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EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON BATTLE OF CRACOW

OUTCOME OF THE WAR DEPENDS ON CRACOW

Can the Russian Armies Overwhelm the Combined Armies Of Germany and Austria in This Great Battle?

Kaiser in Supreme Command in East--In Berlin the View is That if the Czar's Forces Can be Defeated, the Differences Between Germany and Russia Can be Patched Up.

London, Oct. 3.—The outcome of the European war will depend to a great extent on the battle now beginning in the near east. This battle, already referred to as the battle of Cracow, will find the acid test applied to the Russian army. It will demonstrate whether Russia is the active, potent fighting force that her admirers claim she is, or whether she is to be more a hindrance than a help in the attempt to crush Germany.

It is a new and untried Russian army that is in the field. The forces far outnumber all others. But whether the troops are to have the energetic direction of competent officers or are to be handled by blunderers, as was the case in the Russo-Japan war, this battle, now commencing, must decide.

To England, therefore, the battle of Cracow will be considered of far greater importance than the long drawn-out conflict now in progress in France. If the Russians can overwhelm the combined Austro-German army, the way will be open for an overwhelming advance on Berlin.

Germany's Final Desperate Stand.

Germany is making a final desperate stand. She has massed the flower of her southern armies here. Every man from the active line in France that could be spared has been sent to the east.

The Kaiser himself is in supreme command of the movements, aided by the chief of staff, Von Moltke, and the counsel of Field Marshal Von Der Goltz, who originated the secret defenses along the Russian frontier, has been sought. Every bit of information received here shows that Germany has staked everything on this battle. She hopes decisively to defeat Russia and to show that Russia is no more a factor in this war than she was in Manchuria. A decisive defeat of the czar's forces, it is believed in Berlin, might result in at least a partial patching up of the differences between Russia and Germany, as the czar would certainly face a revolution at home if his army were to be overwhelmingly defeated at any stage of the present war.

Germany Forced To Retreat.

Petrograd, Oct. 3.—In a review of the recent operations in Russian Poland, issued by the war office to-day, it is stated at every point the Germans have been forced to retreat. The war office estimates that the total losses to the Germans in these operations, which have extended over the last fortnight, will reach sixty thousand in killed, wounded and prisoners. In addition, it is stated that the Russians have captured a number of German guns and rapid firers mounted on motors.

THE GERMAN EFFORTS ARE WITHOUT COHESION

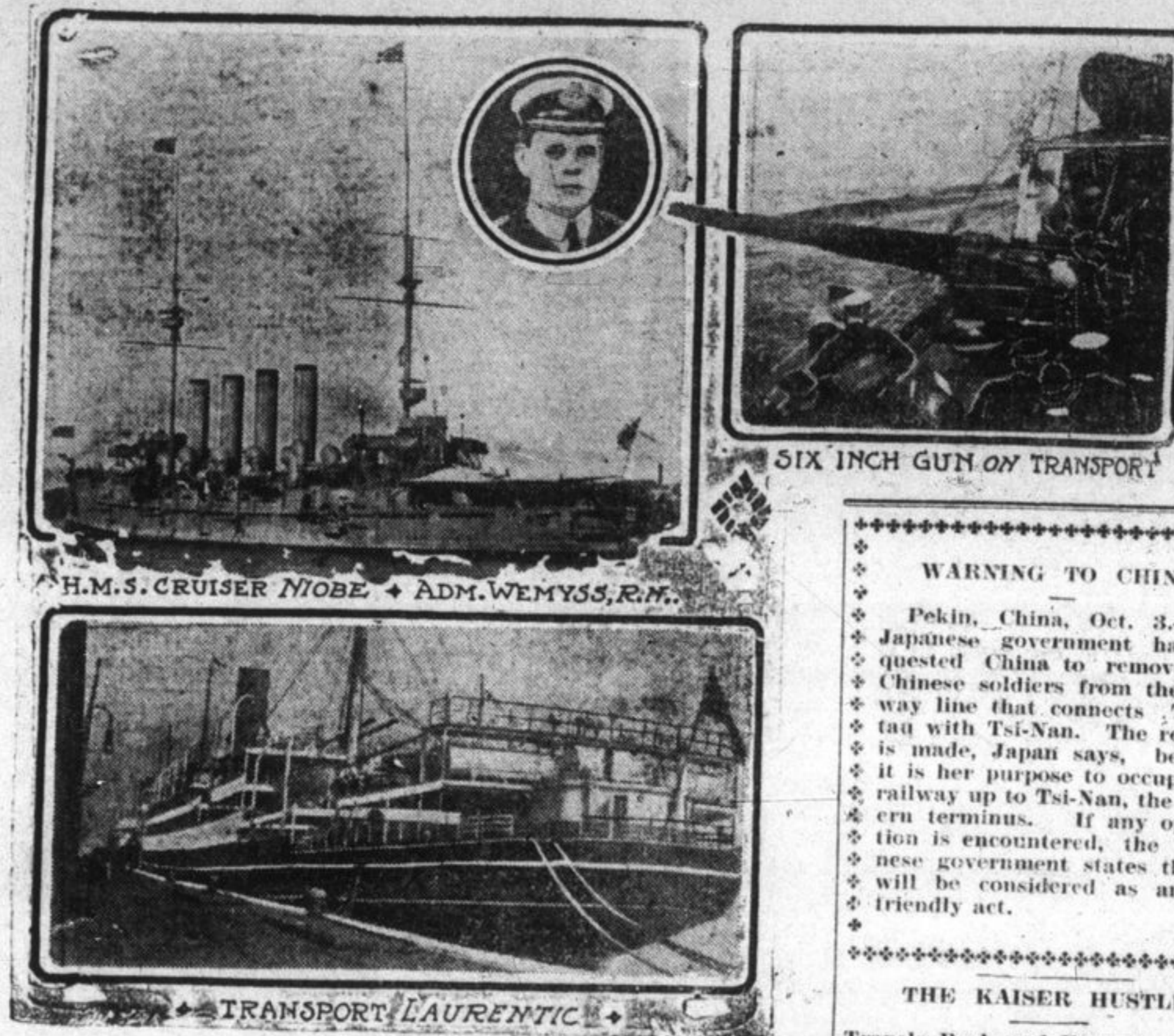
British Commander in Chief Explains The Operations-- Assaults Show Inferior Leadership--The Servian Artillery Fire Is Poor

London, Oct. 3.—The official bureau issued a statement last night, from the headquarters of the British expeditionary force under date of Sept. 29th, concerning the movements of the British force and French armies in immediate touch with it. The statement follows: "The general situation as viewed on the map remains practically the same as that described in the last letter, and the task of the army has not changed. It is to maintain itself until there is a general resumption of the offensive.

"No ground has been lost. Some has been gained and every counter attack has been repulsed, in certain instances, with very severe losses to the enemy.

"Nevertheless the question of position is only a part

CANADA'S TROOPS ON THE ATLANTIC.



The government has itself announced that Canada's first expeditionary force has left Quebec. The picture shows some of the transports with the business-like looking 6-inch gun mounted forward; also Admiral Wemyss and the cruiser Niobe, which, with a number of other warships is conveying the contingent.

of the battle, and there has been considerable improvement in the situation in another important respect. Recent offensive efforts of the enemy have been made without cohesion, his assaults being delivered by comparatively small bodies acting without co-operation with those on either side. Some of them, indeed, evince clear signs of inferior leadership, this bearing out the statements made by prisoners as to the great losses in officers suffered by the enemy.

"Further, the hostile artillery fire has decreased in volume and deteriorated both in control and direction. The first is probably due to the transfer of metal to other quarters, but the two latter facts may be the direct result of the activity of our aircraft and their interference with the enemy's air reconnaissance and observation of his fire; "The Germans recently have been relying to some extent on observations from captive balloons sent up at some distance in the rear of their first line which method, whatever its cause, is a poor substitute for the direct overhead reconnaissance obtainable from aeroplanes.

"As a consequence, the damage being done to us is wholly disproportionate to the amount of ammunition expended by the enemy. For the last few days it has amounted to pitting certain areas with large craters, and is rendering some villages unhealthy, as the soldiers put it."

TO SPEND TEN YEARS IN THE PENITENTIARY

A Sixty-Seven Year Old Man Convicted of Killing Percy Sparlings.

St. Catharines, Ont., Oct. 3.—Ten years in the penitentiary was the sentence Chief Justice Falconbridge this morning gave sixty-seven year old Jesse Ward, of Grimsby Beach, who killed Percy Sparlings, whom he found in his room on August 2nd. The judge said he had, no doubt, that Ward followed up the shooting by cutting Sparlings' throat but the evidence was not sufficient. The jury had brought in a manslaughter verdict and he was, therefore, spared the painful necessity of sentencing him to be hanged.

NEW EPILEPSY CURE

Cincinnati Physician Discovers New Treatment.

Cincinnati, Oct. 3.—The cure of a case of epilepsy is reported by Dr. C. A. L. Reed, who operated on a woman of thirty-eight years at a hospital here. The patient had had no illness other than the epileptic seizures for eleven years. The seizures occurred two or three times a week. There was disorder of the digestive tract, and when this condition was worse the attacks of epilepsy were more severe.

Dr. Reed found that the large intestine had sagged out of its normal position, making two sharp angles. Dr. Reed operated on the intestine and restored it to its normal position. The woman recovered.

Cheese sales: Woodstock, 14 7-8c; Brockville, 14 7-8c

CANADIAN TROOPS LIKELY ACROSS WATER

Greetings Are Said to Have Been Extended by Prominent Britishers.

Toronto, Oct. 3.—Although there has been no official announcement made of the landing of any Canadian troops in the old country, cables to-day contain references to greetings made by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir William Osler, Lord Rosebery and others to the Canadian troops, and it is thought that some of the contingents have already appeared in the old country.

PITH OF THE NEWS.

Condensed Items By Telegraph And From Exchanges.

At Fanning Islands the cable station was destroyed by the German warship Nurnberg.

At St. John, N.B., Judge Crockett sentenced John H. Bran to two years in Dorchester penitentiary for manslaughter. Lieut. G. V. Naylor-Leyland, of the Royal Horse guards, previously reported wounded, has succumbed to his injuries. Word reached Ottawa that Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes, minister of militia is aboard one of the transport ships which have left Quebec for England.

At Schrecksdy, N. Y., Antonio Ponton, a Porto Rican, a student at the Albany law school, stabbed and killed Miss Bessie S. Kromer, a grade school teacher.

Sunday, Peace Day, set aside by president. Wilson's proclamation as a day of prayer for the merciful and of European warfare, will be observed throughout the United States.

WARNING TO CHINA.

Peking, China, Oct. 3.—The Japanese government has requested China to remove the Chinese soldiers from the railway line that connects Tsingtau with Tsi-Nan. The request is made, Japan says, because it is her purpose to occupy the railway up to Tsi-Nan, the western terminus. If any opposition is encountered, the Japanese government states that it will be considered as an unfriendly act.

THE KAISER HUSTLES

Travels Back and Forth in Special Train. Rome, Oct. 3.—Emperor William, says a telegram from Berlin, is going from one front to another. He travels in a special train of ten cars, which formerly were painted white and blue, but which now have been repainted like the ordinary cars, in order to protect the train from the bombs of the French aviators.

Germans Fail To Break Lines Of the French

Paris, Oct. 3.—The official review of the battle of the Aisne, issued at three o'clock this afternoon, confirms the report that the Germans failed in their attack last night when they tried to break through the left in the vicinity of Roye, and between there and Laasigny. It states that the Germans were heavily reinforced, but that they have been unable to penetrate the French lines, and that they have again been repulsed with loss. The official communique also declares that an attempt on the part of the army of the German crown prince to slip through the French line in the vicinity of the forest of Gurie failed. The French attacked and drove the enemy back at this point. Generally speaking, the situation in the centre is described as unchanged, while constant progress is being made by the French in the Woeyre district.

CONGRESS FOR PEACE.

New York, Oct. 3.—An appeal for a world congress for establishment of peace was issued yesterday by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Oldest Mason Is 108.

London, Oct. 3.—Abraham Kittlehan, the oldest Mason in the world, is to-day celebrating his 108th birthday at his home near London. Yesterday he went out with his gun and shot two birds on the wing and brought them home for to-day's dinner. His father lived to be 104 and his mother 99. They were Hollanders. Mr. Kittlehan became a Mason in 1827.

WHAT GREAT BRITAIN TOLD TO GERMANY

In Regard to Her Policy—Germany Wanted Pledge of Absolute Neutrality.

London, Oct. 4.—Addressing a recruiting meeting, at Cardiff, last night, Mr. Asquith said: "In communication to the German government in 1912, regarding her future policy, Great Britain declared that she would neither make nor join in any unprovoked attack upon Germany. But that was not enough for German statesmanship. Germany wanted us to go further and pledge ourselves to absolute neutrality in the event of Germany being engaged in war. To that demand there was but one answer, and that was the answer which the government gave."

The Union Oil tanker Elsinore was sunk by the German cruiser Leipzig off the coast of Chile, September 15th, and the crew landed on the Galapagos Islands, off the coast of Ecuador.

BATTLE OF AISNE CANNOT END WAR

The Germans Will Retire to Their Next Line of Defence Just Inside of the South Belgian Frontier.

Long Continued Fighting on German Right is Due to the Presence of so Many Veterans There--Inability of the Germans to Assume Offensive Indicates That They Are Losing.

Paris, Oct. 3.—Desperate night fighting was reported to-day from both the eastern and western lines of the great battle of the north. The German right wing was again repulsed in an effort to break through the line between Roye and Lassigny, where heavy fighting has been in progress for several days. The Germans are also reported to have essayed another attempt to cross the Meuse near St. Mihiel; and on being repulsed, have resumed shelling the fortified line in that vicinity.

It is the presence of so many veterans on the German right that is responsible for the long continued fighting. They are making a supreme effort to break the French lines and divide the allied armies so that the armies operating with Arras and Amiens as bases, can be isolated and destroyed. This operation will not prove successful, in the opinion of the military experts here, who declare that the ferocity of yesterday and last night's attacks indicate strongly that the high tide of German offense has been reached. They say that men were deliberately sacrificed by thousands, and that the effort having failed, all that can now be expected is for the Germans to attempt to hold their present line for a brief period and then to retire.

Incidentally, because of false hopes held out that the present battle, if it resulted in defeat to the Germans, might end the war, attention again was being called to the fact by the military experts in the Paris newspapers to-day that this battle cannot be actually decisive. If the Germans lose, and all of the military experts here agree that to all intents and purposes they are now losing, in that they are unable to assume the offensive at any point, they will retire slowly and in good order to their next line of defense, which is known to be just inside of the southern Belgian frontier.

THE FIGHT AT CRACOW

REPORTED TO BE STILL IN INITIAL STAGES.

Russian Equipment Superior to German—Precautions to Prevent Flanking Movement by Germans in Galicia.

Petrograd, Oct. 3.—The battle of Cracow, as it will probably be called, is still in its initial stages. Russian outposts have engaged the Austro-German line along the Donaj river, just west of Tarnow, which forms a natural barrier flowing almost directly north and south thirty-four miles east of Cracow. The battle line extends to the foothills of the Carpathian mountains and flows over into Russian Poland, north of the Viestula river, where the Austrians and German lines are in contact. The entire line is strongly held, it being estimated that the German forces alone number at least 750,000 men, while additional troops are constantly arriving.

Precautions are being taken to prevent a flanking movement by the Germans against the Russians, now in Galicia. The chief difficulty, so far as the Russians are concerned, has been heavy rains. In this respect, however, the Russian equipment is far superior to the German. The stormy broad tires on all field equipment has made it possible to move Russian transport, although slowly. The air scouts report, however, that wherever the Germans got off the main road their auto transport has immediately been mired and in the fighting of the last week they have lost a great many guns.

To Create Four Marshals.

London, Oct. 3.—The French government will create four marshals of France. The men selected are Generals Joseph Joffre, the commander-in-chief of the French army; J. S. Gallieni, the military governor of Paris; Gerald Pau, and C. de Castelnau, who are fighting on the line.

It is a pure myth that Russian troops have joined the allies in France. The denials are absolute. A rumor says the German cruiser Dresden had been sunk by the British cruisers Glasgow and Good Hope.

DAILY MEMORANDUM.

What for rummage sale, Oct. 30th. See top of page 5, right hand column for probable dates.

Don't miss St. Paul's rummage sale, 215 Princess St., Oct. 16th and 17th.

DIED

POLLITT—In Kingston on Oct. 2nd, 1914, Thomas Pollitt, aged 81 years. Funeral from his late residence, 24 Ellis street, on Monday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

RYDER—In Kingston, on Oct. 2nd, 1914, Jane Ryder, beloved wife of Gunner Edward Ryder, aged 57 years. Funeral from her late residence, 22 Lower Bagot street, to St. George's Cathedral, Monday, at 2:30 p.m.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

(Neutral, Halifax, Boston, St. John's, Nfld., papers please copy.)

STONG—At Toronto, on Oct. 1st, 1914, Hannah Allen, beloved wife of Anthony Strong. Funeral Monday afternoon from the home of Mr. William Davy, Nelson St., at 2:30 p.m.

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