

# ITALY AND AUSTRIA AT WAR

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## GALICIAN DRIVE COMES TO GRIEF

German Centre Stopped Short in Bad Position on the San River.

A despatch from London says: The German plan which was to have been driven like a battering ram through the whole of Galicia to Lublin has come to a stop on the River San. The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: "The Russian army has taken several villages west of the river and has taken the German centre line to weaken it by cutting off reinforcements from Southern Poland. The Germans have been unable to keep up their line of fire that was to have swept the Russians out of Galicia. They have also begun to demolish their plan of breaking down by causing their hope of success lay in a short, decisive battle and trenchless battle, but the bank is dragging their centre is held, and the big effort is crumbling up in a number of smaller battles. The heroic Russian third army has not lost its reputation by a magnificent stand on the San. It has fooled the German hopes.

"Instead of one vast sweep the Germans are now reduced to a sort of general reconnaissance for possible weak points along the whole front. Their chief aims for the moment are to envelop Peremyel and secure the command of the Dniester south-east of Peremyel. They are violently attacking at Hussakow and between Stry and Drohobycz. They are struggling to reach the big river that guards the approaches to the Carpathians.

"The first fierce tussle is over. The Russians have not given way, and the battle will now be a long

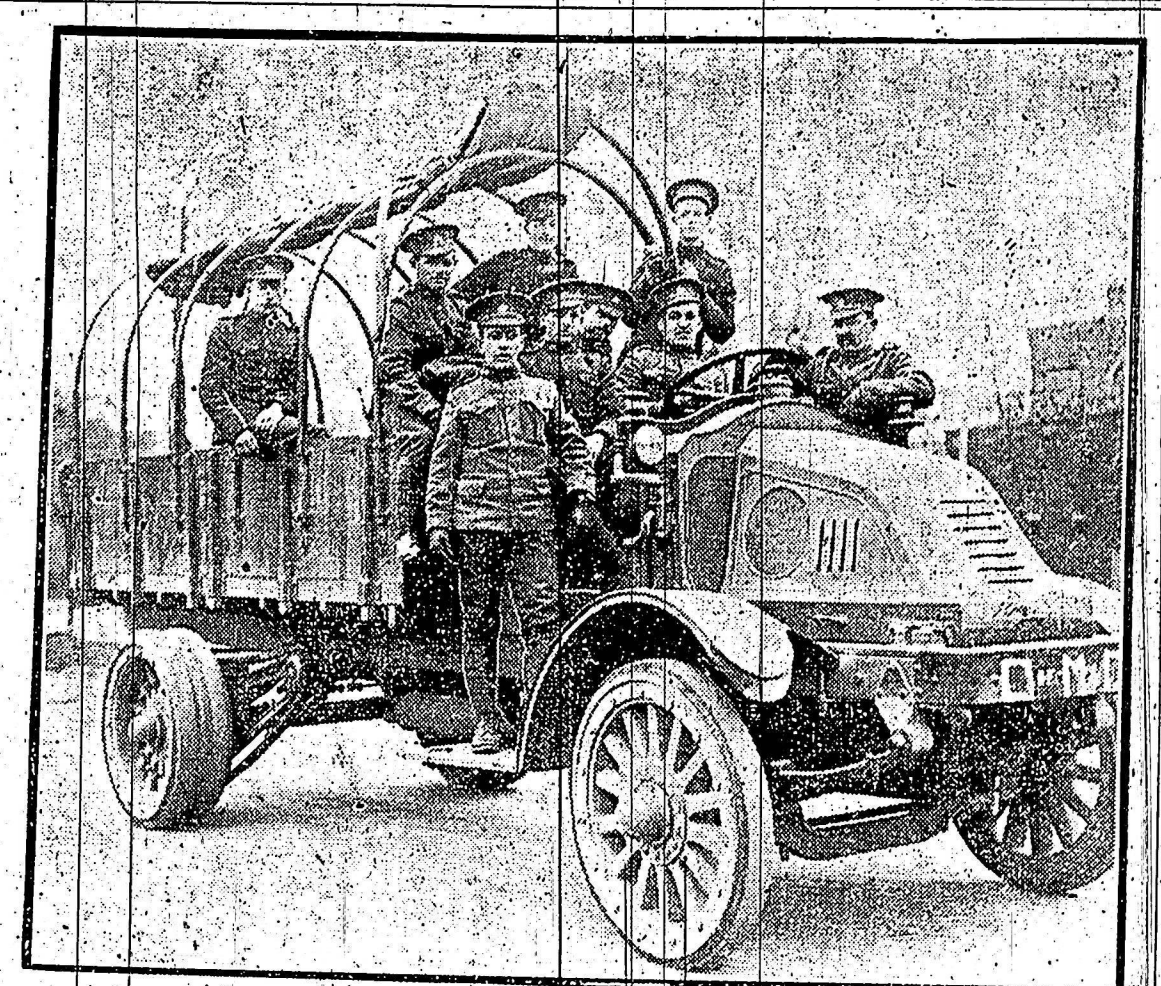
and another Cossack has just escaped to the Russian lines after having had his ears snipped and strips of flesh cut off his thighs for refusal to give information as to the Russian positions.

On Narew, on the Prussian front, the Germans have for the first time made use of asphyxiating gases.

## MASSACRING OF PRISONERS

One Party Drowned in the San, Five Shot by Officers, and Others Mutilated

A despatch from London says: The Petrograd correspondent of the London Chronicle wires: The Germans are displaying in their treatment of Russian prisoners an amazing brutality. They drowned one party of Russian prisoners in the San, five Russian prisoners a German officer shot with his revolver



A Large Motor Truck Which Is to Be Taken to France by the Army Service Corps.

## FLEET IS HAMMERING FORTS

Details of Land Fighting in Which Australasians Inflicted Heavy Losses on the Enemy

A despatch from Mitylene states: The allied fleet resumed the bombardment of the Dardanelles forts Sunday, and inflicted further damage. The land forces continued to make progress, although slowly.

News received here from the Dardanelles is to the effect that the recent Turkish attack against the British troops near Kaledi Hove by two Turkish divisions was carefully prepared by General Liman von Sanders, the German commander, and his staff, not only with the object of inflicting a check on the allies, but with a view to the public opinion, which is said to

## POISON SHELLS AGAIN EFFECTIVE

The British Were Forced to Evacuate the Trenches East of Ypres

A despatch from Paris says: The French and Belgian troops near Niepoort have begun a vigorous artillery attack upon Raverzyde (about 3 miles south-west of Ostend), according to the official communiqué.

Raverzyde is about six miles from Niepoort, and the Germans have established sappers there. The French fire was doing so much damage that the Germans brought up their big guns to drive the French artillery back, and a vigorous artillery duel resulted.

The importance of the success attained by the French on Sunday is emphasized by supplementary reports. In a sanguinary engagement with the bayonet General Joffre's forces annihilated the enemy which opposed them.

East of Ypres the Germans this morning made an infantry attack on the British under cover of a gas shell. Sir John French in his report states that the British troops were forced to evacuate some of their trenches, and in two or three places, but counter-attacks were at once organized and part of the original line had been retaken when the report was sent, with the battle still progressing. Three of the enemy's batteries were silenced to the north-east of Festubert.

## BOMBS DROPPED UPON PEREMYSL

Great Battle in the East is Centered Around the Galician Fortress

A despatch from London says: Fighting of the greatest intensity is continuing at almost every point on the 200-mile section of the Russian battle front in South Poland and Middle Galicia. The region of Jaroslau, on the San to the north of Peremyel, continues, however, to be the principal storm centre. At this point strong forces of Germans have swarmed across the river and established themselves along the former Russian fortified line. Peremyel has been bombarded from the air.

The communications of Peremyel with Lemberg and the main Russian army appear to be still intact, according to the latest official information from Petrograd, the Germans not having succeeded so far in carrying the apex of their wedge across the San into the territory to the east of the fortress. South of Jaroslau, according to the Russian communication, the forces of Grand Duke Nicholas "have pressed the enemy somewhat on both banks of the San," showing that the Russians at least are holding their own in this section. Before Peremyel itself and further south, incessant attacks have been made by the engaged, who succeeded in taking several advanced Russian trenches at one point in the northern foothills of the Carpathians.

Beyond the Central Galician battle region, or the Bukovina front, the Austrians have made a series of attacks, all of which have been repulsed with great loss, and the Russians appear to be continuing their offensive with considerable success.

## FRANCE WILL SETTLE FOR CARGO OF DACIA

A despatch from Paris says: A law has been promulgated, according to the Temps, opening a credit for the payment of the cargo of the Hamburg-American Line, formerly of the Hamburg-American Line, but later seized by a French warship on February 27. The cargo of cotton, however, was not confiscated, owing to an agreement existing between the French and British naval authorities.

"The law proposes," says the Temps, "that the value of the cargo be reimbursed to the American owners."

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**NEW REGULATIONS AS TO PASSPORTS**

Must Obtain the Portrait of the Man to Whom It is Issued.

A despatch from London says: The British Office is enforcing a new regulation regarding the issue of passports. It has only been necessary to have his portrait taken in the past. The new regulations call for the portrait of the man to whom the passport is issued.

The requirements were enforced at Liverpool, where several passengers had difficulty in getting their passports. The necessary photographs had not been taken and stamped by the United States Consul, so that the British Office was obliged to refuse to issue the passport.

The British Office has insisted that in the future all passports must be stamped by the British Office. Through the passport office, all Americans in the United Kingdom to the new regulations, if the passport has not been stamped, it will be necessary to take the necessary steps with the British Consul.

**THE KAISER HAD A CLOSE CALL**

Heavy Shell Burst Among the Machines, Killing Kaiser's Chauffeur and Destroying Motors

A despatch from Geneva says: The German Emperor and his staff had a narrow escape while watching the operations in a village near the River San, in Galicia. According to a despatch from Budapest, a heavy shell burst 300 yards away. It fell among some automobiles, destroying several machines, including the Emperor's, and left his chauffeur dead.

As morning came, the Emperor's staff left his quarters, which they occupied.

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