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Russians Announce The Surrender of Fortress of Przemysl

Petrograd Via London Mar. 22--[2.54 p. m.]--It was announced officially this morning that the Galician fortress of Przemysl surrendered to the Russians today.

London, March 22--The great Galician fortress of Przemysl fell to the hands of the Russian besiegers this morning. The last of the improvised field fortifications were captured some days ago.

With the strong Russian cordon tightly drawn around the fortress the effort apparently was hopeless from the start and 6,000 Austrian prisoners fell into the hands of the Russians while as many were killed or wounded.

The garrison of Przemysl originally numbered 60,000 or 80,000 men but sorties and shell must have cut a considerable number of thousands from that total.

The besieging army is understood to number about 120,000 officers and men. This force will now march on the strong Austrian fortress of Cracow 125 miles to the east of Przemysl, it being the announced determination of the Russian commander-in-chief to reduce that Polish capital as speedily as possible.

Petrograd, March 22--The announcement of the fall of Przemysl caused great rejoicing in Petrograd, where the Russian victory is regarded as of the utmost importance, opening the way for a determined advance against Cracow and thence into Silesia, the "gateway to Berlin."

The siege of Przemysl has been under way since the early days of the war. It has been a bitter and relentless siege, never relaxed for a day since the Russians invested the city. Several attempts of the Austrians to raise the siege, the latest of which was made only a short time ago, have failed.

With the fall of Przemysl, the only important fortified town in Galicia which is still in the hands of the Austrians is Cracow, in Northwestern Galicia, close to the German border.

In the early days of the war the Russian offensive campaign, as outlined unofficially, contemplated the invasion of Germany through East Prussia, on the North and simultaneously into Silesia from Galicia. The Russians succeeded in penetrating Galicia, but the success of the Austrians in holding Przemysl and Cracow blocked attempts to invade Germany across the Silesian border.

The siege of Przemysl has been one of the most picturesque phases of the war in the east. The Austrian garrison defended the city with determination and vigor, and during the earlier months inflicted considerable losses on the Russians by frequent sorties. The only means of communication with the outside world was by wireless telegraph and aeroplanes. By these means conditions within the city were obtained from time to time.

DROWNED IN THE BOSPHORUS

Constantinople, March 22--Lieut. Commander William B. Becker, of the United States, converted yacht Scorpion, and three sailors were drowned in the Bosphorus on the night of March 20, while attempting to reach their vessel with a row boat. The boat was swamped in a heavy sea. Lieut. Commander Becker arrived at Constantinople only on March 16 to take command of the Scorpion.

PAY TRIBUTE TO BRAVE MAN

Paris, March 22--A note issued by the War Office yesterday, concerning the death of Henri Collignon, councillor of State, says that M. Collignon was trying to take a wounded soldier out of the range of fire when a fragment of shell struck him. The note orders that M. Collignon's name shall be carried on the rolls of his regiment, the 46th Infantry, and that, when the regimental roll is called, the oldest sergeant shall answer to Collignon's name, "dead on the field of honor."

ANOTHER GREAT BATTLE

Petrograd, March 22--Another great battle has opened in Poland on the front extending from Myslenko to Kasidlo. The war office admitted that the Germans had reached Kasidlo, only ten miles from the fortress of Ostroianska, but declared that the Russians had halted their foes' advance there, inflicting heavy losses.

Petrograd, March 22--The Germans who retreated from Memel and Tauraggen, say a semi-official statement are in hurried retreat. Saturday passed quietly at Osovets possibly owing to a snow storm. The Russian artillery has inflicted heavy losses on the Germans in the region of Ukhovo.

A FINE TOTAL

The returns from the presentation of "O'Brien the Contractor," in the Opera House by the Y. M. S. of St. Joseph on St. Patrick's festival, gave \$12,500 for the benefit of the orphans. The help of all who aided in the successful event, players, patrons, advertisers and others, are acknowledged thankfully by the Sisters of Charity, and those in charge of the performances.

Phelix and Phelandra WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological services.

Synopsis--Pressure is comparatively low over the eastern half of the continent and higher in the Pacific states. Snow flurries have been more or less general from the lower lake region to the maritime provinces. Very fine weather prevails in the west.

Fair; Some Snow Flurries

Martime--Moderate to fresh north to northwest winds, a few local snow flurries, but mostly fair today and on Tuesday with no decided change in temperature.

New England forecasts--Generally fair tonight and Tuesday, moderate northwest to north winds.

FRENCH QUICKLY WIPE OUT SCORE

Airmen Raid Alace Position, Destroy German Taubes and Badly Frighten Soldiers

Paris, March 22--Six hours after two German Zeppelins bombarded Paris from the skies, the French had launched a successful retaliatory attack. Three French airmen, setting out from a base near Valenciennes, destroyed a German Taube aeroplane and four hangars demolished. Several regiments of German recruits manœuvring near Hasbainem became panic stricken and broke ranks, fleeing to a nearby forest.

VANWART FOR MAYOR

That is Declared Plan of Some Who Want Aldermen Back--"The Slave"

Here is the slate which the supporters of the movement for the return to the ward alderman system wish to put in the field if they could effect the change for the form civic government. The names have been agreed on by the committee in charge of the movement, but it is not known how many of the prospective candidates have assented definitely to the proposal. The list follows:

For Mayor John W. Vanwart. For Aldermen Sydney--John B. Jones, Duke--G. Herbert Green, Prince--James Sprout, King--E. J. O'Brien, Wellington--G. Slocum, Queens--E. C. Elkin, Lorne--M. Brewster, Lansdowne--H. E. Codner, Dufferin--John Willet, Kingston--Wellington Green, Stanley--Mr. Gilguy, Guy--Ex-Sergeant W. H. Finley, Brooks--W. Harry Stairs.

Judging from the somewhat bitter remarks of one of the leaders of the movement it would seem that the petitions are not being signed as well as had been hoped, but the committee still has hopes that enough names will be secured to make it possible to present a petition to the legislature.

That more names are much needed is shown by the desperate measures to secure signatures and from the letters which are going the rounds it would appear that the list would require careful examination. Many of the names accepted as those of ratepayers entitled to vote.

A main street man tells of one of the canvassers calling at his house for his signature. He was out but the canvasser remarked to his wife: "I know your husband would sign so I will just sign for him," and proceeded to do so. When the citizen learned of this high-handed piece of work he was indignant.

ALEX. GUNN DEAD; FOR 33 YEARS PROPRIETOR OF THE RESTAURANT IN MARKET

Many friends of Alexander Gunn will read with regret of his death which took place at his residence, 284 Union street, today. He conducted a restaurant in the City for the best thirty-three years. He attended to business until one week ago. Mr. Gunn was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to St. John when a boy. His wife, one daughter, Mrs. A. A. Beal, of Dorchester, Mass., and three sons, Nelson B., W. G., of this city, and Stanley, of Boston, survive. The funeral will be held from his late residence on Monday afternoon with service at 2.30.

AT THE RANGE

The prize winners on the city rifle range last week are as follows: Men--standing, W. A. Tvedestrand, 95; prone, Sergt. J. T. Downey, 94.33. Ladies--standing, Mrs. R. P. Cowan, 97; kneeling, Miss Quinn, 99; prone, Miss Richards, 94.33.

Boys--standing, W. Blair, 72.66; prone, D. Massie, 88.

The prizes were--men, cuff links; ladies, pearl handled fork knives; boys, stick pins.

This week the classes for competition will be--Men, standing and prone; ladies, standing and prone; boys, standing. The handicap system will be applied to the shooting this week.

The firemen's competition for prizes offered by Chief Blake will commence today and continue until Saturday.

WOULD REVOLUTIONIZE WORK OF THE SUBMARINES

Toronto, March 22--A New York despatch to the Globe says that Hudson Maxim has perfected an invention that will make possible attacks by these underwater fighters when they are completely submerged and will do away with the periscope.

Mr. Maxim for the present is keeping his invention a secret. It is said the United States navy will be the first to refered it.

Memel To Be Base For Russian Fleet Activity

An Important Capture--The "Old Fox" Outmanoeuvred, is Opinion of Experts

Petrograd, March 22--Memel, the captured German port in East Prussia, will become a Russian naval base, from which sea attacks will be launched against other German coast cities as soon as navigation is again resumed on the Baltic Sea. While the fall of Memel is of no great strategic importance from a military standpoint, it is invaluable for naval operations, being only 135 miles from Danzig, Germany's strongest naval base on the Baltic. Swaborg, which is the main headquarters of the Russian fleet in the Baltic, is 450 miles from Danzig. With the capture of Memel, therefore, the Russians have cut off 315 miles that their warships would have to travel to reach Danzig.

Memel also possesses large shipyards and iron foundries, these have been taken over by the Russians, and workmen have been sent from Petrograd and Revel to operate them.

Russian military experts comment at length on the capture of Memel today. They assert that the "Old Fox," meaning Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, was caught napping by the unexpected Russian movement that resulted in the advance to Memel and placed the Russians in a favorable position for a march southward upon Königsberg. The weather has come to the aid of the Germans, however, and sudden floods along the Nieman River have forced the retirement of the troops of Grand Duke Nicholas that had crossed the river.

TURKS BEATEN Petrograd, March 22--Defeat of the Turks in the Alaschgard Valley in the capture of two important posts by the Russians was officially announced here today.

EXPECT THE RECRUITING TO BE MORE BRISK

Mobilization of 55th in St. John--List of Officers Made up and Announcement Awaited

There is renewal of interest in St. John because of the announcement that the 55th Battalion to be raised in New Brunswick is to be mobilized in St. John. While Lieut.-Col. Kirkpatrick, who is to command the unit in St. John, on Saturday said he had no word as to where the center of muster was to be, J. A. Likely, president of the board of trade, said he had arranged with the militia department that the battalion would be mobilized in this city, as was announced some days ago in The Times--in fact an active start towards mobilization of this unit has already been made at West St. John.

Returns do not show just how many men are now in the strength of the 55th but it is believed that not half the desired number have yet been mobilized. Recruiting has been practically at a standstill in St. John, but in some other centres through the province it has been somewhat better. It is understood that the complete list of officers recommended for service with the 55th is now under consideration at headquarters and announcement of appointments is expected almost any day. With the selections made, interest in recruiting should be very much stimulated.

The Army Service Corps are under orders to leave on a route march early tomorrow morning with horses and equipment and establish a service depot in complete detail. All the factors composing the depot will be included, even the active shoeing of horses in a field blacksmith shop. The training today was a continuation of instruction in equitation. The 26th Battalion continued company drill this morning.

SALVAGE COMPANY WINS

Quebec, March 22--Hon. Judge Routhier today rendered judgment in the case of the Canadian Salvage Company against the Aetna Western and other insurance companies, brought by the former company for salvage on 331 silver bars recovered by the Canadian Salvage Company from the wreck of the Empress of Ireland. He awarded the salvage company \$22,685.00 salvage and \$36,172.00 additional for expenses. The company also received \$10,990 from the post office department for the salvage of the mails from the Empress. In addition to this the sum of \$28,000 was paid the company by the C. P. R. for the recovery of the purse's strong box.

MISS E. H. LITTLEHALE The death of Miss Elizabeth Hatheway Littlehale, daughter of Mrs. Margary Littlehale, occurred in the General Public Hospital yesterday. She had been about three months in the institution. Friends will hear of her death with regret. The funeral will be held on Tuesday at 3 p. m. from her mother's home, 254 Prince street, west, with burial in Cedar Hill.

CHAPLAINS THOMAS AND LANE

Moncton Transcript--Many Moncton friends will learn with interest that Rev. H. E. Thomas, so well known as a leader in temperance and moral reform in this city, is now residing in St. John.

CANADIAN DEATHS IN WAR NOW TOTAL 194

Ottawa, March 22--Up to date the total deaths among the Canadian troops number 194. This is the list of those killed in action or who have died from wounds sustained in action. Twice this number have been wounded.

The figures show clearly that the Canadian division is doing its share and contributing its quota to the cause of the empire.

Great Increase in The War Material Output Is Needed By Britain

CHARGE THAT THESE GERMANS ARE SPIES

Lloyd George Sees New Factor In History of Labor

Two Arrests in Ontario--They Face Possibility of Death Sentence

Port Arthur, Ont., March 22--Carl Schmidt and Gustaf Stephens, two Germans arrested after they had excited suspicion by their actions at Nipigon, have been charged with being alien enemies engaged in espionage, a crime punishable by death. They were remanded for a week.

Schmidt was in the German navy and came to the United States five years ago. He is thirty-five years of age, lives in Detroit and has a wife and two children. Stephens is unmarried. The prisoners' fingerprints were taken and forwarded to Ottawa.

REMEMBERED HERE

Charles Francis Adams Died in Washington on Saturday

Never seeking public office, Mr. Adams took an active part, as an independent, in political affairs through his writings and speeches. He was the author of numerous books on railroads and on various phases of American history, and was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the Massachusetts bar two years after leaving college.

Mr. Adams was widely known as a publicist and historian. He was a great-grandson of President John Quincy Adams and a son of Charles Francis Adams, minister to Great Britain in the Civil War period. He was born in Boston in 1836, and graduated from Harvard in 1856, and was admitted to the Massachusetts bar two years after leaving college.

Mr. Adams had spoken in St. John on one or two occasions.

DEATH OF MRS. MARY A. O'KEEFE

To Rev. David S. O'Keefe and his sisters will go the deep sympathy of many today because of the death of their mother, Mrs. Mary A. O'Keefe. She passed away at four o'clock this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Joseph Mitchell, No. 1 Alms street, after an illness of some three months. Mrs. O'Keefe was the last of a prominent west side family. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mulhally and wife of Philip J. O'Keefe, so well known as an official of H. M. S. Customs and in connection with the C.M.B.A.

After her son became pastor of Kingsdale, York county, Mrs. O'Keefe went to live with him. During the late fall, she fell ill and came to the city for medical advice. She did not improve and for the last few days was bedridden. She was kept to her bed by a patient sufferer. Widely known and held in high respect, many will learn with regret of her bereaved children. Besides Father O'Keefe, they survive Mrs. J. J. Mitchell, of St. John and Mrs. Arthur Fitzgerald of Boston.

The funeral will be held at half past seven o'clock on Wednesday morning to the Cathedral for high mass of requiem.

FOR THE BELGIANS

Mayor Frink has received for the Belgian relief fund contributions as follows--Children, Episcopal churches, parish of Simonds, per Rev. C. W. Pollett, \$4; proceeds sale and St. Patrick's, the Rosary, per Miss Ethel McFadden, president, and Miss Kathleen Heveron, secretary, \$90; Frink, Ethel, N. B. \$2.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Craig, of Nashwaakiss lost two valuable cows on Saturday. They fell into an air hole near the mouth of the Nashwaakiss and were drowned.

SERGEANT BLAIR AT FRONT

Mrs. Walter Patterson of 39 Peters street has received a letter from her brother, Sergeant Kenneth Blair of the Army Medical Corps in France. Sergeant Blair is a son of George A. Blair of this city. His letter was dated March 2, and he wrote that he had just received a card from another sister, and also received some cakes and a box of candy which had followed him to the front. He writes:

"We have moved nearer the trenches and are down to the real work at last, believe me, it is good. Sergeant Boone is writing a few lines to you and Mildred. I have never seen Robert Blair, and do not know where he is now. I have not seen Ted and Frank Hill since we left the plain. Give my regards to all my friends."

THREE HUNDRED DROWNED IN STORM OFF COAST OF SPAIN

Algeciras, Spain, March 22--Four sailing vessels with Spanish dock laborers on board have been lost in a furious storm. It is estimated that 300 persons were drowned.

On hundred vessels of various nationalities have taken refuge in the Bay of Algeciras.

Victory Would Have Been Lost, He Says, if Labor Had Failed--Urges Broad and Generous Spirit in Dealing With Vital Matter

London, March 22--Right Honorable David Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in an interview with a Daily Citizen reporter placed great emphasis upon the immediate necessity for a tremendous increase in the output of war material. He dwelt also upon the dramatic change which had come over Great Britain's industrial relations as a result of the war and the value of confidence between labor and the state.

The establishment of a labor advisory committee was regarded by him as a step which may have almost incalculable results. He believed this was the first time such a thing had been done in any country, and said:

"It amounts to this--There is opening up a great new factor in the history of labor. If labor approaches this thing in a broad and generous spirit and not in a hesitating spirit, this document which was signed on Friday ought to be a great chapter for labor."

The next step will be the organization of all our resources for the production of munitions of war, and without such an agreement this would be impossible. This country would inevitably be deprived of victory in the war if labor had failed us. It is my imagination making more fatal to collectivist ideals in the future, because the British people are essentially a people who act on example and experiment rather than on argument."

WHITE IS FREED

Judgment in Case of Soldier--Appeal, Says Commissioner McLellan

Private O. White, of the 26th Battalion, arrested recently on charge of interfering with a policeman and also assaulting him while in discharge of his duty, was acquitted by Magistrate Ritchie this morning. The magistrate said the maximum penalty for such an offense was \$80 or ten months in jail. The evidence on the part of the prosecution, and the testimony of the police constable and several others--also soldiers--was that White caught the policeman by the throat while he was in a cafe, having been called there because of some disturbance. The evidence made a strong case against White. On the part of the defence he and several other witnesses, also soldiers, testified that he did not catch the constable by the throat. White was there, the policeman was there, and there or twenty others, it is alleged, were there. Was the policeman caught by the throat? Was he interfered with? The policeman says yes he was interfered with while in the discharge of his duty, while ejecting Private Proctor from the cafe. After reviewing the evidence of the witnesses on both sides, the magistrate said he had given the matter careful consideration and had read over, word for word, the evidence as given, and as there was under the evidence and surrounding circumstances a reasonable doubt, the defendant was entitled to it, so the case was dismissed.

BUSINESS BLOCK OF HEBRON, N. S. DESTROYED

Yarmouth, N. S., March 22--Fire destroyed the principal business block in Hebron this morning. The building was owned by Knowles E. Grooby and occupied by Harry Bain and John Perry, merchants.

Mr. Grooby estimates his loss at \$8,000 on which he has \$1,000 insurance. Mr. Bain's loss is more than \$900 on which he has \$1,000 insurance and Mr. Perry's loss is said to be \$8,000 with slight insurance. Mr. Bain was in his store at eleven o'clock, looking after his fire. At that time everything was all right but at twelve o'clock it was found to be in flames.

SUBPOENA SERVED ON BERRY, SAYS REPORT

Fredericton, N. B., March 22--The legislature will resume this evening. J. K. Pinder is in the city and it is said will speak on a question of privilege.

POOR OUTLOOK FOR THE SEALING FLEET

St. John's, Nfld., March 22--Wireless reports from the sealing fleets say that the eight steamers of the eastern fleet are jammed in heavy floes off Cape St. John. Five hundred seals taken on last Saturday, comprise the total catch to date. In the average season the eastern fleet captures about 80,000 by this date. The western fleet so far has made no catch.

MILITARY FUNERAL FOR GUNNER MACPHEE OF P. E. I.

Charlottetown, March 22--Gunner MacPhee, who died on military duty at Sydney Mines, was buried with military honors, there being a turnout of artillerymen, mounted rifles and infantry, including the men who will leave soon for Halifax, Amherst and St. John. Thousands attended the funeral. Gunner MacPhee was the third Islander to die on military service since the war began.