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 troops are concentrating their advance on both sides of the Feicht River. On the north bank, the creat of Burgkerpfeld, which dominates a considerable valley, was occupled by the French, while on the south bank the French advanced from the positions which they captured at Metzeral toward La Feeht.

The French admit that German aviators bombarded Helfort and fired some powder magazines and also destroyed two hangars. Success of Britiah attacks near Sevartelon, in Belgium, and the repulse of German counter attacks upon the positions won by the British is also reported.

In Lorraine German attacks in the forest of Parroy and near Bures, Mousacourt and St. Marten were checked with ease, says the report, while in Champagne, near Perthes, a mine explosion forced the Germans to evacuate a position close to the French

Tansfer of major operations in the eastern theatre to Galicia is obvious. Only at Uszok Pass is the mountain fighting maintained with former vigor. The Teuton advance eastward from the Dunajec River has diverted the Slavs to encounters in the Gorlitze and Tarnow regions and relieved Muscovite pressure on Dukla Pass and menace against Cracow. The offensive continuing in the Stryj Valley, in East Galicia, threatens Russian occupation of Lemberg, capital of Galicia and the Czar's base there.

FRENCH TAKE IMPORTANT POSITION IN RHINE DRIVE

Germans Driven From Heights in Alsace Near Metzeral. PARIS, April 19

German seroplanes have bombarded the great French fortress of Belfort, it was officially announced here today in an official communique from the War Office. Bombs dropped from the aeroplanes set fire to two hangars and caused other damage, but not of a serious nature.

The British troops have also taken the offensive again, it is announced. They have captured German trenches.

The communique also reports further successes in the drive of the French troops toward the Rhine river, they taking a series of important heights, two cannon and two machine guns.

strategic positions in the Weevre, but also, should the drive be successful clears the way for the investment of Strassburg. If the French can take Kolmar, which is only 10 miles from the Rhine and 50 miles from Strassburg, they would be in a position to raid the German lines of communication.

OLD SOLDIERS AND POOR

Mother of Sorrows' Parish and Three Last Survivors' Association Named. 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. Ineck, who died at 455 Fairmount avenue, leaving \$500. The hequest is for the relief of the poor in that parish. The residue of the estate goes to the widow. Sarah M. Ineck.

The Three Last Survivors' Association of the Second Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery will receive \$100 from the \$21,500 estate of William H. Berger, formerly of Phila-

of William H. Berger, formerly of Phil delphia, who died in Haddonfield, N. His will distributes the remainder of t John Hamilton, manufacturer, who di April 9, at \$233 Seminole avenue. leavins 200,000 estate, devised the bulk of 1 property to his daughter, Margaret Zane, and three sons, John M. Hamilton William G. Hamilton and Robert

SLAVS TECHNICALLY HOLD POSITIONS ON HUNGARIAN SOIL

Entry Made in Baligrod Sector Gives Invaders Vantage.

PETROGRAD, April 19. Fighting in the Carpathians on the nain line of the Russian advance has been concentrated on the narrow section lying between the villages of Telepoche and Zoella. The latter is situated 14 miles almost due south of Ballgrod, and Telepoche is four miles west by north of Zoella. The scene of this fight, which has been in progress for a couple of days only, is 20 miles from Homonna, so that

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 urned again to the operations in the Dardancties by the official announcement of darelies by the official amountement of the Admiralty that the British submarine E-15 had been lost in the atraits, having run ashore on Kephez Point while at-tempting to reconnoitre the mine fields. An official statement received from Con-stantinople, by way of Berlin, declared that three officers and 21 men of the E-15 had been rescued and made prisoners, amony them, it was said, the former Brit-

among them, it was said, the former British Vice Consul at Chanak.

Reuter's Athens correspondent says the bombardment of the Dardanelles was re-

med Saturday. A Salonika disputch states that the Brit-ish are making plans to hold the islands of Tenedos and Lemnos, and it is believed or Allies will land troops on Mytllene. An neroplane also circled over Tenedos nd ursuccessfully dropped bombs in the port and at several warships. Alled sea-planes pursued the Turkish aircraft,

which escaped.

An official statement from the British Admiralty gives the substance of a further report concerning the loss of life board the transport Maniton, which was ittacked by a Turkish torpedoboat in the

The report shows that 24 men were drowned, instead of 190, as first reported, and that 27 others are missing. The transport itself was not damaged.

The significance of the British admission that the E-15 was run ashore on Kephez Point lies in the fact that it proves the Turkish assertion that the Allies have not been able to clear the Dardanelles magrows of mine fields, and so the battleslips have been forced to hombard the inner forts at long range. Kepnez Point is 12 miles from the Aegean chance and four miles from Forts Chauck and Kilid Bahr, which guard the narrows. On March 19 forts farther in the straits than Kephez were reported bombarded. The allied fleet has therefore lost ground in the last month.

Turkey Conserves Grain Supplies CONSTANTINOPLE, April 19.-The

War Ministry announced today that supplies of rye, wheat and barley will here-after be distributed under Government supervision in order to prevent an increase in prices

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA

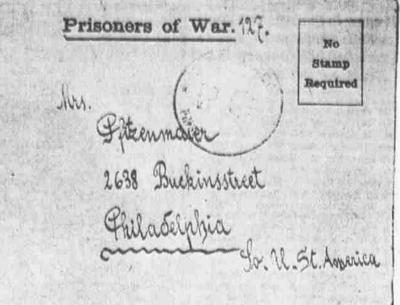
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PHILADELPHIAN, WAR PRISONER IN IRELAND, WRITES FOR HELP



Prisoner of War 17c, Hulliang A. 1980, 16, Oldcastle, Ireland, is the name and address forced upon Rudolph Eccardt, formerly of this city, by the British Goy-

Since December Mr. Eccardt has been "languishing" in an old baronial castle near Dublin. He was arrested on sussteion of being a German spy.

riction of being a German spy.

The prisoner has written to Mrs. A. M. Pritzenmaier, of 2638 Buckius street. Bridesburg, an old family friend, to aid him in his difficulty. He has also written to the Rev. Edward M. Jefferys, of St. Peter's Episcopal Chursz, for his birth certificate, with which he hopes to convince the authorities of his American vince the authorities of his American birth.

The following letter was received by Mrs. Pfitzenmaier last Friday: "I received with thanks your letter of the 1st of August, 1914, but I am sorry to say it never reached me until the end of January. I have been a prisoner of war at the above-mentioned camp since December. I tried to prove my American citizenship, but until today it seemed to be insufficient to convince the British Home Office of my being an American.

"I thought and hoped that the war would not last so long, but now it seems to stretch, so I would be very thankful if you could help give my case over to American Government. If I should fail then I would not, of course, go any

"My next letter will be to the Rev. Mr. Jefferys. I will thank him for all he has

done for me, "Probably I shall return to America after the war. I am very glad that mother

The letter then goes on in a personal

The first known of Eccardt's plight was when Mrs. Pfitzenmaler received a letter from the priconer's mother in Novem her saying that her son was detained in Ireland. In France, where the Eccardts lived for more than 20 years, the young

nan was a candy manufacturer, Before hostilities commenced the mother and son were advised to leave Europe and son were advised to leave Europe. The former went to Switzerland. Eccardt went to England, with the intention of returning to his native land. His mother was born in Baden, Kensingen, Welshad. Upon receipt of this first letter Mrs. Fitzenmater immediately communicated with Doctor Jefferys, ascertained that Mr. Eccardt had been baptized in St. Peter's Church about 25 years ago. The baptism

Church about 25 years ago. The baptism was performed by the Rev. C. P. B. Jefferys, Jr., brother of the present

Dector Jefferys, not content with the information received from the church records, examined the original haptism certificates in the safety vaults. He took the document before Hugh A. Ford, act-ing British Consul General, where its authenticity was sworn to. The proper papers were procured and Secretary Bryan was communicated with.

That was the last heard of the mat-ter until the receipt of the letter from the prisoner. This bears the date of the prisoner. This bears the date of March 27. Mrs. Pfitzenmaler has written to Secretary Bryan asking for informa-tion regarding what was done to bring about the release of Mr. Eccardt,

U.S. INSISTS RIGHTS IN CHINA BE OBSERVED

Reported to Have Sent Note to Pekin Ambassador - Means Japan Must Not Infringe.

LONDON, April 19 - The United States has sent a note to the American Ambus-sador at Pekin, for transmission to the Thinese Government, which points that the United States has certain treaties with China from which it intends to recode in no way, according to buy to leaders of the temperature movedispatch today from a Pekin corre-

TEKIN, April 19 China has rejected three of the chief emands by Japan. Their rejection is demands by Japan. Their rejection is tantamount to a flat defiance of the Nip-pon Government, and it was admitted today that the situation is serious. Japan is prepared to make war to enforce these demands, but China looks to the United States and to England to take a firm An official of the Chinese Foreign Office of accelerating the output of war muni-

conferred with Dr. Paul S, Reinsch, the American Minister, today for more than an hour. While no statement was given | ment this week. an nour, while no statement was given out at the American Legation, it was reported after the conference that China was attempting to learn whether the United States would take any action if the Japanese attempted to use coercion. Many men accused of being emissaries of Dr. Sun Yat Sen are being put to death here and in other important centres of population throughout the re-

Chinese Government reports are said to confirm the newspaper accounts of an alleged agreement between Dortor Sun and Japanese agents for Japanese auport with money, arms and men for another revolt.

150,000 BRITONS TAKE ABSTINENCE PLEDGE

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

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, accordment today. It was stated that impetus had been given to the movement by the activity of the churches. Ten thousand Protestant churches

throughout England observed Sunday as "King's Pledge Sunday." The largest meeting was held in Central London, where more than 2000 persons renounced liquor during the remainder of the war.

tions are expected to be up before Parlia-



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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 an a basia 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

the Powers, has aroused great interest here as pointing to a possible willingness of Germany at this time to discuss terms upon which the conflict in Europe might be brought to a termination.

In this letter, read at a pro-German mass-meeting in Portland, Mc., Saturday night and given wide circulation through the press, Doctor Dernburg advanced ideas which in the main amounted to these proposals:

idens which in the main amounted extense proposals:

First. The freedom or neutralization of the high seas in time of war.

Second. An open-door policy regarding colonies under which Gorman trade with the colonies of other empires, notably the British, would not be hampered by the preferential tariffs now accorded the mother country.

Third, Falling to grant the demands one and two and the smoothing of the German paths of commerce through Belgium without British interference, Germany's retention of Belgium as a natural foreland and commercial doorway to the western seas. Fourth. The safety, which would seem to mean now the return to Germany of German colonies, into which Germany could pour her increasing population.

population.

Fifth. A free hand for German activity along lines already tapped in Asia Minor and Africa.

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In his argument Doctor Dernburg as serted that the advantages accruing to Germany from permanently retaining the land which it had taken in Europe could be disregarded if all the other German demands, especially a guaranteed free sea, were fully complied with in making peace and "the natural commercial relations of Belgium and Germany were considered in a just and workable form."

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WINS SUIT FOR FEES

Supreme Court Décides Against Auditor General and State Treasurer.

The State Highway Department wins it its controversy with Auditor General Powell and State Treasurer Young over the use of automobile license funds for read bills, by virtue of a decision handed down today by the Supreme Court. The decision affirms that of the Dauphin County Court, which swarded a man-damus against the Auditor General and the State Treasurer directing them to pay certain road bills contracted for the Department by former Highway Com-missioner Bigelow.

The fees in hand from automobile regis-trations and licenses now total more than \$1,000,000. Under the automobile license fee act it is provided this money be used for road work. The two State officials Former Attorney General John C. Bell

argued that the Legislature was free to authorize such expenditures as it might see fit, leaving no discretionary power with the State Treasurer to determine if the payment was a proper one.

Supreme Court Decisions The following decisions were handed down the Supreme Court today:

Ignash et al. vs Murphy et al. C. P. No. 3 biladelphia, Judgment affirmed. hiladelphia. Judgment affirmed.

Harrientos va Brennan. C. P. No. 5. Philadelphia. Judgment affirmed.

Hirnbaum et al. va Philadelphia and Readgraf Rallway Company. C. P. No. 2. Philadelphia.

Judgment affirmed.

Christy va Philadelphia and Reading Rallway Company. C. P. No. 5. Philadelphia.

Judgment affirmed.

Larson va Balley Company. C. P. No. 5.

hiladelphia. Judgment affirmed.

Rea vs. F. Canal Company et al. C. P. No.

Philadelphia. Decree affirmed at appellants

judgment affirmed.

Martin et al. vs. Baidy. C. P. No. 4. Phila-leiphia. Decree affirmed. C. P. No. 3. Phila-delphia. Judgment affirmed. Preston et al. vs. City of Philadelphia. C. Preston et al. vs. City of Philadelphia. C. P. No. 3. Philadelphia. Judgment affirmed. BY CHIEF JUSTICE BROWN: CHIEF JUSTICE BROWN;
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app. C. C. Heyks, Decree affirmed.
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Groskin vs. Moore. C. P. No. 5, Philadelplia. Judgment affirmed.
Lutz vs. Webster et al. C. P. No. 5,
Philadelphia. Decree affirmed at cost of appellants.
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VILLA SOON TO FIGHT FOR LIFE, SAY FOR

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

EL PASO, Tex., April 12.—If repent from Carranza sources are to be believed. General Francisco Villa will soon in high ting for his life at Torroon, the patches received by the Carranza asset today say that General Villa's army, his destroyed by the loss of 14.00 mm s Cellaya, has been further weakened by the desertion of 3000 men who had fellowed Villa only while he was apparant winning.

while reports of Villa's defeat and the treat to Torreon were denied at he quarters in Juarez today, the withdread of the last Villa troops before Manmoros indicates that the revolution leader's plans have been upset and he is in need of reinforcements.

Villa's forces have also abandoned the efforts to reach Tampico. The Carmin efforts to reach Tampico. The Carring garrison at that port is reported man-ing southwest in pursuit of the retrests

Germans Fortify Zeebrugge LONDON, April 19.—German troops in constructing a series of forts around the brugge in anticipation of an attack we land if the Allies' left wing forces its au into Beigium, according to a news again dispatch from Amsterdam.

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