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The war – the struggle in Galicia

General von Mackensens's troops march north in Galicia and Poland on their way towards Warsaw. If they can hold on for a few more days the Russians will have to give up Warsaw. This is announced in British newspapers. The fall of Lemberg and the Russians' escape from Przemyśl and Rama Ruska right before were significant victories. It is of interest to study the reasons for the retrogression of the Russians. The Germans and Austrians took advantage of the railroad to transport food, war materials and troops. The Russians had to march and were prevented from getting food and war materials. Another fact was that the Russians had not anticipated such an attack from the enemies and they were not aware of that such large war efforts had been gathered. The enemy was overwhelming. But it is said that the Russians have reserves and if they can bring those out the recapture of Galicia may not be worth the large sacrifice it has cost Germany-Austria. It is true that Mackensen won a large victory, when he took 300,000 prisoners and 100 canons. But Hindenberg also won large victories and took hundreds of thousands of prisoners, but when the Russians had gathered up all their reserves he had to retreat. The Russians retreat is well-ordered so it looks like they only are waiting for their reserves to show up.

The ship *Armenian*, which belongs to the Dominion Line, was hit by shots from the German submarine U-38 last Monday and sank. Twenty-nine individuals died, among them sixteen Americans. The torpedoes hit the ship close to the coast of Cornwall. *Armenian* carried American mules for the English army.