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Terrific Struggle Between Russ and Teuton Hosts Begins on Frontier of Poland and Silesia.

GERMANS IN GREAT STRENGTH

Concentrate His Mighty Force Behind Curved Line from Thorn to West of Lodz—Two Emperors at Front.

(Copyright, 1914, by Press Publishing Co.) PETROGRAD, Oct. 6.—(Special Cablegram to the New York World and Omaha Bee.)—The Russian and German armies have now crossed swords at the opening of a gigantic struggle along the frontier of Poland and Silesia. The Germans have concentrated in great strength behind a curved line extending from Thorn, a fortress on the Vistula, on the boundary between East Prussia and the position southward, to the west of Lodz, the second city in Poland, in the government of Piotrkow, seventy-five miles southwest of Warsaw.

The Germans are in great strength on the line from Pabianice and Lask, which lie a few miles southwest of Lodz to Czenstochowa, on the river Warta, fifty miles southwest of Piotrkow and close to the Silesian frontier. The Russian army has come into contact with the German army of invasion between Czenstochowa and Piotrkow.

It is understood here that the Kaiser is at Thorn, directing the operations of the German forces. The czar has arrived at the battle front.

It is stated that the Germans have been confiscating the food, cattle horses and wagons of the peasantry in the entire region of the government of the Kalisz, which is on the Polish frontier, bordering on Silesia.

The Russian army of the center, as it is known, is in complete readiness to strike a blow at the enemy that is now coming within its grasp.

Russian aeroplanes this morning sailed over the German positions, and though they encountered German aeroplanes and were frequently fired at from land and air, they returned safely to their own lines with a full report concerning the enemy's position.

German Handicapped.

The Germans enter upon this central struggle with the handicap that their left northern army is severely crippled, for General Hindenberg's army is in a dilapidated condition and has been driven back upon its own base at Thorn. Whatever remnants of this army reaching Thorn will have to be re-equipped, for even if they had not been pursued, as they were, the Germans found it impossible to drag back their artillery and their automobile transports through East Prussia. The heavy autumn rains have made the roads sodden and impassable to heavy vehicles.

Their experience when they attempted to besiege Ossowitz in their invading campaign against Russia, has shown them the fatal mistake they made when they crossed their own boundaries into this difficult country at this period of the year. One of the Russian officers of

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German Official Reports Tell of Victories in France and Russia

BERLIN, Oct. 6.—(By Wireless to St. Louis, Mo.)—An order today written by General von Hoehn, published officially today, says that Fort Camp Des Romains, on the river Meuse near St. Mihiel, after a number of hard fights, has been taken by the Germans. Five French officers and more than 300 men were made prisoners. The remainder of the French

force perished in the ruins of the casemates. It is officially stated that the Russians were completely defeated near Suwalki and Augustow on the east Prussian frontier, October 1 and 2. The Germans made 3,000 prisoners and captured eighteen cannon and many machine guns. The situation, it is announced, is most hopeful everywhere for the Germans and Austrians.

the garrison of Ossowitz tells how the German heavy guns became involved in swampy ground, ten miles west of Ossowitz. The horses drawing them had to be unhooked, automobiles proved useless and finally the guns had to be abandoned.

Field Guns Brought Up.

The field guns then were pushed forward and actually got within four miles of Ossowitz, but proved useless for besieging the fortress.

Meanwhile the German cavalry sought to act as a screen while the German infantry could be brought up in a plan to envelop the fortress, but the German horses proved to be too heavy for the marshy ground and their progress was very slow.

German Cavalry Driven Back.

The Russian infantry first held and then drove back the Germans, whereupon the Cossacks completed the work by dashing in and putting the Germans to rout, horse and foot.

The failure, after the two days' bitter fighting of General Hindenberg's plan to invade Russia, has confirmed the Russian general staff in its belief that the Germans, when encountered upon ground

unspoiled, as Poland and East Prussia, are, for the advantageous and effective use of their heavy equipment of men, horses and guns, will be both outgeneralled and out fought.

Region Cleared of Germans.

The German line extended originally eighty-four miles in Russian territory. All this region is now clear of German invaders who are fleeing in disorder through terrible country, pursued by Russian cavalry and guns.

Reports received say their forces were practically annihilated, for in fighting they lost from 70 to 80 per cent. All the roads are strewn with bodies along the German line of retreat.

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