

GERMANS KEPT FROM REACHING WARSAW'S GATES

Austrians Lose Guns and Prisoners to the Czar's Troops; Turks Leave For Asia Minor

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Petrograd, Dec. 30.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's latest drive against Warsaw is on the point of collapse and the Russians are fighting desperately to carry out a flank movement against his German army. Official military dispatches from Warsaw state that the German armies lying west of Warsaw have been compelled to evacuate some of their first line positions under the battering assaults of Grand Duke Nicholas' forces.

The fighting in Poland and Galicia is being marked by the most terrible slaughter in the history of warfare. It is impossible to estimate the casualties now, but the figures when they are announced, will be staggering.

In western Galicia stormy weather and the muddy condition of the roads are interfering with operations; in the Carpathians the Austrians are falling back leaving many stragglers and many guns behind.

Along the Bzura and Rawka rivers the Germans are fighting desperately to hold their own, but they are facing superior numbers and Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's worn out troops are facing fresh masses of Russian soldiers.

There was a terrific artillery duel along the Rawka which lasted all day Monday and all of Tuesday, but the Germans were finally compelled to retire after several of their batteries had been silenced. The German lines along the upper reaches of the Rawka and north of the Bzura are farther from Warsaw than they were this time last week. The German lines are now extended in the form of a semi-circle with the Russian army in the Pilica valley struggling for a mighty effort to envelop the southern wing of the invading

The weather is very cold and the fields are covered with deep snow. The snow upon the roadways has been trampled by the marching armies until it has turned the highways into bogs.

The Russian forces south of the Pilica river are driving hard toward Tomaszow and have captured a line of redoubts south of Inowladz, which is only a few miles of Tomaszow.

The Russians operating the line near the Vistula have taken several thousand more prisoners together with a number of machine guns. Austrian cannon were found imbedded in the mud, General Dankl's men being unable to move them when the army retired.

The Austrians on the Gorlice-Jaslo line are trying to reform their forces as they fall back, but in this they are doubly hindered by the impassable condition of the country and the constant harassing of the Siberian troops.

Of the 175,000 men in the Austrian army falling back through the Carpathians, fully 50,000 have been taken prisoners by the Russians.

As to operations against the Turks the following official report is issued: "On Sunday the Russian cruiser Askold bombarded the Turkish port of El Asisab, east of Port Said. The cruiser sent a launch to reconnoiter near Beirut, but it was fired upon by Turks and driven off."

Other dispatches bringing the following information: "The Turks have withdrawn a large portion of their troops from the Thracian frontier in order to send them into Asia Minor for service against the Russians. Since the sinking of the Turkish battleship Mesadich by a British submarine in the Dardanelles the Turks have withdrawn nearly all their heavy artillery from the forts around Constantinople and the Chatalja forts to strengthen the defenses along the Dardanelles.

The defenses at Gallipoli and the works protecting the Gulf of Saros are all being strengthened. No doubt Turkey will continue to maintain a strong force upon the peninsula of Gallipoli because there is always danger of a land attack against the Dardanelles forts.

Turkish army in Thrace (including those on the peninsula of Gallipoli) is estimated now at 300,000 men. Some of these troops comprise the flower of the Ottoman army.

AMBASSADOR MEETS BRITISHERS

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—Cutting short his vacation as a result of the latest British interference with United States interests, Mr. Grey, British Foreign Secretary, returned to-day and hastened to his office where he met Viscount Halbane, who has been at the conference conferred with Premier Asquith. At the conference the entire cabinet was present to discuss the protest of the United States.

The American Ambassador will be in the whole question.

HIGHWAYMEN STOLE \$257

Relieved Pedestrian of That Amount in the Shadows of the Milk Station Last Night

Bold highwaymen, believed to be Italians, held up Augusto Ludovisi with a gun in the shadows of the New York, Ontario & Western milk station at 9:15 o'clock last night and relieved him of \$257 in currency.

The victim was on his way to the railroad station to take a train to New York to sail for Italy, his native land. The robbery was not reported to Chief of Police Dyer until noon today.

Ludovisi claimed that they pressed a revolver against his temple and warned him not to make an outcry while the second man rifled his clothes. He has seven dollars in his trouser pockets and the remainder tucked away in his inside pockets. He was then ordered to return home and told if he warned the police he would be killed.

When explaining his trouble to the police through interpreter Frank Massey, he was so confused that he could not give a good description of the robbers.

The robbers were seen to enter the city and that he has not seen them since.

The case has all the appearances of a robbery by a wave and the police will make a thorough investigation. The unfortunate man has been a resident of Fulton for the past four years. He worked as a blacksmith two years on the canal and of late has been employed by the Volney Paper Co. He claimed that fifteen minutes before he was held up another attempt was made to rob a pedestrian, but the man was too strong and he scared off the crooks.

A fellow-countryman, who planned on returning to Italy with Ludovisi is missing and the police are looking for him.

Austrians Lose in Carpathians

Vienna, Dec. 30.—Admission of the Austrian defeat in the Carpathian mountains was contained in an official announcement from the war office at noon. It follows: "The Russian army which a week ago began an offensive campaign against our forces across the Carpathians has been re-enforced to the extent that it was necessary for us to withdraw from the plain of the Gorlice. The situation in the north, however, was not influenced by this movement. In the Balkan theater of war the Montenegrins attacked our outer entrenchments at Trebinje, but were repulsed without difficulty. The enemy's artillery was silenced. The Montenegrin bombardment of the fortress at Krewosnje has been without effect."

Carranza Troops Prove Treacherous

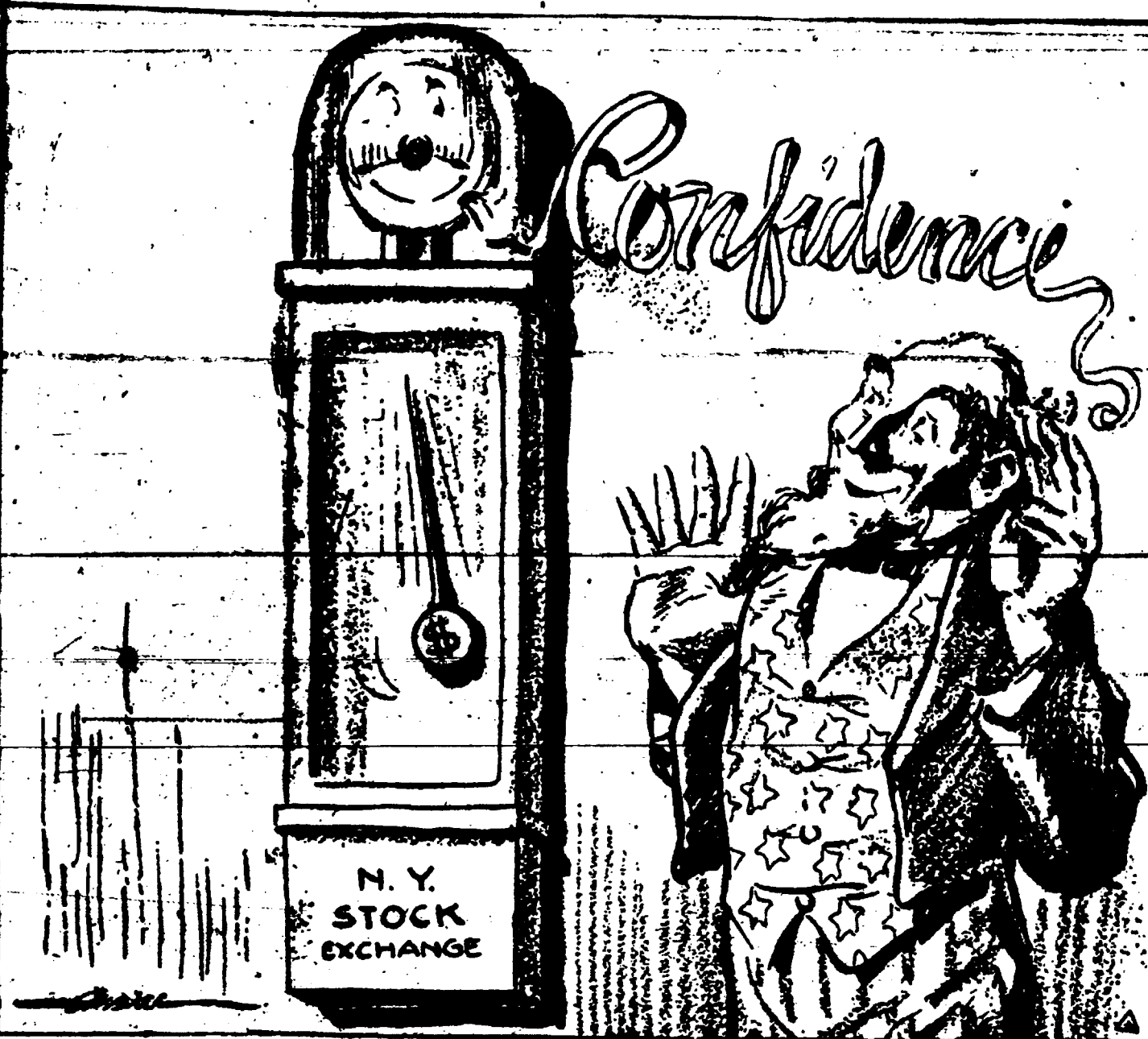
Washington, Dec. 30.—Unofficial reports from Naco state that General Hill's Carranza troops had broken the truce arranged by Major General Scott to-day served to disturb slightly the confidence of officials that the troubles there soon would be settled. It was feared that this action would delay the parleys of General Scott and set back his plans. The reports also stated that General Maytorena, the Villa leader, had asked for another conference before announcing his final agreement to allow General Hill to move his forces.

The administration to-day faced the problem of providing food for thousands of starving Mexicans in the vicinity of Monterey who were reported in distress by Comandante Hanna. The message of Comandante Hanna was referred to the Red Cross society with the suggestion that the situation warranted prompt measures of relief.

WEATHER FORECAST

Snow showers and colder to-night. West gales diminishing.

UNCLE SAM: "IT CERTAINLY SOUNDS GOOD TO ME."



—Evans in Baltimore American.

W. J. HARTNETT WILL DICTATE

Oswego Postmastership As He Holds Balance of Power —Pidgeon's Position

Great interest is being manifested in the Oswego postmastership.

Among the prominent candidates are William Nacey, proprietor of the Hotel Nacey; Dr. Mary Walker of Civil War fame; County Judge Louis C. Rowe, Clark Morrison, jr., son of the owner of the Oswego Palladium and Attorney John R. Pidgeon.

Pidgeon's candidacy announced yesterday has brought forth quite a little comment among the local Democratic leaders. One prominent politician and office holder said that W. J. Hartnett, leader of the Fulton party, who holds the balance of power in the Oswego Democratic County committee, will dictate the Oswego appointment, and he further stated that John R. Pidgeon gained the displeasure of Mr. Hartnett when the former layed down in the last primaries by announcing that he had retired from politics.

Hartnett and his followers had much money invested in order to carry the primaries and they severely criticized Pidgeon for his act. There is a big breach between these politicians who were so closely related and who fought arm in arm.

The Oswego "plum" carries a salary of \$3,700 and has a four-year term. The term of the present postmaster, J. B. Alexander, owner of the Oswego Times, will expire on February 18th.

Japan Will Not Send Troops to Continent

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Berlin, Dec. 30.—Five German airmen made a raid over the Polish city of Sochaczew, dropping forty bombs which did much damage to property and killed many persons, according to a dispatch from the city. The bombs destroyed when the bombs set fire to the wooden houses.

It is reported in German dispatches that the Germans have repulsed all Russian attacks in that quarter of Russian Poland.

Among the items given out by official press bureau are the following:

"The British now admit that they made a mistake in flooding the lowlands of Belgium around Dixmude. The inundations are hampering the troop movements of the allies.

"A member of the German government states that talk about peace negotiations between Germany and France is premature. However, it must be admitted that any neutral power is entitled by the rules of The Hague convention to make suggestions and these could not be considered unfriendly by any belligerent power.

"A dispatch from Rome quotes the Japanese ambassador there as saying that the reports of Japan's intention to intervene in the European conflict by sending troops to the continent are unfounded."

Veiled references have been made to a German retirement near Arras where the French have massed about 400 pieces of artillery and the British have about half that number. It is suggested that the Germans withdrew from old positions into new and stronger ones to prevent needless loss of life.

The Kaiser has sent the following telegram to Gen Von Mackenzen congratulating him upon his victory over the Russians on December 17th: "I am full of gratitude to God, who bestowed glorious victory upon your heroic troops. I beg you to accept my warmest congratulations and express the thanks of the Fatherland to your splendid troops. Do not let go until the enemy crumbles into ruin. I promote you Oberst-General for your achievement. (Signed) WILLIAM I. R."

Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria has also sent a telegram of congratulation to Gen. Von Mackenzen.

GERMANS LOSE ST. GEORGE'S

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Berlin, Dec. 30.—(Via Wireless).—An official statement issued here this afternoon says that German troops have been compelled to evacuate the little town of St. Georges in Flanders. Fighting for the town which was taken in a surprise attack by the Allies is still going on.

The official statement follows: "In the western theater of war we are still fighting for the town of St. Georges southeast of Newport which we were compelled to evacuate. A storm culminating in a cloudburst damaged positions on both sides in Flanders and in northern France.

"On the Russian defence the day passed quietly. "In East Prussia the Russian cavalry has been driven back in the direction of Ardallen. The situation is unchanged in Poland on the right bank of the Vistula river. Our offensive continues on the west bank of the Vistula and on the east bank of the Bzura, and fighting continues on the last side of the Rawaka and also at Inowladz.