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TROOP MOVEMENTS TO VARIOUS PARTS CONTINUE DAILY

Conventionist Army On West Coast to Be Reinforced.—General Angeles Reported on Way to Puebla

CARRANCISTAS IN FORCE IN MALTRATA

General Rafael Buelna Leaves to Take Command in Colima and Tepic.

While various troop movements of importance are under way and it appears that forces are being disposed for campaigns in various parts of the republic, officials of the government are preserving a discreet silence as to details.

General Villa and the main body of his forces left the capital at 7 o'clock yesterday morning for a destination which was not announced.

Already a strong Conventionist force has departed for the west coast region of the republic and stronger forces still are to be sent there.

No Report From General Zapata.

General Emiliano Zapata left some days ago at the head of a strong column for Puebla and since their departure officials say that no report has been received from the commander of the Liberating Army of the South.

General Felipe Angeles departed from the city Thursday night with his brigade of the three arms of the service. It is said that he left over the Inter-oceanic for Puebla and that he has with him an unusually strong force of artillery. It is believed that he plans to cooperate with the forces of General Zapata and with the forces, allied with the Zapatistas, which have been besieging Puebla for some days past.

It is understood that the government desires to capture Puebla with the least possible delay in order that the city may be used as a base for further operations in the state of Veracruz for the purpose of driving the Carrancistas from the port of Veracruz, the customs revenue of which is the largest of any port of entry in the republic.

Private reports reaching the capital from Puebla are to the effect that General Francisco Coss, commander of the Carrancista garrison, can not hold out much longer. These reports are necessarily several days old as there is no wire communication and travelers from Puebla have to make the trip from Puebla to Ometusco on foot or by horseback or conveyance, at Ometusco getting a train for this city.

Situation Along Mexican.

No definite reports have been received from the troops which were sent out fully a week ago to operate along the line of the Mexican railway from Ometusco.

Between Ometusco and Apizaco are the stretches of track which were damaged by the Carrancistas in their retreat and it is believed that the troops which left here some days ago were merely to protect repair gangs as they advanced putting the road into condition.

It is said that the Carrancistas have removed all but necessary rolling stock of the Mexican railway to the east of Esperanza and that there are sixty-three locomotives and many cars on the side tracks of the stations of Boca del Monte, Alta Luz and Maltrata.

In the Maltrata cañon it is expected that the Carrancistas will make their definite stand when forced to abandon their positions at Apizaco. It is reported here that they have placed artillery at commanding points in the mountains and entrenched themselves strongly to defend the pass.

Forces for the West.

More troops were sent yesterday to the western part of the republic. General Rafael Buelna, commanding about 3,000 men of the three arms, left for the north yesterday in several military trains on the line of the Mexican Central. These troops will go to Irapuato, from where they will continue to Guadalajara. When this town has been taken, General Buelna's command will proceed to Colima and the territory of Tepic.

Orders have been given also to General Matias Pazueño to get ready to start with his forces for the state of Sinaloa to reduce Ramon Iturbe, a Carrancista chief. General Pazueño will enter the territory of Sinaloa through the state of Durango in order to cooperate with the forces that are moving from the south to clear the western state of Carrancistas. General Pazueño expects to leave within a few days.

ATTACK ON TAMPICO PORT COMMENCED IS REPORT

Carrancista Force Meet Severe Defeat at Cleofas and Retire to Base.

TROOPS DISCOURAGED

Reinforcements Said to Have Been Sent by Carranza From Veracruz.

The Conventionist forces under General Casimiro Benavides, of the division of the North, and General Magdaleno Cedillo, of the Carrera Torres brigade, have arrived at the outskirts of Tampico and probably have commenced the attack on the port. Information to this effect was received in reliable circles here yesterday.

Carrancistas Routed.

The reports reaching the capital state that the forces of Generals Benavides and Cedillo engaged a column of Carrancistas in Cleofas, a point located about sixty kilometers west of Tampico, last Tuesday. After ten hours of severe fighting the Carrancistas were defeated and forced to retire in the direction of Tampico.

After this engagement the troops of the Conventionist continued their march towards Tampico and probably have commenced the attack. Owing to the fact that General Carranza's supporters who are garrisoning the port are demoralized and disheartened, on account of many of their comrades having deserted and joined the Conventionists, it is believed there will not be a strong resistance.

The column under Generals Benavides and Cedillo, which it is said is close to Tampico, is composed of about 13,000 men. These troops are veterans of the last revolution and confidence is felt in military circles here that they will make a good showing in the attack on the port. The garrison of Tampico is placed at about 3,000 men.

Reinforcements from Veracruz.

In view of the probability of an attack on the port and the importance of the place, it is said General Venustiano Carranza decided to dispatch reinforcements from Veracruz to assist the local garrison. These reinforcements, numbering 2,000 men, left Veracruz last Wednesday in several merchant steamers which were seized by the Carrancistas in Veracruz. The action of the Carrancistas in seizing merchant steamers, among which it is said are several British ships, resulted in a strong protest being filed by foreign consuls in Veracruz with General Carranza, as they consider this act a flagrant violation of the international laws.

Whether the Carrancistas have arrived in Tampico is unknown here. Should these forces have reached the port in time, it is said they will not be sufficient to prevent the Conventionist capturing Tampico, as the column commanded by Generals Benavides and Cedillo is superior in number and better discipline and armed than the defenders.

GENERAL BLANCO EXPECTED TODAY

General Lucio Blanco, who is slated for the post of minister of gubernación, arrived at Toluca last night and will come to this capital this morning, arriving at 9 o'clock. It is announced that he will confer at once with President Gutierrez upon his arrival and probably immediately afterwards the latter will announce definitely the new cabinet changes which are expected.

Lic. Fernando Iglesias Calderon will not occupy the post of minister of foreign relations, according to his own declaration made to the Herald last night. An afternoon paper yesterday stated that he had agreed to accept this post through patriotism, but he was called up by telephone and asked about the matter last night and about that he would not accept the post under any circumstances.

In a reliable official source it has been learned that the new minister of foreign relations will be Lic. Miguel Diaz Lombardo, and it is thought that he probably will be appointed today to that post.

TURKEY TO MAKE GERMAN COMPULSORY

Correspondence of the Associated Press. Amsterdam, Nov. 15.—A dispatch from Vienna states that the Turkish government has decided to make the study of German compulsory in all the state schools throughout the Ottoman empire.

YUCATAN TROOPS DECIDE IN FAVOR OF CONVENTION

Carrancista Governor Avila Is Deposed and Made Prisoner.—No Disturbance of Public Order.

SITUATION SIMILAR IN CAMPECHE STATE

Tabasco Reported as Divided With Governor Green Retaining Executive Power.

The majority of the troops in the states of Yucatan, Campeche and Tabasco, in southern Mexico, have declared in favor of provisional President Gutierrez and the convention, and are taking steps to drive the sympathizers of General Venustiano Carranza from there, according to private messages received here from that region of the republic by way of the United States.

According to these messages the troops in Yucatan that declared in favor of the convention, deposed Major Eleuterio Avila, the governor, capturing him. The fate of Governor Avila is unknown. It is said in the same messages that almost all of the Yucatecos have expressed willingness to recognize President Gutierrez and are ready to support the convention.

Governor Avila a Prisoner.

The capture of Governor Avila, it is said occurred without any disturbances, due to the majority of the troops in that state abandoning him and declaring themselves in favor of the convention. In Merida, the state capital, and other important towns order has remained unaltered and business is proceeding as usual.

In Campeche, the messages state Colonel Joaquín Mucel, the governor, also has been deposed and the state capital is now controlled by the supporters of the convention. Governor Mucel, accompanied by a few of his men, succeeded in escaping, and it is understood they are making their way to Belize. As in Yucatan, order has not been altered in Campeche and the residents there are pleased with the changes made in the administration.

Fighting Expected in Tabasco.

Colonel Carlos Green, governor of Tabasco, is the only one of the governors of the southern states, who is still remaining at his post, despite the fact that many of his troops have declared they will support provisional President Gutierrez. Colonel Green is making preparations in the state capital to resist the Conventionist troops and is recruiting men for that purpose.

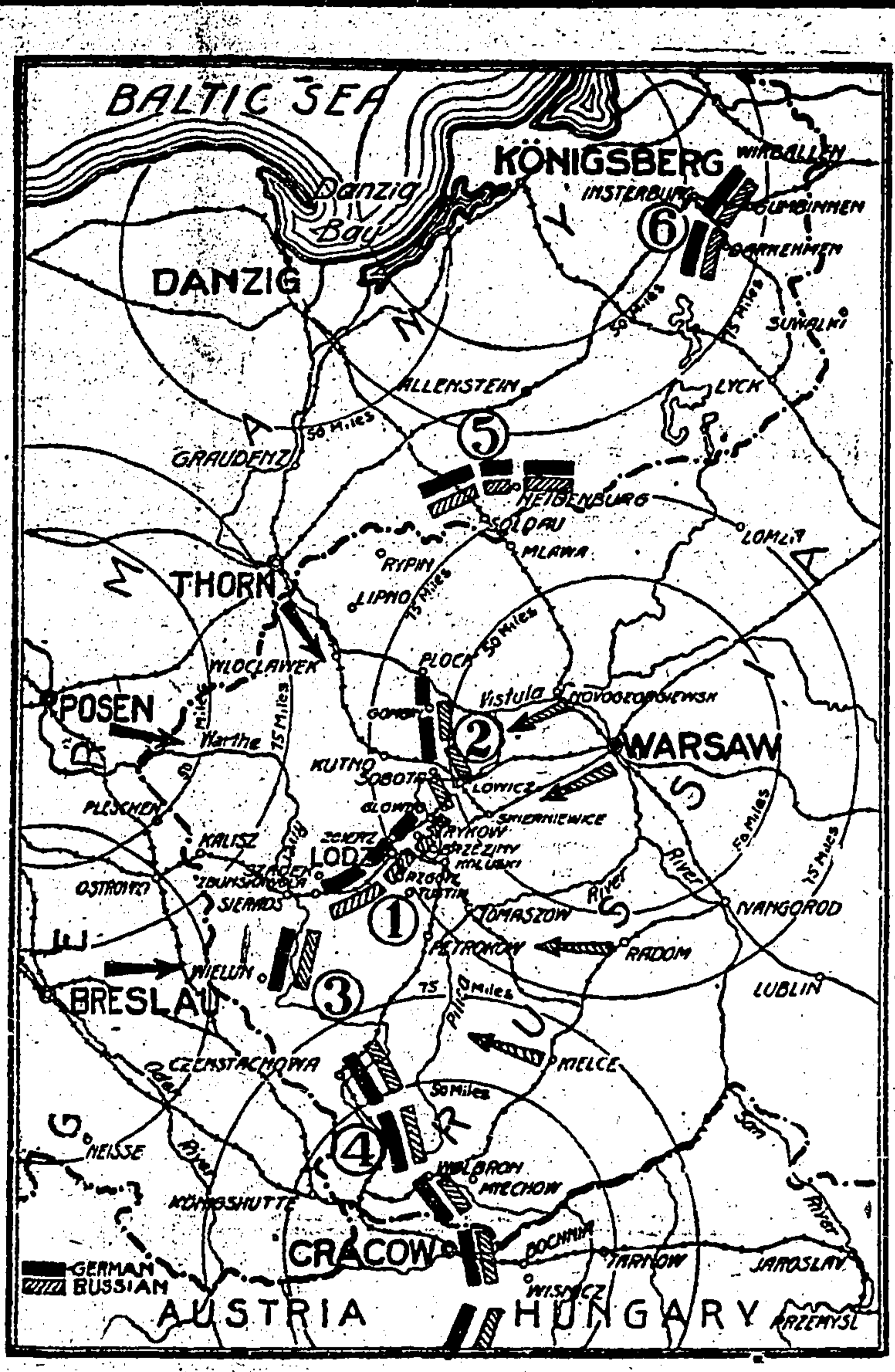
One of the chiefs in Tabasco, who has recognized the convention, is General Luis Felipe Domínguez, who at the head of a strong column is advancing toward San Juan Bautista, the state capital, to engage the troops of Governor Green.

In official circles it was impossible to verify these reports last night. High officials said that as all communication with the southern portion of the republic is interrupted, no reports from there have been received here during several days.

RICHARD CANFIELD, NOTED SPORT, DIES

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 11.—Richard Canfield, a prominent sporting man, who was widely known through his exclusive clubs at Saratoga and in this city, where play was high and an entrance fee difficult today of cerebral hemorrhage, the result of a fracture of the skull caused by a fall down a subway stairway.

PROGRESS OF BATTLES IN RUSSIAN POLAND



Information as to the situation in Russian Poland is so lacking in detail that it is difficult to follow the operations except in a general way. This map shows the approximate positions of the troops on December 1. It was made in New York on that date from the most reliable information available, gathered from official reports and from special dispatches of the various newspapers of the American metropolises. It is presented to Mexican Herald readers as being useful in following the operations since that date.

Official Reports on the Big War

FRANCE

The following official reports of the European War were received yesterday by cablegram in the French legation: "The enemy showed some activity yesterday (Thursday) throughout the region around Ypres. There were artillery duels in Arras. A battery of the enemy's was silenced near Tracy-le-Val. "In the region around Jusincourt the French artillery of large calibre fought with success against five batteries of the Germans. "Throughout the region around Varennes the German artillery showed itself to be very active, but without causing us any losses, and the same is true as for the Upper Meuse. "North of Senones we blew up a block house belonging to the enemy and south of the same point we drove off an attack with losses on our part which were insignificant. "South of Thann we captured the station of Aspach."

ENGLAND

War Bulletin No. 102. Admiralty announces further telegram received from Vice Admiral Sturdee reporting that Nurnberg was also sunk on December 8 and that search for Dresden is still proceeding. Action lasted for five hours with intervals. Scharnhorst sank after three hours and Gneisenau two hours later. Enemy's light cruisers scattered and were chased by our cruisers and light cruisers. No loss of any British vessel is reported.—Communication from Foreign office, Dec. 10, 1914.

War Bulletin No. 103. Board of Trade announces recorded value exports British produce in November 24.6 millions pounds sterling, excluding large value of commodities exported to France for use of army. Value of imports in November 56 millions pounds sterling. Increase of 4.1 millions pounds sterling over October.

GERMANY

Notice from the German Legation. The half-weekly periodical "La Guerra Europea," published in this city, had recently in two extra issues of the 4th and 5th inst., attacked the trustworthiness of the official German war-reports published in this country. It has asserted, in particular, 1.—That the American Government for reasons of neutrality has prohibited the use of the wireless communications between Germany and the United States for the transmission of the official German war-reports. 2.—That the official German war-reports published in this country are not direct messages about the operations of war, but that they are composed arbitrarily at the German embassy at Washington by means of false-

RUSSIANS CLAIM SITUATION TO BE MORE FAVORABLE

Petrograd Says Three of the Five Advance Movements of Germans in Russian Poland Have Been Checked

KAISER REPORTED MUCH IMPROVED

News of Servian Successes Over Austrians Is Confirmed.—Kaiser's Troops Make Fierce Attacks on Ypres

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 11.—Of five Austro-German columns which appeared to be making steady progress in the invasion of Russian Poland, three have suffered checks, according to official advices which have been received from Petrograd.

The column making the downward stroke from Mlawa and reported to be within fifteen miles of Warsaw was repulsed after an energetic offensive.

The main German column between Lodz and Lowicz attacked with great force but was repulsed with heavy losses. During two days the Germans faced the Russian trenches, seven times hurling their troops forward in the attack but each time being driven back by a murderous fire.

Another column, which was trying to outflank the Russian left to the south of Cracow was defeated, after a tenacious resistance. The Russians have taken two thousand prisoners.

Checks Affect German Plans.

British military experts declare that the whole German plan for the capture of Warsaw and the relief of Cracow has been affected by these checks.

News of the Servian victory over the Austrians has been confirmed by the occupation of Ussitza and Valjevo by the Servians who have regained most of their territory toward the Bosnia frontier and also have defeated the Austrians advancing from the north.

Up to December 8, the Servians had captured 25,000 prisoners and great quantities of war material.

Mlawa is northwest of Warsaw, and near the Prussian border. Lodz is seventy-five miles west southwest of Warsaw. Lowicz is forty-four miles west southwest of Warsaw. Cracow 158 miles south southwest of Warsaw. Ussitza (or Ushitze) is eighty-seven miles southwest of Belgrade. Valjevo is forty-one miles to the north of Ushitze.

Russians Reinforce Servians.

By Associated Press. Amsterdam, Dec. 11.—It is reported here that the Servian army was reinforced by five regiments of Russian troops which arrived at Antivari on November 29.

Antivari is the sole seaport of Montenegro, near the Adriatic, fourteen miles northwest of Scutari. Little credit can be given to the Amsterdam report of Russians having landed troops in Antivari for the support of the Servian armies as the Dardanelles have been closed to Russian steamers for many weeks.

German Official Report.

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 11.—The official bulletin, issued today, says:

"We have made progress in Flanders. "East and west of the Argonne forest the enemy's artillery positions were attacked with good results. "Trench attacks in the Forest of Lepretre, west of Pont-a-Mousson were repulsed. "The situation east of the Mazurian lakes (East Prussia) is unchanged. "Our attacks in northern Poland are progressing."

Pont-a-Mousson is fifteen miles north northwest of Nancy, which town is thirty miles south of Metz.

Austrian Official Report.

By Associated Press. Amsterdam, Dec. 11.—The Austrian official report, issued at Vienna, says:

"Operations in the Carpathians are progressing according to our plans. The enemy yesterday fought mainly rearguard actions, being repelled in Galicia. "There is still no decision at Przemysl which is only surrounded by the enemy and is not being attacked. The garrison makes daily sorties to keep the enemy at a respectful distance. "Quiet reigned in Poland yesterday."

Przemysl, in Galicia, which is being besieged by the Russians, lies fifty-one miles west of Lemberg.

Kaiser Shows Marked Improvement.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 11.—A dispatch from The Hague states that information reaching there from private sources is that Emperor William of Germany, who has been ill at Berlin with bronchial fever shows marked improvement. According to the advices reaching The Hague the temperature of the kaiser is again normal and he was allowed to sit up for a few hours