

# TO RUSSIANS

Rome Hears That Commander of Przemysl Offered to Surrender.

## HIS TERMS REJECTED

Fall of Austrian Troops to Be Believed by Czar's Stronghold to Be Imminent—7,000,000 Men Taking Part in Great Battles—Seek to Retake Ostend.

Rome, Nov. 23.—Przemysl has offered under condition that the garrison march out with arms and baggage. The Russians refused to accept the offer because they believe the fortress cannot hold out much longer. Surrender is imminent.

Because of the important bearing on the war in general and the great number of men engaged interest centers on the Russian advance in Poland.

General von Hindenburg, commander of the German troops, and Grand Duke Nicholas, commander in chief of the Russian army, are the greatest strategists the war has produced, are maneuvering for positions between the Vistula and the Warta and a big battle is expected on the Crowsk-Cieszochowa line between Russian and Austro-German forces.

An official dispatch coming through Rome says that the Russians repulsed two attacks before Crowsk, but beyond the Russian official statement that the Russians have had partial success north-west of Lodz, there is nothing to show how things are going.

Seven million men are engaged in the battles on the Russo-German front, 3,000,000 on the Austro-German front and 4,000,000 on the Italian front.

Petrograd claims that the German offensive between the Warta and Vistula has been checked.

An official statement issued at Berlin says:

"In the eastern war theater the operations are still further developing. Nothing can yet be reported regarding the situation in East Prussia."

The pursuit of the defeated enemy, which was driven back through Mlava and Plock, continues. Our defensive line at Lodz has made progress.

In the region of the east of Cieszochowa our troops are fighting by the aid of our allies and have gained ground.

At Arz, where the Russians are reported to have made a considerable advance in the last few days, they have been compelled to storm concrete block houses, resulting in some instances in heavy loss of life.

## SEVERE BLOW TO FRENCH

Twenty Thousand Reported Killed in the Recent Fighting.

Berlin, Nov. 21.—Reports received from Holland, according to information given out in official circles here, are to the effect that in the fighting near Dinabrook and Dixmude the French lost 20,000 men, of whom 10,000 British were drowned in the Yser canal.

London, Nov. 22.—The battle front in Flanders and France is now on the Meuse, a storm-bombardment of the rival battle lines that a week ago were great towers of strength, was a titanic struggle. The gain was of a few hundred yards, only to lose it again as the vanquished of the morning's conflict by a supreme effort became the victors with the coming of night, today remained two desperate masses. Great numbers were stricken down before the fury of a terrific barrage, which evaded the trenches, enveloped the big guns and killed the marrow in the bones of the fighting men.

Whole week ago slinging bullets and shrieking shells bore the fearful message of death, disease now stalks as the enemy of friend and foe alike.

Thousands of cases of pneumonia have been reported from the front and every train to the rear from the lines today bore great contingents of officers and men invalided back by serious illness.

## SEEK TO RETAKE OSTEND.

Desperate Efforts of Allies Have Resulted in Heavy Losses.

Rotterdam, Nov. 23.—Large bodies of German troops from Bruges have been hurrying south to have been a month of heroic hand-to-hand struggle between opposing infantry forces in the allies' efforts to retake Ostend. Terrible losses were suffered by both sides.

## PREPARING FOR LONG WAR

Kitchener Determined That His Armies Shall Be Fit When He Comes to Them in the Field.

That Lord Kitchener believes as well as that it will be a long war is made evident by the methods he is using in preparing the British recruits for service. Persons benefited that he might know that this winter will be interested to know that his first hundred thousand of the extra division men

## WORSE SCOURGE THAN WAR

Asiatic Cholera Always More Feared Than Any Possible Invasion of Armed Men.

Asiatic cholera, reported as having broken out in Vienna, is one of the most virulent diseases known. Even a mild case is mortality is above 90 per cent, while 90 per cent of cases result in death. If the news of its outbreak be true, Asiatic cholera must combat a foe within its own

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