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Przemysl Fortress Capitulates to the Russians

London Officer's Heroic Action Saves Canadian Battalions At Front

GRAND CONTINENTAL "SEE CANADA FIRST" TOUR TO BIG EXPOSITIONS TO BE CONDUCTED BY EVENING ADVERTISER FOR LONDON LADIES

From London via Great Lakes Across Canada to Pacific, Thence By Steamer to Panama Exhibition, Returning Through Wonderland of the Continent.

THIRTY DAYS OF SCENIC TRAVEL IN NORTH AMERICA WHILE EUROPE IS CLOSED TO THE TOURIST PUBLIC

See Canada First! And see the two great exhibitions of this century! That is one of the most popular slogans of the day. It is one that appeals to patriotic Canadians as never before. With this end in view The Advertiser has made arrangements to send four of the most efficient and popular young women of the city on the finest sight-seeing tour the continent affords, a sight-seeing trip that will include the San Francisco and San Diego exhibitions, the wonderful water trip up the Great Lakes, the equally wonderful ocean trip from the Prince Rupert, B. C., to Vancouver and Victoria, the glorious scenery of the Canadian Rockies, the wonders of the prairies, and the sights of Canada's great cities from London to the Pacific coast.

A MONTH OF ENJOYMENT. One whole month will be occupied by this tour, which, without question, will be the greatest ever attempted in this country. Every minute of the 30 and more days that will be taken up will be crowded with incidents of more than passing interest, and every minute will be one of the embodiment of enjoyment raised to its highest power.

The continent-wide tour alone would be a momentous one were nothing else included, but when the visit to the great Panama Exposition at San Francisco, and the equally wonderful San Diego Exhibition are added as but part of the attractions of this tour, it brings it to a position unique in the history of such excursions, and places it in a class by itself that nothing else could hope to equal.

COMFORT PERSONIFIED. Aside from its educational and recreational phases the trip will be comfortable. The party from this city will leave London in June, under careful supervision, and will travel the most of the way by special train and will be accompanied by the most efficient and popular young women of the city. The tour will be the most fascinating and enjoyable ever arranged in Canada, or anywhere else, and will give the members an opportunity to see the most and best of their own country, as well as the neighboring republics.

NOTHING LEFT OUT. Nothing has been left from the arrangements that could in any way assist in making the tour one of the most delightful and interesting nature. Months have been spent in making plans and perfecting the arrangements, and the result is a tour that will be the most enjoyable and profitable ever arranged in Canada, or anywhere else, and will give the members an opportunity to see the most and best of their own country, as well as the neighboring republics.

ALL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE PROMISED TO W. U.

Assurances To This Effect Given Board of Governors by Board of Control.

Assurances of every possible financial assistance to Western University were given to the members of the board of governors of that institution who waited on the board of control today waiting for a civic appropriation of \$12,000, an increase of \$2,000 over and above that of last year.

Soldiers Cheer Pastor's Remarks On Boot Scandal

Dr. Silcox Scores Makers of Poor Shoes—States Favors Allies. More than one thousand soldiers, members of the 18th Battalion, cheered lustily for several moments in the First Congregational Church at the Sunday morning service, when Rev. Dr. Silcox, the pastor, delivered a stinging assignment of blame to the makers of shoddy military boots. Previous to the demonstration there were signs of approval, bubbling under the surface, and ready to break forth, when the speaker stated that he had a son in the ranks of the 18th, and that only age kept him from volunteering to serve his country.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 9 o'clock last night: Highest, 32; lowest, 24. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 32; lowest, 30.

SAVES CANADIAN BATTALIONS AT FRONT



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How Captain Frank Ware, formerly of the 7th Regiment, this city, and now staff captain of the 1st Infantry Brigade of the Canadian expeditionary force fighting in France, saved several Canadian battalions from annihilation at the hands of the Germans is described in letters received here by friends and relatives of London officers.

Captain Ware, who is on the staff of Lieut.-Col. Mercer, of Toronto, brigade commander, was detailed to accompany Lieut.-Col. Mercer and another unnamed officer to a certain village where several 1st Brigade battalions were to gather. The officers arrived all right, but there was no sign of the men, who had taken another route.

Volunteers To Ride. Minutes lengthened into hours and dusk fell. Five hours after the appointed time, Captain Ware volunteered to ride.

FOUND BOOTS WEAK FOR COUNTRY WEAR

Expert Declares But One Boot Stands Campaign Work.

SOME HAD POOR SOLES Footwear for Soldiers in Some Cases Wore Out in Two Weeks.

[Canadian Press.] Ottawa, March 22.—John A. Hays, of Halifax, a bootmaker, who has inspected those made by the Army and Navy shoe companies, was the first to speak at this morning's session of the Parliamentary boot committee.

He declared that the boots were a rule better than the sample, and that while for ordinary conditions of wear the boots would be all right, they would not be strong enough for country wear or for campaigning.

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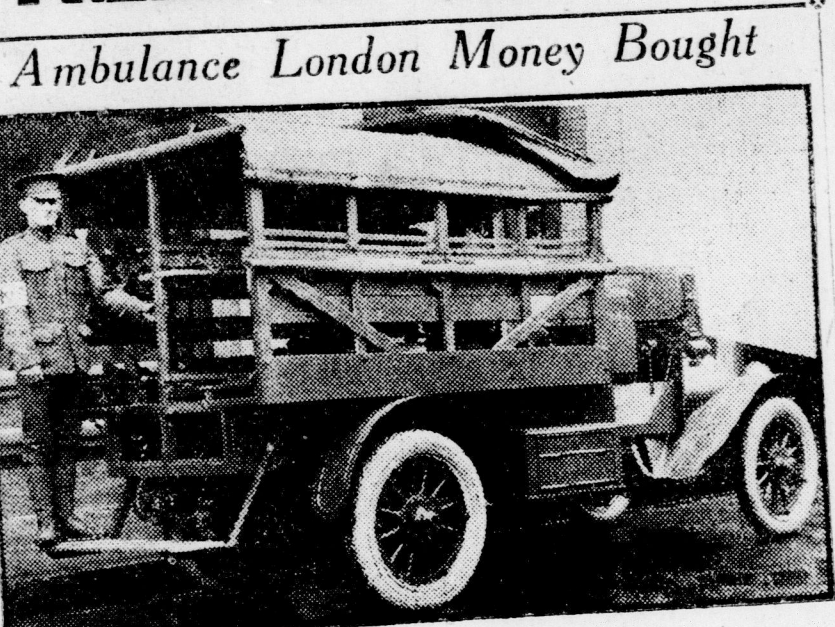
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RUSSIANS HAMMER DOWN THE GALLANT DEFENCE PRZEMYSL HELD OUT SINCE OPENING OF WAR



Ambulance London Money Bought. This is the motor the local Red Cross Society bought with money donated by London citizens. It will serve on the battlefields of Europe in the very near future.

LONDON BOY IN TRENCHES THREE DIFFERENT TIMES

Will Davies, of Cycle Corps, Had "Crack at Germans," He Writes Home.

Will Davies, of the Cycle Corps, 7th Platoon, Canadian expeditionary forces, now in France, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davies, 233 Eglinton street, has had a "crack at the Germans" as he terms it, in a letter home. His duties have taken him into the trenches three different times and on each occasion the shells were falling thick and fast.

On one occasion he got a shot at the enemy, for as Germans could be seen he raised a rifle to his shoulder and blazed away at them. As he describes them they looked like pieces of paper, so distant were they.

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Titanic Attempt of German and Austrian Forces For Many Weeks Failed To Raise Siege of Fortress — Garrison Makes Brave Attempt To Cut Way Out But Fails, Losing 60,000 Men—Surrender Gives Russians a Clear Road To Cracow.

PETROGRAD, MARCH 22. — VIA LONDON, 2:54 P.M.—IT WAS ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY THIS MORNING THAT THE GALICIAN FORTRESS PRZEMYSL SURRENDERED TO THE RUSSIANS TODAY.

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

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

A GALLANT DEFENCE. 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 telegraphy and aeroplanes. By these means reports were obtained from time to time on conditions within the city.

LONDON, March 22.—3:57 p.m.—The great Galician fortress of Przemysl, which the Austrians had so staunchly defended since the early days of the war, fell into the hands of the Russian soldiers this morning.

THE LAST OF THE IMPROVED FIELD FORTIFICATIONS were captured some days ago, and the final act of the drama began toward the close of the week when the commandant deliberately expended his reserve ammunition and sent the bulk of the garrison out on the frozen river of cutting its way eastward through the besiegers.

With the strong Russian line 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 more fell, dead or wounded. The shattered remnants of the force fled back to the fortress, and they now have fallen into the hands of the Russians.

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

TO MARCH ON CRACOW. The besieging army is understood to number about 120,000 officers and men. The fall of Przemysl, it being the announced determination of the Russian commander-in-chief to reduce the ancient Polish capital as speedily as possible. As soon as the news of the fall of Przemysl reached the headquarters of the Russian commander-in-chief, the Tsar of Prussia, the Russian commander-in-chief, the presence of Emperor Nicholas and Grand Duke Nicholas and all their staff.

RUSSIANS SCORE HEAVILY. [Canadian Press.] London, March 22.—Two Russian armies at the extremities of a 600-mile front, 500 miles apart, reported today from Petrograd, and these seem to mark the only operations more important than local engagements in either arena of the war.

The report of the Russian army on the Baltic, in East Prussia, is definitely in the hands of the Russians, but the place is of little strategic importance as it is surrounded by swamps which, in view of the present breakdown of the winter, make it impossible any further advance from this direction as possible. The Russian army, however, takes the invaders into a part of East Prussia, hitherto free of invasion, and it may for this reason have some tactical importance. At the other end of the line the Russians have captured the town of Przemysl, and are advancing in Bukovina in the direction of Czernowitz. They are now due east of the city on the line of the River Pruth, and they now only to cross the river again to be in possession of the capital of Bukovina.

Police Called Out To Handle Hungry Mobs

[Canadian Press.] Vienna, March 22.—Owing to the action of the Austrian Government in reducing by one-fourth the price of bread, many districts in Vienna are reported to have been virtually without bread for a week.

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A Great Fight

Three buildings, believed to be the mansions of the old families of the city, fought for supremacy of the battalion on Dundas street, near Wellington street, Saturday evening. From a two-day fight the affair developed into a three-day fight. A crowd of several hundred gathered and there was tremendous excitement. When each of the animals got into the ring, the fight was a great deal of a struggle, and the fight was a great deal of a struggle, and the fight was a great deal of a struggle.

FORMER LONDONER INJURED AT FRONT

Mrs. John Munnoch, Waterloo street, Learns Pte. Regan Hurt.

Mrs. John Munnoch, of Waterloo street, has received word from her son, George, of Winnipeg, with the 1st of the front, was wounded in the recent fighting.

Regan had been in the front for several years, and was a member of the Home Investment Company. He enlisted in the "Little Black Devils" with Alex. Munnoch, brother of George. Regan's relatives formerly resided in South London.

BROKER'S WIRE RUMOR SAYS THAT ITALY HAS JUMPED INTO WAR

According to information received at 2:30 p.m. today by Thomson and McKinnon, brokers, an unconfirmed rumor is prevalent in continental circles that Italy has declared war on Austria.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—SNOW FLURRIES. Forecast, March 23—3 a.m. Moderate to fresh westerly to north-easterly winds; snow flurries in some localities, but mostly fair today and on Tuesday, with about the same temperature.

Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. Victoria 55 Low. Weather. Clear. Vancouver 55 Clear. Calgary 55 Clear. Port Arthur 55 Clear. Parry Sound 55 Clear. Toronto 55 Clear. Ottawa 55 Clear. Montreal 55 Clear. Quebec 55 Clear. Father Point 55 Clear.

Pressure is comparatively low over the eastern half of the continent, and highest in the Pacific States. Snow flurries have been more or less general from the Lower Lakes region to the Maritime Provinces. Very fine weather prevails in the West.

BROTHER OF WIFE OF 18TH INSTRUCTOR LOST ON VIKTOR

John Townsend Went Down On Ship Sunk in North Sea. Word Received.

Mrs. Burton, of 232 King street, wife of Sergeant-Instructor Burton, of the 18th Battalion, received word today from England that her brother, John Townsend, was among those lost when H.M.S. Viktor went down in the North Sea recently. It is supposed that the cruiser either foundered in a storm or struck a mine, and everyone on board was drowned.

Mrs. Burton stated to The Advertiser today that her brother had been in the British navy since he was 13 years old, and had attained the rank of a first class petty officer. He stood six feet two inches in height. Mrs. Burton had not seen him for seven years.

Mrs. Burton had another brother on the roster of the 18th. He was a member of the crew of the admiral's flag-ship, Centurion. Another brother has just left for the front as corporal in the 6th Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment. Her husband is going to the front with the 18th.

WILLIE MUST GO TO SCHOOL—Because John Stafford's son has only attended public school three days in one year, Police Magistrate J. C. Judd today handed down a severe lecture to the boy's father.

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