

NOVO GEORGIEVSK FALLS TO ENEMY

Berlin Claims Seven Hundred Guns Have Been Taken.

ADVANCE PROGRESSES

Early Fall of Brest-Litovsk Fortress Now Apprehended.

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man official account, they are offering fresh resistance in the hope of preventing or delaying the envelopment of the northern flank of the Brest-Litovsk line.

There seemingly is danger of this line being forced by direct attack. Six Austro-German armies, strengthened by the corps which have been investing Novo Georgievsk, are converging on the Russian centre, which is behind the Bug, and along the railway from Brest-Litovsk to Bialystok, and no doubt will soon commence a bombardment of Brest-Litovsk.

Mackensen's Advance.
Other armies have cleared the whole of the left bank of the Bug before Brest-Litovsk, while Field Marshal von Mackensen, having crossed the Bug, is advancing on the fortress from the south. This means that the obstacle of the marshes has been circumvented and that Brest-Litovsk, the chief military depot and concentration centre of Russia, is virtually enveloped. Although military observers are of the opinion that the Grand Duke probably again will be able to withdraw his army in safety, the loss of these lines is considered a graver military misfortune than the loss of Warsaw.

The German success has been due almost entirely to their great superiority in artillery, and the military critics express the belief that as long as they maintain this and continue to press forward the Russians must retire before them. While the Russian armies remain intact, however, these critics are optimistic as to the future. Emperor William, who is reported to have arrived at Novo Georgievsk, will it is understood, make a state entry into Warsaw, and there let it be known by announcement what the future status of Poland will be.

CLAIM 85,000 PRISONERS.

BERLIN, Aug. 20.—(By wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.)—The following statement, given by the German army headquarters, is as follows: "The army of Field Marshal von Hindenburg took Novo Georgievsk, the last stronghold of the enemy in Poland, making prisoners of more than 85,000 Russians, among whom were 22 generals. The number of cannon taken has increased to more than 700. The quantity of war material is impossible to estimate."

"Gen. von Gallwitz's troops have taken 2650 Russian prisoners, these including ten officers, and captured 12 machine guns."

"The Russians retreated east of Kovno and in the district of Dwina as far as the road from Augustowo to Grodno. They are offering resistance on the front from Gudele to Looz-diele and Studzionizna."

Prince Leopold Advancing.
"The army of Prince Leopold of Bavaria is advancing."

"The left wing of the army of Field Marshal von Mackensen threw the Russians to the rear of the Koteka-Pulva district. The Germans pursuing the enemy east of Viadova reached the district of Piasza."

"Between Angres and Souchez last night the enemy was driven from the trenches that he had occupied yesterday. In the Vosges, at Schattmannelle, a small part of the advanced German position was lost."

VIENNA'S STATEMENT.

VIENNA, via London, Aug. 20.—The following official communication was made public tonight:

"Russian war theatre—The advance of the allies toward Brest-Litovsk has crowded together within the precincts of the fortress a considerable portion of the Russian army. For a withdrawal in a northeasterly direction the troops and supply columns are restricted to a few crossings."

"The enemy is offering strong resistance, especially at the present time, but the Russian army is steadily pushing forward. The Russian army is steadily pushing forward. The Russian army is steadily pushing forward."

"On the northern bank of the Bug the troops of Archduke Joseph Ferdinand yesterday before darkness fell drove away the enemy by storming his trenches near Wolczyn. The army group of Gen. Koevess is advancing toward the upper Pulva."

"In the bombardment of Novo Georgievsk, which was captured by our allies, our heavy mortars successfully participated."

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BUYERS' SYSTEM APPEARS KNOTTY

Method of Issuing Cheques Nothing But Tangled Skein, Says Counsel.

IDENTIFIED DOCUMENTS

Amounts Inscribed Did Not Correspond With Number of Horses Bought.

KENTVILLE, N.S., Aug. 20.—After examining into the system of paying for remounts here last August at this afternoon's session of the Davidson War Supplies Commission, John Thompson, K.C., styled the method of issuing cheques adopted as an indication of nothing but a tangled skein.

Mr. Thompson had been questioning Gifford H. Oakes, agent for A. DeWitt Foster, paymaster of the horsebuyers, upon the number of cheques he gave out to buyers, and had found that amounts inscribed on them were not really the actual cost of the number of horses referred to on the cheque, as sometimes a buyer was given money left over from another cheque in addition.

Remount Buyer Keever gave them this cash, Oakes said.

Oakes said that while individual cheques did not indicate exactly the cost of horses, the aggregate did. Thus the total money paid out to buyers thru him was \$9,383 for 281 horses, or an average of \$17.32 per horse, as compared with the government price per horse, delivered at Valcartier, of \$17.

Oakes explained that he received 28 or 29 signed cheques from Mr. Foster. He was able to identify 28 from a bundle submitted to him by Mr. Thompson. When the buying was completed he sent the cheque-book with the remainder of the blanks and the stubs correctly filled up back to Colonel Neill, head of the remount department, who had issued it to Mr. Foster.

Oakes was permitted today to make a statement in regard to his assertion on the stand yesterday that three signed remount blank cheques were issued by him to buyers before horses were purchased.

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ST. CATHARINES NOW READY TO FORM INFANTRY CORPS.
ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Aug. 20.—Public committees for the organization of the new St. Catharines infantry battalion in St. Catharines are now complete and an active campaign will begin at once. Major Belsion, who last Sunday returned from the front on convalescent leave, is likely to command the new battalion.

Lieut.-Col. Frank King, who commanded the 2nd Artillery Brigade when it was first organized, has been notified of his appointment again to that command. Col. King is the father of Major W. B. King, commander of the 10th Battery in France. The brigade consists of the 4th Hamilton, the 7th St. Catharines and 9th Toronto Field Batteries.

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STRIKING MANIFESTO BY GERMAN SOCIALISTS

Kaiser's Dream of World Conquest is Viewed With Hostility.

PARIS, Aug. 20.—A long manifesto against any annexation of conquered territory by Germany addressed to the German chancellor jointly by committees of the Social Democratic party and Socialist groups in the Reichstag is published today by Humanite.

The document points out that the party joined the present struggle with the rest of the German people to defend national existence and independence, not to make conquests.

"Every infringement by force," it says, "of the autonomy and independence of a people ensures the Germans of future wars and implies in itself a dangerous coalition of enemies against Germany. The assertion that the German Empire needs to acquire territory east and west to ensure her economic existence is refuted by the brilliant economic progress made by Germany in her present form."

The manifesto is dated June 25, but never yet, it is said, has been published in Germany.

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