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## **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 southwest of Gumbinnen, which is about 20 miles west of the German border. In Belgium, says the French official statement, it is the allies and not the Germans who are now on the offensive. These two points stood out in today's news from the battle fields of Europe.

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. Semiofficial information from Petrograd is that operations along the Russian front are turning to the advantgae of the Russians and that the Germans are retiring in disorder. Meanwhile the great battle in Russian Poland, between the Vistula and Warta Rivers, continues without definite result. The German war office states that the the Russians were defeated in a battle south of the Vistula and that 4500 men were captured. Farther south in Galicia the Russians are said carded, to have reached Cracow and to have begun the siege of the city.

Germans on Defensive

According to the French official statement the German forces in Belgian 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 cru-Isers Good Hope and Monmouth off has become one of the mysteries of the war. Despatches from Montevideo again report that this fleet is now in the south Atlantic, although it was said last week to have remained off the Chilean coast. British and Japanese naval aquadrons have been scouring the seas for weeks for the Germans.

Russians at Cracow

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. An Italian correspondent at the front states that Cracow is now being bombarded by heavy Russian siege guns and that one of the suburbs is in flames. The capture of this fortress has been one of the main objectives of Russia's campaign against Austria, on the theory that its falls, to-gether with that of Przemysi, now under siege, would mean Russian ascendancy in that part of Austria which lies to the north of the Carpathian mountains.

Little New Information

Other than this report, there was little new information concerning the situation in the east. The main question, in the opinion of London, was Brussels to the Handelsblad states whether the German army which struck at the Russian center would province of Brabant, in which Brusbe able to extricate itself and fall sels is located, convoked a meeting of back to the border without a disaster. The Russian army operating from

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### 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 toda by the supreme court. The lower court held the law unconstitutional, notwithstanding the section which provides white persons alone.

proceedings.

## MINE ADRIFT IN ATLANTIC LINERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 30 .- A mine with five contact points extending from it is affoat six miles west of Fire Island light, according to Captain Davies of the steamship Etonian, in today from London. Captain Davies said he passed the mine this morning while his ship was bound

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 lodgement against the side of a warship caused some speculation. The only warships seen recently near New York harbor have flown to the British flag. For some time British warships patrolled the doorway of the harbor, passing and re-passing the spot where Captain Davies said the mine was adrift.

A recent report that a mine had been lost by or was missing from the Mera with cool and water. Brooklyn navy yard was denied this afternoon at the commandant's of-

fice there. The mine was of a different design than that adopted by the United States army; hence the theory that It might have escaped from Fort Hancock or that it might be a dummy which escaped from there was dis-

# **PORTLAND EXPORTS**

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 30.-With a valuation approaching close to \$3,of the year, as a result of the grow- which have long been patrolling the book, which recites the French view ing demands of warring nations in Pacific coast, were recognized, but the coast of Chile nearly a month ago. Europe. If the months preceding November had witnessed the same volume of transactions, the value of the exports for 1914 would have exceeded \$30,000,000, double that of any previous year in the history of the port. Only the lack of bottoms prevented the months' exportation from being even larger.

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 GARDNER TO DISCUSS and horses of the allies, or enough to feed 100,000 head of stock for twenty five days. The exportation of oats to Europe is a new business for Portland and the Pacifiq coast created solely by the war.

# INDEMNITY

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 30, via London, 6:30 p. .- A message from Brussels to the Handelsblad states ORDER OF MERIT financiers and told them that Belgium must pay 35,000,000 francs (\$7,000,000) monthly for the main-

tenance of German troops. In addition to this sum, it is said, Belgium must contribute a war levy of 375,000,000 francs (\$75,000,000) as a penalty for violations of neutrality by Belgium and losses ensuing therefrom to Germany.

## NORWEGIAN SHIP

HALIFAN, N. S., Nov. 36 .- A Norwegian steamer in tow of a British sleeping, parlor and chair ears for cruiser is being brought to this port as a prize of war, it was announced ed increases in freight rates extend- it is said, the Gurkhas did consider-Although a majority of the court today. The steamer is reported to ing throughout the middle west and able execution at close quarters, expressed the opinion that the law have a cargo of cotton, but is suswas invalid that was not decreed pected of carrying contraband of war. freight were suspended today by the German trenches, where they wielded because of the error in the previous The cruiser and her prize were ex- interstate commerce commission their peculiar carved swords with pected to arrive late this afternoon. pending investigation.

Warships Last Heard of Off Chilean Coast Reported Off Mouth of River Plata-Powerful British Squadron Rumored Nearby-Sailings of Engish 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 removed 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 which is now believed to be off the Monday. mouth of the river Plata.

#### Steamers Suspend Sailings

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

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. her arrival October 22 at Teneriffe, Canary islands. The latest record of the Patagonia is

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30 .-Three Japanese and one British warship and two Japanese colliers were sighted off Magdalena bay, Lower California, last Monday, b- the American freighter Aztec, now in nort here from Iquioue, Chile,

#### 'In Pacific Waters

The British light cruiser Newcastle, a sister ship of the Glasgow, and another Japanese erniser and a Japmese battleship were unfamiliar t the Aztec's officers.

Probably these vessels were the battleship Hizen and the cruiser Asama, which coaled and left Honolulu as soon as the German gunboat Geier interned there. The understanding in the Japanese colony on Hizen and Asama were bound for the South American west coast.

## 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 life. for an investigation into the military preparedness of the country. President Wilson is expected to grant the engagement, but it is understood he is opposed to the investigation.

## GIVEN MACKENZEN

LONDON, Nov. 30, 5:03 p. m.-A news dispatch received here from 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.

### IS PRIZE OF WAR PROPOSED INCREASE IN RATES SUSPENDED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 .- Propos-

## 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. The government's demarrers were

NEW YORK, Nov. 30 .- William Rockefeller, Standard Oil millionaire, today besought permission of the federal court to change his plea to the indictment charging him and twentyother former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company with criminal violation of the anti-trust law. Mr. Rockefelthe approach of the German fleet, ler filed a plen in abatement last

> Applications for permission to change their pleas were made also by D. Newton Barney, Frederick F. Brewster, Henry K. McHarg and G. forcements in the shape of two in-F. Baker.

Mr. Rockefeller was joined in his application by Robert W. Taft, Chas. A. Brooker, 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.

PARIS, Nov. 30 .- The French for- organized. vember smash every monthly record the Japanese cruiser Idzumo, both of eign office today gave out a yellow 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 Lakes and the River Angerapp is ofemphasis upon the responsibility of ficially stated to be one day's march. Austria as primal cause of the conflict and says that Germany persistthe islands at that time was that the ently avoided every opportunity to adopt measures of conciliation and reach a settlement.

In its presentation of the case the French foreign office places the responsibility fully upon Austria and Germany and relates that Great Brit ain, Russia and France were ready to adopt means of settlement, but the Teuton allies would not consent.

Germany's ultimatum to Russia, is said to have precipitated the rupture. France, according to the book, exhausted every possible avenue conciliation before she decided to draw the sword to defend her very

### AEROPLANES BUSY DROPPING BOMBS

LONDON, Nov. 300, 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 Danzig, in West Prussia, says that 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 bombs, mortars and mines. Our aeroplanes have been especially active 120 hombs.

The accounts refer to several instances in which German attacks were repulsed, particularly November 23, to the south of the river Lys. There, west, affective many classes of They even penetrated some of the great effect.

## KAISER'S CENTER WHY RUSSIANS **WEST POLAND**

Russians Seize Ten Miles of German Trenches at Glovno, Outflanking German Left-Situation at Lodz Is Critical, as Teutons Are Hundred Miles From Base.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 30, via Lon-Sobota according to information received today through trustworthy

Glovno is 16 miles northeast of defenses.

It is semi-officially announced that the Germans have received reinfantry divisions and one cavairy di

#### German Position Critical

The occupation of Glovno, Byelvay and Sobota straightens and strengthens the Russian right wing, which is already sadi to have widely outflanked the German left, bringing the Russian right from 20 to 25 miles in its advance on Strykow, where a battle now is raging, and puts the German center under an attack from Glovno and Lodz.

Military experts are of the opinion that the German position around Lodz today is far more critical than it was during the initial reverses around Warsaw a month ago. They soint out that the German army is 100 miles from Thorn, its base, and the fact that the occupation of its present position was so precipitate that the line of retreat was not well

#### Kaiser's Forces Handicapped

Military observers also maintain that Germans will be greatly handifairly good order.

The extent of the Russian advance in east Prussia between the Mazur unlikely.

#### 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 by democrats of national prominence, to an indictment for contempt of congress for refusing to give information to the "money trust investigating sit in the executive committee meeting committee" was dismissed today by the supreme court.

The decision today was on a habeas corpus proceeding brought by Henry to resist removal to Washington. The court held, however, that the constitutional questions involved, the time being. such as the power of congress to compel persons to testify before committees, would not now be considered. Henry refused to give the names of National bank directors who participated in syndicate operations in California Petroleum.

### ENGLAND TO SEND ARMY TO AFRICA

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

The Turkish general staff, it is rethat the Turkish army operating officers. against the Russians is retreating on Erzerum.

sultan of Turkey has received a and will cando from thirty-five to Ruilway company from extending its pledge of allegiance subscribed to by fifty hands packine clams, crabs and line across the south side of the Kinls Egyptian notables.

## 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.

The newspaper prints in detail the amount subscribed as well as the givers and collectors, many of the names being those of prominent Gerdon, 2 p. m.—Six hundred prisoners, man manufacturers. The paper says seven guns and many wounded fell that many directors and managers of into Russian hands in yesterday's important German concerns in Petrofighting to west of Lowicz, where grad and vicinity took part in collectthe Russians took ten miles of Ger- ing the sums, using their employes or pointment of a commission to attempt man trenches between Glovno and the wives of their workmen as ean- to bring the operators and miners to-VIINSPIN.

The Novoe Vremya alleges that the campaign was started by Count Von Pourtales, the German ambassador to of Glovno. The trenches were pro- Russia, during the months immedi- Mills, of Philadelphia, and Patrick tected by triple earth works and wire ately preceding the war, in the guise Cilday of Clear Field, Pa. All of of funds for German Lutheran missions in heathen countries.

# TAMPICO GOVERNOR

governor of Tamaulipas, has joined to adjust the controversy. They are the Villa forces in Mexico. As he is Hywel Davies and W. R. Fairley. in control of Tampico, the peaceful entry of the troops which have been nouncing the appointment of the has telegraphed to Gutierrez his al- then expresses the hope that legiance to the Aguas Calientes convention.

temporary capital of the convention of similar troubles in the future. faction, Special Agent Canova of the state department, said a rumor was current that General Pablo Gonzales, one of the Carranza division comcapped by the withdrawal even manders, had proclaimed himself proshould they execute the movement in visional president and named a cabinet. Canova was unable to confirm the rumor. Officials here think it

The last dispatches, dated Saturday, said the city was quiet.

# DEMOCRATS MAY

CHICAGO, Nov. 30 .- Amalgamation of the progressive party with the democratic party has been agitated according to information brought here today by one of those who will on the progressive party here Wednesday. The same man admitted that the question of amalgamation is to be discussed, although his own opinion is that the committee will decide to continue the national organization for

Three propositions, it is understood, are to be taken up by the committee:

Maintenance of the national organization for the surpose of entering a presidential candidate in 1916. Amalgamation of the progressive

party with the democratic party. Amalgamation of the progressives and republicans.

George W. Perkins of New York is

chairman of the committee,

### **AUSTRIAN LOSS EXCEEDS 900.000**

PETROGRAD, Nov. 30, via London, in the last two days, having dropped remainder of the British reinforce- 2 p. m .- On the basis of reports rements, it is said, are destined for the ceived in Petrograd from Hungary it is stated here today that the Austro-Hungarian casualties to date ported from Constantinople, denies amount to 900,000 men and 19,000

> R. J. Bowers of Pisnio, Cal., has The press bureau says that the leased a salmon cannery at Tillamook musili fish.

Commission Named to Attempt to Bring Miners and Colorado Operators Together-President Regrets Rejection of Mediation by Owners -Withdrawal of Troops Doubtful.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30,--- Another effort at settlement of the Colorado coal strike troubles moved forward today with President Wilson's ap-

The commission is composed of Seth Low of New York, Charles W. them have been prominently identifled with the settlement of labor

#### Settle Future Disputes

The commission will not deal with the present differences between the operators and miners, but will attempt to settle similar disputes in the future. Efforts to bring about a settlement of the present strike by agreement between the operators and WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 .- Official miners, it is announced will be condispatches today confirmed carlier tinued by the federal mediators, who reports that General Luis Caballero, have been endeavoring for some time

The president, in a statement anmarching eastward from San Lais commission, reviews in detail the Potosi is now expected. Caballero various steps taken by the federal has been claimed by both the Car- government to bring about a settleranza and Villa factions. Caballero ment of the present trouble. He parties to the controversy will make use of the commission as an instru-In a dispatch dated at Queretaro, ment of peace to prevent a repetition

#### Comments on Situation

President Wilson's plan for a temporary settlement of the strike which he suggested some time ago contemplated appointment of a comnamed. The plan was accepted Ly the miners, but rejected by the operators, their principal objection being to a commission. In referring to the rejection of the plan, the president in his statement says:

"I think the country regretted their decision and was disappointed that they should have taken so uncompromising a position. I have waited and hoped for a change in their attitude, but now fear that there will be none. And yet I do not feel that I am at liberty to do nothing in the presence of circumstances so serious and distressing. Merely to withdraw the federal troops and leave the situation to clear itself would seem to me to be doing something less than my duty after all that has occurred."

### DEAD, 12 SHOT IN HUNTING DEER

DULUTH, Minn., Nov. 30 .- Eleven dead and twelve wounded is the toll of the big game hunting season in Minnesota, which will come to a close tonight at midnight.

The number of deer and moose killed is the largest in the history of the state. Probably 500 deer and moose were brought to death.

#### PERMIT RAILROADS TO CROSS RESERVES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 .- The decision of the ninth United States court of anneals that railroads cannot be constructed across reclamation projects even with the authorization of the entrymen, without the consent of the secretary of the interior, was reversed today by the supreme court in the suit of the government to enjoin the Minidoka & Southwestern doka project in Idaho.