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PRZEMYSL FALLS

Gallician Fortress After Stubborn Resistance Surrenders to Russians Today

IMPORTANT EVENT

Has Been Besieged for Several Months and Garrison Reduced to Famine

MARKS RENEWED ACTIVITY

Offensive Movement Started Against German, Austrian and Turkish Armies From Baltic to Black Sea—Germans Are Retreating From Memel

LONDON, Mar. 22.—The surrender of the Gallician fortress of Przemyśl today, news of which came in an official announcement from Petrograd, was one of the most important events of the day in the European war. Przemyśl has been besieged by the Russians for several months.

Simultaneous offensive movements against the German, Austrian and Turkish armies from the Baltic to the Black Sea were undertaken by Russia, and in some sections definite progress is reported.

The Germans are retreating from Memel, East Prussia, and the Russians are believed to have begun another drive at Tilsit.

In Poland there is activity all along the front. The Russian army in the Caucasus announced a victory of the Turks on the Black Sea coast in Turkish Armenia. After several months' inactivity, Austria and Serbia and Montenegro resumed fighting. Cettinje reports the Austrians made an artillery attack lasting several days against the Montenegrin front, but an attempt to follow up with an infantry attack failed. An artillery battle between the Austrians and Serbians is also reported.

Germans Deny Memel Retreat

LONDON, Mar. 22.—The German official statement is in direct contradiction to the Petrograd statement, and says Memel has been retaken by the Russians. The statement says the Russians looted the city while they had it in their possession. Fighting continues in the northern part of France near Arras, in Champagne and in Argonne. The results attained are unimportant.

HAD LARGE GARRISON

LONDON, Mar. 22.—The fortress of Przemyśl, which the Austrians have so staunchly defended since the early days of the war, fell into the hands of the Russian besiegers this morning. The last of the outer forts were captured some days ago and the final act of the drama began at the close of the week, when the commandant deliberately expended his reserve ammunition and sent the bulk of the garrison out on a forlorn hope of cutting their way eastward through the besiegers.

With the strong Russian lines tightly drawn, the effort was apparently hopeless from the start and 6000 prisoners were captured, while many were killed. The scattered remnants fled back to the fortress and they now have fallen into the hands of the Russians. The garrison originally numbered about 60,000.

Will March on Cracow.

The besieging army is understood to number about 120,000. This force will now march on the fortress of Cracow, 125 miles west of Przemyśl, it being announced that it is the determination of the Russians to reduce the ancient Polish city as soon as possible.

AMERICAN SAILORS LOST

Lieutenant Commander and Three Sailors of the Scorpion Drowned When Boat Swamped

CONSTANTINOPLE, Mar. 22.—Lieutenant Commander William F. Bricker, of the United States cutter yacht Scorpion and three sailors named Ford, McDowell and Laverings, were drowned March 20 while attempting to reach their vessel with a row boat. They were swamped in a heavy sea.

SEATTLE MAN COMMITS SUICIDE THERE TODAY

Action Follows Assault on Woman in Hotel During Which He Shot Her Through Jaw

SEATTLE, Mar. 22.—The body of Wallace Webb was found today on a pier where he formerly worked as a freight checker. He shot himself through the head. He made an assault upon Mrs. Clara Robinson in a downtown hotel Saturday night, shooting her through the jaw.

EXTRA

WAR CLOUDS LOWER IN ITALIAN SKIES

All Railway Freight Traffic With Germany is Stopped by Government Today

LONDON, Mar. 22.—The Central News states the Italian government today stopped all railway freight traffic with Germany by way of Switzerland.

BAD PORTLAND FIRE

MEN AND WOMEN CARRIED UNCONSCIOUS FROM APARTMENTS

Grand Oak Apartments Destroyed Early Today at a Loss of \$42,000—Many Had Narrow Escapes

PORTLAND, Or., Mar. 22.—Two women and two men were carried unconscious down fire escapes and 35 others narrowly avoided death in a fire which gutted the Grand Oaks Apartments early today. The fire started in a paint store where an explosion caused the flames to spread so quickly all means of exit except the fire escapes were cut off. The loss is \$42,000.

FIGHT TO A FINISH

ENGLAND SAYS GERMAN WARS WILL BE STOPPED FOREVER

Secretary Grey in Address, Says Conflict Might Have Been Averted if Germany Had So Desired

LONDON, Mar. 22.—"This is the fourth time within living memory Prussia has made war upon Europe and we are determined it shall be the last," Foreign Secretary Grey told an audience here today. He declared the war might have been averted by a European conference when and where Germany desired.

NEGRO AXE MURDERER IS UNDER GUARD

Colored Fiend Captured in St. Louis and Transported Secretly to Illinois—Kept Under Guard

GALESBURG, Ill., Mar. 22.—Loving Mitchell, the negro charged with the murder of the family of William F. Dawson at Monmouth, September 30, 1911, with an axe, and committing similar murders in different parts of the United States, is being held under special guard here until arrangements can be made to transport him safely to Warren County, He was brought here secretly from St. Louis this morning.

RIFLE REGISTERS IN EAGLE SALOON

ENTRANCE GAINED THROUGH REAR TRANSOM EARLY SUNDAY MORNING—ABOUT \$11 IN SMALL CHANGE MISSING.

Through a transom a robber, or robbers, early Sunday morning gained access to the Eagle Saloon, corner Front and Commercial streets, and rifled two cash registers of between \$10 and \$11 in small change, leaving the building in the same manner in which they came. No trace of the man or men has been found. The swarmer entering the saloon yesterday morning found one of the two cash registers in the back room and partially torn to pieces.

STEAMER CARLOS WILL SAIL FROM SMITH TERMINAL DOCK FOR SAN FRANCISCO AND SAN PEDRO TUESDAY

MARCH 23, at 4 p. m. carrying freight and passengers.

SUSPECT VESSEL

Hamburg American Liner Odenwald Is Being Held in San Juan, Porto Rico

FIRE ACROSS BOW

Movement to Prevent Supplies Going to Belligerent Vessels at Sea

HELD UNDER NEW RULING

Recent Act of Congress Empowers President to Prevent War Supplies Going to Belligerent Vessels

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 22.—The Hamburg-American line Odenwald, which was stopped from leaving San Juan, Porto Rico, yesterday, with shots across her bow, is being held under a recent Congressional resolution empowering the President to prevent supplies going from American ports to ships of the European belligerents at sea.

Penalty is Severe. Under this resolution, the president was authorized "to direct the Collectors of Customs to withhold clearance papers from any vessel, American or foreign, which he had a reasonable cause to believe to be about to carry fuel, arms, ammunition, men or supplies to any war ship or tender or supply ship of a belligerent nation."

It also provides a fine and imprisonment of persons in charge, and the confiscation of the ship. Officials would not disclose what grounds they had for believing the Odenwald came under the terms of the resolution. It was believed, however, that the Odenwald may have intended to fit out as an auxiliary cruiser.

WILL BE NO EXTRA SESSION

Formal Denial of Intention to Convene Congress is Denied at House by President Wilson

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 22.—The formal statement was made at the White House today that President Wilson has no intention at present of calling an extra session of Congress.

Senators Want Extra Session

Several Senators had suggested that President Wilson call an extra session for the Senate to consider the ratification of the Columbian and Nicaraguan treaties. Others suggested that an extra session of Congress be called to empower the President to call an embargo on exports to the belligerents.

MANY IN AVALANCHE

SNOW SLIDE BURIES HUNDREDS IN THE BRITANNIA MINE

Doctors and Nurses Rushed to Scene of Disaster, Where Many Were Buried in Bunk Houses

VANCOUVER, B. C., Mar. 22.—A snow slide last night struck the Britannia mine, Howe Sound, B. C., and struck several bunk houses. The steamer Balena left Vancouver this morning with doctors and nurses. More than 1000 men were employed at the mine and it is feared that several hundred in the bunk houses were hit by the avalanche.

ZEPPELINS RAID ON CALAIS

German Air Attack Fails because Whirring of Airship Motors Give Warning.

CALAIS, Mar. 22.—The third Zeppelin attack upon this city, timed at almost the precise hour that the aerial raid was made upon Paris early Sunday, was made ineffective because the whirring of the airship motors gave adequate warning of their approach. A vigorous bombardment made them retreat before reaching the city.

plifier tapped the "paid out" key on the second register.

No trace was left behind and the night officers declare that there was no disturbance noted early Sunday morning.

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ONE MAN STOPS WAR

Brig.-Gen. Scott Succeeds Where Large Posse Fails

Arrests Leaders of Piute Indian Rebellion and Takes Them to Denver to Stand Trial on a Murder Charge.

DENVER, Colo., Mar. 22.—Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott was on his way to Salt Lake City today with the four leaders of the Piute Indians who eluded capture by a Federal posse for several weeks according to a message from Bluff, Utah. Scott's prisoners are Tse Ne Gat, Old Polk, Chief Posey and the latter's son.

HUNDREDS ATTEND JOHNSON FUNERAL

ALFRED JOHNSON, SR., RECEIVES LAST RITES OF MASONRY—FORTY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR GO FROM COOS BAY.

Lodge members and old friends from over the entire county yesterday gathered at the funeral of Alfred Johnson, Sr., at Coquille, to pay their last respects to the man who had been one of the first in the timber industry here and who had made a host of friends in his life time.

Forty members of Pacific Commandery, Knights Templar, in their full regalia, boarded the noon train from here together with at least 25 old friends. The Knights formed the escort, the Blue Lodge of Masons at Coquille having charge of the services.

Flowers and wreaths were banked in profusion at the church and the grave. Rev. Cleves, of the South Methodist Church, preached the sermon, following which the procession, more than half a mile long, filed to the cemetery where the Masonic burial service was said. L. A. Liljeqvist had charge of the service.

The party from Coos Bay returned on the special train leaving the county seat at 4:30 p. m.

BAD MONEY MEN TO PEN FOR OFFENSES

WITNESSES RETURN—STEVENS GETS SIX YEARS, HARSHMAN SEVEN YEARS, BARKER TEN DAYS—ALL FINED \$5000.

Two prison sentences were handed down and the third man of the counterfeiters' gang of three exposed here in February, was given 10 days in the Multnomah County jail, and each man received a \$5000 fine, according to Chief of Police Carter, who returned this morning on the Elder from Portland, where he went to attend the trial. J. S. Stevens received six years in the penitentiary and Z. G. Harshman seven years, he said.

Against Robert Baker there was laid the charge of having knowledge of the counterfeiting of which he said nothing, later perjuring himself to the officers after the first two arrests. He was severely reprimanded by Judge Rudkin, of the Spokane federal court, who is now aiding Judge Robert Bean. Though Baker, and in fact all the three, are unable to pay the fines, Chief Carter explains these will always be held as a means of forcing the men to keep straight when they are freed again.

A hard fight was waged by Stevens for his freedom. Three witnesses were brought from here, but they did him no good. The Judge told Harshman he had been in jail twice before and therefore he could expect no leniency on that account, but that he believed seven years would be as long as he would live anyway.

Harshman is 62 years of age, has spent nearly 20 years of his life in penitentiaries and now is in a very feeble condition. He was shot in the head in the Troutdale train robbery about 12 years ago.

O. W. Hughes was a main witness against Baker, telling how Baker came to him after the first two had been arrested and tried to get him to go to Eastside and destroy the moulds in the house there.

The witnesses who came back this morning were Chief Carter, J. F. Johnson, Mrs. A. Thrush, Mrs. F. B. Rose, J. T. Hillman, Mrs. Smith came back Saturday and O. W. Hughes is returning by way of Roseburg.

Cut Foot—A man named Clinton who lives at Empire had his foot cut quite severely while at work Saturday in the Tarheel Camp.

Bad Accident—E. D. Pittingly, an employe in the Emmett Pierce Camp at Tarheel Point had his right hand caught in the line there while at work Saturday and all the fingers of the right hand were torn off.

Billions Tournament—In the billiard tournament at the Millicoma Club on Saturday Ray Kaufman lost to C. F. McGeorge and Sec. Buser lost to Hugh McLain, 69 to 70 in 1:05 minutes tonight W. J. Conrad and H. J. McKeown are to play.

Charges May Be Serious—Asking will be over Walter Oldland was in the justice court this morning. It is intimated that serious charges are to be brought for the alleged allowing of two minor girls in an Empire saloon on Saturday.

W. F. McELDOWNEY of the Reynolds Development Co. returned yesterday from an extended eastern trip including a visit to his old home in Chicago.

BORN.

OTT—To Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ott, at their home at Allegany, March 20, 1915, a girl, their third child, Dr. Houseworth was summoned at midnight and on a special boat made the trip, returning the next morning at eight o'clock.

PREPARE NOTE

Cabinet Busy Framing United States' Protest Against Embargo on Commerce

TO BE SENT LATER

Nature of Representations is Being Closely Guarded Until Sent to London

NOTE FOR GERMANY ALSO

Representations for Reparation for Loss of American Sailing Ship Wm. P. Frye Now Being Prepared

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 22.—It was stated definitely at the White House today that a note to Great Britain making representations of some features of the order in council are being framed and will be dispatched to London in a few days. The basis of the representations has not been disclosed.

Representations to Germany for reparation for the loss of the American sailing ship William P. Frye and cargo is also being prepared, and will be dispatched to Berlin in two or three days.

Neutrality Will Be Urged. Representations to Great Britain are expected to dwell chiefly on Great Britain's notice that she reserves the right to hold up all goods suspected of having an enemy origin or destination even though they are consigned to neutral ports.

BUSINESS WAS GOOD IN VOTE SELLING

Indiana Negro Testifies He Voted Nineteen Times in One Day and Received \$47 for His Work

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 22.—Lewis Watkins, a negro, testified in the Terry Hunt election fraud cases today that he earned \$47 by voting and shooting craps with other repeaters, last election day. He voted about 19 times, he said.

ELDER HAS SMOOTH TRIP FROM NORTH

BRINGS 52 PASSENGERS AND LEAVES OUT AT 3 O'CLOCK FOR EUREKA—BACK NEXT THURSDAY.

After a voyage as pleasant as riding on a mill pond, according to the passengers, the George W. Elder arrived in this morning from Portland, bringing 52 passengers on her list. No trouble was experienced in crossing the bar and at three o'clock she left out again for Eureka.

Those who arrived were: W. E. Lynch, Mrs. C. E. Hanna, Capt. E. S. Edwards, Capt. Geo. P. Fuller, A. F. Merrill, Mrs. L. O. Newton, Aubrey Wilson, L. J. Schade, Robt. Kuhn, Geo. H. Johnson, W. E. Boie, Mrs. A. Thrush, Rachel B. Smith, Mother Margaret, Wayne Holcomb, J. Payne, F. A. Stewart, J. Lee Brooks, J. H. Johnson, J. W. Carter, J. T. Hillman, B. F. Frey, R. J. Rutan, George Mather, Mrs. C. M. Goss, B. H. Grant, Chas. Williams, M. L. Bowman, Albert S. Brown, S. F. Graves, H. M. Whetzel, Michael Mark, Mrs. J. F. White, John Burk, Mrs. J. A. Conroy, Miss Kathryn Madigan, Cornelius Madigan, Mrs. H. Davis, H. Davis, J. Johnson, W. E. Shantz, Miss Maude Elliott, W. C. Blannur, Fernand Wermer, G. W. Howard, Ozro A. Miller, F. Gerkin, J. Talbot, Martin Cheeri, Wm. Goldward, Martin Burns.

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A GERMAN DENIAL

OFFICIAL REPORT SAYS RUSSIANS DRIVEN FROM MEMEL

Say French Were Repulsed on Slope of Lorette Heights Last Night—Claim Germans Victors All Along Line.

BERLIN, Mar. 22.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—The official statement today says: "A fresh attempt to take German positions on the slope south of Lorette Heights was made last night, but resulted in failure. Another French night attack, this time north of Le Mansel, in the Champagne district, also was without success, furthermore, all French efforts to win back a position at Reich Ackerkopf resulted in failure. The Russians yesterday were driven from Memel after a short engagement to the south of the town, followed by tenacious fighting in the streets. Under the protection of Russian troops, a Russian mob looted the private property of German citizens of Memel. Carloads of goods were conveyed across the frontier. North of Marlianpol, Russian attacks were repulsed. West of Orzye River, near Jadnorosak, to the northeast of Przasnysz and northwest of Ciechanow Russian night and day attacks broke down under German fire."

CAPTAIN HARRIS CALLED BY DEATH

FOUND DEAD BY HEART FAILURE IN AUTOMOBILE—WAS PROMINENT PIONEER—MEMBER FIRST PORT COMMISSION

The funeral of Captain W. C. Harris will be held at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday at the Wilson Undertaking Parlors, the Rev. G. LeRoy Hall having charge of the services. Interment will be in the new I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Captain W. C. Harris, aged 55 years, and a member of the first Port Commission of Coos Bay, died suddenly of heart failure this morning at his home. He had gone out to his automobile and there sitting in the car, dead, was found a few moments later by a member of his family. The funeral will be held Wednesday.

For some time Captain Harris had not been in the best of health, though the members of his family were not seriously concerned about

him. He was down town on Saturday and about his business. This morning he arose early and when overcome was then starting for Ferndale, where he has property.

Captain and Mrs. Harris were married in 1879. The deceased leaves a wife and five children, all of whom live on Coos Bay. The children are Mrs. Rose Matson, Mrs. Clyde Barker, Miss Ruth Harris, Miss Wilda Harris and one son, Clarence Harris.

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WATERFRONT NEWS

The Speedwell is scheduled to leave North Bend for San Francisco and San Pedro tomorrow afternoon at 5 p. m.

At one o'clock the Breakwater left for the north. She will return here on Saturday.

From Portland the George W. Elder arrived in at nine o'clock this morning and at 3 p. m. left for Eureka.

On the high tide of yesterday afternoon the Nann Smith went down from Empire where she had been since yesterday afternoon and at three o'clock passed over the bar.

The Adeline left yesterday, not waiting in the lower Bay. She arrived about three o'clock and had no trouble in getting out.

Coming from San Pedro the steam schooner Carlos came in yesterday and will leave Tuesday at 4 p. m. again for the south.

FLOUR SCARCE

United States Agricultural Department Issues Warning to This Country

SUPPLY IS SHORT

Continued Exportation Will Endanger Home Stocks of Wheat and Flour

IT CANNOT BE CONTINUED

Exportation at Same Rate as in December, January and February Will Encroach Upon America's Domestic Needs.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 22.—An official warning that the present heavy exports to the European nations of American wheat and flour cannot be continued without endangering the wheat supplies for food and seeding requirements at home were made today by the Department of Agriculture. The warning says that exportation at the same rate as during December, January and February, until the coming of the new wheat crop would encroach upon normal domestic needs.

GLAD HAND FOR V. P.

OFFICIAL RECEPTION TENDERED WILSON'S REPRESENTATIVE

Vice-President Marshall and Party Welcomed in California Building—New Vice-President's Flag Displayed

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 22.—Vice-President Marshall, representing President Wilson, officially greeted the officials of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, foreign commissioners and others at an official reception in the California building today. The program called for a formal call on Admiral Howard aboard the flag-ship Colorado. The Vice-President's flag, recently authorized, will be broken from the mast for the first time. He will be saluted with nineteen guns.

BREAKWATER SAILS TODAY FOR NORTH

LEAVES DOWN BAY WITH 27 PASSENGERS AND FAIR CARGO—RETURN HERE ON SATURDAY

At one o'clock the Breakwater left her dock and sailed down the bay bound north to Portland. She carried 27 passengers for the north and will be back here on Saturday.

Those who left were: D. G. Turek, H. W. Perry, C. T. Evans, I. B. Johnson, C. D. Hoisley, A. Leake, Mrs. C. A. Smith, A. Knutson, R. Marsden, E. E. Bayley, J. R. Proffer, P. J. Sammon, A. R. O'Brien, Mrs. A. R. O'Brien, T. A. Beaver, Mrs. T. A. Beaver, John Beaver, Florence Beaver, Joe Leek, C. E. Stemmler, William Longstaff, Oscar Ekman, Tom Woods, and J. W. Davis.

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