

## GERMANS IN COMMAND OF KAISER FORCE THE RUSSIANS TO RETIRE

London, Feb. 13.—All eyes are on East Prussia where the German army under personal observation, if not the command of Emperor William, has compelled the Russians to evacuate their positions east of Masuren lakes and retire to their own

and have occupied the town of Sierpoc, northwest of Plock. Thus the chief battleground in the east has been transferred from the line west and southwest of Warsaw to the north.

Battles in the Carpathians continue but the general state of neither of the contending forces gives much information concerning the fighting.

The rail continues in the west where fighting is confined to artillery duels and a couple of infantry attacks in the Argonne and northwest of Verdun, in which the Germans claim success.

A British eye witness in a report of observations on the western front says the British artillery arm has been greatly strengthened and claims that it has gained the ascendancy over the Germans. There have been many reports that new and better guns were being constructed for the British and these apparently now are in service.

<p>It would compel the Germans to fight the battle on Russian territory and away from their strategic railways. The army which the Germans flung so suddenly into the east Prussia is believed to have numbered 200,000 men and to have been made up of the Bzura and western fronts and of units of the new army trained in central Germany.</p>	<p>Airmen have been active. Thirty British fliers delivered attacks on the German positions in Belgium, while German aviators have dropped a hundred bombs on Verdun. It has been urged that an attack by large numbers of aeroplanes is the only way to make them effective, and both sides seem to have adopted this plan as it is indicated by to-</p>
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"The Germans have resumed the offensive in Russian Poland on the right bank of the lower Vistula, day's British raid and the attack by German aircraft over Dunkirk some days ago.

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# STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT

leading papers of a state espouse a cause, that cause is as good as won; and with such backing as we have today, we feel that the day of victory is near.

Very sincerely,  
(Signed,) BARBARA HENDERSON,  
President Equal Suffrage League of  
North Carolina.

**EQUAL SUFFRAGE MEETING**

The Equal Suffrage League will  
meet Tuesday afternoon at four

ington correspondence of many of the state papers carries a recent interview with Miss Alice Paul of the Congressional Union, in which she is quoted as saying: "We have succeeded in implanting the idea (of suffrage) in the hearts of some of the most prominent women of North Carolina." She refers particularly to the University, and de-

declares her intention of making a campaign in the state.

In view of these facts I will consider it a courtesy if you will allow the Equal Suffrage League of North Carolina, through its president, to make the following statement:

In the first place, the Equal Suffrage League was organized by the women of the state without the sug-

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tion of any outside body.

"In the second place, the policy of the Congressional Union is diametrically opposed to that adopted by the North Carolina League.

The men of North Carolina are our best friends and they are strongly opposed to the methods of the Congressional Union.

The Congressional Union did not

to the existing Suffrage Association  
the honor to inform it of the intend-  
ed action by that body, but learn-  
ing of it thru the press, the Ex-  
ecutive Board of the North Carolina  
Equal Suffrage League adopted res-  
olutions strongly deprecating such  
a movement on the part of the Con-  
stitutional Union as ruinous to the  
prospects of equal suffrage in the  
state. It was also decided to the

place. It seems my task to ask women who have done the difficult pioneer work, and have succeeded in arousing a great measure of suffrage sentiment in the state, that they should be consulted before an outside body, which cannot be familiar with conditions and the temper of the people, undertakes to interfere with the work they have to hand.

The Equal Suffrage League of North Carolina is working for the suffrage through its own state, and its own men. We do not believe it should come through a Federal amendment, and they are confident that their men will not be the last to give justice and fair play to their women. North Carolina men are abolitionists, and the women of the

state look to them for the ultimate  
chivalry of the ballot.  
May I add a word of appreciation  
of the friendly attitude of your pa-  
per toward the League? When it

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