



GERMANS GAIN ON AMIENS

SLAV FIGHTERS MAY FORCE GERMANS FROM WEST FRONT

Enormous Force Now Under Organization in Russia Will Effect Turning-Point of War If Hurlled Against Teutons.

Moscow, Tuesday, April 2.—Russia will form an army of 1,500,000 men, not inferior in power and equipment to the Germans and Japanese, M. Podvoisky, assistant secretary of war, declared today at a conference in Moscow of the various military department heads.

This would be the first step in arming the whole Russian nation. He said the army organization was impossible without the old officers and outlined a measure to enlist the services of all generals and publish their names, giving to citizens the right to state objections to any one.

ELEVEN THOUSAND ENLISTED.

M. Podvoisky reported progress in enlistments for the red army, which was satisfactory in some places. Since the beginning of the army organization two weeks ago 11,000 have enlisted in Moscow and been properly equipped, Nizhnygorod, Voronezh, Tula, Kaluga, Kostroma, Tchernigov, Khar'kov and many other cities report considerable numbers of recruits, many of whom are trained. The great handicap, he said, was lack of instructors.

TREMENDOUS VALUE TO ALLIES.

London, April 4.—Reorganization of the Russian army under the direction of M. Podvoisky comes at the psychological moment for the entente allies.

It is predicted by military strategists here that if Russia can enlist and equip 1,500,000 men, as M. Podvoisky plans, it will result in the failure of the great German drive before Cambrai, and will hasten the work of driving the armies of the central powers out of France and Belgium.

Military experts declare that if Russia had made this move eight weeks ago it would have been impossible for Germany to muster such a tremendous force, as thousands of men were withdrawn from the Russian front to swell the Kaiser's command.

The mere threat of more than a million of men being mustered by the Slavs at Moscow will force the Germans to send troops to the east front, and this will weaken their lines at points where British, French and American forces are preparing to strike in a great counter attack.

Since the occupation by the Germans of Potlawa, 70 miles southwest of Khar'kov, the position of the bolshevik detachments opposing them has become more serious, Reuter's Moscow correspondent cables.

The Germans are conducting an offensive against Khar'kov from Potlawa and Vorozhba, employing large detachments, which already have occupied Gloutiagky, 40 miles from Khar'kov.

The correspondent also says the Germans have seized at Potlawa 54,000 tons of grain which they are exporting to Germany.

Restore Lines to Germany. Moscow, Wednesday, April 3.—The special commission formed to carry out the provisions of the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty has drawn up a program for the restoration of postal and telegraphic relations with Germany.

It has ordered Russian military engineers to clear the mines from the Gulf of Finland and in the Russian part of the Baltic.

Peace has been proposed to the bolshevik government by the Ukrainian Rada of Kiev, the nonbolshevik organization, according to rumor current here. Although not confirming the report, a member of the Russian government points out that the chances for peace are greater since Germany's reply regarding territory in the Ukraine offers ground for negotiations and an understanding on the territorial question.

It seems that Rada is willing to make concessions and to modify its original demands, which included part of the governments of Kursk and Voronezh.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Unsettled; rain or snow.

Table with columns: Hour, Deg., and comparative local record for various cities like Cheyenne, Denver, etc.

Table with columns: Station and State, Temp., High, Low, Rain-fall, and reports from stations at P. M.

300 KILLED IN RIOTS AGAINST TURKESTAN JEWS

Jewish Inhabitants of Kiev Shot Down When City Falls Into Hands of the Ukrainians.

Moscow, Tuesday, April 2.—Anti-Jewish riots have occurred in Turkestan. In Kokand 300 persons were killed and much property destroyed, according to the Ranney Outro.

E. A. Cudahy Visits Omaha On Tour of Inspection

E. A. Cudahy, head of the Cudahy Packing company, is in Omaha on a tour of inspection of the plants of his company.

State Directors Want to Know How Burgess "Does It"

Ward M. Burgess, state director of war savings for Nebraska, is receiving envious congratulations for his marked success in this state from many of his colleague directors.

Music and Oratory to Feature Liberty Loan Mass Meeting

A musical program will be a feature of the patriotic mass meeting for the third Liberty bond drive, which will be held in the Auditorium next Saturday night.

Miss Esther Darnall and Mrs. Allen Taylor will sing. The Forty-first infantry band from Fort Crook will play.

Congregation of Church to Welcome Rev. Titus Lowe

Many members of the congregation of the First Methodist church will go to the Union station Friday morning to meet the Northwestern train which arrives at 10:15 and which is scheduled to carry Rev. and Mrs. Titus Lowe back to Omaha.

CRIME EPIDEMIC IN BERLIN DUE TO WAR CONDITIONS

Burglaries Average More Than 300 Daily; Lack of Street Lighting and Police Protection Favors Thugs.

New York, April 4.—Burglaries and robberies in Berlin average more than 300 daily and great alarm has been caused in the German capital by the sensational increase in crime resulting from war conditions.

The Berlin Tageblatt, on March 10, published an interview with the director of a large insurance company, who said that 300 burglaries and robberies were reported daily to the insurance companies.

THREE AVIATORS FALL TO DEATH BY AIR ACCIDENTS

Houston, Tex., April 4.—Lieutenant R. F. Ives of Chicago, Carl E. Ekstrand of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Russell H. Ewiggin of Waynetown, Ind., were killed in aviation accidents at Ellington field here today.

\$166 an Inch for Land in Fashionable Chicago

Chicago, April 4.—A "tract" of land, four inches wide and 168 feet in length in the heart of Chicago's fashionable north side residence district, sold today for \$666, or about \$166 an inch.

More Food for Czar Nick Is Red Cross' Petition

Petrograd, Wednesday, April 3.—Several members of the former imperial Russian family, now at Tobolsk, are ill and the Red Cross has petitioned the bolshevik government to allow the family of Nicholas Romanoff the ordinary ration instead of that allotted to soldiers.

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Washington, April 4.—Will Clements, a negro janitor employed at the offices of the committee on public information, confessed tonight that he shot James King, a watchman at the committee's headquarters, who was found dead at his post early this morning.

Henry Ford Soon to Launch First "Super-Sub Chaser"

Washington, April 4.—With the first of the Eagle boats, the new type super-submarine chasers for the navy, scheduled for launching in June, Henry Ford, the builder, has assured Secretary Daniels it would be possible under great stress to turn the craft out at the rate of three a day.

HUNS FORCE FRENCH WOMEN TO DO HARD LABOR IN RUSSIA

Paris, Wednesday, April 3.—One thousand French civilians from the occupied districts of northern France have been sent to Russia by the Germans and are being forced to perform hard labor, according to information obtained by Baron Cochlin, a former cabinet member.

GREATEST SMASH OF GERMANS NOW BEING LAUNCHED

Observers Declare Teutons Have Gathered Strength During Lull; Department Silent on Developments.

Washington, April 4.—Renewal of the German assaults against the British and French lines in Picardy today indicated to military observers here that the Germans, having gathered strength during the lull of the last few days, might now be ready to launch their greatest effort.

It is pointed out that the previous record of the German high command argues against any possibility that it would be content with the minor strategic advantages already gained by their costly enterprise, or with the abandonment of its plans without further attempts to force apart the French and British armies.

Under the new publicity policy the War department had nothing to add to reports from abroad as to the situation at the front. Casualty lists from France again were withheld.

A new interpretation was placed today on the appointment of General Foch as supreme commander of all the allied and American forces in France. The plan was a generalissimo, it was stated, had been approved long ago by the supreme war council, but it was not regarded as urgent that the appointment should be made at once until the big offensive started.

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London, April 4.—Erzerum, the principal city of Turkish Armenia, is reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Moscow to have been recaptured from the Turks by an Armenian corps, aided by a detachment of Armenian volunteers.

New Ship Yard Authorized to Make Concrete Vessels

Washington, April 4.—A new ship-building yard, solely for the construction of concrete ships, will be established soon by the shipping board.

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Aviator Drops 2,500 Feet From Plane; Lands Safely

San Antonio, Tex., April 4.—Rodman Law, balloonist and aeronaut, now attached to the fifth aero squadron, Kelly field, Thursday jumped from an airplane at a height of 2,500 feet and, with the aid of a parachute, landed safely.

Here's the Circulation of the Omaha Papers

On Lothrop from 21st to 22d State of Nebraska } Douglas County } F. S. Dilley being duly sworn, says that on March 28th he took a newspaper census of Lothrop street between 21st and 22d streets, Omaha, and that there are 13 houses.

Another Block Tomorrow

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NEW HUN OFFENSIVE ON; ALLIES FALL BACK

Fighting Heaviest Near Hammel, Where British and French Forced Back in Triangle of Rivers Luce and Avre.

BULLETIN

London, April 4.—"After heavy artillery preparation the enemy launched a strong attack this morning on the whole front between the Somme and Avre rivers," declares Field Marshal Haig's report. On the right and center of the British lines the attacking German infantry were repulsed, but on the left the weight of the assault succeeded in pressing back our troops for a short distance in the neighborhood of Hammel on the south bank of the Somme.

GERMAN PEOPLE FEAR BLOW

Ottawa, Ontario, April 4.—The German press is warning its readers not to expect too much of the offensive in the west, says a Reuter dispatch today from London.

The Cologne Gazette says extraordinary rumors are prevalent in Germany regarding the extent of the German "victory" and are inspired by the enemy, who is exaggerating the Teutonic successes for the purpose of depressing the masses through disappointment.

The war correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung says that hitherto it has been impossible exactly to estimate the German losses, but it is unnecessary to jump to the conclusion that they are enormous, because the victory was difficult.

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RAIN ON WEST FRONT GIVES BRITISH FORCES ADVANTAGE; AMERICAN AIR MECHANICS RENDER VALUABLE SERVICE.

London, April 4.—The German offensive continued to mark time last night and up to 10 o'clock this morning no move of importance had been reported.

It rained in torrents during the night and today the sky is still heavily overcast. It is the kind of weather which renders the shell torn fields of the Somme region most difficult to work over and for this reason the British are not displeased at the change.

Mechanics from the American air squadron have been doing excellent work at various British airbases during the present battle. These men are serving in considerable numbers and their help has been exceedingly valuable in the time when the British airman have been waging such intense warfare.

WILSON WILL NOT O.K. NONPARTISAN LEAGUE--TUMULTY

Washington, April 4.—President Wilson has not given his endorsement to the Nonpartisan league, the president's secretary, Joseph P. Tumulty, stated in a telegram to R. M. Joyce, president of the Nebraska Council of Defense, in reply to an inquiry from the council. This inquiry was made, it was said, at the office of the council, because promoters of the league had represented that the president had endorsed the league's work.

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