

definite sum had been fixed as a war indemnity, but that the amount to be levied would be fixed by a special commission. At that time it was reported that Brussels had already paid \$12,000,000 to the Germans. The exact amount that has been levied on the city is not now definitely known.

Petrograd.—Having occupied Chyrow and the Carpathian passes, leaving Przemysl surrounded and cut off, the Russian army is now in possession of all railroads and is advancing rapidly westward along both lines traversing Galicia. The northern column has attacked Tarnow. This is the last fortified point between the invading army and Cracow, 60 miles away.

The southern column has occupied Sanok, but is advancing slower than the first, the intention being to cut off the retreat of the Austrians the northern army is driving to the south.

Every indication is that the Russians do not intend to try and capture Cracow, but will leave a strong force there, surrounding and isolating the entrenched camp, as has been done at Przemysl. The advance will then be pushed toward Breslau.

Berlin, via The Hague.—The war office, in its official statement today, declared the operations in France have settled down to a general artillery duel, interspersed with frequent assaults at the vital points along the line.

In an earlier statement the government emphatically denied the British contention that more than one submarine took part in the attack on the cruisers Cressy, Aboukir and Hogue. The report of the Cressy's officers that she fired on the U-9 are characterized as false. Not a single shot was fired from the three cruisers that were sunk, it is stated. The U-9 was in action 47 minutes and after the three cruisers had been sunk was pursued until nightfall by a fleet of cruisers, destroyers and torpedo boats, but under cover of darkness successfully escaped.

STATE CLOSES ITS SIDE OF THE PERSON CASE

The state closed its case against Carl Person, young editor now on trial in Lincoln, Ill., for the murder of Anton Musser, Clinton strikebreaker employed by the I. C. lines, when it presented as evidence an article that appeared in Person's "Strike Bulletin" calling the dead man "scab."

The article was supposed to indicate that Person had a personal grudge against the strikebreaker and that when the young man raised from the ground, where he had been beaten by the burly railroad employe, and shot him, he was prompted by a "malicious intent."

The article reads:

"Tony Musser, who was on the police force during the time Chief of Police Strubble was killed, put in a very strenuous week during the Strubble murder trial here. Musser is now scabbing at the local bull pen and he has been trying to help the state convict an innocent man by the name of Weir. However, from the flimsy statements, made by Musser on the witness stand, it was easy to understand who Strubble's murderer was and who operated the gun that did the killing.

"A man who will fall so low as to join the ranks of scabs and traitors will not hesitate to take human life, and reputable people in this community are now trying to figure out why Musser gave his club to Officer Spinx right after the shooting, and they are also working on a rumor that Musser also traded guns with a party right after the time of the shooting. A photograph of Musser's brain undoubtedly would be of great benefit to those who are interested in running down the man who killed Strubble."

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Four men bound and gagged two watchmen and blew safe of A. C. McClurg & Co.'s wholesale book house, 330 E. Ohio st. \$400.