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FRENCH WITNESS MORE SUCCESSFUL BEGIN OFFENSIVE ON AISNE Italy Arranging to Join Allies in War With Germany AUSTRIANS, BEATEN ON 100-MILE FRONT, RETREAT TO PRUTH

U.S. ULTIMATUM TO KAISER PUTS ISSUE CLEARLY

"Strongest Ever Seen," Verdict of Ex-British Cabinet Minister.

CLIMB DOWN OR WAR

Germany Expected to Use Every Ruse to Escape Definite Reply.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, May 14.—The Tribune interviewed a famous ex-cabinet minister today and asked his opinion of the Lusitania note, then just printed. He had not yet seen it and read it with amazement. "Whew!" he exclaimed, and said: "This is the strongest ultimatum that I have ever seen. The loophole it gives to commanders committing the acts under a misinterpretation of orders makes it nearly impossible for Germany to accede to the demands contained therein." He continued: "The note is one series of sledge hammer blows. The man who penned it must have supreme confidence that the entire nation was behind him. It sets a new precedent in international intercourse. The question now is whether Germany will dare make the note a question of peace or war, will it make the best venture to set itself against the entire civilized world. I cannot help thinking that even the Germans will hesitate before making such an alienating the people of the United States and dispute all their contemptuous indifference to all considerations of humanity in war. To Make Germans Quail. "I still cannot help feeling that they will quail before the moral censure of the American people, for it is the fact that the mere fact that they attempted in a hundred ways to create friction (Continued on Page 3, Column 1).

AMERICA FIGHT? NO! SAYS COLOGNE PAPER

Uncle Sam's Specialty is "Fighting With Words," is Comment.

AMSTERDAM, May 14.—(Via London)—The Cologne Volks Zeitung, commenting upon expressions of American opinion concerning the sinking of the Lusitania, says: "Americans are very prone to criticize without any expectation that such fighting with words will make any great impression on those whom they denounce. They feel relieved when they have given frank expression to their irritation. In fact, however, war is most unpopular, because it requires so many sacrifices and destroys business."

There is no need, therefore, to apprehend that America will join the war against us, but it may be taken for granted that the wave of anti-German hatred will continue to rise still higher. We deplore, but we cannot prevent it. Anti-German feeling is a product of agitation. It slowly mounts, and will also slowly subside."

WHERE DID NICKEL COME FROM?

LONDON, May 14.—The Swedish steamer Augusta, from New York, April 19, for Copenhagen by way of Kirkwall, was diverted by the British authorities to Leith, Scotland, where she was ordered to discharge 50 tons of nickel plate, which is now in the hands of a prize court.

A Big Day Today

There are all kinds of attractive hats at Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, that will make this an even bigger day than usual. In view of the races and the holiday there is sure to be heavy business and extra help has been secured to adequately cope with the excitement of the season is soft felt pearl and later on. Dineen's are selling large quantities in best qualities, priced as low as \$2.50. Silk hats in all the new styles, priced from \$5.00 to \$10. Store open till 10 tonight.

Berlin Will Receive American Note Today

Communication Was Delayed in Transmission and Ambassador Gerard Will Make Delivery This Afternoon.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The American note to Germany was delayed in transmission, and was not telegraphed from Rome until 3:40 p.m. today, so that it probably will not be presented by Ambassador Gerard to the German Foreign Office until tomorrow. This was announced by Secretary Bryan tonight. The state department received a message from Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page at Rome, saying the note was received there at 2 p.m. today, and was immediately copied and forwarded to Berlin at 3:40. It should have reached Berlin late this afternoon, but the time required for deciphering is expected to delay its presentation until tomorrow.

BRITAIN AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS FROM U. S. NOTE

Majority of People Believe U. S. A. Will Be Dragged Into War.

FIRMNESS ADMIRER

Moral Effect of Having America in Background Tremendous Factor.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, May 14.—England now awaits developments between Germany and America. It is realized that war or peace depends now, as it did then, upon what those in power at Berlin decide. President Wilson's note is greatly admired. It is considered a splendid document, firm enough, courageous enough, not too weak, not too strong, but embodying America's insistence on the protection of her own rights and satisfaction for the wrongs done. Germany's course is being awaited with the keenest interest. Many believe that America is in for war. They consider that Germany will obstinately refuse to accede to the United States demands, if she does refuse then war is the only recourse in the opinion of England. There is much speculation here over the amount of assistance that America might render. It is common talk that the allies would be better off if America were not in, as if she participates the American supply of munitions to the allies must cease. Those thinking thus do not consider, as do the military people, that not only will the allies get all that they are now getting but that the American Government's munition factories will be thrown into the common lot, nor do they fully consider that the moral effect of having America's millions of men and money in the background will be a tremendous factor.

SHIPS BOMBARD TURKISH FORTS NEAR NARROWS

Good Progress Made in Reducing Batteries at Dardanelles.

FIRING DAY AND NIGHT

Chief Naval Operations Appear to Be Directed Against Asiatic Side.

BY GEORGE RENWICK.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, May 14.—(Via London, May 14)—During the past few days the Dardanelles operations, as seen from this point of view, have been directed to a large extent against the Asiatic side of the waterway, but the position of the land forces, to judge by the localities shelled by the ships, does not seem to be greatly altered. A stubborn and continuous struggle seems to be in progress between the British and Turkish troops on the southern slopes of Treppezak. Sailing beyond Imbros, across the entrance of the Dardanelles on Saturday, I could see warships engaged in shelling the positions beyond Kithia. Peak five miles inland from the western promontory of the peninsula, very heavily. For some time as I watched, the whole of the enemy's position was ringed round by huge columns of smoke and evil caused by the bursting of shells from the men-of-war.

Uncle Sam Must Help to Capture the Madman.

Can the Kaiser answer President Wilson other than in a defiant way and by a "Mind your own affairs; I'm minding mine"? And if he does, can the president do other than "hold him to a strict accountability"? The Kaiser is arraigned in the dock, is called on to plead. Up to date he has acted as an outlaw; now he must answer the millions who will judge him. He can't dodge; he may defy. But the trial will go on. And in the meantime the American warships may be moved across the ocean and into the sea, and great guns opened. The review of the American fleet off New York harbor has a more than timely flavor. Von Tirpitz, the great German admiral, may seek the sea, and so may his sisters, etc. The Kaiser could frame up something out of the president's demand by which he might seek to save his face and get out of the mess that awaits him. We think, however, he will prefer to continue in his defiant mood and challenge all the world. A madman has no reason, shows less reason, the nearer his keepers approach. It will be a case of such a madman, and that is the view that the other nations ought to take. First catch the madman, and catch him for good. And that is the only course open to Uncle Sam. That versatile individual is already in the hunt after the wild man, and will and must take his share of it.

Italy Will Wage War On Teutonic Alliance

Russian Official Announcement Thru Washington Embassy Refers to Decisive Step Italy is About to Take Against Germany, Austria and Turkey.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 14.—Italy has come to an agreement to enter into the war on the side of the allies, since her ministerial crisis may delay her taking the final plunge and crossing the Austrian frontier. Strangely enough, the first official word of her intention comes from Russia in a communique given out thru the military attaché of her embassy at Washington. The occasion of this official statement was the denial of the big German claims of victory in Western Galicia. These were made, the Russian Government affirms, to intimidate Italy. The exact wording of the statement from Petrograd is: "The boom about the great victory in Galicia seems to be intended to raise the spirits of the public in Germany and to restrain Italy from the decisive step she is now about to take." It is Turkey that is bringing Italy into the war, for future Italian hopes of expansion will be killed, if Italy gets no share of Asia Minor. Italy is also desirous of obtaining the port of Trieste which does an immense business in the near east, chiefly with cheap German goods, which neither British nor French manufacturers deem it worth while making. The Transference of Trieste to Italy would bring about the transference of this near eastern trade to her and would deal a big blow to German commerce after the war. The occupation of Trieste and other Adriatic ports would also make the Adriatic Sea an Italian lake. This is deemed necessary for Italy's future defence.

A New Race Suicide

What mean these anti-German riots since the Lusitania was torpedoed? In the British Isles, in Italy, in South Africa, the people are ready to wreck German property, to attack Germans, to chase them out of the country. The meaning is that Germans have put the brand of Cain on themselves by slaughter of innocent men, women and children, non-combatants; by destroying inoffensive neutrals or non-combatants journeying by sea, the world at large. For this the Germans will never be forgiven in the lives of living men and women. German professors have closed the doors of all other countries to themselves; their books, their work even is discredited. Nor can a German ever pretend to be a gentleman hereafter or any German artist a citizen of the world. Art will not speak a hated tongue. The most hospitable homes in the world—the country houses of England—are closed to guests who proved to be spies. German servants will look in vain for employment in the world at large. Native races will not trust German adventurers in the darkest continents. You can't be a Hun or an apologist of the Hun methods and not incur public odium; and as a consequence many innocent persons may be unfairly stigmatized.

The great German population of the United States have had their loyalty questioned by a hyped name imposed on them by their fellow citizens. There never was such a castigation administered to a nation and the apologists in articles written these past months by the educated men of Great Britain.

The most stinging philippic of the world has yet to be hurled at the two-faced head of the House of Hohenzollern; but it will be written sooner or later, and Nero's record will be defunct as a consequence. No responsibility will ever be again placed on the Kaiser's shoulders. The Kaiser and his sons will only survive in infamy. German statesmanship stands but for defeat, for trickery; German warriors rank with the savage treachery of the Iroquois. The Turk will be ashamed of his latest companion-in-arms.

The British will not be glad of his dropping. How will Carlyle and Voltaire greet Frederick the Great the next time they meet him? Will Wagner repeat that he was once ashamed of the ancient lineage which gave him his heavenly strains?

The Germans are all declassified for a day, and all hereafter must be under suspicion. It's a new kind of race suicide, set a-going by a madman.

COMMONS OVERAWED, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

Chancellor Makes Acrid Reference to Influence of Irish Distillers.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, May 14.—"We miss his fearlessness now more than ever, when we have the house of commons quailing before the angry crowd of Irish publicans and distillers," said David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, in a tribute to the late Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, when a memorial portrait of the clergyman was unveiled today at an anniversary meeting in the London mission, which the Rev. Mr. Hughes founded.

MINISTER OF FINANCE IS ACTING PREMIER

Sir George Foster on Few Days' Visit to New Brunswick.

OTTAWA, May 14.—Sir George Foster having gone to New Brunswick for a few days, Hon. W. T. White is acting prime minister. A cabinet meeting was held this afternoon, but only departmental business was dealt with.

Sir Robert Borden, who is resting in the Gatineau district, may be back early in the week, but it is not definitely known just when he will return to Ottawa.

The Dardanelles

The greatest fighting for the moment is in opening up the Dardanelles. Great ships and little ships, mines, torpedoes, and shells are being hurled at the Turkish batteries and trains. Probably the most terrific warfare yet known to the world. The rapid success of this new offensive on their disputed frontier, but Petrograd is watching with the most interest the bombardment that is bound to give the czar a warm water seaport. Still greater changes will come to Asia Minor and Asia by the opening of the Dardanelles. To get into this home of the ancient civilization was the Kaiser's dream, more than to occupy even Belgium. He will get neither.

FRENCH REGISTER MORE GAINS IN TRENCH WARFARE AT ARRAS OFFENSIVE STARTED ON AISNE

SALANDRA MINISTRY MAY RETAIN POWER

Rumor Spreads Thru Rome That King Victor Will Not Accept Resignation, and Public Anger Is Appeased.

ROME, May 14.—(6:40 p.m., via Paris)—News that King Victor Emmanuel will not accept Premier Salandra's resignation, and that Salandra and Baron Sonnino, the foreign minister, will remain in power, is spreading like wildfire throughout Rome and creating an excellent impression. Premier Salandra has convoked a council of the ministers, who are now meeting to make a decision relative to the present crisis. Serious riots broke out at Milan during the day. When it became known that the cabinet had been forced to resign, the popular indignation began to show itself. A large crowd of people started rushing thru the city, and there were frequent conflicts between groups holding opposing political opinions. The police made strenuous efforts to maintain order, but they were not sufficiently strong numerically, and troops had to be called out.

WHOLE BATTALIONS MAY GO TO FRONT

Decision Depends on Strength of Reinforcements Required Monthly.

NO PRESENT CHANGE

Need of Company Officers to Fill Many Gaps is Pressing.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 14.—While the reinforcements that are being assembled to keep the two Canadian divisions at the front up to strength are made up of companies taken from the different battalions of the third contingent now mobilizing all over the country, there is a possibility that whole battalions may be sent as reinforcements later on. This will depend partly on the amount of reinforcements required per month. The sending of companies with only company officers is feasible just now because of the surplus of Canadian officers in England. The casualties also, have not been so heavy among the higher officers of the battalions as among the company officers. The organization of new and additional battalions has not been officially authorized, but is expected. The only orders so far have been for recruiting up to strength again of the battalions from which companies are taken for reinforcements.

TRANSYLVANIA IN WAR ZONE TODAY

If Anchor Liner Passes Safely, Will Dock at Liverpool Tomorrow.

ADRIATIC NOT SAILING

White Star Liner Unable to Make Trip Because of Strike of Crew.

NEW YORK, May 14.—If the Anchor line steamship Transylvania equals her record time on her previous trip across the ocean, she should enter the German war zone sometime late tomorrow, and if she passes thru it safely, should dock in Liverpool early Sunday morning. This was according to the calculations of the Anchor line officials and was made public because of many inquiries regarding the whereabouts of the vessel. Inquiries at the American line were told that the steamship Philadelphia, which sailed under the American flag on May 8, would probably arrive in Liverpool tomorrow afternoon. Reports that the White Star liner Adriatic failed to sail from Liverpool on Wednesday last as scheduled were accepted by the line's officials here as correct in the absence of the usual cable notifying them of the ship's departure. The delay was reported to be due to a strike by the crew for increased wages.

Thousand Yards of Main German Trenches Captured on Aix Houlette-Souchez Road, Wood Nearby Cleared of Germans and Second Line of Trenches Carried.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, May 14.—Continuing their offensive in a violent rainstorm, which waterlogged the ground and made progress slow, the French armies operating north of Arras took a strong German trench north of the Aix Houlette-Souchez road, a forest south of this road, and behind this wood a trench of the second German line of defence today. The first trench, captured extends on a front of about five-eighths of a mile. The attack was launched southwest of Angres, and was made on both sides of the Aix Houlette-Souchez road. As an example of the slaughter in this fighting, the French War Office reports the finding on the ground of the bodies of 500 dead Germans who were killed in this vicinity. The French also continued clearing the slopes south of Notre Dame de Lorette of isolated German detachments. The effectiveness of the French artillery is attested by German prisoners, who say that heavy losses were inflicted by its fire. The prisoners taken since Sunday include 100 German officers. The French have also captured 20 guns, including eight heavy ones, and 100 machine guns and bomb-throwers. Four German blockhouses were destroyed and several trenches leveled in the Aisne valley yesterday, and it is believed that the French are about to begin a great offensive in this locality.

British Need Ammunition. Further north at Ypres the British troops are waiting for a big supply of ammunition before commencing a great offensive. The soldiers of the King are confronted by two large armies, those of the Crown Prince of Bavaria and of the Crown Prince of Wurttemberg. Those troops are holding their lines at full strength and have formidable artillery supports. The British troops are also still suffering from the aftermath of the first gas attack at Ypres. High explosives to level the parapets of the enemy are still lacking, and the army still requires thorough preparation for trench warfare. More howitzers, more men and more plowives are needed to break thru the hard crust of the first German lines, in the opinion of a British correspondent who visited the front yesterday. French Official Account. The following is the French official version of the day's fighting, from the north of Arras the conditions (Continued on Page 2, Column 3).

Austrians Put to Flight From River Dniester Line

Russians Drive Enemy Before Them in Full Flight Back of River Pruth on Front of Ninety-four Miles, and Concentrate Forces on River San.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, May 14.—Great success is attending the Russian offensive in eastern Galicia, on the River Dniester front, dispatches from Petrograd affirm tonight, the Austrians being now in full retreat from their positions extending from the River Bistritza to the Roumanian frontier, to new lines back of the River Pruth, on a front of 94 miles. In retreating, the Austrians evacuated strongly-fortified positions without making much of a defence, and fell back with great precipitation. The rapid success of this new offensive of the Russians is taken to indicate that for his big demonstration in western Galicia from behind Craiova the enemy was forced thru lack of troops to weaken his other lines, and thus exposed himself to a smashing blow at a point where the political effect in the Balkans will be tremendous.

Austrian Cavalry Used Up.

The Austrians endeavored to cover their retreat with a large force of cavalry which attempted by repeated charges to check the Russian pursuit, but these horsemen were used up and sacrificed to no avail, for they were repeatedly captured by the Russian artillery and machine gun fire. The Russian Cossack divisions were then let loose upon the Austrian front, broke clear thru the column of the enemy at a number of points, and threw them while on the march into great disorder. The last information from this front indicates that the pursuit was being incessantly kept up, and that conditions were very favorable for the Russians. The demoralization of the enemy appears to be growing, for the great number of prisoners that are being taken is rapidly being increased.

Concentrating on San.

In western Galicia the Russian troops are rapidly concentrating on the line of the River San, with the object of occupying a shorter front and having interior lines of communications. The intensity of the fighting in this area has appreciably lessened. Over 1000 prisoners were taken by the Russians at Shaviv yesterday, and the battle is turning out in their favor.

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