

PARIS IS CONFIDENT OF FRENCH SUCCESS

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Redistribution of French Regiments for Second Phase of Great Battle Continues--Berlin War Office Says Thirty-Nine English Officers Have Been Imprisoned in Retaliation.

(Special to the Whig) Paris, April 13, (official).--French troops have not yet resumed their expected offensive around St. Mihiel, according to despatches from the front to-day. The process of redistributing the French regiments for the second phase of the great battle continues. Paris is confident that the next great effort will drive the Germans out of St. Mihiel and send them scurrying back toward Metz. The official communique from the War Office this afternoon had little to say concerning St. Mihiel fighting. The French, according to the communique, are in contact with the enemy at many places, fighting their way through German wire entanglements. Between the sea and the River Aisne there have been artillery engagements in the last twenty-four hours. East of Barry-au-Bac and near Soissons the French gained several German trenches.

English Officers Imprisoned. (Special to the Whig.) Berlin (via wireless), April 13.--The War Office to-day officially con-

firming the report that thirty-nine English officers have been placed in a military prison in retaliation for the treatment accorded the captured crews of German submarines by the British.

Persons desiring to send money direct to relatives or friends in Belgium, a privilege that has been denied them since the outbreak of the war, can now for a small rate of exchange, forward such moneys through the New York office of the Commission for Relief in Belgium. On April 12th a German dirigible airship dropped seven bombs on Nancy. One of these fell near the civilian hospital and another near a school. Two fires were caused by the bombs, but they were promptly extinguished. French officers who have been taken prisoners have informed the German authorities that the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, the galleries of the Louvre and the Hotel des Invalides are "bombings" being used for military purposes. They are equipped with searchlights, wireless apparatus and machine guns.

THE KING IS WILLING TO MAKE CONCESSIONS

Will Not Insist Upon Absolute Prohibition of Liquor During the War.

(Special to the Whig.) London, April 13.--The British Cabinet met to-day for a final discussion of the liquor question before the meeting of Parliament tomorrow. It was considered probable that before night the Ministry would formulate a definite programme for regulating the liquor traffic during the remainder of the war. Premier Asquith returned at noon from a lengthy conference with King George at Windsor. He brought to the Cabinet meeting the final message from the King, who it was reported was willing to make some concessions to the liquor interests and would insist upon absolute prohibition.

WAR EVE MEASURE

(Special to the Whig.) Rome, April 13.--An order is printed in the Military Journal directing all army officers to dull the metal on their uniforms and the scabbards of their swords. This is a measure which usually is adopted on the eve of war.

WAR PROVES BLESSING TO RUSSIAN PEASANTS

More Prosperous Than at Any Time in Country's History--Ban on Vodka Keeps Money in People's Pockets.

Petrograd, April 13.--The opinion was expressed by Pierre L. Bark, Russian Minister of Finance, that economically considered, the war has been a blessing to the people of this country. Discussing the financial and social aspects of the conflict, in an interview with the Associated Press, Mr. Bark said:

"Notwithstanding the depressing and paralyzing effect of the war, the Russian peasant class is more prosperous than at any previous time in the history of the country. "It is not difficult to account for this unusual prosperity. By virtue of the allowance made by the Government to the families of soldiers, which exceeds the earning power of the soldiers, the total income of these families is greater than in times of peace. "Thus, instead of feeling any privation as the result of the absence of the men and the loss of their services, the people are beginning to regard the war as a peculiar sort of godsend which is putting money into their pockets.

GRADUAL WEAKENING OF GERMAN RESISTANCE

On the British Front--No Counter Strokes Are Now Attempted.

London, April 13.--"It is a significant fact that although a month has passed since the action at Neuve Chapelle, the enemy has made no attempt to retaliate in any quarter, but has remained inactive while we have established ourselves securely on the ground won. This is a declaration made by the "Eye-Witness" attached to British army headquarters on the continent in a communication dated April 9th.

The writer of this report adds: "Looking back over the past four months, it is instructive to note the gradual weakening of the German resistance on our front. Formerly any offensive action on our part was met with an immediate counter stroke. This is the first occasion on which the enemy has made no reply at all." Referring to the condition bordering on panic which prevailed at Lille during the fighting at Neuve Chapelle this writer goes on to say: "Both officers and men have openly expressed their uneasiness. Apparently a marked change began to occur in the general demeanor of the German troops soon after Christmas. Till then they had been absolutely confident and extremely cheerful, but latterly this feeling has been steadily decreasing."

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"It is the prohibition of the sale of vodka which is primarily responsible for the ameliorated condition of the peasant. The sieve through which all the available earnings formerly disappeared has now been closed and the money "is either spent for present necessities or saved for future wants. "It is not necessary to invent theories to explain why the Russian people should be more prosperous. For the actual fact is that this prosperity is everywhere noticeable. Before the war the average yearly savings deposited amounted to 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 rubles (\$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000) while in the month of January alone about 60,000,000 rubles (\$30,000,000) was deposited. "The farmers have been very fortunate in being compelled to hold their supply of grain on account of the difficulties of transportation, for grain is now at the highest price of the year. There is every reason to believe the farmers will soon be able to dispose of their grain in foreign markets and at a great advantage."

THE MEN WHO BOMBARDED RHEIMS.



In the centre is Gen. Von Eben, commanding the 10th Reserve German Corps opposite Rheims.

THIEF WAS ARRESTED.

Lindsay Express Driver Had Spent \$500 Of Booty. (Special to the Whig.) Lindsay, April 13.--Howard P. Coneybeare, driver of the Canadian Express Company, who recently departed with two parcels of money containing three thousand dollars, was brought back last night by Provincial Inspector Boyd. He was given a preliminary hearing this morning on three charges and elected to be tried by a jury. No evidence was taken. Coneybeare had a big time during his ten days' liberty and spent almost \$500 chiefly at Winnipeg and Regina. He was caught near Edmonton. He handed back to the company \$2,504.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Engineer At Stratford Meets His End At Stratford. (Special to the Whig.) Stratford, April 13.--When a shunting engine side-swiped his locomotive at the local Grand Trunk engine house this morning, Engineer Edward Roman was crushed to death. A young wife survives. Roman escaped death in a fatal derailment near Nepean in February when Engineer John Rees was fatally scalded.

SICK OF BERNSDORFF.

(Special to the Whig.) New York, April 13.--A Washington despatch to the United States suggests that the United States may demand the recall of German Ambassador Bernsdorff.

MOST CONTEMPTIBLE STEAL

That Was Ever Pulled Off In Canada. Ottawa, April 13.--"It is the most contemptible steal ever pulled off in Canada." That was Frank R. Carvell's characterization in the Public Accounts Committee yesterday afternoon of the horse deal which A. BeWitt Foster, Conservative M.P. for King's County, Nova Scotia, pulled off last August and September, when he, with two "patriotic" ex-Canadians and the present Secretary of the Chief Government Whip in the Commons, bought 428 horses for \$72,000 and then neglected to supply the Militia Department with receipts and vouchers. The last chapter of the story was told to the committee yesterday by Mr. Foster, who acted as purchasing agent "without remuneration," and Dr. Chipman, the veterinary surgeon from Kentville, Nova Scotia, who passed the spavined, antiquated and decrepit horses on whom the lives of Canada's soldiers might depend.

More Than 7,000 British Fell.

London, April 13.--Six hundred and eighty-three names, including twenty-three men who were killed, were added yesterday to the previous casualty lists of the losses in the fighting at Neuve Chapelle last month. This list brings the total casualties in this engagement to 7,244. Of this number 2,046 were killed.

SINGAPORE RIOTS HAVE BEEN ENDED

Fifty-two of the Mutineers Were Killed and Many Captured. (Special to the Whig.) London, April 13.--Marines from five Allied cruisers co-operating with the military and civil forces at Singapore and later reinforced by six companies of British Territorials, have now completely suppressed the Singapore riots that began February 15th, according to an official statement issued to-day. All but eleven of the mutineers have been accounted for, 614 have been captured and 32 killed, with scarcely any casualties to the Allied forces. Native soldiers had planned a general massacre of whites, but the Japanese prevented it.

BALKAN STATES

May be Plunged Into War Very Soon

FOR THE THIRD TIME

MANY NATIONS MUST BE DRAWN INTO CONFLICT.

And It Is Said They Will All Be On The Side Of The Allies--Decisive Victory For The Russians May Set The Ball Rolling--The Ends In View.

(Special to the Whig.) Nish, Serbia, April 13.--By the middle of May all the Balkan states may again be plunged in war for the third time in less than four years. "This is the information I have obtained from some of the leading political authorities of Serbia and Greece, Greece, Bulgaria and Rumania, as well as Italy, they hold must be inevitably drawn into the conflict, if it continues much longer. With equal certainty they declare that all the four countries will enter on the side of the Allies. A decisive victory for the Russians in the present Cyprian fighting may set the ball rolling.

The Balkan states have two ends they feel they must at some time attain. One is the expulsion for all time of the Turks from Europe and the division among themselves of what remains of European Turkey. The other is to wrest from Austria the Provinces of Bukovina and Transylvania.

THE BRITISH FLEET GREATLY AUGMENTED

If Present Fleet Was Destroyed Britain Would Still be Sea Mistress.

London, April 13.--If the British public were privately informed that the British fleet was being augmented by something like a submarine every three days, a destroyer every week and a battleship, cruiser or dreadnought every month it would laugh the statement to scorn. And yet that is a fact.

If Britain's present overwhelming fleet were to meet defeat at the hands of the German navy and be totally destroyed there would be a residue of such dimensions that the balance of sea power would still remain with Great Britain.

By May 1st this country will not only be supreme from a naval standpoint, but it will have a perfectly trained and equipped army of 1,500,000 men. By the end of the war England will have the biggest navy that the world has ever seen and it will also possess the largest army in the world.

Of course it is not contended that Great Britain is building a submarine every three days. That would be, humanly speaking, an impossibility. But there are other ways of obtaining these little craft. Every day that the German fleet remains cooped up in Kiel the odds are increased enormously against Germany.

Gasoline Giving Off No Smoke. Ottawa, April 13.--After a decade of experimenting, a Hull, Que., scientist claims he has found a substitute for gasoline and at a test before several officials of the Public Works Department yesterday two table-spoonfuls of the liquid, mixed with two quarts of water, proved sufficient to run a 24 horsepower engine for an hour and a half without stoppage. The discoverer, who is Gideon Charbonneau, of Hull, claims he will be able to manufacture the liquid which he calls "charbo-oil" in any quantity at four cents per gallon. The liquid does not give off any smoke, and the inventor assumes it will revolutionize the automobile and other industries.

DR. PARKHURST TO BE TRIED.

Presbytery To Probe Complaints From California.

New York, April 13.--Trial of the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, pastor of the Madison Square Presbyterian church, before the New York Presbytery, on charges of conduct unbecoming a clergyman, was postponed Saturday. After a forty-night deliberation, the Moderator's Council of that body decided to submit the case against the noted preacher at to-day's meeting of the Presbytery.

Dr. Parkhurst's accuser is the Presbytery of Oakland, Cal., which charges him with having helped the liquor interests in the California prohibition campaign last fall by writing a letter in which he is quoted as having said the state was not ready for prohibition, and the wise course would be to tolerate the use of light wines there in order to placate the California grape and wine industry. The complaint says the Parkhurst letter was stronger than any other influence in making California stay "wet."

Dr. Parkhurst Upheld. New York, April 13.--There is no cause of action against Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, according to the report of the Moderators Council of the New York Presbytery, just made public.

Against Long Hold-Up Of Ships. Washington, April 13.--Moved by the appeals for relief from the owners of American ships and cargoes on the American ports, mainly at Kirkwall, the State Department is preparing further representations to the British Government requesting a speeding up of the machinery of the prize courts. So far not a single American ship or cargo has passed through the British prize courts, although many of those held were seized months ago.

Prince Of Wales Healthier. London, April 13.--The first thing the Prince of Wales did on his arrival in London from the front carrying despatches from General French, was to have a swim at the Bath Club.

Every one remarks at his improved appearance. He has grown taller, put on weight, and there is a healthy tan on his cheeks.

Can Send Scrutineers. Ottawa, April 13.--A new clause in the soldiers' votes bill provides that scrutineers may be despatched to the front by both sides.

Paid the Penalty On the Gallows For Murder (Special to the Whig.) Toronto, April 13.--With a "thank you" on his lips, John Zlotko, a Russian Pole, passed into eternity this morning. He was hanged for the murder of a fellow countryman here last October. Just as the hangman pulled the lever which dropped the condemned man to his doom, he loudly expressed his gratitude to the priest who ministered to him in his last hours.

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THE GERMANS LAUNCH A NEW OFFENSIVE

In Poland From Suwalki to Vistula With View of Preventing Russian Troops Being Withdrawn to Carpathians.

They Have Also Resumed Bombardment of Ossowetz Fortress--Russian Staff Has no Fear That These New Activities Mean Anything More Than to Divert Russian Movements.

(Special to the Whig.) Petrograd, April 13.--The Germans have launched a new offensive movement in Poland, from Suwalki southward to the Vistula, according to a semi-official statement from the War Office to-day.

They have resumed the bombardment of Ossowetz, abandoned nearly a fortnight ago, and are making infantry charges against Russian positions elsewhere. Oswowetz fortress, the Kaiser's troops in their new attempt against the enemy are combining ancient and modern methods of warfare. Their aviators are hurling bombs by daylight, while heavy siege guns smash away at the outer forts. By night the enemy is attempting to fire the city of Oswowetz by use of incendiary bombs and floating fire rafts. The Russian General Staff has no fear that the new activities of the Germans in Poland constitute any general resumption of the attempt to reach the Warsaw-Petrograd railway. Von Hindenburg, it is generally believed, is creating a diversion with a view of preventing any Russian troops from being withdrawn from Poland for Carpathian operations, or perhaps to conceal the weakening of the German forces in Poland.

HUGE BRITISH ARMY Sent To France Within Six Weeks.

New York, April 13.--A British army 1,100,000 strong has been transported to France during the last six weeks, according to E. Thompson Seton, the well-known Canadian author and naturalist, who returned on the St. Louis from England. They were shipped at Southampton and Port-au-Prince, about half of this army is already at the front. "The great drive planned by the Allies for May is prepared and may be launched before that date," he said.

Given Six Years In Jail. Indianapolis, April 12.--Mayor Donn M. Roberts, one of the twenty-seven convicted by a jury in the Federal court for participation in the conspiracy to defraud the Government in the election in Terre Haute on November 3rd, 1914, was sentenced by Judge Anderson to six years in Leavenworth prison and to pay a fine of \$2,000. In all 116 men, \$9 of whom pleaded guilty, were to be sentenced.

Lost Their Lives. Aberdeen, Scotland, April 13.--Many lost their lives in an explosion at Lerwick, the chief town in the Shetland Islands, used as a naval station for Royal Naval reserve.

Mighty Raid On England Set For June Paris, April 13.--Five hundred and fifty Zeppelins and aeroplanes have been assembled by the Germans for a raid over England in June, according to information just brought to Paris.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday gave out a statement from a Spanish traveller, who has returned from Germany, saying that everybody there is predicting the greatest air raid over England in June, in which 150 Zeppelins and 400 aeroplanes, all fitted with aluminium motors, will take part.

Even Germany has not laid claim to such a tremendous fleet of Zeppelins, although she has never made any official announcement as to the exact number.

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German Trawlers Are Fishing Off Sweden

(Special to the Whig.) Copenhagen, April 13.--A great fleet of German trawlers is fishing off the west coast of Sweden, under the protection of German cruisers and submarines, according to despatches from Halmstad. Swedish fishermen, the despatch said, have protested against the presence of the German boats.

DAILY MEMORANDUM.

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MARRIED. LEACH--SCOTT--In Toronto, Monday, April 12th, 1915, at the bride's home, 645 Euclid avenue, by Rev. Thomas W. Neal (formerly of 897 Denham St., Methodist Church), Mary H. Scott to Ernest E. Leach (formerly of this city), son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Leach, 220 Johnson street.

LAFERTY--DAWSON--On the 29th March, at St. Mary's Church, Chatham, England, by the Rev. Mr. Burr, Heber P. Lafferty, Lieut. H. C. H.A., youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Lafferty, Calgary, Alberta, to Allison Margaret, only daughter of the late E. F. Dawson, Esq., M.I.C.E., superintendent engineer, Irrigation Department, Bombay, Presidency, India, and Mrs. Dawson, Kingston, Ontario.

PECK--TYO--In St. Mary's Cathedral, on April 12th, 1915, by the Rev. Father Hallegue, Ernest E. Tyo to Frederick Peck, both of Kingston.

DIED. AYERS--In the General Hospital, Kingston, on April 12th, 1915, Eschel Ayers, aged 30 years. Funeral from J. McAuley's undertaking parlors, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Cataract.

McCREA--At Cochection, N. Y., of pneumonia, Donald Perry McCrea, M.D., second son of the late Henry McCrea. Funeral from the residence of his brother-in-law, Dr. R. K. Kilborn, Thursday.

WILSON--At the General Hospital, Kingston, on Monday, April 12th, 1915, Ellen Routley, widow of the late George F. Wilson, aged 76 years and eight months. Funeral from the residence of her sister, Mrs. W. Mahood, corner Johnson and Bagot streets, on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

WOODRUFF--In Kingston on April 12th, 1915, Helen Faral Woodruff, aged 39 years. Funeral from her late residence, 185 King street, on Thursday morning, at 2 o'clock. Interment in Harrowsmith.

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