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AMERICAN PRISONERS IN GER- MANY ARE TREATED BAD

A Report Brought By Russian Prisoner, Back From Germany, Says Our Boys Ill-Fed and Insulted.

A Russian prisoner who recently returned from Germany, has made a statement at Moscow which is now available here, to the effect that he saw American prisoners of war in camp at Tuel, west Prussia, and that they asked him to let it be known that they were being treated brutally. The prisoners said they were hungry and penniless.

When the Americans arrived at the camp, according to this account, the Germans removed their clothes. They were particularly anxious to have the Americans' shoes. They told the prisoners they should not wear expensive clothing and shoes while working and that their property would be taken care of until their return to America. The Russian said, however, that everyone knows what that means. A consul, the Russian was not sure whether he was a Swiss or a Spaniard, visited the camp. Complaint was made to him by the Americans and their clothes were returned, but as the consul seldom visited the camp the Germans had opportunity to practice many injustices.

The Russian said eight Americans captured several months ago reached the camp at midday and being very hungry, asked for bread. They were told bread was distributed only in the morning. They were placed in a hut with Russians, after being required to stand in a square where Germans were given an opportunity to insult them. The huts in which the Americans are living, the Russian said, are damp, cold and unfit for habitation. Some of the Americans became ill. Two of them who were in a hospital had an opportunity to talk with the Russian and it was through them that he obtained the information on which his statement is based.

Germany's Week.

(From Sunday's Charlotte Observer.)

It was Germany's best week since the war began. It was not until the two days that the fall impact of the German Army made itself felt, and then it was so enormously strong as to be irresistible. The Allies, who had been slowly retiring, began moving back more rapidly and the pursuit of the Germans was accelerated to such an extent that even while news reports were coming in that they were making progress in the direction of the Marne, they had reached the banks of that stream. We are speaking, of course, of the operations around Soissons, where the twenty divisions of the Crown Prince's Army were massed against the seven of the Allies. On all other portions of the front the Allies held their ground and even made gains. But it was the drive for the Marne that was the feature of the week in the war and its quick consummation that marks the week as the best Germany has had. There can be no longer doubt about the German intention to march on Paris and the closing situation of the week indicated that the German commanders will throw their forces in the direction of Montdidier, Albert and Amiens. In an effort to split the British and French and make a way to Paris. The German front on the west bank of the Marne covers a distance of ten miles, and within 24 hours of having arrived there the undertaking to force a passage was attempted. In this, however, the Germans were unsuccessful, having been driven back. The Germans advance on the Chateau-Thierry sector has been checked by the French and the German hurried back to some extent, and the French are holding much recaptured ground. One war correspondent thinks that the Germans, having reached the Marne, will now dig in there and await a more favorable opportunity to renew the drive, but this is improbable, Germany has been meeting with too much success to make a nautius movement probable, unless halted by force.

One German paper evidently speaks "straight" when it says that this is not a new attack, but is a continuation of the German war plans when halted in the first drive, and that it has been broadening and developing exactly according to the German program. This same paper gives some significant light on the situation and in which there may be found explanation for the success of the drive so far as it has gone. It is because while the Germans have been concentrating their attacks on a short section of the Allied lines, General Foch's main Army has been disposed to the region north of Amiens and has not been engaged against the Germans. This German authority speaks, further, of the difficulties in store for the Germans in their future

advance, chief of which is the coming into contact with the French and British reserves, and the changed conditions of road and railroad communications after the crossing of the Marne. It is probable that the week will see the materialization of these reserves which have so long figured in the calculations, but which are always going to be but never are.

How Long-Range Gun Was Located.

Careful measurements of two holes made by a single shell in passing through two awnings in a Paris factory enabled French artillery officers to locate the great German long-range gun by a feat of mathematics. To Chester M. Wright, a member of the American labor mission, which has just returned from Europe, French officers explained how the direction and distance of the gun was figured.

The two awnings were several feet apart and the relation of one to the other gave perfect data on the course which the shell had taken as it approached the earth. After the apertures had been measured to the one-thousandth part of an inch and the direction of the shell's fall exactly established, the earlier career of the shell became a problem on paper.

Hogwallow News.

Correspondent of the Journal.

Hogwallow, June 1.—Poke Eazley's dogs tread a map agent Thursday.

The Editor of the Tickville Tidings says every time men want to exercise their rights as free-born citizens and taxpayers, they sit down and write a column to the paper demanding radical changes in the dog law.

The weather is one of the very old est of old institutions, and is well established along the lines laid down by nature; and yet there is considerable amount of complaint about it, and there is not a day passes but that somebody would change it if they could.

The Mail Carrier has been unable to make his trips this week on account of having traded horses with Frisky Hancock.

The Dog Hill preacher is being urged to start a protracted meeting as soon as possible for the benefit of Wash Hocks and Atlas Peck, who fell from Grace this week while trying to drive a calf out of a corn patch.

A drummer was in this vicinity last week and tried to sell the Rye Straw store keeper a bill of goods, but met with poor success as the storekeeper was getting ready to go fishing.

Yam Sims says many of us men are in the habit of overlooking the smaller details of life, but that the gaps in a razor are to be reckoned with when they are shaved.

Raz Barlow Saturday in Tickville and as there was a big crowd in town, he got a good look at the public. He says the public is a peculiar looking lot of people when they all get together.

Toke Moseley's wife says Secretary McAdoo, with his whole passel of jobs, can now sympathize with a woman who has a squad of young and growing children to look after.

The Excelsior Fiddling Band strolled over and played in front of the Wild Onion school house Monday night while nobody was around.

Sile Kidew, who has been absent for some time, has returned home and says Hogwallow is good enough for him, and that he expects to die here. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

A man went up in a balloon at Tickville last Saturday before a large audience. He wanted to take up a collection before going up, instead of after coming down, but the crowd thought they would wait, as he might get killed.

The Tickville train is bound to make money, as it hardly ever comes in without a total of one to two passengers on board.

Sid Hocks, who attended and took part in a pie supper on Gander Creek Friday night, is able to be up town with his clothes on.

When the time comes for the wild geese to wend their way back toward their northern summer home, the sight always makes us have a sort of fellow feeling for the poor homelost geese that have to be content to spend their winters standing on first one foot and then the other, on the sunny side of the old pond down in the horse lot.

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