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### Germans Fast As Brussels Population Starves

Paris, May 4.—"The Brussels population is almost starving that German officers may feed abundant," says the Journal des Debats' Brussels correspondent. "Elaborately uniformed and monocled officers stroll the streets and flood the restaurants from noon to late at night, where their gastronomic feats insult the misery around. Establishments there prefer commandeering for their benefit thousands of kilos of flour, meat, fruit and vegetables, which causes a yet more abnormal rise in prices for the public."

"The small bourgeoisie and working classes suffer terribly. Potatoes can not be bought; meat, butter and fats are far too dear for them. The worst sufferers are the women and children, who fill the hospitals exhausted by privation."

### Hard Working Women

Will Find New Strength Through the Use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

It is useless to tell a hard working woman to take life easily and not to worry. Every woman at the head of a home, every girl in offices, shops and factories is subjected to more or less worry. These cannot be avoided. But it is the duty of every woman and every girl to save her strength as much as possible, and to build up her system to meet unusual demands. Her future health depends upon it. To guard against a break-down in health the blood must be kept rich, red and pure. To keep the blood in this condition nothing can equal Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They strengthen the nerves, restore the appetite, bring the glow of health to pallid cheeks, and renewed energy to listless people. Women cannot always rest when they should, but they can keep up their strength and keep away disease by the occasional use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Mrs. A. Rhodes, Hamilton, Ont., says: "A few years ago on coming to Canada, working long hours, and close confinement began to tell upon me. I was completely run down, and finally could do no work. I was pale, suffered from headaches, did not rest well, and felt altogether very miserable. The doctor said the trouble was anaemia, and after doctoring for some weeks without getting any relief, I decided to drop the doctor and take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Very soon I began to notice a change for the better, and by the time I had used a half dozen boxes of the Pills I was again enjoying the best of health. I have never had my return to the sickness and confinement that marked my life than I do now. I give my experience, the proof, that it may be used by the rest of the world. You can get Dr. Williams' Pink Pills from any medicine dealer or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont."

## Germans Dominate Turkish Capital

Rome, May 2.—News leak out mysteriously from Turkey and strangely enough reaches Rome. The sources of information available here are numerous and naturally it would be unsafe to enumerate them.

As a rule the convenient expression "neutral diplomatic sources" is used by the initiated to cover both real diplomatic sources. It must be remembered that in Rome are two sets of diplomats, or rather two diplomatic corps, that accredited to the Quirinal and that accredited to the Holy See, and other channels of information, ecclesiastical, political, military and private. The same expression has to be used to explain the origin of the following information, belated but substantially accurate, from Turkey.

According to information from "neutral diplomatic sources" now available here the German headquarters staff at Constantinople is ominously silent about operations in Armenia. The fall of Erzerum was not officially announced, but it was known all the same at Constantinople, where fugitives from the territories occupied by the Russians arrived shortly after Erzerum had fallen. Those fugitives say that the Turkish troops in Armenia are so demoralized that in most cases they offer no resistance, but retreat before coming in contact with the Russians.

The Turks openly blame the Germans for the Russian successes in Armenia. The Germans, on the other hand, blame the Turks, especially the generals who disobeyed Marshals von der Goltz and von Saunders and refused to follow their plans, but acted independently, with disastrous results. The Germans are now compelled to enforce their orders, and they are striving to raise the morale of the Turkish troops by shooting officers and men at the slightest provocation. The salutary effects of such methods are doubtful since the Turks often retaliate by murdering German officers in isolated places.

All available Turkish troops are now being sent by rail to Angora and Konia, whence two columns are marching eastward to meet the armies retreating from Armenia. As the Turks in their retreat are burning cities, towns and villages, destroying bridges and roads and ravaging the country generally, all the inhabitants are abandoning the region and thousands of refugees are arriving at Denizli, Aidin and Smyrna. All Christians, the Greeks especially, have been ordered to evacuate the regions likely to be occupied by the Russians and they have been sent to Asia Minor, where the Moslems are treating them practically as slaves.

Enver Pasha has just returned to Constantinople from Syria, where he was sent for the purpose of distributing decorations and money among the Arab chiefs, whose loyalty is very doubtful. Together with German officers the Minister of War inspected the lines of defence and field fortifications between Angora and Konia, where the Turks are organizing their chief defences against an eventual Russian advance toward the west.

Meanwhile the Germans continue their systematic depietion of the country. They are exporting regularly from Asia Minor not only live stock and wheat, but also cotton wool, which is urgently needed by the army medical corps in Germany and Austria. The Germans encourage the exodus of the inhabitants from towns and villages which are not immediately threatened by the Russians in order to collect all the foodstuffs and cattle left behind by the inhabitants in their hasty flight.

Since Enver Pasha is held responsible for the war and the alliance with Germany both the Sultan and the most prominent Turkish statesman insist that he should assume command of all the armies in Armenia, Anatolia and Syria, but the Germans refuse to allow him out of their sight, as they consider his presence at Constantinople indispensable for their protection in case of a military revolt. Although Enver Pasha has lost much of his power and influence he is still the most hated man in Turkey, and in case of a revolution the Germans would not hesitate to sacrifice him in order to gain time and escape themselves.

There are more than 5,000 German policemen at Constantinople and a detachment of Austrian artillerymen with heavy guns. All German consuls are armed and trained to defend the German Embassy, where all Germans are to assemble in case of danger. A revolt at Constantinople is no likely to occur suddenly and unexpectedly, as the Germans have organized an admirable

system of espionage and are warned of danger in plenty of time. Besides the household troops of the Sultan are loyal and can be relied upon in any case, so that even if a revolutionary outbreak occurs the Germans are not likely to be the victims, as they will have ample opportunity to escape.

### What Verdun Means.

Why did the Germans choose Verdun as their objective? In the mind of most readers of history and of war news, Verdun is accepted as the the backbone of France, the great barrier which from Luxembourg to Switzerland defended the eastern front of the Republic. It was, and things could not be stronger fortified place in Europe when the war came. Why, then, did the Germans elect to fight here?

The reason is simple. The first months of the war utterly eliminated for ever from the reckoning. The rapid collapse of Belgium, Antwerp and Mauberge demonstrated that the fort failed to keep pace with the times. "What was illusory in the war, in the very days was finally demonstrated" the last summer, when the Russian fortress followed the path of the Belgians and the French. According to the French after the Meuse simply abandoned the fort of Verdun as a defensive position. They left the guns out of them; they moved them to new, concealed positions, and the forts ceased to have real importance. Verdun was only a part in the long trench line running from the North Sea to Switzerland. The forts, save that they provided protection for reserves, had no value. They entered into the system of trenches, and Verdun was defended by men and by guns and by ditches, machine guns like Rheims or Arras.

In the second place, Verdun was the most difficult place in the French line to supply either with men or munitions. Before the war two railroad lines of first importance met at Verdun—one, a double-track line coming from Paris in the direction of Metz; the other coming north along the Meuse valley from the Paris Nancy line. When the Germans took St. Mihiel in September, 1914, the latter line in their retreat from the Meuse the Germans halted at Varennes and Metzfacon, and from those towns the heavy artillery command of the German Verdun line by indirect fire and it ceased to be available.

There was left to the French, then, only one narrow-gauge line cutting north from Bar-le-Duc, a light railway, incapable of bearing heavy traffic because of the grade. Practically, then, Verdun was isolated as far as railroad communication was concerned, and the army defending the Verdun sector was dependent almost entirely upon road transport, upon automobile trucks, or, as the French say, camions. This transport was sufficient as long as Verdun was held by a relatively small force, and was only a fraction of the great front, but would it be sufficient when the main attack was directed at this sector and the Germans massed two thousand guns and a quarter of a million men on a narrow front? Could France maintain or supply an equal number of men and sufficient guns to meet the storm? The Germans believed not.—Frank H. Simons, in The American Review of Reviews

### Kaiser's Subjects Turn Against Him

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was happening to the stores which the United States is sending for the Belgians. I did hear a story which gave me some idea of what is going on. It is the custom for the burgomasters of the smaller Belgian towns to send in a statement of the urgent requirements to headquarters at Brussels. When the supplies arrived in these small places there was, of course, a tremendous demand from the population, but I was assured that before the distribution to the public took place the officers of the German forces there first had their pick. When they had finished there often was not much left for the famished people."

### Tried To Smuggle Food Into Germany

Rotterdam, May 7.—Several members of a German opera company returning home, after a prolonged Wagnerian tour through Holland, were arrested here to day on the charge of smuggling. The charge was based on these discoveries. One woman had a side of bacon around her waist. A hollow spear carried by one of the singers was filled with meringue. Alberich's helmet was filled with butter. Brunnhilde's bosom bulged with soap, her pillow was stuffed with sausages. Her bag was stuffed with flour. Siegfried's boots was padded with 22 pounds of fats.  
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