

DELTA

April 20

Mrs. James Stanton and Miss Grace of Portland, were recent visitors at Mrs. S. Pennock's.

A number from here attended the funeral of the late Wm. Berney of Sheldon's Corners, on Wednesday last.

Mrs. Henry Whaler left for her home in the West one day last week.

Born—On March 28, to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, a son.

Fred Chant and children of Buffalo, are at present visiting his father, R. Chant.

Chant Curtis, the little son of Wm. Curtis, fell one day last week at school and broke his leg.

Albert Nixon has moved to J. W. Russell's house, recently vacated by Ben Pratt.

Miss Hattie Shire, who spent the past two years in Delta, left last week for her home in Philadelphia, to visit her people before going West, where she intends residing.

Mrs. John Horton, Mrs. F. S. Lawson and Miss Alma Hazelton visited friends at Daytown, on Saturday last.

Mrs. A. Irwin and family have left for his factory at New Boyne, after spending the winter here.

Administration of the estate of Mary Amanda Lillie, late of the township of Leeds, widow, has been granted to Hammet Nelson Lillie, of the same place, farmer. T. R. Beale, solicitor.

GREENBUSH

April 10

Miss Ethel Kerr has returned to her home here after visiting relatives at Fenelon Falls and Toronto.

Mr. Walter Tackaberry had the misfortune to cut his foot last week while splitting wood.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Geo. Reynolds is improving in health having been suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Miss Hanna of Lyn is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cornell.

Mrs. Seymour Wiley of Brockville is the guest of her mother Mrs. Flattie Gifford.

Miss Baldwin of Merrierville is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Gordon Kennedy.

Mrs. Kendrick of New Dublin is ill at home of her daughter Mrs. Mary Maud.

Mrs. Geo. Judson and son Lyman of Athens, spent the week-end at the home of Byron W. Loyerin.

Death of John Myers

There passed away at Portland last evening at 7.30 o'clock, an old and highly respected resident of that locality, in the person of John Myers aged 77 years. The greater part of his useful life was spent just outside of the village of Portland, where his large farm was located. The many friends of the deceased will regret to hear of his death.

TO DRIVE ON DVINA?

Germans Said to Be Planning an Eastern Offensive.

Large Movement of Troops Towards Bases in Courland is Reported from the Russian Front, and Enemy Generals Are Believed to Be Waiting for Hardening of Ground—First Aim is the Riga Railway.

LONDON, April 10.—Despatches from Petrograd forecast a serious German effort in Courland. Large troop movements have been noticed by Russian aviators—a constant stream of trains bound for the Courland bases, accompanied by big parks of new artillery. These forecasts are regarded as more than plausible because of the situation of the German armies on the Russian front.

No line in the east less easily defended could have been selected by the German staff than the one occupied by the German armies from the Gulf of Riga to Volhynia. Except for the field railways built since their offensive was stopped last September, the entire line from Dvinsk to the Galician frontier is without railway support. The nearest substantial defensive line in the rear is that of Brest-Litovsk, 75 miles away. Almost in sight of the trench line, however, is the Riga-Dvinsk-Rovno railroad. By it, cut only from Vilna to Lida, Russian troops and supplies can be moved from one end of the front to the other wherever danger threatens. Nowhere is the Russian army more than a day's march from this element of support. Pushed behind the railway the Russian forces would be in as difficult a position as the Germans are to-day, for the closest lateral rail line would be more than 150 miles in their rear. Every advantage of terrain at present lies with the Russians. Furthermore, they are nearer to their arsenals and their main supply depots than the Germans, so that in any general engagement the odds are strongly in their favor. This fact, however, cannot be expected to deter the German command from seeking a decision.

It is obvious, despite their initial handicap, that for a successful defence of their eastern line the Germans must obtain control of Riga-Rovno railway. This means the capture of Riga, Dvinsk, and Minsk. It is regarded as certain, then, that in the next few weeks Field Marshal von Hindenburg will make another and more determined effort to cover the ten and twenty miles that separate him from comparatively easy defensive positions. The thrust is not expected for at least three weeks, for the terrain will not be in condition for the manoeuvring of an army before that time. The ice has broken up in the Dvina River already, however, and advances from Petrograd indicate that in a little more than a fortnight the ground will have dried out sufficiently to permit troop movements.

MINOR ENGAGEMENTS ONLY

Enemy in Balkans Evidently Preparing for an Offensive.

PARIS, April 10.—Shots were exchanged by French and German cavalry detachments along the Macedonian front Saturday, says a Havas despatch from Salonica yesterday. A few men were killed and others wounded.

German field pieces fired on French trenches along the front without effect, according to the correspondent, who says that the cannonading recently reported has diminished in intensity in most sectors, but that minor engagements are taking place all along the front from Giveli to Doinan. Railway communication between Bulgaria and Greece, he adds, has been suspended because of a movement of Bulgarian troops.

An Athens correspondent announces that preparations are being made by the Germans and Bulgarians against the allied positions at Salonica. Two German regiments have been transferred from Nish to Monastir. The Bulgarians are building roads for artillery. A squadron of German cavalry and a detachment of infantry occupied the heights commanding the village of Poteros, but the French drove them out after a sharp encounter.

Children Burned to Death.

LONDON, April 10.—Five child performers were burned to death on the stage of the Garrick Theatre, at Hereford, Friday night. It was a children's entertainment to provide comforts for the soldiers. The curtain fell on the final scene and the audience was departing, when the cry of "Fire!" was raised. A panic ensued. Many in the audience were crushed, but none seriously injured. The fire was confined to the stage, where the performers were wearing dresses covered with cotton wool for a snow scene. The flames spread furiously and the children ran frantically about the stage with their garments on fire.

Maxim Gorky Very Ill.

LONDON, April 10.—A despatch to The Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says that reports reaching Holland through Berlin are to the effect that Maxim Gorky, the Russian author, is suffering from pneumonia at Moscow. His condition is declared to be alarming.

Prince Sent to Austrian Resort.

BERLIN, April 10.—The arrival of Prince Mirko of Montenegro, second son of King Nicholas, in Vienna, on his way to an Austrian health resort, was announced Sunday by the Overseas News Agency.

Austrian Transport Sunk.

PARIS, April 10.—It was officially announced Saturday that a French submarine has sunk an Austrian transport in the Adriatic.

SWISS DIVORCE CASES.

The Court Always Tries to Settle Them by Reconciliation.

In one important respect the Swiss surpass other nations in the management of their divorce cases, says an English correspondent.

In every town there is a kind of official paper known as the Feuille d'Avis, in which one may read daily the following announcement:

"M. and Mme. X., who are in instance of divorce, are requested to appear privately before the judge, alone or with their lawyers, in order to come to a reconciliation if possible."

Before the beginning of every divorce case in Switzerland this notice is published and sent out to the interested parties, leaving the couple, of course, free to attend before the judge or not, as they wish. Often the couple meet.

Although there are no statistics published on the subject, I am told by a leading lawyer in Geneva whose specialty is divorce cases that at least 80 per cent of divorce cases—"much to my loss, unfortunately," the lawyer added, with a smile—are settled by the paternal advice of the judge at these meetings out of court.

In fact, Swiss lawyers will not definitely take up a divorce case until it has passed through the reconciliation process.

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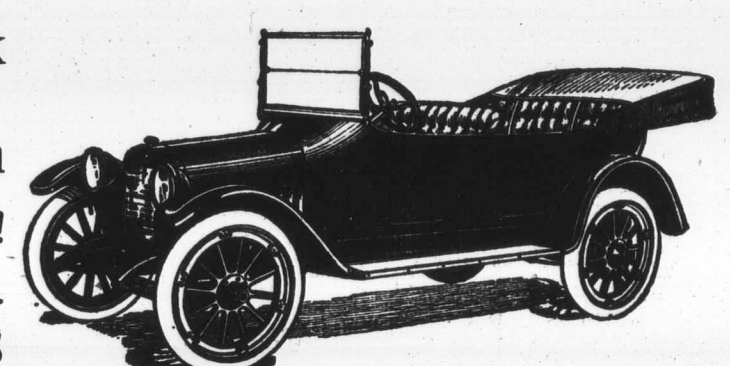
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