

FURTHER VICTORIES FOR ITALIANS; BRITISH AND FRENCH DEFEAT HUNS

WILL MAKE CHANGES IN THE CABINET

Sir Robert Borden Considering Plan of a Re-organization.

MUCH DEPENDS ON THE ATTITUDE OF LAURIER

Martial Law May Be Ordered if Further Trouble in Montreal.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, May 27.—The week-end brought no change in the political situation. The cabinet met at the usual hour on Saturday and had no announcement of interest to make when the session was over. All that The Standard correspondent can authoritatively state tonight is that Sir Robert Borden has the reorganization of his cabinet under consideration.

When it will come or how it will be brought about nobody but the Prime Minister knows. The truth is that Sir Robert Borden absolutely dominates the situation. His cabinet colleagues are all prepared to accept his decision, and it is understood that all of them have signified their willingness to step down and out in the interests, if possible, of a more vigorous prosecution of the war. Thus far none of them has been asked to resign.

Up to Laurier. A great deal depends, so far as the character of the changes are concerned, upon the decision of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Everybody feels that the Liberal leader is standing at the cross-roads between patriotism and sectionalism. Should he decide to place himself in opposition to the will and conscience of the Canadian people and vote to desert our men in the trenches to satisfy a few jaundiced reactionists in the province of Quebec, it is not improbable that some of the more British Liberals will be invited to join the cabinet.

On the other hand, Sir Wilfrid is strong enough to resist the pressure of his Quebec nationalist and reactionist allies, and supports conscription, Sir Robert Borden will probably proceed to strengthen his cabinet from the best business and administrative material that the country can afford.

Crude Liberal Faking. Nor is it believed that Sir Wilfrid, owing to certain of his well-known views, would bring to the cabinet either a greater willingness or a greater ability to prosecute the war. Stories being sent from the capital to the effect that there is a "crisis" in the cabinet, cause nothing but amusement here, where they are easily recognized as somewhat crude attempts to cover up the threatening difficulties in the opposition ranks.

The truth of the situation is that Sir Robert Borden returned from the old land determined on a reorganization of his cabinet in any event. That reorganization is in no way correlated or dependent upon the issue of conscription. The only way the compulsory military service question affects it, is in the possible choice it may give Sir Robert to select some of his new colleagues from the ranks of the patriotic members of the opposition.

Conscription Measure. The conscription measure may not be brought down until Thursday or Friday. The greatest possible care is being exercised in the working out

GERMAN AUTHORITIES PREPARING TO TAKE AWAY BELGIAN GIRLS

Bad Faith Shown by Huns in Promising Pope to Stop Deportations.

Havre, May 27.—The Belgian authorities today made public a copy of an order served by the Germans on the city of Mons, as showing bad faith by the Germans in their announcement that deportations had been stopped at the request of Pope Benedict. The order, which is dated April 15, requires Mons to furnish six hundred young men as a German cavalry barracks before noon of the following day, equipped with clothing, shoes and provisions. The city is notified that it must pay three hundred marks for every man not furnished. The Belgian authorities say the indications are that the deportation will be extended to women, as the Germans are taking a census which includes women and young girls, as well as men.

SUBMARINE EVIL BEING MASTERED

American Invention Important—Germans Will Sink Hospital Ships.

London, May 27.—The Westminster Gazette publishes a message from a correspondent who says the submarine menace is being mastered by a simple method, which the correspondent indicates is the invention of an American.

"It is giving away no secret," the correspondent writes, "to say that the method, which is reputed to be infallible, requires only a little time to come into full effect and wear the German submarines out."

Asserting that the British have better submarines than the Germans, the message continues: "Only a little time is needed for our pre-eminent inventive brains to outstrip the pirate professors, and by a method which is simplicity itself we already have the life of the U-boat campaign measured."

To Sink Hospital Ships. London, May 27.—The intention of the German government to sink all Entente hospital ships in the entire world, with the exception of certain ships from Saloniki to Gibraltar, is semi-officially announced in Berlin, according to a Reuter despatch from Amsterdam. The German announcement was made in reference to British denials of the German allegations that the British misused hospital ships.

The semi-official announcement read in part: "The German government will in hospital ships in the entire barred zone and in the Mediterranean, including the road left open for Greece, and will regard hospital ships appearing there as war vessels, and attack them immediately."

Laurier After Disciples. Ottawa, May 26.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier sent the following message to Quebec this morning: "Louis LeTourneau, M. P. P., for Quebec East:

"I regret to learn that the Chronicle has suffered from some absolutely reprehensible acts. I entreat the citizens at the meeting which is to take place today in Quebec East to abstain from all violence, either language or action, and to remember that the liberty of opinion which they claim for themselves they must allow to all those who think differently." (Sgd.) Wilfrid Laurier.

THE FRENCH FORCE BACK THE ENEMY

Germans Penetrate French Line in Champagne but Are Driven Out.

PROJECTILES DROPPED ON THE TEUTON WORKS

General Artillery Activity and Bomb Fighting Reported.

Paris, May 27.—The Germans in Champagne today penetrated the French line during heavy attacks, but later lost the ground gained in a counter-attack by the French troops, according to the official communication issued this evening by the war office. The communication says:

"In Champagne, after a violent bombardment, the enemy this morning threw forward two attacks, one on Teton and the other to the east of Teton. At first he succeeded in penetrating our line. Our counter-attack, however, enabled us to recapture the whole of the lost ground."

On Belgian Front. "Belgian communication: Slight artillery battle on the night of the 26th and 27th. The artillery activity was greater in the direction of Het Sas. Bomb fighting took place in that sector."

"Eastern theatre: On the Serbian front yesterday the customary artillery struggle was reported. In some fighting on advanced elements we have made progress. Our aviators dropped thirty-four bombs on the enemy's encampments on the front."

Hun Attack Falls. Paris, May 27.—On the Alsace and Champagne fronts the duel between the French and German heavy guns greatly increased in intensity, says the official statement issued today by the war office. The text of the statement reads:

"An attack made by the Germans on our trenches north of Moulou De Laffaux failed under our fire. In this sector, as well as on the plateau of Colmar and in the region of the crests north of Nauroy and Moronvilliers, the artillery struggle became violent during the night."

Edmundston's Busy Place. Edmundston, May 27.—Construction work here is being rushed and at present Edmundston is a busy town. The work on the new pulp mill is making good progress and a new sewerage system is in progress. Building is active. Edmundston promises to become one of the most important centres in the province.

BASEBALL PLOT. Chicago, May 27.—Existence of a plot to wreck the American Association and form a third major league was revealed at a special meeting of the association here yesterday. The meeting was for the purpose of formally cancelling the inter-league series of 48 games with the club of the International League. The vote for the cancellation was unanimous.

THE RT. HON. ARTHUR J. BALFOUR HONORED BY TORONTO UNIVERSITY

Receives Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws—British Statesman Leaves Later for Ottawa.

Toronto, May 27.—Before one of the most notable gatherings that has ever assembled at Convocation Hall, the University of Toronto yesterday afternoon conferred the degree of L.L.D. (honoris causa) on the Right Hon. Arthur James Balfour. President Falconer, introducing Mr. Balfour to Chancellor Sir William Meredith for the conferring of the degree, alluded to the many important positions the British statesman had filled with great success. Mr. Balfour, in reply, expressed his deep thanks and appreciation for the high honor conferred upon him. He did not accept the honor as entirely personal, but as a mark of respect to the government he represented. Mr. Balfour lauded the great part the University has taken in the war, and paid tribute to the valor of the Canadian troops and the generosity of Canadian citizens. He left later for Ottawa.

BRITISH ARMY STILL GAINING IN FRANCE

Successful Attack Near Fontaine Les Croisilles—Hun Raid Repulsed.

London, May 27.—The British official communication issued this evening says: "During the afternoon we gained further ground by a local attack in the neighborhood of Fontaine Les Croisilles. We secured a few prisoners in the course of patrol encounters early this morning near the Cojeul river."

Repulse German Attack. London, May 27.—British troops in the Lens sector of the battlefield in France last night repulsed a German attack east of Loos, says the official statement issued today by the war office. The text of the statement follows:

"A successful raid was carried out by our troops last night northwest of St. Quentin. Several of the enemy were killed and eight were driven down out of control. Four of our machines are missing."

MONCTON MAN FALLS 40 FT., LITTLE HURT

Edmundston's Busy Place. Employee of Big Store Falls Down Elevator Shaft—Has Recovered.

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GALLANTRY OF FRENCH ON ASNE

Stormed Way up to Summit of Heights of 400 Feet.

STUART LYON TELLS OF THE WONDERFUL FEAT

Terrible Work of Destruction By Huns—Girls in Slavery.

Canadian headquarters in France, via London, May 27.—(By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent Canadian Press)—In company with other press representatives of the overseas dominions, I have paid a brief visit, on the invitation of the French authorities, to the battlefield of our gallant allies on that part of the line between St. Quentin and Chavonne, where the French troops have fought their way up to the summit of the heights north of Alsne in face of almost insurmountable difficulties. The spot that he went without fighting, as part of Hindenburg's policy in not shortening the German line does not stand investigation.

Stormed the Heights. By a direct frontal attack April 16, the French, advancing from Souptin on the north bank of the Alsne, stormed the heights that rise over 400 feet above the river bed. It was a much more difficult task than the carrying of the most striking feature of the French reports the other allied peoples are slow to understand, that along twenty miles of the Alsne front the French have recovered possession of one of the finest natural defensive positions in western Europe. It was by a combination assault and a threatened envelopment that the Germans were ejected.

Destroyed Villages. Apart from the discovery of the remarkable nature of the ground upon which the battle of the Alsne was fought, the most striking feature of our visit was the passage through scores of villages destroyed by the enemy. Some of them are fifteen or twenty miles from the front. Their destruction was of no military advantage, but that was not taken into consideration.

Near Falouel, where Prince Eitel Friedrich had a lookout on a mound from which St. Quentin, La Fere and Lower Leon Cathedral were all visible, every fruit tree, of a long distance around, was cut down. The hatred of Prince Eitel for French villages is matched by the Kaiser's dislike for historical monuments and ancient buildings. He is held to be personally responsible for the blowing up of the Chateau of Coucy, one of the finest examples extant of a thirteenth century stronghold. Throughout the whole region two weeks of the German destruction working unchecked, did more injury than two and a half years of war.

The front so long held without material change, in the Alsne Valley, reveals little sign that war has passed that way. The debris is cleared up, and no material tracks are left, and crops are growing where two months ago no man could show his head by daylight and live. Ruined towns along the line of the enemy's retreat will long remain a dreadful evidence of the fury of the Hun in defeat. Not villages alone; hundreds of women and girls, between the ages of fifteen and sixty, were carried into slavery, as well as all the men of military age. "Gott Strafe England" was painted on many buildings, but is being removed.

BALFOUR AT OTTAWA. Ottawa, May 27.—The Right Hon. Arthur J. Balfour and the distinguished party who accompany him are the guests of His Excellency the Governor-General and the government of Canada. Mr. Balfour and those who accompany him arrived in Ottawa Sunday morning. They were given a warm welcome by Sir Robert Borden, Sir Edward Kemp, Hon. J. D. Hasen, Hon. Robert Rogers, Hon. T. W. Crothers, Hon. Arthur Meighen and others.

Accompanying Mr. Balfour are Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British ambassador at Washington, and Lady Spring-Rice. Tomorrow at three o'clock Mr. Balfour will address a joint session of the senate and commons.

BRAZIL MAY UTILIZE THE GERMAN VESSELS INTERNEED IN PORTS

Measures of Defence to be Taken Against Submarines and Neutrality Abandoned.

Bio de Janeiro, May 26.—The committee on foreign relations in the Brazilian congress today drafted a measure recommending the cancellation of the decree of April 25, 1917, which declared the neutrality of Brazil in the war between Germany and the United States. President Braz, under the bill, would be authorized to take necessary steps for the carrying out of this law and to put into practice the acts which result from the cessation of neutrality. The Brazilian foreign minister presented to congress a measure signed by President Braz, in which it is stated that the sinking of Brazilian merchantmen by German submarines obliges the government to take measures of defense against the Teuton U-boats. The utilization but not confiscation of German vessels interned in Brazilian sea ports is suggested.

MR. GUTELIUS IS HONORED IN MONCTON

Predicts Four Track Road—Hon. Mr. Robinson Wants System Free of Politics.

Moncton, May 27.—F. P. Gutelius, who recently resigned as general manager of the C.G.R., left by Ocean Limited today, accompanied by his family, for Albany, N. Y., where on June 1 he assumes the first vice-presidency of the Delaware and Hudson Railway. Many citizens were at the depot to say farewell to the ex-general manager. A band was in attendance and Mr. Gutelius took his departure amid the strains of Auld Lang Syne. At noon on Saturday Mr. Gutelius was waited on at C.G.R. offices and presented by officials of the C.G.R. with a handsome grandfather clock, accompanied by an address expressing regret at his departure and wishing him success and prosperity in his new position. The presentation was made and the address read by S. L. Shannon, comptroller and treasurer. Brief speeches voicing regret fell at Mr. Gutelius' departure were made by Mr. Shannon, C. A. Hayes, new general manager; J. K. McNeillie, general superintendent; F. P. Brady, and general superintendent N. T. R. Cochrane, Ont., to which Mr. Gutelius made a feeling reply.

Saturday night Moncton City Club tendered ex-manager Gutelius a farewell banquet which was attended by a number of leading citizens. The guests of the club included Mr. Brady, W. A. Cowan, assistant to Mr. Brady; H. P. Read, superintendent western rolling stock, and Fritz Gutelius, son of the ex-manager. J. A. Geary, president of the club presided. A toast to "Our Guest" was proposed by M. Lodge. In his reply ex-manager Gutelius predicted a great future for the C.G.R. and made the interesting prediction that a four track road will be laid between the west and Halifax within the next few years.

Other C.G.R. officials also predicted a great future for the system, among the developments likely being an enlargement of the shops and offices here. Hon. C. W. Robinson, in proposing a toast to the C.G.R., came out flatfooted for an independent and business management of the railway, free from political influence. C. A. Hayes, the new general manager, in reply, hoped he would measure up to the new duties imposed upon him.

Other speakers included Postmaster J. H. Harris, ex-Sheriff Willett, A. T. Weldon, Hon. F. J. Sweeney, Judge R. W. Hewson, G. E. Smart, U. S. Consul Richardson, D. A. Story, S. T. Shannon, J. K. McNeillie and C. B. Brown.

SEARCHING FOR LEAK. New York, May 27.—An Associated Press despatch from Washington today says: "An official investigation was under way today to uncover whether the leak on the sailing of American destroyers to the war zone was on this side of the Atlantic or whether German spies got it in England."

Admiral Sims has reported that the German admiralty knew of the departure of the ships and their port of arrival four days ahead of time, and had opportunity to mine their path.

THE ITALIANS ONCE MORE TRIUMPHANT

Smash their Way Through the Austro-Hungarian Positions Near Gulf of Trieste

FOURTH DAY OF THE FURIOUS CARSO FIGHT

Many Prisoners Captured by the Gallant Army of Victor Emmanuel.

Rome, May 27.—Italian troops yesterday smashed through the Austro-Hungarian positions between Jamiano and the Gulf of Trieste, passing the Mont Falcone-Dulno railway, north-east of San Giovanni, and establishing themselves within a few hundred yards of the village of Medeazza. North of Plava the Italians carried the heights at the head of the Palliova Valley, thus joining their Mont Gucco lines with those on Hill 365. Eleven guns were captured and more than 1,200 Austro-Hungarians were taken prisoner, or nearly 25,000 in all.

These victories were announced today by the Italian war office. The text of the statement follows: "During the fourth day of the furious battle on the Carso the positions occupied on the southern part of the Plateau were extended by the untiring efforts of our troops. The positions already captured in the other sectors were firmly maintained."

Tremendous Gun Fire. "An artillery action all along the line continued fiercely from sunrise until evening. In the afternoon between the coast and Jamiano our infantry, by a brilliant assault, succeeded in reaching a point beyond the railway from Mont Falcone to Dulno, northeast of San Giovanni, and carried the strong fortification hill 145, southeast of Medeazza. They established themselves a few hundred yards from the village. During this action some of our infantry reached the enemy's guns, capturing a field battery of ten guns with ammunition, and 812 prisoners, including thirty-four officers.

"Castagnavizza also was reached and passed, but the persistent and concentrated shelling by a number of enemy batteries compelled us to evacuate ground there. We maintained a hold on the western boundary. "In the area east and north of Gorizia the artillery action was intense."

"In the Plava sector infantry of the Udine brigade and the 95th and 96th regiments brilliantly carried the heights at the head of the Folliova Valley, thus connecting our Mont Gucco lines with those on Hill 365. They took 428 prisoners, including ten officers, and one gun, two trench mortars and seven machine guns.

"Our aircraft continued their successful bomb raids on the enemy's communications, the railway station at San Lucia di Tolmino was severely damaged. Our machines all returned safely."

53 PERISH ON CUNARD LINER

New York, May 27.—Word has been received that Cunard liner Peoria was sunk off Irish coast May 5th with loss of captain and fifty-two of crew.

CHESTER TRENHOLM TO GET HEARING TOMORROW

Special to The Standard. Moncton, May 27.—Chester C. Trenholm, arrested at St. John last week charged with bigamy, was brought to Moncton by Chief Rideout Saturday. He was taken before the police magistrate and remanded until Tuesday next.