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Wall Street Betting on End of War; Plenty Of Money To Back September 1 as the Date

New York, March 24—Following the publication of cable despatches in which Sir John French predicted an early ending of the war, Wall street has begun to bet on the date when peace would be restored.

Even money was offered that hostilities would cease within four months from date, and odds of eight to five were asked that negotiations would be on by June 30. Plenty of even money was in evidence that the fighting would be ended by September 1.

Betters based their wagers on the belief that Germany's supply of ammunition would fail in the next few months, because of the government's inability to import nitrates and copper. The latter principally owing to the blockade established by the allies.

Geneva, March 24.—The Austrian government now considers war with Italy more than probable. According to despatches from Vienna, a large number of troops have arrived in the Tyrol and Trieste, where defensive works are being constructed.

The Geneva Tribune professes to have received advices from Austria to the effect that the dual monarchy might consider the signing of a separate peace with Russia without consulting Germany, offering to cede to Russia large portions of Galicia.

GETTING READY AT BORDER?



CANADIANS HAD IT QUIET IN LAST FEW DAYS

Bombarded But The Casualties Have Not Been Heavy

REPULSE GERMAN ATTACK

Great Aerial Attack on England At Easter, Say Travelers From Berlin

Amsterdam, March 24.—Germany will launch her great aerial attack against England within two weeks, according to travelers from Berlin. They said that a great fleet of Zeppelins and aeroplanes had been concentrated at Brussels and Cologne, and that these airships probably would set out on Easter Sunday if weather conditions were favorable. A new Zeppelin, the ninth constructed since the war began, has arrived at Cologne, and another will be completed within a few days.

The Zeppelin raids on Paris and Calais, the travelers assert, were only tests to determine whether all were in good condition for the flight to England.

Severe Fighting in Air, on Foot and

Bill Introduced in Parliament Today—

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IN BATTLE AS GREAT

With Artillery is Resumed in Western Theatre -- Allies' Bombs Cause Damage in Ostend

Plan Announced

Paris, March 24—Following a terrific artillery duel, during which squadrons of hostile aeroplanes engaged each other high above the roaring guns, another infantry engagement has developed in West Flanders. It is reported from Vomera, east of Nieuport, that French artillery disloged German guns from strong positions. Further south German and French guns were engaged in a severe conflict in the swampy lowlande near Dixmude. Reports from the north indicate that hard fighting is in progress along the Yser river.

Another artillery duel developed on the Aisne river. The French batteries near Soissons having been reinforced during the last few days, were able to silence the German guns in sort order.

In Champagne there was still another artillery conflict, the Germans trying to desroy French trenches with heavy fire from their big guns, ALLIES BOMBS IN OSTEND