

the curtain falls one of the most dramatic and interesting stories in the world's history will be written—the story of a great nation struggling to resist the extension of the great war, and another nation trying at once to please a powerful friend and at the same time support an ally.

Of what messages have passed between the United States and Austria-Hungary during the last eighteen days the State Department says nothing. It will not even admit the authenticity of the aide memoir made public in Vienna, asking Austria to clear up her position on Germany's U boat decree and her own pledges to this Government on U boat warfare.

The Austrian Government is portrayed as struggling hard to prevent the threatened break. That she must and will support the German decree is the official view here. Should she do this, it is taken for granted President Wilson will immediately order passports to Austrian representatives here and recall Ambassador Penfield from his post in Vienna.

200 BRITISH DEAD IN ROUT AFTER WINNING TRENCH

Berlin Reports Failure of Attack After Lines Were Pierced at Armentieres.

BERLIN, Feb. 22 (by wireless to Sayville).—A sharp attack by several British companies on the German lines in the vicinity of Armentieres is reported in today's Army Headquarters statement. The British penetrated the German position, but were immediately driven out, leaving behind, it is declared, 200 killed and 25 prisoners.

The text of the statement reads: "Army Group of Crown Prince Rupprecht—South of Armentieres, after strong artillery preparation, several British companies entered our position. They were immediately ejected by a powerful counter thrust. While clearing the trench 200 British dead were counted. Thirty-nine men were taken prisoners. "Reconnoitering advances by the enemy south of Armentieres failed and between the Ancre and the Somme failed."

FOOD RIOTS AT PIRAEUS; WORKERS LOOT STORES

Shops Closed After Disorders Break Out at Distribution of Food for Unemployed.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—An Athens despatch to Reuters says that food riots among workmen at Piraeus have led to the closing of all shops and the Custom House. The rioting started at a meeting for the distribution of a fund raised by public subscription for the relief of the unemployed. The mob looted a number of grocery and butter shops, and a large number of arrests were made before order was restored.

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Says a glass of hot water with phosphate before breakfast keeps illness away.

This excellent, common-sense health measure being adopted by millions.

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Just as soap and hot water cleanse and freshen the skin, so hot water and limestone phosphate act on the eliminative organs. Those who wake up with bad breath, coated tongue, taste of food, a dull, aching head, slow, low complexion, acid stomach; others who are subject to bilious attacks or constipation, should obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at the drug store. This will cost very little but is sufficient to demonstrate the value of inside bathing. Those who continue it each morning are assured of pronounced results, both in regard to health and appearance.—Adv.

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U BOATS DON'T STOP FRENCH SHIPPING, ASSERTS ADMIRAL

Same Number of Vessels Arriving Since Blockade Began, Lacaze's Assertion.

TEST OF ENDURANCE

"Germany's Pinch Not to Be Compared With Any Eventful Experiences."

PARIS, Feb. 22.—"If Germany is building up hopes that her new submarine blockade will cut off the Allies' supplies, decrease their military strength and thus end the war these hopes are misplaced. The blockade will never succeed."

Admiral Lacaze, France's Minister of Marine, gave this reply to-day when asked for a message to America on how France views the German submarine war.

"It was German trickiness that inaugurated 'commercial submarines,' ostensibly to supply war materials, but in reality to supply war materials on the open sea," the Admiral declared. "It is impossible for me to see how competent German officials believe their new move—which is said to be aimed principally at France and Italy—can achieve the hoped-for results. On the whole, it cannot change conditions much from the past.

"If the German people are looking to the submarines for peace let them take cognizance of the fact that since the beginning of the blockade on Feb. 1 about the same number of French mercantile ships have been arriving at our ports as before. The total was more than a hundred daily. That figure is immutable. "I do not believe conditions will change much from 1916, when the average of French imports doubled—from 2,500,000 to 5,000,000 tons monthly.

"Also, since the beginning of the war we have doubled our seaboard imports. The blockade may reduce the present figure somewhat, but it is materially impossible for the Germans to abolish these imports. "Take the two main French imports—coal and flour. The enemy has been able to sink only a little over half of 1 per cent—0.053 is the exact figure—of the general average on coal, while the flour loss is less than 1 per cent. This flour loss does not equal the amount the French baker normally wastes.

"This is the third time the Germans have announced merciless submarine warfare. Twice climaxes of violence were briefly reached—then they subsided. The losses of world's tonnage in the past have never been such as to bring about a critical condition as far as the allies' supplies are concerned.

"Even suppose that the German submarines destroy more than formerly, the situation simply resolves itself into the question as to who is able to hold out the longest. Germany, long immersed in economic difficulties, is now deprived of all sea trade except that of Scandinavia. The Entente's margin, on the other hand, is still of the widest.

"The worst that can befall us is more rigid restrictions to civilians. Heat assured we'll keep all necessities. But this is merely hypothetical—we haven't begun to worry about supplies."

The Admiral reiterated his disbelief that the protagonists of ruthless submarine warfare were ever greatly opposed in German officialdom. "My opinion is," he explained, "that such a difference of opinion was announced for effect on neutrals. A similar German trickiness is apparent in the inauguration of commercial submarines. Ostensibly they were to carry merchandise. In reality they were built to supply war submarines on the open seas.

"In my opinion the real inward psychology of motive of Germany's war of frightfulness was based on Germany's knowledge that it cannot be sure of the results at which it aims through its military power and that therefore Germany is attempting to reduce the Allied morale by a just ring of brute strength. But that same brute strength failed against French valor at Verdun, at the Marne, on the Somme and elsewhere. "The longer the war lasts the more the Germans must realize that brute strength is worthless. If you ask who will be victorious in this war, my answer is it will be the party having the will and morale to hold on from month to month, from day to day, from hour to hour.

"Germany is now feeling a pinch which is not to be compared with any experienced by the Entente."

HEAVY BRITISH LOSS IN REPULSE OF ATTACK

Two Hundred Dead Counted After Failure of an Assault at Armentieres, Says Berlin Report.

BERLIN (via Sayville wireless). Feb. 22.—Two hundred British were counted dead following repulse of an attack south of Armentieres, the official statement asserted to-day.

Four Photo Poses of 17-Year-Old Ruth Cruger, Who Mysteriously Disappeared Nine Days Ago



FEAR CRUGER CASE WILL STAY ONE OF CITY'S MYSTERIES

Police Resent Father's Criticism of Their Efforts to Find Missing Girl.

Of the 400 alleged clues to the disappearance of Ruth Cruger, now missing for nine days, the police regard as most promising the discovery that two men who were hanging around Alfred Cocchi's bicycle shop the day Miss Cruger vanished have also disappeared from their homes near Edgewater, N. J.

TWO NEWSPAPER MEN BLAMED FOR "LEAK"

Administration Officials Exonerated by House Rules Committee from Charges Made by Lawson.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Administration officials are exonerated completely from responsibility for the "leak" on the President's peace note of Dec. 20. Two newspaper reporters who gave information of the note to stock brokers are blamed in the report of the House Rules Committee, which will be finished to-morrow or Saturday.

GERMAN PRISONERS FARM 750,000 Now Employed in That Way—More at Work in Spring.

AMSTERDAM (via London), Feb. 22.—Germany is employing 750,000 war prisoners as farm laborers, according to a Berlin despatch to the Rheims-Westfalische Zeitung, which quotes Westfalische Zeitung, which quotes Gen. Groener, head of the army feeding department. Gen. Groener's statement was made before the Reichstag committee which is co-operating in carrying out the provisions of the national civil service law.

134 IN WALK TO CONEY.

Members of the Walkers' Club of America Started From City Hall.

Repulse of British in Macedonia Is Also Reported by Berlin—Quiet on Roumanian Front.

BERLIN, Feb. 22 (by wireless to Sayville).—Continuation of raiding operations along the Russian front is reported in today's Army Headquarters announcement. In Macedonia, near Vardar, the British were defeated in a hand-grenade engagement. Bad weather prevails on the Roumanian front. The statement reads:

"FRONT OF PRINCE LEOPOLD—Southwest of Riga and on the south bank of Lake Narocz enterprises of Russian detachments, up to the strength of one company, were failures. Near Ludzky on the Shira, and at several points between the Dniester and the wooded Carpathians some surprise attacks were successfully carried out by our raiding detachments. "East of the Vardar the British tried to settle themselves in front of our position. They were driven away in a hand-grenade engagement."

PETROGRAD REPORTS REPULSE OF TENTH ARMY IN ROMANIA.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 22.—Repulse of a strong enemy attack west of Dorohovatz, in Romania, was announced in an official statement to-day.

Alexander and Rosenbaum Win Indoor Tennis Title.

Frederick B. Alexander and Dr. William Rosenbaum of New York were the national indoor tennis doubles champions to-day by defeating A. H. Stan Jr. and Clark H. Bird, of Los Angeles, in the final round. The score, 2-4, 6-4, 2-6, 7-9, 6-4.

500 CARS OF FOOD DUE HERE; DEMAND FOR U. S. CONTROL

Efforts to Check Extortion by Speculators Under Plea of "Famine."

Five hundred carloads of foodstuffs, mostly meats, poultry and potatoes, are scheduled to arrive here to-day for New York consumption over the New York Central, the Pennsylvania, the New Jersey Central and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroads. Some of these cars have been delayed in transit to New York by embargoes and freight congestion between Western and Eastern terminals. The congestion in the Buffalo yards is gradually being broken up, according to James A. Hammerling, a Government inspector, who has been looking into the matter. "We will not materially help the food situation as far as New York is concerned, but it will make way for a faster service from points west of Buffalo.

The food problem is affecting the whole country and becoming so serious that Congress will be asked to enact at once a law for the Federal control of foodstuffs. Up State there are reports of threats to blow up storage warehouses in an effort to force speculators to reduce prices.

"The 500 cars of foodstuffs due here to-day," said Frank Jamieson of the New York and New Jersey Retailers' Association, "will cause prices considerably. Meat prices should drop right now and would drop if the packers would say the word. Of course, there is always a drop in meat at this time, but the kind of a drop that is needed is a drop of about 5 cents on all kinds of meats. It is perfectly insane for anybody to say that there is not enough meat to supply the country when men in the business know there is ample meat to go around."

Because of the holiday The Evening World was unable to check up the actual number of cars that have arrived. The Pennsylvania, New York Central, New Haven and New Jersey Central, through their operating departments, said they would gladly assist in this work but that, because of the holiday, no definite figures could be had.

At the offices of all the roads, however, it was stated that The Evening World's figures—500 cars of fresh supplies due—were not far from correct; that they might even fall short of the actual number. The 500, of course, is exclusive of the actual number of cars of foodstuffs now lying in freight cars, being unloaded or held, as the case may be. The unofficial figures of the fresh foodstuffs that have arrived during the night, intended for domestic consumption only, are: 200 cars of beef, forty cars of live stock, twenty cars of chickens, 100 cars of dressed poultry, five cars of butter, thirty-two cars of eggs.

F. O. Foy, food expert, expects fifty cars of poultry to-day and to be that number every day until Monday next. "The New York Central has agreed to lead the way and before the day is over I expect other trunk lines to join in a plan to check the manipulations of food speculators on the dock," said Mr. Foy.

"Many of these speculators have their offices in their hats and they use the railroad piers for storage warehouses to hold arriving consignments of food products until they can manipulate the market and boost prices.

"The Central has agreed to enforce strictly the regulations of the Interstate Commerce Commission as well as their own rules governing the unloading of cars and the taking away of freight from the piers. Beginning to-morrow morning they will not permit food shipments to remain longer than twenty-four hours on the piers. "This will be a hard blow to the little speculators who are obliged to sell immediately the arriving consignments. "I am in communication with the Pennsylvania and Erie roads on the same subject and expect to receive their hearty co-operation in the same plan.

"There are great quantities of poultry on the way here now valued at \$520,000. It should be cheering news to the east side especially that the price of fowl has gone down. If the east side does not know, I am glad to let it know. No housewife could pay, beginning to-day, more than 25 cents a pound for chickens, good, wholesome chickens. They are coming into market plentifully. There were seventy-nine cars of fowl unloaded yesterday. The wholesale price is 21 cents now against 23 1/2 twenty-four hours ago. "What about other foodstuffs? Well,

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I see lots of potatoes lying on Pier 17 and 18, also lots of onions, carloads of onions, lying at the piers. And they have been lying there beyond the legal limit too. Why doesn't the Interstate Commerce Commission enforce the law? If that commission would enforce the law right now about freight yards and pier service a whole lot of speculators in foodstuffs who carry their offices in their hats would either get out of the business or build more storage houses to keep the stuff that is piled up in freight yards and on piers."

Weights and Measures Commissioner Hartigan declared to-day that a few wealthy, public spirited men in this city could easily smash the corner in the potato and onion markets.

"I know where potatoes and onions in large quantities can be purchased cheaply," said the Commissioner. "These could be acquired and sold here at cost provided some one put in the money. If this were done the corner in these important food commodities would be knocked to smithereens in less than a week. I am certain the honest, public spirited, reliable dealers would co-operate with city authorities in the proper distribution of the low priced food. Unless private parties are able to smash this there is no hope of immediate relief."

Commissioner Hartigan believes in a National Food Control Commission which would have the power in an emergency to release corned food and guarantee its proper distribution by the railroads.

BANISHED HIS DESIRE FOR TOBACCO

A Kansas Man Tells of a Simple Home Recipe That Broke Him of Using Tobacco.

Mr. John Miller, living at Waverly, Kansas, after using tobacco 20 years, banished his desire for tobacco with a simple recipe which he mixed at home. In a recent statement Mr. Miller said: "I could not quit tobacco of my own accord, so used the following simple recipe almost two years ago and have not touched tobacco since. To 3 oz. of water add 20 grains of muriate of ammonia, a small box of Varix Compound and 10 grains of pepsin. Take a teaspoonful three times a day. As it has no color or smell it can be given secretly in tea, coffee, milk or in food. Any druggist can fill this recipe at very little cost and it certainly will banish all desire for tobacco."—Adv.

LITTLE BOY VERY WEAK

Mother Tells How Vinol Made Him Strong.

"My little boy was in a very weak, delicate condition as a result of gastritis and the measles and there seemed no hope of saving his life. The doctor prescribed cod liver oil, but he could not take it. I decided to try Vinol—and with splendid results. It seemed to agree with him so that now he is a strong, healthy boy."—Mrs. Thomas Fitzcald, 1090 Park Ave., New York City.

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DIED.

BROWN.—On Feb. 20, WILLIAM BROWN, employee of Esler & Babcock, 14 East 80th St., for the past 20 years, brother of Louis Brown and nephew of the late William or John Brown of Hollis or Green, Long Island, aged 62 years. Burial at the Protestant Chapel of St. Nicholas T. Brown, 1274 1st St., Manhattan. Will wishes no persons acquainted with their whereabouts, please telephone The Funeral Chapel, Plaza 6797.

WILLIAMS.—On Feb. 20, CATHERINE M. WILLIAMS, aged 69 years. Funeral services on Thursday, Feb. 22, 7:30 P. M., at her late residence, 167 West 145th St. Interment at convenience of family. Home 5146 West 145th St.

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