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Furious Battle Impending on the West Front

Annihilation of German Salient at Messines Merely Prelude to Far More Gigantic Battle

Aims of America in the War Clearly Defined By President Wilson in a Note to Russia

Gains Recorded by the British Near Messines

COSSACKS RE-AFFIRM POSITION

Pledge Energetic Support to Provisional Government in the War

AGITATORS REFUSED

Recognize Authority of Government Only and Will Stand by It

ARE STRONG FOR WAR

Wounded and Invalid Soldiers Stage Demonstrations in Petrograd

Petrograd, via London, June 11.—Energetic support of the provisional government by the Cossacks has been pledged by their delegate to the Congress of Peasants, M. Kuban.

The delegate added that when "Leninist agitators came to Cossack territory they were greeted with the word 'Go,' and they went.

The congress of peasants, which is sitting at Novo-Tscherkask, capital of the territory of the Don Cossacks, has telegraphed greetings to the American, British, French and Japanese Ambassadors at Petrograd.

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It is remarkable that, by the fortune of war, Mr. Redmond was picked up mortally wounded by an Ulster ambulance and was attended in his last moment by Ulstermen.

Weather Bulletin Toronto, June 11.—Rain has fallen in nearly all portions of the western provinces and in several localities heavy rain has also occurred in eastern Ontario, western Quebec and in the southwestern portion of the Maritime provinces.

Resumption of Smashing Offensive on Franco-British and the Italian Front Presaged by War News of the Day

The wiping out of the German salient at Messines appears in the light of later developments, to be merely the prelude to a projected battle of a far mightier description, after a German reaction of a surprisingly feeble character.

The official statement of raids along the front is expressive of the recent frequently reported heavy artillery fire on the Belgian front.

In the meantime there are indications that General Sarrail is preparing to resume the offensive in Macedonia, the Bulgarian official announcement reporting a great increase in the violence of the Allied artillery fire on this front.

Another gleam of light has pierced the dark clouds hanging over Russia. The Cossacks have again voiced their determination to support the provisional government and there are indications that they will receive strong backing from the peasants.

REGIMENT OF WOMEN

Wife of War Minister Is Among Eight Hundred Volunteers in Russia

PROPAGANDA SPREAD

Women of Russia Plan to Fire Courage and Devotion of Men

Petrograd, via London, June 11.—The propaganda in favor of a "women's fighting regiment" has made considerable progress.

Madame Schabanoff, President of the non-Russian Women's League, declared herself in favor of the plan. She says it is the only means to fire the courage and devotion of the men.

The Post hopes that the Presidents heretofore have had an effect not only on Russian idealists, but on British pacifists.

A GERMAN PEACE

Amsterdam, via London, June 11.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg has telegraphed to the Potsdam Union for a German peace.

PRESS OF THREE NATIONS UNITED IN APPROVAL OF WILSON'S NOTE

Masterful Document of U. S. President, Defining to Russia Aims and Ends of America in the War, Acclaimed Alike in Russia, England and America as a Momentous Message

Petrograd, June 10, via London, June 11.—President Wilson's note to Russia, dealing with the aims of the United States, in the war, is published today by all the morning newspapers.

The Herald, editorially says that the message is a clear and concrete presentation of America's, as well as the Allies purposes.

The Sun says: "The United States and its people, have not been taken in by the fine phrases used to obscure the Teutonic purpose.

New York, June 11.—President Wilson's communication to Russia, is unanimously endorsed by the leading newspapers here as an admirable exposition of the United States' aims in the war.

NORTHCLIFFE LANDS IN U.S.

OWNER OF TIMES WILL ACT AS BRITISH COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN AMERICA.

By Courier Leased Wire. An Atlantic Port, June 11.—Lord Northcliffe, on an errand to America, to co-ordinate British activities as a commercial representative of the British Government, arrived in the United States to-day on the American steamship St. Paul.

U. S. OFFICERS REACH FRANCE

FIRST CONTINGENT FROM PERSHING'S FORCES HAS ARRIVED IN PARIS.

Paris, June 11.—The first contingent of American officers of Major-General Pershing's staff arrived here this morning, without formalities.

CRISIS VERY NEAR IN CHINA

Dissolution of Parliament is Demanded by Rebel Governor

TROOPS REACH PEKING

President Determined Not to Accede to Rebel Ultimatum

Peking, June 11.—Events are moving rapidly toward a crisis in the political situation.

The Associated Press is informed officially that President Li Yuan Hung has refused to accede to this demand unless such action can be taken in accordance with the clauses of the constitution.

Peking, June 11.—President Li Yuan Hung has announced a willingness to accede to the demand of General Chang Hsun that parliament be dissolved and has drawn up a mandate of dissolution.

By Courier Leased Wire. London, June 11.—General Pershing, and United States Ambassador Page took lunch with King George and Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace to-day.

BULGARIA FRIENDLY TO GREECE

No Intention of Trying to Carry War Into Athens, Says Premier

CONFIDENT IN FUTURE

No Danger From Russia and Do Not Fear Gen. Sarrail

ROMANIAN SITUATION

Bulgaria Claiming Only Territory Where Her Language is Spoken

Berlin, via London, June 11.—Bulgaria has no intention of trying to carry the war into Greece, according to a statement made by the Bulgarian Premier, R. Radoslavoff, in an interview given to the Berlin newspapers on Saturday.

"It is not in the direction of our politics, however, to carry the war into Greece. The violations of international law, which the entente has permitted itself in Greece are no incentive for us to follow suit.

"Even without taking the offensive we are looking into the future on this front with complete confidence. Things are going our own way, and the same holds good on the Russian front.

Asked regarding the Bulgarian attitude toward Roumania, Premier Radoslavoff answered: "The Bulgarians are only claiming territory in which Bulgarian is spoken.

The minister declared that the political and economic situation in Bulgaria was wholly satisfactory.

Berlin, via London, June 11.—The Budapest correspondent of the Berlin papers describe the appointment of Count Esterhazy as premier, as coming as lightning out of a blue sky.

The make-up of the new cabinet is still a matter of conjecture, but it is anticipated that the Hungarian parliament will convene on June 20.

POE AVIATOR DEAD Amsterdam, via London, June 11.—A Berlin despatch reports the death in action in Flanders of Baron Ernst von Plessner, one of Germany's most celebrated aviators.

RELIEF SHIP SUNK

London, June 11.—The Belgian relief commission has received an unconfirmed report that the Norwegian steamship, John Bakke, 1,611 tons gross, with 2,000 tons of wheat for Belgium, by way of Rotterdam, has been sunk.