

RUSSIANS RETAKE CITY OF PRZASNYSZ

Town Practically Destroyed in Changing Hands Four Times Within Week.

10,000 GERMANS CAPTURED

Nearly 200,000 of Kaiser's Soldiers Made Prisoners in North Poland Since War Began, Says Foe.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Not since the war began has more violent fighting been recorded than that in the region of Przasnysz, north Poland, according to Petrograd reports...

Przasnysz Is Destroyed. Przasnysz practically has been destroyed. "Since the beginning of the war General Brussloff's army has captured 1900 German officers and 186,000 soldiers," says the Petrograd communication...

The official statement from the Russian general staff received tonight says: "On the left bank of the Vistula, to the north of Grodno, the action increases in intensity. The battle extends now far in front of the fortified works."

Villages Change Hands. "On either side the attacks are supported by the fire of the artillery. Villages change hands."

Our troops are gallantly endeavoring to develop their success; they pay no attention to the enemy's fierce resistance...

Losses Admitted by Germans. German army headquarters today issued the following official communication: "Northwest of Grodno new Russian forces advanced yesterday, but German counter-attacks threw back the Russians onto the advanced position of the fortress. We took 1800 prisoners there."

The German troops retreated before superior enemy forces advancing on Przasnysz from the south and east into the region north and west of this town.

The official Austrian report follows: "Twelve hundred and fifty Russians were made prisoners in the taking of Przasnysz from the heights in the battle of Southeastern Galicia."

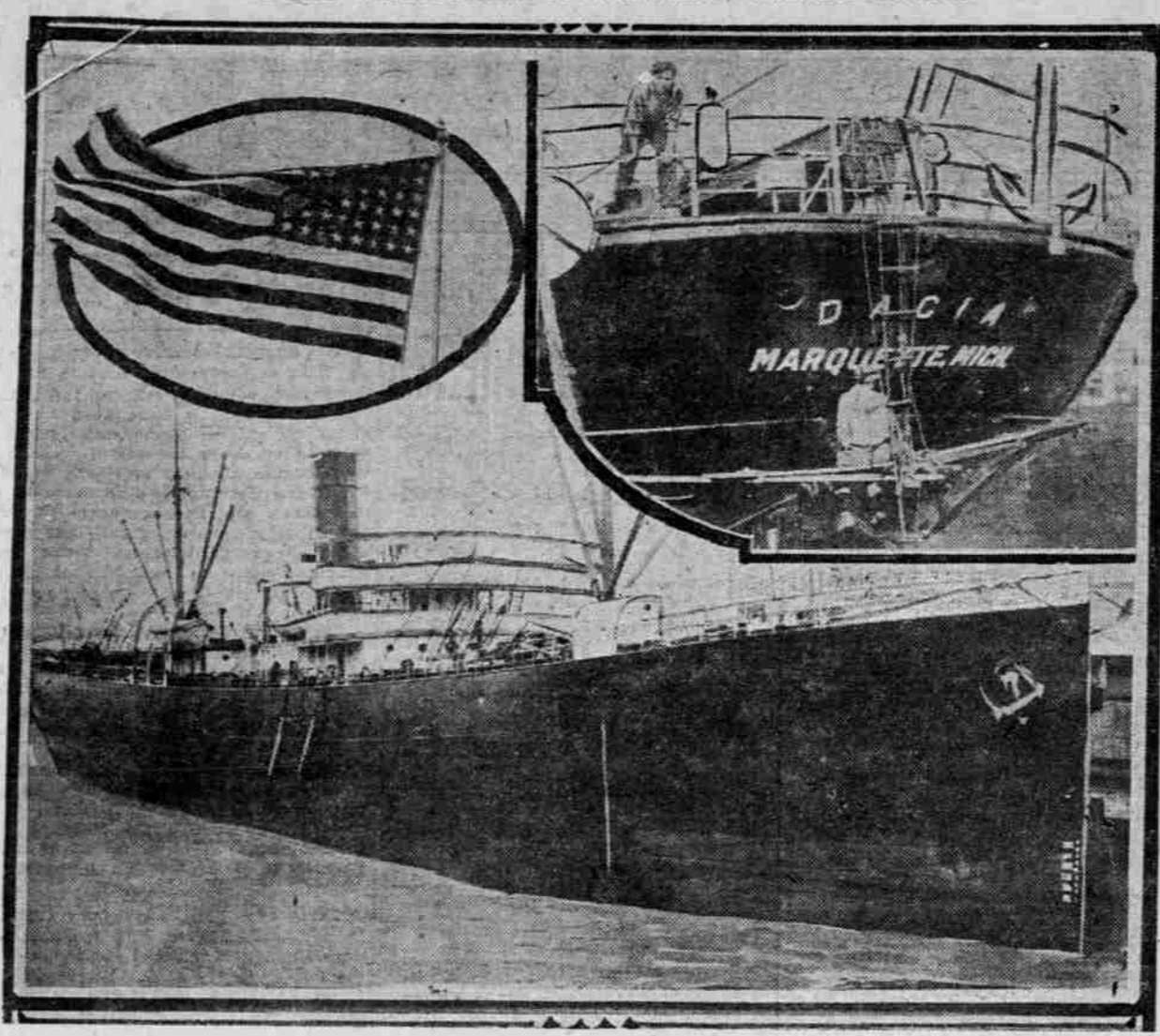
CARRANZA STANDS FIRM. General Carranza stands firm. The most serious demonstration, growing out of the arrest of the priests in Mexico City, occurred last Sunday.

Colonel Bertrand, according to accounts, allowed his day into the struggling mass of people and was stabbed, but meantime, it is said, he shot and injured. Soldiers who had been called out fired, wounding several. Four dead bodies were found later.

Less likelihood that Carranza will order the evacuation of Mexico City now exists and the continued shippings to the city of foodstuffs tends to support the assumption that Carranza will hold his army there.

Tale of Cobweb Clothes. Dartmouth (N. H.) Lantern. Mr. Platt L. Tude—Marriage is a lottery! Mr. A. Propos—Not with these cobweb clothes the women are wearing now.

AMERICAN VESSEL SEIZED IN CHANNEL BY FRENCH CRUISER.



Two Views of Dacia Taken Just Prior to Her Sailing. American Flag as It Appeared Flying From Her Stern.

SPIES FLAVOR TRIP

Lusitania, Eastward-Bound, Is Ship of Mysteries.

TYROS NO LONGER SEEN

Will Irwin, on Way to Disturbed Continent, Describes "State of War" That Begins on Pier and Is Manifest Everywhere.

(Continued From First Page) stay away from trouble. He has already made up his traveling party from the boat. It includes an oil man, a steel man and the wife of a correspondent assigned to the Russian army...

Mysterious Passengers Aboard. Senator Young remarked yesterday in the presence of Captain Dow, skipper of the Lusitania: "It would be fun to make every one on board tell why he's going to Europe."

Arrests Will Be Made Quietly. In this case—judging by what I have seen before—none of our passengers will be taken away.

Will Irwin Again to Visit and Write of Scenes in European War Zone.

Will Irwin. The Oregonian prints this morning the first of a new series of articles by Will Irwin describing the war in Europe from information gathered at first hand.

Mr. Irwin is not only a trained observer of historic events, but a writer whose reputation is already made. He deserves to be rated as a veteran correspondent, since this is only one of several voyages he has made to the scene of the tremendous tragedy that is convulsing Europe.

The series will be presented in The Oregonian by arrangement with the New York Tribune. "I don't like that deal you're in," "Don't worry; you won't be answerable if it's questionable."

FUTURE IS PAINTED

Lloyd-George Makes Reference to United States.

NATION DECLARED UNREADY

America, Says Chancellor, Would Be Overbusy Defending Own Continent—Workmen in Armament Factories Are Warned.

BANGOR, Wales, via London, Feb. 28.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, David Lloyd-George, made pointed reference to the United States in a speech here today.

"If Germany is triumphant over this country," he said, "she would be practically dictator of the world. And where," he asked, "could we then look to a chivalrous country to protect us—America?"

Submarine Rumors Are Heard. Later, now this, at the threshold of war, illustrates the mystery which surrounds all things European in these days; perhaps it illustrates also what the world of rumors has become.

MANY SMELT ARE SHIPPED. 75,000 Pounds Leave Woodland in Day, Most Going to Portland.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special).—Large quantities of smelt are being shipped daily from Woodland, on the Lewis River, to various points in Oregon, Washington and even to Canada.

WAR SOUVENIR IN COURT. ENGLISHMEN IN LITIGATION OVER GERMAN SHELL.

Missile Thrown into Hartlepool Valued at \$250 a Pound, but Judge Thinks Buyer is Fool.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Fragments of shells thrown by the Germans on West Hartlepool during the December naval raid are now realizing such a high price as souvenirs that a brick-layer and a real estate agent recently went to law over a portion of a shrapnel shell.

Improving. (Washington Star). "My taste in music is improving," said Mr. Cumrox. "How do you know?" inquired his wife, haughtily. "I am getting so I can enjoy the music of a hand organ whether it has a monkey with it or not."

Rather Mixed. (New York Globe). "I don't like that deal you're in," "Don't worry; you won't be answerable if it's questionable."

ROUMANIA FINDS PROBLEM COMPLEX

War Attitude Governed by Desire to Aid Those of Race Outside of Country.

RELATIVE STATUS IN MIND

Conservative Statesman Believes Understanding With Italy to Demand Peace at Opportune Time Would Be Best.

BUCHAREST, Feb. 10.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—In summing up the attitude of Roumania as to entering the list of warring nations, Alexander Marghiloman, one of the most prominent statesmen in Roumania, expressed himself with this homely remark to a correspondent of the Associated Press:

"In the Spring, when the sap rises and the buds swell and mankind generally feels a little better than is good for it, Roumania may again get the fever, but until then we are likely to use a little common sense in this country."

Denying that he was a Germanophile, but that his position was only that of a man with Roumania's interests at heart, Mr. Marghiloman discussed the political situation in which Roumania now found itself.

"The temper of the people has been rather hellacious," he said, "but it is now realized that there is no good in going to war without a fair prospect of gaining either glory or profit. There is no glory in going to war with Germany, because Roumania has 30 years had an understanding with that country; there is no glory in going to war with France, because Roumania is indebted to the Republic for many things, not the least of which was Napoleon III's choice of Roumania's first king, who just died."

"If Germany is triumphant over this country," he said, "she would be practically dictator of the world. And where," he asked, "could we then look to a chivalrous country to protect us—America?"

War Causes Are Near Home. "Why we should go to war is a matter which is born of conditions nearer home," he said. "The conditions he referred to were the numbers of Roumanians living outside the Roumanian Kingdom. He charged that those in the Transylvania section of Hungary had been denied their rights to such an extent that few of them were permitted to cast a ballot. There were also some 3,000,000 Roumanians in Bessarabia who, he said, were on the verge of being Russianized. In their instance, Russia had shown more political sagacity, giving the Roumanians many important public offices. With the result that the Roumanians in Bessarabia receive half Russian even now."

Understanding With Italy Best. His discussion of the situation showed its complexity. To incorporate the Roumanians in Transylvania would also include the addition of some 2,000,000 Hungarians and Germans. From the viewpoint of race preservation, there was more urgent need to reincorporate the Roumanians in Bessarabia, who were so speedily losing home ties of both language and customs.

"If we side with Russia, we must relinquish our intentions regarding Bessarabia; if we side with Austria-Hungary and Germany we would have to overlook the Hungarian Roumanians. It is in my opinion that an understanding with Italy would be the best policy. In that case we might some time this summer say: 'Enough of this bloodshed—let us have peace! I am sure that in the settlement of affairs which would follow Roumania could present her claims and have them honored.'"

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