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Vilna falls

The Russian city Vilna, which for the longest time has stood against Marshal von Hindenburg's attack, has now been taken by the Germans. They have also by advancing north of the city managed to surround part of the Russian army. Vilna is an important industrial and trade center and has such a location that the road now is open for the Germans to reach Dvinsk. The city as a population of about 170,000, half of them Jews. The Germans have tried for weeks to take over Vilna due to the important railroad access they would get control over.