

GERMAN REFUGEES HURRY FROM ITALY, HEEDING WARNING

General Exodus of Kaiser's Subjects Advised by Consul Before Mobilization Makes Departure Difficult.

NAPLES, April 9. Doctor Weeder, the German Consul, explains in an interview that the general exodus of Germans from all over the country is due to precautionary warnings issued by German consuls, who realize that there will be great difficulty in leaving the country, especially for women and children, as soon as mobilization begins.

All Austrian and German families in Italy, even those who are permanent residents of the country, have been advised to leave. Among the most important are Professor Friedländer, a volcanologist, and family; the Anselmiers, bankers; and the Krabes, iron merchants. The general rush of these people to get out of the country is so great that trains are crowded night and day. The exodus has even extended to Sicily.

It is now generally explained in official circles that Italy's statements are trying to keep the country out of war until they have done everything possible toward obtaining the territory desired without recourse to arms. It is also indicated that a much more effective blow can be struck by the country's forces during the summer, when the Allies will be occupying all of Germany's and Austria's attention.

Colonel Montanari has been appointed secretary to the Italian General Staff. In discussing the appointment the newspapers say the General Staff is decidedly anti-Austrian. Colonel Montanari is thoroughly acquainted with the mountain passes in Austrian territory near the Italian frontier.

IRATE BELGIAN BOY TRIES TO PUNCH KING GEORGE'S SON

Row Develops at Etonian Debate on Peace Terms.

LONDON, April 9.—An infuriated Belgian student at Eton shook his fist under the nose of Prince Henry, third son of King George, during a debate on "P. O. F." the Eton name of the debating society, vehemently denounced him as a German, and declared that he no doubt sympathized with all Germany had done to Belgium. He was finally ejected from the room, after he had refused to apologize to the Prince, and his name stricken from the list of the members of the society.

FRENCH REPULSE COUNTER ATTACKS IN WOEVRÉ

PARIS, April 9. Night assaults by the Germans against the British army in northern France and violent counter attacks against the French army in the Woëvre district have both been successfully repulsed, according to an official communique given out this afternoon.

Trenches captured by the French at Esparges, in the Woëvre district, were so choked with German dead that the French did not occupy them. Two counter attacks by the Germans in that sector were repulsed.

When they took the German position in the Allié Forest, the French captured six machine guns and two trench mortars.

The fighting of the last four days between the Meuse and Moselle rivers has resulted in great gains for the French—at one point in the Forest of Le Pretre, east of St. Mihiel, as much as a two-mile advance—said in an official analysis of the battle given out here.

GERMANS DRIVE BELGIANS OUT OF DREI GRACHTEN

Berlin, April 9.—German troops have again established themselves upon the west bank of the Yser, in West Flanders, driving the Belgians out of Drei Grachten. The Germans captured 100 prisoners, two officers and two machine guns. This is the second time the Germans have occupied Drei Grachten in 10 days. The Germans also claim the capture of French trenches in the Champagne district.

French attacks in the Woëvre district continue without any progress accruing to the attacking forces.

At several points the Allies' positions were bombarded with incendiary shells in retaliation for the shelling of French villages behind the German lines.

EITEL GOES TO NORFOLK

WASHINGTON, April 9. Secretary of the Navy Daniels today announced the departure of the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich from Newport News to the Norfolk Navy Yard, where she will be interned formally today, and remain indefinitely.

The Secretary stated that as Rear Admiral Healy, commander of the Navy Yard, has suggested that the yard was somewhat crowded, it might be found necessary to remove the Eitel later to some other locality. This will not be done, he said, until the Norfolk yard officials are convinced there is no room for her there.

The delay in the removal of the Eitel was due to the accidental death of a member of the crew, Commander Thisbe, requesting that the funeral be held before the ship was sent away.

GREEK SITUATION CRITICAL, SAYS KING CONSTANTINE

Whole Nation Ready to Fight in Case of Need.

ROME, April 9. King Constantine of Greece described the situation in his kingdom as extremely critical in an interview granted a correspondent of the Rome newspaper Tribuna, and published here today.

"The whole country will fight against with enthusiasm if the interest of the country demands it," King Constantine was quoted as saying. "My people are thoroughly patriotic, but those who govern should judge well the time and opportunity for action."

M. Venizelos, former Prime Minister of Greece, who resigned when the King refused to support his request that Greece join the Allies, has announced his retirement from politics, according to Athens dispatches.

GERMANY AGREES TO PAY FOR FRYE

Britain Also Promises to Facilitate American Commerce—U. S. Diplomacy Winning.

WASHINGTON, April 9. Germany's note to the United States agreeing to pay for the William F. Frye, sunk by the raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich, but declaring the act justified, came as a surprise to officials here.

It was feared that the stand taken by Germany would serve to upset the negotiations now in progress between the United States and Great Britain over the blockade of Germany and Austria by the Allies.

Germany takes the position in this case that the Frye's cargo was contraband because it was consigned "for order" to Queenstown, which is held to be a fortified port of Great Britain. In its communications to the Allies, the United States has insisted that the burden of proof that the goods were destined for use by the armed forces of an enemy must rest on the belligerent seizing a cargo consigned "for order."

RUSSIAN ADVANCE SWEEPS DOWN CARPATHIAN SLOPES

Invaders of Hungary Moving Along 50-mile Front.

PETROGRAD, April 9. The Russians are advancing over a 50-mile front from the Topla River to Uzsoz Pass, but fighting is in progress over a battle line 100 miles long.

Having taken Smolintz, the Russian forces are now in a position to launch a drive against the rear of the Austrian army, which is struggling desperately against the reinforced Russian columns at the Galician end of the Uzsoz Pass.

An extended movement has been commenced by the Russians to cut off the eastern wing of the Austrian army under General Boerovich by the Russian troops that have been poured through Dukla, Lupkow and Rostok Passes.

The success of the Russians in the Beskid ranges has caused another Austrian retirement in that region, and Russian aerial scouts report much activity at Gummee, indicating that the Austrians are preparing to move their base from that place.

AUSTRIAN COUNTER BLOWS HALT FOE IN LABORZ VALLEY

Strong Russian Positions Taken—19,000 Slavs Prisoners.

VIENNA, April 9. Obstinate fighting in the sector of the East Beskid Mountains (along the boundary between Hungary and Galicia), which has lasted for several weeks, reached its climax at Easter, but still continues, the War Office announced.

General Russian attacks, especially on the sides of the Laborz Valley, where the enemy was reinforced by a majority of the troops which had besieged Przemyel, have been repulsed with enormous losses to the enemy. Counter attacking, German and Austrian troops captured on the heights to the west and east of the valley several strong Russian positions.

Freed for Shooting Singer

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 9.—Singers must be careful henceforth in selecting members of their audience as the target for their songs. W. M. Stovall, an actor in a playhouse here, began singing to Slick Bates. The audience started and Mr. Bates shot the singer. Mr. Stovall was sufficiently recovered to appear in court, and at the Judge's order sang the song to which Mr. Bates had taken such violent objection. The jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

40,000 Feet of Lumber Burned

QUAKERTOWN, Pa., April 9.—Igniting from a red-hot pipe, 40,000 feet of chest box lumber was destroyed by fire early this morning in the Victor box manufacturing plant. Part of the building was badly damaged. Together with machinery and lumber the total loss will be about \$300. A number of men have been thrown out of employment as a result. This is the third fire in the plant in four years.



HUSSEIN KEMAL, Sultan of Egypt, whose assassination was attempted in Cairo.

NATIVE'S ATTEMPT TO KILL EGYPTIAN SULTAN FOILED

Fires Shot at Monarch, But Bullet Goes Wild.

LONDON, April 9.—An attempt was made yesterday afternoon to assassinate the Sultan of Egypt, Hussein Kemal, according to a Reuter dispatch from Cairo.

As the Sultan was leaving Abdin Palace, a native fired a shot at him. This went wide and the native was immediately seized.

The Sultan proceeded on his rounds of visits unperturbed by the attempt on his life.

On his return to the palace he received a tremendous ovation from great crowds assembled outside the building to show their sympathy. The Sultan's assailant is said to be an Egyptian about 24 years old, describing himself as a merchant from Mansurah.

GERMANS COVET DUTCH TERRITORY, LONDON HEARS

Plan to Take Flushing and Strip Along Scheldt.

LONDON, April 9.—A neutral correspondent of the Times, who has been traveling in Germany, says that among the Germans, especially those of the military caste, the opinion is strong that nothing will prevent Antwerp and the strip of Belgian coast stretching in a line to the German frontier south of Dutch Limburg from belonging henceforth to Germany.

"It is also declared," the correspondent continues, "that if Germany does not take a strip of Holland during the war, the time will soon be ripe for her to take Flushing and the mouth of the Scheldt, with sufficient land on each side."

"Dutch neutrality is spoken of with the utmost contempt. Germany is making preparations on the Dutch frontier, especially on both sides of Limburg province in view of a possible attack."

PHILADELPHIA GUARDS TO CAMP JULY 10 TO 17

Regiments of Infantry Here Will Go to Mt. Gretna, Adj. Gen. Stewart Announces.

HARRISBURG, April 9.—The Philadelphia regiments of Infantry of the National Guard of Pennsylvania will hold their encampment at Mt. Gretna the week of July 10 to 17. This announcement was made today, when it was said that Adjutant General Stewart, Chief of Staff of the National Guard, will issue orders soon for the summer encampments.

The engineers will camp with the regulars at Belvoir, Va., August 3 to 14; hospital corps with regulars at Tobyhanna, Pa., July 15 to 24; artillery with regulars at Tobyhanna, Pa.; batteries B, C and D, August 8 to 17 and Battery D, August 18 to 27. The 1st regiment of cavalry will encamp at Mount Gretna with regulars, probably the week of July 24 to 31.

General Stewart's plans for the brigade encampments are not complete. The signal corps probably will camp together in August at some place yet to be chosen.

BRYAN SCOUTS RUMOR GERMANY SEEKS PEACE

Report That Kaiser Has Given Up Hope of Defeating Allies Not Credited.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Revival of reports that Germany, having "abandoned hope of a smashing victory," has informally intimated to the United States a willingness to discuss peace propositions from the Allies, met with no confirmation in official quarters here today.

Secretary Bryan positively refused to comment on it. He said that reports of this character in various guises have been current here almost since war began, but none was based on anything concrete.

At the White House it was said there was nothing new in the situation. The President, it was stated, still sees no immediately opportunity for this Government to tender its good offices to the belligerents. It was pointed out, however, that when a peace movement is initiated its success will depend on all information being withheld until a concrete basis for negotiations can be arranged.

Secretary Bryan, asked whether Germany has at any time confided to this Government an outline of terms, refused to answer.

German Ambassador Bernstorff characterized reports of peace suggestions from Berlin "pure inventions."

The Washington Times, however, published today a column article telling of the reported peace overtures.

"Rumors of peace in Europe," it said, "are once more in the air—and there is reason to believe that feelers are being thrown out by at least some of the Governments."

It was admitted that "skepticism is felt in some of the best informed quarters." Nevertheless, it was asserted "that the attitude of Germany has been communicated informally . . . to the United States Government."

According to a dispatch issued by a news agency, Germany had given up hope of defeating the Allies, but hopes still able to offer a stubborn resistance and cause further terrific drains upon the resources of England, France and Russia.

WILLIAM LONGSTRETH'S WILL

Estate Exceeding \$150,000 Left to His Family.

The will of William Longstreth, who died March 24, at 303 Chestnut street, leaving an estate exceeding \$150,000 in value, was admitted to probate today.

Mr. Longstreth was 87 years old, and was president of the Big Black Creek Improvement Company and interested in a number of railroad and coal mining companies.

Under the provisions of the testament, an only son, William W. Longstreth, is to receive the following securities: Fifty shares West End Trust Company, 25 shares Title and Trust Company, 100 shares Big Black Creek Improvement Company, 25 shares Merchants' Trust Company, 5 shares Trust Company of North America, 25 shares Rockhill Company, 25 shares East Broadway Company, 25 shares Gap Railroad Company, 25 shares West Buck Mountain Coal and Iron Company, 25 shares Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, and the testator's interest in the Philadelphia Trust.

The executor and trustee, the Provident Life and Trust Company is also directed to pay to the son during his life the net income from a tract of land of about 100 acres at 5th street and Lancaster avenue. At the death of the son the realty is to revert to his children.

The widow, Ada H. Longstreth, is to receive the Chestnut street residence with all its contents with a residential property at 8th and Vanhook streets, Camden, and \$3000 in cash.

The residue of the estate is to be held in trust for the benefit of the widow. At her death the trust continues for the son, and at his death the principal is to revert to the son's children. The will states that in case no children survive the principal is to go to nephews and nieces, the children of Margaret L. Smith, a sister of the testator.

Fireman Breaks Leg Hurrying to Fire

John Friedler, a fireman attached to Engine Company No. 19, fell downstairs and broke his leg while hurrying to respond to an alarm last night. He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital. The fire for which the alarm was turned in was at 20th street and Columbia avenue and the damage was slight. Friedler is 25 years old and lives at 2602 North Philadelphia street.

BRITISH ARREST THREE MEN AS GERMAN SPIES

Trio Includes One From New York. Accused of Sending Invisible Letters.

LONDON, April 9. Three men bearing German names, one of whom recently came here from the United States, have been arrested by British secret service agents on the charge of being German spies. They are accused of communicating naval and military information to a continental address by means of letters written in invisible ink.

The men gave the names of Kuepperle, Muller and Hahn. Kuepperle recently arrived in England from New York. He visited Dublin, where he told many persons that he contemplated returning to America at once by way of Liverpool. Instead of doing so he attempted to go to the Continent. Being unable to get the necessary passports, Kuepperle returned to London, where he was arrested at his hotel.

Muller claims to be a British subject, although his parents are naturalized Germans. Hahn is understood to be a German citizen.

LONDON PRESS FAVORS TEMPERANCE MEASURES

Warns Against Complete Prohibition—Drink Delays Victory, Says Lloyd-George.

LONDON, April 9. Although virtually all the newspapers today came out in support of any temperance measure the Government may adopt, some of them opposed stringency prohibition as a means of solving the drink problem in the British Isles. The Globe, the most conservative newspaper in London, had this to say on the subject.

"The Westminster Gazette says that the Government, in order to produce a popular temperance measure, must have the support of the working classes."

"David Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, sponsor for the present prohibition movement, continues to say a small section are failing their country, but the good will of the country is necessary to carry through any measures against drink successfully."

David Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying to the charges of James Keir-Hardin, the labor leader, that the Chancellor had "maligned and insulted workmen," and that in consequence "word had gone around the world that the working classes were a set of drunkard water," has reiterated his declaration that "the drinking habits of the minority have the effect of seriously diminishing the output of war materials at a time when success of the Allies depends entirely upon that material being largely increased."

It is believed that the Conservative leaders, A. J. Balfour and Andrew Bonar Law, in private have given their consent to whatever action on the drink question may be taken, provided that no measure for total prohibition is to be taken or considered at this time.

SWOBODA ARRAIGNED BEFORE FRENCH COURT-MARTIAL

Declares He Can Prove Innocence of All Charges.

PARIS, April 9. Raymond Swoboda, the alleged German spy, who was arrested on the charge that he tried to blow up the French line steamship La Touraine at sea, was arraigned today before a court-martial for preliminary interrogation. The examination was secret and very brief. Swoboda vehemently declared his innocence, saying: "I can disprove all accusations against me. I have no real evidence against me."

It is learned that Swoboda was in straightened circumstances last September and earned a living by driving an automobile in Paris for Berlin Parisians when the Germans were approaching the city.

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MOVIES COMPELLED TO OBEY FIRE LAWS

Judge Audenried Overrules Appeal of Photoplay Theatres in Suit.

A number of additional movie-vaudeville houses in Philadelphia will be compelled to comply with the fire laws, according to the decision of Judge Audenried, who today handed down more opinions dismissing the suits of the Great Northern Theatre Company and the Victoria Amusement Company, who asked that the Department of Public Safety and the fire marshal be enjoined from applying to their places the theatre laws of 1899 and 1901. These laws require stand pipes, equipped with fire hose, on every floor, also sprinklers and other precautions in all places giving theatrical or public places where stage scenery and accessories are used.

The cost of the suit is placed on the moving picture theatres. As the petitioners' buildings are used for vaudeville acts as well as motion pictures, the court ruled that they come within the scope of the fire laws regulating theatres.

A number of moving picture-vaudeville houses, after disregarding the theatre laws for a number of years, were placed under the ban of the fire marshal. Several of the larger houses disregarded the fire marshal's orders, and when he refused to have their licenses renewed, it is said, they were instrumental

by the Legislature, section 19 of which attempted to permit moving picture places already built to escape the obligations placed on theatres. The moving picture houses also sought to enjoin the fire marshal from enforcing the old laws against their places.

Assistant City Solicitor James Gay Gordon, Jr., opposed the suits, contending that a moving picture establishment with stage scenery and vaudeville was a theatre within every meaning of the term. He also assailed the relieving act of 1913 as "vicious legislation." Judge Audenried said that the act of 1913, "falling as it does to comply with the constitutional requirement, must be treated as a nullity. Such places as the petitioners

in that section, according to reports presented last night by the members of the Home and School League. The speakers were the Rev. George M. Young, Mrs. William Armstrong and Jenks B. Robinson. A musical program was rendered by the Men's Orchestra of the Jenkintown Methodist Episcopal Church. Reading was given by Miss Ruth Lisle.

Jenkintown Schools Lead. The Jenkintown public schools are among the leaders in work accomplished in that section, according to reports presented last night by the members of the Home and School League. The speakers were the Rev. George M. Young, Mrs. William Armstrong and Jenks B. Robinson. A musical program was rendered by the Men's Orchestra of the Jenkintown Methodist Episcopal Church. Reading was given by Miss Ruth Lisle.

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