

RUSSIANS LOOK CAPITULATION OF PRZEMYSL

Speedy Fall of Fortress Expected—Neuve Chapelle and St. Eloi in the West and Przasnysz in East Are Pivots in Battle Area—Fighting More General Along Both Fronts.

LONDON, March 17.—The Petrograd correspondent of Reuter's Telegram company says that the capture of the Austrian fortress at Przemysl is considered in the Russian capital as a matter of a few days only.

Austrian soldiers captured by the Russians during unsuccessful sorties say the garrison is existing on famine rations, and hospitals are crowded.

LONDON, March 17.—Neuve Chapelle and St. Eloi in the west and Przasnysz and Przemysl, in the east are the pivots of the battle areas in which struggles that may mark important milestones in the war are now being fought.

Outcome of the fight for Neuve Chapelle, from which the British have driven the Germans with a loss of nearly 20,000 men should prove, in the opinion of British observers, whether the Germans can mass men and retrieve ground lost by them with the same battering tactics they displayed last year.

The outcome of the battle of Przasnysz will demonstrate whether Field Marshal von Hindenburg again has failed and virtually nullified all his costly efforts to reach Warsaw.

To the south the Austrians are attempting what they have tried many times before—to relieve the fortress of Przemysl. According to despatches from Petrograd, this latest effort, which was a northward advance from the Carpathians, has definitely fallen short.

Along the 600 mile eastern front activity prevails and Petrograd believes that the opening of the spring campaign is at hand. At no previous time since the war began has there been such continuous fighting over the whole front.

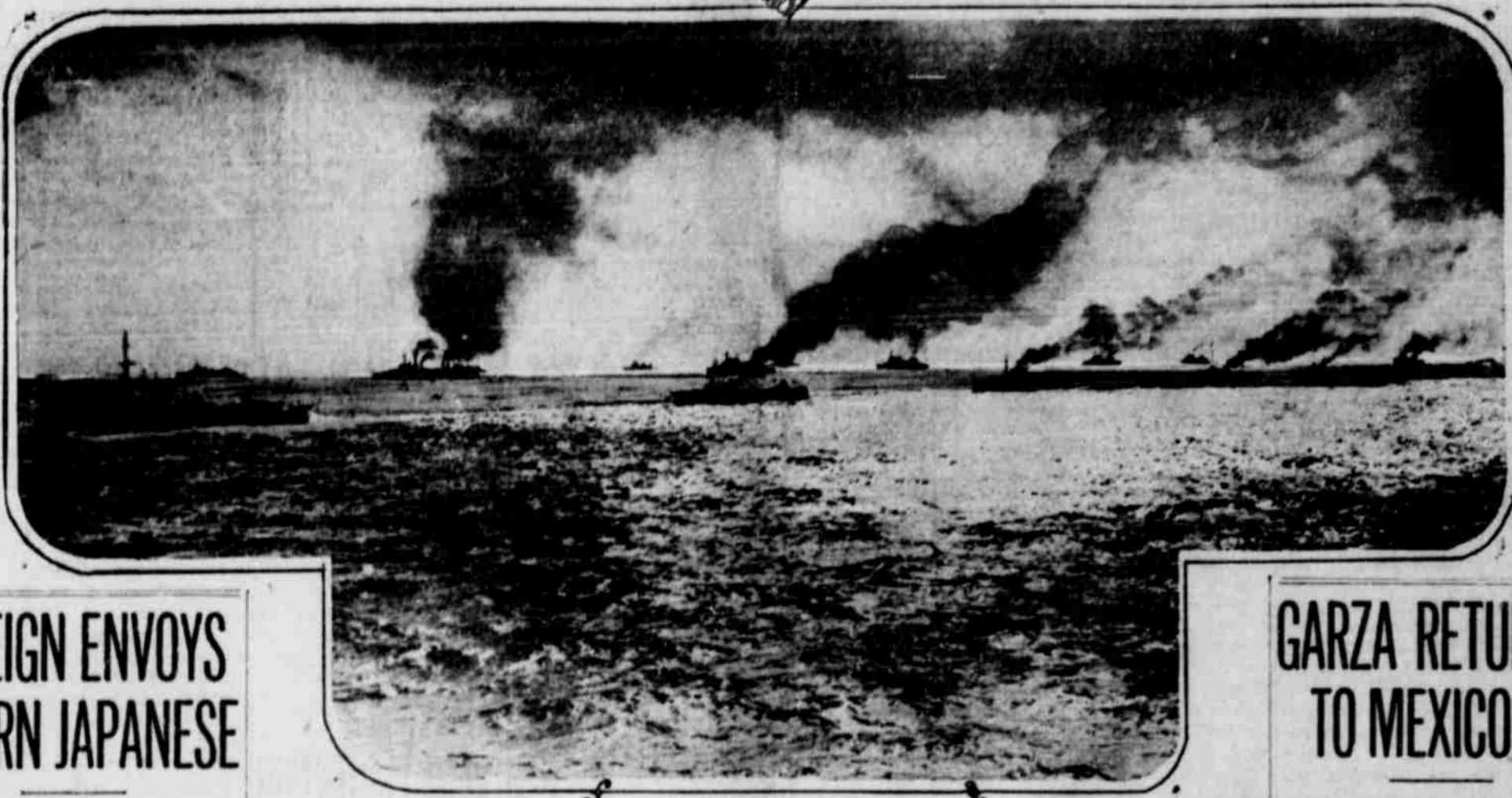
The official German communication shows that in the extreme north the Russians are again on the Prussian border. The report mentions a Russian attack on Langaxaren which is German soil.

London has received no confirmation of the report that the British cruiser Amethyst has penetrated the narrows of the Dardanelles as far as Nagara, and unless the destruction of the fort has been more rapid than officially has been reported, such a feat is regarded as unlikely.

\$3000,000 FIRE IN CHAMPAIGN ILLINOIS

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., March 17.—Fire which threatened the destruction of a large section of the business district here within an hour after its discovery today had destroyed the Morrison building, in which it started with a loss estimated at \$3,000,000.

WORLD'S BIGGEST BATTLE FLEET CLOSING IN FOR BOMBARDMENT OF DARDANELLES AND TURKISH FORTS



An actual photograph—The first to reach this country—of the huge Anglo-French fleet closing in for its original grand assault on the forts of the Dardanelles. Only a few of the 42 attacking warships, which constitute the most powerful battle fleet ever assembled, are shown here.

FOREIGN ENVOYS WARN JAPANESE

Russian and British Ambassadors at Tokio Serve Notice That If Japan Presses Demands Upon China They Cannot Negotiate With Her.

PEKING, China, March 17.—Official information has reached Peking today that the Russian and British ambassadors at Tokio called upon Baron Takaaki Kato, Japanese foreign minister on Saturday and informed him that if Japan persisted in pressing upon China demands beyond those contained in her original communication to the powers, it would be difficult for Japan's allies to negotiate diplomatically with her in the future.

SIX PERISH WHEN FINGAL TORPEDOED

SOUTH SHIELDS, March 17.—The survivors of the Fingal were landed here today. They declare that the casualties on board were due to the fact that the vessel went down before the starboard boat could be freed. The vessel, as she sank, dragged this boat under with her living occupants, including the captain, struggling in the water.

The Fingal was proceeding in a northerly direction in fine weather when she was struck by a German torpedo. She at once began to settle and went down quickly.

FARMERS OFFER TO SELL CHILDREN

DALLAS, Tex., March 17.—W. S. Noble, secretary of the Land League of Texas, told the federal commission on industrial relations today that he had this week found two land tenants in North Texas so poverty-stricken that they were offering to give their children away.

Noble said he had found these tenants in a search for what he considered a typical example of the poorer class of tenant farmers. Not believing them typical, he said, he had brought to Dallas as a voluntary witness L. T. Steard, a farmer, whose experiences were more typical of some 50,000 tenant families in the southwest.

Steward described his efforts for twenty years to buy a farm home, beginning in Arkansas and finally coming to Texas. After his first year's farming, he said, he sold his mule to "get square of debt" for food.

GERMAN CONSUL UNDER ARREST FOR CONSPIRACY

SEATTLE, Wash., March 17.—Dr. William Muller, Imperial German consul at Seattle, and his secretary, B. M. Schulz were served with notice of arrest today at the consulate. They are charged with conspiracy in attempting to corruptly influence John Murdoch, an employee of the Seattle Construction and Drydock company by inducing him to sell business secrets of his employers.

Consul Muller and his secretary are accused of offering Murdoch a large cash consideration to furnish them information bearing out Ambassador Bernstorff's charge that the Seattle corporation was shipping knockdown submarines to the British government via British Columbia.

Murdoch and the detective were arrested last night on a joint grand jury complaint and were detained at the county jail until this morning.

SUES CARDINAL TO REBUILD CHURCH

NEW YORK, March 17.—Cecilia E. Wentworth, an American artist, who is a papal marquise, has a suit on file today in the supreme court here against Cardinal Farley, as head of the Catholic church, to compel him to rebuild a church which was destroyed to make way for the new Catskill aqueduct, or to pay her \$9,176.25.

FLORIDA DECLARES LIVESTOCK QUARANTINE JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 17.—To prevent introduction of foot and mouth disease into Florida, state officials today declared a quarantine against twenty states, including Montana and Washington.

LABOR PROMISES UNITED SUPPORT TO LLOYD GEORGE

LONDON, March 17.—Factory owners, labor leaders and representatives of engineering, ship building, coal mining, transport and other industries had a meeting in London today with David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer; a member of the committee of imperial defence, naval and military officers of high rank, and other government officials, to discuss the problems arising from the decision of the government to assume control of factories in England and thus increase the production of war material.

The conference was unique in history, at the same time being one of the most important meetings held since the beginning of the war. The first step decided upon was the appointment of a committee of seven, composed of labor officials and representatives of all the industries concerned, to act in an advisory capacity to the government.

MEXICANS RAID AMERICAN TOWN

SANTA FE, N. M., March 17.—Several Americans are reported wounded in a battle with Mexican bandits who raided the town of Dwyer, in Grant county, southeast of Silver City, last night. The Mexicans escaped and at last accounts were racing for the border with a reinforced posse from Grant and Luna counties riding hard to head them off.

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SPECTATOR LOSES LEG IN RACE IN VENICE GRAND PRIX

VENICE, Cal., March 17.—Nineteen racing cars started at 11 o'clock today on a 300-mile course, on the new ocean speedway. The race is officially known as the St. Patrick's Grand Prix.

VENICE, Cal., March 17.—John Marquis, driving a foreign car in the Grand Prix, St. Patrick's day race, struck an unidentified spectator at one of the turns of the course and tore one of the man's legs off, according to a report telephoned to the grandstand. The victim was taken to a hospital.

VENICE, Cal., March 17.—Dave Lewis was leading by nearly six minutes in the seventeenth lap, Rickstell being forced to stop at the pits in the sixty-third. Eddie Hearne was second, William Carlson third and Barney Oldfield fourth.

VALI OF SMYRNA DEFIES BRITISH

LONDON, March 17.—The Central News publishes a dispatch from its Athens correspondent who says the Vali of Smyrna went on board the British flagship after the bombardment of that Turkish port and held a conference with the British commander during which the shelling was suspended. No agreement was reached and the Vali, on landing, gave out a proclamation saying he would resist to the end.

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GARZA RETURNS TO MEXICO CITY

Provisional President Elected by Convention of Generals Again in Authority at Capital—Promises Foreigners Safety.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Consul Silliman at Vera Cruz reported today that General Carranza had agreed to co-operate in providing transportation for Americans and other foreigners wishing to leave Mexico City, and to facilitate the transportation of Red Cross supplies to the Mexican capital.

Garza in Control Unofficial advices reaching the state department today told of the return to Mexico City of Roque Gonzales Garza, elected provisional president by a convention of generals on January 17, and of his issuing a statement assuring protection for the public in the capital.

Foreigners Alarmed Foreigners at Progreso, alarmed at disorders in the vicinity, have asked for refuge on the American cruiser Des Moines. General Carranza, however, after conferences with American naval and diplomatic officers at Vera Cruz, has promised full protection for them.

Portland Livestock Market PORTLAND, Or., March 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 80; steady. Hogs—Receipts 613; unchanged. Sheep—Receipts, 21; strong.

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BRITISH LOSE SMALL VESSELS IN DARDANELLES

Three Mine Sweepers Sunk by Turkish Forts—Cruiser Is Damaged—Sailing Vessel Strikes a Mine—Bombardment Ineffectual—Fleet Well Inside Entrance of Kum Kale.

DARDANELLES, Friday, March 12 (via Constantinople March 14 and via London, March 17, 11:40 a. m.)—The British met with a reverse today in an attempt to clear the Dardanelles of mines. They lost three mine clearing ships and one sailing vessel. Considerable damage was inflicted to one British cruiser, under whose protection the operations were undertaken.

The British vessels arrived well inside the entrance to the Dardanelles off Kum Kale at about 11 o'clock last night. The cruiser immediately began a heavy bombardment of the searchlight position of the Turks. This was continued some time, but without effect.

On March 8, 9 and 10 there was no bombardment. The sailing vessel had been sent into the mine field to take observations. She struck a mine and sank. The cannonading was unusually heavy and lasted until 5:00 o'clock in the morning.

DAKOTA FARM HAND KILLED IN STRUGGLE

MITCHELL, S. D., March 17.—Charles Strehel, a farm hand, was shot and killed by G. T. Sledge last night after a desperate struggle between the two men at the Sledge home, four miles north of Mitchell. Sledge and his 16-year-old daughter, Chloe Sledge, are at a hospital suffering from bullet wounds inflicted in the fight.

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