

## RUSSIANS PRESS ON IN POLAND

The Czar's Troops Apparently Hold the Advantage.

## AUSTRIANS LOSE AT CRACOW

30,000 Are Captured and the Muscovites Sweep Through Carpathian Passes to Victory.

London, Nov. 30.—While deprecating the exaggerated reports of Russian successes in the battle in north Poland, where the German emperor has joined Field Marshal von Hindenburg to offer his advice and to encourage his troops, the latest available official reports from Russian headquarters state the advantage in the fighting still lies with the Russian army.

It is also officially said that enormous losses have been inflicted on the Germans, but no mention is made of the capture of German divisions which has been so freely claimed by the Petrograd correspondents of London and Paris papers.

Opposed to this is the German official report, which says the Russian attacks have been repulsed and that the German counter attacks have all been successful.

Some days must elapse before this battle, which promises to prove the most decisive of the war, is concluded. So far, all that is definitely known is that the German advance has been brought to a standstill. Some of the German troops have been partly or wholly surrounded, but they are still fighting stubbornly to break their way through the Russian lines, apparently to the northward, where they hope to join reinforcements sent from Thorn.

In the battle before Cracow the Russians do claim decisive success. During the last week they took 30,000 Austrian and German prisoners in this region. This victory is taken in Petrograd to mean that Cracow will not bar the Russian advance in Silesia from the south, but that, with the Austrian army beaten, it will be necessary only to mask the fortress.

The Russians likewise announce success on the Austrian side of the Carpathians and against the Turks in the Caucasus, although in both regions the worst of weather has prevailed.

The Russians appear to have accomplished the difficult task of throwing an army through the Carpathian mountains southwest of Lemberg. Fighting in the Carpathians has been most ferocious, being carried on under extraordinary difficulties, which were increased by the severe cold, the bitter winter and the frequent storms. Reports received in London say that in their operations against the Austrians the Russians have won important successes during uninterrupted fighting for the last two days.

Count Tikhovitz, a prominent Russian of Kiev on arriving in Petrograd, reported that on the way he passed thirteen trains, containing German prisoners, going eastward from Warsaw.

Following are the official reports:

**RUSSIAN.**

"Between the Vistula and the Warta the enemy continues to maintain the position fortified by him at Strykow, Zgierz, Szadek and Zdzimska Hola (Russian Poland). The fighting has been very stubborn in the regions of Strykow and Zgierz. We captured at those points cannon, rapid fire and several hundred prisoners.

"Our troops have taken part in an engagement along the front comprising Głowno, Bielaway and Sobota. Along the left bank of the Vistula the Germans carried out a counter attack.

"According to prisoners, the German losses were enormous, many battalions losing all of their officers and the companies being reduced to from 60 to 80 men.

"On the Czenstochowa-Cracow front there has been no important engagement. The Austrian army which defended the approaches east of Cracow on the Schrenk and Raba were defeated Nov. 26, being driven back to the region of the fortress.

"In the Carpathians on Nov. 27 we took as many as 1200 Austrians. The troops of the enemy have retired precipitately from Bukovina. We have occupied Czeronowitz.

"In the region of the Mazurian lakes (East Prussia) and the Agensrap rivers our troops have thrown back the Germans in several districts from their fortified positions."

**GERMAN.**

"In the east the situation on the right bank of the Vistula remains unchanged. Russian advances in the neighborhood of Lodz were checked, and were followed by successful counter attacks by our troops."

## FIB DRIVES GIRL TO DEATH

Caught in Untruth, 14-Year-Old Child Inhales Gas.

New York, Nov. 30.—Humiliated by being caught in an untruth, Agnes Catherine Clark, a fourteen-year-old schoolgirl, committed suicide by inhaling gas.

Her body was found by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sylvester Graham, with whom she lived, when they returned from Brooklyn to their apartment in Morningside avenue.

The girl's body was on the floor near the window. Apparently, after she had died, the fumes made her gasp for breath, but failed in an attempt to get to the window and get fresh air.

"I am sorry I am going to end it—Agnes."

That about six o'clock, Agnes' mother, Mrs. Henry Sylvester, called her to the window.

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## LONG WAR WITH VILLA, CARRANZA'S BELIEF

Issues Statement That Peace is Impossible.

Vera Cruz, Mex., Nov. 30.—Peace between General Carranza and General Villa, who is reported to be on his way to Mexico City with a strong force, is impossible, according to a statement made by General Carranza, who has established his headquarters here.

A long and hard war is expected, as General Villa is reported to be well armed, while General Carranza is determined to bring the war to an end.

One of the most significant features of the troubles now besetting the country is that General Lucio Blanco, who assumed control of Mexico City after it had been evacuated by General Obregon and who declared that he neither inclined to Carranza nor Villa, is that he has been arrested and brought to Vera Cruz, where he is incarcerated in the prison of San Juan de Ulua.

Persistent rumors were to the effect that two Englishmen and one Italian were killed in Mexico City by the Zapatistas. It was impossible to confirm these rumors.

**Good Order in Mexico City.**  
Washington, Nov. 30.—Except for a few isolated cases of robbery and violence, which resulted in severe punishment to the offenders as soon as detected, the Zapatista forces have maintained good order in Mexico City, according to advices from the Brazilian minister to the state department.

The Zapata military commander has issued a decree levying a tax of one-half the regular property tax, explaining that the method of raising money by taxation was preferred to the indiscriminate confiscation and levies which the Carranza officials had practiced.

The situation in other parts of Mexico was described in official reports as quiet, with the exception of Tampico, where the approach of Villa forces from San Luis Potosi has terrorized some people.

**Herd 5100 Horses For War.**  
Chicago, Nov. 30.—Fifty-one hundred horses, the largest single drove ever in Chicago, awaited shipment at the stock yards to the battlefields of Europe. The horses were bought in the western plains for the French army. Cavalry and artillery steeds are included in the drove, which is daily receiving additions. Beside the French mounts there are now 1700 horses of a slightly higher grade, which are to be consigned to the British war office.

**WEATHER EVERYWHERE**  
Weather. P. Cloudy. Windy.

Observations of U.S. weather bureau taken yesterday follow:

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