

## **GERMAN TROOPS** SHIFT ASSAULTS EAST OF VERDUN

Three Successive Attacks at Les Eparges Repulsed by French

GROUND GAINED

PARIS, April 20. The Germans have suspended their infantry assaults north of Verdun and have attacked the French lines east of the A communication issued last night by the War Office reports three successive assaults at Les Eparges in the Weevre but without permanent gains for the Crown Prince's forces. There has been no fighting of importance in this sector since the second week of the Battle of Verdun.

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East of the Meuse a violent bombard-ment was carried out in the region of Douaumont and Vaux.

At Les Eparges the enemy directed this morning three successive attacks against our positions, but these were all repulsed. In the course of the last at-tack the enemy, who had succeed in getting a temporary footing in our trenches on a front of about 200 yards was immediately driven out by our counter-attack, which inflicted on him

LONDON, April 20 .- "Last night the enemy exploded a small mine east of Neuville-St. Vaast," says last night's of-ficial report from the British army in France. "Our trenches were not damaged. During the night the enemy attempted to drop bombs on our posts in craters in the quarry sector, but were driven off. "During the day there was heavy shell-ing northeast of Carnoy and about Caren-cy, St. Eloi and Voormezeele."

Jury Approves Birch in School LANCASTER, Pa., April 20 -- A Lan-LANCASTER, Pa., April 20.—A Lancaster County Jury says a school teacher may use the rod on an unruly pupil Samuel Eberly, an Adamstown teacher, was tried for assault and hattery on Hiram Brendle, Jr., a pupil. The teacher testified he used a paddle on the boy for infraction of the rules, and other pupils testified the blows were lightly given. Eberly was acquitted and the costs was to be a place of the start of the costs was the costs was the start of the costs was the c were imposed on the elder Brendle, the

### WAGE ADVANCE FOR 5000 WORKERS IN COATESVILLE

Laborers to Get 20 Cents an Hour, Record Price There

COATESVILLE. Pa., April 20.—The Lukens Iron and Steel Company and Worth Brothers Company, this city, made announcement today, that after May I a general increase in wages would take place. This will affect about 5000 wage earners. Laborers will be paid 20 cents an hour, the highest price in the history of the town.

The tonnage men will also come under the readjustment. The Worths have been paying 17% cents an hour. The readjust-ment will be the same in both big mills. H. I. Scotter, superintendent of the Worth mills, said last night that the advance had been contemplated in advance of the ac-tion of the United States Steel Corporation to give the men a raise.

The iron and steel mills are running double tern and the city boarding houses are overcrowded.

## DEFIANT GUARDSMAN JAILED

Refuses to Pay Court Martial's Fine for Neglecting Duty

Charibs B. Arakelian, of 59th and Charles B. Aratelian, of 58th and Thompson streets, a tailor with three shops in this city and its suburbs, began a 15-day sentence in the County Prison last night for his refusal to pay a \$15 fine im-posed by a court-martial upon charges that he had neglected his duty as a member of the 1st Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania.

Arakelian was arrested after a fight, in which Constable Samuel W. Dobin, of the 39th Ward, knocked the tailor down.

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### TWO ALPINE POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE ITALIANS

164 Kaiserjaegers Made Prisoners on Conquered Ridge in Cadore Mountains

ROME, April 28.—Italian forces Tuesday attacked the western ridge of Monte Ancorna, in the Col di Lans-Upper Cordevole zone. Mining operations preceded the infantry attack, and many Austrians were buried by the mine explosions. The Italians occupied the positions, taking 164 prisoners and a quantity of war material. The following official statement was

The following official statement was ssued by the War Office last night:
In the Monte Adameile zone our Alpine troops, after drawing out the enemy outposts, on April 17 occupied and strengthened the Monte Val di Fumo Pass, at an allitude of 3402. Fumo Pass, at an altitude of \$402

metres (11,161 feet).

In the Ledro Valley our systematic advance continues toward the summit of Monte Sperone

There was artillery activity from the Adige zone to the Brenta. In the Sugana valley on the night of April 18 renewed enemy efforts against our positions west of the Sarganoa torrent were repulsed. On the same night, on the Col di Lans, in the upper Cordevole zone, after successful mining operations, we attacked and occupied the western ridge of Monte Ancorns. The enemy detachment occupying the trenches was mostly killed. We took as pris-oners 184 Katserjaegers, including nine officers, taking an abundance of munitions and war material.

On the morning of April 19 an enemy column attacking Sief was dis-persed by our artillery. Along the remainder of the front there is nothing important to report. The Furno Pass lies between the Tonale oad and the Giudicaria Valley.

## BUYS CLUB FOR GIRL WORKERS

#### Y. W. C. A. Gets Seven-story Building for Christian League

The seven-story brownstone factory 1110 to 1116 Sansom street, lot 93 feet 9 inches by 90 feet, has been sold by the Vollmer Estate to the Young Women's Christian Association, which will use it as the headquarters of the Business Women's Christian League, now conducted by the association in a Girard street

A gymnasium and restaurant will be added to the building. The assessed val-uation of the property is \$100,000.

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#### ASSOCIATION STUDIES USE OF AUTOTRUCK IN WAR TIME

Expert Tells Why Motors Are Best Army Supply Carriers

The mobilisation of the motortrucks owned by manufacturers and merchants of this country was discussed last night at a banquet held by the Philadelphia Motor Truck Association at the Adelphia. Lee J. Eastman was toastmaster. S. P. Wetherlll, who is chairman of the committee of the Motor Truck Reserve, organized recently at the Union League, addressed the diners on the work of mobilizing the trucks and classifying them into its, according to their make.

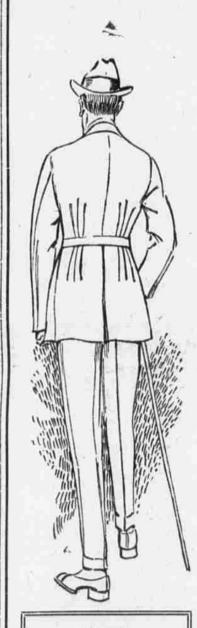
He declared that four pounds of sup-plies must be sent from the base to each man at the front every day in time of war and that motortrucks are the most valuable form of transportation.

Joseph Bancroft, of Wilmington, was among the speakers. Mr. Bancroft said that the next session of the Delaware Legislature would take up as the first bill the abolishment of the law which prohibits motortrucks entering the State without a Delaware license. With most other States, he said, the laws are re-ciprocal in the matter of automobile

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