

# Przemysl Has Fallen to the Huns--- Russians May Fall Back Again--- Wilson and Von Bernstorff Conferred

## PRZEMYSL HAS FALLEN TO AUSTRO- GERMAN ARMIES

Archduke's Army Has Entered Into the City—Bombardment Has Demolished Outer Ring of Forts Altogether.

Special Wire to the Courier.  
 Vienna, June 3.—The great Austro-Germanian fortress of Przemysl, situated between Lemberg and Cracow in the province of Galicia, was captured by the Russians on March 22 after one of the longest sieges in modern warfare. In eight weeks which have elapsed since that time, however, the Austrians and Germans have made every effort to re-take the fortress, large forces being diverted to this purpose from the other great fronts to the west, Cracow.

London, June 3.—The days of Przemysl, as a Russian fortress, apparently, are numbered, according to despatches from the front. The action to capture the five forts on the north front have been mentioned in official despatches. Austrian 10-inch mortars and German 10-inch mortars now are sounding away at the forts hastily improvised on the west and south fronts of the fortress. The besiegers already within storming distance of the works on the east.

**FIVE FORTS CAPTURED.**  
 Capture of the five forts in the northern sector brings the besiegers to the intermediate girdle of field fortifications, which the Austrians have been attacking since the interval between the second sieges and which the Austrians then have strengthened. This girdle makes use of all qualities of the rolling, hilly terrain, but it is believed here will be broken after only a brief resistance. There is still a third line of defence in the inner girdle of redoubts provided with guns, machine guns, wire entanglements and concrete bomb-

## FURTHER SIFTING OF THE EVIDENCE REGARDING CRUCIFIED SOLDIER

Sgt. Jay Mott is in England, Pte. Williamson Accounted for—Mystery of Sergt. Elliot is Not Yet Cleared Up.

Following the despatch of yesterday telling of a Brantford soldier being crucified, and the detailed information as to the man who had left Brantford for medical service, of which the Courier has had exclusive information, further details have developed, which will relieve the anxiety of relatives in the city.

**SERG. JAY MOTT.**  
 It was made public in the city last night by a local daily that Pte. Jay Mott might be the dead soldier, and, with scanty details to substantiate the story, considerable anxiety was caused friends and relatives throughout the city. The Courier is in a position to affirm that it would be a matter of impossibility for Sergt. Mott to be on active service, as the men of the Canadian Medical Service undergo a very stiff preliminary training in the base hospitals in England before leaving for France, coupled with the fact that he is only in that country a matter of three weeks, and not at all on the date concerning the crucifixion of a soldier in France. It is hoped, therefore, that relatives and others concerned will be relieved of their anxiety by the publication of these facts. A little forethought and investigation would have revealed the impossibility of the assumption of his being the person concerned in the atrocity.

**LATER INFORMATION.**  
 This morning the firm of Robertson & Co., druggists, received a wire from Sergt. Mott, announcing that he was well and would write later.

**PTE. JAMES WILLIAMSON.**  
 Following up the case of Pte. Williamson, it can be concluded from the evidence produced that Williamson is not the man. In an interview with his father, who resides at 140 Cayuga, the following details eliminate the gallant young "poutice-wallah" (service name) from the tragical occurrence. Pte. Williamson on the 14th of April was at St. Martin's Place, Shorn-

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## PRZEMYSL HAS FALLEN

VIENNA, June 3 --- via London, 3. p.m. --- Przemysl is again in Austrian hands, according to official announcement made here to-day.

## BRITISH COALITION GOVERNMENT OPENS ITS INITIAL SESSION TO-DAY IN HARMONY AND FINE LOYALTY

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
 London, June 3.—The first assembly of the coalition British parliament to-day had no features striking to the eye. Premier Asquith was absent and Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the Exchequer was at Nice conferring with the Italian financial authorities, while A. Bonar Law, secretary for the colonies, and Arthur J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, and other members of the new cabinet from the Unionist side, could not take place on the front benches until passage of a bill permitting them to take office without re-election to membership of the house.

## GERMAN TRANSPORT IS SUNK BY A BRITISH SUBMARINE

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
 LONDON, June 3.—3.14 p.m.—A British submarine operating in the Sea of Marmora torpedoed a large German transport in Panderma Bay yesterday morning. This announcement was given out officially in London to-day, as having been received from the Vice-Admiral in command at the Dardanelles. It is also announced that this submarine was one of several operating in these waters.

## KING GEORGE AT FIFTY



To-day the King and Emperor celebrates his fiftieth birthday amid circumstances that have not been paralleled in the history of the British monarchy. King George is a direct descendant of Edward the Confessor, one of the greatest British monarchs of the pre-Norman period. He is, therefore, the scion of the oldest monarchy in Europe, though a democrat in practice and temperament.

## PRZEMYSL COST HEAVILY IN GUNS AND MEN

Enemy Has Forced the Fortress After Awful Expenditure in Men and Shells—A Three Week's Task.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
 London, June 3.—After a siege of three weeks the fortress of Przemysl in Galicia, has fallen to the Austrians. The Russians were in possession a little over seventy days. This news was received in London with a certain degree of surprise. While it has been well known that the Russian position at Przemysl was serious, to say the least, and that the artillery fire of the German allies was daily becoming more terrific, the announcement from Vienna of an Austrian victory was not expected so quickly, in view of the official state-

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## WILSON HELD A CORDIAL CONFERENCE WITH BERNSTORFF

As Result of Lucid Explanations the President Has Opened Way For Better Understanding—Von Bernstorff is Pleased.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
 Washington, June 3.—President Wilson following his conference with Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, was going ahead to-day with the preparations of the American Government's response to the German Government's reply to the last American note, concerning the sinking of the Lusitania. The communication is being penned by the President himself and it will go forward before the end of the week.

**INTEREST HEIGHTENED.**  
 Interest in the conference was heightened to-day as further details were coming to light. One important result, it can be stated upon high authority is that there would be no alteration in the administration's plan to ascertain whether the German Government will abide by international law or follow its own rules of maritime warfare.

**CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY.**  
 The conference was cordial and of a friendly nature. The intensity of feeling in the United States over the Lusitania incident and other violations of American rights on the high seas was emphasized by the president. He also impressed upon the ambassador that the United States would insist that Germany adhere to the accepted principles of international law as they affect neutrals.

**U. S. WON'T OBJECT.**  
 The President, it is believed, informed the ambassador that the United States would not object to the German submarine warfare provided it could be conducted in such a way as not to jeopardize life and property of neutrals. He is also said to have explained that the exercise of the right of visit and search would be insisted upon when submarines encounter unarmed merchantmen or vessels which do not resist capture.

**DRAW CONCILIATORY REPLY.**  
 Speculation continued to-day as to the effect of the conference. It was believed by some officials and diplomats that it would be beneficial and draw from Germany a conciliatory reply to the American note.

**FEELING OF HOPEFULNESS.**  
 A feeling of hopefulness pervaded the German embassy where the conference was regarded as satisfactory. The ambassador himself expressed belief that the communication which he had sent to his government—conveying the viewpoint of the president himself—would enlighten the German Foreign Office accurately as to the American government's viewpoint and pave the way for a better understanding.

## SIX CANADIANS ARE IN THE BIRTHDAY LIST

London, June 3.—A list of the King's birthday honors was issued last evening in the London Gazette. It includes many naval and military decorations for war services. Earl Kitchener heads the list, he receives the knighthood of the Garter. The following Canadian names appear in the list:

**K. C. M. G.**  
 Lt.-Col. the Hon. John Strathearn Hendrie, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.  
 Principal William Peterson, vice-chancellor of McGill University, Montreal.

**Very Rev. Principal Daniel Miner**  
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## NO DERBY DAY AT EPSOM THIS JUNE RACING IS BANNED

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
 London, June 3.—The first Wednesday in June has been devoted for generations to London great racing carnival, the Derby at Epsom, and its omission this year brought home to the citizens of the British capital with peculiar emphasis the serious crisis through which the nation is passing. Derby Day always has been the most popular sporting event of the year. The race was witnessed by the late King Edward every year from 1855 until 1909, except when he was kept away by mourning.

**NOT ALL APPROVE.**  
 The decision of the government to abandon all race meetings during the war, except that at New Market, does not meet by any means with universal approval. Quite apart from persons interested in racing because it is their occupation or means of livelihood, large numbers are of the opinion that such a drastic closing down of race meetings not only is needless, but inimical to horse breeding. They point to the fact that racing is going on as usual in Germany and contend that its prohibition in England probably will be regarded by her enemies as a signal of weakness and nervousness.

**GREAT PRESSURE.**  
 Great pressure has been brought to bear on the jockey club to obtain some ameliorations of present conditions in the interest of the large number of persons dependent upon the turf for their livelihood. The jockey club held a meeting yesterday afternoon at Derby House to consider the situation. Those present included Lord Derby, Lord Lonsdale and Lord Curzon. The session was executive, but some announcement of what was decided upon is expected to-day. According to unofficial reports, however, the Stewards Club decided to maintain the present embargo.

**STRONG SENTIMENT.**  
 There is strong sentiment in favor of at least transferring the Derby, which has been run without intermission every year since 1780, together with the Oaks and Home Ascot races to New Market. Should the jockey club's decision be adverse to such a step the agitation, it is expected, will be continued.

**BOTTOMLEY BUSY.**  
 A meeting of protest called by the National Sporting League held in a Holborn restaurant last night, was presided over by Horatio W. Bottomley, widely known as an owner of race horses. Resolutions were adopted deprecating the government's prohibition and urging reconsideration. Speakers denounced the jockey club for yielding to governmental pressure and pointed out that both Germany and Russia are continuing racing, while France and Belgium have given special permission for French and Belgian horses to come over for the English races.

## Mayor Spence Discusses the Gas Situation

Mayor Spence, while in Dunnville on an arbitration case, states that he was informed that in the neighborhood of 125 gas wells in the Selkirk district are at present out of use by the Dominion Gas Company. He ventured the opinion that if these wells were turned on Brantford could be easily supplied with a better article instead of the Tilbury sulphuretted variety.

He was further informed that the Miller Company, who had a franchise of Hamilton, have an arrangement with the Dominion Company to deliver their gas to them at the Hamilton border. This would mean possession of another big supply of gas.

At the time he was seen by a Courier man, the Mayor stated that he had not received any word from the Dominion Gas Company in reply to his letter of May 31st pointing out that the time was up for the furnishing of a better article. He stated that his next step would be to consult with the City Solicitor as to what action could be taken. Personally he was in favor of the municipality taking the franchise away.

## OPENING OF NEW BUILDING

Word was received here to-day that Hon. Mr. Casgrain, Postmaster-General, will be in Brantford on June 17th for the formal opening of Brantford's fine new public building.

## OFFERED HIS SERVICES.

Paris, June 3.—King Victor Emmanuel of Italy has offered his services as an intermediary in the adjustment of territorial questions which have arisen between Russia and Roumania, according to the Milan Secolo.

**ST. THOMAS BEAT OTTAWA THIS MORNING.**  
 Ottawa, June 3.—St. Thomas beat Ottawa in the first of two games to-day. Howick had all the better of Peterson who was touched up for 11 hits. Score:

St. Thomas	7	11	1
Ottawa	3	6	4

Howick and Harris; Peterson and Lage, Umpire, Halligan.

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