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POSITION OF RUSSIA IS VERY SATISFACTORY

(Special to the Guardian.)
PETROGRAD, Dec. 21.—A general attached to Russian General staff who recently returned to Petrograd from the front reviewed the present military situation today in an optimistic manner. "We are now at close list-poled war," he said, "it has ended to be sure, with the battle front shifted but without marked advantage for the Germans. The German offensive began with the centre extending from Posen to Kalisz. The armies of Gen. Mackensen and Gen. Francois advanced to Buzza River occupying positions in an almost straight line from Plock through Danzig and Lodz to Piotrkow where they fortified themselves. The northern division which proceeded to Czenahow and Makow was forced back to the frontier. The Austro-German troops from Silesia advanced toward Olmus, Wolbrom and Novo Rudlonsk, while further south the Russians proceeded to the river Dunajec aiming to free Cracow. To the southwest of Pzemyzl the Austro-Hungarian army attempted to cross the Carpathians striving to relieve Pzemyzl and Galicia. Centres of intense operations developed in the order above mentioned. The strategic position of railroad lines enabled Austro-Germans to manoeuvre across the north and south east and west and at Vica Vosa. The total number of Austro-Germans opposing the Russians is estimated at more than forty army corps of 1,600,000 men. The present aim of the enemy evidently is to take the Lithuanian fortresses of Kovno Ovnisk and Grono and occupy western Poland as far as Warsaw, while the Austrians attempt to free Galicia and push northward to Radom and Lublin and occupy southern Poland. If the enemy is successful in thus freeing its own territory, and fortifying the through lines mentioned an effort will be made to go further. The enemy would content himself with remaining on the defensive along this front so that thirty army corps might be transferred to the western theatre of war. These aspirations cannot be realized because the Russians are being reinforced continually and are now occupying positions which may be defended more effectively than their previous ones.

CRUISER INVINCIBLE ARRIVES IN PORT

MONTVIDEO, Dec. 21.—The British Cruiser Invincible which took part in the Naval engagement off Falkland Islands Dec. 19 in which four German Cruisers sunk, arrived off this port today.

BRITISH CRUISERS ARRIVE SAFELY

PUERTO MONTE CHILE, Dec. 21.—British Cruisers Glasgow and Bristol arrived here today.

FLEETS BOMBARDING

ATHENS, Dec. 21.—It is reported that the allied fleets on Thursday bombarded the inner forts at Dardanelles. The result is not stated.

EVACUATE DIXMUDE

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The Germans have evacuated Dixmude and the Allies are pressing on along at lines in the west. After three days battle the French succeeded in capturing some German trenches.

BATTLE DEVELOPING

VIENNA, Dec. 21.—A great battle is developing in North Lupkow Pass. Strong Russian forces have appeared in Galicia where fighting is progressing.

TO DEVELOP TENNIS PLAYERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A movement to develop and encourage young players of the game was sprung on the annual meeting of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association which opened at the Waldorf Astoria today. Raymond D. Little reported a plan for the development of schoolboy tennis championships, declaring that McLoughlin began to play when he was 12 years old. William, the national champion, started at 8 years of age, and Karl Behr, Beals Wright, Nat Niles and George Church were all beginners when ten years old.

MONCTON'S NEW BAPTIST CHURCH.

WONOTON, Dec. 19.—Although the formal dedication of the new First Baptist church will not take place until May next, the congregation will begin to utilize a portion of the structure on Sunday next, when the regular services for the day will be held in the basement. After the destruction of the old church by fire on May 6, 1913, the congregation used the Grand Opera House for the Sunday morning and evening services. For some time the congregation worshipped in the hall at the rear of the city offices in the Market building, which was destroyed by fire last winter. The congregation then returned to the Opera House.

THE PRINCESS ROYAL IN WEST INDIA WATERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The Princess Royal, one of the new 39-knot battle cruisers of the British Navy, is now on patrol duty in the Indian waters, according to the officers of the steamship Essequibo, in today from London, via Colon and Kingston. As a precaution against a surprise by the Kaiser, the Essequibo was convoyed by the Princess Royal, King of Antilla, the Essequibo, and a new ship of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, is here on her first voyage. Her departure Saturday will mark the last sailing of ships of the line from this port for several months because of the fact that two of the company's vessels have been taken over by the British Government for use as transports.

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POLISH REGION ORGANIZED

WARSAW, Dec. 21.—Russian Poland via Petrograd and London, by authority of the Grand Duke Nicholas the Polish Legion was organized. The Russian Army contains many Polish volunteers but the legion will be the first Polish contingent flying a distinctive flag to be accepted. Four thousand and will be ready to go to front in six weeks.

AMERICAN VERDICT ON THE WAR

A REPLY TO THE GERMAN PROFESSORS
SPIRITED INDICTMENT
Ninety-three of the most prominent men of Germany, distinguished in various branches of science, art, education, and literature, have recently circulated a broadsheet throughout America, entitled "An Appeal to the Civilized World," in which they attempt to change public opinion in the United States on the subject of the war. Mr. Church, President of the Carnegie Institute, at Pittsburgh, and author of "The Life of Oliver Cromwell," made reply to the German appeal, which is addressed to Dr. Fritz Schaper, of Berlin. He says:

GERMANS WILL BE SMOKED FROM ENTRENCHMENTS.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Lieut.-Col. Rousset, in the Liberte, says:—"Even the history of Austria, so rich in defeats, contains no disaster more crushing than the one the Servian army has just inflicted on the Austro-Bavarian forces."

WILL INQUIRE INTO GERMAN OUTRAGES.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A committee composed of Viscount Bryce, Sir Frederick Pollack, Sir Edward Clarke, Sir Alfred Hopkinson, Professor Harlischberg and H. Cox have been appointed by Prime Minister Asquith to make an inquiry into the accusations of outrage and breaches of the laws of war committed by Germany.

A LONDON MAN HEARS OF TRIPLE TRAGEDY.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—That his two brothers were killed in the recent fighting in France and that his mother died from shock on hearing this was the mental agony which Harry Douglas now endures. He was a wireless station at Point Edward received today.

A SIX MASTER ABANDONED.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Dec. 19.—The six masted schooner Alice M. Lawrence, stranded on Tuckerneck Shoal, was abandoned yesterday after being stripped by her crew, who had remained on board since she grounded on Dec. 6th. She was built at Bath in 1906 at a cost of \$145,000.

CHANGING THE NAMES.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The Paris Municipal Council has decided that the name Albert shall be given to an avenue or public square in Paris in honor of the king of Belgium.

The Crime Against Belgium.

Mr. Church proceeds:—"The next point in your letter reads thus:—'It is not true that we trespassed by neutral Belgium.' Have these 93 men studied well the letter which they have signed? Could they so superbly trained deliberately certify to such an unwarranted declaration? Has any one of my 93 honoured correspondents read the appeal to the American people by Imperial Chancellor Von Bethman-Hollweg, published in the American newspapers on August 15? I fear not, for in that statement the Chancellor said: 'We were compelled to override the just protests of the Luxembourg and Belgian Governments. The wrong—I speak frankly—that we are committing we will endeavour to make good as soon as our military goal has been reached. But now all this achievement has vanished, all this

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