

Bohemians Desert Huns and Join Allies

TEUTONS TERRIBLY WEAKENED
HAVE NOT RESUMED ASSAULTS

Having Been Defeated With Enormous Losses Around Ypres the Enemy Has Attempted no Further Onslaughts Upon Allied Lines—British and French Forces Have Both Retained Their Positions.

London, May 1.—Bohemian troops are joining the Italians against Austria, according to the London Mail's correspondent at Italian Headquarters, and even now some of the Bohemians are on the Italian line clad in Italian uniforms.

This information passed through the hands of both the Italian and British censors and would therefore appear to be authentic. The defection of the Bohemians would in a measure explain the delay in the proposed great offensive long heralded of the Austrians against the Italians.

Prague, the capital of the Crownland of Bohemia, recently has been the center of riotous demonstrations against Germany and Germany. The Austro-Hungary Foreign Minister, Count Czernin, has been strongly denounced and President Wilson and the Entente Allies have been cheered. The Czech members of parliament, together with Slovene and Serbo-Croat delegates, have been leaders in the opposition to German rule.

Having been defeated with enormous losses in every phase of the fighting around Ypres, the Germans attempted no further onslaughts. Inaction prevailed Wednesday before positions held by the British and French troops, especially in the hands of the British, which had been the ambition of the Germans to capture.

Since Monday what activity has been in this region was carried out by the British and French, both of whom materially bettered their positions, the French near Loire and the British at Metern. In both sec-

tors ground was captured and prisoners taken. Meanwhile British and French artillerymen are sending a veritable rain of shells on Mont Kemmel. Thus the Allied guns have held back attempts by the enemy to reinforce the men on the hill and if the good work is kept up the hill top is likely to prove to be a death trap for the captors.

Nothing has been vouchsafed regarding the Inter-Allied Council, which is holding sessions at Versailles, which is expected to bring decisions of great moment.

Great faith in the ability of General Foch and the Allied commanders on the Western front has been expressed by M. Clemenceau, the French Premier, returning from a visit to the front.

Fighting on all the fronts except Palestine and Mesopotamia continues of minor character. In both latter theatres however, the British returned to the attack and gained important successes over the Turks. Progress has been made north of Bagdad along the Tigris river, and in Palestine several positions have been captured and prisoners taken.

German newspapers have taken another target in the talk of peace. It is asserted by the Cologne Journal that Pope Benedict on Whitday Sunday, May 19, will put forward concrete offers to mediate between the warring factions, and the reported intention of the Pope is said to have had a sympathetic reception in Berlin. There is no confirmation from any source that the Pontiff purposes again to offer his services in the direction of peace.

LOCAL MEMBER
TALKS ON ALIENS

Mr. J. C. McIntosh Speaks in Parliament in a Debate Affecting Labor in the Province.

Speaking in the House of Commons at Ottawa recently on a resolution dealing with alien labor, Mr. J. C. McIntosh, M. P., said:

"Although I was unaware of the close proximity of this debate, yet as it affects the peace and good government of Canada and the district of Nanaimo which I have the honor to represent, I feel constrained to speak to the motion. I agree with the resolution to the extent that, in the opinion of this House, all the regulations and Orders in Council respecting alien labor in Canada should be consolidated into one uniform law, but I cannot agree with the concluding sentences. A law to be a good law and to be obeyed, must be a comprehensive one, and must not merely deal with local conditions as they exist in the whole country."

"I have the honor to represent one of the large coal mining districts of British Columbia, which, as it so happens, is the original mining district of the entire coast. This district was developed by good British brawn and British money, very largely in reality through the efforts of the late Hon. Robert Dunsmuir, a name which is held in high regard in British Columbia. From this mine, and succeeding mines opened in other districts, were developed the channels of energy, which carry on the great industries of the Pacific coast even as far south as San Francisco, and it is the production of coal from these mines which has made the port of Nanaimo the second greatest shipping port in Canada. This development has gone on from time to time through the efforts of our own people, but there have of late crept into that development workmen belonging to alien races. When we entered upon this war, the people of our district volunteered immediately and went to the front. Their places were taken, not by men of our own race, but largely by aliens. Following the putting in force of the Conscription Act the long arm of the law reached out and took the British workmen from those mines, but left there men of the Italian, Greek, German and Austrian races. These men held our own people up to ridicule and said: 'Go and fight for your country, our brothers will take your places,' so that the places formerly held by our own people are now being taken by these foreigners. I was indeed to hear the Prime Minister state that a treaty which bears upon this matter had been entered into with the United States and would shortly be confirmed. I was also pleased to hear him say that a convention was being arranged with the kingdom of Italy, but I suggest that this convention has been in the course of preparation for some nine months, whereas it is a matter which should have the instant attention of the Government. Cognizance should be taken of the conditions under which we are laboring there, and some effort should be made to bring this convention to an immediate conclusion, so that subjects of the kingdom of Italy should be brought under the Military Service Act as well as our own people there."

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BOHEMIANS IN
ITALIAN ARMY

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WAS RAMMED BY
FRENCH CRUISER

S. S. City of Athens Sunk off the Delaware Coast by French Warship and Many Lives Lost.

Atlantic Port, May 1.—Sixty-six lives were lost when the steamship City of Athens of the Ocean Steamship Co. was rammed at 1.30 p.m. by a French cruiser off the Delaware coast.

The City of Athens carried a crew of 135 men and the vessel sank within seven minutes after the collision. Sixty-one of the crew were brought to this port late today by the French cruiser which was not seriously damaged.

Fire was discovered in one of the holds of the City of Athens immediately after the collision. An attempt was made to lower lifeboats but the vessel was sinking too fast. Most of those on board leaped overboard and survivors were rescued by boats of the French cruiser.

An Atlantic Port, May 1.—Sixty-six persons lost their lives when the steamship City of Athens, bound from New York for Savannah, was rammed and sunk by a French cruiser off the Delaware coast at one o'clock this morning. The missing include ten men and two women who were passengers, seven out of the 24 United States Marines who were on board, 14 out of the 20 French sailors and 33 members of the crew.

An Atlantic Port, May 1.—All passengers and many of the crew were in their berths when the bow of the warship plunged into the side of the 2300-ton coastwise vessel. Fire broke out almost immediately afterward in Hold 1, but it had no bearing on the fate of the ship for the flames were quickly quenched by the rush of water which poured in.

Captain J. Forward, one of the veteran commanders in the service of the Ocean Steamship Company, owners of the vessel, did his best to avert a panic and man the lifeboats. So quickly did the doomed vessel sink, however, that there was no time to get boats away, and many of those who perished were trapped in their berths.

AT REST.

The funeral of the late Amelia Thompson, relict of the late John Thompson, took place yesterday afternoon from Mr. H. McAddie's undertaking parlors, the interment being made in the Nanaimo Cemetery.

Services were conducted at the parlors and graveside by the Rev. Frank Hardy, the pall bearers being Messrs. J. Randle, W. Bennett, R. Prowse, J. B. Nicholson, H. D. Calverley and W. Sutherland.

Over \$125,000 was spent by the Y.M.C.A. in 1917 to build huts in France.

MAY DAY AT
STH. WELLINGTON

Large Gathering at Big Day of Sports and Listened to Speeches on Questions of the Day.

Several hundred residents of South Wellington and district and a large number of visitors from Nanaimo, Ladysmith and other points, gathered on Beck's Field, South Wellington, yesterday and thoroughly enjoyed the festivities in connection with the May Day Demonstration held under the auspices of the South Wellington Local U. M. W. of A.

The recently organized South Wellington Brass Band of nineteen pieces was in attendance and after heading the opening parade rendered a lengthy program throughout the day and created an excellent impression, it requiring but a little more practice to make this musical organization one of the best on the island and a credit to any community, even one much larger than South Wellington.

The features of the field sports were competitions in First Aid and the five-aside football tournament in which five teams were entered and which resulted after some keen contests, in first prize being carried off by James Smith's team, second place being taken by a team captained by J. C. McGregor.

During the course of the afternoon short speeches were made by Mr. D. Rees, International Board Member of the U. M. W. of A., and Mr. J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. Mr. Rees confined his remarks to a review of the progress made by organized labor and spoke of the benefits to be secured by the working class through their organization.

The member for Newcastle in the provincial legislature spoke at length on the International working class movement and stated one of the results of the war would be a combination of the working classes of all nations, and he predicted the working class would in the near future not only control the means of production, but also the leading governments of the world.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite also dealt with the Returned Soldiers problem and stated that the Oliver government had practically no program for its solution. He criticized the attitude taken by Premier Oliver when interviewed recently by a Returned Soldier delegation, and expressed the opinion the only solution was to have a government of the people.

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SAMMIES REPEL
ENEMY ATTACKS

With the French Army in France, May 1.—A heavy German attack, launched yesterday against the Americans in the vicinity of Villers-Bretonneux, was repulsed with heavy losses for the enemy. The German preliminary bombardment lasted two hours and then the infantry rushed forward only to be driven back leaving large numbers of dead on the ground in front of the American lines.

More than 60,000 cups of hot tea and coffee are distributed daily in France by the Y.M.C.A. free. The estimated cost for this service for eight months is \$45,000.

APEX CO. BUYS
READY MADE PLANT

"Western Oil World" Describes Development Work the Apex Refining Company is Carrying Out.

Negotiations were completed late last week, says the "Western Oil World," published in Denver, Colorado, whereby the Apex Refining & Drilling Co. acquired by purchase for approximately \$60,000, the property of the American Oil Processes Ltd., a Canadian corporation with affiliations in England, at Boulder and Denver. The Boulder property consists of a refinery of 500 barrels capacity, handling the small production of the Boulder oil field, including the output of a small casing-head gasoline plant operated by the Greeley-Boulder Oil Co. The Denver property consists of three brick buildings for offices, garage and warehouse, with a private railroad spur for tank cars; three steel gasoline tanks of 30,000 gallons capacity; five filling stations with delivery trucks and the equipment of a going concern.

The Apex company owns two tank cars that will be used in bringing its gasoline from Oklahoma and the products from Boulder, if needed. With this new addition to its assets the Apex Refining & Drilling Co. controls a cracking gasoline process designed by Leslie R. Steele, for several years with the Midwest refiners at Casper, but now to be superintended of the Boulder refinery and the manufacture of the company's special motor products for distribution in Denver and Boulder. Mr. Steele has been in Oklahoma several months perfecting his process, but will next week take a sabbatical leave of the Boulder plant—one of the two oil refineries in Colorado—and prepare for its operation to capacity.

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BRITISH ADVANCE
IN PALESTINE

London, May 1.—British troops east of the Jordan River attacked the enemy holding foothills south of Es-Salt on Tuesday and mounted troops were within two miles of Es-Salt by nightfall, says a British official communication issued to-night dealing with fighting in Palestine and Hedjaz. The communication adds that 250 prisoners have been taken.

A meeting of the general committee of the 24th of May Celebration will be held tonight at 8 o'clock.

REINFORCING HIS
DEPLETED RANKS

German Field Recruit Depots are Being Heavily Drawn Upon to Replace the Recent Casualties—Boys in Enemy Ranks.

British Headquarters in France, May 1.—(Reuters).—The Australians today rushed an enemy post near Metern.

The German field recruit depots are being heavily drawn upon to replace recent casualties. The 19th Reserve Division has just received a company of 250 boys of the 1919-20 Class, who had only eight weeks' training, and were not to be engaged in fighting unless absolutely necessary, but the fact that they are now with divisions in the battlefield suggests that they may have to be used. Prisoners say there has been a good deal of explaining away, in the little progress made behind the enemy's lines. When an attack is repulsed German officers tell the men it was not seriously intended as an offensive manoeuvre, but merely as a reconnaissance in force to test the strength of the enemy.

COMMITTEES OF
BOARD OF TRADE

Executive and Several Committees of Local Board of Trade Endorsed at Meeting Yesterday.

A special meeting of the Board of Trade, which took the form of a luncheon, was held yesterday afternoon in the dining parlors of the Windsor Hotel, there being a good attendance, the innovation from the usual style of meeting being most successful.

After an excellent lunch had been partaken of the assembly was called to order by President John F. Doyle, the secretary read the report of the special committee consisting of the president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary, delegated with the task of selecting the chairman of the several committees who in turn named the personnel of their respective committees, the report reading as follows:

Gentlemen.—We, your elective officers, who at the annual meeting, held April 9th were instructed to select the chairman of the several committees, said chairman to constitute the executive of the Board, report having carried out your instructions and have named the chairman of the committees as follows:

Trade and Commerce, Mr. Harvey Murphy.
Railways and Transportation, Mr. J. W. Coburn.

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MISS NELLIE BALL
REGAINS LEAD

The third count in the voting contest for Nanaimo's May Queen placed Miss Nellie Ball again in the lead, her majority being less than a hundred over Miss Edna Johns, who has been leading during the past week.

The contest is rapidly nearing its close and during the next two weeks there will be some hard work accomplished by the supporters of the rival candidates in their efforts to elect their favorite as Queen of the Celebration.

The contest will close at midnight Tuesday, May 14.

The standing of the various candidates at the close of yesterday's count was as follows:

Miss Nellie Ball 2353

Miss Edna Johns 2269

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Miss Nita Walker 1338
Miss Jean Patterson 399
Miss Polly Faulkner 359
Miss Sarah Fox 470
Miss Marie Smith 447
Miss Agnes Whitt 377
Miss Nellie Young 226
Miss Crystal Dunsmore 168

Canada's War Parliament

Ottawa, May 1.—The Government is anxious to close the budget debate this week and in order to do so the House of Commons is likely to have a number of late sittings. As some thirty Opposition members have already notified the whips of their intention to speak in addition to a considerable number of Government supporters who want to be heard. It is doubtful if the Government's wish will be realized and the discussion will go on for a couple of days next week. After the close of formal debate resolutions will have to be considered in detail in committee.

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To the Citizens of Nanaimo:

Ladies and Gentlemen—

With the advent of Spring and the ushering in of the warm weather the public health demands the removal of all garbage, ashes, etc., from all parts of the city. With this object in view Clean Up Week will be observed from May 1st to May 8th, both days inclusive.

I trust every citizen will do his or her part in clearing away all garbage and thus assist in making Nanaimo more healthful and beautiful.

H. V. MCKENZIE, Mayor.

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