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The Evening Star



"From Press to Home Within the Hour'

ONE CENT.

SHOTS ACROSS BOW HALT GERMAN SHIP

No. 19,899.

Hamburg-American Steamer Attempts to Leave Porto Rico Without Clearance.

SAID TO BEAR SUPPLIES TO BELLIGERENT AT SEA

Authority for Holding Vessel Given in Congressional Resolution-Investigation Is in Progress.

The Hamburg-American liner Oden wald, stopped from leaving San Juan Porto Rico, yesterday by shots across bow, is being held under the re cent congressional resolution empow ering the President to prevent supgoing from American ports to ships of the European belligerents at

Secretary Garrison is making thorough investigation of the Oden-wald's case in connection with the Treasury Department officials and the

Under the resolution the President was authorized to "direct collectors of United States to withhold clearance pital in automobiles. from any vessel, American or foreign which he has reasonable cause to be lieve to be about to carry fuel, arms ammunition, men or supplies to any warship or tender or supply ship of a elligerent nation, in violation of the obligations of the United States as a

Further Clause in Resolution.

States without clearance for any of the purposes set forth, the own er or master or person or persons hav ing charge or command of such vesse shall severally be liable to a fine of shall severally be liable to a line of not less than \$2,000, or more than \$10,000, or to imprisonment not to exceed two years, or both, and, in addition, such vessel shall be forfeited to the United States."

Officials would not disclose what grounds they had for believing that the Odenwald came under the terms of the resolution

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This report was received today from Lieut. Col. Burnham, commanding the Porto Rican regiment:

"Hamburg American commercial steamer Odenwald attempted to leave this port about 3 this afternoon (March til) without clearance papers. At request of collector of customs to prevent departure and in compilance with instructions in your telegram March 13t, warning shots were fired with machine guns and shot across her bows with five-inch rife from El Morro. She then came to anchor under El Morro.

"None were injured. Ship returned to ber anchorage in the harbor.

"In presence of collector of customs March 19, I personally informed and warned German consul and commander of Odenwald that force would be used if necessary to prevent vessel leaving without clearance."

Request for information regarding what rate of taxation it would be necessary to prevent departure of the point as its share of expenses, was made to-day in a letter from Senator John D. Works to the Commissioners.

Senator Works is a member of the joint select committee to study fiscal relations between the District and the United States government, and asked the information that he might be informed to discuss intelligently the subject. He also asked the present rate of taxation and the total property valuation for the District, with assessment at full value, if the District were compelled to raise \$8,000,000 as its abare of expenses, was made to-day in a letter from Senator John D. Works to the Commissioners.

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Inspection Is Refused.

was learned here, however, that could not leave San Juan until the port officers had an opportunity for a thor sugh inspection. Permission for that

officials here feel convinced that the Odenwald, while not loaded with sup-plies of coal and food that are usually carried by merchantmen, may have n-tended to fit out on the high seas with

that the Odenwald was planning to take that course and had the United tes consented to her departure un-the circumstances, it was held by ght have created another Alabama

Assistant Secretary Peters of the Treasury Department, who is looking after the Odenwald case, was in con-cultation today with State Department

Reasons for Suspicions.

First reports from San Juan did not show any unusual quantities of coal or provisions aboard the Odenwald, rding to information in the possestion of the State Department, but there sere many circumstances accompanying her preparations for sea which uspicion of the scoused the suspicion of the American authorities. The fact that the Odenwald had been in port since August, was a slow boat and apparently willing to sail for a German port that is blockaded, all led to the conclusion hat an investigation was necessary. It was believed in some official quarters that if she got to sea she might transfer some of her stores to the conterted cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm, recently reported off the east coast of South America, and more recently re-South America, and more recently re-orted by rumor not far from Porto Rico. information at your earliest convenbor the inspector was told to go ashore, and when he refused was put over the side into a small boat.

Vessel Fails to Heed Warning. SAN JUAN, P. R., March 22.-The which attempted to leave port yester ance papers, was stopped as she was passing out the entrance to the harbor House today that a note

Permission to sail was refused the of the representations was not disodenwald by the collector pending instructions from Washington. The
steamer has been at San Juan since
August 6. She was bound for European ports from the West Indies with
freight and passengers, and sought
refuge here. Three days ago she began
coaling and taking on provisions.

Failing to obtain the necessary
clearance papers, her commander aptelegrance papers, her commander aptrail ports. y decided to risk the attempt to sea. A heavy gun on Morro sent two shots across her-bow

Pope Benedict Prays for Peace. ROME, via Paris, March 22.-Pope Benedict, accompanied by the members of the papal court, went to the Pauline Chapel yesterday, and, in the presence of a few thousand distinguished persons, includ-ing members of the aristocracy and diplomatic corps and high ecclesiastics, repeated his grayer for peace.

FIRE TRUCK HITS TAXI; OVERTURNS; 8 INJURED

Big Machine Hurls Firemen to Street at 6th and Pennsylvania Avenue.

While bound to a fire at 2:40 this afternoon fire truck No. 3 hit a taxicab at 6th street and Pennsylvania avenue and overturned. Eight firement were hurled to the street and badly in

The firemen injured were:

John Leavelle, son of Policeman Leavelle, head cut and other injuries. W. A. Smith, head cut and other in

Capt. W. A. Dixon, leg broken and other injuries.

C. E. Gibson, leg and arm cut, but not eriously. W. T. Coulter, both legs fractured. Frank Freer, head and arms cut.

John W. Hurdle, badly hurt about legs and shoulders

Clarence Ruffner, also hurt a the most seriously injured. Smith is

unconscious. have suffered internal injuries. They customs under the jurisdiction of the were taken to the Emergency Hos-

> A big crowd gathered quickly and the report spread that several of the fire men had been killed

The fire was at 6th and B streets, bu was not serious, and was extinguishred before the fire appartus reached the

It further provides that "in case any such vessel shall depart or attempt to depart from the jurisdiction of the United States without along the states with a state without along the states with the states without along the states with the states with the states without along the states without FOR D. C. TAX RATES

Inquires What Levy Would Be Necessary to Raise \$8,000,000

as District Share.

legal relations of the government and

sum of \$8,000,000, what rate of levy per hundred dollars on the lands in the District, not including improvements would be necessary to raise that sum, assessing the lands at the actual market value, not two-thirds of their value as now authorized by law?

"I assume that your assessment of the real estate in the District will enable you to furnish me this informa-tion from your books, but I should like to have the information in any way that you can furnish it.

"Also, what is the rate per hundred dollars at the present time upon all property, real and personal, in the District?

sessed value of the lands alone in the District at the present time?

Reasons for Inquiry.

to infer from the fact that I am making this request that I believe the District should raise eight million dollars, or that the single tax system of taxation should be adopted in the District. I expect in connection with the other members of the committee to give the whole matter careful consideration, and desire to consider this phase of the question and all others that may aid in arriving at a fair and equitable adjustment of this question between the national government and

DRAFTING A PROTEST TO BLOCKADE ORDER

It was stated definitely at the White by two shots across her bow from a Britain making representations on five-inch gun and direct shots from a some features of the order in council maxim. She then returned and was is being framed and will be dispatched taken in charge by the collector of to London in a few days. The basis Permission to sail was refused the of the representations was not dis-

Representations to Germany for reparation for the loss of the American sailing ship William P. Frye and her cargo, sunk in the South Atlantic by the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, also are being present, and the foreigners present, when asked directly and individually by Gen. Villa, also expressed their willingness to co-operate in this beneficent idea; therefore, all versions made regarding a forced loan are baseless, as the board of trade itself has made the apportionation of the subscriptions in an economic of the subscriptions in an economic field. e gun opened direct fire that cargo, sunk in the South Atlantic by pared and will be dispatched to Berlin

in two or three days. France has conditioned her offer to posed upon clergy." buy the cotton cargo of the American steamer Dacia, before a prize court at Brest, on the establishment of the American citizenship of its owners. The American embassy in Paris today so LONDON, informed the State Department. As William R. that question is now at issue, the car is further complicated.

NO CHANGE IS MADE IN WILSON'S POLICY

Recognition of Mexican Government Only After Legal Election of Ruler.

TITLE MUST BE CLEAR OF TAINT OF MURDER

Gen. Villa's Explanation of His Tax on Foreigners-Says Americans Were Exempted.

Recent events in Mexico have not hanged President Wilson's determination not to recognize any government there which is not the result of orderly elec-

Various reports of efforts to induce the United States to recognize Gen. Villa were met at the White House today with the statement that the President's policy was unchanged and that he had no inention of departing from it.

When a government has been estab lished by constitutional methods, where murder has not been employed, the new government will be recognized by the United States, no matter head of it, it is said. All the President has insisted upon from the first is that the next government of Mexico shall be chinery and not through methods hereto

If Villa is ever recognized as the head of the Mexican government, it was stated today, it will be because he has been elected in constitutional manner.

Villa Explains Tax Levy.

Gen. Villa, at Monterey, has explained to the American consul there, Secretary Bryan today announced, that the purpose of his tax on foreigners and other:

In consideration of the relief afforded by the American Red Cross, Americans were not taxed. Only a few foreigners were assessed, some moderately and others not at all, the general explained. Villa stated that measures would be taken to keep food prices low as possible. The city was reported quiet. Carranza commanders, including Gen. Villareal, seeing the desperateness of the Carranza cause, are deserting and coming to the American side of the Rio Grande, according to a statement given out today by Gen. Villa's confidential agency here. were not taxed. Only a few foreigners

Big Battle Imminent.

Indications are that the Carranza and Villa forces soon will clash in the vicinity of Monterey and Tampico in one of th mostimportant battles of the present civil strife in Mexico.

Advices received by the Carranza agency from Vera Cruz last night stated that "the Villa troops evacuated San Luis Potosi, due to the approach of Gen. Benjamin Hill with the advance guard of Gen. Obregon's division now moving north."

This is the first intimation of the direction which Gen. Obregon tasks

legal relations of the government and the District of Columbia, I am writing this letter to ask you to furnsh me, for my individual use and study, the following information:

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Gen. Obregon is reported to have an arm of sum of about 22,000 men. Gen. Pablo the allies fired on this day 2,000 shells main column of 20,000 men and is understood to have several thousand men along the railroad lines approaching San Luis Potosi and Tampico.

The British casualties in the Dardanelles number sixty-one killed, wounded Gen. Obregon is ret

Back From Vera Cruz.

Eliseo Arredondo, head of the Car- nouncement. ranza agency, returned to Washington last evening from Vera Cruz, where he spent two weeks conferring with his chief. He issued a statement saying: "The one thing that struck me most forcibly was the fact that the Mexican

people at large had finally come to intimately realize that the constitutional ist revolution is a genuine movement of reform and progress, having for its sole end the betterment of the Mexican nation. • • • The abstemious life of Carranza himself and the men surrounding him has served to bring home to the people that the constitutionalist movement is not dedicated to the furtherance of personal ambitions, but has only the welfare of the nation at heart. It discussed with Gen. Carranza the Yucatan situation, and I can state positively that all foreign interests and investments will be amply protected. It is false that property is being destroyed or that cities are being sacked. "Gen. Carranza exhausted every means of bringing about a peaceful solution of the Yucatan trouble before he sent Gen. Alvarado to subdue the rebels. "Carranza is not inlinical to foreign—ers. His friendship for the Yucatan is accurate fire against the Warships."

In the parsonal attempting to force a passage of the Dardanelles, are believed to have decided unanimously to renew soon the general attack, says a Tenedos dispatch to the Havas Agency.

The French battleship Gaulois, the dispatch says, which was badly damaged along the water line by shells from the Turkish forts, is anchored in deep water off Mavrais Island, while her sister ship, the Charlemagne, is standing by to offer assistance if it is needed. It has been found difficult to make the first day when the warships attacking the Dardanelles were out of range. The issue were out of range. The issue were out of range. The issue were out of range.

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of the Yucatan trouble before he sent' Gen. Alvarado to subdue the rebels.

"Carranza is not inimical to foreigners. His friendship for the United States is unbounded. He is reviled merely because as a Mexican he puts the interests of his own country above everything else, and will not sacrifice its welfare to the financial interests of certain grasping foreigners."

of certain grasping foreigners." DENIES VILLA FORCED LOAN.

Others Agreed to Aid Poor.

placed the poor people in a serious condition, Gen. Villa called together the Monterey merchants, who by their immoderate speculation had caused an exorbitant increase in the price of merchandise, and made them comprehend the urgent necessity of remedying

"The Mexican merchants agreed a uitable manner to all merchants. "It is false that a tax has been im-

New British Chief of Staff. LONDON, March 22.-Maj. Gen. Sir pointed chief of the general staff to succeed Maj. Gen. Sir A. J. Murray.



News Note: Brig. Gen. Hugh L. Scott telegraphed from Utah to the War Department that he had rounded up the warlike Piutes and the situation is now peaceful.

STORM IN THE DARDANELLES HALTS OPERATIONS OF FLEET

Admirals of Allied Navies Hold Conference and Agree to Resumption of General Attack.

property valuation for the District. His letter follows:

Request of Senator Works.

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This is the first intimation of the direction which Gen. Obregon took on excuating Mexico City, and with these advices Carranza officials here admitted to investigate and report upon the legal relations of the government and to obregon is reported to have an elegal relations of the government and Gen. Obregon is reported to have an obregon's division now moving north."

LONDON, March 22.—Storms again have were successful in saving only a few men. Besides having been struck by men. Besides having been struck by men. Besides having been struck by a mine the Bouvet was severely damaged to information given out today by the third their forces were concentrating for the defense of Tampico.

Tentative Program.

A tentative general program for the Belgian children who thanked him for the Bouvet was severely damaged the "good breat" through the besiegers.

Find the besiegers.

Find the District, His vision now moving north."

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danelles number sixty-one killed, wounded and missing, according to the official an-

To Renew the Attack.

PARIS, March 22.-Admirals of the allied fleet, who conferred, aboard the French flagship Suffren, Friday, regarding their future course in attempting to force

German View of Battle.

BERLIN, March 22, via London, 11:33 a.m.-The correspondent at Constantinople of the Wolff bureau telegraphed today a description of the fighting at Gov. Madero Says Foreigners and and two British battleships were sent to the bottom. "The efforts of the allies to force

Madero, governor of Nuevo Leon, Mexi- the correspondent, "reached their clico, yesterday addressed the following max in an artillery duel Thursday, munication to Enrique C. Llorento, March 18, which lasted seven hours. villa agent at Washington, relative to the tax imposed upon the merchants of Monterey, the imposition of which has caused a protest from the British government:

"In view of the alarming increase of prices on prime necessities, which increase of the series of the properties of the properties of the properties of the series of the straits at 11:30 in the morning and shelled the town of Chank Kale. Four

h Terrifying Spectacle.

"The attack of modern marine ar tillery upon strong land forts presented an interesting as well as terrify ing spectacle. At times the forts were completely enveloped in smoke, o'clock the allies changed their tac-

overboard. It could be seen that the Bouvet when she sunk was endeavoring to gain the mouth of the straits. This, however, was difficult, owing apparently to the fact that her machinery had been damaged.

British Ship Crippled.

"Shortly after the sinking of the Bouret a British ship was struck on the deck squarely amidships and compelled to withdraw from the fight. Then an other British vessel was badly damaged and a quarter before 4 was seen to retire under a terrific tire from the Turkish battery. This vessel ran in toward the shore. For a full hour the allie

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 22, vi-

from Turkish headquarters says: tle in the Dardanelles established that the French battleship Bouvet was today a description of the fighting at the Dardanelles Thursday, March 18, in which the French battieship Bouvet beth and four the Inflexible. damaged and about twenty sol-killed. EL PASO, Tex., March 22.—Gen. Raoul the straits of the Dardanelles," says day against the Dardanelles."

MONTENEGRIN FRONTS SHELLED BY AUSTRIANS

HAVRE, via Paris, March 22, 8 a.m.dispatch from Cettinje says the Auson all the Montenegrin fronts March 17 and 18.

directed at points near Grahovo are said to have been repulsed by the Montenegrins, who suffered only slight

BRITISH COAL STEAMER IS TORPEDOED AND SUNK LONDON, March 22.-The British

o'clock the allies changed their tactics and concentrated their fire upon individual batteries, but it was evident that they found difficulty in getting the range. Many of their shells fell short, casting up pillars of water, or went over the forts to explode in the town.

"At a quarter past 3, when the bombardment was at its hottest, the French battleship Bouvet was seen to be sink-itow her into port. She sank eight miles." steamer Cairntorr was torpedoed yes terday afternoon off Beachy Head, in bardment was at its hottest, the French battleship Bouvet was seen to be sinking at the stern. A moment later her bows swung clear of the water and she was going down. Roaring cheers from the Turkish garrisons and forts from the Turkish garrisons and forts greeted this sight.

"Torpedo boats and other craft of the of New Castle.

boats put out to her and attempted to tow her into port. She sank eight miles don.—Official announcement is made that subscriptions to the new war loan now amout to 9,000,000,000 marks (\$2,250,000,000). It is stated that Emperor this sight.

"Torpedo boats and other craft of the of New Castle.

PRESIDENT PENS NOTE TO BELGIAN CHILDREN

Personally Answers Touching Letter Thanking Him for Food Sent to Country.

President Wilson some time ago re-

the Americans.

"Best love and wishes from little
"PUSSY DE SPOELBERCH."
"I join in with my sister in thanking
you, too, for it is joily good bread,
enough to satisfy any schoolboy's hun-E. DE SPOELBERCH."

President Pens Reply. The President's reply, in his own handwriting, was as follows: The White House

30 March, 1915.

My Dear Little Friends: Your lette touched me very deeply and I thank you for it with all my heart. It makes me very happy to think that what lieve the hunger and distress in your country has brought you the help you needed and given you a little happi ness in the midst of these terrible days of war. I hope that you will grow up to be strong, to do the work that will that are coming. It would b pleasure to me if some day I might so you both, when those happier time have come. Your sincere friend, WOODROW

Miss Pussy de Spoelberch and Master E. de Spoelberch, 29 Avenue des Gaulois, Brussels, Belgium.

RAID AMERICAN MISSION. Turks Said to Have Subjected In mates to Insults and Blows.

PETROGRAD, March 22 .- A dispate trians conducted a heavy artillery fire news bureau, the official Russian news agency, says:
"The Turkish consul at Urumlah, Mehemed Raghib Bey, at the head of

American mission at that place, where The consul ordered three refuge. priests and two deacons to leave the comm ission, and as they were passing through the streets they were insulted "An American missionary, Mr. Allen who also was subjected to insults and

German War Loan a Big Success. RERLIN, March 22, by way of Lon

blows, succeeded in sending to Selma two messengers to ask for prompt as

sistance from the Russian troc

the mission was not able to p

MONEY IS ASSURED FOR G.A.R. REUNION

Robert N. Harper, Finance Chairman, Says Needed \$25,000 Fast Coming In.

COL. McELROY ANNOUNCES A TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Grand Parade Down Pennsylvania Avenue Is Scheduled for Wednesday, September 29.

Stating that reports from the chairmen of the various sub-committees in dicate that the campaign to raise \$25,000 for the National G. A. R. en campment to be held here in September will be in every way successful Robert N. Harper, chairman of the finance committee in charge of the collection, spoke enthusiastically today of the efforts of his assistants.
"We'll make the amount," he said. am confident that we'll raise the neces-sary amount. Washingtonians, conscious of the importance of this en campment, which celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the march of the vet-erans down the Avenue at the close of he civil war, have been patriotically responding to our appeal. The amount ecessary to provide a never-to-be-forgotten reception for the convening eterans will be subscribed." All of the chairmen have not, as yet reported, and Mr. Harper said that i letter, urging them to do so at once was to be addressed to them this after

Program Being Discussed.

H. C. C. Stiles, chairman of the print ing committee, presided over a meeting of that body at 11:30 o'clock this morning. The principal business considere was relative to the production of the official souvenir program for the en official souvenir program for the en-campment. The committee, said Mr. Stiles, has been divided into three groups, each of which will have charge of a specific department involved in the publishing of the program. One will conduct the advertising end of the proj-ect, another will have charge of the literature to be contained in the elab-orate book, and the third will be con-cerned with the actual printing of the volume.

cerned with the actual printing of the volume.

Seeking to minimize the expense of producing the program, Mr. Stites and his committee have refused numerous bids from private contractors who have sought to obtain the contract for its publication, and have determined to handle the entire matter themselves.

The committee is composed of H. C. C. Stiles, chairman; John Dolph, vice chairman; Don V. Smythe, Holcombe G. Johnson, Charles G. McGuiggan, Robert Gibson, W. W. Bowie, Charles E. Finney, C. F. Hummel, Joel Hillman, C. H. Claudy. John G. Hodges, Hugh Reilly, F. W. MacKenzie, W. c. Johnson, George P. Killian and Charles C. James. A meeting of the committee on reunions has been announced for tomorrow evening by Col. John McElroy, its chairman.

cupied in settling in the quarters pro-26 These days will be principally ocwrote a reply to the letter expressing his hope that happiness would soon be restored to the suffering people of that country and that some day he might have the pleasure of seeing the writers of the letters. The children are twins, nine years old, and their letter was penned by themselves. The two letters are as follows:

"29 Avenue des Gaulois, Brussels."

"Pebruary 18, 1915.

"Dear Mr. Wilson—Thank you very much for the good bread. The poor people in our villages were starving, for they had nothing to eat, but now that you have sent over to our dear little country a big provision of wheat, both rich and poor can live—thanks to

A large campfire meeting will be held Monday evening in the census building, according to present plans. Many meetings of various minor or-Tuesday will be featured in the evenby the great welcoming reception, the will probably be held in census

the meeting. Grand Parade Wednesday. The grand parade will be held at 10

o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, September 29. body of the G. A. R. will commence Thursday and last until the evening of October 1 Campfires will be held each evening and the reunions will go on continu-

IS CALLED BY DEATH.

ously.

Maj. Charles B. Throckmorton Suc cumbs in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, March 22.-Ma Charles B. Throckmorton, retired, U. trians is Cracow, in northwestern Ga-S. A., and the first commissioned officer licia, close to the German border. appointed by President Lincoln, died from Djulfa, Persia, to the Westnik here yesterday. He was seventy-four years old, and after thirty-four years of active service had retired about sian offensive campagn, as outlined untwenty years ago.

Maj. Throckmorton served in many Several Austrian infantry attacks seventy Askaris, recently attacked the of the most important engagements of north, and simultaneously into Silesia buil Run was in charge of the battery that fired on a cavalry detachment commanded by his father, who was a and Cracow blocked attempts to invade Germany across the Silesian bortens away from under him, and narrowly missed killing his father. For his service in the Indian warfare he was awarded two medals by Congress.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon Interment and further service. 15,000 orthodox Christians had taken Bull Run was in charge of the battery afternoon. Interment and intermeters will be held at Arlington cemeters Wednesday.

Socialist Deputies Denounced. AMSTERDAM, March 22, via London

11:40 a.m.-The socialist party in the German reichstag has given out a declara tion, according to a dispatch reaching here from Berlin, severely denouncing th "breach of discipline" committed by Kari-Liebknecht and Herr Kuehl, the social-ist deputies, in voting against the adop-tion of the budget in the reichstag March 20.

PRZEMYSL YIELDS TO CZAR'S TROOPS

Petrograd Reports Austrians at Last Have Surrendered Galician Stronghold.

IT HAD BEEN INVESTED SINCE EARLY IN THE WAR

Frequent Attempts to Bring About Relief Have Been Defeated by Russian Forces.

DEEMED KEY TO DEFENSES

Road Now Open, Allies Claim, to Conquest of One of the Richest Sections of Dual Monarchy.

PETROGRAD, March 22, via London, 2:54 p.m.-It was announced officially this morning that the Galician fortress of Przemysl surrendered to the Russians today. A te deum of thanksgiving was

elebrated at the Russian army headquarters today when the fall of Przemysl was announced, the ceremony being participated in by Emperor Nicholas, Grand Duke Nicholas and the members of the general staff.

LONDON, March 22, 3:37 p.m. -The great Galician fortress of Przemysl, which the Austrians had so stanchly defended since the early days of the war, fell into the hands of the Russian besiegers this morning.

The last of the improvised field fortifications were captured some days ago and the final act of the drama began toward the close of the week, when the commandant deliberately expended his reserve ammunition and sent the bulk of the garrison out in the forlorn hope of cutting its way eastward

and 6,000 Austrian prisoners fell into the hands of the Russians, while as many more fell, dead or wounded. The shattered remnants of the force fled back to the fortress, and they now

have fallen into the hands of the Russians. The garrison of Przemysl originalis numbered 60,000 or 80,000 men, but sorties and shells must have cut a considerable number of thousands from

Advance on Cracow Next. number about 120,000 officers and men. This force will now march on the strong Austrian fortress of Cracow. 125 miles to the east of Przemysl, it being the announced determination of the Russian commander-in-chief to re-

duce the ancient Polish capital as speedily as possible. As soon as the news of the fall o Przemysl reached the headquarters of the Russian commander-in-chief a te deum of thanksgiving was celebrated in the presence of Emperor Nicholas and Grand Duke Nicholas and all their staffs.

Przemysl Long Besieged

The siege of Przemysl, an Austrian stronghold in the province of has been under way since the early and relentless siege, which has never been relaxed for a day since the Russians invested the city. Several at tempts of the Austrians to raise the slege, the latest of which was made only a short time ago, failed. With the fall of Przemysl the only important fortified town in Galicia which is still in the hands of the Aus-

Checked Austrian Advance

In the early days of the war the Rusofficially, contemplated the invasion of Germany through East Prussia, on the the civil war, and at the first battle of from Galicia. The Russians succeeded in penetrating Galicia, but the success

vigor, and during the earlier months inby frequent sorties. The only means of nunication with the outside world was by wireless telegraphy and aero-

Kept Up Bold Front.

Although there have been several reports recently that the surrender of Przemysl was imminent, news from the city itself described conditions there as imposed by the military authorities. All