

## GERMANS MASS FORCES TO CHECK RUSSIAN DRIVE

Petrograd. — Impressed by the steady Russian advance, which seesaws first at this point and then at that, Germans are massing enormous forces before Kovel. They are bringing up every available reserve in hope of stalling new Russian mowing machine.

Present comparative calm is believed here to be prelude to resumption of important fighting.

The fall of Kovel now would be a staggering blow to the central powers, completely disrupting their plans.

Russians apparently do not lack ammunition. Printed on cartridge cases are two phrases:

"Don't spare bullets—don't spare courage. There's enough and plenty for all."

Berlin. — Russian losses since beginning of present offensive until July 1 total more than 262,000.

London. — Kaiser Wilhelm was at the Somme front when his army retreated under batteries of British blows in Saturday's fighting.

Brest, France. — Another convoy of Russian troops landed here today. Five convoys of Russian troops had previously landed at Marseilles and some of them have been in action on the French Champagne front.

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville. — During the month of June, 61 enemy merchantmen with total tonnage of 100,000 were sunk by Austro-German submarines or mines.

London. — British troops stormed and captured German second line positions on front of 1,500 yards in a continuation of steady drive north of the Somme.

Berlin. — German troops opposing the Russian advance in Volhynia have withdrawn behind river Lipsa 60 miles northeast of Lemberg.

New York. — 400 men on strike for higher pay in West Orange plant of Thomas A. Edison.

## TAKE FIRST STEP TOWARD HEAVIER BORDER PATROLS.

Columbus, N. M., July 17. — A company of New Mexico militia was preparing today to go to Animas, N. M., the first step in what is believed to be administration plan for heavier patrols along 2,000-mile Northern Mexico border.

Redistribution of militia mobilized near international boundary is expected to proceed rapidly from this time, presaging long siege of police duty. Under new plans, troops will not only patrol line, but be posted in all towns within striking distance of bandits from Mexican side. Animas is over 50 miles from the border.

Eagle Pass, Tex. — Carranza troops at Piedras Negras and Monclovia have moved south to oppose large Villista forces marching toward the border.

A party of Mexicans arriving from the interior reported today that their train was held up by Villista bandits Friday near Torreon and that all passengers were robbed of everything of value.

## WAR COSTS ENGLAND THIRTY MILLION A DAY

London, July 17. — England's expenditures have now reached a total of 6,000,000 pounds (about \$30,000,000) daily. Chancellor of the Exchequer McKenna informed the house of commons.

## FEAR RESCUERS ARE LOST IN SOUTHERN FLOOD

Charlotte, N. C., July 17. — Grave fears were felt this afternoon that a rescue party attempting to save the 20 men engulfed in the Catawba river when a Southern railway trestle went down last night, had been lost.

San Antonio. — Capt. Christian Briand, 12th cavalry, suicided. Believed deranged.

Muskegon, Mich. — Clarence Gains, 22, 1047 Belden av., Chicago, drowned while learning to swim.