

GERMAN OFFENSIVE RENEWED ON WIDE FRONT THIS MORNING
Enemy Attacks Between Rheims and Soissons

HEAVY BOMBARDMENT PRECEDED LAUNCHING OF THE INFANTRY ATTACKS; FRANCO-BRITISH FORCES RESISTING OUSLAUGHT WITH ACCUSTOMED VIGOR

Long Range Bombardment of Paris Was Renewed This Morning, Co-incident With Start of Drive; At Least Two of Long Range Guns Have Been Put Out of Commission by French Artillery - Teutons Turn to New Sector

By Courier Leased Wire. LONDON, May 27.—(Bulletin).—Strong German attacks developed early this morning against the British and French positions between Rheims and Soissons, the war office announces.

The attacks were preceded by a heavy bombardment.

The Germans also attacked this morning in Flanders, between Loere and Voormezele, on the northern side of the salient.

The text of the statement reads: "Strong hostile attacks, preceded by a bombardment of great intensity, developed early this morning on a wide front against the British and French troops on the line between Rheims and Soissons and against French troops between Loere and Voormezele.

"There was considerable hostile artillery activity yesterday and last night on the British front."

ON FRENCH FRONT ALSO

PARIS, May 27.—(Bulletin).—Over the front between the forest of Pinon and Rheims, the Germans launched an attack this morning, the war office announced. The French and British troops are resisting with their habitual valiance.

The statement follows: "In the latter part of the night the Germans opened a violent bombardment all along the front between the forest of Pinon and Rheims. This morning an enemy attack is in progress along a very extended front between these two points.

"Franco-British troops are resisting the German

thrust with their habitual valiance. The battle is continuing.

"In the Champagne, on the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) in Apremont forest, and in the Woevre, there was active artillery fighting. During the night the Germans delivered local attacks in the Apremont forest, but were repulsed after spirited fighting in which the Germans sustained losses. Two other efforts in the region of Limey, northeast of Badonviller, also were repulsed. The French took prisoners."

BOMBARDMENT RENEWED

PARIS, May 27.—After a long interval the Germans again began to bombard Paris with long range guns at 8.30 o'clock this morning.

It is significant that the long range bombardment of Paris, which had been suspended for a considerable interval has been resumed just as the Germans are renewing their offensive in the west. The original bombardment was opened on Saturday, March 23, almost coincident with the start of the great offensive in Picardy.

At least two of the mammoth pieces were destroyed or badly damaged some time ago by the French artillery which adopted special measures, in conjunction with airplane observation, to reach them in their location just behind the westerly edge of the Aisne front, more than 70 miles from Paris.

Early this month the long range shelling was suddenly suspended, and on May 16, one of the German newspapers announced that two of the big pieces had been taken to the Krupp plant for repair work. Such huge guns, it was explained, "could not be fired indefinitely without timely repairs."

FREIGHT AND PASSENGER RATES INCREASED IN U.S.

Raise Ordered by Director General to Meet Wage Increases and High Cost of Coal and Other Supplies

Washington, May 27.—To meet wage increases just announced and higher costs of coal and other supplies this year, Director-General McAdoo today ordered railroad freight rates in the United States raised 25 per cent and passenger fares increased to three cents a mile from the present bases of about 1-1/2 cents.

It is estimated that the program will bring between \$300,000,000 and \$900,000,000 more revenues to the railroads within the next year. It represents by far the biggest rate increase in the history of railroads.

The new freight charges which cover both class and commodity rates become effective June 2 and the passenger increase will go into effect June 10.

Issued under authority granted by the Railroad Act to President Wilson, the order provides that the rates on all interstate lower rates effective freight or passenger traffic. Travellers in Standard sleeping and parlor cars are required to pay 3-1/2 cents a mile in addition to Pullman fares and in tourist sleeping cars 3-1/4 cents.

Pullman rates remain the same. Computation and other suburban rates on railroads are increased ten per cent. Fares on electric interurban lines are not affected.

Special excursion, convention and tourists rates with a few exceptions are discontinued, privileges such as stopovers and free side trips are abolished and excess baggage charges are increased.

Both freight and passenger rates on boat lines operated on the lakes, rivers or coastwise by railroads are

DILLON APPEALS FOR COOL HEADS IN CRISIS

Strove to Avert Strife and to Secure True Unity as Long as Possible—Government Action Said to be Unjustified by Statement Made

By Courier Leased Wire. Dublin, May 27.—John Dillon, Irish Nationalist leader, has written a letter to the Nationalists of Limerick, in which he says in part: "Large masses of the youth of Ireland have passed under the influence of the Sinn Fein, are capable of doing incalculable service to Ireland at this moment of terrible need. Your society at Limerick has passed a resolution regretting the introduction of party influence to Ireland during the present crisis. I did everything in my power, even to the extent of incurring blame and censure from some of my best supporters, to avert strife and secure true unity on the basis of a party truce till conscription has been defeated."

Two variant schools of opinion respecting the government's revelations are illustrated by editorials in the Unionist Irish Times and the Nationalist Irish Independent. The former thinks the evidence is conclusive and that the Sinn Fein stands convicted on a treasonable conspiracy. The latter declares the government's evidence is almost purely negative. The Freeman's Journal, Mr. Dillon's organ, after careful examination of the government's statement says: "No one could truthfully describe it as evidence, and no impartial and as justification for the extreme action which the government has taken."

New York, May 27.—John J. O'Leary, a brother of Jeremiah O'Leary, who failed to appear in court last Monday for trial on an indictment charging publication of seditious matter in The Bull, an anti-English periodical, was arrested last night on a charge of conspiracy to obstruct justice in connection with the disappearance of his brother.

John O'Leary, who is a lawyer, was taken into custody by agents of the department of justice. He will be arraigned in federal court today.

A nation-wide search is being made for Jeremiah O'Leary by the federal authorities. Circulars bearing his picture have been scattered broadcast, and a reward of \$250 offered for his arrest.

STORY OF BIG WAR TIME PROFITS BY CANADIAN MILLING FIRMS

Investigation Covering Period of Four Years, Including One Pre-War Year; High Profits Were Made in Face of Taxation—Tax on Net Profits Urged

By Courier Leased Wire. Ottawa, May 27.—A story of big war-time profits by large Canadian Milling companies is revealed in a report issued today by the minister of labor. The report was prepared by Miss B. J. McKenna (Mrs. George Hambleton) formerly of the cost of living branch, labor department. Made at the instance of Hon. Mr. Crothers, the report is based on investigations covering the period between 1913 and 1917, and therefore for purposes of comparison includes a pre-war year. It shows that in 1917, as compared with 1913, large milling companies heavily increased their net profits even after allowance had been made for war tax. It indicates further that the limitation of profits to 25 cents per barrel of flour does not effect the purpose for which it was intended in that with increased production even the profit per barrel of flour limited for war tax. It indicates further that the limitation of profits to 25 cents per barrel of flour does not effect the purpose for which it was intended in that with increased production even the profit per barrel of flour limited for war tax.

"It is clear," the report concludes, "that the only way to reach the profits of the milling companies is to increase the tax on the net profits on total investment for the year."

The report covers over sixty typewritten pages. It aims to show in detail how profits have been derived and disposed, what proportion of a company's capitalization is represented by actual investment, what the profits per barrel of flour are, and what revenues are derived from option trading in wheat before the price of wheat was fixed. Increased profits, the report indicates, are due largely to increased production and increase in turnover which in 1917 was two to three times that of the pre-war year, although in most cases, there was some increase in the profit per barrel of flour.

While dealing more specifically with the larger companies, the report, however, states that smaller companies, producing less than 100,000 barrels a year would find difficulty in surviving on a profit of 25 cents per barrel. Companies producing between 100,000 and 500,000 barrels a year would probably make a moderate revenue on such a limitation, while the large companies would make an excessive profit. Large companies, proceeds the report, have on less than 25 cents per barrel made net profits of unprecedented amounts. Therefore the only equitable way of reaching all classes of milling companies is by a tax on the net profits for the year.

The increased profits, the report continues, "have been disposed in various ways. In some cases, as with the Maple Leaf Milling Company, dividends have been paid on common stock for the first time. In other cases already substantial dividends have been increased as in the case of the Ogilvie Flour Mills company. The Ogilvie Flour Mills Co. Profits of

TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE

Indian in Jail for Robbery Vainly Attempted to Hang Himself

Elijah Lickers, nineteen year old Indian youth of Hamilton, who was recently sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for highway robbery, and who since has been lodged in the county jail, made a rash attempt to commit suicide about 2 o'clock this morning. While working on the jail grounds, Lickers had picked up a piece of rope and secreted it on his person. Last night he tied this to the window

FINLAND READY TO MAKE PEACE WITH RUSSIA

Representative of Germany to Participate in Preliminary Discussions

PEACE WITH UKRAINE Conference Begins Wednesday—German Policy is Alienating Friends

By Courier Leased Wire. Moscow, Tuesday, May 21.—(By the Associated Press)—Count von Mirbach, the German ambassador has advised the Soviet Government that Finland announces her willingness to enter into peace negotiations with Russia. A representative of Germany will participate in the discussions.

The peace conference between Russia and the Ukraine is to begin Wednesday. Germany has appointed Baron Mumm von Schwarzenstein, ambassador to the Ukraine, as its special representative. He will have almost dictatorial authority in disputed questions, especially those involving boundaries.

PROMISES NOT FULFILLED. Moscow, Monday, May 27.—By the Associated Press)—German promises to send manufactured goods to the Ukraine and other occupied territories have not been fulfilled. Agricultural tools have been supplied in limited quantities to some sections under condition that a large percentage of products be given to Germany. No textile and leather or rubber articles have been provided. Instead, Germany is buying all kinds of clothes and leather even in Moscow and shipping it to Germany. Photographic supplies, small mirrors, knives, cigar lighters and other novelties make up a great part of the goods sent to Russia by Germany.

Unrest is becoming acute through Germany's heavy levies upon the food supplies without the exchange of promised clothes and shoes and hardware. Russian merchants now realize they were duped.

CAN'T BE PURIFIED

This is the Fourth Statement of Dominion Co.'s President with Reference to the Tilbury Gas

Mayor MacBride, Ald. Clement and City Solicitor Henderson journeyed to Buffalo on Saturday in connection with the gas situation. They met Mr. Davidson, General Superintendent of the Dominion Company and he frankly told them that in his opinion he did not believe that the Tilbury supply could be purified. They had spent some thousands of dollars at the Glenwood plant in connection with this effort but without result. Some other members thought that the trick could be accomplished but he didn't.

The proposition was put up to him establishing a new refinery plant on the outskirts of the city for the purpose of endeavoring to remedy the trouble for Brantford, and he promised to have his board consider that. The Engineer engaged by the city will report on this phase of affairs and if he says it can be done the municipality will back it.

Mr. Davidson demonstrated to the satisfaction of the visitors that the taking up of the pipes leading to the Belkirk field was warranted inasmuch as supply there is played out. There is also the chance of another pure gas field developing in this vicinity.

While in the Elson City the market question was looked into, a subject in which Ald. Clement manifested special interest. There are four gas wells there for retail purposes, all covered and several valuable pointers were secured. Some information was also obtained regarding coal matters.

PRELIMINARY INTRIGUE

Dublin, May 27.—The Rev. MacLachlan MacBranan has given out the following signed statement: "As a priest and a member of the Sinn Fein executive for the past year, I give you my word of honor that the government's official statement that negotiations have been carried on between the Sinn Fein executive and the German invasion was never discussed by Sinn Fein executive committee."

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WEATHER BULLETIN. Toronto, May 27.—Since Saturday thunderstorms have been general in Ontario, while in the west the weather has remained very cool attended by a few light scattered showers of snow or rain. Forecasts. Moderate variable winds, partly cloudy to-day and on Tuesday with some showers and local thunderstorms.