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Authority of Peking Government is Now Denied by Eleven Provinces SITUATION IS CRITICAL Parliament Broken Up, President Urged to Resign

By Courier Leased Wire. Peking, June 4.—Eleven provinces of China, including the province of Chihli, in which Peking is situated, no longer recognize the authority of the Peking government. The provinces of Kwang Tung, Kwang Si and Yunnan, are supporting President Li Yuan Hung. The provisional assembly of Kwang Tung, in assuring its loyal support to the President and parliament, demands that the military governors be dismissed and punished. Dr. Duan Yet Sen, former Premier Tang Shao Yi and other revolutionary leaders, are proceeding hurriedly to Canton. It seems probable that should the military governors persist in their revolutionary course that the three loyal south China provinces named Kwang Tung, Kwang Si and Yun Nan, will join in the movement.

Parliament was convened today to consider a bill calling for a declaration of war against Germany, but the fact that 250 members had left Peking. Attempts are being made to influence President Li Yuan Hung to resign rather than to dissolve parliament, the object being to throw the blame for any disturbance upon the militarists.

The militarists it is said, do intend to force a disturbance while they are in contact with the railways. Traffic has been uninterrupted and the militarists are demanding a new election immediately for the purpose of securing a workable constitution. President Li Yuan Hung is powerless, owing to the Peking military commanders refusing to carry out his orders.

Shanghai, June 3.—General Chang Shun, military governor of the province of Anhwei, arrived in Tien Tsin, Saturday evening and after a conference with the militarists, a provisional government was formed. Hsu Chih Chang was appointed dictator, Wang Shih Chen as the acting premier, was made Premier, Tuan Chi Kwei, brother of Tuan Chi Jui, former Premier, was named minister of war. Tho Jun, who is believed to be strongly pro-Japanese was given the portfolio of Foreign affairs, and Lung Haulung, former minister of communications, was chosen as minister of the interior.

The chief of the gendarmerie at Peking, has been requested to watch President Li Yuan Hung, who presumably is virtually a prisoner and who is expected to resign forthwith. The militarists have completely isolated Peking. The government has established a strict censorship on the telegraph lines.

VISIT KRONSTADT

By Courier Leased Wire. Petrograd, via London, June 4.—M. Tcherno, Minister of Agriculture, and M. Tseretli, minister of posts and telegraphs, are going to Kronstadt with a view to arranging a settlement of the difficulty existing between the members of the Workmen and Soldiers delegates and the government.

M. Kerensky, the minister of war, has returned to Petrograd.

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, June 4.—Since Saturday showers and thunderstorms have occurred in nearly all localities from Ontario to Newfoundland while rain has fallen locally in southern Alberta and south western Saskatchewan. Forecasts: Moderate to fresh south west to south, fine and moderately to fresh south east to south winds, a few scattered showers, but for the most part fair.

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BATTLE RAGING AT LENS

Electrical Station Held by Canadians For a Time, Is Evacuated

By Courier Leased Wire. (By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent of the Canadian Press in France.) Canadian Army Headquarters, June 4.—The troops that captured the electrical station southwest of Lens are back in their own trenches, and the enemy once more occupies the ruins of the station as well as his trench in the vicinity temporarily in possession of the Canadians. After eighteen hours of endurance of heavy shell fire in an effort to hold the ground which proved untenable, the men were withdrawn as a course preferable to sending in more men to the confined area in which the battle was proceeding.

Throughout Sunday, with very little shelter from the German positions occupied in the early morning, the westerners tenaciously held the ground under grueling fire. When in the evening a strong counter-attack was directed upon the electric station it was evacuated under pressure, the Alberta men returning to their former outposts in a group of ruined miners' houses seventy-five yards to the west.

The enemy undoubtedly lost heavily in his attack, but he has the distinct advantage in the shelter in the numerous fortified points on the slopes leading up to Avion and Lens, in which his men gathered for the advance.

The prisoners taken during the engagement number 112, of whom ninety are un wounded. They belong to three enemy battalions. This would indicate that when our men attacked on Sunday morning the enemy had available immediately for defence a larger force than that which made the attack. During the day the Germans added materially to this number, and there was much activity all along the front particularly on the part of the snipers and the machine guns.

The enemy displayed enterprise in airplane bombing in the back area, this doubtless being by way of retaliation for the recent raids of our airplanes in the region east of Lens.

Two fires were observed in Lens during the night.

The renewal of the activity extends to the region north of the Souchez, where the canoning is increasing.

On the British front in France June 4, via London, from a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.—The fighting which raged yesterday about the electric power station southwest of Lens was as intense as any since the beginning of the battle of Arras considering the number of troops involved. Canadian troops were in the thick of it, first and last. They gained the ruins of the electrical works shortly before 2 o'clock on Sunday morning, after a splendid dash to Monthlight, and it was not until nearly 3 o'clock Sunday night that they were finally driven back to their original positions under the pressure of German counter-attacks in which an over-powering weight of men was employed. The works were held eighteen hours against the concentrated German artillery fire.

One difficulty with which the Canadians were confronted was the fact that in preparing the attack on the works their artillery had reduced the buildings so effectively and had so obliterated the trenches dug about them that practically all shelters were eliminated. While the objectives eventually were lost the enterprise was not without compensations for 112 prisoners were taken and valuable identifications were obtained. The prisoners represented at least three different German regiments which engaged in the fighting and in the counter-attacks.

Gains of Foe Near Cherys are Temporary Only, British Recapturing Post; Activity Upon Macedonian Front Also Reported

By Courier Leased Wire. Bulletin, London, June 4.—12.50 p.m.—The British have recaptured the advanced post near Cherys taken in Saturday night's attack. "The post southwest of Cherys mentioned in the communique yesterday morning which remained in the enemy's hands at the conclusion of the fighting in that neighborhood, was recaptured by our troops last night. Hostile raids were repulsed during the night southwest of La Basse and in the neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle. The enemy's trenches were entered by us east of Vermelles."

Bulgars' Report. Sofia, June 3.—Via London, June 4.—Continued efforts by the French and British to advance on the Macedonian front are reported in the official statement issued by the war office Sunday. The text of the statement follows: "Some French companies tried to attack Bulgarian posts south of the villages of Huma and Moyina but were repulsed by our gun fire. In the northern part of the Seres Plain at nightfall, after artillery preparation, strong enemy detachments advanced toward Spatovo but retired under effective Bulgarian fire."

Bruges Raid. Bulletin, London, June 4.—11.35 a.m.—An air raid on Bruges is reported in an official statement issued by the war office this morning. The statement follows: "The Commodore at Dunkirk reports that a bombing attack was carried out on the Bruges docks and canals last night with good results."

To Battle Subs. Paris, June 2.—Sattos Dumont, the Pioneer Brazilian aviator, has invented a powerful seaplane for fighting submarines, according to a Turin despatch to the Petit Journal. The despatch says that the new machine will be made in the United States and supplied to all the allies.

French Official. Bulletin, Paris, June 4.—Noon—The Germans have forced their way into French advanced positions, on the Salient near Froimont, according to an official statement issued by the war office this morning. The Germans attacked the Salient last night.

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SOCIALISTS IN BRITAIN DEMAND WORKMEN'S AND SOLDIER'S GROUP

American Eligibles Register. Ten Million Names Are Expected for War Draft Tomorrow. Registration Opens. Canadian Shirkers in U. S. to be Forced Into Enlistment.

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, June 4.—Final arrangements have been completed for the registration to-morrow of possibly 10,000,000 Americans between the ages of 21 to 31 inclusive, to serve with the allies in the war against Prussian autocracy. The plans for the first step of selective conscription have taken on the magnitude of a national election. Minor disorders here and there, which usually mark election day, are anticipated, but local state and federal authorities are co-operating to meet promptly and adequately any organized resistance to the draft measure. In accordance with previous proclamations that Tuesday be considered a day of patriotic devotion, a general holiday has been declared in most centers. Patriotic mass meetings will be held throughout the country this evening, and appropriate exercises will take place Tuesday. It will probably be days before accurate registration totals can be announced, but the work of fitting the hoven of American manhood for service at the front will begin immediately.

Loss of their citizenship faces British slackers in this country who refuse to respond to the recruiting pleas of the British mission, headed by Brigadier-General W. A. White, which will begin recruiting at 280 Broadway on Wednesday. In statements issued yesterday by General White and his staff, plans for forcing the slackers into line were revealed in detail. "It is naturally expected," said General White, "that a large number of Englishmen in this country will come forward voluntarily. But it should be borne in mind that compulsory service is now in force in England, and probably will be put in force in Canada, and as the citizens of any country accept the obligations as well as the privileges of his citizenship, it may be assumed that the man of military age who does not offer his services cannot expect to retain the privileges of citizenship. The British Empire has need of all her sons."

While the headquarters of the British recruiting mission will be at 280 Broadway, branch offices will be opened in Chicago, Boston and other cities. Also the United States Government has placed at the service of the commission its own recruiting stations throughout the country. According to the 1910 census, General White said, there were at that time 500,000 British and Canadian male subjects over 21 resident in the United States. An accurate census of the number of such subjects between the ages of 21 and 31, will be afforded by the Federal registration to-morrow.

TO EXCHANGE CAPTIVES. By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, June 4.—The Petit Parisien prints a paragraph from Geneva as saying that Austrians expressed a desire to effect the wholesale exchange of prisoners with Italy along lines proposed recently by the International Red Cross for Germany and France. The Austrian proposals will be considered soon by the Red Cross officials.

WHAT IS TO BE DONE? The Courier has been in receipt of queries from citizens as to the possibility of some action being taken to protect young birds, such as robins and wrens, still in the nest from the depredations of other varieties of the feathered race, blackbirds in the majority of cases. It has been suggested that the city offer a prize for the best plan of protecting the young birds from such marauders, which are an undesirable class at any time.

GERMAN SHIP SUNK. Copenhagen, June 3, via London, June 4.—A steamer carrying the German flag, wandered into the mine field which the Germans have laid south of the Danish Islands, to close the entrance to the Baltic Sea to hostile submarines. The steamer, which was of about 1,500 tons, was destroyed, but the crew was rescued by one of the German warships constantly on guard in the vicinity.

HUN DESERTER. By Courier Leased Wire. London, June 4.—A Reuter despatch from Riga says that the Russians have detained Lieutenant Rabenek, of the 182nd Russian Regiment, who came to the Russian lines with separate peace demands. German airplanes dropped bombs for his return before June 5, threatening that otherwise he would be terribly avenged. The Russians replied that Rabenek was regarded as a deserter and has been sent to the interior of Russia.

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