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## GREAT AUSTRIAN GARRISON FALLS AFTER LONG SEIGE

Fortress of Przemysl in Hands of Russians.

NOW TO TURN ON CRACOW FORTS

Przemysl has been described as the key to the Austrian Empire and its capture may have a great bearing on the ultimate result of the war.

London, March 22.—The British official press bureau issued this statement:

"Information has been received that the fortress at Przemysl has fallen and the garrison has surrendered to Russian arms."

The size of Przemysl, an Austrian stronghold in the province of Galicia, began in the early days of the war. It has been a bitter and relentless siege since the day the Russians attacked the city. Several attempts of the Austrians to relieve the city, the latest of which was made a short time ago, failed. With the fall of Przemysl the only fortified town in Galicia which still is in the Austrians' hands is Cracow, in northern Galicia, close to the German border. Early in the war the Russian offensive campaign, as outlined unofficially, contemplated an invasion of Germany through East Prussia and Silesia by way of Galicia on the south. The Russians succeeded in penetrating Galicia, but the Austrians by holding Przemysl and Cracow blocked attempts to cross the German border.

The fate of Przemysl has been one of the most picturesque features of the war. The Austrian garrison defended the fortress with great bravery. The only means of communication with the outside world was by means of wireless telegraph.

Although several reports have been received recently that the surrender of Przemysl was imminent news from the city itself described conditions there as fairly normal except for regulations prescribed by the military authorities themselves.

The last direct word from Przemysl before the announcement of the surrender was that the Russians attacks were infrequent and that the defenders had little to do. Przemysl was well stocked with food and ammunition when the siege began, but there have been indications lately that hunger was an important ally of the Russians.

Last week the Russians brought down an Austrian aeroplane, said to have been loaded with beef for Przemysl.

Przemysl has been described as the key to the Austrian empire. Russian commentators have predicted that its operations against Austrian interior, hitherto attended only by inconsequential results, would succeed with Przemysl's fall. Beyond Przemysl lies a great wheat country. The city is 65 miles east of Lemberg, which the Russians captured some time ago. It is a city of about 60,000 people, a majority of whom are Poles. It is on San river and is the seat of a Roman Catholic bishop and a Unit bishop. It was founded in the eighth century and was attacked in the seventeenth century by Tatars, Cossacks and Swedes and virtually destroyed. It soon was rebuilt and began an important commercial and military center. The city was defended strongly by outer and inner forts.

### New Store Opens.

The Red Iron Racket's new store on the square was formally opened for business last Saturday and a good crowd was present during the day. Messrs R. E. Thompson and C. D. Roper of the Red Iron Racket force will handle the business in this store.

### Local Firm Complimented.

Mr. J. D. McKee, president of the Laurens Motor Car Company spent several days in Atlanta last week when he was invited along with other Maxwell agents to meet with high officials of the Maxwell Motor Car Company. While there he was notified that his company was one among the very few that would be allowed to sell Maxwell Cars on the easy payment plan. Only the agents with the very best of credit are given this privilege.

### DISTINGUISHED PREACHER.

Celebrated Universalist Divine Will Preach in Mountville on March 28th.

The Rev. William H. McGlaughlin, D. D., will preach in the Universalist Church in Mountville at eleven o'clock Sunday morning, March 28th, and also in the evening. Dr. McGlaughlin is one of the most distinguished preachers in the Universalist Church in this country and the people of this county are fortunate in having a chance to hear him. He has been touring the country making lectures in the larger cities and accepted an invitation to stop over and preach at Mountville.

### Charges Prove Groundless.

The grand jury week before last completely cleared Mr. George Clardy of the charge against him of buying cotton after dark. In February several negroes were arrested on the charge of selling cotton after dark and on examination said they intended to sell the cotton to Mr. Clardy. As absolutely no proof was advanced to show that Mr. Clardy ever had or ever intended to buy cotton illegally the grand jury did not find a true bill.

### Fertilizer Moving.

Fertilizers have been moving out very rapidly over the past several days, according to reports from the dealers. "Fertilizers have been moving out in large amounts," said Mr. Aug. Huff, one of the large dealers yesterday. Up until this time, however, comparatively little has been sold. According to Mr. Huff and others in touch with the fertilizer trade, hardly over one third as much will be used this year as last year.

### Mrs. Louise Patterson.

Mrs. Louise Patterson, widow of the late Andrew Patterson, died at the home of her son, Mr. T. M. Patterson, near Clinton Friday and was carried to Campobello for burial Sunday. She had been in ill-health for some time. She is survived by three children, Mrs. T. L. Finch, of Campobello; Mr. T. M. Patterson, of Clinton; and Mr. L. C. Patterson, of Dawson, New Mexico.

### Another Date for Survivors.

Surviving soldiers of Co. "G" 3rd S. C. Regt.; Co. "E" 3rd S. C. Bat. will hold their 29th annual reunion at Lanford Station on Saturday, April 17th, next.

All survivors and families and the public in general are expected. Come out old comrades and let's have a good day. Everybody bring something to eat.

Mel Fleming,  
J. W. Lanford,  
R. J. Stoddard,  
W. W. Grumbles,  
L. M. Cannon.

### Missionary Exercises.

Missionary exercises will be held at Friendship church Sunday, March 28th. The children's exercises will be held in the morning. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Store Entered by Thieves.

The small store on the corner next to Minter Company, owned by J. E. Oglesby, was entered by thieves Sunday night and a number of articles stolen. The thief gained entrance from the rear, removing a pane of glass near the bar that fastened the back door and lifting this bar out of its socket.

### Equalization Board Met.

The county equalization board met in the office of the county auditor yesterday and transacted considerable business relating to tax values. The county board does not send its chairman to Columbia this year to act with the chairman of other county board as the state board. Under the new tax law there is no longer a state board of equalization, its duties being taken over largely by the tax commission, of which Mr. A. W. Jones is chairman.

### Contest at Trinity-Ridge.

The preliminary declamation contest to select contestants for the county fair will be held at the Trinity-Ridge school house Friday evening, March 26th, beginning at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

## WOUNDED SOLDIERS IN PARIS HOSPITAL.

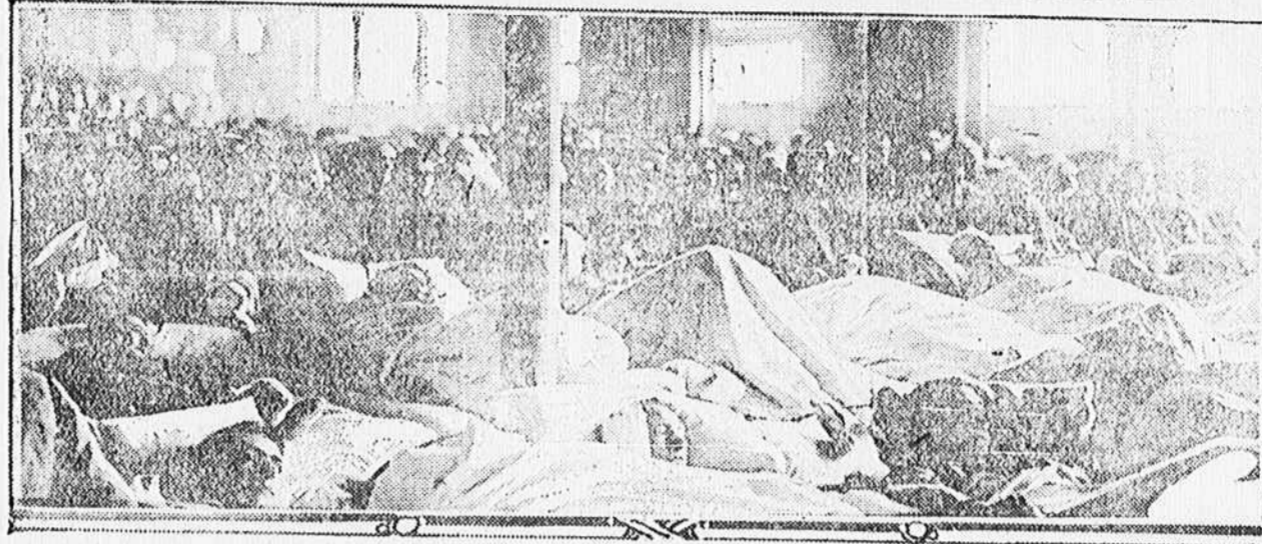


Photo by American Press Association.

This picture was made while the men were enjoying an entertainment.

### CLUBS COMPLYING WITH LAW.

Governor Manning Giving Indications that the Law is to be Strictly Enforced.

Columbia, March 19.—Columbia clubs are voluntarily complying with the new law and have removed the lockers and taken all whiskey, beer and wines from the clubs. This action has been taken by the Metropolitan Club, the Elks and the Columbia Club. Ridgewood Country Club is following suit and these clubs are now "dry".

Just what orders have gone forth, or just what is contemplated, is not known, but it is evident that Columbia is going to feel the strong arm of the law in the matter of law enforcement, and especially as concerns the liquor traffic. Governor Manning has had several conferences with the mayor and chief of police, over the local situation and it is believed that results are now wanted. The Governor had nothing to say tonight when asked out the matter.

The recent utterances of the governor over his desire to have the local officials enforce the laws without interference on his part and his insistence that they be given every opportunity to do so are considered highly significant. This taken in connection with the local situation leaves the public in an expectant attitude. They look for something to "drop" and that right early.

Another significant fact is the silence now being maintained by Governor Manning on this matter. He has been insisting on the enforcement of the law by local officers and has stated in several interviews and through telegrams and letters to officials, copies of which were given to the press, that he was earnest in his desire to see law enforcement. Now that he refuses to have anything more to say, which viewed in the light of his past interviews, is still more significant. Watchers of events here, today emphasized this fact and referred to his statement in his telegram to the Mayor Pro Tem of Charleston the other night on law enforcement, in which the governor said, "I want results." It is the very general feeling in well-informed circles around the capitol that the silence of the governor means that "results" are coming.

The public is watching the developments in Columbia and Charleston closely. The governor has stated several times and has been insisting on the Charleston officials enforcing the laws against liquor violation. In his telegram to Mayor Pro Tem Williams on last week the governor called on him to have all the laws enforced and said that "I feel I have waited long enough and it is time for results." He will say nothing further on the Charleston situation, but "results" are expected by the public and it is felt here that the next answer of the Governor will be through results.

It is known that if the city officials fail to enforce the laws to his satisfaction, that the governor will call on the sheriffs and over these he has power to demand and get results. He can either get results or remove the sheriffs and appoint some one who will enforce the laws. It was pointed out here today that the governor has already summoned sheriff W. W. Huckabee, of Kershaw County, to show on March 30 why he "should not be removed from office because of failure to enforce the laws against liquor violation," to quote from the formal order. This is looked upon here as a warning to every sheriff.

### A NARROW ESCAPE.

Little Leon Kennedy Has Narrow Escape—Serious Wound in Neck, Entirely Accidental.

Leon Kennedy, the six-year-old son of Rev. Mr. Kennedy, of Ora, in Laurens county, who was visiting his uncle, Mr. Bernard Carlisle, in the county, had a narrow escape from instant death on Monday afternoon. He and a negro boy about the same age were playing with axes, very dangerous playthings, and the negro came down with his axe and struck the Kennedy child on the neck, making a wound some two inches long and about one and a half inches deep. If the wound had reached the carotid vein or artery there would have been no possible chance to save the child's life.

It is supposed that the child undertook to remove a rock as the negro boy raised his axe to strike a blow and in this way went right in the course of the axe and received the blow on his neck. Dr. W. G. Housear was called and sewed up the wound. He had to take a number of stitches and he says that the little fellow was a hero and stood the dressing of the wound without taking anything to relieve the pain. It was all accidental. Axes are very dangerous playthings for children.—Newberry Herald and News.

### MILITIA INSPECTED.

General Moore and Lieut. Hunt Make Annual Inspection of Traynham Guards.

The annual inspection of the Traynham Guards was held in the armory last Thursday afternoon and night. Adjutant General W. W. Moore and Lieutenant Hunt of the United States Army were here for the purpose and made a careful examination of the government property and of the men enlisted. In the afternoon the property was inspected and in the evening Lieutenant Hunt put the men through squad drill in the armory and company drill on the square. Immediately after the inspection both General Moore and Lieut. Hunt made a short talk to the men in which they complimented them on the fine interest they had shown in the company. Three officers and fifty-one men were present. The total enrollment of the company is fifty-three, with three commissioned officers.

### W. B. Clark Only Suspended.

Mr. W. B. Clark, one of the most popular and efficient carriers of the Greenwood postoffice has been laid off pending the final decision of the civil service commission on the charge of "political activity" made against him. The announcement has caused considerable harsh criticism as Mr. Clark is, as said above, both popular and efficient. All the patrons of his route are greatly exercised but hope the charges will not be sustained and that soon Mr. Clark will be back on his route.—Greenwood Index.

### Three to Penitentiary.

Greenwood Rogers, sentenced to die in the electric chair on April 9th, was carried to Columbia by Sheriff Owings Monday. The sheriff also carried J. M. Timmons and John Will Smith, both white men, convicted of house breaking and larceny and sentenced to two years and one year imprisonment respectively. The sheriff experienced no trouble in landing them safely in Columbia.

## "THE ADVENTURES OF A BOY SCOUT"

A Five-Reel Motion Picture Film at the Idle Hour Theatre Friday, April 2nd.

There will be placed on sale in a few days by the Laurens Troop Boy Scouts of America, tickets for the above attraction at the Idle Hour. As Scout Master, I want to say a word through your columns about this film. A little more than a year ago National Headquarters of the Boy Scouts in New York, produced this picture at great expense for the purpose of putting before the American people in this way the activities of the Boy Scout Movement. This picture has been shown in many of our larger cities including Columbia at a uniform price of 25c. Recently the picture has been put into the hands of the World Film Corporation, and about twenty-five films made that wider publicity may be given to the picture. For some months I have been trying to get this picture for Laurens. Some ten days ago the special representative of the World Film Corporation was here, and through the kindness of the manager of the Idle Hour Theatre, we closed a contract to put the picture on April 2nd. This is an expensive picture, but we are going to offer it at the popular price of ten cents for all. It is hoped our boys may make something out of it, for their equipment, but our main object in bringing the picture here is that the Laurens people may become better acquainted with the aims and achievements of the scout movement. This movement is doing wonders for the American boy and I am very anxious that our boys and citizens may become deeply interested in this great movement.

The picture is a clean, wholesome presentation of scout activities gathered around the hero "Tom Stude", ending up on the White House lawn in the presence of the president, Woodrow Wilson. In a few days, literature and posters will fully acquaint you with the picture but I desire to say this foreword, and thank you for your space.

Sincerely,

C. F. Rankin,  
Scout Master.

March 22, 1915.

### Declainers' Contest.

The preliminary declaiming contest for Hunter Township will be held at Mountville on Saturday March 27 at eleven o'clock A. M. All visiting teachers and pupils will be entertained by the people of Mountville. Everybody is urged to be present.

### Is Special Judge.

Gov. Manning has appointed Mr. C. C. Featherstone as special judge for the terms of court of common pleas and general sessions for Chester county beginning on the last Monday in March. Mr. Featherstone serves in the place of Judge Spain who is ill. The appointment was made upon the recommendation of Chief Justice Gary.—Greenwood Journal.

### Stood First on Examination.

Mr. Sam Kellert, who at one time was with Powe Drug Company here, spent a short while in the city last week. He had just returned from Columbia where he stood the examination for pharmacist. He passed most successfully having stood first among those who stood the examination.

## HUGE COTTON CROP GROWN IN 1914

Largest Crop that has Ever Been Grown.

VALUE OF CROP LESS THAN 1913

In Spite of Large Crop Only Three States Make New Records. South Carolina's Crop Slightly Less than in 1911. Much Lint Cotton Obtained.

Washington, March 20.—The greatest cotton crop ever produced in the United States was grown in 1911.

Census bureau statistics issued today, giving final ginning figures, officially place the 1914 crop as a record, with 16,102,143 bales of 500 pounds each. That is 409,442 equivalent 500-pound bales, or 204,721,500 pounds more than produced in the great crop of 1911.

In addition to the great production of lint cotton a record quantity of linter cotton, which is extensively used in the manufacture of military explosives, was obtained. This cotton, delinted from the seeds at oil mills, amounted to 235,732,000 pounds and brought the total 1914 crop to 15,893,601 equivalent 500-pound bales, or 8,416,803,500 pounds.

While the crop was a record one, the only States to make new records in production were Alabama, Louisiana and Oklahoma. The other cotton states all came close to their records.

The 1914 cotton crop of the United States aggregated 15,873,002 running bales of lint, or 16,102,143 equivalent 500-pound bales, the census bureau announced today. The department of agriculture on December 10 estimated 15,966,000 equivalent 500-pound bales. These figures compare with 16,982,811 running bales, or 14,156,486 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1913, 13,488,539 running bales, or 13,703,421 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1912, and 15,553,073 running bales, or 15,692,704 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1911, the three largest crops prior to 1914. Included in the 1914 figures are 121,451 bales which ginners estimated would be turned out after the March canvass.

Round bales included numbered 81,598 compared with 77,563 in 1913, 73,777 in 1912 and 119,293 in 1911.

Sea island bales included numbered 81,598 compared with 77,563 in 1913, 73,777 in 1912 and 119,293 in 1911.

The average gross weight of bales for the crop was 507.2 pounds, compared with 506.2 in 1913, 508.0 in 1912 and 504.5 in 1911.

Gineries operated for the crop numbered 27,522, compared with 21,749 in 1913, 25,279 in 1912 and 26,319 in 1911.

Linter cotton, not included in total ginning figures, amounted to 772,270 running bales, or 791,464 equivalent 500-pound bales, compared with 631,153 running bales, or 638,881 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1913, 602,324 running bales, or 609,594 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1912, and 556,276 running bales, or 557,575 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1911.

Production of States in equivalent 500-pound bales, exclusive of linters, with comparisons, follows:

Alabama—	1914 . . . . .	1,750,281
	1913 . . . . .	1,195,485
Arkansas—	1914 . . . . .	1,015,674
	1913 . . . . .	1,072,846
Florida—	1914 . . . . .	80,963
	1913 . . . . .	58,695
Georgia—	1914 . . . . .	2,733,470
	1913 . . . . .	2,316,601
Louisiana—	1914 . . . . .	447,861
	1913 . . . . .	443,821
Mississippi—	1914 . . . . .	1,244,703
	1913 . . . . .	1,310,743
Missouri—	1914 . . . . .	81,587
	1913 . . . . .	67,105
North Carolina—	1914 . . . . .	925,233
	1913 . . . . .	792,545
Oklahoma—	1914 . . . . .	1,261,350
	1913 . . . . .	840,387
South Carolina—	1914 . . . . .	1,524,595

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