

# Desperate Fighting Continues in the Region of Shavli But Neither Side Is Able to Deliver a Decisive Blow

## WILL REQUIRE SUPREME EFFORT OF WHOLE NATION

All Parties Must Work Together If Great Task, Victory For Allies, is to be Accomplished

London, May 26.—The Marquis of Lansdowne and A. Bonar Law, both of whom now occupy seats in the coalition ministry, explained to their fellow members of both houses of parliament held at the Carlton Club today the reasons why they decided to join the coalition government.

Mr. Bonar Law read a letter from the Prime Minister in which the Premier suggested a coalition, saying: "After long and careful consideration I have definitely come to the conclusion that the conduct of the war to a successful and decisive issue cannot be effectively carried on, except by a cabinet which represents all the parties in the state. I need not enter into reasons, sufficiently obvious, which point to this as the best solution in the interests of the country of the problems which the war now presents; nor does the recognition of its necessity involve any disparagement, on my part, of the splendid services which, in their several spheres, my colleagues have rendered to the Empire."

"In this great and trying emergency my colleagues have placed their resignations in my hands, and I am therefore in a position to invite you and those who are associated with you, to join forces with us in a combined administration, in which I should also ask the leaders of the Irish and Labor parties to participate, whose common action, without prejudice to the future prosecution of our various divergent political purposes, should be exclusively directed to the issues of the war."

Lord Lansdowne, in opening the meeting, said that ordinarily he disliked coalition governments, but the conditions at present were extraordinary. "The country," he said, "is making the most stupendous effort it has ever been called upon to make. We do not even yet know the dimensions of that effort may prove to be. New theatres of war unfold themselves before us; new developments, some of them of the most sinister and horrible kind, are taking place day by day, and we must, all of us, be convinced that at such a moment nothing but a supreme effort on the part of the whole nation will be sufficient to meet the difficulties and the opposition in front of us."

The country, continued Lord Lansdowne, had already experienced not a few disappointments. There had been shortcomings, miscalculations—some probably excusable, some of them perhaps not. There had been something amiss with the national organization of the country. Supreme Effort of Whole Nation Required.

"We are not sure," said he, "that we are getting enough men, or if we are getting the right men. As to munitions, I will not dwell on that painful chapter. But it is a matter of common knowledge that the failure in the supply of essential munitions, not once, but many times, has interfered with the due progress of the military operations. If this, or half of this, is true, it means that the staying power of the country is going to be taxed as it never was taxed before, and if we are going to pull through it must not be by the efforts of one party or another party, but by the efforts of the whole nation."

Lord Lansdowne explained that the Unionist leaders considered that a general election would have been a national disaster of the first magnitude, and, although their unofficial advice had been accepted by the government, thus throwing some of the responsibility on them, they felt that their share of the responsibility should be full and complete. They had, therefore, accepted the premier's invitation.

A. Bonar Law said that just as the Unionists had decided that there must be a change, he had received a letter from the Prime Minister suggesting coalition, and had immediately replied accepting the invitation. He expressed regret that John Redmond had not joined the government, which, if it was to succeed, must be a national government in reality, as well as in name. The only chance of success was that every member should act as a loyal colleague, and without any idea that the result was to be got by a compromise on any question—Home Rule, the Welsh Church, or anything else which they regarded as vital. They must put aside everything until the war was finished, and regard the war as the only thing they had to deal with. The meeting adjourned without the adoption of any formal resolutions.

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## THE RYNDAM'S PASSENGERS REACH PORT

Holland-American Liner and West Indies Boat Collide in Fog—Both Damaged but no Loss of Life.

New York, May 26.—Seventy-seven passengers, saved from possible death in the chilly waters of the Atlantic, when the Holland-American liner Ryndam collided early today with the tramp steamer Joseph J. Cuneo, off Nantuxet Shoals Lightship, were brought safely to port tonight by the battleship South Carolina, which participated in the rescue.

The Ryndam, conveyed to Ambrose Lightship by the battleship Texas, reached the harbor before her passengers arrived and anchored down the bay. She was drawing thirty-six feet of water and much of her cargo, containing foodstuffs for Holland, valued at a million dollars, was destroyed. A hole in her side below the water line, about the width of a plate, was stopped with canvas. The Cuneo is proceeding to port under her own steam, with a badly damaged bow.

The Ryndam left here for Rotterdam yesterday with twenty first-class, thirty-four second class, and twenty-three third class passengers. The crew numbered about 150. The Cuneo, used in the West Indies trade, left Boston last night for Cuba. Shortly before four o'clock this morning, in a heavy fog, the steamers rammed each other. The wireless help of the Cuneo sent out a "help" signal, which was picked up by several of the Atlantic fleet battleships which were in the vicinity, having just completed their war manoeuvres.

The battleships Louisiana, South Carolina and Texas picked up the call for help and rushed to the scene of the accident. Before their arrival, the passengers and part of the Ryndam's crew had been transferred to the Cuneo.

The Ryndam had a big hole torn in her side by the contact and it was thought she would sink. The fog cleared about seven o'clock and the white-clothed tugs assisted in re-transferring the passengers to the South Carolina. No one was injured in either of the transfers.

Most of the passengers of the Ryndam were foreigners returning home. Only six were Americans.

## BRITISH ARMEN SUCCESSFUL IN RAID AT GHENT

London, May 27.—British aviators have destroyed the big railroad bridge over the Scheldt at Ghent besides wrecking the railroad station and freight depots, says a Rotterdam dispatch to the Mail. The raid is believed to have spoiled German plans for a new railroad centre at Ghent.

**DIED.**  
**THOMSON**—In this city, on Tuesday, May twenty-fifth, Louisa Anne Thomson, aged 71, wife of the late Robert Thomson. Funeral from her late residence, 2 Meeklenburg street, on Thursday at 2.30 p. m.

**PHINNEY**—In this city, on the 25th inst., Annie, widow of William O. Phinney and daughter of Abner and Sarah Secord, leaving her parents, four brothers and one sister to mourn. Funeral tomorrow (Thursday) morning at 8.45 o'clock from her late residence, 138 Sheffield street, to St. John the Baptist church for Requiem High Mass.

**NIXON**—At the General Public Hospital, on May 25th, James D. Nixon passed away, at the age of fifty years, leaving two sons and two daughters. Funeral will be held from his late residence, 249 Brussels street, on Friday afternoon next, at 2.30 o'clock. Boston and New York papers please copy.

Card of Thanks.  
Mrs. John W. Sharp, of 121 Union street, wishes to express through the press her heartfelt appreciation of the many kind expressions of sympathy with her in the recent and sudden death of her husband. These messages of sympathy have been so numerous it will be impossible to answer all by mail, and friends are asked to accept this public acknowledgement of thanks.

## Cossacks Charge Turks -With Sabres and Wipe Out Two Companies

Russians Operating in Caucasus Occupy Mirandub—Desperate Battle on Both Sides of the River San on May 25.

Petrograd, May 26, via London, May 27, 2 a. m.—An official communication issued by the War Office this evening, says:

"In the region of Shavli there has been no important change, but the fighting there continues. "Near Ossowitz, on the outskirts of the village of Sosnia, a German attack was repulsed by the fire of the fortress. In the vicinity of Louza there has been a violent artillery fire in certain sectors."

"On the left bank of the Vistula, on May 24th, and the succeeding night, we repelled many feeble attacks by the enemy. "A desperate battle on both banks of the River San, in the region between Jaroslau and Przemysl, continued throughout the day of the 25th. Between Przemysl and the great marsh of the Dniester river the enemy continued his fierce artillery fire and also brought important forces into action in the sector of Goussow and Krukunka. All attacks in this region have been successfully repulsed.

"In the Trans-Dniester region and in Bukowina there is no change in the situation."

An official communication from the Russian army headquarters in the Caucasus says:

"Our troops have occupied Mirandub. During a fight in the region of Karaderbet 200 Cossacks charged the Turks and sabred two companies of them. "There has been no change in the other sectors."

## OFFICIAL REPORTS

### FRANCE

Paris, May 26.—The following official communication was issued by the War Office tonight:

"The British troops have made a new advance in the direction of La Basse, taking sixty prisoners, and capturing some machine guns. "To the north of Arras, the Germans have continued their desperate efforts to retake, in the region of Angres, the positions which they lost yesterday. The engagement throughout the day was one of extreme violence. "At the Cornailles fortified work, a counter-attack by the enemy at first compelled us to withdraw, but in less than an hour we had reconquered the whole position and we have maintained it since then. "At a neighboring work, further to the south, the enemy, after sanguinary attacks, has taken a part of the north salient, but we have held the west salient and carried part of the south salient. "Between these two works and the road from Aix-Neulette to Souchez our attacks have made progress and we have gained a foothold at divers points in the lines of the enemy, who has not succeeded in recouping any of the trenches captured yesterday by us. "At the northern outskirts of the wood north of the road from Aix-Neulette to Souchez a spirited engagement has taken place, but the respective positions have not been modified. Between that road and the Massif De Lorette, in the Fond De Buval, the violent fire of the enemy's artillery has not been able to dislodge us from the positions taken yesterday, and we have gained new ground on the slopes to the northeast of the Chapel of Lorette. We have advanced about two hundred yards, notwithstanding an intense bombardment in the outskirts of Abelain-St. Nazaire and captured a quick-firer. "At Neuville-St. Vaast, after a very hot struggle, we occupied a group of houses which formed a dangerous salient. The enemy in these various actions suffered very heavy losses. "A German aeroplane which was flying over Paris this morning came into contact with a squadron of the entrenched camp. It dropped bombs, without result, on Villency, near Meaux. Our aeroplanes squadron having been forewarned, waited for the return of the German machine. The Aviatik, which was loaded with four bombs, was brought to the ground by one of our aeroplanes near Brains, in the region of Soissons. The two German aviators were killed. "Our aeroplanes have successfully dropped fifty shells of ninety kilos on the aerodrome at La Drayelle, near Douai. The hangars and machines which were on the ground were struck."

## HERBERT L. SAMUEL BACK IN POSTMASTER GENERAL'S JOB

London, May 26.—Additional appointments in connection with the reconstruction of the government were announced today.

The appointments were nearly all to places outside the cabinet. Herbert L. Samuel, who was president of the local government board under the former regime, has been appointed postmaster-general, a position he held for several years until two years ago.

Frederick E. Smith, who has been director of the official press bureau of the war office, has been made solicitor-general.

Edwin S. Montagu has been re-appointed financial secretary to the treasury.

## TREACHERY OF GERMAN OFFICER PUNISHED

British Officer Gave Him Liberty Because He Had Family at Home, But German Shot Captor in Return for Kindness.

Montreal, May 26.—Captain G. Storey Waller, 16th Service Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers, who was wounded in the head and ankle at the front, arrived in Montreal this morning on the S. S. Northland. He tells of an instance of treachery by a German officer who killed a friend of Captain Waller's after the latter had spared the German's life in the trenches. "My pal shot a German private," said Captain Waller, "and an officer beside him pleaded for his life, saying he was a married man with a family. My pal let him go, but had no sooner turned his back than the German officer shot him. The German officer did not live long himself."

## HALIFAX WILL HAVE EXHIBITION THIS YEAR

Halifax, N. S., May 26.—At a meeting of the exhibition commission and the city controllers tonight, it was decided to hold the provincial exhibition in Halifax. Under an act of the legislature the exhibition has to be held annually otherwise it would have been declared off.

## HUSBAND LED FAMOUS CHARGE AT BALAKLAVA

London, May 27.—The Countess of Cardigan and Lancaster, whose first husband, Lieut. General, the Earl of Cardigan, led the famous charge at Balaklava, is dead.

New York, May 26.—The British steamer Dewa, laden with sugar from Cienfuegos, Cuba, came into port tonight with twenty-eight out of her crew of forty men suffering from beri beri. Since leaving Cuba seven of her crew died from the disease, and were buried at sea. Most of the work aboard the ship had to be done by the officers, and engineers were compelled to go into the stoke hole and help feed the boilers. The Dewa was taken in charge by Health Officer O'Connell, who will remove the suffering men to Hoffman Island tomorrow for observation, and fumigate the ship.

## 'KEEPER OF THE KING'S CONSCIENCE'

From Job of Director of Press Bureau to Lord High Chancellor, Promotion Which Came to Sir James Buckmaster.

London, May 26.—To be promoted in a day from the thankless post of Director of the Press Bureau to "Keeper of the King's Conscience," from Chief Censor—the target of countless critics—to Lord High Chancellor, the highest judicial position in the Empire—with a salary of \$50,000 yearly and a pension of \$25,000 yearly for life, is the change which has come in the career of Sir Stanley O. Buckmaster.

When he kisses the King's hand at Buckingham Palace tomorrow he will receive the great seal turned over to the King today by Viscount Haldane, who established a precedent two years ago by going to Canada, leaving the seal out of the hands of his authorized custodian.

The circumstances of Sir Stanley O. Buckmaster's promotion attracts wide discussion, even in this day of startling changes due to the formation of the coalition ministry.

It is understood that the seal on the wool sack in the House of Lords was declined by Sir John A. Simon, the new head of the Home Office, who preferred a political to a judicial career. His name is already linked in gossip with that of David Lloyd George as a possible Prime Minister some day. Sir John Simon was the Attorney-General, and his declination made way for the Solicitor-General, Sir Stanley Buckmaster.

Sir John Simon is the second man in British history to decline the wool sack, which is the seal of the Lord High Chancellor as presiding officer of the House of Peers. Sir Henry, afterwards Lord James, being the first. Sir Stanley Buckmaster's promotion has caused considerable adverse criticism. It is understood that Sir John Simon will assume general supervision of the Press Bureau, retaining Sir Frank Sweetman and Sir Edward T. Cook, the present assistants.

## FUNERALS.

The funeral of Charles H. Dolg was held yesterday afternoon from his home, 54 Stanley street, to St. John Presbyterian church, where service was conducted by Rev. J. H. A. Anderson. Interment was in Fernhill. Members of Pioneer Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., with which deceased had been identified for years, attended the funeral in a body. Beautiful floral tributes included a wreath from the elders and trustees of St. John Presbyterian church, a star from members of the Sunday school and friends, out of school, a wreath from the children of South Bay Sunday school, and a casket from Pioneer Lodge, I. O. O. F.

The funeral of George E. McRae took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of his mother, in Main street, to Baywater where interment took place. Rev. J. J. McCaskill.

The funeral of Miss Mary E. Gillin took place yesterday morning to St. Peter's church, where requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. E. Walsh, C.S.R. Interment took place in the old Catholic cemetery. Relatives acted as pall-bearers and the funeral was

## DOCTOR SAID SHE HAD BRIGHT'S DISEASE.

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attended by many friends. The funeral of David Taylor took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, Guilford street, St. John West. Burial services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Sampson and Rev. A. J. Archibald and interment took place in Cedar Hill.

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## DECLARATION OF BLOCKADE HUNGARIAN DECLARATION

Latest move of Government cuts all neutral trade with the enemy.

Paris, May 26.—The Italian government today declared a blockade of the ports on the Austro-Hungarian coast.

This proclamation which, like that of Great Britain and France and Germany, will entirely cut off all trade by sea with the enemy, indicates that the Italian fleet has very rapidly work in this sweep of Austrians from the sea.

Asquith and Salandra Exchange Greetings.

London, May 26.—It was announced today that Premier Asquith had sent a telegram to Premier Salandra of Italy expressing his sympathy for the Italian government.

The Italian government, believing Austria-Hungary is utilizing ports on the Albanian coast for commissariat departments, declared today against the blockade of the Austro-Hungarian coast from the north to the Montenegrin coast on the south, including all ports anchorages and bays, and the Albanian coast, from the Montenegrin limits to the north, including Cape Kiephal, on the Albanian coast.

The declaration specifies the physical limits by latitude and longitude.

"Vessels belonging to friendly neutral powers will be allowed to call at the ports, but the chief of the naval forces, in the exercise of his duty, may take such measures as he may deem necessary with the rules of international law and treaties in existence, all vessels endeavoring to cross which succeed in crossing, shall be liable to capture."

Protecting Venice Against Invasion.

Venice, May 26, via Paris (M.).—The military authorities given orders that no lights be shown in Venice between sunset and sunrise that can be seen from the sea. This is a measure of protection against attack by aeroplane.

The aspect of Venice at night has been changed by this order. The lights of the canals and small bridges of the city are dark at night. Old people say it is like it was in the days of youth, when there were no lights and the inhabitants went with torches and lanterns.

Whenever a sailor or a soldier on the street he is appalled by the sight of the Kingdom heartily and call their for success against the enemy.

Returns From Mexico.

George H. Farmer, who has away from the city for the past few years, has returned home and in his mother, Mrs. E. J. Farmer, Main street. Mr. Farmer has a fine and says that conditions are very uncertain.

## Seized With

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To have the nervous system paralyzed, to be unable to walk and to be liable to fall, and then to be completely cured, is not a usual case, but Mr. Hyatt tells in what he has passed through. Doct him his case was hopeless, as they gave up he turned to Dr. Nerve Food and obtained a cure.

Mr. Avery Hyatt, blacksmith, Anna, Lincoln Co., Ont., writes: "I was seized with a nervous condition, and in a few days I was unable to walk or write, and could talk with difficulty. It was a hard matter to stand anything I would say, only a young man, I was not discouraged. Two doctors told me I was brought on by overwork, and I was hopeless."

"One day my father read a 'Chase's Nerve Food, and advised me to try it. I bought 12 boxes, and in a few days I was able to walk and write, and I am now as well as ever."