

BOSPHORUS FORTS BEING BOMBARDED BY RUSSIAN FLEET

LONDON, April 27.—The English public, hoping that the most violent phase of the German offensive along the Yser canal has been witnessed, is turning its attention against the Dardanelles, where the landing of troops is still under way. Russia is lending earnest co-operation by bombarding the forts of the Bosphorus, where a Turkish battleship is reported to have made only a feeble reply.

No attempt here is made to minimize the German operations in Flanders, which have declared at least to have been an ample revenge for the British victory at Neuve Chapelle last night. The British report today claims the repulse of three German attacks south of Dixmude, which shows that the German contention that the advance extends over a front from Ypres to Dixmude was accurate.

Struggle for Lizerne
Lizerne, on the western side of the canal, has been a bone of fierce contention, having changed hands four times in the course of the present fight.

Its importance is due to the fact that its possession would give the Germans an important hold on that side of the canal and would compel the allies to readjust their line.

That the possible outcome of the fighting along the Yser is causing anxiety in England is indicated by the demand of the press this morning that the government expedite the sending of a new army to France.

Offensive at St. Mihiel

A strong German offensive is under way also at St. Mihiel. Thus the two points where the German offensive ceased before Christmas on the Yser and at St. Mihiel have been chosen for the resumption of activities in the spring. It remains to be seen, however, whether these points have been selected as feints, while the main onslaught is made elsewhere.

The eastern front is receiving scant attention. Official reports merely speak of detached actions in the region of the Carpathian Passes.

WESTERLUND TAKES OVER HOTEL HOLLAND

J. A. Westerlund, owner of the Hotel Holland, has taken over the business of the Hotel Holland and will take charge of the same on May first. The Holland will be conducted as a first class hotel and will be conducted along the same lines as when it was first opened, its popularity then making it one of Medford's leading hotels. The hotel business will be in charge of Messrs. Tengwald and Heinz, both of whom are quite popular with the public. Popular rates will be maintained and every effort made to make the guests stay "worth while."

GERMANS BUTCHERED ASPHYXIATED TROOPS

PARIS, April 27.—The first wounded soldier who arrived in Paris from the Yser speaks with scorn of the asphyxiating bombs used by the Germans.

"Their famous bombs killed nobody," said one of the wounded Frenchmen. "They just put to sleep those who breathed the fumes. Then the Germans came up and killed the sleepers. Fortunately help came and we finished by smashing them."

"TIPPERARY" SONG SHOWN IN PICTURES

The best known and most famous song ever published, "It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary," has been pictured by the Pathe people and the Star will show the picture Tuesday and Wednesday.

The picture is a rousing rollicking drama of love and war. A timely tale of thrilling deeds of valor with just enough comedy to balance the whole, and is based on the song that has been heard around the world. The drama is in three episodes of one part each and the complete story will be shown.

Other pictures will be The Call of a Child, and Russian Wild Boar Hunt and both are very good.

As an extra attraction for both the afternoon and evening performances, Fredrico, a ventriloquist, with an exceptionally good reputation has been secured. Fredrico, is lately from South America, where he was a great favorite and comes with a good reputation as an entertainer.

GERMANS REPORT HEAVY FIGHTING ON WESTERN LINE

BERLIN, April 27.—The German army headquarters today gave out the following official statement dealing with the military operations of yesterday:

"In the western theater: The British attacked in Flanders with very strong forces the new line of our positions north and northeast of Ypres, which runs from three to four kilometers south of the previous line from close to the north of Doudout farm, on the Yser canal, by way of St. Julien, in the direction of Gratenstapel.

"These assaults which partly were attacked in the rear by German artillery, southeast of Ypres, completely broke down under our fire, with extraordinarily heavy losses.

Lizerne Evacuated

"The enemy's fire completely demolished the houses in Lizerne, which were vacated by us during last night. The bridge head, situated on the left bank of the canal, immediately to the east of Lizerne, still is being held by us.

"In the engagements hitherto fought at Ypres, our troops took fifty machine guns.

"We have commenced to bombard the important railway junction and military headquarters at Poperinghe, was twelve kilometers of Ypres, with appreciable success.

"In the forest of Argonne a French night attack to the northeast of Vienne le Chateau was repulsed.

"In the Meuse hills we also secured further advantages yesterday. Although the French brought up new forces, the attacks made by the enemy against our positions at Combrès failed.

French Attacks Fail

"A fierce attack in the forest of Ailly was repulsed by us with heavy losses to the enemy. Farther east of this district the enemy gained no new ground.

"In nocturnal hand-to-hand fighting we also worked our way successfully in Le Pretre wood.

"The enemy repeatedly commenced attacks last night against our positions on Hartmans-Weilerkopf. All his attacks failed.

"In the eastern theater of the war the situation remains unchanged."

WEATHER BUREAU CHIEF INVITED HERE

On receipt of word through the Portland weather bureau office that Charles F. Marvin, chief of the U. S. weather bureau, was on his way west and would visit San Francisco and Portland, the local Commercial club, through Ben C. Sheldon, has sent him an invitation to stop off here and inspect the work of the bureau in this valley. All requests for weather bureau service must go to the chief of the bureau for approval, and it is thought that future requests of that kind will meet with a readier and perhaps more generous response if the officials at Washington have a first-hand understanding of conditions here and the importance of the bureau's work.

Imaginary Heart Trouble.

Do you have pains in the region of the heart? Does your heart thump? It's terrible pounding alarms you? What is wrong? Do you believe these symptoms mean heart trouble? Organic diseases of the heart very seldom occasion much pain. Nearly all of these pains are caused by some derangement of the stomach. Meritol Tonic Digestive is especially recommended for indigestion and dyspepsia, and for restoring the stomach to its normal functions and—no more "heart disease." Price \$1.00. Exclusive Agents Haskins drug store.

WOMEN OF WHOLE WORLD LIFT THEIR VOICES IN UNITED PLEA FOR PEACE

Opening of International Congress at The Hague Tomorrow Is Move to End European War.

LONDON, April 27.—An admiralty order issued today released the steamer Noordam, whereupon the vessel proceeded on her way to Rotterdam.

The Noordam has on board the American women delegates to the international women's peace congress at The Hague. She left New York April 13, but was held up in English waters on account of the embargo of the British government on traffic in the North sea.

Welcomed by Queen
Tomorrow the women of the world will demand peace.

Welcomed by Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, delegates from the United States and from the warring and neutral nations of Europe will meet at The Hague to open the international congress of women, which they hope and pray will be the first step toward the stopping of the war.

The women of the Netherlands, living in a neutral country, accessible to the women of all other nations, issued the call for women to meet and discuss what the women of the world ought to do and can do to stop the devastation of Europe.

And the women of the world were ready.

From the United States, France, Germany, Austria, Russia and other countries delegations were hastily selected and started for Holland.

The women of England, too, were among the first to answer the call, but their delegates found they could not get a ship from England. They are still trying and may manage to reach The Hague in time for some of the sessions.

James Addams Leader

Headed by Miss Jane Addams of the Hull House, Chicago, America's delegation—some forty women and one or two men—sailed for Holland April 13 on the steamship Noordam, willingly risking the dangers of mine fields or submarine attack.

The women's peace movement was launched when women from Germany, Great Britain and stricken Belgium held a conference with a group of Dutchwomen in Amsterdam during two days in the middle of February.

The Dutchwomen were headed by Dr. Aletta Jacobs, a woman leader of international fame, and by Dr. Mia Boissevain. The former president of the executive committee and the latter vice-president and secretary.

At this conference it was decided to hold the peace congress—in the \$1,500,000 peace palace if possible—on April 28, 29 and 30.

SWAT THE FLY IS ORDER OF THE DAY

Initial steps in the 1915 campaign against the flies were begun Monday by the Greater Medford club in the appointment of a committee of three to investigate. General conditions will be inspected and all rubbish piles, unsanitary spots, etc., eliminated. People knowing of unhealthy conditions are urged to report the same to the police or the Greater Medford club.

The warm weather of Monday was the breath of life to insects. Hundreds of flies, still in their infancy, could be noticed, and now is the time to bring out the swatters. The Greater Medford club proposes to clean up all breeding places. If after due warning property owners fail to clean up, action will be started against them under the state health law.

Portland Livestock Market

PORTLAND, Or., April 27.—Cattle, steady; receipts, 34.
Hogs—Receipts 350; 10c higher. Prime light, \$7.80@8.05; choice light, \$7.65@7.85; pigs, \$7.25@7.65; rough, \$6.85@7.25.
Sheep—Receipts 92; unchanged.



Prominent American women attending peace congress. Top, Miss Constance Drexel, Philadelphia heiress; below her, Miss Jane Addams of Hull House, Chicago, who heads the American delegation. Bottom, left to right, Mrs. Glendower Evans of Boston and Miss Florence Holbrook of Chicago.

ASK FARMERS TO GIVE BEST OF CARE TO SUGAR BEETS

To the Farmers of the Rogue River valley:
The proposed sugar factory talk is not a wildcat scheme, as some people seem to think, as I am in possession of a letter which states that C. W. Nibley, Sr., and associates are ready to build the factory if we will show them that sugar beets can be grown here. Now, I firmly believe that a great deal of the soil in the valley will produce the goods, therefore I ask the farmers to help me by giving the beets planted the very best of care, and I will help you all I can.

No doubt most of the beets are up by this time, and should be cultivated and thinned early. Keep the ground loose and free from weeds. Thin as soon after beets have four leaves as possible, from eight to twelve inches apart in the rows, using a short handle garden hoe for the purpose. In thinning, try and select the best plants, where you can.

After beets are thinned, say a week or two, cultivate with a spike-tooth cultivator, so as to loosen the soil deep.

When it becomes hot and dry, just cultivate the surface of the ground, where you have no irrigation. When water is to be used don't irrigate as long as plants will grow well without, as early irrigation stops the beets from getting the required length.

After irrigation, as soon as the soil will permit of working, cultivate to as to keep the ground loose, then never let them get too dry, but irrigate again when needed, and I am sure we will get results. Yours truly, SAMUEL STOREY.

R. F. D. No. 2, Central Point.

SATURDAY MAY 8 TO BE OBSERVED AS COMMUNITY DAY

The Medford Merchants' association has set aside Saturday, May 8, as "Community day," when people from all over Jackson county will gather in this city for a celebration. It is expected that every section of Jackson county will be represented. A free dinner will be served, the Medford brass band will play and there will be free movies for all-comers. An effort is being made to secure special rates upon transportation lines. The day will also be in the nature of a get-together day.

The "Community" day will be advertised throughout the valley, a committee composed of Messrs. Mann, Moe, Smith, Isaacs and Klum having the matter in charge. The Community day has been inaugurated with success in the middle west and east.

JACKSON COUNTY COMMUNITY DAY

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