

ALLEGED BOMB PLOT GIVES UP

Max Breitung, Fifth Man Sought in Bomb Conspiracy, Surrenders Himself to New York Police and is Held For Trial.

Gets Freedom Under Bonds of \$25,000 Furnished by Relative in Banking Business—Hearing is Set For Next Week.

New York, Oct. 27.—Max Breitung, the 5th man named in the conspiracy which federal detectives allege was formed for the purpose of destroying ships laden with war munitions for the allies, surrendered himself today to the authorities.

He appeared before Commissioner Haughton, accompanied by counsel and after the government's complaint had been read to him he was held in \$5,000 bail for further hearing next week.

Breitung, who is a relative of Edward N. Breitung, the banker, of this city and Marquette, Mich., furnished the necessary bail bond and was released. He came here directly from Chicago, he said, as soon as he heard of the proceedings in order to give himself up.

Lieut. Robert Fay, Walter L. Scholz, Paul Daesch and Dr. Herbert Klenke, charged with being conspirators with Breitung, were still held in jail today. Their hearing also is set for next week. Government detectives are busy engaged in an investigation of the alleged plot and it was said that new developments might be expected at any time.

ROBERT FAY IN BRIDGEPORT FOR WEEKS, HE SAYS

Fairfield Avenue Merchant Tells of Frequent Meetings With Prisoner.

Robert Fay, the self-proclaimed German army officer held by the Federal authorities in connection with bomb making operations that are believed to have been intended to destroy ships carrying munitions of war to the allies, has spent much of his leisure time in Bridgeport, according to the recognition of published photographs of the suspect, by J. A. DeLaeca, a merchant of 142 Fairfield avenue.

DeLaeca unhesitatingly stated to friends today that Fay undoubtedly had been in his store several times during the past six weeks and had even admitted his connection with the German army, saying, "I have much to do in Bridgeport."

According to the relation of the fruit merchant whose store is located in the heart of the shopping and business district, a man bearing a close resemblance to the pictures of Fay sauntered into his place one evening in the early part of September and asked for some fruit. He spoke Italian fluently and remarked that he wanted the best fruit without regard to cost.

The conversation drifted to the European war and DeLaeca said that he thought Germany would be beaten. The visitor, seemingly incensed at the remark, became much agitated, and lapsing into English, which he spoke fluently, indignantly championed Germany's cause.

"Do you know that I am a lieutenant in the German army?" the visitor asked, much to the surprise of DeLaeca. "We are here for a purpose and I shall have much to do in Bridgeport before I leave," he continued.

For several weeks the German returned, at night, and seemingly having little to do, spent hours in conversation with DeLaeca during which he often talked of the German cause and what was being done by the Germans in America to stop the shipment of munitions and to stimulate favorable sentiment toward the Teutonic cause.

On the last occasion of the supposed Fay's appearance here he told DeLaeca: "This is probably the last time I shall see you for I am going away and I do not know what may happen to me."

Speaking of the coincidence today it seems clear in the mind of the Fairfield avenue fruit dealer that he talked with Fay himself, that Fay was here in Bridgeport and knew many people, and that he must have made some other places along the avenue his rendezvous, for he was often loitering about Fairfield avenue and Main street.

GILL IS NAMED TO \$2,000 POST IN CONNECTICUT

Will Be Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue in This District.

PREFERRED HOME TO WORK IN PHILIPPINES

Washington Regrets Loss of Bridgeporter Known as "Sunshine Man."

(Special to The Farmer.) Washington, Oct. 27.—The Treasury Department has authorized Internal Revenue Collector James J. Walsh of Connecticut and Rhode Island to commission Lawrence J. Gill of Bridgeport as deputy collector for Connecticut at \$2,000 per annum.

Mr. Gill, who was recommended for the place by Congressman Jeremiah Donovan, is now connected with the Division of Manufacturers, Bureau of the Census as a special agent. His work in this department will be ended with the completing of the statistics in a few days. Mr. Gill and another special agent are the last of a large number of agents in their division who were engaged at the beginning of the year to take the manufacturers' census.

Because of his efficiency Mr. Gill, who performed a large part of the field work in Connecticut, was recalled to the bureau in this city where he has been kept busy until the close of the work.

Mr. Gill's splendid work in connection with the census has commended him for his new duties in the Treasury Department. Prior to his coming to Washington he was a member of the Bridgeport Board of Assessors, assistant city clerk, clerk of the Board of Assessors and city sheriff at different times in his career.

At the bureau of the census and in Washington he has made a large circle of friends who regret to learn that he is to leave Washington. At the bureau where several thousand people are employed Mr. Gill's amiable disposition has earned for him the sobriquet of "Sunshine Man."

Mr. Gill has been mentioned prominently for the post of director of the census in the Philippines. He expressed a preference for work nearer home.

FIRST BIG RALLY OF DEMOCRATS AT CASINO TONIGHT

Thomas C. Carroll, Democratic nominee for alderman in the Fourth district, will preside tonight at the joint rally of Fourth and Fifth district Democrats in the Casino annex, State street. The rally will begin at 8 o'clock and a big attendance is looked for, as this will mark the first appearance of the Democratic candidates on the stump in the present campaign.

Alderman Daniel E. Walker, Democratic nominee for mayor, will head the list of speakers, and the other candidates will also make short addresses.

In Eagles' hall, tomorrow night, the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth districts will hold a joint rally at which all of the nominees will speak.

DEMOCRATS HAVE SECOND LEVER ON VOTING MACHINES

Pull the second lever to vote the Democratic ticket at the election next Tuesday. The party candidates will all be on the line after the second lever. Those who desire to vote for or against commission form of government will find that question on No. 5 in the list on the voting machines.

After Saturday afternoon the machines were carted to the various polling places today. The location of the polling places will be found in another column. In each of these polling places demonstrators will be found. Cornelius P. Healy and Leon F. Baker are the machinists who put the voting machines in shape for this election.

After Saturday afternoon the machines will be locked and will not be opened again until they are delivered at the office of the town clerk on the night of election day.

Costigan's License Returned Superintendent Eugene Birmingham is today in receipt of a letter from Secretary of State Charles D. Burnes notifying him that the operator's license of John Costigan of 63 Fremont street, which has been under suspension has been returned to him.

JAMES C. GRACE FOUND DEAD OF HEART ATTACK

Assistant Health Inspector's Death Shocks Host of Friends.

MERCHANT HERE FOR MANY YEARS

Had Been Elected President of St. Vincent de Paul Conference Monday.

Assistant Health Inspector James C. Grace, formerly a merchant in this city, one of the most widely known Bridgeporters, died suddenly of a heart failure today. His death came as a shock to a host of friends among whom the news of his tragic taking off spread with rapidity.

Mr. Grace had gone to the weighing offices attached to the city slaughter house on Asylum street this morning to temporarily relieve Mark T. Sniffen, who was engaged in moving his residence. Upon his arrival at the plant about 9 o'clock he discussed affairs of the plant jauntily with other employees there. He was in conversation with Alois Jehmiller about 10 o'clock when he sighted the approach of the first garbage carts to come to the plant.

He ran down the slight incline between the slaughter house and the weigher's shanty that he might arrive there in time to pass them through without delay.

It was nearly 11 o'clock when other teams arriving at the house, found it apparently deserted. Investigation upon the part of a driver resulted in the finding of Grace's body lying on the floor of the shanty. He apparently had been in the act of washing his hands when he fell backwards and expired.

A call for the emergency ambulance was immediately telephoned to the charities department and responded to by Dr. J. M. Canavan. Health Inspector C. Howard Dunbar also hastened to the scene. The surgeon pronounced Grace to have been dead for some minutes previous to his arrival.

Permission for the removal of the body to the undertaking establishment of Cullinan & Mullins was granted immediately by Medical Examiner S. M. Garlick upon receipt of the facts and the widow and daughter notified at their home, 234 Coleman street.

Mr. Grace, about 55 years of age, was born in New Britain, Conn. He moved to this city nearly 15 years ago. Having had an early training in the meat and grocery business, he soon established himself in business in a small way and continued to prosper until the summer of 1912 when a heavy debt reversed compelled him to withdraw.

His talents and knowledge were at once accepted by the Village Stores Co. and for nearly 15 years he was in charge of their business at 746 East Main street in the capacity of manager. He remained faithfully with his employers until appointed assistant health inspector for the city in 1915.

As a city official he was always thorough and painstaking, continuing to increase the many friendships throughout the city which had always characterized his quiet, frank and sincere personality. Though opportunity afforded for harsh treatment to political enemies, while demanding cleanliness and adherence to the health department rules, he has been known to go far out of his way for other that cause undue hardship upon the rigid enforcement of the laws.

In private life the deceased was quiet and unassuming, yet deeply imbued with the love of home and devotion to the Catholic religion. His greatest enjoyment was spent in the bosom of his family consisting of a wife and only daughter.

Educated in the parochial schools of New Britain, followed by a course of study at Holy Cross College, Worcester, where he was scholastic of Rev. James B. Nihil, his activity in church affairs did much to promote unanimity of spirit in the various organizations attached to St. Augustine's parish of which he was always a devout communicant.

His services in church work were so highly appreciated that Monday he was chosen to the presidency of St. Augustine's conference of the society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Surviving are a widow, formerly Lettie Goodwin, daughter of the late Charles Goodwin, of this city, and one daughter, Lillian, and a nephew, Dr. Edward Grape of New Britain, also three brothers, William, Thomas and Peter. The deceased was a member of Park City lodge, W. O. W.

Dr. Garlick, late this afternoon, pronounced death to be due to cardiac causes. It is significant that Grace in conversation with Miss Grace Dargan, stenographer in the Board of Health offices, yesterday stated that he had never had a sick day in his life.

Court Finds For Administrator In Suit Against Bank

In the suit of John J. Cullinan, administrator, against P. L. Holzer and Frank T. Staples, Judges Scott of the common pleas court today handed down a decision ordering the defendants to pay \$699.39 to Cullinan, as administrator of the George Beck estate. There was some dispute about the ownership of the money which had been deposited with James Staples & Sons.

In the case of Celia Gilbert of this city against Victor Muer, a South Main street merchant, Judge Scott ordered Miller to pay \$2.50 a week for 10 years for the support of the child and also pay Celia Gilbert \$12.50 damages. She alleged Miller was the father of her child.

RUNAWAY BOY IS TAKEN HOME ON HIS OWN TERMS

Michael Morano, aged 14, of 26 Pemberton street, Waterbury, who, one week ago, preferred being sent to reform school rather than back to his parental home in the Brass City, has been taken back to Waterbury by a representative of the Charities Department of that place.

Michael agreed to go upon being guaranteed that he will be carefully watched over and not abused by his father and his step-mother; also that he receive three square meals a day and not be compelled to partake of the "leavings" of the dinner table, as was the case when he ran away early in September.

ROAD RECEIVED GOVERNMENT IN DEAL, IS CHARGE

Dodged Anti-Trust Law in Getting Steamboat Line, Swacker Asserts.

New York, Oct. 27.—When Charles S. Mellen resumed the witness stand today for his sixth day of testimony at the trial of the 11 directors and former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad under the Sherman anti-trust law, Attorney Frank Swacker, for the government, spread before the jury written testimony to prove that the New Haven directors took action to deceive the authorities of Massachusetts at a time when it was seeking to acquire the minority stock of the Old Colony Steamship Co. in 1904.

He read into the records minutes which indicated that the board of directors took cognizance of the fact that the Massachusetts Senate was inquiring into the lease of the Old Colony Railroad by the New Haven and the Old Colony Steamship Co. and that the question of the New Haven's policy in the matter was discussed.

The government alleges that the steamboat stock acquired was temporarily transferred to Drexel, Morgan & Co., J. P. Morgan's Philadelphia house, until legal authority had been secured enabling the New Haven to hold it.

"The chairman called to the attention of the committee," read a minute dated Feb. 27, 1904, "the matter of the proposed purchase of the Old Colony Steamship stock and stated the objections that might be raised to the acquisition of this stock."

He also stated that in view of the inadvisability of this company acquiring the stock in question he had arranged with Drexel, Morgan & Co. for the purchase and ownership by them of so much of said stock as had been acquired, this company to have an option to itself to buy said stock at cost and five percent interest and Drexel, Morgan and Company to be indemnified against loss by reason of said option.

Later minutes indicated that Drexel, Morgan & Company gave their note for the stock for \$500,000 and that the note was exchanged for the stock on October 29.

Mr. Swacker said that the Massachusetts legislature had made it possible for the New Haven legally to hold it.

MRS. LUQUER, NOTED FIGURE IN CROSS CASE, IN COURT

Sues Pawnbroker Alleging He Charged Her Exorbitant Interest.

Mary Luquer of Park avenue, who obtained considerable publicity during litigation over the Hannah Cross case, today in an action she brought against Joseph Lang, the Wall street pawnbroker. She charges that Lang violated the law regarding interest rates when he obtained a loan for her on a \$5,000 bond.

Mrs. Luquer said she went to Lang to obtain a loan of \$300. He said he knew a man in New York who would buy the bond for \$3,500. The next day Lang reported that she would have to pay \$300 for getting the loan. She agreed to this but later says she was unable to recover her bond. Attorney James H. O'Rourke went with Mrs. Luquer to see Lang, who at first denied making any loan.

Later, he admitted the fact but could not reach an agreement with Mrs. Luquer. Judge Case reserved decision.

Disrespectful Scrawl Found on Order Issued By Supt. S. R. Gordon

Spencer R. Gordon, superintendent of the Charities Department, caused to be posted, this morning, a notice at the Emergency hospital, instructing physicians that the Emergency hospital ambulance shall not be used for ordinary transfer cases, unless in the judgment of the ambulance surgeons its use is justified because the cases are emergent or necessary.

It had been posted long before some person without a due sense of the dignity of Mr. Gordon's official position scrawled what purported to be a seal of the city of Cincinnati on the signature of Mr. Gordon. Gordon came to Bridgeport from Cincinnati. There has been considerable discord in his staff of late.

THE WEATHER

Fair and colder tonight, Thursday.

GORDON TO QUIT FOR NEW BERTH IN CIVIC WORK

Head of Charities Department to Take Up Work of Placing Orphans.

KNIGHT SYSTEM ADVOCATED HERE

Staff of Five To Be Employed in Activities Undertaken By Dr. Knight.

Spencer R. Gordon, superintendent of the Department of Charities, who was brought here by the Republican administration on recommendation of his predecessor, Fred R. Johnson, will resign soon.

He is to take charge of the Fairfield county branch of the New England Home for Little Wanderers, which has just opened headquarters here. Mr. Gordon's resignation is temporary in charge of the office which is located in the Security building.

While public announcement of Mr. Gordon's forthcoming resignation has not been made, it is known to many that he has had a change under contemplation for some time. The recent visit by Dr. Frederic H. Knight, superintendent of the New England Home for Little Wanderers, and the subsequent opening of branch offices of that society here, gave Mr. Gordon the opportunity for which he has been seeking some time.

Mr. Gordon has had several clashes with officials of various charitable societies here as well as with city officials. It is known that he has been getting ready to step down for several weeks.

Officers of the New England Home for Little Wanderers are making preparations for an active campaign in this county. Mrs. Wheaton said today that a field corps of five or more workers will be employed in the county which is heavily endowed, but for its aim the placing of dependent children in private homes.

Mrs. Wheaton says that her short stay in Bridgeport has revealed that there is here "a great field" for the work of the society, and already, she says, a number of applications have been received. The applications must be carefully investigated both as to the children who may become wards of the society, and as to the homes in which they might be placed.

The society has offices in all the New England states, except Rhode Island, and maintaining a "sturdy home" in Boston. The office here is the first to be opened in Connecticut.

POLICE SUPPRESS DETAILS OF MANY BURGLARIES HERE

News of Crimes in Bridgeport Brought to Light After Many Days.

It became known today that the Bridgeport police department which has been busy with major crimes and kindred crimes of late, has kept from the public the news of the presence of marauders in many parts of the city and vicinity.

Among the crimes in Bridgeport and nearby which were brought to light today, news of which the police have suppressed, is one at the home of Wm. Schmidt, in Fairfield, when jewelry to the value of \$100 was taken in charge of October 29.

Mr. Schmidt is employed as architect for Samuel H. Wheeler.

The loot was a string of gold beads; gold watch; job with Elks' charm; silver men's watch; gold ring containing four turquoise stones; a wedding ring; assortment of rings and pins and a .32 calibre revolver.

On October 16 Mrs. Martin Quinn of 205 Madison avenue reported the theft of two 3-4 length coats and a velvet rug taken from a clothesline in her yard.

On October 20 Samuel Schneider of 708 Madison Ave., reported the theft of three coats from his dry goods store at 710 Madison avenue.

H. F. Greene an employe of the Hardy Construction company reported property of the Hardy Co., had been broken into in the vicinity of the Brooklyn Country club and tools of the club were stolen.

B. F. Snyder of Milford on Oct. 17 informed the police that a dark overcoat was stolen from his automobile in front of the Algonquin club.

On Oct. 20, the French Dyeing & Cleaning plant at 1957 Main street was burglarized and 3 coats, a dress and a suit of clothes stolen.

Mrs. John Bogart of 1527 Park avenue, reported that on the night of October 16, a white coat was stolen from her automobile in front of the Stratford hotel.

Several large wrenches, the property of Patrick Hughney of 297 State street, were stolen from a new building at Reamer street and Housatonic avenue.

Nicholas Finn of 553 Kosuth street, employed at the Bridgeport Arms Co. under the supervision of the Stewart Construction Co., reported on Oct. 20 a gold filled watch was stolen from his vest.

"BABY DOLL" IN COURT

At the request of Attorney Finklestone, counsel for the accused, a copy of the indictment returned against a bond of \$100 was allowed in the case of William Thomas, alias "Baby Doll," colored, arraigned before Judge Willard in city court, this morning, charged with obstructing an officer and using abusive language.

RECOVERY SUIT OF 'NEW HAVEN' FINALLY CLOSED

Claims Against Directors To Get Back Money Dropped, Elliott Explains.

ONLY BILLARD CASE WILL BE CONTINUED

Stockholders at Annual Meeting Told There is No Hope in Courts.

New Haven, Oct. 27.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co. was held here today with the smallest attendance in several years. President Howard Elliott explained the facts contained therein by giving figures of receipts and expenses for three months ending September 30.

Of the steam road, the revenues increased \$1,509,955 and the operating expenses increased \$42,165. After allowing for taxes and so forth, he said, the net income for the period was \$2,096,048, an increase of \$857,671 over the same period in 1914. On the Central New England railway, the net increase income was \$359,402 and with the New England Steamship company the net increase was \$124,436 over the 1914 period.

For three weeks in October on the steam road the increase in business was \$537,786, on the Central New England \$180,851 and on the New England Steamship Company \$54,820, as compared with the same period in October, 1914.

Referring to the action of the directors in discontinuing lawsuits against the directors and former directors to recover money diverted to other purposes, he said that it was deemed unwise to do anything except in the Elliot case and that this is now pending.

President Elliott said he had believed it wiser to give full attention to management of the property instead of spending time and money away in hopeless and questionable suits for restitution.

E. J. Hill, of Norwalk, offered a motion to adopt the annual report of the directors in the case of the rehabilitation of the property as he saw it in progress.

A. T. French, of Boston, objected to this motion, saying that he with Mr. O'Brien and other directors represented many thousands of shares who do not agree with that part of the statement which refers to abandonment of suits for restitution.

Prof. A. T. Hadley, of Yale, replied to Mr. French saying that the directors did everything possible to get at the legal side of the situation and their decision was a matter of mature judgment.

The meeting applauded Mr. Hadley. Mr. Hadley said that the directors followed the policy of "shoot the bolt" and the Mellon regime was to decide on a policy and find out the facts afterwards.

Motorist, Arrested For Ramming Car, Hits It Second Time

Harry J. Diamond of 250 South 10th street, Brooklyn, was arrested this afternoon charged with reckless driving of a motor vehicle in front of the Stratford hotel.

While driving at a lively pace and collided with the rear of a Jitney car driven by Samuel Carp of 886 Maplewood avenue. His excuse for the collision is that the brakes failed to work properly. While driving his automobile to police headquarters under the escort of two policemen, Diamond's machine again collided with the rear of Carp's Jitney car at Main and Elm streets when the brakes again failed to work properly.

Bonds were set at \$10 (and Diamond was released. He later paid Carp \$30 for damages sustained by the machine as the result of the first collision.

Hotel Guests In Fright As Alcohol Blazes Up In Room

Fire caused by the explosion of a pile of denatured alcohol in the room occupied by Dr. N. Archbold, at the Atlantic hotel today caused great excitement among the guests of the hotel and an alarm of fire from Box 315 at 1:40 p. m.

The blaze, which was confined to room 15, where it burned a portiere between the parlor and bedroom of the suite and small holes in the carpet, did damage estimated at less than \$10.

Manager Robert Deane and Terrence Lee and other attendes of the hotel, did much in restoring the confidence of guests and aided Dr. Archbold in extinguishing the blazing alcohol and curtains before the arrival of the fire department.

Dr. Archbold explained to the management that he kept the denatured spirits in his room for experimental purposes and that through oversight an electric pressing iron became short circuited while in close proximity to the bottle. He was some distance from the burning fluid at the time and thus escaped personal injury.

POLICE DON WINTER TOGS

Superintendent Birmingham today ordered posted a notice informing the members of the Police department that beginning Monday the police will don their winter overcoats of two-breast patterns, also buckskin gloves.

The day men on platoon A will wear belts.

TEUTONS NEARING BULGARS

Direct Communication Between Lines of Allied Armies is Established on East Bank of Danube, Berlin Reports.

Concerted Drive May Be Made at Once—Another German Spy is Executed in London—French Repulse German Attacks.

Berlin, Oct. 27.—Direct communication between the Austro-German forces in Serbia and the Bulgarian army of General Boyadjieff has been established on the Danube river to the east of Brza Palanka, according to the official announcement given out today by the German army headquarters staff.

Bulgarians Capture All Serbian Harbors

London, Oct. 27.—It is semi-officially announced in Berlin today a despatch from Rotterdam to the Daily Telegraph that all the important harbors of Eastern Serbia on the Danube are in possession of the Bulgarians and that further access for the Serbians by way of Rumania is therefore stopped.

The Serbian town of Raduljevac was completely destroyed in the fighting and Monastir is being evacuated by the Serbians.

A despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger asserts that the Serbian fortress of Pirot is completely surrounded.

ANOTHER GERMAN SPY EXECUTED IN LONDON

London, Oct. 27.—Official announcements were made today that another spy had been put to death. The announcement says the prisoner, charged with espionage, was tried recently by the general court-martial, found guilty and sentenced to death. This was the second spy executed and was carried out this morning.

FRENCH DEFEAT NEW ATTACKS BY GERMANS

Paris, Oct. 27.—Another attack was made last night by the Germans in the region of LaCourtaix, where heavy fighting has been in progress for some time for possession of the German salient. The war office announced today that this attack had been defeated. The night was calm on the rest of the front.

GREAT CRISIS NEAR IN SERBIANS' PLIGHT

London, Oct. 27.—The desperate plight of the Serbians, which has been made even sadder by the beginning of the Austro-German and Bulgarian invasions as "an affair of national life or death," is no longer a rhetorical phrase but the literal truth. London's opinion regarding the outcome of the Balkan conflict, which has been colored by reports of the determined Serbian resistance and the difficulties which the invaders are meeting, has now become the subject of a miracle to avert a disaster for Serbia.

Lord Lansdowne's exposition of the Macedonian campaign in the House of Lords yesterday is regarded as an indication that the assistance the allies have been able to offer Serbia is not sufficient to meet her needs. The appeal of the Serbian premier to England "to do everything you can to ensure your troops reaching us as soon as possible" intimates that the resistance of the Serbians is nearing its last stage.

Austro-German and Bulgarian forces are now within 20 miles of each other at southwest and southeast of Belgrade. Invading armies are advancing along a hundred mile front 25 to 40 miles south of the Danube. An analysis of the situation in regard to the Belgrade-Nish-Salonika railroad shows that the Germans command the first 50 miles from Belgrade, the Serbians the next 100, the Bulgarians the next 100 and the French the last 50 miles to the Greek frontier.

Whether free communication between Hungary and Bulgaria by way of the Danube has yet been established is doubtful, but the proximity of the forces of the two countries makes such communication at least imminent.

All despatches continue the intense stubborn resistance of the Serbians. According to accounts which have reached here concerning the capture of Uskup, the Serbians defended every foot of ground furiously and no quarter was given on either side. Although the Bulgarian forces are said to have outnumbered the Serbians 10 to 1, they made only 500 prisoners. All the others fought to the death.

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's tremendous offensive against Dvinsk continues, but thus far has not advanced sufficiently to shake the Russian defenses. South of the Pripiet the Austrians are struggling to regain the initiative. The situation on other fronts shows no material change.