

Bridge, to be ready at the Time appointed for the Meeting of the two Princes with their respective Corps. But they were obliged to wait on this Side the River for six Hours, sending Courier after Courier to hasten the Pontons, which it seems had stuck in a Bog, the Captain of the Bridges having, as he alledged, lost his Way in the Night. During this Time General Trenk was making false Alarms upon New Kolin till Break of Day, when the Prussians discovering what had been designed, made such Motions as obliged the Princes to lay aside their Design for that Time. But this Morning a Courier arrived from Prince Charles with a Letter from Seltmitz to the Queen, with an Account, that on the 19th the Army passed the Elbe at Telschitz, over-against which Place the Banks were guarded by three Prussian Battalions, who lost between 4 and 500 Men, with three Pieces of Cannon taken by the Austrians, and two by the Saxons. It is added, that the Prussians are separated, having one Body, which is supposed to be the greatest, to the Right, the other to the Left of the Austrians, and that the Prince was upon the Point of marching to Chlumetz.

*Journal of the Combined Army in Bohemia, from the 18th to the 24th of November.*

**U**PON the 18th Prince Charles, who the Day before had been to dine at the Duke's Head Quarters, in order to confer with his Serene Highness, ordered his Left Wing to march on the Side of Hermanmiesitz. However his Head Quarters remained at Bretoch. Our Army halted all this Day at Choldiz, and the necessary Preparations were made for the March which had been concerted between the two Chiefs for the next Day.

Advice was received, that the King of Prussia had newly marched 600 Foot and 300 Hussars into Koniggratz, and that he had sent Orders to Pardubitz, to set Fire to all the Suburbs of that Town the Moment he should judge it necessary, for which Purpose the Fire-Pots, and combustible Matters have since been fasten'd to the Houses. He has moreover caused a second Bridge to be thrown over the River near the Magazine.

Lieutenant General Ghylani sent Word, that his Patrols had discover'd several small Camps of Horse of two Regiments each, (according to his Computation) and that they judged by the Fires, they had discovered one much stronger on the Side of Koniggratz, and that one of their Detachments was still posted on the Left of the Elbe. This was confirmed by Advice from Chrudim, which besides that, gave an Account that several Villages upon the Banks of the Elbe, particularly Oppatowitz, Liebschau, Woffiz, Kratenau, and others, were abandoned by the Enemy.

The Duke ordered Lieutenant Colonel Baron Dighern to reconnoitre the Place, where it had been projected to attempt a Passage near the Village of Telschitz, and the Disposition was made

that Night. Conformably to this Design, at Nine o'Clock at Night Lieutenant General Count Schulenburg was sent with the Train of Austrian Artillery and Pontons, to take Post between Zdechowitz and Kwaletiz. At the same Time Major General Haxthausen marched from the Camp at Choldiz, with 26 Companies of our Grenadiers, and three Companies of Austrians, our Pontons, two Haubizes, four Pieces of six Pounders, and 22 three Pounders. He halted at the Distance of two Musket-shot from Telschitz. The six Battalions of which these 29 Companies were composed, were commanded by the Colonels Mupchoy and Pirch, the Lieutenant Colonels Dieden, Schlegel, Gerldorff, and the Major Gfug.

It was Four o'Clock in the Morning of the 19th of November when these Troops arrived at the Place appointed. The Artillery was forthwith placed in such a Manner that the Cannon took the Prussians, of whom two Battalions were posted on the other Side the River between Telschitz, and a Stud, in Front and in Flank, and then we set about placing the Pontons. The Prussian Centinels immediately gave the Alarm, and the Fire of their Cannon and Small Arms, which our Workmen bore without returning a Shot, was very brisk.

Notwithstanding that, Count Schulenburg having also began the Attack on his Side, the Head of our Grenadiers embarked, and scarce had Colonel Pirch and some Companies of Austrian Grenadiers passed over the River in order to enter into the Wood on the other Side, before the Action became very hot. The Prussians made a very vigorous Resistance for above three Quarters of an Hour. Two of their Battalions came to the Assistance of the two first, but the great Fire from our Batteries not only dispersed them, but also some Squadrons of their Horse, which durst not join them. Our Troops therefore passed the Elbe upon two Bridges, and the Austrians upon three others, all which were thrown over the River between Eight and Nine o'Clock in the Morning.

We lost two Gunners and seven Grenadiers, Captain Arnimb of the Artillery, five Gunners and fourteen Foot Soldiers, were wounded, and several Horses belonging to the Artillery, our Battery having been within 50 or 60 Paces (which is the Breadth of the River in that Place) of the Fire of the Prussian Small Arms. The Loss of the Prussians must have been much more considerable, above 60 having been found dead upon the Field of Battle, and wounded Men and Deserters being brought in by Troops. Lieutenant Colonel Schwaben carried off a Lieutenant with 33 Prussian Hussars from one of their Posts upon the Road to Koniggratz. The two Chiefs of the Combined Army fixed their Quarters that Evening in the Village of Chrtschiz, and ordered the Troops to encamp upon the Eminencies of Teinitz.

The next Day their Highnesses lodged in the Town which had been taken Possession of the Day