

# GERMAN TROOPS, LURED BY RUSE, MOWED DOWN

## Suspecting Russian Retreat, Cross Vistula and Are Cut to Pieces.

### CZAR RUSHES ARMY TO FACE INVADERS

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.  
ROME, Oct. 19.—A German vanguard was ambushed and cut to pieces today in a battle east of the River Vistula.

A despatch received from Warsaw tonight states that the Russians, employing a ruse which has been successful often, withdrew their infantry from the Vistula after concealing batteries of field and machine guns.

The Germans assuming that the Russians were actually in flight bridged the Vistula with pontoons and threw a large force upon the east bank. Suddenly the Russian artillery opened fire at close range. The machine guns did terrific execution, sweeping the pontoons and mowing down the column which was crossing.

As the accuracy of the Russian artillery developed the pontoons collapsed and hundreds of Germans who had escaped death by machine gun fire were precipitated into the Vistula. The Russian infantry returned to the river and completed the victory. Hundreds of German prisoners, hardly a man of whom was not wounded, were taken to Warsaw together with a convoy of captured guns and stores.

A despatch from Vienna referring to Austrian operations in Galicia states that the advance toward the River Strij has been extremely slow owing to the fact that the Russians hold extremely well fortified positions. The Russians are now sapping in an attempt to advance their lines.

Strij, on the river of that name, is about forty-five miles southwest of Lemberg. This indicates that the Russians still control the country between Sambor and the Strij and that Przemyśl is still invested.

### HOT FIGHT AT PRZEMYSL.

German General Staff Directs Operations in Day and Night Battle.

Przemysl, Oct. 20.—Col. Shamsky, representative at Lemberg of the Russian general staff, telegraphs that the German general staff is directing the operations in the valley of the San and the defence of Przemyśl. The battle rages without stopping night and day. The forces here, which is apparently well supplied with ammunition.

The Germans are giving the most energetic character to the defence. The Russians take several of the outposts of the enemy, but without having gained any profit from them. The enemy have crossed the San at one point, but were made to gain any advantage from this move. They are now trying to make another crossing.

The area of the fighting is spreading and the strategic focus is elongating as the Russian fighting has been in progress since October 15. Westward of Warsaw the Russians have driven the Germans back to their main positions on the line of Skidniewice, Klicze and Kosczyce.

It is stated that the Kaiser is at Spala, his shooting seat, where he was formerly the Czar's guest. He is stimulating the efforts to rescue the Russian onslaught. Representatives at Warsaw state that the fierce artillery combats. They assert that large numbers of Germans who have been captured were brought there exhausted and starving.

They represent that the line along the Vistula is making a tremendously strong defense, baffling the attempted enveloping movements of the Germans and compelling them to fight along the front, where they dislike.

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Reinforcements Numbering 500,000 to Oppose German Advance.

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PETERSBURG, Oct. 19.—The following official announcement was made today by the Russian General Staff:

"We report partial successes on October 18 in very fierce fighting in the region of Warsaw and south of Przemyśl."

The General Staff is rapidly reorganizing the armies in Poland in anticipation of a new attempt by the Germans to reach the River Vistula and bombard Warsaw and Lvovgrad.

Troop trains have been moving westward for several days and there is the belief here that Russia is sending at least 500,000 fresh troops to the battle front.

### GERMANS LOSE IN SOUTH.

Russians Win Repeatedly in Valley of San River.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.  
PETERSBURG, Oct. 19.—The fall in the battle in mid-Poland is due to the German retreat and the time needed to develop a Russian attack.

The indications are that the German headquarters is getting ready to move from Czestochowa. The most severe fighting at the present time is between the San Valley and the Carpathians, where the Austro-German forces were repeatedly defeated, owing to the crippled condition and exhaustion of the men and the scarcity of horses.

### NURSES OVERWORKED.

Americans in Vienna Care for Sixty Cases Daily.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.  
ROME, Oct. 19.—A despatch from Vienna states that the American Red Cross contingent is already overworked in caring for the enormous number of wounded. The American doctors and nurses arrived in Vienna on October 15. Since then they have cared for an average of sixty wounded daily.

Barracks in Vienna have been converted into hospitals and the troops are camping out. All beef is taken for the use of the wounded and the citizens are eating horseflesh.

The levy on horses proved to be insufficient for the requirements of the army. All males between the ages of 24 and 36 who were previously rejected as medically unfit are being re-examined. The standard of efficiency has been lowered purposely.

Vienna Estimates Number of the Killed at 4,700.

ROME, Oct. 19.—Despatches from Vienna place the Austrian losses against Russia, Serbia and Montenegro up to October 6 at 25,540.

The number of killed include 435 officers and 4,334 men, while 435 officers and 23,272 men were wounded. Only 8 officers and 132 men are said to be missing. The number of Austrians taken prisoner is not given. The figures are not official, but are thought to be approximate and probably underestimated.

### RUSSIAN LOSS 40,000.

Austrians Say Przemysl Fighting Is Costly to Czar.

MANCHESTER, Mass., Oct. 19.—Dr. Dumbar, the Austrian Ambassador, gave out the following messages from Vienna today:

"Our forward movement in battle on both sides of the San River continued yesterday. On some points near the Russian lines our troops proceed slowly in siege warfare, by trenches. Last night several attacks of Russians repulsed with heavy losses. Today fighting continues on whole line. Our heavy artillery has commenced firing. Russian columns repulsed near Wysskow. Other parts of our army that advanced through Carpathians reached north of Orzov and Uroz districts. Losses of Russians in attack on Przemyśl estimated 40,000 dead and wounded."

"Battle fought on line Strij-Sambor-Medija, and on San, as well as operations directed toward Dnieper, take favorable turn for Austrian troops. North of Przemyśl our troops have already reached eastern bank San River and points south-east of Strij and Sambor were carried after stubborn fight. We are everywhere pursuing enemy. Number of prisoners taken in present advance movement more than 15,000. American Red Cross detachment arrived at Budapest and was received with greatest sympathy."

### CONSUL SCORES WRITER FOR "USURPING" DUTIES

U. S. Representative in Antwerp Would Arrest Reporter Who Braved Bombardment.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.  
LONDON, Oct. 19.—It is reported that the American Consul at Antwerp has protested to the State Department against the usurpation of its authority by E. Alexander Powell, an American newspaper man, who assumed the duties of American Consul at Antwerp when the Germans entered the city. The suggestion was made that when Mr. Powell returns to America he should be arrested.

It is realized that Powell's story has placed the Consul in a bad light, representing that his flight and that of the Vice-Consul were deliberate violations of the agreement that they should remain, made with the Spanish and other Consuls who stayed at their posts.

Both Henry W. Diederich, the Consul, and Harry Tuck Sherman, the Vice-Consul, were supposed to have given an absolute understanding that they would remain, not only to their colleagues in Antwerp, but also to officials of the Brussels legation, who left Antwerp before the bombardment only upon the understanding that both the Consul and Vice-Consul remain.

The incident is causing severe comment. It is one of the few cases where American diplomatic consular officials have failed to stick at their posts through thick and thin.

Chandler Hale, who is in charge of Austrian affairs, goes to Vienna to interview report to Ambassador Pennington on the conditions of Austrians who are here.

### SARAJEVO NEAR FALL.

Servians Would Take City Before Murder Trial Ends.

By Central News.  
ROME, Oct. 19.—A telegram to the Tribune from Cetinje says that the Servians and Montenegrins have completely enveloped Sarajevo, occupying the heights, from which a direct and very effective fire can be directed upon the city.

The French siege artillery, which the besiegers are using already, has seriously damaged several of the defending forts. The Servians and Montenegrins are preparing to launch a general assault.

They desire at all costs to take Sarajevo before sentence is pronounced in the trial of Gavrilo Princip and the men accused with him of murdering the Archduke Ferdinand and his consort on June 28.

### JAPAN FRIEND OF U. S.

"Wouldn't Take Philippines as a Gift," Says H. P. Judson.

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—President Harry Pratt Judson, home from a seven months tour of the Orient, declared today that all Japan "from the Prime Minister down" is eager for the friendship and good will of the United States.

"Japan doesn't want the Philippines and wouldn't take them as a gift," said President Judson. "The islands would be merely a burden on the country. All this talk of Japan coveting the islands is pure moonshine."

### GERMAN MINE SINKS JAPANESE CRUISER

344 of the Takachiho's Crew Are Lost Outside Kiaochow Bay.

ONLY 12 MEN ARE SAVED

TOKYO, Oct. 19.—The Japanese light cruiser Takachiho, a member of the force which has been attacking Tsingtao, has been sunk by a German mine and 344 of her crew were lost, according to an official announcement made today. Only one officer and eleven sailors are known to have been saved.

The loss occurred during the night of October 17. The Takachiho was doing patrol duty outside the mouth of Kiaochow Bay when she struck the mine, which had been planted by the German defenders of the province. Japanese torpedo destroyers in the fleet, which were some distance away, heard the explosion and saw the flames which followed. They hurried to the assistance of the cruiser, but the mine had damaged her hold so greatly that she sank before the destroyers could render any aid except to rescue twelve men from the water.

A search for more survivors was continued as long as there was any hope that any would be found, but the darkness impeded this work.

No further details have been received of the sinking. This is the first naval disaster to the Japanese in the present war.

The Takachiho was one of the oldest of the Japanese cruisers, having been built in 1885 and refitted in 1909. She was of 3,700 tons, had a speed of 18.5 knots, was 300 feet long and had 46 beam. She was armed with eight 6 inch, two 6 pounders and fourteen machine guns. When she was refitted in 1909 four torpedo tubes were installed.

### AUSTRIAN CRAFT SUNK.

French Cruiser Destroys Submarine in Adriatic.

CETTINJE, Montenegro, Oct. 19.—A French cruiser operating in the Adriatic sank today one of two Austrian submarines which were attacking her.

The two submarines left the Bay of Cattaro to attack the cruiser, the Waldeck-Rousseau, which was conveying transports to the Anglo-French fleet which is attacking Ford Lowen. Opposite the Dalmatian coast the submarines tried to discharge torpedoes at the cruiser, but the guns of the Waldeck-Rousseau became effective before the torpedoes did any damage and the submarine nearest to the cruiser and transports was sent to the bottom.

Austrian destroyers and submarines have not fared well during this war. On August 28 an Austrian destroyer was sunk by a British destroyer off Corfu in a battle which lasted only ten minutes. On September 3 British and French destroyers sank an Austrian cruiser off Corfu. On October 7 French and British destroyers sank two Austrian destroyers and four Austrian submarines off the Dalmatian coast.

### FLIERS FOIL SQUADRON.

Aeroplanes Prevent Austrian Vesels' Dash for Pola.

By Central News.  
ROME, Oct. 19.—The correspondent of the Tribune at San Giovanni di Medua sends the information that an Austrian squadron of three cruisers, twelve destroyers and three secondary vessels made a dash for Cattaro yesterday, evidently intending to make a dash for Pola.

Their plan was defeated by two aeroplanes, which, flying over the neighboring mountains, apprised the allies' fleet of the move. The blockading ships opened fire on the Austrians and dangerously damaged one of the cruisers. The entire Austrian squadron then turned back to Cattaro.

It is possible this naval engagement is the same one as that in which a French cruiser sank an Austrian submarine.

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