

HIDEOUS GUNFIRE TORNEO IN SLAYS

Przemysl's Last Defense Even Causes Ground to Tremble.

NIGHT BEFORE FALL MADE RED BY SHELLS

10,000 Are Fired in Two Hours. Correspondent Describes Entry of Russians.

PRZEMYSL, Galicia, Tuesday, March 23.—The night preceding the surrender to the Russians of the Austrian fortified position at Przemysl was a hideous one in the Russian line with the roar of guns and the shock of exploding shells. Never on this frontier during the war has there been such a bombardment.

Maintain Unprecedented Fire. The night of March 21-22 the Austrians maintained an unprecedented fire upon the Russian positions. The hut in which the Russian staff officers had their quarters shook like a leaf, and the ground for miles around trembled as though rent by an unending series of earthquakes. All night long the sky was red with the bursting of shells.

Russians Start to Close In. Before dawn a scouting division of Russians drove back the Austrians who were in occupation of the outlying positions, and after a sharp engagement occupied the Austrian trenches.

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Covered With Clouds of Smoke. A notable feature of the advance was that all of Przemysl was covered with heavy clouds of smoke. Loud detonations continued and it was evident that the Austrians were destroying the remainder of their ammunition.

Not a Stone Captured, Przemysl Merely Fell.

Correspondent Avers. BERLIN, March 27.—A striking story of the last days of the Austrian stronghold of Przemysl has been sent in by the correspondent of the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger at Austrian press headquarters, who obtained his information from an Austrian aviation lieutenant named Sanger.

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cording to Lieut. Stanger, the Russians first shelled the division around the fort. Later this force was reduced to four divisions, but subsequently it received some reinforcements.

Undertake First Sortie.

Troops from a division of Hungarian reserve militia, known as the Honved, undertook the first sortie from the fortress December 14. They reached the Przemysl line, but another Austrian division worked its way toward this place from the Carpathians, and the two divisions were near each other when they were completely surrounded by a strong gathering of Russian troops.

Condition Precarious. The condition of the defenders was in every way precarious. Two hundred died a day during the last few days of the siege and there were no fewer than 28,000 men in hospitals. It was consequently decided, March 18, to make a final attempt to break through the Russian lines, but the attempt was doomed to failure before it was undertaken. Each soldier received a ration of bread, and the Hungarians, who were the only ones remaining on hand, at the same time he was forbidden under penalty of death to leave the fortress on the first day. The men who violated this order, and there were many, saw their stomachs were unable to digest this unwanted amount of food.

Had Time to Prepare. The Russians had plenty of time to prepare for the meeting with these hungry and weary soldiers. The expedition fought bravely, but it was forced to retreat at 10 o'clock in the morning. It had to return a distance of sixteen kilometers (ten miles) before it reached the protection of the forts.

Attack Is Repulsed. The attack against the east front followed, but it was repulsed with sanguinary results. The commandant decided that the fortress must be held until 5 o'clock in the morning of March 22.

Air Craft Leave Fortress. Four balloons with ten men, and four aeroplanes with eight men left the Przemysl fortress during the last days of the siege. Only Capt. Lehmann and Lieut. Stanger were heard from.

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SHOTS ON BORDER TOWN OF U. S.

Villa's Attack on Matamoros Is Halted When Opposing Mexican Strikes Frank.

BROWNSVILLE STREETS ARE IN LINE OF FIRE

American Coast Guard Prevents Landing of Reinforcements for Carranza's Men.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., March 27.—An unexpected attack from the south late today caused Villa forces to cease their attack upon Matamoros, opposite here, which is garrisoned by Carranza troops, but in the meantime stray shots had crossed the border and wounded two persons in Brownsville. Neither was injured seriously.

Gets Export Conveniences. Aside from the strategic value of the northern border to us, enabling the Villa faction to obtain the export revenues on coal and other minerals mined in the rich regions of Coahuila and Nuevo Leon, the border town will be able to concentrate his attacks thereafter on Tampico and Vera Cruz and points in southern Mexico.

May Reach Streets. Villa forces can attack from only two directions, west or south. Attack from the west apparently would not endanger Brownsville, but attack from the south would be a serious one.

Maduro Report Unfounded. The same report states that the statements to the effect that Gen. Raulo Maduro, with 6,000 troops, was at Sabinas, en route to Piedras Negras, appeared to be untrue.

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Villa Leading His Army in Attack on Matamoros, to Control All Border

Gen. Villa is personally leading his army in attack on Matamoros, culminating his campaign of more than a month to gain complete control of the entire sweep of Mexican territory bordering on the United States.

The assault began yesterday, and according to advices from the Villa camp, this last port of entry on the American frontier will be wrested from Carranza within a couple of days.

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