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## GREAT BATTLE RAGING NEAR WARSAW AUSTRIANS ARE VICTORS IN SILESIA

### BERLIN CLAIMS GREAT VICTORY OVER RUSSIANS

Russian Offensive Against Silesia and Posen Said to Have Broken Down—In Poland, Czar's Army Claimed in Retreat—Warsaw Reports Great Battle in Progress at Sochaczew.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—One of the greatest victories of the war is claimed today by Germany. The Berlin official statement contains these words: "The Russian offensive against Silesia and Posen has completely broken down. In the whole of Poland the enemy was forced to retreat after fierce and stubborn frontal battles, and is being pursued everywhere."

A semi-official statement from Berlin speaks confidently of the situation in the east and states that the Austrians have achieved their actual successes against the Russians in West Galicia.

The great battle in the west, which is being carried on most fiercely in Belgium and northwestern France, is the subject of conflicting claims. The German war office announces that the allies have made new attacks, but they have been beaten back with heavy losses. The French statement says that several German trenches in Belgium have been captured by infantry assaults and that at other points to the south and east the artillery of the allies has done effective work.

Reinforcements are being poured in rapidly on both sides. The Russians are bringing in troops by highway and by the railroad from Warsaw. The Germans are moving forces from the region about Lodz.

Notwithstanding the conflicting nature of reports concerning the character of the German operations, it is evident that their maneuvers, which, according to some reports, include as many as five army corps are being conducted along a line to the north of Lodz.

### GERMANS PREFER DEATH TO RESCUE

PETROGRAD, Dec. 17, via London, 4:10 p. m.—It was officially announced today the steamer Derentie, of the German Levantine line, was found navigating off the Turkish coast near Kerazunt and was sunk by a Russian warship after all on board the merchantman had been ordered to leave. Only two Turkish officers and twelve soldiers obeyed the order, and the others went down with the ship. Kerazunt is a seaport of Asiatic Turkey, seventy miles west of Trebizond on the Black Sea.

### FOUR STEAMERS SUNK BY MINES RAIDERS LEFT

Merchant Vessels Perish Off English Coast in Territory Covered by German Warships Yesterday—Names of Two Ships Unknown and Crews Perish—Other Crews Rescued.

SOUTH SHIELDS, England, Dec. 17.—Four steamers were sunk by mines off the east coast of England in the territory covered yesterday by the raiding German warships. These vessels scattered mines to cover their retreat.

Only two of these vessels has so far been identified. One is the steamer Elterwater. Twelve of her crew were saved, but seven lost their lives. The casualties on the other ships have not yet been determined, but it is reported that the crew and passengers of the passenger vessel were seen taking to their boats.

The admiralty has announced that all traffic between Flamborough Head and Newcastle has been stopped indefinitely. Flamborough Head is about twenty miles down the coast from Scarborough, one of the points bombarded yesterday by the German cruisers. These hostile ships were reported to have left mines in their wake as they steamed away from the British coast.

### SHORTAGE IN RAGS CAUSED BY WAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Possibility of a shortage in rags due to the European war today led the joint congressional committee on printing to reduce the amount of rag paper it plans to buy for the year beginning next March for the government printing office.

### LODGE INTRODUCES ARMY INCREASE BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Senator Lodge today introduced a bill embodying Secretary Garrison's plan for increasing the aggregate mobile army to full strength for 1000 additional officers and for the discharge of soldiers after eighteen months' service in the regular army to constitute an army reserve.

### THE FLYING DESTROYER TO PREY ON WAR AIR CRAFT.



REINHOLD BOEHM, GERMAN AVIATOR WHO FLEW IN A GERMAN ARMY AIRPLANE FOR TWENTY FOUR HOURS, TWELVE MINUTES WITHOUT STOPPING, ESTABLISHING WORLD RECORD

The day of the flying destroyer is here. A new flying machine called the "aeroplane chaser," is being used successfully by the British to clear the air of aeroplanes.

### MORE GERMAN FORCES ARRIVE AT RUSSIAN FRONT

LONDON, Dec. 17, 7:28 a. m.—The correspondent of the Times in Petrograd understands that three additional corps from the west have reached the German armies on the Russian front, making altogether nine corps which have reached Field Marshal Von Hindenburg within a month. The Germans were thereby able, he said, to send two corps to Hungary while retaining twenty corps on the Polish front.

The Times correspondent adds that it appears that 170,000 Austro-Germans already have crossed the Dukla and neighboring passes in the Carpathian mountains. The Austrian contingent, he says, include three active corps, the withdrawal of which from the Serbian front led to disaster there.

### ARREST NATURALIZED GERMANS IN SEAPORTS

LONDON, Dec. 17, 3:25 p. m.—All naturalized Germans in the seaport of Sunderland, a short distance north of the English coast towns which were bombarded by the Germans yesterday, were arrested over night, according to a dispatch published by the Exchange Telegraph company.

### ZAPATA OCCUPIES CITY OF PUEBLA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The city of Puebla, in the Mexican state of that name, has been evacuated by Carranza forces and now is held by Zapatistas. A report to the state department today says Carranza troops burned the railroad station before departing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Special Agent Canova, reporting to the state department today from Mexico City, said Provisional President Gutierrez had not only issued a decree stopping political executions, but had promised to punish any officials responsible for unwarranted executions so far. Canova reported that executions, of which there had been a great number, had diminished.

The latest word from General Carranza warning his commanders at Naco to avoid firing into American territory.

### BRITISH SQUADRON BOMBARDS TURKS

ATHENS, Dec. 17, via London, 11:47 a. m.—A British squadron has bombarded Turkish troops who had concentrated Sunday on the coast of the Gulf of Saros, the arm of the

### BLISS CONFERS WITH VILLA LEADER ABOUT SHOOTING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Brigadier General Bliss, commanding the troops on the Mexican border, reported to the war department today that he conferred at Naco yesterday with General Ramirez, military secretary of General Maytorena, the Villa commander of the Mexican forces besieging General Hill's Carranza troops.

Ramirez was told by General Bliss what was expected of the Maytorena forces in shaping their operations against the Carranza forces so as to avoid danger to life and property on the American side of the line, and he undertook to communicate the representations to Maytorena.

The ward department has not made public the details of General Bliss' report but Secretary Garrison declared it disclosed that the conference was harmonious and that General Bliss did not make threats as to what he would do if his warnings were unheeded. No mention was made of any further casualties on the Arizona side of the line yesterday which regarded as an encouraging sign.

Aegaen Sea north of the Dardanelles. This information was received here today in a dispatch from Mytilene. Details are lacking.

### DARING RAIDERS ESCAPED FROM BRITISH FLEET

German Cruisers Supposed to Have Reached Helgoland Safely—Raid Upon Unfortified Towns Arouses Britain—Second Raid Expected and Prepared For.

LONDON, Dec. 17, 10:35 a. m.—The crippling of telephone and telegraph wires by the bombardment yesterday of three ports on the east coast of England by German cruisers, together with the precautions thrown about these towns by the police and military authorities made it impossible even today, more than twenty-four hours after the shelling of Scarborough, the Hartlepoons and Whitby, to obtain more than an approximate estimate of the civilian dead and wounded.

According to an official statement, fifty-five persons met death in the Hartlepoons, while 115 were wounded. At Scarborough 17 dead and 30 wounded was the toll. Both official and unofficial estimates place the Whitby casualties at two dead and two wounded. Of the Hartlepool casualties, seven of the dead were soldiers, while of the wounded, fourteen men belonged to the military. The maximum of wounded is close on to 150 persons. This does not include the slightly wounded civilians who bandaged their own hurts and left town on the first trains.

England is Aroused  
Bristling with wrath and resentment at this attack on unfortified towns, England is astir today as never before since war was declared. Another raid is confidently expected, and the entire machinery of home defense has been put into motion. On the east and the southeast coast of England, emergency committees are at work, while in London plans to organize a national guard of men too old for military service are under way.

Although to the British mind a raid on London seems remote, yesterday's episode drove home the realities of war as little else could. Arrangements have been made at Deal and Dover to expedite the removal of the civilian population in case of an attack. These measures are primarily to forestall any panic or congestion on the railroads and thoroughfares which might impede military movements.

Return to Helgoland  
Steaming at high speed, the German raiders, barring mishap, should have reached their advance naval base off Helgoland some time after midnight last night, their trip requiring about fifteen hours. Thirty hours out of port on such a venture in mine-laden waters is a feat English papers do not belittle, and in his heart every Englishman hopes that it will be essayed again, and if necessary again, until the call is paid once too often.

It is presumed that behind them the German cruisers strewed mines, so a fleet of trawlers is now out engaged in the precarious task of sweeping. The belief is general that the Germans in this expedition had the able

### GERMANS INTERNED OUT RANK GARRISON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Interment of twenty-two officers and 355 enlisted men from the German cruiser Cormorant at Guam, the American possession in the Ladrones archipelago, makes the foreign force there nearly equal numerically to the American guard, which consists of about 400 marines.

The question of the transfer of these internees to a less remote quarter was suggested today as facilities for a large force at Guam were not available.

### AUTO BANDIT HOLDS UP BANK OF CINCINNATI

One Cashier Wounded, Another Shot At, and Robber Captured After Duel With Policeman in Which He Is Wounded—Officials Follow in Automobile—\$8000 Secured.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 17.—An automobile bandit believed to have been operating alone, terrorized the west side business section today, robbed two banks within a radius of ten blocks, shot and seriously wounded the cashier of one bank, shot at the cashier of the other and finally was captured after a revolver duel with three policemen, one of whom he shot, later being wounded himself.

It is known that the robber obtained \$8000 in the first bank, the West End branch of the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., and the officials of the Liberty Banking & Savings company, the second bank robbed, believe that the amount he obtained there will run into thousands when a check is made.

Police Follow in Auto.  
The police in another automobile followed the bandit, picking up his trail after the second robbery. The policeman, who was shot, and the robber were removed to a hospital, but the physicians in attendance said they were unable to say how serious the wounds might be.

There were several persons in each bank at the time of the robberies, but the promiscuous use of the bandit's revolver held them in check. At the branch of the Provident bank the robber scaled an eight-foot screen, fired at Edward Hughes, cashier, grabbed \$8000, backed slowly to the door and escaped in his automobile, followed by a fusillade of shots from Hughes' revolver.

An automobile load of police took up his trail, but had lost it when they learned of the second robbery, which was carried in practically the same manner as the first. At the second bank the bandit shot and probably seriously wounded George Winters, cashier.

The bandit had rented a room yesterday in a West Ninth street apartment house and the owner of the apartment having read a description of the man, called the attention of the police to a similarity.

In Shower of Shots  
Three policemen called at his room, and upon opening the door were received with a shower of shots. Policeman Knaul fell wounded and the bandit, jumping past the other two officers, fled to the street, re-entered his automobile, which was standing in front of the house and fled. His flight proved unhelpful for him, inasmuch as he crashed into a pole rounding the first corner and wrecked the machine.

He extricated himself from the wreckage and started to run, but the officers by that time were close to him and after an exchange of shots the bandit fell.

Physicians at the hospital said probably both Policeman Knaul and the bandit would die. Both were shot four times.

The police after comparing a photograph of the bandit with a description of the man, called the attention of the police to a similarity.

### A LION HUNT ON THE STREETS OF NEW YORK CITY

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A lion hunt was staged in the streets of New York this afternoon. Five lions which escaped from the stage of the Eighty Sixth street theater at a time when the house was filled with a matinee audience, were attacked by scores of policemen with revolvers and finally subdued.

Only one of the lions escaped to the street. It was killed in a tenement house, after it had attacked two policemen and severely injured both of them. The other four lions were cornered in the theater building and driven back to their cages.

Dozens of women fainted and more than a hundred were knocked down in the wild stampede to reach the doors when the lions walked off the stage.

Two hospitals sent ambulances to the theater. The scene of the lion hunt, East Eighty Sixth street near Lexington avenue, was the center of a throng that numbered tens of thousands before the chase finally ended.

### FIGHTING RESUMED BY CARRANZA FORCES

NACO, Arizona, Dec. 17.—The Carranza garrison of Naco, Sonora, opened fire with artillery at daylight today upon the entrenchments of the Maytorena besiegers. The evident effort to provoke a reply from Maytorena, failed up to 9 o'clock. Military observers on the American side, however, believed Maytorena ultimately would be forced to renew the interchange of shots.