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. DANIELS.

Joffre Is Hacking Off the Front Around St. Mihiel.

The Invaders Suffer Terribly In Their of the capital. The papers agree that Defeats.

Paris Cable.—The French War | make their line from Arnaville to along the entire line from Vardun to St. Mihiel and Pont-a-Mousson. There no word in the announcement of e cost in lives to the French forces, but the death toll among the defending Germans must have been terrible.

The French offensive on this part of the front, which is generally referred to cathe German wedge at St. Mihiel, has developed during the last 24 hours into wnat seems a general assault on the German trenches. It is being delivered with the greatest fury of any fighting in the western theatre since the winter set in, and both sides sought protection in the trenches.

An advance at Les Eparges, which is southeast of Verdun, was made in the face of fierce German resistance, which, however, was overcome. Three times the Germans tried to regain the ground lost here, but in each attempt they failed to dislodge the enemy.

The fighting in the Morville wood, slightly south of Les Eparges, was carried on by infantry. Here the fire of the French gunners was so terrific t a German company was annihila. . . Later, when the French troops advanced over the ground that the company had occupied, it was found that only ten men remained alive.

At Ailly wood, southeast of St. Mihiel, the French troops charged into a line of German trenches, ousted the German forces and held the position against two desperate counter-attacks. WHOLE LENGTH THREATENED.

Joffre continues his attempt to bite off the German wedge at St. Mihiel, and serious attacks are being made at its base on both sides from Etain on the northwest and Pont-a-Moussen on the east. Summing up the offensive reconnaissances and attacks which have been carried out since April 4 between the Meuse and the Moseile the French official communique says the following results have been obtained:

"First.-On the northeast and east fronts of Verdun we have gained on a front of twenty kilometres (about 121/2 miles) from one to three kilometres, and occupied the heights which domfaste the course of the Orne River, and carried the villages of Gussainville and Fromezey,

"Second. On the heights of the Meuse, at Eparges, we have carried most the whole of the strong position held by the enemy on the plateau which command Combres, and we rethe ground captured in the face of

"Third.—Further to the south, near St. Mihiel, we have captured the entire than a hundred students, all picked southwestern portion of the Ailly from the ranks. The course occupies a the Germans were strongly established. This they have teen unable to retake, despite repeated counter-attacks.

"Fouth.-In Southern Woeuvre, between the forest of Montmare and the forest of Le Pretre, we have gained on a front of seven or eight kilometres a distance of three kilometres (nearly two miles), and have taken from the memy the villages of Fey-en-Have and

"At all these points the Germans suffered heavy losses, as can be estimated from the number of bodies found at Eparges."

OPEN WAY TO LORRAINE.

The position referred to is situated on the east, or right-hand, bank of the River Meuse, and forms the apex of the German wedge driven into the French lines in September last and held ever since by the invaders of France. The attempt to break through the French lines to advance to Paris was opened by an attack on the Verdun forts by the armies of the Crown Prince. At one time the Germans announced the capture of Fort de Troyon, but its later relief by the French proved this to be untrue. Nine miles to the southeast the Germans succeeded in capturing St. Mihiel and establishing themselves on the west, or left, bank of the Meuse at Chauvoncourt, a village immediately on the Meuse and dominated German Raiders Sunk or Captured stack. Nov. 17, dislodged the Germans from the western part of Chauvoncourt, but they retook the position a day later. Despite French efhese positions ever since. St. Mihiel has now become of first importance to the projected invasion of Lorine by General Joffre's troops. troops holding this wedge and their The steady advances of the French on ly threaten its whole length. Gen-

th sides of this wedge now serious- tured. eral Joffre, whose motto is patience. with his new French artillery and resh troops, has for several weeks Past been gaining here and there advanced positions. His guns have succeeded in rendering useless important roads for supplies and damaged the field railroads laid by the Germans. But as the advance into zone for fear of receiving similar treatment. tance of Muelhausen, and the advance into Lorraine is nearing the er and Metz. it becomes impeto the success of both these vasions that the Germans should forced back from St. Mihiel and the frontier. If General Joffre's ry can destroy the German supplies retreat becomes im-

Virneulles and Fresnes or the

Office has announced important gains Etain. Behind Arnaville the German force is supported by the Metz forts. This region and that of Alsace are now destined to engage General Joffre's best effort and heavy continuous fighting will be necessary. River valleys, high plateaus, forests and spurs of the Vosges all enter into the difficulties before the French and into the stubbornness of German defence.

BROUGHT DOWN AVIATORS.

A German aeroplane which had bombarded Bergues, ten miles south of Dunkirk, in France, was shot to earth at Steenwoorde, in Belgium. today, and the aviator and observer were both killed. The aeroplane was on its way to make another aerial raid over Dunkirk when it was compelled by French and British high angle guns to turn back. During the aerial bombardment of Bergues a bomb feil upon a house, killing two alone. persons and injuring several others severely.

The Berlin Overseas News Agency quotes the Neue Zuricher Zeitung as saying that French aviators during a nocturnal flight over Strassburg dropped bombs which fell in a prison camp in which were confined 500 French soldiers, wounding five of them severely.

The sale of spirituous liquors has been forbidden by the general commanding the army of the Vosges in the territory occupied by the armv. General Joffre consented to the prohibition.

NEW ATTACK ON BRITISH LINE. And Result May be Awkward for An offensive movement against the British forces in Northern France is reported to have been launched by the German army of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria. The Germans are trying to dislodge the British from Armentieres and have suffered heavy losses in their attacks there. Night assaults are being made against the British at Neuve Chapelle. German and British artillery are engaged in a murderous duel.

TRAIN RANKERS

Officers' School for British is Doing Good Work.

London Cable (Correspondence.) -The school for training officers, established by the British General Staff, is located close to the general headquarters in France, and now has more month, and combines theory with practice, although special emphasis is naturally placed on the practical

The school occupies a comfortable old mansion. A group of barns and sheds have been fitted up as dormitories. In the courtyard is a great sand bank where the students construct model trenches, and apply the theory

of the textbook to practice. There are several class rooms. equipped with blackboards, on which the instructors fight over again some of the early battles of the war. There are courses in mathematics, in hygiene, and in other branches necessary for the equipment of a young officer. Not all the students prove to be of suitable material for commissioned rank. Part of the business of the school is to test the students as to their mental and moral capabilities for assuming rank as an officer in the field. Every week the student goes back to the trenches for twenty-four hours in company with an instructor, to observe and apply what he has been taught during the six days at the tive in London.

ONE WEEK'S TOLL

Ten Ships.

London Cable. German submarfort, the Germans have maintained ines made a total haul of ten British ships during the week ending Wednesday night, according to an official announcement by the Official Press Metz is the base for the German Bureau to-day. Five of these ships were merchantmen, which were sunk. The remaining five were fishing vessels, which were either sunk or cap-

News of the sinking of another trawler, the Zarina, was brought to Grimsby to-night by the trawlers Pinwell and Ruby. They reported seeing the Zarina lifted bodily out of the water by the force of the explosion. The fate of the Zarina's crew of nine was not ascertained, as the Pinwell and Ruby hurried out of the

CANADIAN M. D.'S FOR SERBIA. rand Metz, it becomes impeto the success of both these ins that the Germans should seed back from St. Mihiel and been frontier. If General Joffre's can destroy the German supplies retreat becomes impand their line would problem and their line would problem and their line would problem in the selected. The minimum period of service will be three months, traveling expenses will be paid, and salaries will start on arrival in Serbia. In case of the conditions, ten Canadian doctors have been approved by the Serbia. Col. Pelletier, Agent-General for applications, from which a few more will vice will be three months, traveling expenses will be paid, and salaries will death compensation of \$2,000 will be paid

Rome Cable.—The questions whether an understanding between Italy and Austria still is possible, and whether a separate Austro-Russian peace treaty is probable, are discussed from the two questions are closely related, since if Russia, with the permission of her allies, obtains what she desires, and comes to terms with Vienna, it is impossible to imagine that Austria would be willing to make territorial concessions to Italy.

It is regarded as probable by the newspapers that reports of peace negotiations will be denied in all official quarters until some tangible agreement is reached. The position of Austria, it is contended, is becoming daily more grave because of the Russian invasion and the threat of Italian inter-

The Idea Nazionale says Austria has but little chance of retaining what she has, and that the probabilities are she will lose more if she continues to fight, while by making peace with Russia she would avoid a further Muscovite invasion and might prevent a Serbian advance as well as the intervention of Italy and Rumania. The paper says Austria may even hope to obtain moral and material revenge by a victorious war against Italy

MASTER SPY IS NOW PRISONER

Britain Has Germany's Big Sneak On Trial

London Cable.—The approaching trial of Anton Kuepferle a German-American, on a charge of high treason, promises to prove sensational. The

the most important of its kind since the Galician railways they hold. the outbreak of the war, enabling the authorities to lay bare a most elabor- but there is no end to the number of plans and transmitting them to the increasing munitions. enemy. The worst feature of the case is that it reveals beyond the shadow of a doubt that the most dangerous

HAD FALSE PASSPORT.

It happened unfortunately for him that the night he selected to leave the broad reads which converge Folkestone the Flushing steamship through the best farming land of Hunservice was temporarily suspended ow- gary. Great reinforcements, both ing to the activities of German sub- Austrian and German, are filling pre-

tremely vital information was found in present battle extends nearly 100 his possession. He was equipped with miles, practically due east and west. all the paraphernalia which modern It should prove the most decisive spydom regards as essential, such as struggle of the campaign so far, since representatives, invisible ink, codes, it is impossible for it to end in enaddresses, instructions, thereby laying trenched deadlock like the battles in before the authorities the most com- Poland and Flanders. The result will plete plan of German espionage which undoubtedly be decided by the in-UNITED STATES A BASE.

It may open the eyes of the American authorities to a realization of how brazenly and successfully German agents are using the United States as a base for the utilization of spies in England when it is stated that from the moment Keupferle landed at Liverpool until just before he was arrested his every movement was carefully mapped out before he sailed from New York. It was just like a melodrama. At certain places at a certain time he would meet a certain sign, meet certain people and receive certain information. It can be imagined how thoroughly the German spy organization is in Great Britain when it is stated that in five days Keupferle, who knew no one in England and had never been in England before, was able to consider

his mission successfully ended. It is felt that the trial, which is fixed for this month, will not only disclose the prisoner's guilt beyond question, but more important still, from an American standpoint, it will show that it their attacks and inflicted heavy lossis absolutely necessary for the United es on the enemy. In the region States to act quickly and drastically against German agents who are using the neutral soil of America to direct the dispatch of spies to England.

When a woman expresses a wish, it generally comes collect. Letter received: "Is it proper walk inside or outside of a lady?"

STRUGGLE IS NOW GENERA

Various Sections Joined Into One Terrific Combat With Rusrians Gaining.

MAY RETIRE

Austrians, Their Line Cut, Are in Awkward Position and May Pall Back.

London Cable. There is every indication that the Russians have pierced the Austrian battle line in the Carpathians, so that at present the right end of the Austrian line is in a precarious position.

the Rostok Pass, a small inlet to Galicia through the mountains between Lupkow Pass and Uszok. The pass itself was captured on Tuesday, and the Russian forces going forward managed to go through the Austrian lines, separating the eastern flank from the west. At the same time another large force of the Russians advanced as far as Helena, entirely through the mountains, the result Unqualified Concession of All Slav tween the two armies, a vastly inferior army, the communications of which are threatened.

The Austrian left flank, under coramand of Gen. Poarovitch, is in a better position. The German reinforcements, estimated at nearly 300,000 men, with all necessary supplies of war, have been joined to this flank. The base of this force is at Gummence, and its communications by rail and highway with the plains be-low are still intact. However, there is every reason to believe from despatches to-day that the Russians are making progress against this flank through Bartfold toward Eperies. RETIREMENT EXPECTED.

Military observers are watching with great interest the situation and are anxiously awaiting the effects of arrest occurred some weeks ago on the the arrival of a German reinforceeve of Kuepferle's intended departure ment. They believe the only thing for the continent, but the fact of his is to retire to some point like Munthe Austrian right wing can do now arrest and the various hearings before kacs and give battle, depending upon a police magistrate have been kept set the Germans to advance to the decret until now on account of the ex- fence of the big passes, like Dukla. treme importance to the State of the Germans hurled back the Russian matters involved and the endeavor to invasion into Hungary. The crucial deal adequately with the wide ramifi- point of the war in the east will cations of German espionage in Britain be decided when it is learned whether which Kuepferie's apprehension disever, the Russians are in a far better the way of a rapid advance into Hunever, the Russians are in a far better the way of a rapid advance into Hun-It is no exaggeration to say that the officers. They have artillery and an position. They have trained tien and gary. Once this difficulty is overcome

ate system of obtaining most valuable times Russia can try again, each time sumed have been erected.

The country between the information of military and naval with enormous forces and constantly

BATTLE BECOMES GENERAY.

"By moving a strong force along will be unable to offer any more forthe southern forks of the Beskid midable opposition than heretofore. The revelations by Stegler, who was mountains, the Russians have convertsent to jail in New York for his con- ed the operations of the separate colnection with the crooked passports, umns invading Hungary into a generhave an important corollary in the al battle which is now developing of a new movement in Poland, startpresent case. Kuepferle, who is engag- across a broad front. Great masses ing from Thorn or Cracow. But the ed in the woollen business in New of infantry are pressing slowly into invasion of Hungary is regarded in York, landed at Liverpool, and almost the Hungarian valley. During the immediately travelled to Ireland, yet last eight weeks desperate, but unsucwithin five days he had accumulated cessful efforts have been made by the sufficient information that he consid- Germans to force the pass into the ered his mission ended and attempted Sryt valley. They had to substitute to leave England for Holland, where an entirely new attacking force three he intended to deliver his information or four times, so great were their to responsible chiefs of the German in- losses from rifle fire, bayonet and suffocation in the snow-covered ravines.

marines, and hence he fell an easy cap- pared defensive positions. Large When Keupferle was arrested ex- up to protect the southern roads. The numbers of forts have been thrown

domitable spirit and physique of the Russian infantry. RUSSIAN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The Russian troops have succeeded in crossing the principal chains of the Carpathians, according to tonight's official report from Petrograd, quence. The report declares that the counter-offensive initiated by the Austro-German reinforcements in the the text of the statement being as annulling the first. fellows.

"In the Carpathians our troops are progressing. In the valley of the

"In the direction of Mezo-Laborcz the Austro-Germans, having received Hungary in the Dual Monarchy, considerable reinforcements, attempted to develop an offensive, but our troops, after having occupied the front of Czabalocz-Szuko, repulsed all north of the railway at Ugok and Berezna our troops succeeded in crossing the principal chain of the Carpathians, thereby attaining important tactical results on the heights south and north of Velasatz.

"On the other portions of the front there has been no important change."

MYSTERY SHIP

Briton at Rio Has 146 People for Palklands.

Rio de Janeiro, Cable. The British steamer Ismaila came into Rio de Janeiro to-day, and no sooner had she dropped anchor than speculation was rife as to her real character.

She has on board 146 passengers, and the captain declares his destination is the Falkland Islands. Lack of coal compelled him to come in here. He declined any further explanation, nor has it been possible to learn why such a large number of passengers are going to the Falk-

British warships are still believed to be in Falkland waters, and it is being said here that the Ismaila is a transport taking 146 officers and men to reinforce their crews.

The British steamer Ismaila sailed from Newcastle, N.S.W., February 8. The marine records give her destination as Bombay. She has not been reported since her departure from New South Wales.

precarious position. The drive by which this important advantage was gained came through OF ONE PEAGE

Demands is the One Great Requisite.

TIME IS RIPE

Petrograd Thinks, Since She Considers Austrians Finished in Carpathians.

Petrograd Cable.—via London p.m.-With the Russian forces in possession of all the main summits and slopes of the Beskid Mountains, army officers here assert that the Austrian operations in the Carpathians have collapsed. The Russian general staff is new considering the best approach into Hungary.

The operations centering about Mezolaborez, including the important ing. points of Bartiela, Lapkow and Uszok, appear virtually to have ended, with the Austrians on the defensive along the whole line and perceptibly weakcovers the Carpathian ridges stands in onsider Kuepferle's arrest uninterrupted source of supply ever slopes, where signs of spring are beand the Russians reach the southern ginning to appear, the most serious The second attempt may succeed, obstacle to a further advance will be the artificial defences which it is as-

The country between the San and Laboreza Rivers is considered to provide the best route. The Russian staff Telegraphing to the Daily News already have transferred all available is of the opinion that the Germans headquarters for despatching spies to fram Petrograd, Frederick Rennet troops from other fronts to defend this region, and that therefore they

On the other hand, it is expected that the German answer to the Rus-Petrograd as a foregone conclusion, unless the Germans are able to transfer a formidable force of first line troops to stiffen the Austrian armies. in view of these conditions, talk of a separate peace for Austria-Hungary has been revived. Such a possibility

is discussed widely in the Russian press and in diplomatic circles. It is based largely on the reported attempt of Emperor Francis Joseph to enlist the influence of the Pope in this direc-From the first, it has been maintained here that the only terms Rus-

conceived the possibility of such concossions unless a decisive victory ing the Theseus sighted the submarshould be won by the Slavic nations ine at a point forty miles southwest On the subject of a separate peace marine signalled her to stop and for Austria-Hungary, the Bourse Gazette says. "in the dual monarchy feelings have changed. At the outset steam and started zigzaging on her

ing loudly of a separate peace. "The Austrian party, on the contrary, insists on the war being continued, since they realize that Austria which states that "important tactical in any event will have to pay the price. Emperor Francis Joseph has appealed to the Pope for aid in securing peace. When this is discovered Mezo-Laborez Pass have failed so far, be made that a second note be sent, by the Austrian party, a demand will

"Austrian politicians showed Fmperor Francis Joseph that the Hun- maintained a speed of about 17 knots. Ondawa on April 6 we dislodged the about by Germany's failure to afford distress signals in the hope of attractgarian desire for peace was brought From time to time she fired explosive protection to Hungary. Seeing disas- ing the attention of a British warship. ter approaching, the agitators desire The captain of the steamer is of the to secure safety by strengthening opinion that, had it not been for the "Among diplomats here it has be-

come the theme of conversation. From good sources it is known that the Serbians are in full accord with Russia. In English political circles, the idea has been received with sympathy, but with the understanding that the demands of Russia and the Slav world must be fully satisfied. Russia, France and Great Britain are united in this conception of peace possibilities."

Each mind has its own method.—

SHORT ITEMS OF THE NEWS DE THE DAY

German Aviators, After Shelling Red Cross Hospital, Shot Down to Death.

SWOBODA CASE

Japanese Cruiser, Ashere On Califormia Coast, is a Total Wreck

German aviators paid the death penlty for shelling a Red Cross hospital. Prohibition has been made effective in the French army operating in the

Captain J. A. Campbell, chief veterinary officer, at Toronto, has sent in his resignation.

Fire destroyed part of the business district of Tignish, P. E. I., causing damage to the extent of \$60,000.

Thomas Jackson, ex-Mayor of Clinton, and one of the best known men in Huron County, died Thursday in his 84th year.

The bill to provide for soldiers voting was introduced in the Commons as a Government measure. It prevoked vigorous criticism.

The London International Horse Show was added to the number of regular social fixtures in London that are being abandoned on account of the

The Japanese cruiser Asama, wrecked on the lower California coast, cannot be salvaged, according to officers of the tug Sea Rover, which went to Judge Pelletier, formerly Postmas-

ter-General, has entered action at Quebec against the Montreal Herald-Telegraph Company for \$1,000 damages for alleged libel. John Cowan, of Oshawa, President for more than forty years of the On-

taria Malleable Iron Co., and identified with other big manufacturing and financial concerns, is dead. Cecil Glass, the 13-year-old son of J. P. Glass, a Richmond Hill butcher, who was accidentally shot while hunting, never regained consciousness, and

died at an early hour Thursday morn-The bi-lingual school resolution of the Senate is not likely to be voted on this session It was practically shelved by a resolution adjourning it for a week. Prorogation is expected before

that time. David Rouselle and Frederick Mitchell, who pleaded guilty to shopbreaking, were sentenced in Police Court at Peterboro to serve five years in the Kingston penitentiary. Both admitted

having prison records. The case against Raymond Swobods. accused of being responsible for the fire aboard the steamship La Tourains, has been transferred at Havre, France, from civil to military jurisdiction. He is charged with espionage as well as with arson.

Harry Welbourne, seven-year-old son of Edward Welbourne. 634 Marshall street, London, Ont., ran out on the street while at play Thursday afternoon and was struck by a passing automobile driven by Mr. Harry Wilcox. 348 Dufferin avenue. The lad's skull was fractured and he died at Victoria Hospital at 7 o'clock in the evening.

FOILED A SUB

British Steamer Theseus H2d a Stirring Time.

Liverpool Cable. The captain of the Blue Funnel Line steamer Theseus, which left Liverpool March 27, for Java, has sent back a report of an exciting chase by a German submarine. sia would consider would be the un- cape, but she was subjected to and qualified concession of all Slavic de- damaged by shell fire from the submands. Russian officials have never mersible.

abandon ship, but this order was igsolidarity with Germany. Since the and continued throwing shells at the Theseus at intervals .The chase continued until 10.30, when the submarine abandoned the pursuit, and appeared to turn her attention to a small steamer flying the Norwegian flag. Of the seven explosive shells fired by the three-inch gun on the submarine, five struck the Theseus, and did considerable damage. The mainmast was badly cut, and the quarters of the firemen in the poop were wrecked. The distance covered during the rough sea, they would have been overhauled. No member of the crew of the Theseus was injured. All the damage to the vessel was above the water

> SCHOONER LOST; FIVE DROWN. New York, Despatch—The loss of the schooner Edna M. Smith, with her mate schooner Edna M. Smith, with her mate and four of the crew, was reported to-night, when the Norwegian steamer Petra arrived from Guantsname, Cuba. The Petra had on board Capt. Farrel and eight survivors of the crew of the Smith, rescued from an open boat by the Petra. They had hed nothing to eat for four dame.

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