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VAST RUSSIAN ARMY

ADVANCING ON POSEN IN TERRIFIC FORCE.

As Right Wing Strikes Prussia and Left Enters Galicia, Bulk of Czar's Troops Rushes Toward Fortified City, 150 Miles From Berlin.

London, Aug. 27.—The rush of the main Russian army toward the fortress of Posen, in the German province of Posen, if true, is regarded here as the sensational news of the day. It might account for the Germans falling back in Eastern Prussia.

The information was contained in a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from St. Petersburg, which says that the Russian chief of staff announces that since Sunday the Russian invasion of Galicia and Prussia continued uninterruptedly along a wide front.

While the Russian right wing was invading Prussia and the left wing entering Galicia, the Russian centre composed of the great bulk of the Russian army, is believed to be marching silently but with terrific force on Posen.

The Times' St. Petersburg correspondent says that the Germans who retreated by forced marches after their defeat by the Russians at Gumbinnen, are assembling a part of their forces at Koeningberg.

The German fortified position on the River Angerab was abandoned without fighting. The roads beyond Angerab are strewn with cartridges, knapsacks and equipment cast aside in the hasty flight of the German troops, says the Times' correspondent.

Meanwhile the Vilna army is driving the first German army corps toward Danzig. It is reported that the Russians on Monday reached Marienburg, only twenty-five miles from Danzig.

"The Germans at Gumbinnen had all the advantages of numbers and position. It was a clear case of the best man winning. Russia was the best."

"The Russian losses include representatives of all the noblest families in the empire."

According to a dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Exchange Telegraph company, German troops retreating in the direction of Osterode, East Prussia, left behind them about 100 pieces of artillery.

The Russian embassy is in receipt of telegrams from the general staff at

St. Petersburg which announce fresh Russian victories against both Germany and Austria.

These messages declare that Russian troops now occupy the whole of the eastern and southern half of Eastern Prussia.

The Russian general staff asserts that their armies continue on the offensive in an official communication published yesterday and its contents telegraphed to Reuters' Telegram company by its correspondent in St. Petersburg.

A despatch from Bucharest says that the Russian columns invading Galicia have occupied Tarnopol, an important city eighty miles east-south-east of Lemberg, capital of Galicia. Three Austrian army corps are said to be opposing them.

A St. Petersburg despatch to the Reuters Telegram company says that the Russian troops in Eastern Prussia have occupied the towns of Nordenburg, Nensburg and Hirsfortsburg, and the railway station at Rothfiesch, and adds that the Russian advance continues.

In Eastern Galicia the Russians have driven back the Austrian rear guard beyond the River Zlata Lips, which runs north and south, about thirty miles west of Tarnopol.

Sleeps With His Job. London, Aug. 28.—Grim as war news is, it is not without its lighter side of amusing incidents, oddities and romance.

Lord Kitchener's first question when he entered the war office to take up his new post, so it is said in the Sporting Chronicle, was addressed to the porter, "Is there a bed here?" he asked.

"No, my lord," replied the porter. "I may be here for some time."

And it is said he has been eating and sleeping, as well as working, inside the war office almost ever since.

The main body of the first contingent, Canadian expeditionary force, will be sent to the front as soon as possible.

The British remount commission has established an office in Toronto for buying horses in Ontario.

Many a man has taken a hand in politics and then put his foot in it.

RAINBOW TO ENGAGE LEIPZIG

German Cruiser is Reported off Vancouver Island.

Ottawa, Aug. 28.—The department of naval service has been officially informed by the commander of the Rainbow now at Prince Rupert, that the German cruiser Leipzig has been reported off Vancouver Island. She is supposed to be lying in wait for vessels in the trade between Vancouver and the Orient.

The Rainbow has been ordered to prepare and engage the Leipzig if she can be found.



Jack—They say that a man is as young as he feels. May—Maybe; but he is seldom as important.

All Letters Are Held. Montreal, Aug. 28.—In order to prevent any information from reaching the enemy all letters addressed to Germany and Austria are being gathered here in Montreal, and after being sent to the dead letter office in the general post office are sent to the postal authorities at Ottawa to be dealt with. A strict censorship is being maintained over all mail matter leaving the country, and nothing which might possibly help the enemies of the allies is permitted to go through.

GIFTS TO BATTERYMEN.

Wrist Watches For Class Mates—A Workman Remembered.

Gananoque, Aug. 28.—Mayor Gibson, in consideration of the departure of the local battery boys for the camp at Valenciennes has made proclamation of a half-holiday, on Friday afternoon, with the request that all good citizens observe the same. No. 3 battery broke camp yesterday afternoon. Their camp outfit has all been packed, their ammunition loaded and their guns entrained in readiness for departure this afternoon. Quite a number of horses were purchased for battery use, yesterday, and the balance required will be added to the strength later on.

On Wednesday evening the battery members of the young men's Bible class of St. Andrew's church, were given a supper by their classmates and were each presented with a nice wrist-watch as a testimonial of esteem.

On Thursday evening Sergt. William (Ludley) and Pte. John Bentham, of the works of the Skinner Co., Limited, were remembered by their shopmates on the eve of their departure for active service. A handsome pipe and tobacco pouch was presented to each.

The boys were taken by surprise, but were very much pleased with the thoughtfulness of their shopmates. Misses Nina Mergs and Laura McCummon, trained nurses, have volunteered their services for Red Cross work at the front.

TO GO TO NIAGARA FALLS. Heavy Guard Will Be Placed on Building There.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Aug. 28.—Mayor Dore received information from Col. Ptonley, commanding the 4th Regiment protective force on the Welland canal, and Lieut.-Col. Elliott, of Victoria, that prisoners of war taken at this port. An old building is being fitted out for use as the military prison. Austrian reservists being held will be confined there under military guard.

Three more Austrians were taken prisoners here by immigration officers from Port Huron and Brantford. They had tickets for passage across the Atlantic from New York. Another Austrian and a German were taken in charge at the same time, the German being released as an immigrant. The officers that had no intention of returning to his native country, and the Austrian, who claimed he was going to Falls View to visit friends, was let go on parole. The total number of prisoners held here is fourteen. The military prison will be heavily guarded.

SHOT IN MEXICO STREETS. Ex-Officers of Huerta's Army Being Murdered.

Havana, Aug. 28.—Ex-officers of Huerta's army, who are arriving here in large numbers, declare that former federal officers are being shot in the streets of the Mexican capital. They report that General Garga Gonzalez, former governor of the state of Michoacan, is among those shot. They also report that fifty rebels penetrated Progreso six days ago, captured the jail, which was guarded by one hundred soldiers, killing fourteen and wounding twelve. The killed included the chief of police.

Discovery Of The Hammock. Christian World. A great many years ago—more than 400—Christopher Columbus, as children who study history well know, came across the ocean from Italy to discover land in which we now live. He had watched the maps and charts for a long time, and when he sailed westward was sure he would reach some part of what is now called the West Indies, which he did. He gave these islands their names and called the people there Indians.

Columbus was very friendly to them and gave them all sorts of trinkets, which they hung on their necks, much pleased with the colors and jingle, and when he left them they carried in their bark canoes to Columbus and his crew some parting gifts—huge balls of cotton, parrots, and cakes of queer bread, called "cassava." But the funniest gift of all was one of their native beds, and what do you think it was? Kind of coarse net to be hung between two high posts, which they called "hamac." So when you are in the country in these snug little resting-places, swinging to and fro with a lullaby motion, you must not forget who first taught us the use of the "hammock," and how to make it, though to-day they are made of a kind of twine a great deal stronger than cotton, and last ten times as long.

SWEET EVERYTHING.

Mad Charge of Russian Horse Routs Germans.

St. Petersburg, via London, Aug. 27.—The Novoe Vremya publishes an account of what it terms the memorable charge of the Russian horse guards at Gumbinnen during the recent fighting in which the Russians were victorious. It says:

"The Germans held a position in a small village from which they were pouring a murderous fire on the Russian troops. Cavalry was ordered to silence the guns. The first squadron rode straight at the battery which firing point blank moved down the Russian ranks frightfully, annihilating the squadron. The second squadron followed fast and would have shared the same fate except that at the critical moment a third squadron rushed upon the enemy from the flank, sabred the gunners and routed the whole German force.

"The Germans ran like rabbits, discarding swords, helmets, and clothing in their mad haste to escape the avenging Russian horsemen. "One squadron of Nizhni-Russars, who all are famous swordsmen, cut down seventy Germans without receiving a scratch in return."

MUST NOT WEAR.

Medals Given By Any of The Emperors.

London, Aug. 27.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says: "A very curious and much expressed order dismissing the German and Austrian sovereigns and princes from honorary colonelships in Russian regiments and depriving them of Russian decorations.

"This has never before been done in any war. The emperor has positively forbidden Russian officers to wear German or Austrian decorations.

"These extreme measures were decided upon at a special council held in Moscow, and are due to the inhuman treatment of Russian subjects by Germans and Austrians and to the indignities said to have been inflicted on members of the Russian imperial family."

The Cuthbert party which included many Ontario people and which was in Heidelberg, Germany, when the war broke out and made a very hurried and uncomfortable exit to Switzerland, sailed Thursday on the steamer Royal Edward from Bristol, Eng. They have had many exciting experiences not in their prospectus.

The capture by a British cruiser of the German steamship Sorak of the Kosmos Line, from Hamburg Callao, by way of Swansea, Wales, is reported.

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