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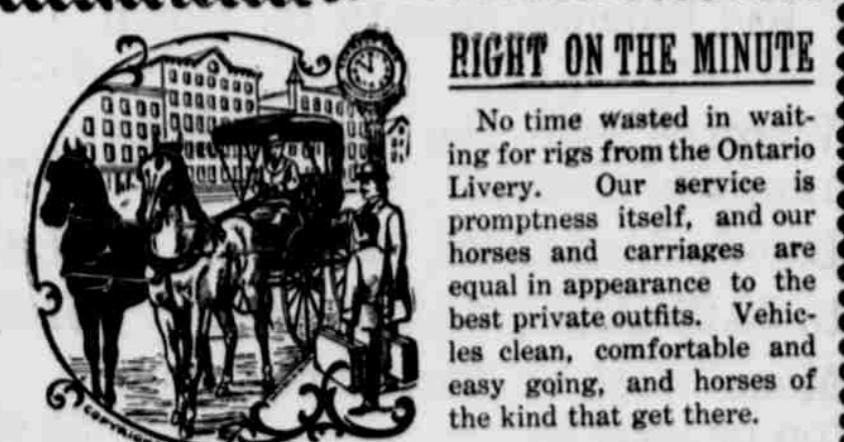
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EXCHANGE PRISONERS MAY COME SOON FRIENDLY SETTLEMENT WITH GREAT BRITAIN

Rome.—In addition to replies of Emperor William and King George, promising their assent, arrangements for an exchange of prisoners who are incapable of further fighting, Pope Benedict has received other satisfactory answers from belligerents. Powers to his request for such a change.

London.—Comment in the British press on the situation created by the American protest against interference with American shipping continues to absorb attention. Its tone on the whole is free from irritation, but there is a strong disposition to argue the question.

ARTILLERY PLAYS GREAT PART IN EUROPEAN WAR

Both the Allies and the German Armies are Claiming Progress. Is Believed Little Headway Made

The past week saw little material change in the European war situation. Slight gains have been made by the allies in Belgium, but nothing has been accomplished to substantiate a belief that the allies will be able to make effective use of their offensive until they have a greater numerical superiority over the enemy.

The artillery is playing the biggest part along the western front, although at points there has been close range fighting in which a few yards have been gained or lost.

The Germans deny the French report that they have been driven out of part of the village of Steinbach, Upper Alsace, which has been the scene of sanguinary fighting for a week, the infantry finding cover behind the houses.

The situation in Southern Alsace is obscure. Paris has claimed important gains during the week in the fight for possession of the heights dominating the western road to Muelhausen, but Berlin denies the French success.

The upper Alsatian fighting, in fact, is oscillating so constantly that Paris and Berlin may both be right. French progress in the last province, at best, is scarcely more rapid than the advance of the allies in Flanders.

Russia has changed the direction of her offensive during the week, and now apparently is aiming at the capture of Budapest instead of Berlin. The abandonment of the siege of Craiova has been followed by a redistribution of the czar's forces in Galicia, which has resulted during the week in driving the Austrians into the Carpathian mountains.

The alteration in Slav strategy has been caused by the growing difficulty of developing any momentum for an invasion of Prussia, coupled with the possibility of a Hungarian campaign which may produce an anti-German uprising among the Magyars.

Consequently, Russia's early ambition to strike at Berlin now seems to

have been replaced by the less difficult project of occupying the Hungarian capital.

Elsewhere in the east the week has been quiet. The German army before Warsaw has not succeeded in advancing within striking distance of the Polish capital. It has spent the week in its trenches, while farther north the Russians have prevented the German East Prussian army from moving toward the Vistula.

There have been engagements on the Rivers Bzura and Rawka, in Poland, but seemingly the Germans are no nearer Warsaw than they were a week ago. They have begun offensive operations in the direction of Kielce, one of the largest towns of southern Poland, which doubtless has for its object the holding up of the Russian advance through Galicia on Cracow.

Another attempt on the part of the Germans to advance from Miawa to divert the Russian threat to outflank their center by crossing the lower Vistula, northwest of Warsaw, has been checked by the Russians.

According to Petrograd reports, the Russians continue to sweep the Austrians westward along the southern Galician railway toward Grybow and Neusandec and out of the northern foothills of the Carpathians. The Muscovites also are credited with having organized a new campaign against Hungary, advancing in four columns along the mountains. This, it is said, will not be like previous raids, but will be a regular invasion.

The destruction of the British battleship *Formidable* during the week demonstrated anew the remarkable ability, from a naval standpoint, of the Germans, coupled at the same time with emphasis on the comparatively unimportant results achieved. The British admiralty's refusal to declare where the *Formidable* went down probably is due to the apparent fact that the disaster occurred off Portsmouth.

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LITERACY TEST REMAINS IN IMMIGRATION BILL

Senate Passes Measure by Vote of 50 to 7
Despite Attitude of President Wilson
Who May Veto.

subjects which was adopted after prolonged debate.

House leaders

were confident

Senate

amendments

would be accepted.

Features of Immigration Bill.

In general persons over 16 shall be required to be able to read English or some language or dialect, including Yiddish.

Exception to literacy test is made of Belgian farmers who come to the United States within one year after the end of the present European war.

Persons fleeing from religious persecution also excepted.

Admissible alien may send for father or grandfather over 55, or for wife, mother, grandmother or unmarried or widowed daughter, though such relative may be illiterate.

Polygamists excluded.

Persons of African race or negro blood excluded.

Excluded list extended to take in vagrants, the tuberculous and persons who teach or advocate unlawful destruction of property.

RUSSIA REPORTS THE GERMANS HAVE FAILED

Russian and German Dispatches of Contradictory Nature.

GERMAN OFFICERS HELD IN NEW YORK

Accused of Using Fraudulent Passports to Get Back Home.

London.—Complete failure of the German campaign of the Four Rivers which has constituted a long series of battles on the Bzura, Rawka, Pilica and Nida, with heavy losses, is reported in dispatches received from Petrograd. They contradict the Berlin contention, that the German advance is progressing.

Austrian

reports

of a repulse of the

Russians in Galicia are also contradicted by the Petrograd dispatches.

A Petrograd dispatch to Reuter's

Telegram company says:

"In the opinion of experts here, the battle of the four rivers, as the long series of engagements on the Bzura, Rawka, Pilica and Nida is popularly known, may be considered ended."

"Not only have the Germans and

Austrians failed to advance on the

Russian north and south line, roughly

lying from the Vistula to Warsaw,

Kielce and Pinczow, but everywhere

have been repulsed with heavy losses

and the attacks now proceeding may

be construed as an effort to gain time

pending new operations."

"By the occupation of Kremenz, Ze

teten, Sereti, and Radautz, in Bukowina on the Roumanian frontier, Russia not only holds the strategical rail way line connecting Bukowina with western Galicia and Hungary, but is within 100 miles of Hungary over easy passes of the wooded Carpathians."

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cayou left Tues-

day for Los Angeles California for a visit with relatives. Miss Marvel went as far as Pocatello where she will visit with friends.

Peeling or Paring?

Does one peel or pare a potato? There is authority for the contention that raw potatoes are pared, while potatoes boiled with their jackets on may be peeled. It is a fine distinction, but logical. You pare a thing by taking a knife and removing its outer integument, together with some of the substance of the thing itself. But to peel an apple or a potato or a case of sunburn you seize the already loosened integument itself and simply strip it off—it's hard to put it into words, but you see how it is, don't you?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Uncle Sam Offers

All Americans a Chance to Feed Starving Belgium

Arrangements Made For Sending Parcel Post Packages From Rural Districts. How to Aid the Stricken Little Sister of the World
= By WILL IRWIN =



HOMELESS BELGIAN WOMEN ON THE WAY TO THE BREAD LINE.

FOR the first time in its history the postoffice department has been enlisted in a charitable undertaking. From this time forth any American who wishes to give food to the starving people of Belgium has only to stamp his parcel in the regular way and send it through the parcel post. It will go as straight and fast as rail and water will carry it to the doors of the starving Belgians, and the money he has paid for stamps will be refunded to the donor by the American Commission for Relief in Belgium, the executive offices of which are at 71 Broadway, New York city. Belgium, the executive offices of which are at 71 Broadway, New York city. Seven million people, mostly women, children and old men, are still shut up in Belgium. Industry stopped when the Germans came; the money gave out through the payment of fines and indemnities; the crops were mainly ruined. With the coasts cut off, Belgium, which imports three-quarters of her food supply in normal times, could import no more. Work is gone; money is gone; most important of all, food is gone. The German conquerors, who need all their own supplies to guard against the proposed "siege of Germany" by the allies, cannot and will not feed them. The allies, fearing that the Germans will seize any food coming from a hostile source, cannot or will not feed them. America must feed them or they will starve. There is no other way. Seven million people, until last year the most industrious, peaceful and prosperous nation in Europe, will go to their graves this winter unless America gives as never nation gave before.

While Belgium needs everything, she needs most of all just food—non-perishable food which will stand the test of ocean transportation, such as flour of any kind, peas, beans and preserved meats. The donor has only to put up his gift in packages of not less than twenty-five pounds nor more than fifty pounds, stamp it in the usual way and mail it at the nearest postoffice. If the donor adds his own name and address, TOGETHER WITH THE LETTER "R," the money he has paid for stamps will be refunded to him by the commission.

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