SIEGE OF PRZEMYSL IS GIGANTIC TASK

Mere Investment of 75-Mile Line of Fortresses Immobilizes Big Army.

END NOT YET IN SIGHT

Russians Have No Guns to Compare With Those of Beleaguered Garrison, Hence Are Compelled to "Sit Tight" and Wait.

PETROGRAD, Mar. 2.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Some idea of the magnitude of the undertaking involved in the investment of Przemysl may be formed from the statement that the circumference of the fortress amounts to 75 miles. The portion of the Russian army which is necessary for the mere operation of "sitting tight" in this spot is therefore large enough so that if released it would have a material influence in field operations. It is estimated that at least two full Russian army corps, together with a large force of cavalry and heavy artillery, are immobilized by the investment of Przemysl.

The arrangements for the investment of the fortress are similar to those employed for the defense of a river line. The extent of the front is too great to admit of continuous lines being occupied in adequate strength to resist attack at every point by means of troops actually on the spot.

Outposts Surround Fortress.

The object of investment is to prevent supplies and reinforcements from reaching the garrison, and to confine the latter within the outer girdle of forts. This object is attained by surrounding the fortress with a line of outposts, which remain constantly on the alert to detect by means of reconnaissance any offensive movement on the part of the garrison.

The actual resistance to any offensive movements from within the fortress is offered by reserve bodies of troops, which are held in readiness at convenient points in the rear of the line of investment. By this means the number of troops absorbed in the investment of the fortress is much reduced.

When contrasted with the speedy fall of fortresses in Belgium the prolonged defense of Przemysl may seem extraordinary. Liege, Namur, Maubeuge and Antwerp were subdued by investment. The Germans brought up artillery of exceptional power, by which they put the artillery of the defenders out of action and destroyed the defenses. The Russians have no guns capable of being transported in the field that are at all able to compete with the guns of the fortresses of Przemysl.

Russian Forecasts Not Realized.

Hence they have been restricted to the slow process of investment, and as Przemysl was well supplied with food and ammunition, its resistance has been protracted, and the end is not yet in sight. The place was originally invested early in September. It was relieved about October 10, but the repulse later of the Austrians enabled the investment to be resumed, and it has been maintained for the past four months.

Frequent optimistic Russian forecasts as to the impending fall of the fortress have not been realized, and it now appears that a regular system of communication by aeroplane is maintained between the city and the outside world, that the supply of meat has been conserved by the killing of large quantities of wild game and fowl in the suburban districts, and that the food supply, augmented by market produce from the surrounding region, is adequate for nearly three months more.

TURKS SINK THREE SHIPS

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Darkness intervened. It is understood that the bombardment was resumed today.

General Attack Made.

The Admiralty tonight gave out the following statement regarding operations at the Dardanelles:

"Mine sweeping having been in progress during the last ten days, a general attack was delivered by the British and French ships Thursday morning on the fortresses in the narrows.

"At 10:35 A. M. the Queen Elizabeth, Inflexible, Agamemnon and Lord Nelson bombarded Forts J, L, T, U and V, while the Triumph and Prince George fired at Batteries F, E and H. A heavy fire was opened on the ships from howitzers and field guns.

Four Forts Silenced.

"At 11:20 the French squadron, consisting of the Suffren, Gaulois, Charlemagne and Bouvet, advanced up the Dardanelles and engaged the forts at closer range. Forts J, U, F and E replied strongly. Their fire was silenced by the ten battleships inside the straits, all the ships being hit several times during this part of the action.

"By 1:25 P. M. all the forts had ceased firing. The Vengeance, Irresistible, Albion, Ocean, Swiftsure and Majestic advanced to relieve the six other battleships inside the straits.

"As the French squadron, which had engaged the forts in a most brilliant fashion, was passing out the Bouvet was blown up by a drifting mine. She sank in 36 fathoms, north of Erenkeui village, in less than three minutes.

"At 2:36 P. M. the relief battleships renewed the attack on the forts, which again opened fire. The attack on the forts was maintained whil ethe operations of the mine sweepers continued.

Vessels Sink in Deep Water.

"At 4:09 P. M. the Irresistible quit the line, listing heavily and at 5:50 o'clock sank, having probably struck a drifting mine.

"At 6:05 o'clock the ocean, also having struck a mine, sank.

"Both vessels sank in deep water, practically the whole of their crews having been removed safely under a hot fire.

"The Gaulois was damaged by gun fire. The inflexible had her forward control position hit by a heavy shell and requires repairs.

"The bombardment of the forts of the mine-sweeping operations terminated when darkness fell. The damage to the forts, effected by the prolonged direct fire of the powerful forces employed, cannot yet be estimated and a further report will follow.

"The loss of the ships was caused by mines drifting with the current, which were encountered in areas hitherto swept clear, and this danger will require special treatment.

"The British casualties were not heavy, considering the scale of operations, and practically the whole of the crew of the Bouvet were lost, an internal explosion having apparently supervened on the explosion of the mine.

Operations Are Continuing.

"The Queen and Implacable, which have been dispatched from England to replace the ships' losses in anticipation of this operation, are due to arrive immediately, thus bringing the British fleet up to its original strength. The operations are continuing with the naval and military forces available on the spot.

"On the 16th Vice-Admiral Carden, who had been incapacitated by illness, was succeeded in the chief command by Rear-Admiral John Michael de Robeck, with the acting rank of Vice-Admiral."

DARDANELLES IS IN FLAMES

Powder Arsenal Near Town Is Destroyed by Fleet.

PARIS, March 19.—"The allied fleet entered the straits of the Dardanelles at 8 o'clock this morning," says a delayed dispatch to the Havas Agency, based on information received from Tenedos.

"The British battleship Queen Elizabeth was leading. She was followed in order by the Ocean, Inflexible, Agamemnon and Lord Nelson and then by the French warships Gaulois, Suffern, Bouvet and Charlemagne. The weather conditions were excellent. The reports of cannon could be heard from the Gulf of Saros bombarding indirectly Kilid Bahr.

"The warships stationed at the entrance of the straits bombarded Dardanus and Kilid Bahr. The line extended from Kum Kale, on the Asiatic side at the entrance, to the Straits of Kalantina. The line advanced as far as Cavofonia, where a powder arsenal situated below the town of Dardanelles was blown up.

"Forts Tchimenlik, Kilid Bahr and Yildiz Tabia replied with a heavy fire, shells falling on all sides of the warships and some even on the ships themselves.

"One ship entered close to Dardanelles, but was forced to retreat before a violent cannonading. One French ship suffered severe injuries.

"A shell exploded on the British battle cruiser Inflexible, wounding several men, who were immediately transported to the hospital ship.

"The town of Dardanelles is in flames.

"At 6 o'clock in the evening the action had concluded but was partly resumed during the night. A majority of the forts suffered severely."

ATTACK IS TO BE CONTINUED

French Order Henry IV to Replace Destroyed Battleship.

PARIS, March 19.—The Ministry of Marine tonight, gave out the following communication:

"In the course of the operations in the Dardanelles March 18 the allied naval forces were subjected to an intense fire and warships ran against floating mines in the straits. French and English battleships violently bombarded Forts Kilid Bahr, Chanak Kalessi and also Forts Souain Dere, Dardanus and Kephez Point.

"The results during the course of this hot day were acquired at the cost of a considerable loss. The Bouvet was sunk following the explosion of a mine. The Gaulois was momentarily put out of action by reason of damage caused by the fire of the enemy. The English fleet suffered equally, two of its battleships being sunk by mines. These losses, painful as they are, will not stop the course of the operations.

"As soon as the news of the accident to the Bouvet was received the Minister of Marine sent a dispatch to the battleship Henri IV, which was on the Syrian Coast, to replace the Bouvet. Information as to the fate of the crew of the Bouvet has not yet been received. A certain communication permits the statement that part of the crew, the exact number is unknown, has been saved."

CABLE IS CUT BY AMETHYST

Casualties Incurred in Running Gauntlet on Important Duty.

LONDON, March 19.—The casualties reported sustained on the British cruiser Amethyst were the result of a smart piece of work which she performed in the Dardanelles when, it is said, she was entrusted with the difficult task of cutting the telegraph cable connecting Kilid Bahr with Chanak," says the Malta correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company. The correspondent continues:

"She succeeded in lifting and cutting the cable undetected, and had started her return journey when she was discovered. She then had to run the gauntlet of forts on both sides of the Narrows, becoming the target of a veritable hail of fire. Going at full speed, although frequently hit, she succeeded in getting beyond the range of the guns and reaching the entrance to the straits."

A British Admiralty report issued on March 17 said that in the fighting in the Dardanelles on March 13 the Amethyst made a dash into the straits. She was struck by several shells and had 25 men killed, 19 severely wounded and 18 slightly hurt.

LOST VESSELS OF OLD TYPES

Irresistible Largest of Three Battleships Sunk in Dardanelles.

LONDON, March 19.—The British battleship Irresistible was commanded by Captain the Honorable Stanhope Hawke and in times of peace had a complement of 780 men. She was the largest of the three allied battleships sunk, being of 15,000 tons displacement and 450 feet long. The chief armament of the warship consisted of four 12-inch and 12 6-inch guns. She also carried 16 12-pounders, six 3-pounders, two maxims, four submerged torpedo tubes and was protected by Krupp armor. The speed of the warship was 18 knots an hour. She was built in 1898 at a cost of $5,000,000.

The Ocean was commanded by Captain Arthur Hayes-Sadler and had a crew of 750. She was 418 feet long and of 12,950 tons displacement. Her armament was composed of four 12-inch and 12 6-inch guns, 10 12-pounders, six 3-pounders, two maxims, four submerged torpedo tubes and her armor was of Harvey-nickel make. She was of 18 knots speed and was built in 1898.

The French battleship Bouvet was a vessel of 12,000 tons displacement laid down in 1893, with a complement of 621 men. Her armament consisted of two 12-inch guns, two 10.8-inch, eight 5.5-inch, eight 3.9-inch, 10 3-pounders and 10 1-pounders, besides two torpedo tubes.

GERMAN MUST FACE TRIAL

Dynamiter of Canadian Bridge to Go Before United States Court.

BANGOR, Me., March 19.—Werner Horn, who is charged with illegal interstate transportation of explosives in connection with his attempt to wreck the international railroad bridge at Vanceboro, will be taken to Boston for trial at the present term of the United States Court, as a result of the finding of Federal Commissioner Reed here today.

The Commissioner decided that the indictment warrant, which was the only evidence offered by the prosecution, was sufficient basis for holding the prisoner. The motion of the defense for the release of Horn, on the ground that he was a belligerent engaged in an act of war, and not amenable to the courts of this country, was denied.

Bond was set at $10,000, and Horn was ordered to the county jail in Portland, pending his removal to Boston. It is expected that he will be taken to Massachusetts early next week.

WOMEN OVERWORK ON TENANT FARMS

Physician Says Health Often Is Ruined, Unborn Children Are Made to Suffer.

SPECULATIVE FEVER RIFE

Migratory Character of Many Tenants Ascribed to Desire to Buy and Sell Rather Than Improve Crop Conditions.

DALLAS, Tex., March 19.—The effect on the health of white women on tenant farms from dragging cotton sacks in the fields at cotton picking season was investigated by Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, of the Federal commission on industrial relations at today's hearing on land problems. It was one of many aspects of land tenancy considered. W. L. Thurman, of Sulphur, Okla., who said he had practiced medicine in the Southwest, and is now a lecturer in Oklahoma, was on the witness-stand.

"Do women," asked Mrs. Harriman, "drag cotton sacks?"

"They generally do."

"As a physician, what do you think is the effect on the women's health?"

Effect on Unborn Children Bad.

"I positively know that the health of many women has been ruined by it," replied Mr. Thurman, adding that women sometimes did such work until near the time for children to be born.

"What is the effect on the child?" asked Mrs. Harriman.

"Detrimental."

W. B. Yeary, of Farmersville, Tex., who farms 2000 acres and has banking interests, said it was a mistaken idea that tenant farmers are shiftless as a class. He said they were highly skilled in cotton raising.

A witness ascribed some of the migratory tendency of tenants to speculative fever of farmers. This, he said, caused them to be more interested in chances to buy and sell land than in improving crops and farm conditions. His reports indicated, he said, that about one-third of the farmers who borrow money in Texas pay more than the legal rate of interest.

One-Crop System Condemned.

The one-crop system was scored by George W. Simon, of Chicago, Western agent of the Jewish Agricultural and Industrial Aid Society. He said there could not be a successful credit system for farmers so long as the one crop idea is practiced.

Consideration of big farms, covering a county in area, was not reached by the commission today. It will be taken up at the closing session of the hearings tomorrow.

CANAL WORKERS OBJECT

DENIAL OF FREE RENT, LIGHT AND FUEL IS PROTESTED.

President Informed Order Reduces Pay, Violating Agreement Not to Do So Until Canal Was Finished.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—C. O. Simmons and J. J. Bridges, representing Panama Canal employes, protested at the White House today against a recent executive order requiring the employes to pay for their rent, light and coal, previously furnished them free of charge. Secretary Tumulty acted for the President at the hearing.

The committee said the order would decrease the pay of employes in the canal zone by from 10 to 20 per cent, in violation of an agreement that the wage scales would not be changed until the canal was completed.

Protest was also made against a permanent wage scale on the Panama Canal zone, which the committee said Major-General Goethals was now putting into effect.

The President has promised to give the protests careful consideration. Secretary Garrison will oppose rescinding of the order.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Civil employes on the Panama Canal, according to ex-Congressman George J. Kindel, of Colorado, who returned today on the steamer Panama from the canal zone, feel keenly the failure of Congress to give them even a vote of thanks for their work in connection with the digging of the canal. They received with pleasure the news of the honors bestowed on General Goethals and other officers, but they thought the civil employes should have been mentioned in some way.

Mr. Kindel said he would lay the matter before President Wilson.

PARIS STATESMAN KILLED

Henri Collingnon Refuses Officer's Commission to Die as Private.

PARIS, March 19.—The death of Henri Collingnon, counsellor of state, on the field of battle in Eastern France was announced today. M. Collingnon, although 58 years old, volunteered as a private soldier and used his great influence in public affairs to secure an assignment in active service.

He had been fighting for months in the trenches, according to his officers, showing remarkable coolness and bravery. He was recommended several times for promotion to the rank of second lieutenant, which he refused, preferring to serve as a private.

BLOCKADE VIEWED LEGAL

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fleet, was the subject of much discussion at the International Naval Conference at London in 1909 and the declaration which followed contained the following rule:

"The seizure of neutral vessels for violation of blockade may be made only within the radius of action of the ships of war assigned to maintain an effective blockade."

An explanation of this was given at the conference which recent publication of the United States war college states "has been universally accepted" as interpreting the rule. The commentary which is pointed to as explaining the American attitude follows in part:

"It does not seem possible to assign limits to the radius of action in definite and unvarying figures, any more than it is possible to fix beforehand invariably the number of ships necessary to assure the effectiveness of any blockade. These points must be determined according to circumstances in each particular case of a blockade.

"It is evident that a blockade will not be established in the same way on a defenseless coast and on a coast possessing all modern means of defense. There would be no question in the latter case of applying a rule such as that which formerly required that ships should be stationary and sufficiently close to the blockaded places; the position would be too dangerous for the ships of the blockading force which, besides, now possesses more powerful means of enabling them to watch effectively a much wider zone than formerly.

"The radius of action of a blockading naval force may extend somewhat far, but as it depends on the number of ships contributing to the effectiveness of the blockade and is always limited by the condition of effectiveness, it will never reach remote seas upon which merchant vessels sail which are, perhaps, destined for blockaded ports, but whose destination may be contingent on the changes which circumstances may produce in the blockade during the voyage.

Neutrals Saved From Risks.

"To sum up, the idea of radius of action, joined to that of effectiveness, that is to say, including the zone of operations of the blockading forces, allows the belligerent to exercise in an effective manner the right of blockade which is admitted to be his and, on the other hand, it saves neutrals from exposure to the inconvenience of blockade at a great distance, while it leaves them free to run the risks to which they knowingly expose themselves by approaching points to which access is forbidden by the belligerents."

The United States Naval War College authorities point out that, while originally, under American doctrine, the area of blockade was not limited, the definition of the area of operations of a blockade, even if in such a manner as to include a large range of high sea, is regarded as a legitimate act of war, and the belligerent right is respected; the principle which is recognized is that the belligerent has the right to put pressure upon his opponent without interference by neutrals and, while it is undoubtedly an inconvenience and may be a loss to neutral commerce to be excluded from the blockaded area, it is a recognized consequence of war.

Specific Developments Awaited.

The declaration of London and all previous expositions of international law specifically ruled, however, that "the blockading forces must not bar access to the ports or coasts of neutrals."

It is on this point which the British order in council, if intended to be a notification of blockade, would be, in view of officials here, a violation of previous rules. For that reason further development of the British policy in specific cases is awaited with keen interest.

UPRISING NOT CREDITED

MISSIONARIES HAVE NO WORD OF TROUBLE IN SUDAN.

Reference to Fashoda Said to Betray Fact That Bearer of Tale Had Been Long Out of Country.

DES MOINES, March 19.—No uprising among the Dervishes of Egyptian Sudan had occurred up to December 27 last, according to Rev. D. S. Oyler, of Atlantic, Iowa, a missionary of the United Presbyterian Church, who left his mission at Boleib Hill, about 50 miles from Fashoda on that date. Oyler said the report General Hawley and his British command had been killed by Dervishes near Fashoda December 13 was untrue.

Official circles of the United Presbyterian Church in this city whose missionaries are active in the Sudan are skeptical of the Berlin story of massacre and Moslem uprisings. It is pointed out by men who have worked in the mission fields of the Sudan that the discrepancies and inaccuracies in the description geography as recited in the Berlin story support the doubts expressed.

Letters are being received in this city every week from the points mentioned in the Berlin story. Mr. McCreary points out that the town of Nasser, mentioned as being in the Senaar province, is on the Sobat River, a tributary of the White Nile in the Blue Nile province, and five or six hundred miles from the Senaar district. It is not an important military post. The use of the name Fashoda, Mr. McCreary says, would indicate that the bearer of the massacre tale had not been in the Sudan in some years, as there has been no such place since the days of the French occupation.

PHILADELPHIA, March 19.—Dr. Charles R. Watson, corresponding secretary of the board of foreign missions of the United Presbyterian Church, said here today that letters from the Egyptian Sudan do not confirm the wireless reports from Berlin that dervishes are in possession of Nubia and the region about Khartoum.

A letter from one of the missionaries of the board dated at Kartum, as late as February 5, made no mention of the war or of any trouble. The United Presbyterian Church, Dr. Watson said, has 200 stations in the territory reported to be in the hands of dervishes. All missionaries in that region, Dr. Watson adds, received instructions at the beginning of the war to report all unusual happenings by cable, if possible, and by mail.

MRS. ANGLE ACQUITTED

AUDIENCE CHEERS VERDICT AND WOMAN COLLAPSES IN COURT.

Charge of Having Caused Death of Elderly Suitor Falls—Crowds Line Street for Blocks.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 19.—Mrs. Helen M. Angle was found not guilty of man-slaughter by a jury in the criminal Superior Court here late today. She was accused of having caused the death of Waldo B. Ballou, her aged suitor, at Stamford on the night of June 23 last. Ballou fell down stairs leading from her apartments.

The announcement of the verdict was greeted with cheers by the courtroom audience. Mrs. Angle collapsed and would have fallen had she not been caught by her father, Leonard Blondell, who was beside her as he had been throughout the 12 days of the trial.

When Mrs. Angle had revived sufficiently she left for Stamford. Outside the courthouse crowds lined the streets for two blocks waiting for her appearance. Mrs. Angle was arrested shortly after Ballou had been found unconscious and dying at the street entrance to the building. Owing to her nervous condition her trial had been postponed several times.

OFFICER LOSS IS GROWING

British Casualties From March 10 to 15 Total More Than 500.

LONDON, March 19.—A casualty list of officers received from the headquarters in the field, under date of March 13, gives the names of 83 officers, including Hindus, who were killed or have died from wounds, and of 122 wounded or missing.

This brings up the total casualties among officers since March 10, as officially reported, to 195 killed or dead from wounds and 316 wounded or missing.

PARIS POLICE HAVE LITTLE WORK IN WAR

Turbulent Elements Vie With Peaceful Citizens in Maintaining Good Order.

MISERY IS AT MINIMUM

Sentiment Elevated by Tragic Crisis and Examples of Heroic Sacrifice Are Emulated by People of Every Class.

PARIS, March 4.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Never has Paris seen so little frivolity and disorder as during the first six months of war. Only two criminal acts were committed in that period and only one of them was of capital importance—a divorce murder.

"The police have little to do," says Prefect of Police Laurent to the Associated Press. "The public itself maintains order. For instance, the other night a moving-picture show produced a Chinese dance resembling the tango, which had escaped the notice of the police censor; the audience repaired our omission by roundly hissing the film. Even on Mardi-Gras, an occasion which generally gives rise to hundreds of arrests, everyone docilely accepted the prohibition of masks and confetti; the police had no occasion to intervene.

High Sentiment Precludes Crime.

"The absence of crime is due primarily, of course, to the elevation of sentiment by the tragic crisis of war. There's no place in our minds for things that are base and vile while we have before us so many examples of heroism and sacrifice, and this applies to classes whose state of mind is not always fit for close analysis. When a man is flattered that he possesses an admirable quality that he knows he totally lacks, he immediately burns to possess it. Thus the turbulent elements of the population took to their account part of the praise that was bestowed upon Paris for its bearing at the outbreak of the war, and they seem to be really taking no little pride in helping to justify it.

"Secondary causes are the elimination of the crime-producing elements—misery and vice—and the turning of passion from its usual object to the frontier. There was never less misery in Paris. In normal times many unfortunates are out of the reach of charity; at present charity, in the name of relief, acts automatically, and these people find it far simpler to be good than to be wicked.

Early Closing Is Aid to Order.

"The early closing of cafes and the elimination of night restaurants have forced orderly habits, diminished temptation and vice. Many people thus forcibly introduced to a way of living that has done them good will never again return to their old night life."

The suppression of the sale of absinthe, Monsieur Laurent thinks, has not yet had time to produce its effect, and he does not attribute the decrease in crime in any degree to this cause. One of the most conspicuous cases of swindling since the war began was that of an ex-Captain, ruined by absinthe—he had not been able to get a drink for three months. The ultimate effect of the reform he expects will be considerable, but the man whose moral nature has been debased by absinthe has not yet had time to recover.

"Apaches" Redeeming Themselves.

"As for the 'Apaches,' the street ruffians who give us so much trouble ordinarily, they have disappeared," he says. "Many of them are at the front, where they are redeeming many a fault; others are employed on the defense works of the entrenched camp; the rest seem to lack inspiration for their customary misdeeds, for we hear nothing of them.

"I am no prophet," Monsieur Laurent concluded, "and I can't say what permanent effect the war may have on crime, but I am hopeful. I think that France will be so busy with serious things that the task of the police will be lighter than before. After the scars of war have begun to disappear I think the galety and animation of Paris will come into their own, but I look for the elimination for years to come of many frivolities and different forms of folly."

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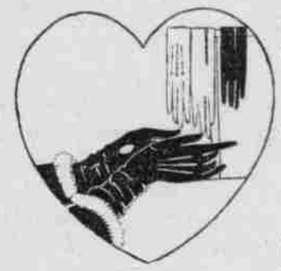

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