

PRZEMYSL FALLS TO THE RUSSIANS

The Austrian Fortress Surrender Will Release 160,000 Russian Soldiers For Action in Poland and Along Carpathians Front.

Przemysl Was Besieged For Six Months--Garrison Numbered 50,000--Austrians and Germans Tried in Vain to Relieve Fortress--Wild Scenes in Petrograd Over the Fall.

(Special to the Whig.)

Petrograd, March 22.--Przemysl has fallen, the Russian war office announced this afternoon. The Austrian garrison has surrendered to the Russian besiegers.

The capture of the Austrian fortress came at the end of several months of siege. It automatically releases a Russian army of nearly 160,000 for action in Poland and along the Carpathian front, and constitutes perhaps the greatest victory for Russian arms since the beginning of the war. The Austrian garrison that surrendered to General Dimitrieff is reported to number about 50,000.

Przemysl has been under almost continuous siege since September 20th, 1914, when the Russians first began shelling the Galician outer forts. A month later an Austro-German force advanced northward through the Carpathians, relieved the besieged city and drove the Russians back to the north. Within a fortnight a new Russian force appeared before Przemysl and resumed the siege.

Since that time four Russian army corps, the seventh, the ninth, the tenth and the eleventh, under General Radko Dimitrieff, a former Bulgarian army officer, have been battering at the defences to the fortress itself.

Wild Scenes in Petrograd.

The news of the fall of the fortress evoked the wildest scenes in Petrograd since the beginning of the war. Crowds massed in the streets and before the government buildings, cheering wildly.

Austro-Germans advancing to the relief of the garrison were battered and hurled back by the Russians south of Przemysl. That aviators carried the news to the besieged city is certain, and it is believed here that the Austrian garrison became disheartened when this word was received and decided to surrender.

The Russian war office, however, gave out the statement earlier in the day asserting that the reported attempt to relieve Przemysl was only a feint by the Austro-Germans designed to divert Russian troops from the invasion of Hungary south of Dukla Pass.

GREATEST BLOW STRUCK FOR ALLIES SINCE FALL

On All Sides Germans and Austrians Are Hemmed in--Italy is Believed Ready to Make a Dash into Austria.

(Special to the Whig.) London, March 22.--The capture of Przemysl is the greatest blow struck for the Allies since the Germans were checked in their drive on Paris last fall. Consequently the social announcement from Petrograd aroused the greatest enthusiasm in official circles here this afternoon.

The fall of the great Austrian fortress came at a crucial moment for the Austro-German Allies. In the north, Prussia has been invaded by the Slavs. Von Hindenburg's forces in Poland apparently are being forced back upon the Russian frontier and the Russians have taken an energetic offensive.

At the extreme end of the eastern battle line, the Slavs are again advancing into Bukovina. In France the Allies, reinforced by British a new army, have already struck hard

HAND-TO-HAND ENCOUNTERS WITH FRENCH VICTORS

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, March 22 (Official, 3 p.m.)--Renewal of the bombardment of Rheims by German guns and violent hand-to-hand encounters at La Boisselle, north-east of Albert, and in the Argonne, were reported from the War Office this afternoon.

A French company at La Boisselle mined a German trench and then occupied what remained of the enemy's earthworks. In Loretto Hills, north-west of Arras, the Allied troops have recaptured some trenches occupied by the Germans on Saturday. Near Bagnotelle, where the opposing

ARMY HEIGHT REDUCED.

Men Five Feet One Inch Now Being Admitted.

London, March 22.--The standard of height for recruits has been reduced to five feet one inch in 25 infantry regiments. Age limits remain the same, from 19 to 38 years, as also the chest measurement of 34 inches.

"Rally round the flag," is the latest recruiting inscription for London's taxicabs. The words stand on a brilliant yellow background, flanked by the colors of the Allied powers draped around the Union Jack.

The recruiting campaign of the War Office is maintained as vigorously as ever, with posters and hand concerts. But the call made to the shorter men is expected to considerably raise the percentage of enlistments.

BOMB DELUGED U. S. BARK.

But the Manga Reva, of New York Escaped Damage.

London, March 22.--One of the bombs thrown from the aeroplane that flew over Deal on Saturday dropped alongside the American bark Manga Reva, of New York, and deluged her with a great volume of water.

British air scouts started in pursuit of the German aeroplane, but apparently were too late to overtake it. A second bomb dropped near the Dutch steamer Flora.

RUSSIA IS SEEKING VICTORY, NOT PEACE

The Story of a Secret Approach to Germany Branded as Calumny.

Ottawa, March 22.--The whispered calumny of a secret approach to Germany by Russia is utterly and wholly false. Russia will fight through this war to the end. These were the assertions in an address delivered by Hon. Curtis Guild, former Governor of Massachusetts, and the United States ambassador to Russia in an address before the membership of the Ottawa Canadian Club Saturday afternoon.

"Never has the whole Slav race been so wonderfully uplifted and united in a common cause as at the present time," he continued. "War, dreadful as it is, has at last stripped the evil veil spun by venomous insects from the face of the Slav and the world knows him to-day as he is."

PITH OF THE NEWS.

Despatches From Near And Distant Places.

The Canadian Association of Passadevo, Cal., have a celebration planned for next Tuesday.

The town of Boucherville, Que., abolished the one hotel bar in the municipality by a vote of 110 to 0.

Lieut. Lynch-Staunton, son of George Lynch-Staunton, Hamilton lawyer, has joined the headquarters staff, Toronto, as an orderly officer.

Joseph Hamlin, former leader of the dynamite explosion at Pointe du Lac, Que., while he was examining it.

MACKENZIE KING STARTS

An Investigation Into Industrial Conditions in Colorado.

Denver, Colo., March 22.--Mackenzie King, former Labor Minister of Canada, and now special investigator for the Rockefeller Foundation, is in Denver to start an investigation into industrial conditions in Colorado.

Mr. King arrives at a time when union officials are appealing for all to save minors and their families from starvation as a result of strikes in coal mines, including those controlled by the Rockefellers.

240 BRITISH OFFICERS.

Were Killed At Neuve Chapelle and St. Eloi.

London, March 22.--Another list of forty-five officers, including officers of Indian regiments, who were killed at Neuve Chapelle and St. Eloi was given out Saturday. These additions to the casualties bring the total of killed in these two battles up to 240.

MURDERER CONFESSES.

South Paris, Maine, March 22.--Prescott Pratt, who was convicted of the murder of his companion, George W. Davis, after he had attempted to place the responsibility on his house-keeper, confessed on Saturday just before sentence was pronounced. He said that the crime was committed while he was intoxicated and that the woman was innocent. Pratt, who is thirty years old, was sent to State's prison for life.

Medal For Life Saving.

London, March 22.--The current issue of the London Gazette contains the announcement that the King has awarded the Albert medal of the Second Class to James Julian Carter, a brakeman on the C.P.R., in recognition of his gallantry in rescuing a little girl, Violet Freeman, at Wood, Ont., on May 1st of last year.



LIEUT.-COL. PARQUHAR, Commander of the Princess Patricia's, who was killed in action.

CALLS FOR PLAIN TALK.

Sir John MacDonnell Writes Of The "New Blockade."

London, March 22.--Sir John MacDonnell, who is considered an authority on international law, in an article in the Nation, discussing the "new blockade," suggests that "if the new order-in-council is to be put into operation on a large scale the proper complement to it is an Anglo-American convention, by which questions arising under the new order might, along with other matters, affecting American claimants in our courts, be referred to a joint tribunal."

Sir John says that he considers the order-in-council "a measure of reprisals of a degree of stringency unexampled since the order-in-council which were England's answer to Berlin and the Milan decrees of Napoleon," and that "if it be the opinion of the civilized world that a neutral must stand aside, that his rights always are to be suspended in a state of war, let us have courage to say so."

Hoffman House Closed Doors.

New York, March 22.--The famous Hoffman House, which in fifty-one years has sheltered many widely known men, closed its doors today. The building will be demolished to give place to a commercial structure. The Hoffman House was opened in 1864.

Turkish Attacks Repulsed.

(Special to the Whig.) London, March 22.--Several Turkish attacks south-west of Batum and along the Black Sea coast have been repulsed, the War Office announced, in an official statement this afternoon, dealing with the Caucasus situation.

The largest potato supply in Canada was destroyed in a bad fire which took place on the premises of Gunns, Limited, West Toronto.

SAPPER FRANK BRISTOLIN DIES OF HIS WOUNDS

Which He Received While at the Front in France With Queen's Engineers--His Wife Resides at 44 Main Street, Kingston.

The first Kingstonian to yield up his life in defense of the British empire was Sapper Frank Thomas Bristolin, who formerly resided at 44 Main Street. A week ago he was wounded and taken to No. 1 Eastern Hospital, Cambridge, where tetanus set in, and resulted in his death on Saturday, March 20th. His wife received the telegram on Sunday, which told the sad news, and brought grief to the family.

On the 18th day of August the deceased left Kingston with No. 5 company, Canadian Engineers, under command of Major Alexander Mathphail, and journeyed across the seas with the First Canadian Expeditionary Force.

On Monday morning, a day after hearing of his death, Mrs. Bristolin received two post cards from her husband, stating that he was in splendid health. These were dated Feb. 25th and March 4th, respectively. The dead soldier was the son of the late Thomas Bristolin, and was born at Seely's Bay twenty-seven years ago. The greater part of his life was spent in Kingston. Six years ago he married Miss Jennie Mead,

only child of the late Charles Mead, and daughter of Mrs. W. J. Turkington, residing at 44 Main Street. By this union three children are left to mourn, besides a wife. The children are Thomas, Almira and Charles, ranging in age from five years to fourteen months. Two sisters also survive, Mrs. Herbert Moore, of this city, and Mrs. Ruth Cole, Toronto.

The late Sapper Bristolin was a member of Granite Lodge, No. 663, I.O.O.F., and also of the Carpenters' Union. In religion he was an Anglican and member of St. George's cathedral.

Cameron Mackay, Renfrew, Killed. Mrs. J. G. Elliott, Barrie Street, on Sunday afternoon received a telegram from Renfrew stating that her nephew, Cameron Mackay, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mackay, of that town, had been killed in action. The deceased young soldier, who yielded up his life in the cause of the empire, was nineteen years of age, and had been in the Bank of Ottawa at Renfrew. He enlisted with the 42nd Regiment last August and went overseas in the fall.

ORPHEUM THEATRE CHARGED DOUBLE PRICE TO SOLDIERS

Kingston, March 22.--(To the Editor): The Orpheum Theatre owners appear to have put into operation a plan that is an insult to every man who has seen fit to put on a soldier's uniform to fight for his country. Soldiers are not excluded from this theatre, but are clearly shown that they are not welcomed, by being asked to pay double the price of admission than the price charged to civilians. With Pie Rawley, also of the county, we visited

THE SLAVS HAVE STRUCK SOME CRUSHING BLOWS

Austro-German Losses in Two Days Over 40,000.

ENEMY'S ENTIRE PLAN OF CAMPAIGN IN CARPATHIANS OVERTHROWN.

Purpose of Enemy's Onslaught Was To Divert Russians--Germans Have Lost Large Supplies of War Munitions in Poland.

(Special to the Whig.) Petrograd, March 22.--Austro-German losses in attempted sorties from Przemysl and fighting south of Tarnow, in the last forty-eight hours total more than forty thousand, according to a semi-official statement from the war office to-day.

The enemy's entire plan of campaign in the Carpathians apparently has been overthrown. The Slavs have struck crushing blows in the Lupkow and Dukla Pass regions, and have risked portions of the garrison at Przemysl that attempted to storm the positions of the Russian besiegers.

It is now known that the recent savage onslaughts by the Austro-German south of Przemysl did not constitute an actual attempt to relieve the besieged fortress. Its purpose was to divert Russian troops from the Dukla and Lupkow Pass regions, where the Czar's soldiers were making steady progress in the movement into Hungary. For the same reason the Przemysl garrison became suddenly active, wasting ammunition recklessly in an ineffectual bombardment of the Russian positions.

Developments in Poland in the last two days have been equally satisfactory. The Germans have lost large supplies of war munitions, including enough machine guns to equip an entire corps.

Latest War Tidings.

Germans made unsuccessful efforts to recapture lost ground in the Champagne region. They were thrown back with heavy losses.

German aeroplanes dropped bombs on Deal, England, but fled after an attack by British airships.

The naval censor has declared there was "absolutely no truth" in the widely published report that the vice-Admiral Sackville Carden had been taken or wounded during the bombardment of the Dardanelles.

One million German pigs have been billeted on the civilian population of Belgium. The pigs must be fed and cared for by the Belgians who, without distinction as to class, must perform this service.

Two Zeppelins early Sunday morning dropped bombs on Paris and suburbs, starting several small fires which were quickly extinguished. Several persons were injured but none were killed.

A desperate struggle for possession of Czernowitz in Bukovina is progressing. In the Caucasus the Russians are advancing toward the sea, depriving the enemy of all means of transporting troops and munitions.

Turkish forces on the coast of the Gulf of Smyrna, are reinforced to the number of slightly thousand and it is reported that ten thousand troops have been sent to strengthen the Dardanelles garrison.

Emperor William received David Bey, Turkish Minister of Finance in Berlin on Friday to discuss the Dardanelles situation. The Emperor is much concerned about the fate of Constantinople.

German and Austrian subjects have been advised by the consuls of their respective Governments to leave Italy within the shortest time.

In the Argonne, French progress continues at Les Eparges. French artillery destroyed a block house and several ammunition wagons with stores in the Woerwe region. Violent night attacks were repulsed at La-Bosselle with heavy losses to the enemy.

In a sortie by the Przemysl garrison on Friday, the Russians captured 107 officers, including one regimental commander, 3,984 men, and 16 machine guns. Prisoners killed and wounded were enormous.

The New Move Of the Russians A Close Secret

Petrograd, March 22.--The Russian general staff continued to maintain the greatest secrecy to about the movement of Russian troops, who are reported by Berlin to have crossed the Prussian border and to have occupied the seaport of Memel.

Petrograd newspapers have printed the German official statements cabled here from London without comment. The War Office refused either to confirm or deny the German statement that the Slavs are again on Prussian soil.

Official despatches made public yesterday dealt principally with the fighting around Ostroienka, Ossowetz, and Przasnysz, North of Ostroienka and near the fortress of Ossowetz. Russian artillery has dispersed German forces who attempted an offensive. North of Przasnysz, Russian cavalry has clashed with the German outposts in a number of minor engagements.

Thanking you for all the publicity that you can give to this letter, I am, Yours Truly, Joseph Hawkey, Transport Section, 31st Battalion.

ARE FULLY SATISFIED.

Paris, March 22.--Rear Admiral Guepratte, commanding the French squadron at the Dardanelles, sent the following despatch to the French Ministry of Marine. "Despite the loss of the Bouvet, we are fully satisfied by the results of the latest action at the Dardanelles. The British naval officers are openly expressing their appreciation of the brilliant and important part taken by the French warships."

NO TROUBLE WITH JAPAN.

Britain Is Not Interfering in Chinese Situation. Washington, March 22.--The British embassy has issued the following: "The British embassy learns that there is no truth in a report emanating from Peking that the British and Russian ambassadors at Tokio have made joint representations to Japan on the subject of China, or that the British and United States Governments are in consultation with a similar object."

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Fortify Memel From an Attack By the Germans

(Special to the Whig.) Petrograd, March 22.--The Russians who penetrated northern east Prussia and occupied Memel, on the Baltic, have thrown up entrenchments to protect the town from an expected German attack from the south. Russian cavalry have entered the village of Karlsruhe, three miles south of Memel, without opposition. They reported that the Germans who fled from Memel had retreated beyond Pruks, fifteen miles south of Memel, on the Tilzit railway.

St. Eloi Fight Described as Bull-Like Rushes

London, March 22.--Wounded Patricia's returned from St. Eloi describe recent fighting there as a series of bull-like rushes by either side against the enemy's trenches, scarcely a stone's throw away. The same trenches being taken and retaken time after time. They say some trenches are now only twenty yards apart. The advance posts of both Allies and Germans busy themselves throwing hand-grenades into the opposite trenches.

Trying To Buy Arms.

Valparaiso, Chile, March 22.--Several American firms recently have been endeavoring to purchase in Chile a consignment of 12,000 rifles, but no effort in this direction has been attended with any success. It is believed, that this same inquiry for arms is being made in other South American countries.

Cardinal Agnardi, a distinguished leader at the Vatican, is dead.

DAILY MEMORANDUM.

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DIED.

BLAKE--In Kingston, on March 21st, 1875, Margaret Jane Blake, aged 66 years.

FUNERAL--From 25 York Street, on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

ELKINGTON--At Plover, on March 19, 1915, Frances Elizabeth Elkington, in her 90th year, daughter of the late Francis Elkington, M.D., and sister of the late John Elkington, M.D., all formerly of Birmingham, England.

FOWLER--At the family residence, 249 Brock Street, Kingston, on Saturday, March 20th, 1915, Elizabeth H. Fowler, widow of the late Professor Fife Fowler, M.D. Funeral (private).

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