

## SETS HOUSE AFIRE AS 7 ARE ASLEEP

Fiend Puts Blazing Oil-  
Soaked Material In  
Two Exits of a Steel-  
ton Dwelling

## GLARE AROUSES WOMAN IN BED

She Calls Her Husband in Time For  
Him to Extinguish Flames Before  
They Out Of Avenue of Escape—  
State Authorities Are Investigating

An attempt to burn down a house in which seven persons were sleeping at 438 Main street, Steelton, was discovered at 2.30 o'clock this morning, when Taschko Dundoff, one of the imperiled persons, woke up and saw fire at his kitchen door. The flames had been started on the outside and had eaten through the door when Dundoff discovered them.

Just before the blaze in the kitchen was discovered Mrs. Dundoff was awakened by a bright glare from the rear yard. Going to her bedroom window, she saw a pile of old lumber blazing fiercely. She called her husband, who quickly donned some clothing and started down to the kitchen.

When he entered that room it was filled with smoke and flames were licking at the door jams. He jerked the door open and was almost felled by another door which had been placed against the inner door on the outside and which fell in with the opening of the first door. By using several buckets of water Dundoff conquered the flames.

An investigation was then made, which showed that just outside a door opening from a rear porch to the dining room, as well as just outside the kitchen door, there had been piled large quantities of matches and some tallow candles, together with shavings and old rags, the whole mass having been saturated with large quantities of coal oil and then set ablaze.

The reason the blaze did not make more rapid headway probably was because the dwelling, which is occupied and owned by the Dundoffs, is a brick structure. It originally was built by the late George A. Lauman, of Middletown, about 35 years ago.

A large number of broken quart bottles, some containing small quantities of coal oil, were found on the premises about 6 o'clock this morning by Fire Chief Shupp, who made an investigation. The pile of old lumber in the rear yard also had been saturated with oil and set afire. It was that blaze which awakened Mrs. Dundoff.

The occupants of the house are Mr. and Mrs. Dundoff, their two children, two men clerks in the employ of Dundoff and a woman servant.

The State Fire Marshal's office has been informed of the circumstances of the blaze.

## JACKSON THIRD ARBITRATOR

State Labor Commissioner Accepted As  
Adjuster in Wilkes-Barre Trouble  
Wilkes-Barre, April 8.—The Federal and State mediators early to-day succeeded in inducing the striking street railway men and General Manager Wright of the Wilkes-Barre Railway Company to accept John Price Jackson, State Commissioner of Labor, as the third arbitrator. It is expected that the directors of the company will ratify the action and that cars will be running by noon.

The men went on strike last Thursday demanding that their wages be increased to 28 cents an hour. They had been receiving 24 cents and the company offered them 26 cents. Trolley traffic in Wilkes-Barre and throughout Wyoming Valley has been completely tied up since the strike was called.

## REGULATION OF JITNEY BUSES

Safety First Federation Considering  
Plan Intended to Be Nation Wide

New York, April 8.—A plan intended to be national in scope for the regulation of "jitney" buses, was prepared for consideration at a meeting of the executive committee of the Safety First Federation of America here to-day. The committee had received a letter from Harry P. Coffin, chairman of the Portland, Ore., Public Safety Commission, saying that traffic accidents have increased there since the "jitney" buses were put in operation.

Other subjects for deliberation were safety in buildings, in public places and aboard ships, including plans for a national fire prevention campaign.

## CLARK'S FERRY BRIDGE IS LIKELY TO REMAIN IN USE

Christian W. Lynch, of This City, Declines, However, to Say What He  
Intends to Do With the 2,088-Foot  
Structure He Snapped Up at \$4,500

The suggestion that a number of Harrisburg financiers are interested in the wooden bridge spanning the Susquehanna river at Clark's Ferry, which yesterday was sold as the property of the old Pennsylvania Canal Company to Christian W. Lynch, of Harrisburg, for \$4,500, was contained in gossip in this city this morning.

Mr. Lynch, the purchaser, declined to say what he proposes to do with the bridge, preferring, he said, to make no statement at this time. The bridge probably is the longest frame-covered viaduct in this section, measuring 2,088 feet. It is in good repair and belief was expressed by close friends of the purchaser that the bridge will be maintained and operated. The toll charges collected from the users of this bridge, it is said, cannot be considered to be trifling.

An acre of ground leading up to the bridge on the Dauphin county side and sometimes referred to as the Wisconsin division of the old canal, also was bought by Mr. Lynch. This ground contains a small frame dwelling. The purchase price for this property was \$1,000.

Years ago an unsuccessful effort was made by the then District Attorney of Dauphin county to have the Clark's Ferry bridge taken over by the county and made a free bridge. That was never accomplished because of the enormous cost that, it was estimated, would have been entailed.

The last of the old canal company's property was sold yesterday, and that practically wound up that concern's affairs.

## PRESIDENT SWIMS FOR LIFE

Costa Rica's Ruler Has Narrow Escape  
From Drowning When Yacht Is  
Wrecked in Gale

By Associated Press.  
San Jose, Costa Rica, April 8.—Alfredo Gonzales, President of Costa Rica, had a narrow escape from drowning when the Presidential yacht was wrecked in the Caribbean three days ago. He and the members of his party had to swim ashore through a heavy surf to save their lives.

The President, accompanied by the members of his cabinet, a group of government officials and several Congressmen, went on the government yacht to the Talamanca region, on the Atlantic coast. On their way back to Port Limon a heavy norther struck the yacht and she was driven ashore on the rocks. The passengers and crew had to take to the water. They were all successful in getting safely to dry land, but found the point where they made shore to be absolutely isolated. It took the shipwrecked party two days, during which time they were without food or shelter, to walk to the nearest point on the railroad from which they could get back to the capital. They came in to San Jose to-day.

The recital of the dangers to which resident Gonzales was subjected made a deep impression on his countrymen, and he was given a rousing reception as he drove through the streets of the city.

## FORGER'S BOND DOESN'T COME

Mercer and LeBrun Sent Back to Jail  
to Await Sentences

Fred LeBrun, who, with H. R. Mercer, both New York crooks, is awaiting sentence on several forgery charges in Harrisburg, was disgusted and disappointed this morning when it was announced that final disposition of the cases again would be postponed. On the way back to jail, while leaving the court room in the custody of Sheriff Wells, LeBrun shook his bald head and mumbled something in the French language. His countenance bore evidence of his apparent anger, but he quickly assumed his usual silent attitude when spoken to by the Sheriff.

The cases were continued to-day because William J. Fallon, Assistant District Attorney of West Chester county, New York, did not appear to press his request to have Mercer released on a \$2,500 bond. He wants Mercer to aid in an investigation that is being carried on by the New York authorities.

The woman whom Mercer at the time of his trial declared has been "haunting him" for years, was given the required bond, it is said, but she did not appear.

Judge Kunkel this morning let it be known that there will be no further delay in the cases and that both men will be sentenced on April 19 if the bond is not forthcoming by that time.

## COPPERS ARE DIVIDED

Still a Few Wearing Winter Overcoats  
on Daylight Trick

There are still a few insurgents among the police who refuse to bow to the will of the majority and doff winter overcoats in favor of the regulation spring frock, but by to-morrow the sun will have them change their minds, is the belief of Sergeant Drabensadt, in charge of the daylight force.

At roll call yesterday morning one of the policemen moved that overcoats be taken off and this motion was carried by a big majority. The few who voted in the negative did not discard their overcoats, however, and to-day they were still wearing them, despite the fact that the temperature went far up the Fahrenheit scale.

## Myrtle and Sweet Pea Neck and Neck

The bills providing respectively that the myrtle and sweet pea be designated as the State flower were advanced, almost side by side, to third reading in the House of Representatives this week. The House next week will be called on to choose between them. The bill proposing the wild honeysuckle is not yet out of committee.

## WANTS GAMBLING RECEIPTS TO USE REPAIRING ROADS

Senator Catlin's Bill  
Would Legalize Oper-  
ation of Betting Ma-  
chines at the Tracks

## 5 PERCENT FOR THE HIGHWAYS

Measure Creates a State Racing Com-  
mission of Five Members to Regu-  
late Running and Harness Events  
—McNichol Election Law Passes

A bill creating a State racing commission to regulate running and harness racing and providing for betting on Paris Mutual machines was introduced in the Senate to-day by Senator Catlin, of Luzerne county.

The bill creates a commission of five persons, three of whom shall be breeders of horse and no two of whom shall be members of the same racing association. They are to be appointed by the Governor for terms of four years. The commission shall have power to make all rules and regulations for racing between April 1 and December 1. Racing associations may conduct meetings for at least forty days. The proposed act will not apply to State or county fairs which conduct racing not more than six days a year.

Handbook making within the racing grounds is prohibited and all forms of betting on the part of jockeys and others conducting the races is prohibited. No Paris Mutual machines are to be allowed on the grounds except in the betting shed or betting ring. Five per cent of the gross receipts of the machines are to be given to the county treasurer for the uses of hospitals and other charitable institutions in the county where the race meet is held and five per cent is to go for improving the roads in the county where the meets are held.

Another Election Bill Passes  
The action of the Senate Committee on Elections yesterday in ordering the bill repealing the non-partisan election law in second class cities and for the election of State judges to be reported negatively was a trifling premature. As a matter of fact the bill at the time was not in possession of the committee, but was on the third reading calendar of the House, not

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## MUST GIVE BOND FOR DAM

Power Company to Post \$10,000 to  
Protect Farmer From Loss

Before the York Haven Water & Power Company again attempts to build a dam in the Susquehanna river, below Middletown, extending from the Dauphin county shore to the head of Duffey's three-mile island, so as to divert the waters of the stream to its power plant on the York county shore, it must file a \$10,000 bond in court, as a guarantee to John B. Reider, a Londonderry township farmer, that he will be paid whatever damages may result to his farm land through changing the river's course. Judge McCarroll so decided in an opinion filed at noon to-day.

The eastern river channel now skirts Reider's land and a court jury that awarded Reider damages agreed with the farmer, that the river, even during the long drouths, furnishes enough dampness to make irrigation on the farm unnecessary.

The power company once before constructed a dam in the river, such as it now proposes to build, and it is alleged, that left the east channel practically dry in summer time. Because of that Reider said he lost heavily, due to poor crops. A jury awarded \$3,700 damages to him. Reider also obtained a court order compelling the company to remove that dam.

The power company more than a year ago filed a \$3,000 bond as a guarantee that Reider will be paid all damages to be sustained through the building of the second dam but Judge McCarroll now calls for a \$10,000 bond.

## SPRING WEATHER HERE

Shad Flies By the Hundreds Herald  
Change in Season

There is little cause to complain about the brand of weather being handed out these days. The days are cloudless, the temperature about sixty and the nights cool and pleasant, the mercury being some degrees above freezing point.

Shad flies were added by the hundreds to the already great throng of early spring arrivals. There will be little change in the weather for to-morrow and the minimum temperature for to-night is fixed by the local forecaster at 36 degrees.

## Taft to Address House, April 15

Former President Taft, who will lecture in this city for the Harrisburg Academy next Thursday evening, will talk to the members of the General Assembly in the hall of the House of Representatives on the afternoon of that day at 4 o'clock. This was announced in the House this morning by Speaker Ambler.

## SUFFRAGE DELEGATES IN CONFERENCE HERE TO-DAY

Speakers at Opening Session in Board  
of Trade Hall Tell of Methods of  
Raising Funds for Carrying on  
Campaign

Speakers at the opening session this morning of the Woman Suffrage Party conference at the Board of Trade hall told of various methods for raising funds to aid in the suffrage campaign. They were Mrs. Walter Newkirk of Delaware county, on dances; Miss Catherine Holmes Potter, of Tioga county, on cards and church socials; Mrs. R. E. Umbel, of Fayette county, and Mrs. John D. Davenport, of Wilkes-Barre.

To-night a reception will be tendered to the delegates at State Headquarters, when an opportunity will be given them to meet Miss Maud Younger, of California. Miss Younger will give the Pennsylvania suffragists some ideas concerning special work on election day, gathered from her experiences as a campaigner in the Western States. Mrs. Laura Gregg Cannon, who will also speak, will discuss "The Relation of Woman Suffrage to the Labor Movement."

To-morrow night, the county delegates will be taken to the Regent Theatre to see the suffrage photo play, "Your Girl and Mine." An effort will also be made to show them the motion pictures that were made of the casting of the Women's Liberty Bell at Troy, N. Y., last week, provided the reels arrive here in time.

Every phase of the campaign, from street meetings to "getting out the vote" on election day, will be gone over by the county representatives of the big State-wide organization, which has local organizations reaching into the smallest precincts of each county. The discussion will occupy the morning and afternoon sessions to-morrow.

## NINE KILLED AS TRAWLER IS BLOWN UP IN NORTH SEA

London, April 8, 6.20 P. M.—The Grimby trawler Zarina was blown up in the North sea to-day. It is feared that the nine men on the trawler were either killed by the explosion or drowned. It is unknown whether the Zarina was destroyed by a mine or a submarine.

## Sultan Calls Out All Available Men

London, April 8, 3.35 P. M.—An irade promulgated to-day by the Sultan of Turkey authorizes the ministry of war to call out all men capable of bearing arms, but who heretofore were not liable for service, inclusive of the ages of 19 and 30 for the defense of the Turkish coast and frontiers and the maintenance of order. The ministry also is given power to enroll for military service all immigrants for the duration of mobilization.

## Celebrating King Albert's Birth

London, April 8, 12.56 P. M.—The allies are celebrating to-day the anniversary of King Albert's birth. This day also marks the seventh anniversary of Mr. Asquith's premiership. Within a few weeks Mr. Asquith's term of office will have exceeded that of Lord Salisbury, giving him the record for continuous incumbency since the reform act was adopted.

## 346 British Were Killed

London, April 8, 4.15 P. M.—The big list of casualties of the rank and file of the British army issued yesterday of the recent fighting at Neuve Chapelle was increased to-day by the giving out of another list which contains the names of 1,108 men. Of these 346 were killed and the remainder wounded.

## CARRANZA FORCES ROUTED

Retreat in Disorder From Lampazos  
Toward Nuevo Laredo—Villa to  
Attack Latter Place Soon

By Associated Press.  
Washington, April 8.—Advices to the Villa agency here said Carranza forces under General Perra had been routed at Lampazos and retreated in disorder toward Nuevo Laredo. Many officers and men are crossing to the American side. Villa troops, the message said, would attack Nuevo Laredo within a week after repairing the railroads.

## Decisive Blow Against Carranza

El Paso, Tex., April 8.—By the defeat of General Obregon's army in the last two days in Central Mexico, officials of the Villa faction declared to-day at Juarez that a decisive blow has been struck at the Carranza cause. Reports to the Villa headquarters said Obregon's force was retreating southward from a point midway between Queretaro and Irapuato. Villa personally is directing the pursuit. Each side has 20,000 to 25,000 men.

## Thousands Reported Starving

San Antonio, Tex., April 8.—Temporary relief is being given at Monterey under direction of General Villa to 7,000 families, or more than 20,000 persons, according to a dispatch from Monterey, received last night.

Relief is being given in a systematic manner, according to the message, Secretary of State Valle, of Nuevo Leon, being in charge of the bureau, using a card system introduced by Philip G. Hanna, American consul general for the Southern district of Mexico. Despite the efforts being made to feed the destitute, thousands are reported starving.

## McColgin Speaks in York

E. L. McColgin, secretary to the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, spoke at a noon-day luncheon of the York Chamber of Commerce at York to-day.

## HE GETS \$613 AS BOUNTY ON HEADS OF HENS AND RATS

York Man Is Arrested  
On Charge of Per-  
jury In Alleged Plan  
to Cheat State

## PASSES NIGHT IN JAIL HERE

Taken This Morning to Lebanon to  
Face Accusation That He Fooled a  
Justice of the Peace by Represent-  
ing He Had Killed Weasels

One of the worst offenders against the State in fraudulently obtaining large amounts of the money paid out as bounties for the killing of noxious animals and predatory birds, according to Game Commissioner Kalbfus, is a man arrested in York last evening and who spent last night in the Harrisburg jail. The prisoner was taken this morning to Lebanon, where the alleged offenses were committed.

The prisoner is William Stock, of York, and he was arrested yesterday afternoon charged with committing perjury at least twelve times in obtaining bounties offered for the killing of noxious animals and birds when, as a matter of fact, he is alleged to have fooled a justice of the peace in Lebanon, where he said he had done the killing, by producing what he represented to be the heads of weasels or goshawks. These he claimed to have killed in June, 1914. To substantiate his claim he produced what he alleged to have sworn were the heads of the birds and been ascertained, however, that so decayed that the justice could not distinguish them. On these it was testified he collected \$613. Stock said he poisoned the birds and animals with "little grains" but could not tell what kind of grain.

In the same month of June, 1914, he produced what he called the heads of more than 100 weasels which he said he had caught in traps in the woods near Lebanon. When asked where he got the traps Stock said he carried the lumber to the woods and made them, but he could not locate the places where he had set the traps.

Last evening Game Warden Shoch and Baum went to York to get the man. He did not appear at the door when they reached his house, but raised a window and demanded to know what they wanted. For answer they reached in and pulled him through the window, thus making the arrest.

In the cellar of his house almost a bushel of rat, rabbit and chicken heads were found.

The man was brought to Harrisburg last evening and placed in jail over night and to-day was taken to Lebanon.

## THIS WEEK LAST AT ORPHEUM

Announced To-day Vaudeville Theatre  
Will Close for Season on Saturday

This will be the last week at the Orpheum this season, it was unexpectedly announced by Manager Hopkins to-day. The intention had been to close the season at the Locust street playhouse next week. One of the big acts which had been booked could not get here, however, and it was decided to close with this week's bill.

Several acts had been scheduled for the Orpheum next week and these will be presented at the Colonial theatre instead. It is the intention of the management to devote special attention to the vaudeville at the latter theatre after the close of the Orpheum. There will be, as usual, four acts semi-weekly at the Colonial, together with moving pictures.

The Orpheum season closed in the latter part of April last year. The season this year began a week earlier than usual, however, and is the shorter only by one show.

## CHECK UP ON OFFICERS

Detectives and Other Officials Must  
Tell "Where They Are At"

"Where are you at?" in the language of the Georgia Congressman, is the line atop a new slate which hangs inside the door at the electrical room at police headquarters and is calculated to let the office men know where various city officials and detectives are when not in the office. No one can "put it across" on the deskman now.

There is a space for each man to write as he goes out the door his destination and the following names are on the slate: Fire Chief John C. Kindler, Detectives Bach, White and Murnane, Secretary Clarence O. Backenstoss, and Assistant City Electrician William Crozier.

## Successful Caesarian Operation

Mrs. William Gutshall, 1954 Swatara street, underwent a Caesarian operation at the Harrisburg hospital at 3 o'clock this morning. A girl, Anna Pauline, was born. Both mother and child were reported as resting well this afternoon.

Lost Gift of Princess  
During her visit Tuesday in this city, Madame Grouvitch, wife of the Serbian under secretary, lost a brooch which had been given her by the Princess Royal of England, but succeeded in recovering it before her departure.

## GERMAN MISSION MEMBERS' THRILLING EXPERIENCE IN UNSUCCESSFUL EXPEDITION

Rome, April 8, via Paris.—The members of the German mission who made an unsuccessful attempt to penetrate to Addis Ababa to communicate with the German minister to Abyssinia, have just arrived in Rome on their way home. Italy did not permit them passage through Eritrea but undertook to see that mail for the minister would go forward in due course. The members of the mission had a series of remarkable experiences, which included twenty-three days on the Red Sea in a native boat; an encounter with a French cruiser which almost resulted in their capture, and persistent but futile efforts to obtain permission to travel through the Italian coast country.

It has been rumored that the object of this mission was to instigate the Abyssinians to attack British forces in the Sudan. This the Germans deny, saying their purpose was only to carry mail to the mission. This denial has been met by Italian newspapers with a recital of the composition of the mission and also by the fact that it travelled through Rumania, Bulgaria, Turkey and Asia Minor before landing on the Arabian coast near Akabah. The mission consisted of Herr Frobenius, a German explorer, who is described as an intimate friend of Emperor William and two secretaries and a special attache of the foreign office.

From Akabah the travelers crossed the Red Sea to Massawa, capital of the Italian colony of Eritrea. It was on this trip that a French cruiser overhauled them. The native boat chartered by the mission was thoroughly searched by the French officers, but the four Germans had so carefully hidden themselves that they remained undiscovered. When it was apparent that the Italian authorities would not permit them to go to Eritrea the mission gave up its objective and started on the return journey home.

## AUSTRIAN ARMY IS CUT IN TWO PLACES BY RUSSIANS

Petrograd, April 8, 12 Noon, Via  
London, 2.30 P. M.—The advance of the Russians in the Carpathians has cut the Austrian army under General Boerovitch in two places. The eastern wing of this army is in a precarious position. The Russians have captured Smolnik, east of Lupkow Pass.

The Russians have also thrown back the Austrians in the district of Bartfeld and in the district of Lupkow. Having advanced through the Rostock Pass, they have forced a wedge between the Austrian armies. Smolnik controls the only road through the Beskid mountains between Nezelaboroz and Uzsok, a distance of sixty miles.

The western wing of the Austrian army has its base at Gummeneo and its communication along the roads into Hungary are quite safe. The eastern wing, to the contrary, is joined with the forces operating around Uzsok, twenty miles from the Russian positions at Solnik, by which they are threatened with attack.

The Russians have crossed the crest of the Beskids at Gummeneo and apparently have a clear road to the plains of Hungary.

## RUSSIANS FIGHTING WAY OVER 4 CARPATHIAN PASSES

London, April 8, 12.56 P. M.—The fight for the Carpathian passes is proceeding bitterly. Both sides claim local successes. The Russians are fighting their way over four passes—Dukla, Lupkow, Uzsok and Rostock, the last named of which is in their possession. Rostock pass is not so important as the others, but a branch road from it leads to the rear of Uzsok Pass, which from the desperate nature of the struggle in that vicinity is regarded as the key to the Hungarian plains.

The Austrians seem to have only enough men to hold the Russians in check, and evidently are unable to make an effective counter stroke from Bukovina. Therefore their hope must again center on the Germans, who may break back the Russians at the point when the invaders had reached a point further within Hungary than they have gained this time. On that occasion an Austro-German force attacked the Russian flank in the country south of Cracow, and threatened its lines of communication, quickly bringing about a retreat. A similar movement might be attempted now, but its chances of success probably would not be as good as before as the Russians are now heavily entrenched and presumably could only be dislodged at the cost of heavy losses of the attackers.

## LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Russian troops are pushing forward rapidly in the Carpathians and it is reported from Petrograd that the road to the plains of Hungary now lies open before them. According to this information, the Russians have captured Smolnik, east of Lupkow Pass, and have driven a wedge between the western and eastern wings of the Austrian army in the Beskids, placing the eastern wing in a precarious position.

Both the French and German official statements show the new battle in the region between the Meuse and the Moselle has developed into a struggle of particular severity. The Paris announcement says that the gains made heretofore by the allies have been maintained in the face of violent counter-attacks.

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## BOMBS KILL WOMEN AND CHILDREN

12 Dead and 48 Injured  
When Austrian  
Aviators Drop Mis-  
siles In Market Place

## MANY BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED

Belgian Minister of War Says Western  
Side of Yser Canal Is Now Com-  
pletely Freed of Germans, Who Left  
Machins Guns Behind

Paris, April 8, 8.20 A. M.—Twelve women and children were killed and 48 others injured by bombs dropped by Austrian aviators in the market place of Podgoritz, Montenegro, yesterday afternoon, according to a Cetinje dispatch to the Havas agency.

Many buildings were destroyed by the missiles, seven of which were dropped from the aeroplane.

## Belgians Rout Germans on Yser

London, April 8, 12.50 P. M.—The Belgian legation here has received a telegram from the Belgian Minister of War, dated yesterday, which reads: "The western side of the Yser canal in the direction of Drei Grachten has been completely freed of the enemy by Belgian troops. The Germans fled in disorder, leaving behind the machine guns and ammunition. To-day passed off quietly. The hostile artillery showed very little activity."

## Successes Claimed by French

Paris, April 8, Via London, 2.20 P. M.—The French War Office this afternoon gave out a report on the progress of the fighting, which reads: "In Belgium the day was marked by artillery engagements. In the valley of the Aisne and the district to the east of Rheims our efforts, in spite of the abnormally bad weather, continued with great activity and we have maintained our gains between the Meuse and the Moselle in their entirety, while at the same time we are proceeding to make further progress."

"In the Brule forest we captured a German trench at the same time, taking a large number of prisoners on this section of the front. This was reported last night."

## Heavy French Losses, Reports Berlin

Berlin, April 8, Via Wireless to Sayville, L. I.—The German army headquarters to-day gave out a report on the progress of the fighting, which reads: "The fighting between the Meuse and the Moselle continued yesterday. French attack resulted in failure in the Woivre district, on the heights of Combres, near the forest of Selouse; north of St. Mihiel in the Ailly forest, near the forest of Apremont, to the north of Flirey and in the forest of Lepretre."

"French losses on the entire front again were enormous, without obtaining the slightest advantage."

"A French aviator from Paris, compelled to land, said nothing was known in the French capital about the French losses in the Champagne fighting."

"On the eastern front there have been no developments. The weather continued bad and the roads are impassable."

## 300 GERMANS MOWED DOWN BY FRENCH MACHINE GUNS

Paris, April 8, Via London, 4 P. M.—The rains of the last few days have soaked through the clay soil of the Woivre to a great depth, rendering difficult the movements of artillery and preventing the explosion of shells. The French troops have consolidated the progress made on the previous day and maintained all advance in spite of counter attacks of extraordinary violence," says the French official statement.

"At Les Pargues, especially, the last German counter attack was carried out by a regiment and a half and was completely repulsed. The enemy sustained enormous losses. Corpses of their men covered the field. Three hundred men who momentarily were able to advance from the German position, were mowed down by our machine guns. Not one of them escaped."

## WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, April 8.—Bethlehem Steel continued to overshadow all other stocks, rising to 101 1/2 in the early afternoon and leading all other issues in point of activity. Other speculative favorites were barely steady.

Fervent trading in Bethlehem Steel, which rose to 117, marked the final dealings. Other low priced industrials also were prominent but standard shares became decidedly unsettled. The close was irregular.

A maximum gain of almost thirty points in Bethlehem Steel, with striking advances in other specialties, were the outstanding features of to-day's irregular market.