

FRENCH WIN IN ALSACE AS NEW RHINE DRIVE IS PUSHED WITH VIGOR

Germans Driven Back Along Both Sides of the Feicht River and Lose Important Strategic Positions.

In their drive across Alsace toward the River Rhine, the French have won further successes, according to the official report today from Paris, and are now only 30 miles from the Rhine.

The French admit that German aviators bombarded Belfort and fired some powder magazines and also destroyed two hangars.

Transfer of major operations in the eastern theatre to Galicia is obvious. Only at Uzkok Pass in the mountain fighting maintained with former vigor.

FRENCH TAKE IMPORTANT POSITION IN RHINE DRIVE

Germans Driven From Heights in Alsace Near Metzeral.

German aeroplanes have bombarded the great French fortress of Belfort, it was officially announced here today in an official communique from the War Office.

OLD SOLDIERS AND POOR BENEFICIARIES OF WILLS

Mother of Sorrows' Parish and Three Last Survivors' Association Named. A bequest of \$100 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Church of Our Mother of Sorrows, 48th street and Lancaster avenue, is contained in the will of Louis A. Jaek, who died at 6225 Fairmount avenue, leaving \$7000.

SLAVS TECHNICALLY HOLD POSITIONS ON HUNGARIAN SOIL

Entry Made in Baligrad Sector Gives Invaders Vantage. PETROGRAD, April 19. Fighting in the Carpathians on the main line of the Russian advance has been concentrated on the narrow section lying between the villages of Telepoch and Zoella.

ENGLAND ADMITS LOSS OF SUBMARINE TWELVE MILES IN DARDANELLES

Turks Rescue 24 Men Out of Crew of 31 When British Vessel Runs Ashore on Kephez Point—Was Scouting.

LONDON, April 19.—Attention was turned again to the operations in the Dardanelles by the official announcement of the Admiralty that the British submarine E-15 had been lost in the straits, having run ashore on Kephez Point while attempting to reconnoitre the mine fields.

An official statement received from Constantinople, by way of Berlin, declared that three officers and 21 men of the E-15 had been rescued, and made prisoners, among them, it was said, the former British Vice Consul at Chanak.

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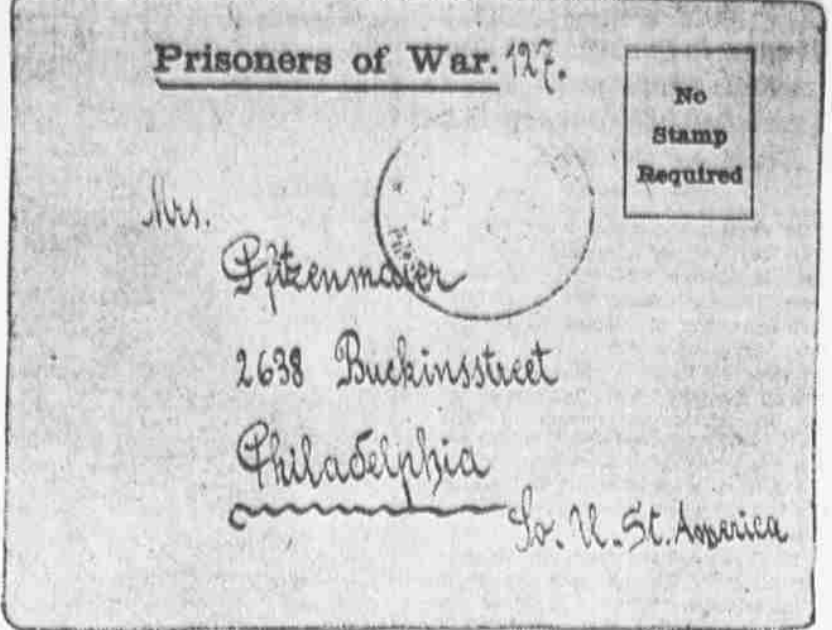
Reported to Have Sent Note to Peking Ambassador—Means Japan Must Not Infringe.

LONDON, April 19.—The United States has sent a note to the American Ambassador at Peking, for transmission to the Chinese Government, which points out that the United States has certain treaties with China from which it intends to recede in no way, according to a dispatch today from a Peking correspondent.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA

Table with columns: Vessels Arriving Today, Steamships to Arrive, and Freight. Lists ship names, companies, and arrival dates.

PHILADELPHIAN, WAR PRISONER IN IRELAND, WRITES FOR HELP



Prisoner of War 127, Mullingar, Ireland, is the name and address forced upon Rudolph Eccardt, formerly of this city, by the British Government. Since December Mr. Eccardt has been "languishing" in an old baronial castle near Dublin.

150,000 BRITONS TAKE ABSTINENCE PLEDGE

Impetus Given Anti-Liquor Movement at Church Meetings Throughout England.

LONDON, April 19. More than 150,000 persons in England and Scotland have now taken a pledge to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors until the end of the war, according to leaders of the temperance movement today.

Sale Extraordinary of Sheffield Silver

Trays, flower vases, candlesticks, ink stands, fern dishes, tea sets, vegetable dishes, mirrors, etc., including many small pieces suitable for prizes and gifts.

GERMAN PEACE BID SEEN IN DERNBURG'S "OPEN SEA" DEMAND

Letter Read at Portland Mass Meeting Regarded as Indicating Berlin's Willingness to Discuss Terms for Ending War.

WASHINGTON, April 19. A letter made public by Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, ex-Colonial Secretary of Germany, in which he proposed as a basis of peace satisfactory to Germany the neutralization of the seas, in times of war as well as peace, by a concert of the Powers, has aroused great interest here as pointing to a possible willingness upon which the conflict in Europe might be brought to a termination.

First. The freedom or neutralization of the high seas in times of war. Second. An open-door policy regarding colonies under which German trade with the colonies of other empires, notably the British, would not be hampered by the preferential tariffs now accorded the mother country.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WINS SUIT FOR FEES

Supreme Court Decides Against Auditor General and State Treasurer.

The State Highway Department wins in its controversy with Auditor General Powell and State Treasurer Young over the use of automobile license funds for road bills, by virtue of a decision handed down today by the Supreme Court.

VILLA SOON TO FIGHT FOR LIFE, SAY FOES

Carranzistas Report "Pancho's" Position as Extremely Serious Following Defeat.

EL PASO, Tex., April 18.—It reports from Carranza sources are to be believed General Francisco Villa will soon be fighting for his life at Torreón. Today says that General Villa's army, destroyed by the loss of 14,000 men at Celaya, has been further weakened by the desertion of 3000 men who had followed Villa only while he was apparently winning.

Supreme Court Decisions

The following decisions were handed down by the Supreme Court today: PER CURIAM: United States v. C. C. Philadelphia, Decree affirmed at appellant's costs.

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