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RUSSIANS ARE NOW ON THE OFFENSIVE

Whole Russian Line is Now Straightened Out and Will Contest Every Foot of Ground

CAPTURE OF LODZ A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT

Less Than a Fortnight Ago the German Army Which Has Taken Lodz Was Surrounded by the Russians and Had to Cut its Way Out—Reorganized and Took the Offensive Within a Few Days—Allied French, British and Belgian Forces Have Begun an Offensive Movement—Announcement from Sofia Says Bulgaria is to Stick to Her Policy of Neutrality—Germans Bombard Two Villages in Flanders.

London, Dec. 7.—After a long battle fought with great intensity, the Germans have succeeded in occupying Lodz in Poland which is an unfortified city and according to the Berlin report the Russians having suffered severe losses are in retreat.

This success of the Germans, largely because of the wonderful network of railways on the German side of the frontier over which reinforcements can be sent where they are most needed. The Russians on the other hand vigorously attacked on both wings were unable to send men to assist their center to meet the German wedge and were compelled to fall back.

There will be much more fighting before the campaign in this district is concluded. Lodz was won only after hand fighting in the suburbs of the city and the whole Russian line from north to south is now straight-

WARNING TO MARINERS BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT

With Regard to the River Tyne and the Firth of Forth.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Ambassador Page at London reported today that the British government had given out the following notification with regard to the River Tyne and the Firth of Forth.

"River Tyne—All incoming vessels from the north must call for a pilot at Forth, and those from the southward of the River Wear. Outgoing vessels are to discharge their pilots at one or the other of these places.

"Firth of Forth—All incoming vessels must call for a pilot at a station to be established on the Isle of May; outgoing vessels are to discharge their pilots at the same station. It will be dangerous for any vessel to be under way to the westward of the Isle of May without a pilot."

Ambassador Page said he was informed that if the above instructions were carried out commerce could utilize these ports with safety.

WOMAN ELECTROCUTED AT BRIDGEPOAT

Man Seriously Injured—They Came in Contact With Dangling Wire.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 7.—A woman was instantly killed and a man was seriously injured by coming in contact with a dangling wire at about the same time at Railroad and South avenues here today. It was during the height of the storm and the small wires evidently had been crossed with one another and the woman was electrocuted.

Hartford Boat Transferred to Fall River Line

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 7.—The steamship Hartford of the Connecticut River line will be placed on the New York and Fall River line for the winter according to an announcement by President Goodrich of the Hartford and New York Transportation line, today.

Arrested For Sunday Murder at New Haven

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 7.—Joseph Combs was arrested at North Branford today by local detectives for the murder of James O'Brien in this town yesterday. O'Brien was shot down on the street in the presence of a crowd of church goers and died within a few moments. Jealousy is said to have been the motive.

St. Louis Stock Exchange Reopened

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 7.—The St. Louis stock exchange, which has been closed since July 29, reopened today with a minimum price fixed for all shares traded on the exchange. Opening prices were steady and the demand for high grade securities was good.

Paraglyphs

Swedish Steamers Hit Mines.

London, Dec. 7.—A dispatch from Stockholm to Reuters' Telegram company states that the Swedish steamers Luna and Everilda struck mines off the Finnish coast, and that both steamers sank. The crew of the Luna was saved, but all seamen aboard the Everilda, except one man, were lost.

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No New Cases of Cattle Disease

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 7.—No new cases of the foot and mouth disease were reported to the commissioner of domestic animals today. Several orders were issued permitting the transfer of cattle from pastures to stables due to the storm but it was required that the cattle should be transferred in wagons through the quarantined districts.

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Condensed Telegrams

Cardinal Angelo di Pietro, dean of the Sacred College at Rome, is dead.

Don Juan Ildro Jiminez was inaugurated as President of Santo Domingo.

The British battleship Venus was driven ashore on the coast of England.

Six persons were killed and fifty wounded in a railway collision at Jassy, Roumania.

Glenn H. Curtiss will move his aeroplane factory from Hammondsport, N. Y., to Buffalo.

Guatemala has contracted for the erection of a pavilion at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

The Cunard liner Lusitania left New York for Liverpool, with 3,000 sacks of Christmas mail.

A new British battleship and two flotilla tenders will be named the Canada, Tipperary and Bocha.

Miss Corda Loft, of Braasher, Mo., while walking in her sleep, cut off her curls and packed them in a suit case.

The British steamer Batiscan left Philadelphia for Rotterdam with 250,000 bushels of wheat for Belgian relief.

King George returned to Buckingham Palace from France, where he visited British troops at the front.

The steamer Grand northern of the Canadian Steamship Co. ran aground on her first trip from Philadelphia.

William Rexer of Brooklyn shot and fatally wounded his son William Rexer, Jr., 31 years old, during a business quarrel.

The schooner William Donnelly of Baltimore, sank off Thimble Shoal, Chesapeake Bay. Two men were drowned.

Three Chicago police officials were arrested and suspended from the force for extorting bribes and running confidence games.

Orders have been placed with a South Bend, Ind., firm by the French and English governments for three thousand zigs.

The West Virginia "Blue Sky" law was held unconstitutional by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Parkersburg, W. Va.

The British Government has accepted the services of a hundred or more of the Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Corps for active service.

Professor Fitz-Roy Carrington of Harvard was arrested and held for having a high-powered unlicensed wireless station at his home.

Charles Foni of Clarkburg, W. Va., was sentenced to serve six months in jail for selling liquor after Virginia became "dry."

The will of Judge Charles E. Gutzwiller of New Orleans leaves several thousand dollars to his negro nurse, entirely cutting off his family.

The United States naval collier Jason arrived at Marseilles and unloaded 500 tons of Christmas gifts for the families of men at the front.

George Longbone, a full-blooded Delaware Indian, arrived at St. Louis to study aviation, with the intention of joining the United States army.

Mrs. Clara Kishbaugh of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was granted a divorce from her husband, Isaac Kishbaugh after he had placed a market price of \$35 on her.

Farmers from the country around Washington refused to accept Federal reserve notes in payment for purchases, looking upon the notes as spurious.

The body of George Frame, who lived alone in an isolated district on the Topshfield road, near Roxford, Mass., was found in the ruins of his farmhouse which was burned yesterday.

A woman suffering from aphasia was admitted to the workhouse at Ormeau, England. In her valise was found a New York policeman's uniform.

Robert H. Jones, a graduate of the University of Texas and a student at Columbia University, committed suicide by shooting himself in a New York hotel.

The Paris Journal states that General Diego Gutierrez, elected Mexican President at the Aguas Calientes convention was formerly a waiter in Oviedo, Spain.

Mrs. Bertie Brixie, widow of the sheriff of Webster County, Mo., who was shot and killed while trying to arrest Edgar Bartlett was appointed sheriff in his place.

Famishing and on the verge of insanity, Samuel H. Baker, a prominent Denver attorney, crawled into Thompson, Utah, after being lost for five days on the desert.

Adam's drugstore and Crosby's dry-goods store at Sagamore, Mass., were destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$20,000. An overheated furnace is supposed to have started the blaze.

WAS WORST STORM IN MANY YEARS

Telephone and Telegraphic Communication in the State Completely Demoralized by Wind and Ice

THE STORM CENTER WAS NEAR NEW HAVEN

Maximum Velocity of Wind Was 44 Miles an Hour—150 Telephone Poles Blown Down Within a Radius of Three Miles of New Haven—Storm Was Longest Sustained in Recent Years and Some Cities Were Completely Cut Off—City of Meriden Was in Darkness Last Night, Electric Light System Being Put Out of Commission—No Accident Were Reported Along the Shore, Although Much Damage Was Done to Cottages.

From the house-tops there appeared to stretch an unbroken stretch of water between Formandie and the Highlands, a distance of several miles.

Loss estimated at \$100,000 had been caused by the storm during the night.

WIND 72 MILES AN HOUR AT BLOCK ISLAND.

Three Marine Accidents on New England Coast.

Boston, Dec. 7.—The southern storm, which first made itself evident on New England coast early Saturday, was raging relentlessly today, and up to noon had caused three marine accidents. The accidents were not accompanied by loss of life.

The six masted schooner Alice M. Lawrence of Portland grounded in Nantucket sound, the Nantucket lightship was wrenched from her moorings, and a similar accident happened to a little schooner in Point Judith harbor of refuge. The schooner of the Lawrence on Tuckerauck shoal was considered precarious, especially great seas prevented any near approach by life savers.

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