

FRENCH TRYING TO PUSH BACK GERMAN WEDGE

Paris Claims a Large Strip of Territory Won, Berlin Contradicts It—Loss of Life Heavier Than in Any Western Battle—German Resistance Stubborn.

LONDON, April 9.—The French movement between the Meuse and the Lorraine frontier is developing a distinct offensive with General Joffre pushing his advance, while the Germans are making fierce counter-attacks.

According to an analysis of the situation by the French general staff the French offensive movement of the last few days has been on three sectors. The first is on a front of fourteen miles to the east of Verdun, the actual line running southeast from a point near Etain; the second on a front between St. Mihiel and Pont-a-Mousson, where the French are attacking from the south, and the third is in the north in the vicinity of Gussainville, where the French now dominate the valley of the Orne and are threatening the railroad beyond the river Orne with attack.

From Three Bases

The French advance is thus being pressed from three bases in three different directions, according to Paris official reports. French forces on fronts many miles long have occupied new ground measuring from several hundred yards to two miles deep. That the German resistance to these advances has been stubborn is strikingly indicated by the French report that the Germans on one point of the attack left 1000 dead on the field.

Further Advance Claimed

A further advance in the region between the Meuse and Moselle rivers, where a concentrated attack was begun by the allies several days ago, is announced today by the French military authorities. It is said that trenches were captured at several points, and in some instances they were choked with the dead.

The German war office says the battle is proceeding with increasing fierceness and heavy loss of life, but that the efforts of the allies were unavailing. On the contrary, it is said, the Germans succeeded in capturing trenches from the French.

The village of Drei Graeben, which the Germans captured only to lose on the following day, has again been taken from the Belgians, the Berlin statement announces.

The Paris war office claims a large amount of ground has been won, but Berlin contradicts this. The loss of life is probably heavier than that in any other engagement in the west since the battle of Soissons.

RUSTY NAIL CAUSES THE DEATH FROM LOCKJAW

Mrs. Emma Hughes died at her home in this city this morning of lockjaw, caused by stepping on a rusty nail three weeks ago, aged 34 years, 4 months and 17 days. She is survived by a son, Raleigh, and daughter, Ana, a mother, Mrs. Rosina Bedford, two sisters, Mrs. Mary M. Roberts and Mrs. A. C. Johnson, and a brother, Henry Bedford, of Wilderville, Cal. The funeral services will be held Monday from this city, interment in Rogue river cemetery.

FITZ WELCOMES WILLARD TO CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Jess Willard and his party arrived here this afternoon. A reception committee, headed by Bob Fitzsimmons, met the champion at the railroad station and ushered him out to an automobile through the entrance reserved for the use of the president of the United States. After a brief stop here Willard prepared to go to Baltimore.

RUSSIANS WIN MAIN SUMMITS OF CARPATHIANS

Petrograd Asserts Austrian Operations Have Collapsed—Deep Snow Prevents Rapid Advance into Hungary—German Answer Expected to Be New Invasion of Poland.

PETROGRAD, April 9.—With the Russian force 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 now is considering the best approach into Hungary.

The operations centering upon Mesolaboroz, including the important points of Bartfeld, Lapkow and Uzsook, appear virtually to have ended, with the Austrians on the defensive along the whole line and perceptibly weakened.

Checked by Snow

The deep snow which still covers the Carpathian ridges stands in the way of a rapid advance into Hungary. Once this difficulty is overcome and the Russians reach the southern slopes, where signs of spring are beginning to appear, the most serious obstacle to a further advance will be the artificial defenses which it is assumed have been erected.

The country between the San and the Laboreza rivers is considered to provide the best route.

The Russian staff is of the opinion that Austrians had already transferred all available troops from other fronts to defend this region, and that therefore they will be unable to offer any more formidable opposition than heretofore.

Talk of Separate Peace

"On the other hand, it is expected that the German answer to the Russian offensive will be the development of the new movement in Poland, starting from Thorn or Cracow.

"Talk for a single 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 direction."

INVISIBLE INK USED BY GERMAN SPIES

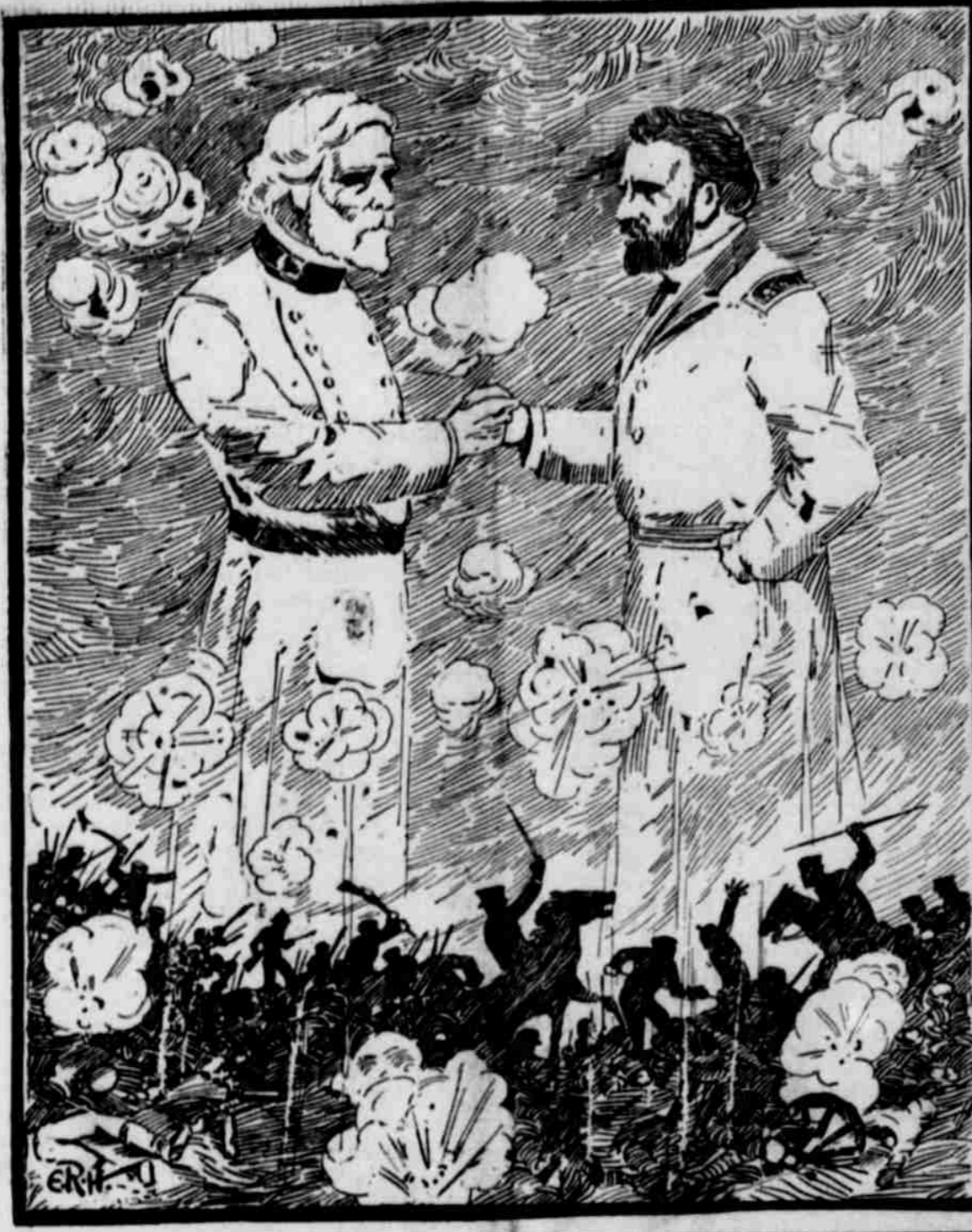
LONDON, April 9.—Charged with sending military information to Germany by means of invisible ink, three men have been arrested and will be tried in a civil court. The authorities intimate that the case is one of the gravest importance. One of the suspects named Kuepferle professes to be an American. Another, Muller, claims to be a naturalized Englishman, while the third, who gives the name of Hapu, does not deny that he is a German subject. Kuepferle came here from the United States, first visiting Dublin, then coming to London, where he is said to have been awaiting passage across the channel.

PASSPORTS REFUSED TO JACK JOHNSON

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Jack Johnson will not carry American passports if he leaves Cuba to return to Europe. Secretary Bryan said today that instructions had been sent to Minister Gonzales in Havana not to issue the credentials.

Secretary Bryan said the state department had replied without consulting the department of justice, because it was familiar with the case against Johnson and knew that he had left the United States after having been convicted under the Mann white slave law and while at liberty on bail pending decision on his appeal.

1865—FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY OUR WAR TORN COUNTRY WAS RE-UNITED—1915



Half a Century Ago Today Came Peace to the United States

Fifty years ago today—April 9, 1865—General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, and peace followed four years of a bloody civil war. On April 7, 1865, Grant learning of the plight of Lee's army and wishing to avoid wasting any more men's lives, wrote Lee asking that he agree to cease fighting. Negotiations followed between both generals and on the morning of the 9th Lee, realizing the uselessness of shedding more blood, dispatched a note to Grant asking that they meet and discuss terms. They met a few hours later in the house of a Mr. McLean at Appomattox Court House. Lee was in full uniform and wore a sword of great value, a gift from the State of Virginia. Grant was in rough field garb and as he had been riding, was without a sword. They shook hands, sat down and soon were so absorbed in recalling old army days that no mention was made of the real object of their meeting. Finally Lee asked what terms would be given his army and Grant told him all he wished was that the men lay down their arms and agree to stop fighting. Then they again resumed conversation about other matters, until Lee again interrupted Grant, this time to ask him to put the terms in writing. This was done, Lee commenting on the fairness of them. While Grant's aide was making duplicates of the written forms, the officers of both staffs were introduced. Lee was not asked to surrender his sword, nor was it even mentioned by either general. The simple negotiations—upon which the peace and happiness of a nation hung—being finished, Grant and Lee shook hands, as informally as they had met, and returned to their lines.

ITALY TAKES TRAINS TO TRANSPORT ARMY

GENEVA, via Paris, April 9.—Railroad rolling stock is being withdrawn by Italy from the Swiss frontier, it is reported here, for the transportation of troops and military stores in northern Italy, destined for the region bordering on the Austrian Tyrol. The Lausanne Gazette states that the towns of Mantua, Verona, Peschiera and Legnago, which formed the fortresses of the famous "quadrilateral," are garrisoned with fully equipped troops which lack only the heavy artillery and this will be supplied soon. An aerial fleet is ready for operations. A Milan dispatch to a Zurich newspaper says that at a mass meeting held last night and attended by five liberal deputies from Milan a resolution was adopted characterizing as "absolutely necessary" the participation of Italy in the war.

RUBY ROBERT WEDS GIVES BRIDE \$85,000

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Bob Fitzsimmons, the former heavyweight champion, was married here last night to Miss Temo Ziff, who has been associated with him for some time in theatricals. The bride's gift from the bridegroom is said to have been \$85,000 in jewels.

LAND AND SEA ATTACK NEEDED SAY GREEK KING

ROME, April 9.—King Constantine of Greece is quoted by the Tribune as declaring in an interview his belief that it will be impossible for the allies to force the Dardanelles without a combined attack by land and sea. His majesty is said to have declared that Greece is in the same position as Italy and other nations which have made military preparations, but have not abandoned their neutrality. While their position was difficult, he believed their attitude would be guided by events. King Constantine, according to the Tribune, asserted that Greeks all over the world would return home enthusiastically to fight for the fatherland, if necessary, but the government must be prudent and bring about, if possible, a peaceful reconstruction of the country's finances, which suffered seriously as a result of the Balkan wars.

KLAMATH FALLS ELKS BUILD \$35,000 TEMPLE

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 9.—Le Doux & Le Doux, Portland contractors, have been awarded the contract for the construction of the Elks temple, at Main and Third streets, by the building committee of the lodge. Their bid is \$33,230, and they agree to have the building completed by September 15. Houghteling & Dougan of Portland are the architects.

RECEIVER FOR BIG DEPARTMENT STORE IS NAMED

Greenhut Company, Owners of Siegel-Cooper Store, With Liabilities of Three Million and Assets of Seven Million, Ask Received to Adjust Business Affairs.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Receivers were appointed today by Federal Judge Hand for the J. B. Greenhut company, which operates a large department store in this city.

The J. B. Greenhut company had an authorized capital stock of \$6,000,000 and a bond issue of \$6,000,000 sinking fund gold 6 per cent bonds. Under the provisions of the bond issue \$150,000 worth of the bonds were to be retired annually. The Central Trust company of New York is trustee.

Changes in Firm

Two changes have been made since the incorporation of the original firm of Greenhut & Co., November 16, 1910. The first occurred when Greenhut & Co. became consolidated with the Siegel-Cooper company under the name of the Greenhut-Siegel-Cooper company. In May of last year the firm name was changed to the J. B. Greenhut company.

The department store conducted by the company, long known as the Siegel-Cooper store, occupies both blocks in Sixth avenue between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets.

Assets of the store are listed in the complaint at \$7,465,419, including merchandise, cash and assets receivable. The liabilities, it is stated, aggregate \$3,513,060, not including the mortgage liabilities amounting to approximately \$2,950,000.

J. B. Greenhut, president of the firm, is treasurer of the Monmouth Securities company, upon whose application the receivers were appointed.

A Friendly Proceeding

Benjamin G. Paskus of counsel for the J. B. Greenhut company, asserted that the liabilities were about \$3,500,000 and assets about \$7,000,000. The firm, which until last December had engaged in the private banking business, had virtually closed this business, he said, and every depositor had been paid in full.

Without question the business will be reorganized, Mr. Paskus asserted. He issued a statement, which says:

"The action taken today is a friendly proceeding in equity and is for the purpose of conserving the assets of the company and to enable the continuance of business without interruption during the time required to bring about an equitable adjustment of all liabilities of the company."

"The company has always enjoyed the highest credit. The papers filed today show that exclusive of the real estate the other assets of the company, as of March 31, 1915, amount to more than double the total current liabilities."

BAN PLACED ON PORTLAND BOUTS

PORTLAND, Or., April 9.—Chief of Police John Clark today put a ban upon all boxing bouts, amateur and professional, in Portland. The regulation will remain in effect until a new city ordinance governing amateur bouts has been acted upon by the city commissioners. It is alleged that a law permitting four-round amateur bouts is being violated by athletic clubs, and a new ordinance has been framed to fix punishments for such offenses.

GERMANY PROHIBITS EXPORTS TO ITALY

GENEVA, Switzerland, April 9.—The German government today, besides prohibiting exports from Germany to Italy, is stopping at the frontier stations all empty Italian freight cars bound homeward. Passenger train arriving in Switzerland today from Italy are crowded with German families.

BOOM IN PRICES OF ALL STOCKS IN WALL STREET

Record Day Since July for Transactions—All Previous Prices Eclipsed—Enormous Trading Fails to Lower Prices—Steel and Railroads Attain Highest Level in Months.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Interest in today's stock market centered mainly around Bethlehem Steel by reason of the sensational movement in that stock yesterday. The opening transactions consisted of 2000 shares at 116 to 107, compared with yesterday's close of 105. The stock then declined to 105, 104 and 103. It soon recovered, however, selling at 115. Nearly all the dealings were for small amounts, many odd lots of less than 100 shares changing hands.

From 115 Bethlehem Steel went back to 108, then up again to 111. The stock became less prominent as other shares ascended on the largest first hour of business record since the days immediately preceding the war.

Failure of a large local department store was without effect on sentiment.

Higher prices were scored in all parts of the list later in the day. U. S. Steel holding its place as leader with a gain of over four points on enormous trading. Total dealings up to two o'clock exceeded 900,000 shares, which established a record for any day since the latter part of last July.

Authorities of the exchange issued a statement in the afternoon absolving members from manipulation or unfair practices in connection with yesterday's rise in Bethlehem Steel.

All previous prices of the day were eclipsed in the final hour, U. S. Steel selling above 56, a gain of over six points and Reading, Union Pacific and other leaders attaining their highest levels to the accompaniment of violent activity.

PREDICTS TURKISH ATTACK ON EGYPT

ROME, April 9.—Herr Frobenius, the German explorer, who has arrived here after the failure of a mission of which he was the head, to communicate with the German minister to Abyssinia, is quoted in an interview as declaring that Turkey's real campaign against Great Britain in Egypt has not yet begun. His investigations have convinced him, he said, that British efforts had failed to alienate from Turkey the allegiance of Arabs in Yemen, a region of southwestern Arabia bordering on the Red Sea and adjoining the British territory of Aden. He asserted the Arabs merely had accepted money and provisions brought them on a British ship without being disloyal to Constantinople.

CHICAGO CARPENTERS THREATEN A STRIKE

CHICAGO, April 9.—Sanction of a strike of 10,000 carpenters in Chicago, because demands for increased wages have been refused, was granted by the executive board of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners at Indianapolis, according to word brought back today by John A. Metz, and Daniel Galvin, officers of the union's local district council.

It was predicted in union circles that the strike will become a certainty if the union plasterers ignore an ultimatum issued by the Building Construction Employers' association yesterday. The employers told the plasterers that they would be locked out unless they abandoned by next Tuesday a strike called in sympathy with union lathers.