

that the Germans have small chances of escaping. The conservative opinion here is that the correspondents in Petrograd, in announcing that the Czar's armies have won the most complete victory since the time of Napoleon, have merely anticipated a result which must follow the Grand Duke Nicholas's strategy unless there is an unlooked for breakdown of Russian plans.

It seems obvious that the reports of correspondents have been based upon hints obtained from the Russian Ministry of War and the Ministry of Communications upon known facts that the Germans have been driven backward from fifteen to twenty miles in some areas of their advance toward Warsaw and that they have lost very heavy losses. The salient point of the official report is that the victory has not yet been completed but that the Russian movements are in a very favorable position.

Applying the Grand Duke's summary of the Russian and German positions to the map of the regions where battles are raging, it appears that the Russian columns completed their circle around the German army at Lodz and that the Grand Duke Nicholas is attempting to close the circle at the open arm of the west and so completely surround the German army estimated at three army corps, or about 150,000 men. The Russians are advancing toward Lodz in three directions. One column is moving from Brzeziny, at the east, another from Strykow and Zgierz at the north and a third from Tuszyn and Rzewo at the south.

The imperilled German army is commanded by Gen. von Mackensen, according to the official reports from Berlin. The Russian advance from three directions has already succeeded, according to unofficial reports from Petrograd, in capturing 35,000 men, of whom 17,000 were Germans and 18,000 were Austrians. For Von Mackensen, it appears from the official report, only the line of Zgierz and Zdzislawow, at the west, is open.

Examining the position of the German army to the north, the force apparently commanded by Gen. von Hindenburg, it would seem from the official reports as if the Russians were pushing another enveloping movement in the region between Lodz and the south and Plock on the north. The Grand Duke Nicholas asserts that a Russian column has advanced to Gombin, which is west of Lodz, and indicates that the column has broken connection between Von Hindenburg and Von Mackensen.

Von Hindenburg in Danger. At the same time a Russian cavalry force is attempting to work around to the north of the German line between Plock and Lodz. Disregarding the despatches of correspondents, it appears from the Russian official report that the German line has been pierced in two places, that Von Mackensen is practically surrounded and that Von Hindenburg is in grave danger.

The Grand Duke's statement was emphatic as regards Russian successes in southwest Poland, in northern Galicia, the region of the Russian advance against Cracow, and is significant as indicating that the Germans and Austrians have been unable to relieve their armies in Poland by an advance along the Czenstachowa line. A Russian army has taken Bochnia, Galicia, within twenty-five miles of Cracow, while another Russian force has crossed the Sarnawa River twenty miles from Cracow.

Unofficial despatches from Petrograd say that Gen. von Mackensen is still fighting desperately, but that his force of 100,000 men is surrounded in the neighborhood of Brzeziny and Strykow, and that Russian guns and mitrailleuses are pouring a fearful fire upon the living citadel of Cracow.

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Correspondent Asserts Germans in East Are Demoralized. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—A despatch from Petrograd to the Weekly Observer, referring to the southern part of the main front, says:

"Those who appreciate the conditions in which the German allies now are will hear without surprise that the Russians have taken on this front 30,000 prisoners in the last few days, and have come in not singly or in squads, but in companies, regiments and even larger bodies, preferring the mercies of their brother Slavs to the hardships they have suffered at the hands of their German taskmasters. A Russian company will often take an entire Austrian regiment prisoners, officers and all."

"From striking information which I have I am inclined to believe that the German invaders of Russia will this time, as a fight is no longer possible, choose to die fighting."

"Among them is the third division of the Imperial Guard. The last definite news I had was that they were making desperate efforts to cut its way through the encircling Russians toward the north, but in vain."

SAYS AUSTRIANS FLEE. Petrograd Reports Czernowitz Abandoned After Fight.

By the London "Daily Mail" War Service. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 28.—A despatch from Bucharest says that the Austrians, after a fierce bombardment, have hastily abandoned Czernowitz and have fled in disorder.

RUSSIA CALLS RESERVES. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—A Petrograd despatch to the Times says a telegram issued yesterday calls for the colors the remainder of the territorial reserve.

These include all who fought in the Japanese war and subsequently some of the best fighting material which Russia possesses.

PRZEMYSL "ALL WELL." AMSTERDAM, via London, Nov. 28.—A Berlin despatch to the Maasbode says that the following message has been received in Vienna by carrier pigeon from the fortress of Przemyel, in Galicia, under siege by the Russians:

"We are doing very well. Do not be disquieted."

GERMANS MAKE GAINS. War Office Says French Were Driven Back in West.

BERLIN, Nov. 28.—The German War office finds nothing of importance to report from the fighting in Belgium and France. The announcement was as follows:

"There is no change in the general situation in the western theatre of war. French advance guards were driven back in the Argonne district northeast of Apremont.

"In the Vosges the enemy lost a number of trenches notwithstanding a heavy bombardment in which they shelled our troops."

Germans Say They Hold Dixmude. AMSTERDAM, Nov. 28.—The report published in London to the effect that French marines had recaptured Dixmude, pushing the Germans back for seven miles, is officially contradicted in Berlin, according to a message received here from the German capital to-day.



The above map of the operations in the eastern theatre of war is based on the Russian official reports, which have furnished the only detail available as to the location of the various units of the Russian and German armies. From these reports the following situation appears to exist:

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2. An enveloping movement is being pressed by the Russians against the German force in the region of Plock and Lodz, and a Russian column has reached Gombin, west of Lodz, and indicates that the column has broken connection between Von Hindenburg and Von Mackensen.

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SIR EDWARD RICHARDSON DIES. Husband of Barefoot Dancer Was Wounded in France. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Nov. 28.—Sir Edward Stewart-Richardson, husband of the barefoot dancer, Lady Constance Stewart-Richardson, who was wounded some time ago during the fighting in France, died here to-night. He returned from France with a severe wound in his leg, which he refused to have amputated. Septic poisoning set in and pneumonia finally caused his death.

10 BRITISH WARSHIPS SEEN. Squadron Sighted About 300 Miles Off Montevideo. BUENOS AYRES, Nov. 28.—Montevideo advices say that a squadron of ten British warships has been sighted 300 miles off Montevideo. Their direction is not mentioned in the despatches.

Four Warships Off Chilean Coast—Peruvian Sailings Resumed. LIMA, Peru, Nov. 28.—Four warships have been sighted steaming north off the Chilean coast, according to a despatch received here from Louique. The announcement was made to-day that German warships had left the coast waters of Peru and British steamships resumed their sailings from Peruvian ports, which they had suspended because of the presence of the enemy's war vessels.

Special Correspondent to THE SUN. LONDON, Nov. 28.—Developments of the last few days indicate that the Allies intend to wage a winter campaign in France and Belgium and push on toward Germany, instead of remaining comparatively idle and holding their present positions during the cold weather.

Special Correspondent to THE SUN. LONDON, Nov. 28.—The new troops that are being landed in France are the most part territorials, who form Great Britain's second line. The territorial force came into existence under the provisions of a law passed in 1908 when the units of the volunteer force and the imperial yeomanry were transferred to the new organization. The organization of this territorial force was placed in the hands of twenty-four county organizations.

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German Aerial Squadron Cut to Pieces in Wild Night Fight

French Squadron Surprises Enemy Between Soissons and Compienne, and Is Practically Annihilated in Performing Daring Feat.

COMMANDERS MEET IN HAND TO HAND COMBAT. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PARIS, Nov. 28.—Appended to the official communiqué this afternoon was a story of how a squadron of dragoons attacked and destroyed a number of German aeroplanes and a convoy of automobiles. The squadron was practically annihilated in performing the daring feat.

The report says: "A Lieutenant of dragoons, who had become isolated with his squadron in the midst of the German lines and had taken refuge at a farm, learned of the presence of German aeroplanes on the road leading from Vixiers to a factory between Soissons and Compienne. Peasants said the aeroplanes had landed about 7 o'clock in the evening and had been joined about 10 o'clock by an automobile convoy of seven to nine machines.

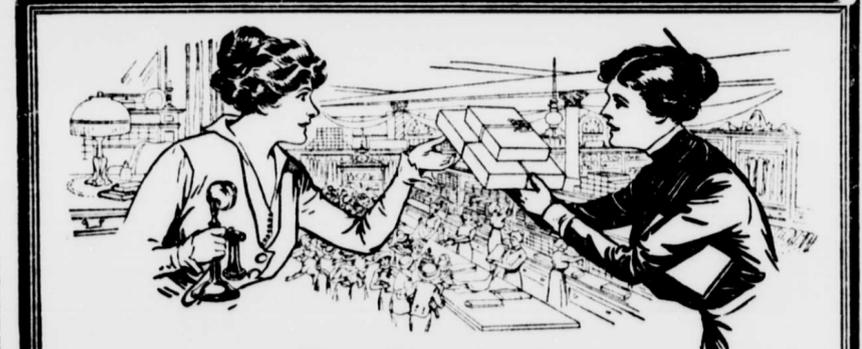
"The Lieutenant decided upon an immediate attack. It was then 2.30 A. M. It was proposed that two platoons on foot should approach as near as possible to the convoy and fire three shots. A mounted platoon, profiting by the consequent disorder, would hurl itself upon the automobiles and charge those who sought to escape. Another mounted platoon was to remain in reserve at the factory.

"The two platoons on foot succeeded in approaching to within forty meters of the automobiles, and the challenge of the German sentinel was the signal for opening fire. Scarcely had the fire ceased than the Lieutenant in command of the mounted platoon charged at a gallop at the head of his men, shouting 'Vive la France.'

"Unfortunately the Germans were only partially surprised and a rapid fire gun stationed at the head of the automobile convoy opened fire. The French officers were killed and the platoon literally annihilated. Not one of the troopers reached the automobile. Seeing this the Lieutenant in command of the two dismounted platoons also attempted an assault. The German machine gun was silent, the gunners having been killed at their positions.

"The French troopers hurled themselves upon the aviators in small groups and at once began a fierce interchange of shots. A distance of fifteen yards separated the French from the enemy. The French were crawling along the edge of the road, replied with courage.

"While this was going on a detachment of engineers armed with their tools threw a distance of fifteen yards separated the French from the enemy. The French were crawling along the edge of the road, replied with courage.



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