

RUSSIAN SUPPLY OF MUNITIONS IS LOW

Fall of Przemysl Ascribed to Inability of Factories to Meet Situation.

MANY SOLDIERS UNARMED

Tampering With Machinery by Spies Results in Enormous Quantity of Ammunition of Incorrect Size for Weapons Used.

LONDON, June 5.—(Special.)—The fall of Przemysl was half expected in Russia several days before it happened. Even if the Russians had had time to fortify the fortress thoroughly, they had neither guns nor ammunition for such fortification. Indeed, all the recent Austro-German successes in Galicia and the Baltic provinces are directly assignable to the Russian lack of guns and ammunition.

Guns had been sent to the front without ammunition and thousands of soldiers marched to the front without rifles to act as reserves, not to take the places of the killed or wounded. Such troops are, of course, valueless except as they are able to find discarded rifles on the firing line.

Official Foresight Lacking.

This situation was due to three things: The inadequacy of the Russian factories to supply ammunition and guns; the isolated situation of Russia, which has only two ports of entry—Archangel, where the accommodations are wholly inadequate to meet the needs, and Vladivostok, the use of which, because of the Pacific journey and long railroad communications, makes shipments uncertain and irregular; and the circumstance that the Russian war officials have lacked foresight and have been slow to place foreign orders.

To these facts must be added the capture by the Germans of large numbers of rifles and machine guns in excess two months ago. It is also known that German spies have been blowing up powder depots and obtaining a foothold in the large arms factories of the country and tampering with the machinery so that an enormous quantity of ammunition has been discovered of an incorrect size.

Effective Force Too Small.

It has been proved that the Russian army, when well equipped, can check the advance of the Austro-Germans, as they have done before Warsaw from December 15, since which time the lines around that city have been stationary. The Russian army, because of its length of line and dearth of arms, although having an unlimited supply of men, is actually too small in fighting force to meet the Austro-German advance.

This explanation alone makes the fall of Przemysl intelligible. Any army is great only in proportion as it covers the fighting line effectively. The importance of the Austro-German victory in Galicia and the fall of Przemysl should not be underestimated. It is within the possibilities that the Russian forces will be driven out of Galicia and compelled to evacuate Warsaw before Russia has renewed its stores of ammunition, large contingents of which, it is said, are already on the way.

Equipment Problem Momentous.

It seems probable, however, that Warsaw will not be taken, for the Russians have a great advantage. They have a surprising way of pulling themselves together when everything seems hopeless. Because of Russia's isolation, it has even been suggested in high quarters that the supply of ammunition among the allies be handed over to a Russian, British and French joint committee. If the problem of equipment is once solved, there will have been solved a problem more important to the outcome of the war than is realized in England.

The Russian people are determined to fight to the end. This feeling also dominates the Russian army. Hatred against Germany and Austria is intense and the German element realizes that any attempt at the present time to bring about a separate peace with Germany would result in a revolution, which would be more serious than any that has occurred because the army would take the lead.

KURDISH OUTRAGES GO ON

Armenians Fight Desperately to Protect Christian Population.

YIFLIS, Transcaucasia, June 3, via Petrograd and London.—The Kurds continued to commit atrocities in the districts of Bitlis, Mush and Diarbekir. Armenian volunteers in increasing numbers are fighting desperately to protect the Christian population from the Kurds. Inhabitants of Diarbekir, following the example of the Armenians in Van, have organized armed bands.

The population of Urmiah, in Persian Armenia, greeted the Russians with enthusiasm. Food for the refugees in the Armenian missions was brought by the Russians. The consulates at Urmiah and Van have suffered little in the fighting of the last few months.

IS EPILEPSY CONQUERED?

New Jersey Physician Said to Have Many Cures to His Credit.

RED BANK, N. J., June 5.—Advice from every direction fully confirm previous reports that the new method of treatment for epilepsy being administered by the consulting physician of the Kline Laboratories, of this city, is achieving wonderful results. Out of a stubborn cases have been greatly benefited and many patients claim to have been entirely cured.

Baker Keeps Road Clear.

George L. Baker has made a clean campaign and has kept the way clear for co-operation by all elements when election day is over. As Commissioner, depend upon him to contribute much to the making of a Greater Portland in the next four years.—Paid ad. by Baker Booster Com.

HOW GERMAN WAR GAS FELS ITS VICTIMS.



SCENES IN TRENCHES OF ALLIES, SHOWING BODIES OF SOLDIERS SUFFOCATED.

FOOD PROBLEM SOLVED

GERMAN MINISTER SAYS SURPLUS WILL BE CARRIED OVER.

Eighty per cent of arable area of Belgium and France planted to potatoes and grain by troops.

LONDON, June 5.—The Exchange Telegraph Company has published a dispatch from Vienna, received by way of Amsterdam, saying it is now practically certain that a coalition government is to be formed in Hungary.

REFORM WINS REWARD

GOVERNOR REFUSES WRIT FOR MAN WHO REDEEMED HIMSELF.

SACRAMENTO, June 5.—Governor Johnson denied today the application of the Governor of the State of Washington for extradition of Ragnar Berg, from Vallejo, on a charge of escaping from the Washington State Reformatory.

TIMES CHARGES DROPPED

News of Situation in France Held Already Known to Germany.

19:X DR. GEORGE PARRISH

Vote for the man whose office will always be open to the public at all times, regardless of politics, religion or station in life.

NOTE FORECAST IS GIVEN

(Continued From First Page.) Kaiser's government has admitted were mistaken for British ships.

OCEAN TRADE CURTAILED

PACIFIC MAIL DECLINES BUSINESS, OWING TO SEAMAN'S ACT.

Freight engagements limited to July 31, Passenger Bookings Subject to Cancellation.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5.—Further restrictions on traffic because of the impending operation of the seaman's act, effective November 4, were announced today by officials of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

SHOTS AROUSE NEIGHBORS

Police Report That Patrolman Jones Fired at Man Near His Home.

NEW TAX IDEA APPEARS

SINGLE TAXERS WOULD LEAD ONE THIRD FOR BUILDING.

THE PEERLESS WEED DESTROYER

What of the weeds? This device will cause them to die in a night, leaving no litter, no injury to the lawn.

VOTE COOPER COMMISSIONER

PAID-ADV.

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Gray's Extra Special Sale of Ladies' Suits

Offers splendid opportunities to the ladies who appreciate style and quality at little cost. All late style Wool Suits, white excepted, included in this special sale to close all stock on hand.

\$25 Suits at \$16.75 \$40 Suits at \$26.75
\$30 Suits at \$18.75 \$45 Suits at \$29.75
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STRANGER KILLED BY TRAIN

Victim of Track Mishap Believed to Be A. E. Day, of Cartland, Neb.

A man believed to be A. E. Day, of Cartland, Neb., was killed by the Northern Pacific southbound train near Willbridge last night. He was sitting on the track a short distance in front of the train when first seen by the crew, it is said. The engine hit the man as he rose to his feet.

Smuggling Purser Sentenced.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5.—E. V. F. Baker, former purser of the steamer Ventura, convicted of smuggling jewelry, including a black opal valued at \$10,000, was sentenced to seven months in the Alameda County Jail today by United States District Judge Maurice D. Dooling.

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