

At this last mentioned place we occupied a front more than one kilometre long almost all the first line trench of the enemy...

DENIES GERMAN SANK 2 WARSHIPS

British Admiralty Admits, However, Destroyer Hardy Lost 17 Men.

LIST OF KILLED BY SHELLS INCREASING

Dead 122, Wounded 549—At Least 57 Lives Lost by Enemy.

German Reinforcements Rushed Through Belgium

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.—It is reported from Liege that many trains have arrived there with reinforcements...

FRENCH PARLIAMENT TO MOURN ITS DEAD

Seats of Members Killed in War To Be Draped in Crape When Body Meets.

BOTH BELIEVES REVOLT IS ENDED

Premier Takes Vacation Before Starting Campaign Against German Southwest Africa.

CAMILLE CLIFFORD'S HUSBAND KILLED

London, Dec. 18.—The name of Captain the Honorable Henry Lyndhurst Bruce, of the Royal Scots Guards...

GERMAN PRINCE TO GOVERN BELGIANS?

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Germans are doing their utmost to force upon the Belgians the conviction that their country is definitely conquered...

BELGIAN EDITORS REFUSE TO PUBLISH

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.—Efforts of General von Bissing, the new German Governor of Belgium, to induce the leading newspapers of Brussels to publish...

CRUISER AUSTRALIA ARRIVES AT CALLAO

Callao, Peru, Dec. 18.—The Australian battle cruiser Australia arrived here this evening.

BRITISH POET WARNS AMERICA AGAINST UNTIMELY MEDIATION

[By Cable to The Tribune.] London, Dec. 18.—"The Evening News" prints the following verse:

TO A WOULD-BE UMPIRE. By WILLIAM WATSON.

Great persons babble not of peace while free To rend were still the gorgeous tresses; nor Did mighty Theseus, while the Minotaur Took his red toll of white virginity.

Nor shall St. George of England stay his spear In parley with you ravening shape equipped Ramps over life and treads down arts and laws.

To you far westward we will give an ear Where sage and safe you sit, but hew we first The dragon's teeth out of the dragon's jaws.

BRITISH CAPTURE CREW OF EMDEN

Get Forty Men Who Escaped from Cocos Island and in Schooner.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Ministry of Marine announced to-day that the British auxiliary cruiser Empress of Japan had captured the collier Emden...

Forty men of the German cruiser Emden were ashore on Cocos Island when their vessel was overtaken...

VON BUELOW HOPES TO PLACATE ITALY

Reported Intent on Inducing Her to Keep Out of War and Act as Peacemaker.

Milan, Dec. 18.—Prince von Buelow, who arrived at Rome yesterday in his new ambassadorial capacity...

BERLIN CRITICIZES YELLOW BOOK

Berlin, Dec. 18.—The Official Press Bureau to-day gave out the following: "The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, commenting on the French Yellow Book, copies of which have just been received, says that it consists of documents obviously selected and prepared to prove that Russia did not provoke the war...

ABOUT TO BE SHOT, HEARS CHILD'S PLEA

Little Daughter Begs His Forgiveness Just Before German Soldiers Kill Him.

London, Dec. 19.—"The Daily News" publishes the following dispatch from Paris: "Little has been known up to the present of the circumstances in which the male population of Surice, in the district of Namur, was massacred and the little village almost totally destroyed by the Germans in September. A Belgian newspaper, 'Le Vingtieme Siecle,' which is now published at Havre, gives a few details.

British Sure Spies Aided German Raiders on Coast

Scarborough, Dec. 18.—The authorities, especially those concerned with the coast defense, are occupied in investigating some strange coincidences in connection with the German raid, all of which point to an intimate knowledge of localities by the commanders of the German warships. It may be said that it is easy to gain exact acquaintance with the position of a railway station, for instance, by a glance at an ordinary map or the ordinary plan of a town.

GERMANS REPULSED, CLAIM OF RUSSIA

Mystery Surrounds Report of Invaders' Victory in West Poland.

AUSTRIANS CHECKED IN WESTERN GALICIA

Czar's Troops Capture 3,000 Prisoners—Germans Claim Successes.

London, Dec. 18.—Although there seems to be no doubt that the Russians are retreating and that, for the present, the Allies may have the best of an early invasion of Germany must be dismissed, considerable mystery surrounds the reported decisive victory by the Germans, which Berlin celebrated last night.

The mystery is further increased to-night by the receipt of the following optimistic statement by the Russian General Staff, contained in a dispatch from Petrograd.

"On the left flank the Vistula almost completely fell on nearly all of the front has replaced the attacks made by the enemy in the course of the last few days. All of these attacks were repulsed.

"In connection with the advance of part of our troops toward the Bzura River, Russian Poland, and in view of the fact that the Austrians are continually receiving reinforcements in the Carpathians, we have thought fit to rearrange the positions of some of our armies.

"We checked the offensive of the enemy yesterday in Western Galicia on the front between Sanok and Liszko. We have succeeded in our offensive and have captured 3,000 prisoners, several guns and mitrailleuses.

Vienna gives a few details of the fighting in the Carpathians. It is stated that the Russians have been driven out of their positions north of the Carpathian Mountains from Krosno to Zakliczyn, which would indicate that the Carpathians are in the hands of the Austrians and that Petrokov and another Central Poland town have been stormed, but silence is maintained as regards North Poland, where the German victory is said to have been achieved.

Russians Retire on 250-Mile Front, Vienna's Report

Vienna, Dec. 18 (via London).—The following Austrian official statement was made public to-day.

"The beaten Russian main forces are being pursued on the entire battle front, 400 kilometers wide (about 250 miles) from Krosno (Poland) to Zakliczyn in the Carpathians, where it empties into the Vistula.

"The enemy yesterday was driven from his positions north of the Carpathians between Krosno and Zakliczyn to the southern River of the same name, and the straits uniting the Baltic with the North Sea and Atlantic. All the states would be sufficiently strong to defend their neutrality against all attempts at infringement, and the present predominance of Dardanelles would be settled in Russia's favor without sacrifices on her part.

ALSACE AGAIN HAS A FRENCH COURT

Installation of First at Thann Is Simple, but Dramatic.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The first French court in the reconquered territory at Thann, Alsace, was installed yesterday with the usual pomp and circumstance. Another officer then entered the room and advanced to the judge's desk and in solemn tones said:

"In the name of the French people, unable to sobbing of an old Alsatian, unable to restrain his emotion, interrupted the officer, but after a short pause he continued: "and by virtue of the instructions of the general commandant of the First Army we declare, Monsieur le Juge at Thann with jurisdiction," etc.

That was all. The young people rushed cheering out into the street, and the old men remained for awhile in their places in quiet ecstasy.

DEATH SENTENCE OF TRAITOR ANNULLED

Nicholas Ahlers's Acts Not Shown To Be Hostile to Great Britain.

London, Dec. 18.—The Court of Criminal Appeal, consisting of the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Reading, and four other justices, to-day annulled the conviction of Nicholas Ahlers, who on December 10 was found guilty of treason and sentenced to death.

Ahlers, a naturalized Englishman, formerly was a member of the German army in the East. He was accused of having aided German reservists to reach their country after the outbreak of the war.

Ahlers's appeal was allowed, on the ground that the evidence it did not follow that his actions were hostile to the country's interests, and also because the material point whether or not the prisoner, when he committed the crime, knew that he was being declared was not left to the jury in the way it should have been done.

FRENCH WRITERS BERATE CENSORSHIP

Paris, Dec. 18.—An energetic protest against the press censorship was made at a meeting to-day of Deputies and Senators who are journalists. The meeting drafted a formal statement of objections to the censorship, which is to be handed to the Minister of Justice, Aristide Briand, as President of the Council of State.

GERMANY PLANS TO TAKE SWITZERLAND?

Paris, Dec. 18.—As proof that Germany made plans to annex Switzerland, Le Matin prints photographs of German maps and 20 penny stamps, across which are printed in black letters "Schweiz, 10 centimes," and "Schweiz, 25 centimes." The editor claims that the stamps of this kind in his possession.

Aid Shanghai Refugees.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Permission has been granted by the State Department to about five hundred German women and children who were stranded as war refugees at Shanghai, China, to pass through the United States on their way back to Germany.

On Their Way. To our Xmas Dinner—11 A. M. to 9 P. M. RESERVE TABLES NOW. The Avenue Restaurant.

THREE KINGS LAY PLANS FOR UNITY

Rulers of Sweden, Norway and Denmark Hold Joint Conference.

Malmö, Sweden, Dec. 18.—King Gustave of Sweden, King Haakon of Norway and King Christian of Denmark arrived here to-day for a conference which they are to formulate an agreement designed to combine their respective interests during the war.

The meeting of King Haakon and King Gustave was the first time that the rulers of these countries had met since Norway severed her connection with Sweden, in 1905. The conference is expected to establish closer relations between these countries.

The royal conference is being held in an ancient dwelling in the market place of Malmö, the headquarters of the present Lord Lieutenant, King Gustave was the first to arrive, and he welcomed King Christian when he reached port on the cruiser Heimdal. The two monarchs met King Haakon, who came to Malmö by special train. The greeting of the monarchs was of a most cordial nature. The town was profusely decorated and crowds lined the streets and cheered the sovereigns, who spent the greater part of the day in conference.

HUNGARIANS AMAZED AT SERBIAN VICTORY

News of Austrian Army's Rout Followed by Rioting in Chief Cities and Threats to Recall Their Own Sons to Defend Their Own Soil.

London, Dec. 18.—"The Morning Post" prints a letter from Budapest to the correspondent of a Hungarian newspaper in London, which says:

"I gather from official and private sources that the whole Austro-Hungarian army in the south is by now practically non-existent. The facts are that we lost in dead and wounded during rear guard actions and flight more than 60,000 men, and in prisoners something like 35,000, while we sacrificed in guns, provisions, and ammunition more than the Serbians ever had in the whole war.

"I hear that the troops in the north around Belgrade and the garrison of that city are crossing the river and evacuating the town, and the guns are being mounted in Somlin and opposite Lemondria again to defend Hungary from a Serbian invasion. Serbian invasion of Hungary sounds in the ears of the people here not unlike Zulu invasion, for they have believed one to be as impossible as the other. You can imagine the stupefaction of the people when confronted with the fact. After all, it is not only not impossible, but indeed, very likely.

"I understand General Potiorek will have to answer for the disaster before a special court martial next week in Vienna, whether he has been called to account by the public and official circles are furious at him. The Viennese press make him responsible for the rout, arguing that he ought to have known whether his army was strong enough to stand against attack if it were weakened by the withdrawal of three army corps. He consented, it appears, to the withdrawal, and it is believed his case is quite hopeless.

"It is rumored that General Minkwitz will be Potiorek's successor. He is a very able man, son of English parents.

Aged Emperor in Tears.

"A Viennese journalist told me yesterday that the old Emperor, when informed of the Serbian victory by Count Paar, turned white, trembled, then burst into tears, and wept. Later he had an interview with the Minister of War, and it is said it is on his orders that General Potiorek is to be court martialled.

"Rumors spread in Vienna that the Emperor was furious, and this gave courage to the people there to begin a demonstration. Thousands marched down the Ringstrasse and stopped before the royal palace, shouting 'Hoch' for the Emperor and 'Down with Potiorek!'

In Budapest demonstrations have been renewed every day for the last week, in spite of vigorous police measures. In other cities excitement and dissatisfaction are still greater, especially in Prague, where the demonstrations assumed a riotous character. More than two hundred people were arrested there this week, and will be charged before a court martial with rioting, which means that they will be shot unless the authorities in Vienna balk at such wholesale executions and their undoubted consequences in Budapest and other Hungarian towns, and dare not put their heads out at a sign of war.

BRITISH DESTROY TURKISH BARRACKS

Paris, Dec. 18.—A Havas Agency dispatch from Athens quotes a message from the Island of Tenedos saying that the recent bombardment by a British fleet in the Gulf of Saros, immediately north of the Dardanelles, destroyed the Turkish barracks on shore and seriously damaged the fortifications. The Turks fled to the interior.

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Count Tisza's Resignation Refused.

"The next day the count was summoned to answer to a question concerning a Russian invasion—a statement which had a bewildering effect in Vienna. He said, in brief, that an invasion of Hungary was far excellence an affair concerning the people and arms of the both allies, but that in case its impotence was not realized by the combined General Staff then it would be an affair for Hungary only, and independent Hungary would find means to concentrate her sons who were fighting abroad in defence of their own homes from hostile invasion. He emphasized the point that Hungary was an independent state in union with Austria, and if necessary capable of independent action.

"The Prime Minister was asked to sign a declaration, but, though he declined, he assured the signers that he would facilitate the distribution and placarding of the document throughout the country."

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