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BERLIN IN GRIP OF A GENERAL STRIKE

General Strike in Berlin Now Threatens to Become Serious

|| Franco-British Successes on the West Front Continue Unabated

|| French Commission Officially Reports Upon German Atrocities

Imperial Castle Now Guarded by Police and Soldiers

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Against Eventuality of a General Uprising of Populace

tastic Tales of Distress Among Allies

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paying the highest grain nans are situated more fav tarve them, not being menaced b world evop and rapidly sink Germany should succeed rough lack of economy, the news most painful enfeeblement while France, Italy and Russia rried off Alsace-Lorraine, Triest Trentino, Constantinople and oig Austro-Hungarian provinces a price of victory, Great Britain would undertake the long planned our entire laboring population. must therefore muster all our nembering the sacrifices and suffer ngs of our men folk in the field, old out and take up this new food

BRITISH GAIN NEAR ST. QUENTIN By Courier Leased Wire.

Village of Villers-Gaislain Captured From the Enemy

London, April 18.—The British have made further progress rth of St. Quentin and have capred the village of Villers-Gaislain, fording to an official statement ven out by the war office to-day.

nd nine injured in the fall of an vator at the Goodyear Rubbe plant at Akron, Ohio. Thousands of acres of eat in Oklahoma and eatened by a continued drought been saved by heavy rains.

Weather Bulletin From Oneastward the past day been fair and milder hile in westprovinces it tinues cold and overcast and now falls have curred in many Forecasts doderate winds,

By Courier Leased Wire.

Copenhagen, April 17.—Via London, April 18.—The number of strikers in Berlin is placed in even the semi-official report at 125,000 and is distributed, according to The Tageblatt, through machine works, some electrical establishments and part of the munition plants. The latter statement is interesting in view of a despatch from the official news bureau denying that the munition factories were affected. The Tageblatt says, however, that the great munition industry at Spandau has not been involved.

Heavy Guards.

Reports in all the Berlin newspapers which have arrived here agree that the demonstrators were usually orderly although roughs resorted to occasional window breaking in the Unter den Linden, the Friedrich and Leipsic Strasses and other central thoroughfares. Soldiers as well as police were used in cordons thrown about the Unter den Linden and the Imperial Castle.

Great crowds gathered in the neighborhood of the castle during the day and the temper of the crowd, particularly the women, is described as very bitter. The strikers denounced the farmers, wholesalers and the government in equal measure for responsibility for the food situation. Even Socialist leaders, who opposed the strike, made it evident to the authorities that a further curtailment of rations from any cause

Labor representatives interviewed Lord Mayor Wermuth and the Prussian food commissioner, Michaelis, yesterday. They were given an assurance in regard to food which it is hoped will induce the workmen to abandon the strike.

Want Peace

Copenhagen, April 17.—via London, April 18.—The Vorwaerts, alone of the big Berlin papers, ventured this morning to comment editorially on the strike. It said that the demonstration was based, not only on the food situation and the demand that internal reforms be no longer delayed, but also on the deep longing of the people for peace.

While claiming that the peace sentiment has a decisive role in the movement, The Vorwaerts argues that the strike cannot be regarded as anti-governmental since the Austrian and German declarations justify the hope that the policy of the Central Powers is now on a path which will soon lead to peace."

Encourage Foes.

The paper laments the fact that the demonstration will have exactly the opposite effect probably from that desired by encouraging Germany's opponents to continue the war and diminishing the output of munitions. It also regrets that among other excesses a crowd gathered in front of the vacant British embassy welling and cate all: bassy, yelling and cat-calling.

would undertake the long planned annexation of our economic riches. Bread would be dear and wages low for our online laboring probletion. FRANCE NOW FULLY REVEALED

Official Report of Government Commission Recounts a List of Brutalities Committed to Inspire Terror

Paris, April 18 .-- A government before a cort-martial at Avricourt nvestigate German atrocities has just completed its enquiry in the

tion of the regions of the Oise, Aisne pilliere." "Everything in this spectacle ously prepared plan," says the commission in the opening of its report. "Among persons con

'All this was done at the same time leave their homes," the report con-quite plainly at times. and with the same ferocity, in order tinues, "were paralytics and and create desperation." The report then recounts atroci-

oldier, to whom she had refused to way."

ommission which was appointed to and after an inquiry twelve of them were marked on the right cheek with a blue cross. "We have not yet been informe

the French army. They were taken

evacuated regions north and south and prepared a report which appears of the fate of these prisoners," says in the Official Journal to-day. The commission, which is headed Georges Payelle, president of the large to Vergeory of th Superior Court, has traversed a por-

Sister Romuald, superior of the Noyon hospital, was told by an offidevastation which we have had be-fore our eyes discloses a method of fore our eyes discloses a method of such implacable and striking uni- want peace, and that the Germans sion. General direction north. formity that it is impossible not to had orders to make war on civilians. see in it the execution of a rigor- At Guiscard, says the report, a Ger-"Among persons compelled

to bring about misery, inspire terror sons who were on their deathbeds. M. Devaux, selected as a hostage, On the way, in a fit of desperation, M. Devaux, selected as a hostage, on the way, in a fit of desperation, was shot by a soldier as he was she threw herself and her child unabout to look for a handkerchief. The same day, August 30, M. Mother a passing automobile. At Sempigny the Germans destroyed everything they could not meux, a janitor, was shot and wound-meux, was shot and wound-meux, described everything they could not early away. It was as if a horde of or Delbeca was shot and killed by a insane persons had passed that

NAVAL BATTLE RAGING?

Heavy Firing Reported Off **Atlantic Coast To-day**

By Courier Leased Wire. Boston, April 18-Three coast guard stations, at Race Point, Peaked Hill Bar, and High Head, reported that they heard heavy guns being fired at 9:41 a.m. to-day, north of sion. These stations are off

Stations 32 and 67 reported that t 9.15 a.m. they heard north from teen minute interval 15 more were heard fired in quick succession.

Stations 34 and 70 report thirteen guns in quick succession and firing mans were well aware that an atat intervals since. General direction tack was coming and had made full

Stations 33 and 68 at 9.30

a point just outside of Massachus-Madame Deprez, owner of the Gib- setts Bay, at the end of Cape Cod. ious preliminary

reveal their positions thus. Specific details are given in the At the beginning of October, the report affirms, inhabitants of Vadpilliere were arrested on the pretext that, they were communicating with solutions are given in the report regarding the pillage of cemple report in the report regarding the pillage of cemple report regarding the way for another drive against the Germans in the positions to which they retired yestom the report regarding the pillage of cemple report report regarding the pillage of ce

WESTERN BATTLEFRONT IS EXTENDED OVER TWELVE MILES Would be approved. The yesterday voted favorable selective draft provision.

Latest French Offensive Drives Enemy From First and Second Line Positions in Champagne and Near Rheims

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, April 18.—Midnight—The scale than that of Monday, is an equally important success. Both of the sections attacked had been left from Rheims to the Champagne front. The victory was staged on an assault could only be successfully ons. The war office announces the undertaken when overwhelming recapture of Chayonne and Chivy. The

ded and prisoners. The invaders were exceptionally well placed along a series of woodported five or six heavy guns, and at 10.20 several more in rapid succes-

The firing came apparently from such skill and vigor that the defenders, disheartened by a long and fur-

active war duty are not permitted to won in the first day of the battle

lay when the French drove the Ger- alone hitherto on account of the exmans from all of their first line positions and part of their second line German positions.

fensive of 1915 and the German loss sources had been accumulated and French pushed on north of these is estimated at 30,000 killed, woun- the general situation was favorable.

The general, who commands the Braye-en- Laonnois. right centre, had been planning the The Germans made three desper-attack for several weeks past, and ate counter-attacks in the Chamhad left nothing to chance. Every- pagne last night, They were checked thing was provided for and the by the French, who inflicted heavy along the main road from Rheims chiefs under him had nothing to do to St. Hilaire le Grand. The Gerbut follow his instructions to the monday the French have captured to St. Hilaire le Grand. The Gerbut follow his instructions to the monday the French have captured to St. Hilaire le Grand.

tack. Punctually at 4.45 the French infantry "went over" well supported ercourt Chateau, who was suffering The reports to the navy yard did not broke ground after a reasonably stiff by a powerful mass of artillery. from heart disease, was forced to state that any vessels had been sight resistance and the whole line fell They swept forward in magnificent The report then reconstructed by the Germans when they entered some of the villages in August. 1914, and which are now made public for the first time. At Noyon, it says, one of the residents, Noyon, it says, one of the residents, Noyon, it says, one of the residents. Noyon, it says, one of the residents, Noyon. Heavy firing was heard off the tip of Cape Cod to-day. The regularity of the shots led to the suggestion that stormed.

System, which centred at Monthaut. and taking prisoners by the score. They seized Mont Carnillet, Mont Haut and all the crests commanding Haut and all the crests commanding the region.

and repulsing fierce counter-attacks. Five thousand yards of new Em-Over their heads a storm of artillery brodieries on sale at Crompton's

Quarter of a Million Laborers in Cermany's Capital Unite in Voicing SENATE Their Disapproval of the Plight to Which Prussian Militarism and

Seven Billion Dollar War Revenue Bill Before Congress To-day

Washington, April 18 .- The largest single war credit in the history of the United States will be at the soon as the House approves Senate war revenue bill. This may be today. The measure passed the Senate

soon as the House approves it. Washington, April 18 .- The admainly by selective conscription, was ready to be reported to the Senate to-day by the military committee and all the force of the Administration will be employed to urge its early passage in both Houses. The further delay in passing the bill as war with Germany, and efforts pro-

The strongest objection to House Democrats, who favor a volministration is prepared to point out that the army general staff plan already provides for absorbing 700,-000 volunteers into the-regular army

the war. The Senate military committee be fore reporting the bill to-day, prepared to take a vote on Senator Mc-Kellar's amendment authorizing the President to call 500,000 volunteers in addition to those who might be army and national guard. Little hope was entertained that the amendment would be approved. The committee yesterday voted favorably on the

CHAVONNE TAKEN BY **FRENCH**

Important Progress Made Last Night East of Soissons

Paris, April 18 .- Important pro-The French command held that French in their attack east of Soisscapture of Chavonne and Chivy. The points, reaching the vicinity of

upwards of 14,000 unwounded Gernortheast to north of station. Heard quite plainly at times.

| As soon as the result of the battle tack, however, was delivered with between Soissons and Rheims was mortars have been captured and also mortars twelve cannon, including three of

BIG FIRE AT SIMCOE

(From Our Own Correspondent) Simcoc, April 18.—The east wing of the Canning Factory of the Dominion Canners Company took fire at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the explosion of a can of benzol. No one was in-

The third story is now in flames with the firemen putting up a great fight in an effort to save the storage sheds to the east, which contain a great am-