

NEW CLASH ON RHINE, REPORT

Ebert Officer Wounded When Patrols Exchange Shots North of Homburg.

GERMANS USE GAS ON REDS

Bombard Dusseldorf With Poison Shells—French Troops Restore Order in Frankfort—Wilson Won't Oppose French Action.

Paris, April 9.—It is reported from Coblenz that there has been a collision of French and German patrols between Bad Nauheim and Nieder Wollstadt, north of Homburg. In the exchange of shots a German officer was wounded. The report is not confirmed from other sources.

German regular troops have bombarded Dusseldorf with gas shells, according to a Mayence dispatch to the Matin.

A note prepared by Premier Millerand was read to the ambassadors and then delivered to the German chargé d'affaires, Wilhelm von Mayer, in which the premier declared that France had taken great care to inform and consult with the allies before occupying the Rhine cities.

Merciless repression by the Reichswehr forces in the Ruhr basin is reported by fugitives arriving in Frankfort, according to a Mayence dispatch to the Journal des Débats. The fugitives allege they witnessed the shooting of all Westphalians who laid down their arms.

Says Situation Delicate.

London, April 9.—After a long conference the French ambassador, Paul Cambon, had with Premier Lloyd George and a full discussion of the Franco-German incident by the cabinet council, at which the French view was fully explained to the British ministers, an authoritative statement was issued to the effect that France acted entirely on her own initiative in deciding to occupy German towns; that Great Britain, the United States, Italy and Belgium were all opposed to the plan and that France's action has caused a delicate situation.

Restore Order in Frankfort.

Frankfort, April 9.—The clash in the Schillerplatz between French troops and the population, resulting in the killing of six Germans and the wounding of thirty-five, was followed by a strong display of French military

force, which brought the restoration of order by the time darkness had set in.

It was a rumor that the French had been forced by the pressure of the allies and the United States to withdraw from the city that started the trouble. The crowd jeered and taunted the troops, yelling, "You've got to get out!" at the Senegalese who were patrolling in front of the guardhouse on the square.

A French officer ordered the crowd to disperse and when the order was ignored a machine gun was brought into play. Disturbances also occurred in other parts of the city.

Germands Get Week's Grace.

London, April 9.—A week's additional grace has been given Germany for the withdrawal of her troops from the neutral zone, the Evening News says it understands. This would extend the time to April 17.

In August of last year the supreme council consented to a provisional increase of the German gendarmerie troops in the neutral zone beyond the Rhine for three months after the peace treaty should go into effect. It was recognized at the time, it was said, that the force provided for in the treaty was considered inadequate to maintain order. The peace treaty became effective January 10 and the three months' extension granted expires April 10.

Wilson Won't Oppose France.

Washington, April 9.—The German government will be disappointed if it expects President Wilson to call France to sharp account for the advance of French troops into Germany. While this government does not approve the entire action of France in this matter it is disposed to weigh the circumstances with a sympathetic understanding. Officials here do not see anything sinister in the policy of France and are disposed to accept Premier Millerand's statement as a reasonable indication of the French position.

Such recrudescence of militarism as the French march into Germany may suggest does not alter the disposition here to realize that the failure of the United States to ratify the peace treaty has encouraged, and, in part, justified France in looking after her own interests until such time as the League of Nations is firmly established. The French action, however, generally is regarded as lacking in foresight.

OLD SHELLS KILL TWELVE

French Farmers Near Cambrai Slain When Plows Hit Explosives.

Cambrai, April 9.—Two explosions in which 12 persons were killed and two injured have occurred in the dis-

trict of Villers Guislain, 18 kilometers from Cambrai. The explosions were caused by agricultural tractors coming in contact with unexploded shells in fields which were binged.

SAYS ARMY RUSS NEED

TROTZKY DECLARAS MOBILIZATION IS NECESSARY NOW.

Bolshevik Trade Delegation Seeks U. S. Recognition—Sweden Removes Ban on Litvinoff.

One Cent Per Pound Is Added to Cost of Producing Pork by Presence of Insects.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Lice add a cent a pound to the cost of producing pork. This has been found in tests just completed at the experiment farm of the United States department of agriculture at Beltsville, Md. Twenty-four lousy hogs were secured and divided into two lots as nearly equal as to quality of animals as possible. The two lots were managed and fed the same way with the exception that one lot was treated to prevent lice. The animals were weighed at regular intervals and at the end of the fattening period it was found that the hogs infested with

Sweden recently placed a ban on Maxim Litvinoff, soviet assistant minister of foreign affairs, but has been obliged reluctantly to reverse its position after M. Tchitcherin, soviet minister of foreign affairs, threatened to break off all commercial relations between the two countries.

Moscow, Russia, April 9.—Militarization is the only means to utilize Russia's man power fully, said Leon Trotzky, bolshevik minister of war, addressing the ninth convention of the communist party. The address was chiefly directed to defining the relation of the mobilization of the industries to the industrial rehabilitation of Russia.

"Mobilization is more necessary now than it was formerly," he declared, "because we have to deal with the peasant population and masses of unskilled labor, which cannot be utilized to the fullest extent by any other means than military discipline. Trade unions are capable of organizing great masses of qualified workers, but 30 per cent of the people cannot be reached by this means."

Commissar Trotzky declared the working army, built on the principle of compulsory work, was no less productive than was the old system of competition.

The general tenor of the speech was in support of centralization of power in the hands of a strong government.

A deposit of from 10,000 to 15,000 tons of sulphur has been discovered in the crater of an ice-covered mountain in the Aleutian Islands.

Duplicate order books, Fairbanks scale books, etc., carried in stock in The Democrat's Fancy Stationery and Office Supply department.

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