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# AERIAL INVASION OF BRITAIN IMPENDI

American Labor Pledges Loyalty to Government

Russ Dukes Arrested; Held as Conspirators

Foe May Launch Air Offensive on England

## Significance of Recent Nightly German Raids

FALLS TO ITALIANS

Moonlight Raid Over Lon-MONTE SAN GABRIELE don Last Night Resulted in Little Damage---Aerial Offensive May be Planned Cadorna's Forces Continue Victory March Against

By Courier Leased Wire.

-London, Sept. 5.—The first moonlight air raid over the London district ocurred about midnight last night and resulted in the dropping of bombs, but the full extent of the damage is yet unknown and no casualties have been reported.

ed through a theatre and still another hit a retail store in which a number of girls were sleeping. Notwithstanding the moonlight, nothing could be seen of the raiders, although their engines could be heard overhead. That they were invisible was perhaps due to a slight haze, which, however, was insufficient to obscure the moon. The raiders were constantly shelled by antti-aircraft guns and several British machines took the air to attack

The streets were practically deserted at the time of the raid, it being long after theatre hours. The few late street cars that were running either put out their lights or stopped. A mesage from the southwestern district says that apparently the invaders crossed the North Sea in three successive groups and that all were severely

crowds until the early hours today inspecting the damage from last night's air raids over the London district. More bombs appear to have fallen in the streets than hit buildings. The Chronicle estimates that eight or ten raiders visited I ondon.

There were two separate attacks over the London district, the second occurring about 1 o'clock this moraing. Some people claim to have seen a half dozen airplanes, but they were a half dozen airplanes, but they were quickly lost sight of in the haze. Aftr dropping bombs the raiders flew seaward. One machine was located by searchlights at an estimated height of 9,000 feet. It was severely shelled and onlookers declare that it was hit. At the same time British airplanes were seen manoeuvring for an attack on the raiders.

"Has Germany got her great air offensive ready for us?" is a question asked by a morning paper apro-pos of the invasion of England on three successive nights, and Field Marshal Haig's overnight report of aggressive enemy aircraft. Another paper, which assumes and frequently warns of Germany's intention to invade England with aircraft in very large fleets, says:

"The enemy seems to be getting on rather fast with her invasion plans. The German aircraft came, bombed and departed. Our guns fired and our aircraft went up, but without result, according to the latest official reports. This is the ninth serious raid this summer of 127 machines which have crossed our coast, Germany admits the loss of seven. The paper refers to the growing casualty list and the relative immunity of the invaders and adds:

ing party was driven off by the fire of the nation."
of rifles and machine guns last night "It shall be in the vicinity of Armentieres," says to-day's official statement. "A raid

### WEATHER BULLETIN

5-The Atlantic storm is moving from the west. Manitoba

has occurred in Alberta. Forecast

One bomb fell just outside a hospital, another smash-

shelled both arriving and returning.

London, Sept. 5.—The streets were filled with curious

American Motives For Entry Into War Are Heartily Endorsed

Minneapolis, Sept. 5. — Samuel ompers, president of The American Federation of Labor, and chairman ganatic wife, have also been taken into custody. The reported arrest of Grand Duke Dmitri of the American Alliance for Labor Paulovitch is as yet unconfirmed. The arrests are the result of suspected complicity in the and Democracy, which opened its na-"It cannot be said that we are getting on with our invasion plans faster than the enemy."

Enemy Repulsed

Ene Enemy Repulsed
London, Sept. 5.—A hostile raidmaterial power of the working class

"It shall be our task to interpret merely asking the reason. The assistant commander stated that it was by order of Premier America's democratic spirit and purpose in this conflict to our fellow bis wife. It appears that several days ago a search was made of the residence of Grand Duke by the enemy at a later hour against positions held by Portuguese also was unsuccessful. The German artillety was active in the neighborhood of which tends to weaken the description of the propaganda, no matter by whom it may be done, which tends to weaken the propaganda of the residence of Grand Duke Michael in Finland, which was occupied by him during his presence there. A Colonel Dietz was also arrested at Gatchina:

The minister of justice refused for the present to sure successful. the loyalty and devotion of the masses and their willingness to strive According to some of the newspapers, however, the headquarters of the monarchist conspiracy and sacrifice for the nation and its is in Crimea, where other Grand Dukes and Duchesses and the dowager empress reside under high purpose," said Mr. Gompers.
In a declaration of principles Mr.

moving towards which it is engaged.
the Great Lakes "No national selfishness impelled this republic to enter the war. The Rain has fallen in impelling motive was the consuming idealism born with the establishment Manitoba and of this republic itself to preserve parts of Saskat-freedom not only for itself, but for chewan and frost all nations, great and small, and the the free democratic nations of the world respect and observe and only Forecast the brutal autocracies seek to dis-Winds, increasing to gales from honor and destroy. In such a conDemoralized Austrians; Great Offensive For **Trieste Now Bearing Fruits** 

London, Sept. 5—A dispatch received in London confirms the capture by the Italians of Monte San Gabriele, together with 950 prisoners, including 32 officers. The Italians now possess the entire chain of mountains which dominate Gorizia.

Udine, Italy, Tuesday, Sept. 4—It is impossible thus far to give even an approximate idea of the immense quantity of booty which has fallen into the hands of the Italians since the beginning of their advance. The materials captured show the precipitation with which the Austrians fied all along the line of attack. On the Bainsizza plateau, near Santo Spirito and Laska, whole convoys of arms and munitions were abandoned in such haste that there was no time to destroy them. At one strewn everywhere. Some of the caverns are still packed with Austrian dead lying one on another. The bodies are being buried gradually.

Mule paths and the adjacent side hills are littered with unexploded projectiles which the fugitives threw away, together with daggers, swords and iron studded maces used for dispatching the wounded. On Hill 652, the Italians captured three 102-millimeters cannon. Two of them were perfectly serviceable and the Italians turned them on the fleeing enemy, firing 1,000 shots.

Italys long years of preparation, cation with each other. With and General Cadorna's strategy and taking of Monte San Gabriele

lacking, there seems little reason to question despatches from various ources that Monte San Gabriele, the last of the Austrian strongholds in the Gorizia district, has been taken by the valorous Italian troops; glv-ing them possession of the entire

This eminence, in fact, has been virtually at the mercy of the Italians since the fall of Monte Santo, its neighboring stronghold. Now that they have taken it, the way seems cleared for General Cadorna to com-plete his domination of the Bainizza plateau and push on into the Chiapa-veno valley, driving a wedge in be-tween the Austrian northern and southern armies on the Isonzo front and severing their lines of communi-

By Courier Leased Wire.

has been degraded and his re-

Italys long years of preparation of Monte San Gabriele the and General Cadorna's strategy and ability as commander continues to capture of 950 prisoners, probably all bear fruit in the great offensive the Italian armies are now waging for with 32 officers, is reported.

On the Franco-British front, the German lines in Flander is causing the Germans to contemplate abandoning a wide expanse territory there now being swept in General Haig's big guns and those

PHONE THE COURIER. Heavy casualty lists from the battle of Lens are being received daily new, and it is the desire of The Courier to keep as close record as possible of all Brant county men who shed their blood at the front. The next-of-kin of soldiers injured or killed are notified of the casualties a day or two be-fore the name appears in the official list, and by telephoning taking the quickest, surest and convenient way of communicating the news to m

Michael and Paul Taken Into Custody by Provisional Gov

Petrograd, Sept. 5.—In addition to the arrest of Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, bro-

ther of the former emperor, and his wife, the Countess Phlan, the Grand Duke Paul and his mor-

soldiers at the Tsarkee Sslo, read the order of arrest to Grand Duke Paul, who submitted

his wife. It appears that several days ago a search was made of the residence of Grand Duke

The minister of justice refused for the present to give out any facts concerning the arrests.

General Haig's big guns and those of the French co-operating with him in the Belgian campaign. The launch-ing of the next Entente push here is apparently imminent and as a meas-ure of preparation the Germans are reported to be removing the civilian population of a district extending 12 miles or more to the east of the pres-ent front in West Flanders, as far as Thourout-Courtrai line, embracing an area of some 200 square miles.

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One theory advanced for the reported evacuation is that the Germa command, dreading the effect of new drive, is preparing to flood the low lands by diverting water from the River Scheldt, thus blocking allied progress. Another supposition is tha the present lines firmly enough, are

### **Detailed Story of Raid Over** Chatham Naval Barracks, Resulting in Death of Over a Hundred Seamen

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Sept. 5.—The Chatham district for the first time experienced an air attack on Monday night when one or more bombs fell on a section of the Royal Naval Barracks, killing 107 blue jackets outright and wounding 86 others. Four bombs in all fell about the barracks, but two were harmless and in fact apart from those which took such a heavy toll of lives the damage in the whole area was insignificant. The barracks was fitted with sleeping hammocks and a majority of the men were asleep at the time of the attack.

The first indication of the presence of raiders was the sound of engines overhead. The presence of high powered engines overhead did not much alarm because notices had been published earlier in the evening that anti-aircraft practice would be carried out that night and when the guns began firing it was assumed that the practice was in full swing. Then came the unexpected. Loud explosions were heard in one part of the district and then in another. The explosions then ceased, but after a few minutes they were heard again and judging by the sounds it seemed that the air raiders had circled the town. In all about 17 bombs were dropped and the raiders are thought to have been over the district nearly an hour. Searchlights sought out the raiders but the raiders. hour. Searchlights sought out the raiders, but they failed to locate them, the visibility being low owing to a slight haze, notwithstanding the moonlight. Immediately following the explosions in the barracks rescue parties were organized and the wounded were removed to hospitals, one of which came very near being a target for a

Coalition Government

ernment-Plan Alleged to Revive Royalist Spirit in By Courier Leased Wire.

"Whether union government is consummated or not, it is likely that four at least of the western war liberals will run as independent war land and dates supporting the war policy heavy, that did the damage. We

"Dr. Michael Clark, Red Deer, who, despite his announcement that he intended to retire, will likely enter the field; Mr. W. A. Buchanan, member for Lethbridge; J. G. Turriff the wounded to hospitals and the member for Assinaboia and Albert Champagne, member for Battleford. Phese four members have so broken tically certain now to be accepted as Borden candidates."

## **RUSS RETREAT**

Berlin, Sept. 5.—Duenamuende, on the Riga front, which was evacuated yesterday by the Russians, has been captured by German forces, the War Office announced to-day. (Duena-Office announced to-day. (Duenamuende lies at the mouth of the Dvina, north-west of Riga). The heavy coastal guns there fell undamaged into the hands of the Germanse

Discipline prevailed completely over any natural tendency at alarm n the barracks. All survivors were nstantly at their quarters and the greatest coolness was shown. A naval man, who was in the barracks at the time, gave the following account of

"Most of us were asleep in our hammecks in the dormitory, which was in the large drill hall. We had no warning of any kind. Two clocks, which were blown into the adjoining Duty of Party To Share In parade grounds, stopped at 11.12 o'clock, showing the hour of the explosions. I have been in some scraps, but I did not dream that anything so sudden could happen. Be-Toronto, Sept. 4\_The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto News says
to-day:

thing so sudden could happen. Before we knew what was happening,
the roof was lifted off the shop. "Whether union government is blown into the air and fell in a erais will run as independent war candidates, supporting the war policy and leadership of Sir Robert Borden were dashed out of our hammocks to and will be endorsed as government the floor and all mixed up in broken glasses. The men on either side of the wounded to hospitals and the bodies to the gymnasium, which was

Another man sleeping in a different section of the dormitory, said that he did not wait to put on his shoes and did not know that he was walking on broken glass until long afterwards, when he found that his feet were bleeding. Still another man with a piece of glass in his head, did not know it, the shock of the explosion being so great, and a man plosion being so great, and a man who was blown across the parade ground and who alighted on his feet, declared that he did not feel any the worse for his experience.
Some of the injured died during

the night and the survivors complain bitterly about their companions be-ing killed without any opportunity to strike back.

Dvina, north-west of Riga). The heavy coastal guns there fell undamaged into the hands of the Germans.

Petrograd, Sept. 5.—The Russians continuing their retreat along the course of the Gulf of Riga, toward the northeest, have crossed the Livonian River, the War Office announces. The Russians forces operating in an easterly direction from Riga, have retired from Sagvold, Lemburg and Detressubrayd. The announcement states that the hostile ships which have been shelling he Riga Coast was killed.

strike back.

"If we have to die, we want to die fighting," one blue jacket said. "Most of us have been fighting and we want another go af the Huns."

A remarkable feature of the raid was that comparatively few people in the bombed areal were aware that there had been an attack until they arose the following morning. One bomb struck a small cottage, one of a row. The tenant and his daughter who went into the garden to see what was happening escaped in fury, but the wife remained in the house, and was killed.

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south and southwest, showers and flict real standard bearers of de-thunderstorms to-night. Thursday, morracy and true internationalists high westerly winds, clearing. (Continued on Page Five.)

Moral and Material Power of Working Class to Support Government

COMBAT PROPAGANDA

By Courier Leased Wire.

Gompers said: towards the bank of Newfoundland.

Another storm is nour power to win the war in the control of the control of

In a declaration of principles Mr.

In Crimea, according to the newspapers, there has been recently founded a society under "We assert at this time our unthe name of Forward for the Czar and Holy Russia, which was detected organizing and train-

Petrograd, Sept. 5.-General Gurko, former commander of the southwestern front, charged with treasonable conduct toward A False Lenine the revolution, will be exiled from Russia. General Gurko, according to reports, is the first person against whom such a measure has been taken by the revolutionary government. He will be permitted to choose the place of his residence, and will be given three days in which to arrange his affairs. Gen. Gurko

Army-Gurko to be Exiled

quest for a new inquiry into his acts has been refused. He will be followed into exile by his

Speaking at a private meet-nig of members of the Duma, Valdimir H. Purishkevich made a statement that Nikelai Lenine, the Radical Socialist leader, died in 1916, at Zurich, and that the person known in Russia as Lenine is one Zaderblun, a former friend of Lenine.

A commission has been ap-

draft a law for the summary punishment of treasonable acts "in the rear," which is intended to include all Russia.

Livestigations

Petrograd, Sept. 5—The testimony of M. Gutchoff president of the Third Duma, against Colonel Masiavioff in the trial of M. Soukhomlinoff, former minister of war, and his wife, was answered yesterday by M. Soukhomlinoff, who declared that he had no reason to suspect the colonel of being a spr. Continued on Page Four