

PRZEMYSL FALL APPEARS NEAR

Russians Report Capture of Outer Forts of Austrian Stronghold.

NEW INVASION OF GERMAN TERRITORY

Russians appear to be attacking on
frontier of East Prussia—Plan to
prevent Germans from sending re-
inforcements to Western Battle
Area—Germans fortifying Lague
Valley.

London, March 18.—The Evening
News prints a dispatch from
Copenhagen to the effect that Em-
peror William and General Von
Falkenhayn arrived today at Ger-
man army headquarters near Lille.
Their visit the message states is
for the purpose of participating in
a council of war.

The dispatch adds that the em-
peror and General Von Falkenhayn
already have had conferences with
Frederick William, the German
crown prince, and Rupprecht, crown
prince of Bavaria, the kings of
Saxony and Wurtemberg are on
the way to join the council of
war.

London, March 18.—The outer forts
of Przemysl, toward which a part
of the Austrian army has been struggling
in an effort to bring about the relief
of the besieged garrison, have at last
fallen, according to reports from
Russian sources.

Although confirmation is lacking, Brit-
ish newspapers regard the report as
not improbable. They refer to the fact
that news dispatches from Petrograd
yesterday that the surrender of this
stronghold was a matter of but a few
days.

There has been much speculation
concerning the engagement reported on
the northern frontier of East Prussia
referred to in wireless dispatches from
Berlin as "weak Russian attacks on
Tauraggen and Langsargen." Langsargen
is just within the borders of
East Prussia, not far from the im-
portant German fortress of Tilsit, and
the presence of Russian troops at this
point may mean a new invasion of
German territory.

German Progress Slow.
Nowhere in the eastern arena of
fighting do the Austro-German forces
appear to be making progress except
between Stanislau and Kolomea, to the
north of Bukovina, where they are
pushing forward in an attempt to turn
the Russian left flank.

Military experts think the position of
the German army in the east precludes
the transfer at this time of any Ger-
man troops to the west, and that the
German plan of dealing Russia a
crushing blow before attempting the
much-discussed spring advance in the
west has failed.

Germans Kept Busy.
Five out of six of the new German
army corps are said to be engaged on
and beyond the frontier of East Prus-
sia, a fact which British observers
think will make it difficult for Ger-
many to meet the demands likely to be
imposed on her in the west.

Full reports of the victory of Neuve
Chapelle is only now beginning to be
grasped by the public. It leads to the
belief that the German line can be
broken if the allies care to pay the
price. Several thousand wounded men
from this field have arrived in England.
The press today again cautions the
people that the taking of the Dardanelles
is likely to be a slow affair to ac-
complish which the allies must pay
the price just as they have done at Neuve
Chapelle.

GERMANS FORTIFY VALLEY.

Prepare to Resist Attack on Eastern
Wing in France.
Geneva, March 18.—German troops
have been energetically engaged for
the past few days fortifying all the
valley of the Lague, between Moos,
Saint Louis and Loerach, says the
Lausanne Gazette. A complicated system
of barbed wire entanglements has
been placed. The environs of Volkens-
berg and Ferret are defended by en-
trenchments and block houses.

Work is being hastened on the en-
trenchments on the line from Saint
Louis to Muehlhausen and on the de-
fenses at Altkirch.

In the Aspach and the Burnhaupt
region, where an important action is
expected, the paper says the Germans
have dug additional trenches and
placed heavy artillery on carefully
chosen positions.

EXPLAINS FRENCH STAND.

Farmer Premier Briand Explains Re-
fusal of Officials to Talk.
Paris, March 18.—Aristide Briand,
former premier of France, and now
minister of justice and vice president
of the cabinet explained today to the
correspondent of the American Press,
why he and other cabinet members
had declined to grant interviews on
the position of France in the present
war.

"We rely on our course," he said,
"which we think is amply proved by
material facts. France consequently
does not care to lower herself by
engaging in any sort of propaganda.
We have passed the hour of words; it
is a matter of right, of duty, of honor,
of principle, of engagement and
resistance to aggressions. As to
our friends abroad they are in a position
to understand the facts. If they do
not take account of what is going

on, so much the more unfortunate for
them.

"The material facts are: First,
France made every possible effort to
maintain peace; this has been demon-
strated by the diplomatic documents
already made public.

"Second: France was not first to
take measures for mobilization, and
she even withdrew her covering troops
for a distance of ten millimeters (six
miles) from her own frontier. In this
she took the risk of impudence. At
the same time she affirmed her at-
tachment to peace and her desire to
prevail it.

"Third: Germans, not Frenchmen,
invaded Belgium, and there is a posi-
tive fact sufficiently eloquent, a fact
which furnishes the foundation on
which the judgment of other nations
may be built."

GERMANS TO BE EXPELLED.

Italy Orders All at Riviera Resorts to
Leave Immediately.
Paris, March 18.—Germans at resorts
in the Italian Riviera have been noti-
fied by the authorities to leave the Italian
territory immediately, says a dis-
patch from Nice, to the Havas Agency.

FLEET IS CAREFUL

Ships of Allies to Observe Prudence in Dardanelles Attacks.

Milan, via Paris, March 18.—Pru-
dence will govern the efforts of the
allies of the allied fleet to force a
passage of the Dardanelles, according
to a special correspondent of the Cor-
riere Della Sera, who gives the cap-
tain of the French hospital ship Can-
ada as authority for the statement.
At least another month, he says, will
be spent in the efforts to silence the
Turkish fortifications, especially those
guarding the narrows at Chanak
Kaloset.

AT LEAST MONTH WILL BE REQUIRED

Damage to Ships by Turkish Guns Causes Caution in Effort to Force Opening of Straits—Turks Repairing Damage to Forts and Pushing Large Army Forward to Aid in Defense

The operations against Smyrna, the
correspondent declares, had a double
object. The first is said to have been
to prevent the transfer of the Thir-
teenth Turkish army corps, which was
prepared to leave for the Dardanelles,
and second, to cut the communications
of the army which was sent against
Egypt.

TURKS REPAIRING DAMAGE.

Large Forces of Soldiers Preparing to Defend Dardanelles.

Paris, March 18.—An Athens dis-
patch says:
"The naval operations of the allies at
Smyrna, Asiatic Turkey, have been
temporarily suspended and the Turks
are repairing the damage to their bat-
teries and forts. They are pursuing
the same course in the Dardanelles.
There are about 180,000 Turkish
troops west of Constantinople, accord-
ing to the latest information reaching
Athens. Forty thousand men are on
the Gallipoli peninsula, 30,000 on the
European Turkey, and the rest are on
the Asiatic side of the Dardanelles. It
is reported here that the Turks are
placing guns on the principal heights
surrounding the capital."

GERMANY SAYS FLEET BEATEN.

Expect Allies to Abandon Attack on
Dardanelles Forts.
Berlin, March 18.—The Overseas
News agency gave out the following:
"A special dispatch from Constanti-
nople to the Vossische Zeitung says it
is generally believed that the gradual
slackening of the bombardment of the
Dardanelles is a preliminary to the giv-
ing up completely of the task of forc-
ing the straits.

"Only important actions, it is said,
have been carried on against the forts
in the last few days, and the attempts
to remove the mines at the outer en-
trance have failed.

"A dispatch to the same newspaper
from Athens says no earnest opera-
tions against Smyrna have been un-
dertaken for two days. The Turkish
troops landed on the hills around the
city are estimated at 50,000 men. The
German fleet is said to be in the
vicinity of the Dardanelles, and is
making an attack.

"An Athens dispatch to a Milan
newspaper asserts that up to March 13
eleven ships of the Anglo-French fleet
had been towed into Lemnos island,
having sustained heavy damages by
shots from the Dardanelles forts."

Federal Suit Dismissed.

Boston, March 18.—The suit of the
federal government to dissolve the
United Shoe Machinery Corporation,
on the ground that it was an illegal
monopoly in restraint of trade, was
dismissed today by the United States
district court.

The islands of the Philippines have
a total area of 115,928 square miles.

GERMANY KICKS OVER ARRESTS

Warrants Served on Consul Bring Protest From Embassy.

GERMAN OFFICIAL HELD AT SEATTLE

Consul and Assistant Under Arrest on Charges of Attempting to Bribe Con- struction Company Officials Sup- posed to Be Building Submarines For Great Britain—Germany Claims Treaty Violation.

Washington, March 18.—The German
embassy today protested to the state
department against the warrants for
arrest served on the German consul,
William Mueller, and his assistant, B.
M. Schultz, at Seattle, Wash. The
embassy contends that the arrest is a
violation of a treaty which had been
made search and also in
service warrants on Mueller and his
assistant.

The charge was made in the embassy
note that the Seattle authorities had
exceeded their powers in entering the
embassy to make search and also in
service warrants on Mueller and his
assistant.

The consul in his report to the
embassy did not say that an actual
search of the consulate had been made,
but declared that "officers had entered
in order to make a search."

The charge against the consul was
that a conspiracy in which he had been
unlawfully trying to gain secrets of the
Seattle Construction and Dry Dock
Company. It was said that the com-
pany had been building submarines for
Great Britain.

The section of the consular treaty
which it is claimed has been violated
says that consuls shall enjoy personal
immunity from arrest except in case of
crime.

Another section declares that "the
consular archives shall be at all times
inviolable and under no pretense what-
ever shall the local authorities be al-
lowed to examine or seize the papers
forming part of them," and the offices
and dwellings of consuls who are not
citizens of the country of their resi-
dence shall be at all times inviolable.

"The local authorities," the treaty
continues, "shall not except in case of
pursuit of crime, under any pretext in-
vade them."

Embassy officials expressed their be-
lief in Mueller's innocence. Recently
the German government approved three
submarines were being built in the United
States in sections and shipped to
Canada, where they were completed.
Seattle was named as one of the places
where the submarines were being built.

The department of justice will prob-
ably make an investigation for the
state department.

PROSECUTOR DEFENDS ACTION.

Says Treaty Was Carefully Investi- gated Before Warrant Was Issued.

Seattle, Wash., March 18.—It was
asserted at the county prosecutor's office
today that before an information was
filed against German Consul Wilhelm
Mueller and Consular Secretary B.
Max Schulz, charging them with con-
spiracy to bribe an employe of the
Seattle Construction and Dry Dock
Company, to violate a state law, the
treaty with Germany, of 1871, was
studied carefully. According to this
treaty consuls are immune from arrest
except on criminal charges. The consul
and his assistant have not been
personally molested. They were noti-
fied of the issuance of a warrant and
they thanked the prosecutor's office
for its courtesy.

Counsel for the consul today volun-
tarily furnished \$1,000 each for the
men, binding them for trial in superi-
or court whenever called.

The charge against Dan Tarnisaki
and John Murdoch, based on the theft
of bills of lading from the office of
Seattle Construction and Dry Dock
Company has been dismissed. The men
are held as witnesses against the consul
and his secretary.

Tarnisaki has turned state's evi-
dence and is at liberty.

HORN'S DEFENSE OUTLINED.

Claims Effort to Blow Up Bridge Was Act of War and Not Punishable.

ever the defendant may have done in
connection with damaging the bridge
with improper use of the United States
territory does not deprive him of his
rights under the international law.

PASSPORT CASE TO JURY.

Trial of Germans Charged With Con- spiracy Nearing Conclusion.

New York, March 18.—The case of
Richard Madden and Gustav Cook, on
trial charged with aiding Richard P.
Stegler, German naval reservist, to ob-
tain a false American passport, was
submitted to the jury shortly before
noon today.

Roger B. Wood, assistant district at-
torney, in summing up the govern-
ment's case, dwelt on the danger liable
to American citizens traveling abroad
if their passports were thrown under
suspicion. He begged the jury not to
consider the statements of counsel for
the defendants, that Stegler was a traitor
and a coward. Judge Cushman, in
charging the jurors, said they should
take note that Stegler was an accom-
plice in the alleged conspiracy but that
his testimony should be considered.

NEW MEN NAMED

N. S. Carpenter and W. W. Welden Appointed Har- din Supervisors.

SUCCEED MARKS AND WEBSTER, RESIGNED

Carpenter an Attorney at Eldora, and
Welden Prominent at Iowa Falls—
Iowa Falls Citizens in Mass Meeting
Endorse Welden For Place—Appoint-
ments Believed to Be Generally
Satisfactory.

Special to Times-Republican.
Eldora, March 18.—N. S. Carpenter,
a well-known attorney of this city, and
W. W. Welden, ex-postmaster of Iowa
Falls, were today appointed members
of the board of supervisors of Hardin
county by the clerk of courts, county
recorder and auditor. Mr. Carpenter
succeeds Charles L. Marks, who re-
signed from the board yesterday, and
Mr. Welden follows N. L. Webster, who
also handed in his resignation yester-
day.

The selections made by the three
county officials, who are delegated by
law to fill the vacancies on the board,
will meet with general approval thro-
ughout the county, it is believed. Both
men are prominent in their respective
communities. Mr. Carpenter is at
present city attorney of Eldora, refer-
ree in bankruptcy for the northern
district of Iowa, and a member of the
insanity commission. He has prac-
ticed law here twenty years or more.

Mr. Welden retired last summer from
the postmastership of Iowa Falls, which
he had held for eight years. He is a
nephew of Ex-Representative
Welden, of Iowa Falls. At a mass
meeting of citizens held at Iowa Falls
last night, Mr. Welden was the choice
for membership on the board of super-
visors.

MAYOR'S RESIDENCE WRECKED BY BOMB

Explosion Partially Destroys Home of Mayor Daniel Hermann, of Gutten- burg, N. J.—Discharged Police Force Investigating Case.

New York, March 18.—The home of
Mayor Daniel Hermann, of Gutten-
burg, N. J., was wrecked early to-
day by the explosion of a bomb. A hole
was torn in the wall of the house. No
one was injured.

Mayor Hermann discharged the Gut-
tenburg police force of eight men, six-
teen months ago, on the ground that
they were not orderly no police were
needed. The police, who officially dis-
charged, are investigating the throwing
of the bomb.

U. S. ACTS INDEPENDENTLY.

No Other Power Concerned in Re- presentations Made to Japan.

Washington, March 18.—It was
stated officially at the White House to-
day that representations by the United
States to Japan, concerning demands
on China, had been entirely independ-
ent of any other powers.

Further than this statement, officials
in all quarters observed the strictest
silence. State department officials,
however, have admitted that since the
beginning of negotiations between
Japan and China over the demands
for commercial and other concessions,
the United States has been endeavoring
to influence Japan to ameliorate her
demands and to prevent any in-
fringements on the rights of the United
States. None of the steps in the re-
presentations, which have been made
to the Japanese ambassador here as
well as to Tokio and Peking, have been
made public.

The opinion is expressed by both
Chinese and foreign diplomats that a
substantial proportion of her demands
will be withdrawn by Japan because
of the attitude of the powers who have
called China's attention to the fact
that she has no right to make a treaty
with Japan contravening existing
treaties with them.

The Japanese minister to China, Eki
Hokki, sustained injuries Tuesday by
a fall from his horse and his condition
will prevent the holding of conferences
for a few days.

Uncle Sam's pension roll numbers
785,239.

JOHNSTON BILL PASSES HOUSE

House Adopts Reactionary Road Measure, 64 to 43.

AUTOMOBILE TAX AMENDMENT ADDED

Amendment Adopted Calling For Dis- tribution of Auto Taxes Among Cit- ies and Towns—Retrenchment and Reform Committees Make Favorable Report on Bill to Change Form of State Government.

Special to Times-Republican.
Des Moines, March 18.—The Johnston
road bill passed the house today, 64 to
43. When the house met the pending
question was on the amendment by
Bronson, which had been tacked on to
the bill and then taken off, giving most
of the automobile tax to cities. The
amendment provides that all but 5 per
cent of the auto tax be distributed ex-
actly as in the present law as between
counties, be distributed as between
towns and cities and the country, ac-
cording to the mileage of unpaved
highways. This was adopted, 66 to 57.
The house then refused to adopt an
amendment to reduce township road
taxes to 2 per cent.

For Governor's Cabinet.
Part of the plan of reorganization of
the state government which was recom-
mended by the retrenchment and
reform committee of the Thirty-fifth
general assembly has received the
unanimous approval of the same com-
mittee of the present legislature. In a
bill filed today, the committee provides
for grouping all the state departments
in three divisions, with superintendents
in charge, creating a governor's
advisory board to which all the powers
and duties of the present executive
council are transferred, and the execu-
tive council itself abolished, creation of
an official budget and the transfer to
the superintendent of public safety of
all the present duties relating to the
registration of motor vehicles.

This first measure offered, if passed,
will centralize all power in the govern-
or. He will appoint the heads of the
three departments and the transfer to
the board to transact all business
now coming before the executive coun-
cil.

Railroads Argue Case.

Arguments for the repeal of the 2
cent passenger rate law were presented
before the railroad committee of the
Iowa senate and the transfer to the
governor of the enactment of a new law
placing the rates at 2 1/2 cents a mile were
to be urged.

Teachers' Bill Delayed.

Owing to the illness of Representa-
tive Grason the teachers' pension bill
was deferred until next week Tuesday.

NEUVE CHAPPELLE AN INFERNNO.

Germans Declare British Bombardment Worst Experienced During War.

London, March 18.—The village of
Neuve Chapelle, converted into a
shambles by the bombardment of the
British, now is a heap of ruins thickly
strewn with bodies, according to the
description of the British operations in
that region, written by an "eye wit-
ness."

Although the Germans were inferior to
their antagonists both in number and
their artillery, the witness declared,
they offered heroic resistance.

At the end of March 10, the bodies
of 2,000 German soldiers had been found
in the section south of the village. In
front of one British battalion were counted
the village, 500 more were counted,
which did not include the large number
buried in the ruins of the village.

Germans Leave Infernal Machine.

During the night a curious device of
the enemy was discovered by a patrol.
The men came on a dummy figure
stuck in the ground. On being removed
the figure exploded and one soldier was
injured.

Describing the shelling of Auburs by
howitzers, the eye witness says a cer-
tain tower, which was a prominent
feature of the landscape, suddenly was
projected into the air. It dissolved in
mid air and came down in a cloud of
dust.

Prisoners who have been taken by the
British never had a chance from a
first. Nothing could live under such a
fire.

German Princes Among Dead.

The resentment of prisoners against
the British artillery has been frequent-
ly expressed.

The German prisoners were clean
and most of them were freshly shaved.
Most of them were optimistic.

Iowa Supreme Court.

Special to Times-Republican.
Des Moines, March 18.—The supreme
court today ruled in the following
cases:
State of Iowa vs. Thomas, appellant;
Polk county, Reversed.
Hopkins vs. school district, appel-
lant; Story county, Affirmed.
Timmonds, plaintiff, vs. Hunter,
judge, defendant; Wapello county.
Annulled. Deemer and Salinger dis-
sented.

T.-R. BULLETIN NEWS OF THE DAY

The Weather.

Sun rises March 19 at 6:05, sets at
6:10.
Low—Unsettled weather tonight and
Friday; snow flurries; colder tonight;
fresh northerly winds.

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NAVY AIDS TRADE

Army Transports to Be Used In Transporting Goods From Philippines.

ISLAND COMMERCE BADLY CRIPPLED

Governor General Harrison Reports
Lack of Ships to Carry Freight
From Islands to the United States—
Private Companies Will Be Given
First Chance But Government Ves-
sels Will Be Pressed Into Service.

Washington, March 18.—Because of
the lack of shipping facilities between
the Philippine Islands and the United
States, army transports will be used in
transporting goods from the islands.

Secretary Garrison today called the
president's attention to reports from
Governor General Harrison on the con-
dition in the Philippines caused by the
lack of ships to the United States.
Secretary Garrison said there could not
be objection to the use of returning
transports for carrying freight.

It is found that about 3,000 tons
space will be available on each ship.
Secretary Garrison will instruct Gov-
ernor Harrison to invite offers for ship-
ment and all business possible will be
given to private concerns.

LIVESTOCK RATES NOT REMUNERATIVE

Railroads Urge Increase on Ground That Shipments Do Not Contribute Proportion of Revenue Considering High Transportation Cost.

Chicago, March 18.—Reasons why the
western railroads wish to increase
rates on livestock were given by Con-
rad Spens, traffic agent of the Chicago,
Burlington & Quincy railroad at the
interstate commerce commission's hear-
ing on the petition for higher rates,
today.

Testifying that livestock did not
contribute a proper proportion to rail-
road revenue, based on the high cost of
transportation, he summed up the fol-
lowing reasons:
"That the livestock industry in the
United States was practically at a
standstill and therefore the railroads
could not expect increased revenues
there increased business."

He said this was borne out by fig-
ures furnished by the department of
agriculture.
"That the railroads are compelled to
carry carotakers for livestock free; and
that on his own road, in 1914, 79,484
carotakers were carried free of cost in
transportation of \$119,000, or 7.8 per
cent of freight earnings on the traffic."

"That the damages paid on livestock
is out of proportion to the earnings on
that commodity, amounted on his own
road in 1913, to \$243,900, and damages
for injuries to carotakers, \$23,000, or 5
per cent of the revenue from the traf-
fic, while on other freight the per cent
was only 1.4."

"That the value of the service to the
shipper has increased is shown in the
standstill price of livestock. He said
the increase last year, as compared
with ten years ago, was: Cattle, 35
per cent; hogs, 38 per cent; horses, 43
per cent. Hence the railroad liability
had increased without a corresponding
increase in revenue.

CHILD FORCE ON OKLAHOMA FARM

Battery of Children Headed by a Woman Required of Every Tenant.

CITY PARASITE EXPLOIT FARMER

Editor of Farm Journal Gives Sena- tional Testimony Before Federal In- dustrial Commission's Land Investi- gation—Li Opportunity For Far- mer to Acquire Own Home—Major- ity of Farms Are Mortgaged.

Dallas, Texas, March 18.—Alleged de-
mand of land owners for children to
work on southwestern tenant farms
were described in the federal industrial
commission's land investigation today,
by Pat Nagle of Kingfisher. Mr. Nagle
is editor of the Tenant Farmer. He
said:

"The word 'force,' when referring to
Oklahoma farm lands, does not mean a
bowie knife or a pistol, but a battery
of children with a woman at their
head."

Mr. Nagle then read into the records
two letters from a land owner residing
in McClean county, advising that the
tenant to go on one of his farms must
have "plenty of force." He also testi-
fied to an eviction of an Oklahoma ten-
ant who was put off the land because
he had no children. This tenant was
old and a young farmer with a "force"
and a young wife had offered to take
the farm if given immediate posses-
sion. The witness offered to give pri-
vately to the commission the