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**Fortress Only Heap of Ruins**

**The Austro-German Capture of Przemysl is a Hollow Victory**

London, June 6.—In a despatch from Petrograd, the Morning Post's correspondent says:—

"The river San, except on its lower reaches, has been abandoned, as well as Przemysl. The Russians removed all their stores and munitions from Przemysl, a process which occupied a couple of weeks, owing to the enormous quantities concentrated there by the Austrians. The process was completed Wednesday, and during the succeeding night the Russians quietly retired to prepared positions east of the fortress."

The Times Petrograd correspondent says:—

"By the capture of Przemysl the enemy has come into possession not of a fortress, but of a heap of ruins. Everything of value has been gradually removed during the past month."

"The loss of the fortress does not decide the Galician campaign, but it emphasizes the necessity for a greater supply of munitions and equipment, which the Russian industries are unable, single-handed, to provide. Until these supplies can reach us it will perform be necessary for the Russians to assume the defensive."

**EXPECTED IN PETROGRAD.**

Petrograd, June 6 via London.—News of the fall of Przemysl apparently has awakened no apprehension here. It is conceded that the Germans have won a "moral victory" but the strategic importance of the fortress, according to the opinion expressed here and been nullified before the Russians relinquished it.

It is pointed out that the position was weakened on account of the destruction by the Austrians of forts at the time they evacuated it in March. Furthermore, the fortress, projecting in an acute angle into the territory held by the Austro-German forces, was made by them the target for attacks from three sides. Consequently it required more men for defense than the Russian military authorities believed was justified by its strategic importance.

A leading Russian military expert, analyzing the situation, points out that the indefensibility of the fortress was due to the fact that the Austrians had blown up the most important forts upon their evacuation of Przemysl. Another thing, the fortress was constructed with the idea of defending it from an eastward attack, while the Austro-Germans took the fortress from the north and north-west. Continuing, the Russian military expert says:

**Capacity Decreased.**

"To oppose the advance of the Austro-Germans, the Russians sent out long range guns to defend their flank. As this artillery extended considerably beyond the line of the forts, it was the purpose of the Russians eventually to abandon it, but only at the highest possible cost to the enemy. Shooting point blank to the last shell into the thick masses of advancing Austro-Germans caused them severe losses, and thus we accomplished this purpose."

"But with the fall of the flank defences the fighting capacity of the forts was greatly decreased. These considerations, taken together with those already mentioned, led the Russian military authorities to the decision not to run any special risk, but rather to remove the army from the fortifications."

"It is estimated that the proper defense of the Przemysl fortress would have required the concentrating there of forces equal to those of the former Austrian garrison, namely, 145,000 men. It would have been necessary to develop to their fullest capacity no less than 1,500 guns and to re-establish all the destroyed forts which, in the short time available, was impossible."

**Twice Annihilated.**

"The abandonment of this blood-conquered fortress certainly is a sad blow but it is necessary to remember that Przemysl twice annihilated, once by the Austrians and once by us, has to-day no more importance than any other large city in Galicia. If in February the German occupation of Przemysl had little influence on our manoeuvring, in the future it will play no role at all. Like Jaroslau and Tarnov, Przemysl will pass time and again from hand to hand, and it will soon again be in our possession."

**Abandonment Imperative.**

"Just as the Austrians destroyed the Przemysl forts before they fell into Russian hand, so the Russians methodically blew up everything possible before the occupation of the

Austro-Germans. They destroyed bridges and everything else that might be of service to the enemy.

"From the standpoint of sentiment the evacuation of Przemysl is greatly regretted by both the military and civil elements in Petrograd. At the same time it is being explained that the abandonment of the position had been regarded here for some time past as strategically imperative, and that preparations to leave it had been going on for a month. The released garrison will now be available for field operations, whereas if an attempt to hold out had been made between 120,000 and 140,000 men would have been locked up at the mercy of the heavy Austrian guns."

**THE POSITION OF HOLLAND**

**Country Wants to Keep Out of War, But Anti-German Feeling Grows**

London, June 4.—Holland's attitude is watched here with the keenest interest. Reluctant as the Dutch people and government are against being plunged into the great conflict and its terribleness, they have ample evidence just across the border that they may be drawn in. It has been Holland's almost frantic desire to keep out, but recent things have happened which have been most irritating.

**Vigorous Protest.**

Several Dutch subjects were lost on the Lusitania. This was the culminating point of a series of outrages on Dutch citizens and ships which Holland has been powerless to avenge. Vigorous protests concerning the Lusitania and other events brought little satisfaction from Berlin. Now there is danger of Germany proclaiming the long-threatened annexation of Belgium. If this happens Holland will very likely take action, knowing that with the disappearance of Belgium sovereignty German victory would mean speedy aggression against Holland. An official who recently returned from Holland says:

**Anti-German Feeling.**

"What Holland wants to do most of all is to keep out of war, but she is being pressed toward participation, much against her will. There is a steady growth of anti-German feeling throughout the country. The Lusitania had a great effect, and the whole nation is becoming thoroughly angere. But with the spectacle of devastation in Belgium, just across the border, Hollanders are loath to decide to make the great sacrifice until it becomes vital."

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(London Daily News)

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**SUIT YOURSELF**

The justice of the peace was just on the point of marrying the couple. "Oh, before I begin," he said, "I must find out your names." "Marriss," said the groom. "Yep," repeated the J. P., "but I must first know your full name." "Will U. Marriss," said the groom. "No," said the J. P., "I will not." —Pennsylvania State Froth.

**MOSCOW**

Across the steppes we journeyed,  
The brown, fir-darkened plain,  
That rolls to east and rolls to west,  
Moved as a billowy main;  
When, lo, a sudden splendor  
Came shining through the air,  
As if the clouds should melt, and  
leave

The height of heaven bare,  
A maze of rainbow domes and spires  
Fell glorious on the sky,  
With wafted chimes from many a  
tower,

As the south wind went by;  
And a thousand crosses, lightly hung,  
That shone like morning stars;

'Twas the Kremlin's wall; 'Twas Moscow,  
The jewel of the Czars!

—Edna Dean Proctor.

**BIG BUSINESS AND THE PUBLIC**

Mr. George Otis Smith, Director of the United States Geological Survey, recently said some things about business and its relation to the people which are worth the attention of coal producers. The occasion was the annual joint meeting of the honor societies Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, at the University of Illinois. This country has been supplied with cheap coal for years, and naturally the public is suspicious whenever the price is raised. It might be a good thing if the account books of some of the coal producers were opened to the public. Mr. Smith said:

"A working minority of American citizens have come to realize that unregulated private monopoly and citizenship are antagonistic terms. And, now that popular clamor is giving place to sober second thought, the other side of the monopoly question is receiving the consideration it deserves; there is a widespread recognition of the common interdependence of big business and the general public. On the one side, the people are realizing that they are and have been in reality silent partners in big business, and now that there has come the promise of some regulation that will in large part prevent monopolistic centralization, the people are interested in getting their share of the returns which can come only with operation at a profit. On the other hand, the managers of the large corporations, who are really the trustees of the investing public, are beginning to see that a certain financial security goes with public confidence. The public cannot be left out of the reckoning, and that well-remembered attitude toward the public so tersely expressed 30 years ago by a pioneer in railroad affairs does not pay dividends today." —Colliery Engineer.

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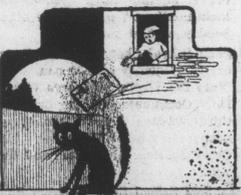
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