

Von Hollweg May Have Consultation

By Special Wire to the Courier. Berlin, via London, June 19.—Dr. Anton Meyer-Gerhard, whose long report to Foreign Minister Von Jagow, Dr. Alfred Zimmerman, under secretary of foreign affairs, and Count Montagu, head of the American section of the foreign office, acquainting these officials fully with the status of public opinion in the United States will be given an opportunity to make a similar report direct to Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg before the actual work is commenced of preparing the German reply to the second United States note regarding submarine warfare.

NOT DECIDED. Whether Dr. Meyer-Gerhard, who was sent to Count Von Bernstorff, ambassador to the United States, will visit headquarters and present his facts to Emperor William in person has not been decided. In any case the German reply probably will not be ready for delivery in less than ten days or two weeks. Extended conferences between representatives of the various departments concerned will be required to unify the views of the foreign office, the ministry of marine and the naval general staff for presentation to the United States.

NOTHING TO SHOW. These conferences and deliberations have not yet begun and there is nothing to show what direction the current of German policy ultimately will take. It still is an open question whether the reply will be another interim communication or a definite rejoinder.

FOUR SONS ARE SERVING THE EMPIRE

---A LOYAL BRANTFORD FAMILY---

LEADING STOKER "BERT" WELLER



On B-8.

John Wilson, aged 26 years, was sentenced to four years in Kingston Penitentiary by Magistrate Masson, of Belleville, on conviction of a charge of cutting broken into a house with intent to do harm to a domestic.

All Boys in Family of Mr. E. Weller are Now Serving Their Country---A Record For This City---Two In the Navy and Two With the Canadians.

Brantford fathers and mothers, have given loyalty of their sons in the defence of hearth and home, many have already felt the Angel of Death draw nigh in their anxiety for bereaved ones, but the pictures above constitute for one family in the city a record.

All the sons are on active service, either in the navy or in the new Canadian armies.

Mr. Edward Weller, the father of the four sturdy English boys, has for several years resided in Brantford, having his home at 149 Elgin street. He is a typical, quiet little Englishman, with a slight touch of the British mercantile marine service still in his walk and manner.

Very justly both he and his

good lady are proud of the fine showing their boys have made.

Two daughters of the family are also resident in the city. Mr. Weller before coming to Brantford stayed near Sittingborne, a port south of Chatham, on the Thames, and was employed on the river service and on merchantmen as a sailor and bargee. He is a hale little fellow and scarcely looks the father of such a husky bunch of boys, and he is to be congratulated on their splendid behavior at this trying time.

LEADING STOKER BERT WELLER.

has served for seven years in the navy and is 25 years of age. He has been in all the daring sub-

LEADING STOKER GEORGE WELLER



On H.M.S. Duncan.

marine exploits of the war at the Dardanelles, and is now on the casualty list at Gibraltar. Leading Stoker Weller wears two good conduct badges, which are a seaman's record of a "clean sheet" and efficiency.

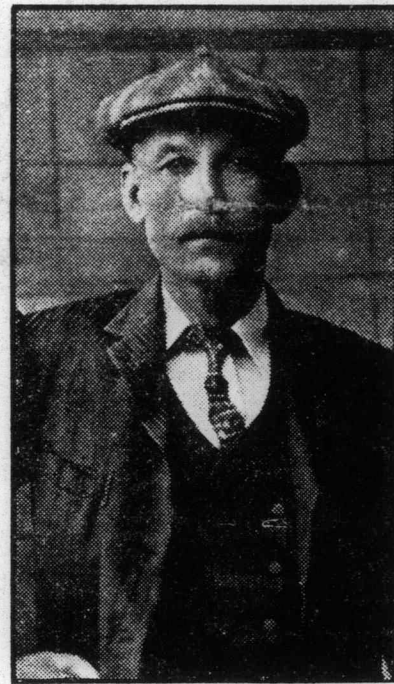
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PTE. THOS. WELLER



39th (Belleville) Regt.

MR. ED. WELLER



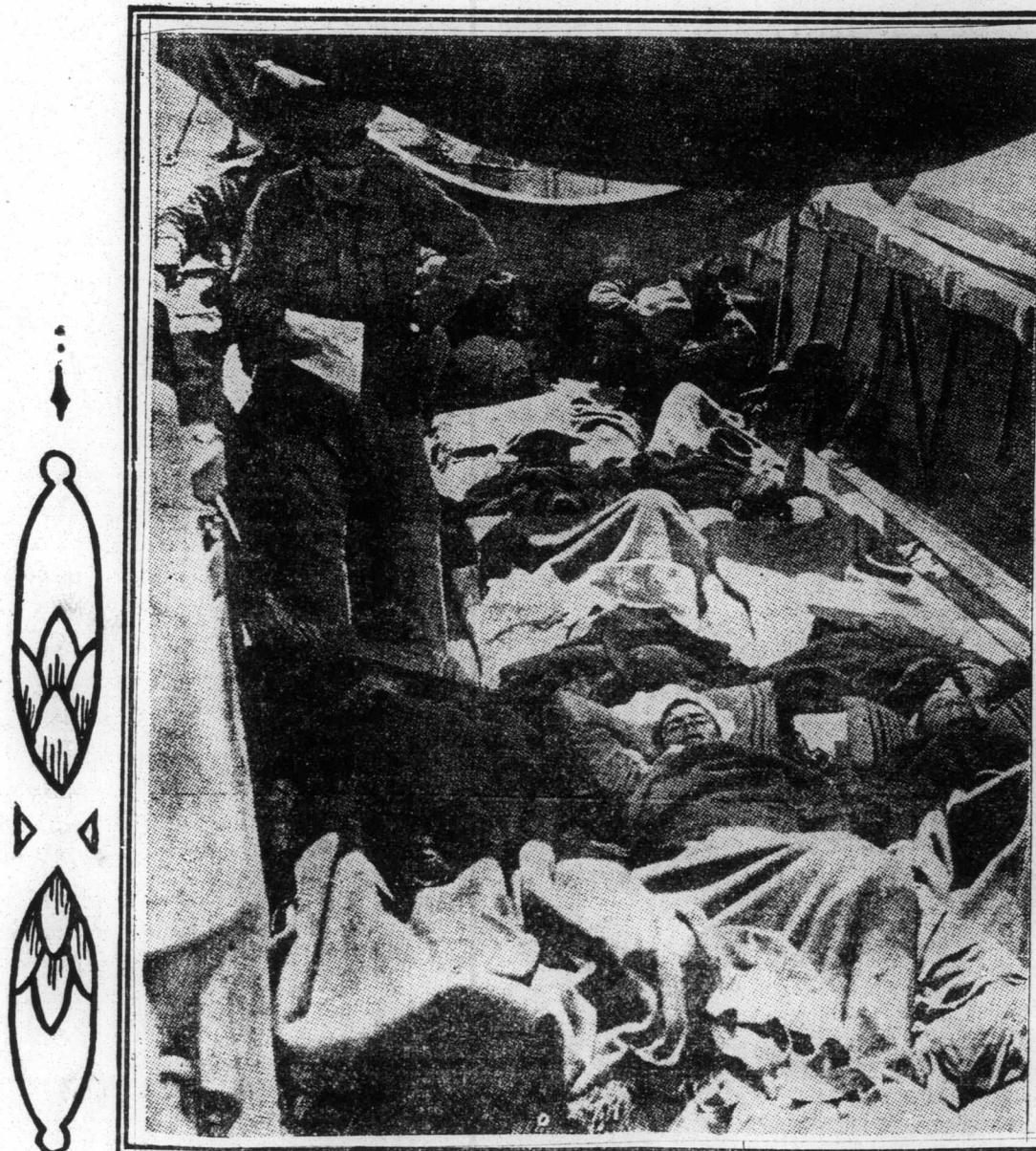
Father of the Four Boys.

PTE. ED. WELLER



36th Battalion.

CARING FOR THE WOUNDED AT THE DARDANELLES



The picture shows Australians wounded on board a native craft on their way to a hospital ship. Awnings have been spread over the well of this little craft to protect the men from the sun. Each man is covered with a blanket and rests his head on a striped pillow.

Welsh Coal Magnate is Appointed

London, June 19.—David A. Thomas, the Welsh coal magnate, the Exchange Telegraph Company says, has accepted an appointment from David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, to go to the United States and Canada to supervise the making of munitions contracts.

NEW YORK NOVELTIES. See our latest New York novelties in Palm Beach Linen Coats and Suits; also the new novelty garden skirts and Summer Dresses. W. L. Hughes, 127 Colborne street.

MUNSTER, GERMAN BASE IN ALSACE, NOW THREATENED

British Gains East of Ypres and East of Festubert, All German Counter-Attacks Failing—Great French Drive About Arras Continues.

London, June 19.—The great French drive above Arras and in Alsace continues. Following its impetuous initial advance at Souchez and Neuville, the left wing army yesterday set about strengthening the positions thus gained, while the artillery kept up a continuous tornado of shells and high explosives to discourage German counter-attacks. The German batteries replied with fierce bombardment, and a duel of the big guns was precipitated which almost equalled in fury the terrific cannonade of Thursday, when the French batteries alone fired continuously during twenty-four hours an average of more than 200 shells a minute.

from the Rhine valley. Pamphlets bearing the following were thrown "Alsations, Italy is helping crush Germany. Long live France and Alsace!"

THE BRITISH GAINS. Meanwhile the British have not been idle as is shown by the following report from Sir John French, Commander-in-Chief of the British forces on the continent, given out here last night: "The fighting in the northern and southern portions of our front continued throughout June 16 in co-operation with the attack of our ally about Arras."

Against the Rhine positions the French made a fresh advance yesterday when they crossed the Pech, in Alsace, and occupied with their advance guards the outskirts of Metzeral. French gunners and riflemen according to the French midnight communiqué, have now brought under their fire the German communications between Metzeral and Munster, the German base, and the position of the Kaiser's forces at this point is reported to be extremely critical.

"East of Ypres all the German first-line trenches which we captured remained in our hands, in spite of two counter-attacks, which were repulsed with heavy loss to the enemy. We were, however, unable to retain those of the enemy's second line trenches which we occupied in the morning."

AVIATORS ATTACK COLMAR. French airmen attacked Colmar and Gebweiler, in Alsace, on Thursday, Colmar is a link in the Rhine defences of Germany; Gebweiler is southwest of Colmar, seventeen miles

"East of Festubert, as a result of further attack on the afternoon of the 16th, we made a slight advance, and judging by the number of dead Germans in the trenches entered by us, our artillery fire was very effective."

BERLIN'S ADMISSIONS. The Berlin official admits that the French on the sector between Sou-

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RUSSIANS RETREAT ACROSS BORDERS BEYOND TARNOGRAD

Fighting Day and Night—Russians are Still Astride the Direct Railway, Premysl to Lemberg—Three-Fourths of Austro-German Forces in Galicia.

London, June 19.—While the Russians have retired beyond Tarnograd, across the Russian border, their left is still holding its position in the Dniester region and preventing the junction of the Austro-Germans on the front with the enemy's force pivoting on Przemyśl. Both sides evidently are reorganizing supplies and straightening lines for the big battle impending in the neighborhood of Grodek, which is still in Russian hands. It is significant that while the Russians report the repulse of the enemy on the Dniester and the capture of 8,746 men, the German official report announces that there is no change in the situation in this quarter. The paucity of news confirms the reports here that the Austro-German army, having reinforced and obtained necessary supplies, is again in motion, and that the final stage of the battle for Lemberg is developing.

up some three-quarters of the total German strength involved in the Galician enterprise. The remaining fourth is co-operating in the strategic plan for the capture of Lemberg by an attack at right angles to the line of the drive of the battering ram—namely, northward from the Dniester. The front of the latter direction is, perforce, entrusted largely to the Austrian allies, but the Germans have retained for themselves the best line northward upon Lemberg.

A cable to the London Times from its Bucharest correspondent says: Reports from the frontier state that the Russians have undertaken a counter offensive against the Austrian forces which invaded Bessarabia, under General Pflanzer.

The Austrians were forced to retire hastily as far as Bojan, Bukovina, evacuating Novoseltz and the rest of the occupied territory. The Russians took a great quantity of munitions and supplies.

BATTERING RAM ON MARCH.

The Petrograd correspondent of The London Morning Post cables: The Germans have completed refitting their famous phalanx and succeeded again in moving forward eastward from the San. The rate of movement of this unwieldy formation averaged in the progress from the Dunajec under three miles a day. This rate has not been accelerated, and the phalanx is, as before, tightly bound about the line of the road running from Radymno through Krakowice to Jaworow. Where the railway begins to Lemberg at the point now reached by the Germans is at least fifteen miles from Jaworow, somewhere west of Krakowice. Fighting is, of course, continuous day and night. Even if the enemy succeeds in forcing his way to Jaworow the supply of munition will still be a serious obstacle. Nevertheless, it is plain the Germans are determined to force their way by sheer weight of their battering ram and there is no reason to suppose that they will not reach Jaworow, or, at any rate, its neighborhood. There, however, it may be taken that the limit of this eastward move will have been reached.

ENEMY'S ADVANCE HAMPERED

It is evident, from the direction being taken, that the battering ram is not in a position to utilize the railway from Jaroslau beyond a point a little to the west of Lubaszaw, and the Russians are still astride the direct line from Przemyśl to Lemberg. The Germans have brought up ample railway material with them, and their periods of comparative inaction seem to have been needed for the completion of the lines laid down behind their forces as they move, after which some time is required to bring up the enormous quantity of ammunition needed, during every day's fighting. This eastward move takes

Balloon Sheds are Bombed by the Allies

By Special Wire to The Courier. Amsterdam, via London, June 19.—Allied airmen dropped bombs on the German balloon sheds at Brussels Thursday, causing slight damage, according to the Massbode.

TWO THOUSAND TON SHIP IS SUNK

By Special Wire to The Courier. London, June 19.—The 2,000-ton British steamer Dulcie was torpedoed and sunk off Suffolk to-day. The members of the crew with one exception were saved.

The Dulcie was 275 feet long, was built in 1900 and owned in Hartlepool, England. She was last reported as arriving May 21 at the Tyne from France.

HELLO!

This is your opportunity to visit your friends in Detroit by taking in the Conservative Club excursion, Saturday, July 3rd. Good for four days. Four ball games. Special train will leave the Grand Trunk depot at 7:00 a.m.

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