HUGE AUSTRIAN GUN TRAINED ON RUSS POSITIONS NEAR WARSAW

At the right is seen one of the large Austrian 30.5 cm. guns which were used with such great effect against the Russian positions in the vicinity of Warsaw. At the left several soldiers are seen carting a 500-pound shell along the wooden plank tracks to be loaded into the gun. These Austrian guns are similar in construction to the 42 centimetre Krupp guns used by the Germans.

MICHIGAN NEWS

MICHIGAN WANTS MORE APPLE TREES

Cadilac, Mich.—County Agent James F. Zimmer is beginning the second campaign to have apple trees planted in this section of the state, says a special to the Grand Rapids Press. Last spring more than 25,000 trees were secured at a cost of 10 cents a tree and sold to farmers in Oceana, Missaukee and Wexford counties. A number of wealthy Cadillac men contributed to an "apple tree" fund so that trees might be sold to farmers at less than cost. It is hoped to put out 50,000 trees this year.

FORMER POSTMASTER OF ALPENA DIES

Alpena, Mich.—Frank C. Holmes, former mayor of Alpena and past grand commander of the Knights Templar of Michigan, died recently at Fort Meyers, Fla. Mr. Holmes was engaged in the wholesale grocery business here and was a bank director. Death was the result of stroke of paralysis, which he suffered a month ago. His widow, two sons and three daughters survive. Mrs. Holmes was with him at Fort Meyers. The body will be brought to Alpena for burial.

ARMY WORM CAN DO LITTLE HARM THIS YEAR

Natural Enemy, Tachina Fly, to Check Pest.

East Lansing, Mich.—The army worm, in the opinion of M. A. C. men, is conquered and will not return this summer to ravage Michigan farms. This view is taken as a result of the belief that the tachina fly, the natural parasitic enemy of the worm, has increased sufficiently in numbers to hold the marauding worms in check when they hatch during the warm weather months.

"It may be years before we get such another plague as that of last year," said Dr. G. D. Shafer, assistant professor of entomology. "Of course the army worm is always with us, but under normal conditions is held in check by the parasite. If the worm comes, the farmers will also know how to treat him before any damage is done."

The tachina fly lays its eggs in the worm. The eggs hatch and the larva feed off the living worm, which finally rolls over and dies.

TRADE NOTES

Bahia Blanca, A. R.—The sheep breeders' show at Villa Bordeau proved the most complete event of its kind ever held in Southern Argentina.

Guatemala City.—Japan and then China and Germany have been the leading countries in supplying Guatemala with fireworks. Novelties find a ready market here.

Para, Brazil.—Although the rubber gatherers are paid about half as much for their work as formerly, food articles can now be purchased for one-half the prices.

San Salvador, Salvador.—English candles are in greatest demand here because they are packed attractively and so as to best withstand the tropical climate.

FRENCH TRENCHES IN GEARMAN STYLE

Lieutenant of Engineers Concedes the Kaiser's Defenses are Superior to All Others

Paris (by mail).—French military men are willing to admit in private that they have learned many lessons from the Germans. Few, however, are as frank as a Lieutenant of Engineers interviewed in Paris.

"I have been engaged since the beginning of the war," he said, "in constructing second line trenches, on which the allied forces can fall back in the event of repulse. At first we dug our trenches in accordance with plans that had been carefully worked out by the war department and were believed to be the last word in the sapper's art. But after a few of the German defenses had been captured we began to ask ourselves whether we had ever known our business. The German trenches were infinitely superior to ours. They were at the same time elaborate and simple—elaborate in the protection they afforded the men who had to defend them, yet easy to construct when one had acquired the knack. A notable feature was the system of wooden supports, which made possible the excavation of subterranean chambers for the housing of officers and wounded.

"We were not flattered, I can assure you, to find how badly we had been beaten at our own game. But we decided to put our pride in our pockets and get the full benefit of the object lesson that the fortunes of war spread before our eyes. We commenced to imitate the German trenches slavishly. Today the French army from one end of the line to the other is digging its trenches a la Kaiser, fighting behind Teutonic earthworks, and the result has been a decrease in casualties.

"But this scientific war of moles has led to a deadlock. I do not see how we shall ever be able to drive the enemy from their positions or how they can dislodge us. The loss of life to the attacking forces would be too great. I believe that when the time is ripe, the Allies will commence a voluntary retreat. The Germans will pursue us and battle will be delivered in the open country. Fighting on our own soil, we should win, as we did at the battle of the Marne. That is the only way in which the present intolerable situation can be ended."

The same officer confirmed the rumors to the effect that the Germans had prepared military defenses in France before the war. "I have seen many gun platforms," he said, "on property that had been acquired by the Germans. On the premises of a cement company we found a series of trenches at least a year old. They were on the line of the German advance on Paris."

HELD AS SUSPECT IN MURDER CASE

Clarence Burke.

Clarence Burke, ex-convict and "dope" fiend, is being held by the Aurora (Ill.) police as a suspect in the Emma Peterson murder case. Burke has been booked on a charge of vagrancy, but the chain of circumstances connecting him with the murder is unusually strong and is being run down by the police.

Africa's Prophetess.

A prophetess, believed by the natives to be a spirit able to put on a mortal shape when necessary, has arisen in Swaziland, Africa, and under her orders the people are getting rid of all white things in the country. White goats, white fowls, white vessels for domestic use—all are being disposed of. The natives believe that when everything else white has been disposed of the white men will disappear.

AS ALLIES NEAR CONSTANTINOPLE MORGENTHAU'S TASK GROWS HARDER

Ambassador Henry Morgenthau at his desk in Constantinople.

As the allied fleets approach Constantinople the work of Henry Morgenthau, American ambassador to Turkey, becomes more difficult. Morgenthau is looking after the interests of the allied nations in the Ottoman capital as well as those of America. Fears have been expressed that when it becomes certain the city cannot be saved, excited mobs will seek to destroy the property of English, French and Russians in Constantinople.

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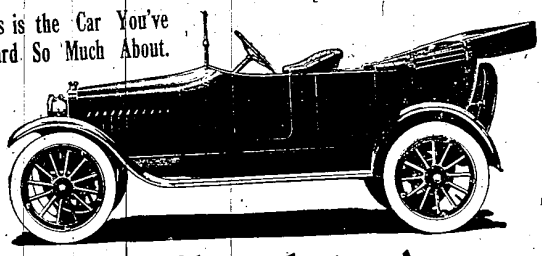

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Bogota, Columbia.—The wireless station at Cartagena has been ordered closed while the European war is in progress. The decree was issued from the interior department of Bolivar.

Buenos Aires, A. R.—Two sailing vessels from Boston are due at this port with big cargoes of spruce and pine lumber. The ships are expected to load with Argentine products.

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