

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 Frankfurt—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 charge 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.

Mercurial repression by the Reichswehr forces in the Ruhr basin is reported by fugitives arriving in Frankfurt, according to a Mayence dispatch to the Journal des Debats. 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 Frankfurt.

Frankfurt, 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.

Germans 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 Gustin, 18 kilometers from Cambrai. The explosions were caused by agricultural tractors coming in contact with unexploded shells in fields which were mined.

SAYS ARMY RUSS NEED

TROTSKY DECLARES MOBILIZATION IS NECESSARY NOW.

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

Copenhagen, Denmark, April 9.—Conversations with members of the Russian commercial delegation which has arrived here give the impression in authoritative circles that it is seeking political objects primarily to secure recognition of the soviet government by the United States and the allied powers.

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. Tchitcherine, soviet minister of foreign affairs, threatened to break off all commercial relations between the two countries.

Moscow, Russia, April 9.—Mobilization is the only means to utilize Russia's man power fully, said Leon Trotsky, 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 Trotsky 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 Altai mountains.

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

FARM ANIMALS

VERMIN ON HOGS EXPENSIVE

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



Champion Berkshire Barrow Free of Lice.

lice cost a cent a pound more to fatten than those which were free of the troublesome pest. The officials who had charge of this experiment give an interesting side light in connection with securing the lousy animals. They communicated with some of the department's field men, asking them to locate lousy hogs. It was some time before a reply was received to this surprising order. After the lousy hogs were purchased the owner learned why, and he immediately built a dipping vat and began to treat the animals to prevent lice.

COUNTY BREED DIRECTORIES

Catalogues Are Valuable in Identifying Owners and Effective in Promoting Sales.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Indexing counties as to dominant breed of live stock maintained, through the use of county breed directories, has won great favor in Iowa, where several years ago Linn county inaugurated this work. Such catalogues are valuable in identifying the owners of different breeds and are effective in promoting sales and in attracting prospective purchasers to the locality. They constitute a relatively permanent form of advertising, as ordinarily they are kept for future reference by those who receive them. The directories are best issued under the authority of a county live stock breeders association or the local farm bureau. Ordinarily the expenses of these booklets are raised by the sale of advertising space to breeders. Practically any rural printing office can put out creditable productions of this class.

COMMUNITY BREEDING PLANS

Farmers in Certain Section Agree to Stick to One Breed and Use Purebred Sires.

Community breeding simply means that the farmers in a certain community agree to do two things:

First, to breed but one breed of cattle, sheep or hogs.

Second: They agree to use none but purebred sires, these sires being owned either individually or collectively.

Everyone is absolutely free to do as he pleases just so long as he sticks to one class of stock and uses a purebred sire. These ideas can best be carried out if the farmers are organized in a body and get together at stated periods.

LIVE STOCK NOTES

Mutton lambs are sure sale at good prices.

Use the best boar that you can secure.

Keep the fall pigs growing all through the winter.

Parasitical diseases of sheep are hard to fight and overcome.

Weak lambs should be nursed and given extra care and a little extra milk.

Arrange to have the sows farrow early. The early pigs have the advantage of a better market.

THE NUMBER TWELVE

April 3, 1920.

Everett Halstead, Rensselaer, Ind.

Dear Sir: Twelve times one is twelve. Twelve is a great number. There are twelve hours in a day. Twelve hours in a night. Twelve months in a year. Jacob had twelve sons. There were twelve tribes in Israel. Christ had twelve disciples. Twelve is a lucky number for some people. For instance, take the case of Hugh Kirk. He sells twelve different styles of cars. The average price is \$1200, or he will trade one good car for twelve old flivvers. He clears \$12 on each car. Each car will carry twelve people. He works twelve hours a day, for twelve days in the week, and twelve months in the year. He has been at the business for twelve years, and his great ambition is to sell 1200 cars before anyone dares to call him grandpa. But he doesn't have to call on you twelve times before you buy a car.

By the way, you had twelve men this winter that split posts. Each man lasted twelve days and he cut about 1200 fence posts. If you would send me 1200 posts in each carload, send twelve cars a month and keep it up twelve months in a year for twelve years, I would surely sell some posts. Yours truly,

JOHN DOE.

P. S.—When I was a boy it took twelve to make a dozen.

THE MARKETS

Grain, Provisions, Etc.

	Open-	High-	Low-	Close-
Corn—	ing.	est.	est.	ing.
May	1.64-65 1/2	1.65 1/2	1.63 1/2	1.61 1/2
July	1.58-59 1/2	1.59 1/2	1.57 1/2	1.55 1/2
Sept.	1.54-55 1/2	1.54 1/2	1.52 1/2	1.50 1/2
Oats—				
May	.90 1/2-91 1/2	.91 1/2	.90 1/2	.91 1/2
July	.83 1/2-84 1/2	.84 1/2	.83 1/2	.84
Sept.	.71 1/2-72 1/2	.72 1/2	.71 1/2	.71 1/2
Rye—				
May	1.83 1/2-84 1/2	1.84 1/2	1.83 1/2	1.84 1/2
July	1.73-74 1/2	1.74 1/2	1.73 1/2	1.74 1/2

FLOUR—Car lots, per bbl., 98 lb sack basis: Rye, white, in lute, \$9.75@10.25; dark rye, \$6.75@7.00; spring wheat, special brands, \$14.25@14.65; to retail trade, \$15.00@15.35; hard spring, \$14.25@14.65; first clear, \$9.25@10.65; second clear, \$6.35@7.75; hard winter, \$13.75@14.00; soft winter, \$11.75@12.25.

HAY—Choice and No. 1 timothy, \$40.00@42.00; standard and No. 1 clover mixed, \$35.00@38.00; No. 1 and No. 2, \$34.00@36.00; No. 3 timothy, \$31.00@33.00; clover, \$30.00@33.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, extra, 92 score, 67 1/2¢; higher scoring commands a premium; firsts, 91 score, 65 1/2¢; 89-90 score, 60¢; 88 score, 57 1/2¢; 87 score, 54 1/2¢; central, 52 1/2¢; ladies, 49 1/2¢; renovated, 48¢; packing stock, \$4@39 1/2¢. Prices to retail trade: Extra tubs, 69 1/2¢; prints, 71 1/2¢.

EGGS—Fresh firsts, 41¢ standard cases, 41 1/2¢; ordinary firsts, 37 1/2¢; miscellaneous lots, cases included, 39 1/2¢@40 1/2¢; cases returned, 38 1/2¢; extras, packed in mixed, 36 1/2¢; 48¢; checks, 34 1/2¢; dirties, 30 1/2¢; storage firsts, 44¢; extras, 44 1/2¢.

LIVE POULTRY—Fowls, 42¢; springs, 38¢; stags, 25¢; roosters, 23¢; ducks, 38¢; geese, 22¢.

POTATOES—Per 100 lbs. northern, round, white, \$6.75@7.00.

CATTLE—Choice to prime steers, \$13.75@14.75; good to choice steers, \$12.25@14.25; fair to good steers, \$11.00@12.00; yearlings, fair to choice, \$11.00@15.00; stockers and feeders, \$8.00@11.50; good to prime cows, \$8.50@11.50; fair to fine heifers, \$10.00@12.35; fat to good cows, \$7.25@8.75; canners, \$5.00@8.00; butchers, \$15.00@17.25; bologna bulls, 65¢; cutters, \$15.00@17.25; heavy calves, \$15.00@17.00.

HOGS—Choice light butchers, \$16.00@16.50; medium wt. butchers, \$15.50@16.35; heavy butchers, 270-350 lbs., \$15.00@15.75; fair to fancy light, \$15.75@16.75; heavy fair to fancy light, \$14.00@15.00; rough packing, \$13.50@15.00; 270-350 lbs., \$15.00@15.75.

SHEEP—Colorado fed lambs, \$18.00@20.50; native lambs, \$16.00@20.75; feeding lambs and shearers, \$15.00@20.00; clipped lambs, \$15.00@18.25; wethers, \$12.00@15.50; ewes, \$12.00@14.50.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 8.

CATTLE—Receipts, 150; slow; 50¢@1 higher.

CALVES—Receipts, 200; steady; \$6.00@10.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 325; steady; heavy, \$16.50@17.00; mixed and Yorkers, \$17.50@17.75; light Yorkers, \$17.00@17.50; pigs, \$16.50; roughs, \$13.50; stags, \$3.00@10.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,400; steady; unchanged.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE

For Sale—Two bronze turkey gobblers.—MRS. JOSEPHINE BULLIS, Remington, R-3. a10

For Sale—Pure-bred Black Langshan eggs, \$1 per 15.—LEWIS ADAMS, Remington, Ind.; Rensselaer phone 927-G. m1

For Sale at Bargains—All kinds of second-hand automobiles. Come in and look them over, in the white-front garage.—KUBOSKE & WALTER. tf

For Sale—1 3-4 horse International gas engine, good as new, used only about 10 days.—KUBOSKE & WALTER Garage. tf

For Sale—Pure-bred Barred Plymouth Rock eggs, \$1 per setting; \$6 per 100.—MRS. NICK SCHMITTER, phone 922-D. a10

For Sale—4 geldings and 2 mares 4 years old; 2 cultivators; 1 mow; 1 disc; 10-foot; 1 spade, 8-foot. Would trade for wind pump or tractor disc.—JOSEPH KOSTA, Fair Oaks, Ind., R-1, phone Mt. Ayr 92-D. a10

For Sale—Windsor player piano, nearly new, with 25 rolls, cabinet and bench. First check for \$450 gets this fine instrument or will accept bankable note. Address BOX 24, Wheatfield, Ind., R-1. a10

For Sale—1918 Ford Touring car, in good running order; tires all new.—J. M. ALLEN, phone 950-F, Fair Oaks, Ind. a10

Eggs for Setting—Pure-bred Buff Orpingtons, \$1 per 15 if taken from my place; \$1.50 if to be shipped via parcel post.—JAMES E. GILMORE, Rensselaer, R-2. jnt

OSBORNE'S GREENHOUSE

502 Merritt Street

For Wreaths, Sprays, Cut Flowers and Potted Plants. Orders being taken for Cut Flowers.

Call Telephone 439

For Sale—160-acre farm, well drained, most all level, black soil; 5-room house, good barn, corn cribs, good well, fine orchard land all in cultivation. Can give good terms on this. Price \$80 per acre.—CHAS. J. DEAN & SON. tt

For Sale—Nicely located city property, corner lot, house of 7 rooms with bath, one or two lots, each 75x150, improved streets on three sides, fine shade, fruit, clematis, etc. An attractive price on this property if taken soon.—C. W. DUVALL. tt

For Sale—Some real bargains in well improved farms located within three miles of Rensselaer, 120 a., 133 a., 212 a., 152 a., 80 a. I also have some exceptional bargains in improved farms of all sizes farther out from Rensselaer. For further particulars see me or call phone 246, office, or 499, home.—HARVEY DAVISSON. tt

For Sale—Having sold the lot where my hitch barn stands, want to sell at once the barn building, 50x143 feet; also general purpose mare, 5 years old; 1 runabout buggy; 1 Express horse tank. Will give 6 months' time, with bankable note, on barn if desired.—J. J. NOR-GOR. a15

For Sale—96 acres of the best land near Niles, Mich.; fine stream, very good buildings, including bank barn. This is in fine shape and not a pound of sand on the place. Adjoining properties held at \$200. Will sell for \$140, including wheat and clover crop. Possession any time or will let A-1 tenant remain. Positively will not trade. Owner H. S. EVANS, 826 Webster Bldg., Chicago. a15

For Sale—Rebuilt, new and second-hand typewriters, a new lot just received. Have on hand at present and ready for immediate delivery 1 Remington No. 10 at \$50, 1 Oliver No. 9 (brand-new, never used) \$57; 1 Oliver, No. 5, rebuilt, fine condition, only \$35; 1 Smith Premier No. 10, rebuilt, a fine machine, \$50; 1 Smith Premier, No. 5, rebuilt and in fine condition, for only \$30; 1 Blickensderfer No. 7, in neat oak hand case, \$15. Call and see these machines before buying, as we can save you considerable money.—THE DEMOCRAT.

FOR RENT

For Rent—5-room house in Parr, small barn and truck patch therewith. Call 939-D or write me at Parr.—CLYDE GUNYON. tt

For Rent—The lower floor of the I. O. O. F. building at Gifford; is suitable for a store and has been previously used as such. Enquire CHARLES BRITT, Gifford, phone 923-B. tt

Pasture for Rent by the Acre—90 acres east of Pleasant Ridge, and two pastures of 90 acres each and one of 200 acres at Fair Oaks.—Call ERNEST BEAVER, 938-I. tt

WANTED

Trucking Wanted—I have a new ton truck and solid business in this line. If you have moving or any other trucking to do, call 473.—FRANK HAMER. tf

Wanted—To hire threshing machine to thresh 900 to 1,000 acres, 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 miles northwest of Mt. Ayr.—John S. Fry, Grover Makeever and Alex. Elijah, committee, R. F. D., Fair Oaks. a8

Wanted—The Lincoln Mutual Casualty Co., Springfield, Ill., desires a local agent to sell a complete line of AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE. Liberal commissions. Write giving particulars and references.—C. E. PERKINS, Dist. Mgr., 1639 Prairie Ave., South Bend, Ind. a28

LOST

Lost—A few days ago, hub cap off Dodge car.—S. A. BRUSNAHAN, Parr, Ind., phone 932-C. a15

Lost or Stolen—A few weeks ago, near San Pierre, large red hound. Phone any information to H. WISEMAN, San Pierre, Ind., R-1. a14

Lost—Some time ago, a red fur mitten, high top, for right hand. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at Democrat office.—HERMAN SCHULTZ. a15

Lost—Tuesday, between Rensselaer and Mt. Ayr, a 32x4 automobile tire chain.—HARRY GALLAGHER, phone 944-B. a10

FINANCIAL

Farm Loans—Money to loan on farm property in any sums up to \$10,000.—E. F. HONAN. tt

Money to Loan—CHAS. J. DEAN & SON, Odd Fellows' Building, Rensselaer. tt

Money to Loan—I have an unlimited supply of money to loan on good farm lands at 5 1/2% and usual commission or 6% without commission, as desired. Loans will be made for 5 years, 7 years, 10 years or 20 years. See me about these various plans.—JOHN A. DUNLAP. tt

OVER THE TOP

YOU'VE heard much recently about going over the top. We've seen some of it both over here and over there. Just like it was done in France, that's how we put over our

Cash and Carry Grocery Department Last Saturday

We are receiving more goods in this department daily. Remember our Boulevard and Renroh Brands of goods are not excelled by any one either in price or quality.

Specials for This Week to Introduce

Large can Boulevard Peaches, 55c value, special.....45c
Large can Boulevard Apricots, 55c value, special.....45c
No. 2 can Boulevard Sliced Pineapple, 50c val., special 42c
Crispo Ginger Snaps, per package.....9c
Crispo Lemon Snaps, per package.....9c

Just received another shipment of those beautiful shopping bags. This week—while they last—one to a customer per day FREE with a \$1.00 purchase of GROCERIES.

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5-10 AND VARIETY STORE