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KAISER FIGHTS TO TRAP ARMY NEAR WARSAW

Mackensen Reaches Lublin Railway to Cut Off Retreat.

CROSS VISTULA NEAR IVANGOROD

Germans Announce Many Prisoners—Fortress May Have Been Evacuated.

BUG LINE THREATENED

London Confident in Grand Duke—Expect New Drive in France.

London, July 30.—Vigorous and partly successful efforts by the Germans to cut off the retreat of the Russians from Warsaw followed hard on yesterday's announcement from Petrograd that the Polish salient would be abandoned.

The Berlin official report this evening says that Von Mackensen's army is already getting across the Russian line of retreat. It is declared to have received the offensive and reached the Cholm-Lublin railway, about midway between those two cities, and that southeast of this, as far as the Bug River, the Russian front had been "shaken."

The success of General von Mackensen in getting across this railway, after having been virtually stopped by the Russian counter attack, denies at least one line of retreat to the Russians who might still be between him and Warsaw, and also places the Germans in a position to move against the Bug River front should this be decided upon.

British military critics, however, refuse to believe that Grand Duke Nicholas, commander-in-chief of the Russian forces, had not provided for all contingencies or that he was not sure of the safety of his troops before indicating to the world that he had decided to take up a new line. Indeed, the news contained in the Berlin official statement that the Germans have crossed the Vistula River southeast of Warsaw, between the Pilica River and Kozienice, leads the military writers to the belief that the Russians already have fallen back in this region and that perhaps even the fortress of Ivangorod has been left to its fate.

There is no news of the situation on the Narew River or of General von Blücher's wider outflanking movement in Kovno Province. However, the opinion is expressed here that as the German plans contemplate a series of attacks rather than a simultaneous one, it is likely that they are waiting for Field Marshal von Mackensen to reach some previously arranged position before they resume their attacks.

According to dispatches received here, the country around Warsaw which the Russians are leaving to the invaders has been put to the torch, while the city itself has been denuded of everything that might be of use to the Germans when it falls into their hands. It may even be some days before the Teutons occupy the Polish capital, for the Russians are fighting more than a rear guard action. In fact, they are still delivering very heavy blows at their opponents and are gaining some local successes, particularly on the Narew and southeast of Cholm, where they are opposing the efforts of the Austrians to get across the Bag River. However, military critics say that these local successes will not affect the Russian plan of falling back to a shorter and stronger front.

CHALLENGES KAISER TO PISTOL COMBAT

Lord Northbourne, Nearly 70, Thinks He Would Drink the Post-Duel Coffee.

London, July 30.—Lord Northbourne, seventy years old, to-day challenged the German Emperor to mortal combat while speaking at Dover College.

"It would give me great pleasure to meet the Kaiser in single combat," he said. "Pistols for two and coffee for one, I believe, the formula, and I do not doubt that I should have the coffee."

DUTCH TO INCREASE ARMY

Landsturm Bill Becomes Law—Means Force of 550,000.

The Hague, July 30 (via London).—The new Dutch landsturm bill was adopted by the First Chamber to-day and became a law.

SHORTAGE OF BEER BOTHERING BERLIN

Berlin, July 30.—Prospects of a beer shortage and another increase in prices are giving concern to the authorities. The beer production has been reduced to 60 per cent of the former output to cut down the quantity of barley used.

PONTIFF ISSUES APPEAL FOR PEACE

Exhorts Belligerents to End "Slaughter Which Is Dishonoring Europe."

Rome, July 30 (Dispatch to the London "Daily News").—The "Osservatore Romano," official organ of the Holy See, publishes a letter from the Pope addressed to the belligerent peoples and their rulers. It is dated on the first anniversary of the war.

ADMIRAL SENDS CALL FOR REINFORCEMENTS

Grave Situation Forerunner of Long Campaign to Restore Peace in Country.

Washington, July 30.—Two bluejackets of Rear Admiral Caperton's landing force were killed at Port-au-Prince, Hayti, last night while defending the city from an attack. The dead are: William C. Gompers, 107 Stockton Street, Brooklyn.

BRITISH WOMEN JOIN ECONOMY CRUSADE

Pledge to Ban Extravagance in Kitchen, Autos and New Styles.

London, July 30.—"The Daily Chronicle" says that the suggestion made by the Parliamentary War Savings Committee that persons sign pledges to abstain from luxuries has been actively taken up and an influential body of women has promised its support.

GOMPERS, HAYTI VICTIM, LABOR LEADER'S NEPHEW

William C. Gompers, who lost his life in Thursday's fighting in Hayti, was born in Brooklyn twenty-two years ago and lived there practically all his life.

BECKER KEPT VOW TO 'DIE A MAN'; FORGAVE ENEMIES, DENIED GUILT; WIFE'S PICTURE NEXT HIS HEART

Prayer on Lips Cut Short by Deadly Current.

Charles Becker kept his promise. He died like a man. No tremor shook his big frame as he walked to the electric chair early yesterday.

MRS. BECKER, ALONE WITH GRIEF, WEEPS BESIDE HUSBAND'S BODY

Police Hold Back Curious Crowd as Hearse Arrives at Bronx Home—Funeral Monday, with Burial in Woodlawn Beside Baby Daughter.

Less than sixteen hours after Mrs. Charles Becker parted from her husband in Sing Sing, she was weeping over his coffin in the quiet of her little apartment on University Avenue.

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HAYTI SNIPERS KILL 2 IN U. S. LANDING PARTY

Brooklyn Boy a Victim in Night Attack on Port-au-Prince.

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GAMBLERS SCORN RAID; CHIPS CLINK IN UPTOWN DENS

Early Morning Raid on Duffy's Follows Clean-Up of Luban's.

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BLOW AT WARDEN CAUSES ARREST OF RILEY AGENT

Patrick McDonald in Row Over Papers Taken from Prison.

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WIFE "PUREST AND NOBLEST WOMAN," BECKER'S LAST WRITTEN WORDS

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Killed in Six Minutes by Three Shocks Through Powerful Frame.

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