

was learned by the troops when an aviator, who was starting with messages for Vienna, was shot down by the Russians and fell within the defenders' line. After that there was much grumbling in the garrison, and almost a mutiny. Some of the Austrians slipped through the lines at night and surrendered to the Russians.

WHAT WARRING NATIONS CLAIM IN THEIR OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

Russian. PETROGRAD, March 23 (via London).—An official War Office communication issued to-night says: "Our detachment which reconnoitered Memel has retired to Russian territory. "On the left bank of the Niemen, in the region of Mariampol, we have repulsed a German attack, inflicting heavy losses. "On the road from Kaiwarva to Suwalki, near Pliwiski, our cavalry, profiting by the darkness and the fog, captured a German convoy with a quantity of provisions, wagons. The escorts either were killed or made prisoners. "Our artillery at Ossowetz has obtained successful results. The fire from the German batteries has weakened perceptibly. "On the other sectors on the left bank of the Niemen and the right bank of the Narwa there has been no important change. "In the Carpathians our troops continue to progress successfully on the front from the Dukla Pass to the upper San River, where they have captured 2,500 men, sixteen machine guns and three guns. Attacks by the enemy in the direction of Eszok were repulsed. "The commandant at Przemysl, General von Kusmanek, accepted our demands for an unconditional surrender of the garrison. Our troops who entered the fortress have taken possession of the fortifications, and begun to prepare lists of the prisoners and ascertain the amount of artillery and war materials captured."

English. LONDON, March 23.—An official press bureau statement this evening tells of a defeat inflicted on a Turkish force operating against the Egyptian town of Suez. It says: "On March 22 at dawn one of our patrols discovered a party of the enemy near El Kubri post, opposite Suez. Shots were exchanged. "Aeroplane estimated the number at about 1,000, composed of infantry, artillery and a few cavalry. "The guns at El Kubri opened fire, and inflicted casualties, whereupon the enemy retired and formed a camp eight miles east of the Suez Canal. "Early this morning, March 23, a force under General Sir G. Young, husband attacked, and routed the enemy, who is now in full retreat. "A prisoner of this force came direct from Birel Saba, having taken twelve days on route, and that General von Traumer and three other German officers were with it."

German. BERLIN, March 23 (by wireless).—The following report was given out to-day at the War Office: "Two French night attacks near Carency, northwest of Arras, were repulsed. "In Champagne, German troops successfully blew up mines, and repulsed a night attack north of Beauséjour. "Minor French advances near Combrès, Apremont and Flirey were without success. An attack against the German positions northeast of Badonviller broke down under the German fire. The enemy sustained heavy losses. "Hostile aviators again threw several bombs on Ostend. No damage was done to the military establishments, but several Belgians were killed or wounded. Northwest of Verdun a French aviator was shot down. A French aircraft, manned with two French noncommissioned officers, was forced to land near Freilburg. The occupants of the aeroplane were captured. "German troops are pursuing the Russians who were driven from Memel, East Prussia. The Germans occupied the Russian town of Krottingen, across the border from Memel, and freed more than 3,000 German prisoners held by the Russians. "Attacks made by Russian troops on both sides of the Orzye River, in Russian Poland, were repulsed."

French. PARIS, March 23 (via London).—The War Office statement to-night said: "In Belgium, in the region of Neuport, our artillery has destroyed several observation points and points of support, from which we saw the occupants take flight. "Northwest of Arras, at Carency, we captured a German trench, which we destroyed, and also took some prisoners. "At Solissons there was a fresh attempt at a bombardment, which we stopped almost immediately by our artillery. "In Champagne the enemy bombarded the positions taken by us during the last few days, but did not attack. At Vauquois, near the church, the Germans destroyed one of our trenches with an inflammable liquid. At this point our troops have retreated some fifteen meters. "At Les Eparges the enemy made two attacks, which we completely stopped. "At Hartmannsweilerkopf we captured a line of trenches and a blockhouse. "The official communication given out this afternoon by the War Department says: "The enemy yesterday bombarded Rheims. A German aviator dropped bombs on the town, and claimed three victims among the civilians. "In the Champagne region we made slight progress to the east of hill 156. "In the Argonne, near Bagatelle, the enemy twice delivered violent counterattacks to recapture the

HIGHEST IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO ITS FALL. PETROGRAD, March 23 (via London).—Highest importance is attached to the fall of Przemysl by the Novoye Vremya. Likening it to the fall of Metz during the Franco-Prussian War and the capitulation of Port Arthur in the Russo-Japanese War, the paper says the last obstacle has been removed to the Russian advance in Galicia. "Thus is decided the fate of the whole Hapsburg empire, and, consequently, that of her ally, Germany," the paper continues. "Authorities here have received information that the defenses of Przemysl are capable of being put into working order immediately. Six hundred guns of the newest type were found in the fortress.

PRESS PAYS TRIBUTE TO FORTRESS DEFENDERS. BERLIN, March 23 (via London).—The Berlin press unites in paying tribute to the defenders of Przemysl, who, it is declared, only hunger could subdue. At the same time, there is no disposition to make light of the defeat. The Lokal Anzeiger says: "We have no intention of minimizing the loss our brave allies have suffered. Przemysl was a great fortress. "While we thoroughly agree with the view of the Austrian general staff that the fall of Przemysl can have no influence on the general situation," says the Kreuz Zeitung, "we, nevertheless, are honest enough to admit it as a painful blow to our cause."

ALL EXCEPT ELEVEN RIOTERS ACCOUNTED FOR [Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch]. LONDON, March 23.—The Colonial Office announces that of the recent rioters at Singapore, all except eleven have surrendered, been captured or killed. Five were shot after trial by court-martial, and two have been imprisoned. During the riots seventeen German prisoners escaped. Six have been recaptured. The conduct of the remainder of the prisoners was exemplary. The situation is now normal.

COMMISSION MAKES REPORT OF BELGIAN RELIEF WORK. NEW YORK, March 23.—A total of \$25,858,917 was spent for relief in Belgium through the Commission for Relief in Belgium up to March 8, last, the commission announced to-night. Of this amount \$22,496,713 went to the provisioning department, which sells food to those who can pay for it, and \$3,362,204 to the benevolent department, which distributes food to those actually destitute. "The Belgians themselves have contributed nearly \$10,000,000 to the relief fund, it was said. "The total population remaining in Belgium the commission estimates that about 1,500,000 are entirely destitute, and adds that this number will increase.

ORDERS HIS PAINTINGS TAKEN FROM KOENIGSBERG. GENEVA, SWITZERLAND (via Paris), March 23.—The German Emperor has ordered the removal to Berlin of valuable paintings and tapestry from his mountain castle at Koenigsberg on the Albanian side of the Vosges Mountains. Recently French aviators fled over the imperial summer residence which formerly belonged to a king of France.

EMPEROR CANCELS ALL CELEBRATIONS. LONDON, March 23.—Emperor William has decided to cancel celebrations planned for April 1 to commemorate the centenary of Bismarck's birth on the ground that present conditions make such a celebration undesirable, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam.

NEW ZEPPELIN BALLOON IS READY FOR SERVICE. GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, March 23 (via Paris).—The newest Zeppelin dirigible balloon completed at the Zeppelin works on Lake Constance, left Friedrichshafen yesterday. Another new aircraft, the Zeppelin X, will be ready in a few days. Chief Engineer Durr, of the Zeppelin works, has been awarded the Iron Cross.

TOTAL GERMAN LOSSES ARE PLACED AT 2,750,000. LONDON, March 23.—A Central News dispatch from Copenhagen estimates the total German losses so far at 2,750,000. Making allowances for the return to the front of the slightly wounded, this represents an effective loss of between 3,750,000 and 2,600,000 men.

Stockholders Approve. PHILADELPHIA, March 23.—The proposal of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Railway Company to increase the indebtedness of the company by \$40,000,000 was approved by the stockholders to-day.

SHIPS GIVEN OVER TO GERMAN LARDER

(Continued from First Page.) submarine prowled in every direction, now lying flat across our bow, again zigzagging in and out or making wide sweeps to avoid those "hell balls" of the deep. "A few miles of this and we were met by three submarine tenders—the F, the W-2 and W-3. The six of us did some of the most puzzling maneuvering in the F finally came alongside the Zeppelin, and the W-3 tied to the Zeppelin. Twelve marines with bayonets fixed came aboard and our German guide leaned out from the bridge to report verbally to his superior aboard the tender. "This report must always be a gem of naval lore. In the most exuberant brand of German he said: "A fine haul, captain. We have aboard pork, cheese, butter, beer, sauerkraut, eggs, Belgians and French. "Standing directly under him on deck I added: "And two Americans." This brought a happy salute from the Heutnant and the remark: "Yes, and you have taken pictures of the whole performance." "Considering that Wallace and his outfit had completely disappeared after the beginning of this final act, I began to understand the nature of at least one subject of the mysterious signaling; also I had visions of seized cameras and films. This, however, was not the case, due to a peculiar combination of German oversight and American ingenuity. "More signaling among the mines and we approached Zebruge. All the passengers were packed into one side of the first-class saloon, and on the other side, facing newly erected German fortifications, all the shades were drawn. "PASSENGERS LINED UP ON PROMENADE DECK. Having arrived at the pier the passengers were lined up on the promenade deck and Captain Fischer and his staff came aboard for the dissection of the cargo. The steward, who acted as a major domo, placed Wallace and myself at the head of the line. I am not sure whether this was to honor the only Americans aboard, or to let the Germans try it on the dog first. "By this time the Belgians and French began to show signs of weakening. Some there were tears and traces of panic. There were two Belgians aboard, however, who refused to be downhearted. They were two strikingly handsome Belgian girls, one a refugee from Antwerp, the other from Louvain. "An Austrian woman, who had been brought down about his ears by a German forty-two, insisted upon greeting each passing German officer with a happy "Viva la Belgique." "The Louvain woman chose to faint a little silk American bag and cry "Viva la America," and not once did either "Viva" fall to bring a smile and a salute from the Germans. "In fact, the Germans were a courteous, happy lot. Our German captor, had now left his station on the pier, and came down to the edge of the pier, saluted the two Americans and with a joyous smile took himself and his submarine to continue the work of blockading England. "The two days in the cramped quarters of the Batavier were by no means unpleasant. I departed with a grudge against only one German, and that was a marine, whose petty go was the length of roof over my cabin. All

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STEAMERS ATTACKED BY GERMAN AEROPLANE

SOUTHAMPTON (via London), March 23.—The British steamer Pandion, here from Bremen, was yesterday attacked twice yesterday by a German aeroplane in the vicinity of the North Hinder Lightship. Seven bombs were dropped by the aircraft, some of which fell close to the Pandion, but the steamer escaped damage.

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ENRICH THE BLOOD

Everybody is troubled at this season with loss of vitality, failure of appetite, that tired feeling, or with bilious turns, dull headaches, indigestion and other stomach troubles, or with pimples and other eruptions on the face and body. The reason is that the blood is impure and impoverished. Hood's Sarsaparilla relieves all these ailments. It is the old reliable medicine that has stood the test of forty years—that makes pure, rich, red blood—that strengthens every organ and builds up the whole system. It is the all-year-round blood purifier and health-giver. Nothing else will do for nothing else is like it. It is a real substitute; so get Hood's. Ask your druggist for it to-day, and begin taking it.

ANTIS ARE VIGOROUS

They Will Put Up Active Campaign Against Suffrage. NEW YORK, March 23.—Women opposed to woman suffrage in the State of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, where constitutional amendments extending the franchise to women will be voted on this year, conferred here to-day with Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, president of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, and decided on a vigorous campaign against the amendments.

PEACH BELT FROSTBITTEN

Low Temperature Has Dealt Heavy Blow to Georgia Fruit. MACON, GA., March 23.—Heavy frosts and low temperatures throughout the Middle Georgia peach belt during the past twenty-four hours seriously damaged the peach crop, according to prominent fruit growers of this section. Some estimates placed the amount of damage at approximately 50 per cent of the 1915 crop.

TEXAS IN HARD HIT

MARSHAL, TEX., March 23.—Reports from all sections of Harrison County, where the thermometer has fallen to 23 degrees during the past week, indicate the frost crop in the main Texas belt this year will be considerably below normal. An orchard company with extensive interests estimates the loss in this county alone will total more than \$1,000,000.

TRAFFIC IN CONTRABAND BECOMING ENORMOUS

LONDON, March 23.—A Central News dispatch from Lausanne, Switzerland, quotes the Secolo as stating that traffic in contraband is assuming enormous proportions. The departure of twenty-nine trucks loaded with graphite from Lausanne for Krupp's works is reported.

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