jas. S. Elton. These defendants filed pleas in abatement with Mr. Rockefeller last Monday. In their application to Judge Sessions, the defendants did not indicate the nature of the plea they wish to make.

AEROPLANES BUSY DROPPING BOMBS

LONDON, Nov. 30, 4:20 p. m.—Details of the operations of the British troops at the front from November 23 to 25, are given in a report issued today under date of November 26 from a military observer attached to the British headquarters. The report in part is as follows:

"Since the enemy desisted from his attacks in force, the fighting has been resolved into a competition in sniping and small affairs on the outposts all along the line where positions are contested with rifles, hand grenades, bombs, mortars and mines. Our aeroplanes have been especially active in the last two days, having dropped 120 bombs."

ENGLAND TO SEND ARMY TO AFRICA

BERLIN, Nov. 30, by wireless.—The official press bureau announced today that it had received advices from Rotterdam to the effect that England was soon to send a part of her new army to South Africa.

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WHY RUSSIANS EXPEL GERMANS FROM PETROGRAD

PETROGRAD, Nov. 30, via London.—The Novoe Vremya today publishes an explanation of the recent wholesale expulsion of Germans from the capital, saying it was due to the discovery of subscription lists for the building of ships for the German fleet.

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DEMOCRATS MAY ABSORB MOOSE

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—Amalgamation of the progressive party with the democratic party has been agitated by democrats of national prominence, according to information brought here today by one of those who will sit in the executive committee meeting on the progressive party here Wednesday.

HENRY IN CONTEMPT SAYS SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The appeal of George G. Henry, a New York banker, from the decision of the New York courts, holding he must return to Washington to answer to an indictment for contempt of congress for refusing to give information to the "money trust investigating committee" was dismissed today by the supreme court.

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