

ALLIES SMASHING THE GERMAN WEDGE

Between the Meuse and the Moselle Rivers-- Allies Also Score Victory Over Germans Near the Sea Coast.

French Government Assures People That Allies Have Great Reserve of Men and Munitions--German Supply is About Exhausted, and Germany is Beaten as the Result.

(Special to the Whig.)

Paris, April 7.—(Official).—With increased momentum, the Allied army, moving between the Meuse and Moselle rivers, is smashing in the sides of the great German wedge, according to despatches from the battle-front to-day.

Near Etain, thirteen miles northeast of Verdun, French troops stormed and captured two German positions on the hills. The advance was made in face of a murderous artillery fire that swept the wooded hillsides free of every vestige of foliage.

Important engagements are now being fought in the woods between Verdun and Mont-A-Mousson, it is known here, but the War Office communique this afternoon was almost devoid of information of the fighting in this region.

The announcement of the Allies' success along the Yser, of French gains at Etain and of slight French successes near Eparges were the features of the official statement.

The German wedge slopes from near Etain southwesterly to its apex at St. Mihiel, then southeasterly again. St. Mihiel being at the north side of the thickest part of the wedge, the French advance near there if made rapidly would tend to cut off the whole "wedgeful" of Germans.

Germany is Beaten.

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Paris, April 7.—In another installment of the official review of the war situation, the government assures the people that while the Allies have a great reserve of men, munitions, money and other necessary resources, Germany is practically at the end of these resources, and is beaten as a result.

It is stated that the German losses on two fronts approximate at least one million eight hundred thousand men.

NORTH SEA BLOCKADE HITS AMERICAN MILLS

Textile Industry, Employing 260,000 Operatives, Faces Crisis by Ban on Dyestuffs.

Washington, April 7.—A gloomy view of the immediate future of the textile industry was presented at the White House and the State Department yesterday by a committee representing 400 mills and headed by former Representative Metz of New York.

Unless some relaxation of the recent British blockade order in council is obtained and German dyestuffs reach them within six weeks' time Mr. Metz declared, 270 mills will be forced to close and 260,000 operatives be thrown out of work. No great hope was held to the

textile men by government officials. While unofficial negotiations are in progress with the British Government, apparently there is little prospect of framing an agreement that will be satisfactory to both Great Britain and Germany.

Under a previous agreement with Germany, ships carrying American cotton to German ports were permitted to bring back dyestuff cargoes. The new British order, however, has struck at this traffic in both directions.

500,000 Beds Added.

London, April 7.—The military authorities have instructed the London hospitals to extend the accommodation for wounded. It is expected that half a million beds will be added by next month.

Fresh attacks by German forces against the Belgian Congo have been repulsed.

BRITISH CABINET WAVERS REGARDING PROHIBITION

Lloyd George Urges Absolute Prohibition During the War Period--Liberal Leaders Will Back Government in Any Drastic Action it May Take.

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London, April 7.—The British Cabinet this afternoon considered the prohibition question at a lengthy session. The Ministry, it was authoritatively reported, was wavering between Lloyd George's demand for drastic measures and the pressure on the part of the big distilling and brewing interests for "hands off."

There was a strong possibility that a ban would be placed on all distilled liquors but that the sale of beer and light wines would not be interfered with.

Lloyd George presented to the Cabinet the results of various conferences with interests most concerned in his proposal for absolute prohibition during the war period. He assured the Ministry that despite objections from some quarters the majority of the labor leaders would back the Government in any action it might take, however drastic. He urged very strongly that

the gain to Britain through the shortening of the war would more than offset the loss in revenues from the liquor business.

Lord Kitchener and First Lord of the Admiralty Churchill also were heard from. They presented the views of the military and naval experts, but their personal recommendations to the cabinet were not made public.

Prohibition Not Likely.

(Special to the Whig.) London, April 7.—Prohibition advocates lost all immediate hopes for a "Dry Britain" when the British Cabinet adjourned this afternoon without reaching a definite decision on the prohibition question.

Lloyd-George will confer on Friday with representatives of the liquor interests to talk compromise. This was accepted as an admission of defeat by the prohibition forces.

BRITISH FIELD AMBULANCES AT WORK.



A British soldier who has been wounded in the fighting in France, is shown being removed by members of the British Red Cross to a hospital train in which he will be removed to the base hospital.

Longer Term For Operators Of the Movies

Toronto, April 7.—The Ontario Government is taking steps to ensure the last degree of safety in connection with the large number of moving picture theatres that are now operating in the Province. In addition to enforcing safety appliances, provision has also been made by legislation to increase the efficiency of the operators. In future their apprenticeship will be one year instead of the six months required afloatime.

This change will go into effect on May 1st and the only exception will occur when operating licenses from other countries are produced.

"Joffre" Most Popular Gown. Paris, April 7.—The spring gowns and costumes being turned out in Rue De La Paix, are being christened with military and patriotic terms as names. The most popular gown in the shops is the "Joffre," while the most fashionable cloak is the "Anti-Boche." Other terms applied to new dresses are the "Gallieni," the "Liberty," the "Forward," and the "France Forever."

Laurier and Hughes Clash in Commons

With Regard to the Shooting of a Girl by Guard at Cornwall.

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, April 7.—The morning sitting of the Commons opened with an interchange between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Major-General Sam Hughes in reference to the report in the morning papers stating that a guard at a camp named Sarah, Ont., had shot Sir Wilfrid Laurier in bringing the matter up remarked that "another case of shooting of the innocent" had been reported.

General Hughes remarked with some heat that he presumed it would be well to wait for official reports.

The minister admitted that people had been warned in all towns and cities where guards have been placed that they must speak when challenged. Sentries have been instructed that if attacked or if an attempt is made to disregard them that they are not to shoot to kill.

"In this case it was a woman and three children who attacked the soldier," retorted Sir Wilfrid, and the incident closed.

Luxemburg Needs Food Badly.

Amsterdam, April 7.—The Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg has purchased supplies of food in Holland and has applied for permission to export it to Luxembourg, where it is badly needed.

It has been signified at The Hague that the permission will be granted if the Grand Duchy is able to guarantee that the supply will be used solely for its civilians.

Sent News To Germany.

Paris, April 7.—The Minister of the Interior, the Matin says, has issued a decree of expulsion against the Swiss newspaperman, Edward Behrens, who is charged with taking advantage of his neutral nationality to act as Paris correspondent of the Berlin Lok Anzeiger.

Italy and Serbia Make Agreement About Ports

(Special to the Whig.) Rome, April 7.—It is unofficially stated here that Italy and Serbia have made an agreement regarding ports on the Adriatic and if this Italy-Serbian agreement is signed this week, as is expected, the entry of Italy into the European conflict may be considered imminent.

Latest Boots Are no Better Than the First

Ottawa, April 7.—The boots supplied to the second and third contingents are no better than those which went out to the first contingent. A batch of boots supplied to second and third contingents after March 7th had been submitted to the investigating committee by an inquiry board.

Ten per cent of these boots have been condemned as unfit. The defects are worn soles and heels, holes through toes and warped uppers after three weeks of wear.

These boots were supplied by Toronto and Montreal firms. The boots have been worn by the soldiers in their ordinary camp work, and the latest development that boots supplied here since the investigation started have proved defective will be made the subject of further strict inquiry.

ARE VERY BUSY.

Hog Products Are Being Shipped To Army.

Toronto, April 7.—Canadian packers have been making good profit out of war orders. When market value of swine were high at Canadian market they secured large contracts from the British Government for hog products at a corresponding price level, and they have been filling these ever since.

Several months ago swine were selling in Toronto at \$10.50 off cars. Later they fell away precipitously to \$7.50 on account of the heavy marketings of hogs from the Canadian west.

Recently they began to climb, as available supplies have become pretty well exhausted, and now they are selling in Toronto at \$9.25 off cars. One packer stated at the close of the week that the contracts involved practically capacity output until the close of the war.

It looks, therefore, as if market values would be at least maintained.

In the canned meat department large orders were received by most packers. Some of them are still working on contracts at full capacity and are buying canners, while others have cut purchases of animals on the hoof to a minimum.

Few canners are coming now and they are being well absorbed by those packers who are still operating.

WILLARD'S EMPTY PURSE.

Gets Nothing From the \$70,000 of Gate Receipts.

Havana, April 7.—For winning the world's championship Jess Willard will not receive one penny from the receipts of the fight with "Jack" Johnson. "Dick" Kligin, one of the promoters, yesterday announced that the total receipts would be slightly under \$70,000, which just meets the expenses.

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RAISE INDIAN UNIT TO FIGHT AT FRONT

Large Gathering of the Bay of Quinte Mohawks Near Deseronto.

Deseronto, April 7.—An enthusiastic audience of the Mohawks of Bay Quinte greeted F. O. Loft, Toronto, at their council house, to listen to his message as the accredited representative of Col. William Hamilton Merritt, advocating the raising of an Indian unit for the front.

Col. Merritt would equip. The speaker reviewed during a period of centuries the fidelity and patriotism of his race, and particularly the Mohawks, and urged his auditors to enlist, and to be prepared, if required, to go forth to duty in the present crisis.

Chief Sampson Green was the chairman. Mr. Loft is prosecuting a vigorous campaign, and started the movement in a recent meeting on the Six Nation reserve at Brantford.

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RUSSIANS CAPTURE 80,000 IN A WEEK

The Official Despatches Report Very Important Victories For the Slavs in Their New Offensive Against Bukowina.

Russians Capture Rostok Pass and Two Hungarian Villages --Two Battalions of Austrians Were Annihilated--Northeast of Czernowitz the Austrians Were Driven Back Toward the Pruth.

(Special to the Whig.)

Petrograd, April 7.—Russian armies rolling down upon Hungary have captured more than 80,000 Austrians and Germans in the last week of fighting in the Carpathians, according to figures furnished by the War Office to-day.

An official statement announced that in the Baligrad-Uzso Pass section alone the captives in seven days' fighting totalled 389 officers and 33,155 men, and that 17 cannon and 101 rapid firers as well as large quantities of ammunition had been taken.

Westward in the fighting for the Lupkow Pass an equal number of prisoners have been taken, War Office announced, but the exact figures were not available to-day.

The extreme left wing of Gen. Ivanoff's army operating northeast of Czernowitz captured the village of Zamouchine on Monday, driving the Austrians back toward the Pruth.

WOMEN PORTERS ON TRIAL

Great Central Of England Is Making Experiment. London, April 7.—The Great Central Railway Company is making experiments to see how far women can be employed as railway porters to set free men of military age. For the present the employment of women on platforms is being strictly limited, but it is thought that can be employed more extensively at country stations and even at large town stations in attending to passengers. The experiments are the result of suggestions from the general committee of railway managers. Other lines will follow the Great Central's example.

According to the latest Austrian news, the Austro-German army in the Carpathians is in full retreat.

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Allies Wait for Russia to Press On in Hungary

London, April 7.—Although the French are conducting a sustained and somewhat formidable defensive between the Meuse and the Moselle in an effort to dislodge the Germans from St. Mihiel, the southernmost point of their line, the demeanor of the allied armies as a whole indicates a disposition to await the outcome of Russia's gigantic plan to force the Carpathian barrier.

Germany is thought to be pouring troops into Hungary, even to the extent of weakening her forces in Flanders, and to-night's Austrian official communication notes the presence and recounts the success of German and Austrian troops in the Laborca valley.

There is less talk in England of

the spring advance of the Allies in France and Belgium and an increasing appreciation of the task Russia is attempting. This leads to the belief in some quarters that leaders of the allied armies in the west, reckoning on the heavy cost incident to smashing the German line there, may perhaps seek only to hold their ground, in the belief that the Russians will succeed in invading Hungary, ultimately to join hands with the Allied forces working northward through Serbia.

Thus, what their opponents regard as the weakest of the Teutonic Allies, Austria-Hungary, would be invaded without the loss of life that an attempt to drive the Germans from France and Belgium would entail.