



RUSSIAN FORTRESS MELTS IN FLAMES

Shells Make Furnace of Novo Georgievsk.

LITTER SCATTERED FOR MILES

Fleeing Soldiers Drop Arms in Wild Rush for Safety.

WOUNDED ARE MENACED

Thousands of Prisoners Stand Around Unarmed and Many of Czar's Men Actually Seek Capture.

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NOVO GEORGIEVSK, Russia, Aug. 26, midnight.—(By cable to Warsaw and by military telegraph to Berlin.)—The fortress of Novo Georgievsk is a roaring furnace. The hamlets around the forts are bedded with live coals and the barracks, chapel, bakerhouses and armory buildings, stretched along the heights 100 feet above the waters of the Narov and the Vistula, are in flames.

The fire has reached the munition chambers and the stores which the Russians could neither move nor destroy are exploding in ceaseless volleys. Bullets are thrown 100 feet from the windows by these explosions and come swishing and pattering down among the trees by the riverside like a hail storm.

Fire Raging for Blocks. The fire is raging for blocks behind the walls seven feet thick and the chill night wind is driving the flames steadily forward and is forcing them in crimson streams through the gaily painted, ventilated windows. Already some of the walls have begun to melt and are sinking slowly into the craters created by the fire of the Austrian 205-centimeter motor batteries. The glare lights up the plain for miles around and the prisoners streaming slowly across it by a dozen roads turn slowly in their weary march to catch glimpses of the most terrible spectacle this war has brought.

Now the fire is breaking from the barracks and administration buildings on the other side of the river. On this side flames are moving along with jumps from the topmost windows of the six-story armory on the cliff.

Hour is Ceaseless Clash. The roar of the explosives no longer comes in volleys, but in a ceaseless crash. Getting constructed of iron bars as thick as a man's arm are melting and falling inward to the depths of this fortress furnace.

The walls are so hot that there are still some high-vaulted passageways cool enough to enable one to go through them and thus reach the inside of the fortress.

Taking one of these passages, I penetrated to the great paved court before the garrison church, the girding of which catches the glow of the flames leaping from the powder vaults and casements.

Just before the chapel lies a dead Russian soldier. Somebody has had the time mercyfully to throw a coat over his face, but in the glare his outspread hands show greenish white against the cobble pavement. He lies here all alone, forgotten and unburied, but never had a man a more heroic funeral yet, and the Kasper brought his hand to the salute when he passed the bed.

German Four Into City. Some landsturm are pouring into the camp now, carrying trunks of straw to bed themselves in the chapel for the night. One of them stumbles over the dead Russian and another throws over the top of straw, bends over the body and lays the dead hands upon the breast, so they shall not be trampled by the passing of many feet.

NORTHWEST MILLS OPEN; TRADE BRISK

STEADY OPERATION THIS WINTER INDICATED.

Plants at Wendling and Aberdeen Soon Resume—Operations at 2 Near Oregon City Begin.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—The Booth-Kelly Lumber Company announced today that its Wendling mill will resume operations on Monday, September 6, employing a crew of 125 men and 75 in the timber.

A. C. Dixon, manager of the Booth-Kelly Company, announced today: "Since we closed down a force of 62 men has been at work making repairs. We have built a new dam and installed new saw hawks, a new carriage, new frasses over the boilers, and concrete foundations. The crews already have been called in, to report Friday."

The Springfield mill is at present working one 16-hour shift a day. ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—After a shutdown of eight months the Wilson Bros' mill will resume operations here on Wednesday with a crew of from 20 to 150 men. John Wilson, the manager, intimated that the mill would be kept in steady operation throughout the winter.

OREGON CITY, Aug. 30.—(Special.)—The Milwaukee and University Park plants of the Menefee Lumber Company began operation today after a shutdown of several months. The plant at Milwaukee is employing 75 men and the one at University Park 75.

U. S. BUYS 100,000 SHELLS

Chicago Man Announces Order, Saying Germany Buys in America, Too.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—George M. Getchew, secretary of Phillips, Getchew & Co., is quoted in the Daily News today as saying that he is a stockholder in a firm which is making 100,000 six-inch shells for the United States Army, and that the German government, like the allies, is purchasing munitions of war in the American market. He would not name the firm.

"As to the American order, I am not at liberty to disclose the name of the firm, further than to say that the contract is worth about \$400,000," Mr. Getchew is quoted as saying. "A contract of this size broke out this month after the war broke out this firm ordered 1500 cases for making shells, but they arrived only recently."

PASTOR DELAYS DECISION

Rev. William Parsons, Eugene, Denies Accepting College Chair.

Rev. William Parsons, of Eugene, who has been filling the pulpit of the Central Presbyterian Church for 24 months, announced today that he has not accepted the call to the chair of biblical college, as published recently.

"Dr. Parsons is eminently fitted for the chair of theology in the Albany College and he would bring strength to the college," said Rev. Andrew J. Montgomery, minister of the church. "I believe that if Dr. Parsons goes to Albany it will be highly satisfactory to the Presbyterian Church of the state and the synod of Oregon."

VISTA SPEEDERS SCORED

Portland Heights Residents Up in Arms Over Dangerous Driving.

Complaints against auto speeders on Vista avenue, made by residents of Portland Heights, have been so loud that the police may be called to take a hand.

ENGLISH POUNDS CONTINUE SLUMP

Value Drops Despite Gold Shipment.

LOW LEVEL OF \$4.61 REACHED

All Foreign Exchange Except Rubles Is Carried Down.

CAUSE REMAINS MYSTERY

Only Explanation Is Presentation of Bills Against European Buyers—Foreign Financiers Are Awaited to Stem Tide.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Two things stand out tonight as the dominant features of today's foreign exchange market: English gold and American securities to the amount of \$45,000,000 were on hand to help redeem the pound sterling from its lowest recorded depreciation.

The pound sterling dropped a cent and a half more in value. Stump continues daily. New loan values of the pound sterling have become a matter of daily occurrence. For the past four business days a new record has been established each day. Today it was set at \$4.61, 26 cents below normal. Saturday it was \$4.62½. Friday it was \$4.63½, and on Thursday of last week it was \$4.64, which equaled the previous low record.

There were no indications at the close of business today that the end of the slump was in sight; on the contrary, the belief prevailed that sterling would become still further depreciated before the market is put to rights.

In its downward course, sterling carried with it all Continental exchange except Russian rubles, in which dealings were said to be extremely light. This money showed an improvement over Saturday, rising from 34.25 to 34.50.

Francs went to 6.92, within 3 points of their previous low record of depreciation, and lire dropped to 4.52, four points from their former record. German reichsmark fell to 95.3, three-quarters of a cent above the low record and about the same amount below the rise of last week.

With the markets thoroughly demoralized, no one in high banking circles cared to venture an explanation or a forecast. Representatives of half a dozen big banking houses said they were not interested in the latest figures. This was taken to mean that they had virtually ceased to deal in foreign exchange for the time being.

Bills Force Rates Down. There was no method of determining the amount of business that was done in sterling, but there was every indication that a large quantity of bills had been presented here against European buyers and that this had forced rates down.

HOPPICKERS IN DEMAND

Federal Bureau Has Places for 50 Families Near Portland.

More hoppers were wanted in the Willamette Valley. Family parties are preferred. The federal immigration bureau at 424 Railway Exchange building reported yesterday that it has places for 50 more families in Willamette Valley yards not far from Portland. These places can be had by applying to the immigration office today. It is desired that the applicants have their own tent.

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MEXICAN RISING IN TEXAS FRUSTRATED

Police Charge Speakers Who Urge Killin.

PRESIDENT OBTAINED ABUSED

Plan to Form "Republic of Texas" Goes Amiss.

26 HELD UNDER ARREST

Charge of Treason Likely to Be Put Against Men Who Try to Incite Mexicans to Kill Americans at San Antonio.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 30.—With the arrest here of 26 Mexicans, 23 of whom were detained late today, Chief of Police Lancaster and Federal authorities tonight announced that a plan to incite the Mexican population of San Antonio to deeds of violence had been frustrated.

The prisoners, according to Chief of Police Lancaster, are followers of the so-called plan of San Diego, the extravagant manifesto promulgated by a party of Mexican agitators which proclaims the "Republic of Texas" to be governed by Mexicans. Recent uprisings in the Lower Rio Grande valley caused the programme for the establishment of the new government to go amiss and at the same time Federal officials were put on their guard.

Speeches Are Inflammatory. Three of the leaders were arrested Sunday night while addressing a crowd of 1000 Mexicans on the market plaza. The addresses were of an inflammatory nature and calculated to arouse the poorer classes of Mexicans to deeds of violence.

Since the disturbances in the Brownsville territory special agents of the United States Department of Justice and police officials have been keeping a close watch to prevent a possible uprising in San Antonio. They also had learned that members of a Mexican party were here in great strength, but until Sunday night there had been no open attempt to encourage disorders.

Then three speakers gathered about 1000 Mexicans and in passionate outbursts of oratory pictured to them a tale of persecution of their fellows. Chief Lancaster, Police Inspector Murray and Captain Welch heard their remarks.

Speaker Abuses President. "One speaker," Chief Lancaster said, "after abusing the President of the United States, the Government of this country and the white race generally, openly declared: 'It is no harm to kill a gringo and an American.' (Meaning Americans and Germans.)"

It was right at this point the police charged the crowd and arrested the leaders, but not without a fight. As the officers were withdrawing, one of the speakers said: (Concluded on Page 2, Column 4.)

Monday's War Moves

While no reports from the Eastern war theater, embracing the region from Courland to Southeastern Galicia, indicate that the Germans and Austrians are still pressing the Russians hard in combat, occasionally following them in retreat, military observers believe that the approaching tactical season will limit the further movement of the Teutons and them to be content with the fruit of their past successes as the winter season falls upon them.

Both Berlin and Vienna lay emphasis on the statement that Field Marshal von Hindenburg's forces along the Drina River in Courland have renewed their activities, which were brought to a sudden halt recently with the success of the Russians in holding Riga as a menace to Von Hindenburg's rear. In Southwest Russia, in the Brezest-Litovsk region, the Austrians and Germans are chiefly concerned in driving Grand Duke Nicholas' armies further into the Pripiet Marshes, evidently with the purpose of repeating the early success of the Germans in the Mauryan Lake region of East Prussia.

To the Northwest, in the sector lying only a short distance to the east of the East Prussian frontier, Berlin reports an advance of the Teutons and the capture of the town of Lipsk, lying just to the west of the fortress of Grodno, upon which the aims of the Germans now are evidently centered.

With the opening of the Autumn months, the military observers are directing attention to the fact that the Russian Fall storms are due to begin about October 21. They assert that they are the danger limit to military operations in the Eastern field. It is recalled by some of these observers that the Autumnal equinox marked the turning point in the Napoleonic campaign. The first warning was a light snowfall preceding the equinox, but soon afterward heavy snows fell and with them came disaster to Napoleon.

Desperate fighting continues in the Danubius in the vicinity of the spot where the British recently made their landing. The Turkish reports claim the capture by the Ottoman forces of allied trenches with heavy allied casualties. These claims, however, have not yet been conceded by Great Britain.

The military operations in the western field have been confined to trench fighting. On the Austro-Italian front the Italians say that their forces are slowly advancing northward.

AUGUST 31, 1914. Great battle in East Prussia wages along 100-mile line. German aviators drop bombs on Paris and demand its surrender. Germans' loss of Heligoland in naval battle 870 men, while British lose 23 men. Germans gain on River Somme.

BLIND WARDS WILL STUDY

Four Men at County Farm Are to Be Taught Trade.

Four blind men at the Multnomah County Farm will be educated so they can earn their own living. This winter they will attend the School for the Adult Blind in Portland, and probably will be taught the trade of chairmaking.

The County Commissioners yesterday decided that the four men should be sent to the school. T. F. Myers, superintendent of the blind school, made the recommendation after he had visited the men and had been assured that they desired to learn a trade. To keep them at the farm will cost \$15 a month. To send them to school will cost \$50 a month, according to the Commissioner.

CITY TO DESTROY RECORDS

Old Vaults Will Be Cleaned Out to Store Sewer Documents.

Tons of historic records, including receipts, cancelled vouchers and other documents dating back as far as 1820 are to be destroyed to make room for present-day records in the vaults at the City Hall. City Auditor Barbur will ask the Council tomorrow to authorize the burning of the old records, which, he says, fill the vaults, so the city can avert the cost of new vaults.

The records, he says, have all been checked over and audited, and are of no possible use. By discarding the records the city hopes to save \$15,000 proposed originally for new vaults.

ALL CAN SPRINKLE TODAY

Two Odd Dates Coming Together, Ban Is Lifted for Day.

Everybody, whether occupying odd or even numbered houses, is privileged to sprinkle today owing to two odd-numbered dates coming together. For the day the alternate sprinkling day rule does not apply.

2,500,000 LIVE IN CHICAGO

New City Directory Shows Johnsons, With 10,000, Lead; Smiths Third.

ISSUE OF WAR LIES IN FRANCE, IS VIEW

Oregonian ex-Reporter Back From Europe.

GERMANS AIM TO SIT TIGHT

Paris Not Goal of Von Kluck, Says Arno Dosch.

BRITISH ARE DOING LITTLE

Correspondent at Front, on Visit in Portland, Says No Atrocities Seen by Him, but Invaders Ruled Belgians Severely.

"Watch the western front." That is the advice of Arno Dosch, European war correspondent and ex-reporter for The Oregonian, who is here visiting his father, Colonel H. E. Dosch.

By "western front" he referred to the western theater of war in France and Belgium.

"The fighting between the Germans and the Russians in the east," he declares, "is important enough in itself, but the real issue of the war will be fought out between the French and the Germans in the west."

French Have Hard Task. Naturally, when he gets through with that kind of talk he always is asked: "Well, what is going to be the result on the western front?"

Just as naturally, he falls to give a categorical reply. But he has it figured out, after nine or ten months of close personal observation from both fighting lines, that the French are going to have a mighty hard job driving the Germans out of their present positions in Northern and Eastern France.

The Germans, he says, intend to remain tight where they are. They have no intention of restoring the integrity of Belgium. They want it as a German province.

Allies Lack Ammunition. "All the Germans need to do right now," he says, "is to sit tight, and it is apparent that this is what they propose to do."

"But why don't the allies start an offensive campaign in the west?" he generally is asked.

"Lack of ammunition," he says. "That, he insists, is the key to the whole situation, and ventures the guess that this same element may be an important factor in determining the result in the west."

One thing about Mr. Dosch's conversation that readily forms an impression is his constant reference to "the French" and "the French army," instead of to "the allies" or "the allied army."

British Columbians Fight Most. In explanation he says the bulk of the fighting against Germany in the west has been done by the French soldiers, commanded by French generals. The British haven't done much and most of what they have done has been done by Canadians and by British Columbian Canadians at that.

"The big figure in the future fighting for the French," he predicts, "will be General Foch. Keep your eye on him. He will be an important factor in this war."

He points out that it was General Foch who checked General von Kluck's rush toward Paris a year ago and says General Foch is the real fighting genius of the French forces.

In speaking of General von Kluck, he declares that it was not the German leader's intention to go to Paris last Fall at all. He wanted to crush and annihilate the French army, and was on a fair way of doing so when General Foch rammed the center of the German army. "That stopped him."

Advertisement for peaches with illustrations of people enjoying them and text: 'THIS IS PEACH WEEK!', 'THERE WILL BE PEACHES FOR EVERYONE THIS WEEK', 'PEACHES WILL SERVE PEACH DISHES IN ALL SWELL HOTELS', 'THE REAL HEROINE! THE TRUE PEACH OF ALL THE PEACHES OF THIS WEEK, WILL BE THE INDUSTRIOUS HOUSEWIFE'.