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Sofia, Bulgaria, April 8 (via London).—Two Russian delegates have arrived here to conclude arrangements with Bulgarian railroads for the establishment of direct communication between Russia and Saloniki, Greece.

This is taken to indicate that Russia intends sending land forces to aid in attack on Constantinople.

London, April 8.—Although the French are conducting a sustained and somewhat formidable offensive between the Meuse and Moselle in an effort to dislodge the Germans from St. Mihiel, the southernmost point of their line, the demeanor of the allied armies as a whole indicates a disposition to await the outcome of Russia's gigantic plan to force the Carpathian barrier.

Germany is thought to be pouring troops into Hungary, even to the extent of weakening her forces in Flanders, and the latest Austrian official communication notes the presence and recounts the success of German and Austrian troops in the Labora valley.

Appreciate Russia's Task.

There is less talk in England of the spring advance of the allies in France and Belgium, and an increased appreciation of the task Russia is attempting.

This leads to the belief in some quarters that the leaders of the allied armies in the west, reckoning on the heavy cost incident to smashing the German line there, may perhaps seek only to hold their ground in the belief that the Russians will succeed in in
Dardanelles Attack Continues.

Meanwhile, it is argued, the bombardment of the Dardanelles will be continued as the shortest, if the most costly, method of crushing Turkey.

Rain and fog again have ended bombing since Smyrna again has been bombarded lacks official confirmation and the absence of news from the Dardanelles is taken by some to mean that important operations are under way, the details of which will later be made known.

British forces in occupying Warmbad, German Southwest Africa, as of late, have taken what is considered the southern capital and the terminus of the railway system.

Excluding active military operations, the conditions of munitions and alcohol dominate the public mind in Great Britain.

Tips Mean Bread and Butter.

Chicago, April 8.—Pullman sleeping car porters went on the witness stand before the United States commission investigating conditions and told the commission that what the tipping system means to them is bread and butter.

They could not pay expenses on the road with the salaries, to say nothing of paying rent and maintaining families, they said.

There was another interesting testimony, indicating a statement that Pullman car conductors do not consider it dishonest to "knock down" on seat sales enough to pay their expenses on the road. These expenses average $30 a month and come out of salaries ranging from $70 to $95 a month.

The witness who made this statement was H. H. Sewall of Chicago, a former conductor.

Italy Pushes Preparations.

Rome, April 8.—There has been no outward change in the situation regarding the maintenance of Italian neutrality but military preparations are being pushed with ever increasing vigor. Information obtained from reliable sources, however, is to the effect that negotiations are being continued and that there is hope of reaching a satisfactory understanding so that war may be avoided.

Call Bridge Trust "Pure Fake."

"Pure fake" is the way the officers of the Hennepin Bridge company designate the report of the house special committee which Monday made the assertion that the bridge builders have a trust and "hold up" the various miscellaneous charges of the state on bridge contracts.