

# FORTRESS OF OSSOWETZ TAKEN BY GERMANS

## RUSSIANS FORCED TO YIELD OSSOWETZ FORTRESS AFTER A STUBBORN RESISTANCE

Deprived of Last of Westernmost Fortresses—  
Had Withstood Several Sieges, but Retreat of  
Grand Duke's Army Further Eastward Left  
Garrison Almost Isolated and Fall of Strong-  
hold was No Surprise.

Berlin, Aug. 23, via London.—German troops have occupied the fortress of Ossowetz, which was evacuated by the Russians, German army headquarters announced today.

The text of the statement follows: "Early this morning an enemy fleet, consisting of about forty ships, appeared before Zeebrugge and steamed away again in a northwesterly direction after having been bombarded by our coastal artillery.

"In the Vosges and north of Muenster, battles are raging on the Linge-kopf-Schrammelle-Barrenkopf line. Strong attacks by the French partly penetrated our positions last night. Counter-attacks drove the enemy back again on the Linge-kopf. On Schrammelle and Barrenkopf fierce fighting at close quarters for certain trench sections lasted throughout the night. About thirty mountain chassours were taken prisoners.

"At Wastin, southeast of Lille, a British flying machine was shot down. Eastern theatre of war:

"Army group of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg; the troops of General Von Eichen are making further progress east of Kovno. On the Bobr we occupied Ossowetz fortress, which was evacuated by the Russians.

"North and south of Tykocin successful engagements took place. Tykocin was taken. On this occasion 200 prisoners, including eleven officers and 77 machine guns, fell into our hands.

"Desperate Russian counter-attacks east of Bialystok failed with very considerable losses to the enemy, and we advanced south of this town.

"Army group of Prince Leopold of Bavaria engaged in stubborn fighting. This army group has crossed the Klesze-Leranza line and is engaged in

further favorable attacks. We took 3,500 prisoners and sixteen machine guns were captured.

"Army group of Field Marshal Von Mackensen: The crossings over a tributary of the Pulva have been captured after fierce resistance on the front between Razna and the mouth of the river. An attack across the Bug above the tributary of the Pulva is making progress.

"Before Brest-Litovsk the situation remains unchanged. On both sides of Svitjose and at Pizosa, east of Vladova, the enemy was defeated yesterday and driven back toward the north-east."

Not Unexpected. The fall of Ossowetz deprives the Russians of the last of their westernmost fortresses. It is situated about twenty miles inside the Russian frontier, opposite the East Prussian border and the Masurian Lake country. Its fall was not unexpected, inasmuch as the retreat further eastward of the great bulk of the Russian forces almost isolated the garrison.

Of all the Russian fortresses which have been captured by the Austrians and Germans, in such rapid succession during the last three weeks, Ossowetz made the longest resistance. During the winter and spring several futile attacks were made by the Germans on this position. Even after the Germans had swept through Poland and the Baltic provinces Ossowetz still held out. Its superior powers of resistance lay in the marshy nature of the surrounding country, which made it difficult for the Germans to bring up their heavy field pieces.

Ossowetz, a first class fortress, derives strategic importance from the fact that it guards the railway approach to Bialystok and the great Petrograd-Warsaw trunk line.

## VETERINARY WAS 'GOING CROOKED' WITNESS SAYS

Interesting evidence at  
Kentville inquiry — In-  
vestigation drawing to a  
close.

Kentville, N. S., Aug. 23.—The examination of Walter Moore, of Kentville, who sold twenty-five horses to the government remount buyers here last year, for \$4,400, was continued at this afternoon's session of the Davidson War Contracts Commission. It had been expected that Mr. Todd C. Woodworth, who was one of the buyers in Nova Scotia last year, and whose attendance at the commission's sittings at Kentville had been much sought for the past two weeks, would arrive here in time for the afternoon session, but he did not come until the late train. Telegrams from Mr. Woodworth in connection with his announcement that he was coming were read today by Mr. Thompson, commission counsel.

A reply from Mr. Keever, another remount buyer, whose attendance has been much desired, to a telegram from Mr. Thompson urging him to attend, was also read. Mr. Keever continues to assert his inability to attend at present and regrets the opportunity afforded for "slanderous innuendoes" against him.

Mr. Moore's examination this afternoon related to the manner in which he was paid by the buyers for his twenty-five horses. He sold nine horses on one day and was not paid for them until some days afterwards. He sold thirteen horses on another day and was paid for two of them in cash at the time of sale. The remaining three were sold for cash on still another day.

The twenty horses that had not been paid for at the time of purchase were finally paid for by eight checks, of a total value of \$3,500 made out for twenty-two horses. Moore said again today that he was paid for only twenty horses by these checks.

That Keever told him that Dr. Wood, one of the remount veterinaries, was going crooked, was the testimony today of Richard S. Starr, who related how it was that he, although not a qualified veterinarian, came to act in Wood's place at one of the sales. Mr. Starr, who is a judge of horses, accepted the position without remuneration and on the understanding that the horses passed by him should be subsequently examined by a veterinarian. The commission hopes to complete its examination of witnesses here within a few days.

## WORLD'S HARVEST OF CEREALS GREATER THAN LAST YEAR

Washington, Aug. 23.—Larger harvests of cereals than last year are forecasted for the world's principal countries by the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, which reported by cable today to the Department of Agriculture here.

Rye production in Spain, Ireland, Italy, European Russia, Switzerland and the United States this year aggregates 2,943,000,000 bushels, an increase of 18.7 per cent. over 1914.

Oats production in those countries and England, Scotland and Tunis aggregates 2,943,000,000 bushels, an increase of 24.1 per cent.

Barley production in those nations and Japan aggregates 967,000,000 bushels, an increase of 19 per cent.

Wheat production in the ten countries named and India, and the winter wheat of Canada, aggregate 2,583,000,000 bushels, an increase of 17.9 per cent.

Patriotic Party.

At a patriotic basket party held in the Agricultural Hall, Loch Lomond, on the evening of August 3rd, the sum of \$198 was realized. Of this amount \$50 was handed to Mrs. Murray MacLaren for a bed in Dr. MacLaren's hospital, to be known as the Loch Lomond bed, and the remaining \$148 was handed to the Red Cross Society. The committee in charge was as follows: Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Johnston, and Miss E. O'Neill.

## KELLY SAYS HE HAS NOTHING TO CONFESS

Manitoba Contractor denies he was to make "alleged" confession in order to secure immunity.

Winnipeg, Aug. 23.—In reply to certain reports Thomas Kelly, parliament building contractor, has written from Detroit Lakes, Minn., to his solicitor Edward Anderson, as follows:

"My attention has been called to reports published to the effect that I was negotiating with the government with a view of making some alleged confession to get immunity for myself and my sons. I wish to characterize the statement made as being utterly unfounded. I have not communicated with nor have I made any efforts to communicate either directly or indirectly with the government, or any one on its behalf, with a view to making any arrangements of any kind whatsoever, or with a view of getting immunity or protection for myself or my sons. I want the public to know that I have nothing to confess, and I am quite prepared to defend any action or proceedings which may be taken by the government."

## BUSH FIRES RAGING IN B.C.

Pall of smoke overhangs  
Vancouver and vessels  
along coast finding it  
hard to follow schedule.

Vancouver, Aug. 23.—While officials of the forestry department who are fighting bush fires in the neighborhood of Vancouver declare the situation is desperate, the total damage since Saturday has been inside ten thousand dollars.

Coastwise mariners are having difficulty keeping their schedule and fog horns around the harbor are blowing incessantly. So thick is the pall of smoke that the length of a city block is now the limit of vision, especially in the downtown section. Two donkey engines and a lot of other logging camp equipment were burned at a fire at a logging camp south of Westminster. The fire is still threatening White Rock and other villages along the coast. No casualties have occurred.

## ABROGATE PRIVILEGES THE TURKS ENJOYED IN TRIPOLITANIA

Rome, Aug. 23.—The Italian government, having declared war on Turkey, has decided to suppress all privileges enjoyed by the Ottoman Empire in Tripolitania by the Treaty of Lausanne. The liberty of the Mohammedan religion and the local customs derived from it, have been maintained.

## PATRIOTIC FAIR.

Seaside Park will be free to the thousands flocking thither to attend the Patriotic Fair on Thursday as the glorious breezes wafted from the Bay; not a cent to pay for the band concert rendered by Carleton's popular band; only 25 cents for afternoon tea, served by Brunswick Chapter, I. O. O. F.; only 25 cents for hot bean supper, served by Lancaster Red Cross Circle. Popular prices for ice cream, served by Soldiers' Comforts Association. Then the Pike—there will be twenty booths in that Pike, unequaled this side of Toronto Fair. A merry-go-round has been brought from Moncton, and a tent of wild animals from Nova Scotia, while prizes innumerable have been donated by generous merchants and mirth-making devices. No such Pike has ever been seen in these parts. R. H. Cushing, chairman of the Patriotic Committee, when seen by a reporter, said: "Well, words fail; just come and see it."

On the level, sheltered spots, he

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## Germans Poured Tons of Lead Into Kovno Before Fortress Was Captured

Three Zeppelins and Over a Score of Aero-  
planes Flew Over Russian Stronghold Drop-  
ping Bombs While Artillery Shelled Fort-  
ress.

London, Aug. 23.—Refugees who have reached Petrograd from Kovno say that an enormous amount of artillery was employed by the Germans in their successful assault on that fortress.

According to information gathered from this source by Reuters' corres-

pondent at Petrograd, the Germans concentrated 600 guns on the first fort which they captured. The batteries formed a great arc of guns, one row behind another. One shell destroyed the facade of the cathedral. Three Zeppelins and more than thirty aeroplanes flew over the fortress dropping bombs.

## ENGINEER FALLS UNDER TRAIN, HEAD SEVERED FROM BODY

Shocking accident at Hart-  
land—Jack Keezer loses  
his life.

Special to The Standard.

Hartland, Aug. 23.—A shocking accident occurred at the lower end of the railway yard here at 10.30 this morning. The southbound accommodation train, known as No. 156, had just arrived and the engineer, Jack Keezer, left his engine to get his pay check cashed at the Bank of Montreal. On his return the conductor called the "all aboard," and in order to avoid delay, the engineer signalled his fireman to start up while he climbed the side of a box car intending to reach his engine over the train.

Just what happened after that no one seems to know, but the fireman stopped the train, which was a long one and on going back some distance found the mutilated body of his companion on the track with the head severed from the body, one hand cut off and otherwise mangled, several cars having passed over the unfortunate man. Death is believed to have been almost instantaneous, although there were evidences that in falling the victim had struggled desperately to keep from under the wheels. As it was, the body had been dragged some distance before the man had lost his hold on the projections from the car.

The body was picked up and taken in the train to Woodstock where he had resided with his wife and one child. It is thought that the victim slipped up coming to the roof of the box car, as the ladders and woodwork of the cars were wet at the time. No blame is attached to anyone. The victim was one of the old time employees of the road and was about 55 years of age.

After descending the stairs, games and contests will be held for small children. When the men at the front are remembered, and knowing that every dollar will be turned into the Patriotic Fund to support their families, the committee feel certain of crowded grounds and a goodly sum realized on Thursday next, at Seaside Park.

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## LIGHT TURKISH CAPITAL BY PETROLEUM

Gas works at Daldabotche, which supply city, forced to shut down owing to lack of coal.

Sofia, Aug. 23, via London.—The gas works at Daldabotche, which supply Constantinople, have been shut down owing to lack of coal and Constantinople is now lighted by petroleum, according to latest advices from the Turkish capital.

The police have instructed the proprietors of hotels, cafes and other establishments to place oil lamps outside their buildings.

For the same reason trains on the Anatolian Railway are running at half speed.

battlefield to Francis Hooper, son of Mr. E. Hooper, grocer, Montreal.

Young Hooper left Montreal with the first contingent of French reservists. He arrived in France on September 5, and was accepted as a volunteer on September 10. He spent all winter in the trenches.

## BOY SCOUTS

Would You Like to Win a Watch?

There is a Line of Type missing out of the following article which was published in the Scout Corner last week, can you find the words? If so, write on a bit of paper what you think the missing words are, fill in the following coupon, pin it to same and forward to the

SCOUT EDITOR,  
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not later than Sept. 2nd.

To the Boy Scout whom I consider has sent in the most correct sentence, I shall award a SPLENDID WATCH as First Prize.

When framing a picture it is a good plan to paste a piece of brown paper over the back to keep out the dust. If this is done by pasting the paper in the ordinary way, a lot of creases will be left, and the paper will not fit properly.

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## Victoria Cross For Canadian Who Received Death Wound in France

Lieut. Campbell's Brilliant Work at Givenchy on  
June 15 Wins Victoria Cross—Wounded Later  
and Died Before Receiving Coveted Honor.

London, Aug. 23.—The Victoria Cross has been conferred upon Lieut. Frederick William Campbell, of the First Canadian Battalion, for conspicuous bravery on June 15 at Givenchy, when he took two machine guns over a parapet, arrived at the German first line with one gun and maintained his position there, under the heaviest of rifle, machine gun and bomb fire, when almost the whole of his detachment had been killed or wounded.

The British supply of bombs being exhausted, Lieut. Campbell advanced the machine gun still further to an exposed position, and by firing 1,000 rounds succeeded in holding back the German counter-attack.

Lieut. Campbell subsequently was wounded, and has since died.

## FRENCH AVIATOR MAKES ESCAPE FROM FREDERICHSHAFEN

Paris, Aug. 23.—Eugene Gilbert, the French aviator who was obliged to land in Switzerland June 27, through an accident to his motor, after bombarding the Zeppelin sheds at Friedrichshafen, and was interned near St. Gothard, has escaped.

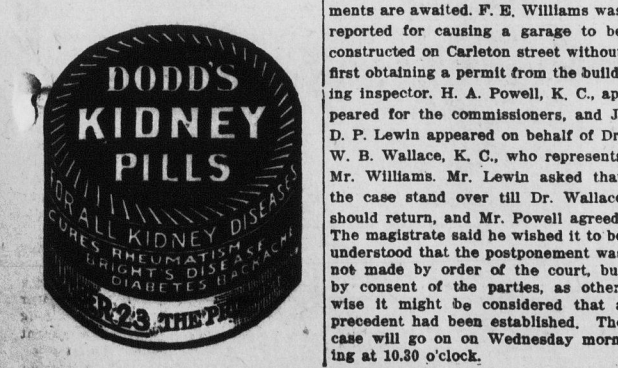
M. Gilbert arrived in Paris last night and reported for service at the French ministry of war today.

## 27 AMERICANS IN CREW OF STEAMER SUNK BY GERMANS

London, Aug. 23.—There were seventy-seven Americans in the crew of the steamer Baron Erskine, which was sunk by a German submarine last week. The Americans, who were horse tenders, were landed safely with the rest of the crew.

## That Garage Case.

A case of considerable interest was called in the police court yesterday morning and some interesting developments are awaited. F. E. Williams was reported for causing a garage to be constructed on Carleton street without first obtaining a permit from the building inspector, H. A. Powell, K. C., appeared for the prosecution, and J. D. P. Lewis appeared on behalf of Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., who represents Mr. Williams. Mr. Lewis asked that the case stand over till Mr. Wallace should return, and Mr. Powell agreed. The magistrate said he wished it to be understood that the postponement was not made by order of the court, but by consent of the parties, as otherwise it might be considered that the precedent had been established. The case will go on on Wednesday morning at 10.30 o'clock.



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