

GERMANS LAUNCH NEW AND DARING MOVEMENT TO CAPTURE WARSAW STRONGHOLD

GERMANS' ASSAULT CARRIES STRATEGIC POSITION IN POLAND

Czar's Desperate Night Attacks Fail to Retake Specially Strengthened Post at Borjimow.

LONDON, Jan. 4. Violent assaults over several days have won Borjimow, a heavily strengthened Russian position in the German drive between Warsaw and Ivangorod, according to the Berlin official bulletin. So important is this point deemed by the Russians that they made three night attacks to regain it, but these were beaten back. (Borjimow does not appear on the most recent maps of Poland, but in some reports is located as northeast of Bolimow, which is west of Warsaw, the junction of the Bzura and Rawka Rivers.) Elsewhere the Germans have been unable to make headway against the Russians, who, as defenders of well-entrenched positions, are aided by the wet weather and muddy roads, which hinder the German movements. The Austrian claim to have checked the Russian advance near Gorlice on the South Galician Railway, west of Jaslo, but apparently the battle here has not yet been concluded. The Russians, on the other hand, have taken the Austrian positions near Usok Pass, which should open another entrance for them through the Carpathians into Hungary, while the Austrian retreat in Bukowina is described by the Russians as a rout. The Germans again have been repulsed with great losses from the Bzura and Rawka Rivers. The War Office announced last night that in attempted surprise attacks the Germans had failed completely. Their infantry charges were for the first time accompanied by a shower of bombs, but the Russians stood their ground unshaken in the trenches. A strong Austro-German force had made an even more furious attack on the Russians, barring the road to Kielce. They succeeded in holding some Russian trenches for a few hours, but in the afternoon Russian infantry rushed at them with the bayonet and drove them far back along the southwest road. Russian armored boats, on the Vistula, have enfiladed the remaining German positions west of the junction of the Bzura and Rawka, and Russian troops on the left bank of the Bzura have forced the Germans back from Sochaczew. The invaders have ceased to threaten Warsaw along any of the direct approaches. Whatever fighting is still going on up the Bzura and along the Rawka has the character of reinforced reconnaissance, which the Germans are trying to maintain until Marshall von Hindenburg launches a new general plan. All these operations north of the Pilica must now be governed by the changing scene in southern Poland. The repulse of General Dankl's army on the road to Kielce represents the last effort to carry out von Hindenburg's scheme for turning the Russian left flank in Poland and thereby compelling the Russians to withdraw a substantial portion of their strength from their lines west of Warsaw.

OFFICIAL BULLETINS OF THE WAR

**FRENCH**  
From the sea to the Alps, the day (Sunday) was almost wholly calm. The weather was rainy. There was a duel of artillery. At some points on the front our heavy artillery silenced the German batteries.

On the Alps and in Champagne the cannonade was particularly violent. Our batteries established their superiority and shelled the reserve of the enemy.

We captured several points of support held by the Germans in the region of Perthes and of Meud-la-Hurle; between the Argonne and the Meuse we have done the same. On the heights of the Meuse there was an intermittent cannonade.

An attempt made yesterday by our troops to capture Bouraillies was not successful.

Our progress continues in the forest of La Pretre, northwest of Pont-a-Mousson.

In Upper Alsace we captured an important height to the west of Cerney. A counter-attack by the enemy was repulsed.

At Steinhach we have taken possession of the church quarter and of the cemetery.

**GERMAN**

In the western theatre it is quiet except for artillery combats more or less heavy. Only about Thann and Auberstrasse has the enemy showed great activity.

After an overwhelming bombardment of the heights west of Sennhelm the enemy occupied our demolished trenches. The enemy also took the heights of Steinhach, which we had stubbornly defended. During the night three of the heights were retaken. Fighting for the village of Steinhach continues.

In the eastern theatre of war the situation is unchanged. Our attacks in Poland, east of the Rawka River, continue.

**RUSSIAN**

A strong artillery combat has been fought all along the front on the left bank of the Vistula. The attempt of the Germans to gain ground in certain places in the region of the Bzura River was without success.

On the night of January 2 we discovered the passage of Germans across the Bzura in the vicinity of Kozlof and Boleup. Having watched the concentration of the enemy's forces, one of our regiments surrounded the Germans. They attacked them with the bayonet, without firing a shot, and in the hand-to-hand struggle which followed killed several hundred men. The survivors saved their lives by surrendering.

About 8 p. m. on January 2 a brigade of German infantry attacked our position near Borjimow, northeast of Bolimow, but the German assault was repulsed with enormous losses by the fire from several batteries and a counter attack made with the bayonet.

Desperate fighting occurred during the night of January 2, continuing until daybreak, northeast of Rawka, where we succeeded in dislodging the enemy from some of the trenches which they had previously taken.

South of the Pilica River fighting took place at Metaire and Sochaczew, west of Inowlodz, and also southeast of Malogoszek, near Yalmine, where we repulsed all attacks of the enemy.

**AUSTRIAN**

In Galicia the fighting around Gorlice, Gollia, were unsuccessful. In the region of the Usok Pass and Rostok (south of Lisko) we have made progress. We drove back the enemy, who fled in great disorder. We captured 800 prisoners and some machine-guns. Several companies of the Austrians surrendered in a body. In their retreat to Usok the Austrians abandoned arms and ammunition. Our offensive in Bukowina continues.

Repeated attempts by the enemy to break our front west and northwest of Gorlice, Gollia, were unsuccessful. The enemy lost heavily. During the fighting, which lasted the whole of the day, our troops stormed and captured a height south of Gorlice, where an entire Russian battalion of 800 men, with two machine-guns and an aeroplane were captured.

**TURKISH**

Our troops took Ardagan on January 1. Ardagan was defended by General Zachen with 3000 infantry, 1000 Cossacks, six field-guns and two machine-guns. The battle for the town, which began December 23, ending in the flight of the Russians, who lost heavily.

Our troops, in conjunction with Persian tribesmen, have completely defeated 4000 Russians, who had more than ten cannon, ten miles northwest of Saonbulak. Four hundred Russians were killed and they lost six cannon.

According to reports from Erzerum, Turkish Armenia, great transports of Russian prisoners from the latest battles are on the way there.

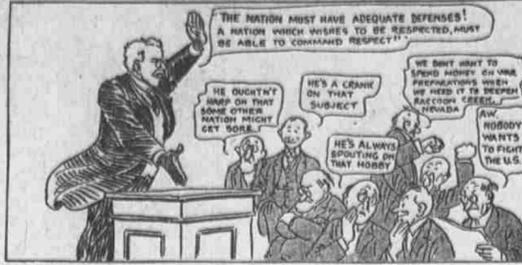
**ALLIES' NIGHT ATTACK GAINS**

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chief fighting of the entire campaign in the western theatre of war is today in the "lost province." Fighting is in progress all along the line from Cerney (Sennhelm), 10 miles west of Mulhausen, to a point well to the east of Steinhach. The Germans attempted to counter-attack against the French lines west of Cerney, but, according to today's official announcement, the offensive was checked and the enemy repulsed. The church and cemetery on the heights at Steinhach were taken in a night attack by the French who have also gained a slight advantage in the village itself. Today's report emphasizes the fact that the elements are preventing any serious fighting in the north. From the sea to the Oise it is stated calm prevails because of the heavy rain. There has been heavy cannonading in the Champagne and Alsace districts with the French securing the advantage. German reserves have been shelled and forced to retire. The French are also reported to have made distinct gains at Perthes-le-Chatel, directly south of Rehal, at Meud-la-Hurle and in the woods of La Pretre.

In general, however, the situation hangs fire, while both sides wait for the weather to improve.

**BERLIN, Jan. 4.**  
French success in Alsace is admitted in an official report from German headquarters given out here this afternoon. It says that the greatest activity is now being displayed in Alsace, operations along the remainder of the front being mainly confined to artillery conflicts. Capture of the heights west of Cerney by

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the French is admitted, and the report also says the enemy last night took the heights of Steinhach, but that three of the captured positions were retaken afterwards by the Germans.

**RUSSIANS IN BUKOWINA HOLD KEY TO HUNGARY**

Take Several Towns in Austrian Crownland and Control Passes.

**BUCHAREST, Jan. 4.**

The Russians are advancing in Bukowina and after occupying the towns of Radaut, Sereth, Zeletin and Hatna today occupied Suciava, which touches the Rumanian frontier.

The remnants of the Austrian army have taken refuge at Dorna Vatra, whither has been transferred the capital of Bukowina. All along the Rumanian frontier refugees are seeking shelter.

**PETROGRAD, Jan. 4.**

By the occupation of Kremenz, Zeteten, Sereth and Radaut, in Bukowina, on the Rumanian frontier, Russia not only holds the strategical railway line connecting Bukowina with western Galicia and Hungary, but is within a hundred miles of Hungary over easy passes of the wooded Carpathians.

The Bourne Gasette's Moscow correspondent asserts the Austrians are evacuating Bukowina, and that more than 30,000 panic-stricken inhabitants of Bukowina and Transylvania have fled into Russia.

**PANIC-STRICKEN AUSTRIANS SURRENDER BY REGIMENTS**

Resistance in Galicia Broken by Russian Sweep.

**PETROGRAD, Jan. 4.**

The Austrian armies in Galicia are panic-stricken and whole regiments are laying down their arms and surrendering to the Russians. Dispatches from Lemberg state that the resistance of the Austrian forces as an organization has been completely collapsed, that the troops are offering an effective defense only at isolated points.

The garrison at Przemysl is making daily attempts to smash the iron ring that Russia has made around the stronghold. From the desperation of the attacks upon the forces besieging Przemysl it is believed that the larger part of the garrison consists of German troops. The garrison has lost heavily in its latest sorties and it is believed here that Przemysl will soon be compelled to fall.

**RUSSIA SCOUTS PEACE IDEA**

**ROME, Jan. 4.**—The Russian Ambassador to Italy, M. Kroupenski, was authorized by the Petrograd Government today categorically to deny reports attributing to Russia an intention to conclude peace.

"Russia does not think of discussing peace," the Ambassador said, "until its enemies are obliged to accept conditions which its allies consider the only guarantee of a lasting peace."

**GREECE TO AID SERVA IF BULGARIA ATTACKS**

Balkan States on Verge of Another War.

**LONDON, Jan. 4.**  
Steps which have been taken to bring about an understanding between the Christian Balkan States, with the idea of securing the neutrality of Bulgaria, apparently have not met with complete success, according to dispatches received in London from the Near Eastern capitals, and Greece, Serbia and Rumania are preparing for eventualities.

During a discussion of the budget in the Greek Chamber of Deputies, M. Theokotis is reported to have declared that the speech recently delivered by the Bulgarian Premier regarding Macedonia, which Bulgaria considered should have been ceded to it after the last Balkan war, constituted a menace; while the Greek Minister of Finance said that Greece was making urgent military preparations to maintain her liberated territory.

Should Bulgaria, contrary to expectations, attack Serbia, with the object of recovering Macedonia, Greece, by its treaty obligations, would, it is thought in political circles here, come to the assistance of Serbia, and the Balkan Peninsula would be in the throes of a third war.

Turkey apparently expects trouble, as the Ottoman Government has expelled the subjects of all neutral countries from the Dardanelles.

**POPE'S PLEA PREVAILS TO EXCHANGE PRISONERS**

Belligerents Agree to Pontiff's Plan for Comfort of Wounded.

**ROME, Jan. 4.**

Evidences of the influence the Vatican now has with all the belligerent Powers was forthcoming today, when it was announced that success has crowned the Pope's effort to have crippled soldiers, incapacitated for further fighting, sent back to their homes. This material success, it is stated on high authority, has greatly cheered the Pope and led him to believe that eventually a way will be found to reconcile the nations and end the war.

In the official announcement made in the Vatican today it was stated that Great Britain, Germany, Russia, Austria, Serbia and Turkey had agreed to exchange prisoners in their hands for their own people wherever these prisoners are so disabled as to be of no further use as fighting units. While France and Montenegro have so far failed to answer, their consent to the plan is expected momentarily.

Of the million and a half prisoners detained in the various prison camps of the belligerent nations, it is believed by the Pope and his advisers that between 150,000 and 200,000 will be restored to their homes by this agreement.

**RESERVISTS SLIP BY FOES**

Germans From U. S. Make Way Back Home.

**CIVITA VECCHIA, Italy, Jan. 4.**

Thirty-one German sailors, reservists from the German navy, were today furnished transportation to their headquarters by the German Consul here. All came from Baltimore and stated the British and French by means that they are keeping secret. They were caught in Baltimore when their ships were interned there, and went to New York to enlist in the German army. They could not send them back home, so they got together and devised a plan which was successful.

**RUSSIANS CAPTURE TURKISH REGIMENT IN CAUCASIA FIGHT**

Turks, However, Retain Flight of Foes From Ardagan and Success in War Campaign.

**PETROGRAD, Jan. 4.**

Defeat of the Turks and the capture of 5000 prisoners by the Russians were announced in an official report issued today from the headquarters at the Caucasus.

The entire 60th regiment, with its Transcaucasian engagement, and all along the line is claimed. On the other hand the Turkish Office announces complete success in the capture of Ardagan with the capture of the Russian forces.

This dispatch comes from Tiflis. Throughout the day of January 3 and part of the night of January 4 an engagement around Sarikamish continued with extreme ferocity. The Turks suffered enormous losses. There has been no important action in the other regions.

**LONDON, Jan. 4.**—"The Turks occupied Ardagan, penetrating into Russian Caucasia," says the stantipoint correspondent of the change Telegraph Company.

Ardagan is a fortified town on the 45 miles northwest of Kara. Fighting between the Turks and Russians has been going on in that region for several days. The Turks declare the Russians in city in flight, losing heavily. A rout of a force of 4000 Russian Saabimbiak is also reported. The Turks killed 400 of the enemy.

Russian cruisers again have failed an attempt to land marines near the coast of the Black Sea. They were driven off by the fire of land batteries and several of their ships demolished.

**AMSTERDAM, Jan. 4.**

The presence of a Russian warship in the Mediterranean is reported in a report issued from the Russian legation at Constantinople. According to statement a Russian cruiser Akad attempted to disembark troops at Jaffa, the coast of Palestine. The Turkish coast guards fired on the boat, forcing them to return to the cruiser, and a number of the would-be landing party killed.

**PRIESTS TAXED FOR WAR**

Ghent Tries to Meet Demands of Germans.

**ROTTERDAM, Jan. 4.**—To get enough to satisfy the German Ghent compelled its unmarried men to positions ranging from 5 francs to 10 francs in the case of those of 50 years of age. Even celibates in monasteries have not been exempt from this tax.

The Germans take the leading share in hostilities, 15 being chosen each. Unemployment in Ghent is so great only 55 per 1000 of workers of the ins trade have anything to do. Trade workers have 170 per 1000 employed.

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