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nelles Plan Continued.

Sofia, Bulgaria, April 8 (via Lon-
don).—Two Russian delegates have
arrived here to conclude arrangements
with Bulgarian railroads for the estab-
lishment of direct communication be-
tween Russia and Saloniki, Greece.

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

London, April 8.—Although the
French are conducting a sustained and
somewhat formidable offensive be-
tween 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 disposi-
tion 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 ex-
tent of weakening her forces in Flan-
ders, 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 at-
tempting.

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-

hands with the allied forces working northward through Serbia.

Thus what their opponents regard as the weakest of the Teutonic allies, Austro-Hungary, would be invaded without the loss of life than at attempt to drive the Germans from France and Belgium would entail.

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.

Report that 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 later will be made known.

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

Excluding active military operations, the questions 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 on industrial relations and told the commission just what the tipping system means to them.

It means bread and butter.

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

There was other interesting testimony, including 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 yet is hope of reaching a satisfactory understanding so that war may be avoided.