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Prussian Militarism Still in The Saddle in Germany

New Chancellor More Reactionary Than Was Hollweg

Maiden Speech Shows Him Out-and-Out Kaiserite — Admits Food Conditions Bad and Bids Germans to "Hold Out" Till Allies Seek Negotiations for Peace

Copenhagen, July 20.—Dr. Michaelis, the new imperial German chancellor, in his address to the Reichstag on Thursday afternoon declared his adherence to Germany's submarine campaign, asserting it to be a lawful measure justifiably adopted and adapted for shortening the war.

Dr. Michaelis opened his speech with a hearty tribute to Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the retiring imperial chancellor, whose work he said history would appreciate.

Repeats Fable

The chancellor declared that the war was forced upon unwilling Germany by the Russian mobilization and that the submarine war was also forced upon Germany by Great Britain's illegal blockade starvation war.

The faint hope that America, at the head of the neutrals, would check Great Britain's illegal blockade, Germany's final attempt to avoid the extremity by a peace offer failed and the submarine campaign was adopted.

The submarine war, he continued, had done all and more than had been expected and the false prophets who had predicted the end of the war at a definite time had done a disservice to the fatherland.

As To Peace. In regard to peace Chancellor Michaelis said: "The burning question in our hearts, however, is how much longer the war is to last. With this I come to a matter which stands in the centre of all our interest and all our proceedings today. Germany did not desire the war to last. With this I come to a matter which stands in the centre of all our interest and all our proceedings today.

"The Germans," he said, "wish to conclude peace as combatants who have successfully accomplished their purpose and proved themselves invincible. A first condition of peace is the inviolability of Germany's territory. No party is possible with the enemy demanding the cession of German soil. We must mean of understanding and in a spirit of give and take, guarantee conditions of the existence of the German empire upon the continent and overseas."

Dr. Michaelis's words on this point require a careful reading and are capable of various interpretations other than a surface one. His German indicates a willingness to make peace only as victors and in his use of the words "understanding" and "give and take" (the German words are "verständnisung und angetich") he reveals the Bethmannian ideas of readjustment of the frontiers and colonial possessions by bargaining rather than the restoration of the status quo.

"Peace," he said, "must offer the foundation of a lasting reconciliation of nations. (loud cheers) It must," he continued, "as expressed in your resolution prevent nations from being plunged into further conflicts through economic blockades and provide a safeguard that the league in arms of our opponents does not develop into an economic and political association. These aims may be attained within the limits of your resolution as a 'holding out'."

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TRADE AFTER THE WAR

Two Suggestions by Special Committee to Canadian Senate

Ottawa, July 20.—A special committee of the senate appointed to consider the best method of conserving and increasing domestic and overseas trade, so that prosperity might not unduly suffer when the stimulus resulting from munitions orders was removed, today reported to the senate.

It first recommended the securing of orders for overseas trade to replace munitions orders, and, second, the establishment of a Canadian trade corporation bank to finance the overseas contracts.

BENNETT NEAR DEATH; WIDOW OF SLAIN SOLDIER ALSO IN HOSPITAL

Ampton, Ont., July 20.—A coroner's jury last night returned a verdict holding William Bennett of Maisonneuve, Montreal, responsible for the death of Lieut. Bruce M. Letch, of Montreal, whom he shot on a road near Sand Point on Monday afternoon.

Bennett may never face trial, as he is hovering between life and death in a hospital in Renfrew, with a bullet in his head. Letch's widow was taken to a Montreal hospital yesterday. She is suffering from a bullet wound through the right lung — one through the head.

ADVANCE OF THE FRENCH GREAT PIECE OF WORK

Attack Was a Surprise

Further Account of Brilliant Achievement—Enemy Thrown Into Confusion by Unexpected Infantry Charge Which Carried Force Far Beyond Objective

London, July 20.—The correspondent of Reuters at French headquarters sends the first description of the French success of July 17, between Hill 804 and Avocourt wood, on the right bank of the Meuse. He says: "It was a brilliant example of a perfectly staged infantry operation in which every possibility was provided for, and its success was due not only to the meticulous preparations but to exact knowledge of the position and value of every piece of the enemy's game."

"The French objective was the recovery of the flat topped saddle between Hill 208 and the heights of Avocourt Wood, which were captured by the Germans on June 28 after a short but heavy bombardment in which 400 guns were suddenly turned on to a mile and a half of front trenches.

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"It is significant of the manner in which the Germans were forced to abandon their position, that they had no division fit to replace the tenth reserve on such dangerous ground. The 29th division which was sent for to replace the 10th. It was at the moment when the French unexpectedly launched their attack. Prisoners of all three German divisions have given graphic accounts of the state of confusion into which they were thrown by the sudden lightning-like dash of the French infantry. No resistance was made. Every officer and man of the French assaulting troops had been carefully rehearsed in the part he had to play.

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THE RATIONING OF THE EUROPEAN NEUTRALS

Washington, July 20.—Plans by which the United States will relieve Great Britain of the task of rationing the European neutral countries have about reached completion. Within a short time it was learned yesterday, the British system of issuing letters of assurance for American exports to the neutrals will be entirely superseded by the export license arrangement.

NEW YORK CONSIDERS FAIR FOOD PRICES

New York, July 20.—The problem of providing 30,000,000 meals a day for the 10,000,000 people in and around New York city and to have these meals provided at fair prices with the food in fair proportion to the supply and demand here and by the Allies, is to be worked out by the central committee of the New York Food Distributors' association. Those who attended the committee meeting, which was the first of its kind since the Civil war, acted for 25,000 food distributors.

TOUR NEW ENGLAND TO RECRUIT FRENCH-CANADIANS

Boston, July 20.—At British recruiting headquarters it is announced that Abbe Doyan, chaplain in the 22nd Battalion of the Canadian overseas forces, would arrive here soon to make a tour of New England cities in which there is a large French-Canadian population. Accompanied by Lieutenant Pierre Chevalier of the same battalion he will seek recruits for the Canadian army.

Washington, July 20.—Drawing for the war army began in the senate office building this morning. It is estimated that from ten to twelve hours will be required to draw all the 10,500 members required to fix the order of liability of each of the ten million men registered. As the numbers were called out by an official who, blindfolded, drew them from carefully sealed capsules, they were dashed over the wires of the various press associations to every part of the United States.

Germans In General Attack Upon French But They Fail Again

Paris, July 20.—The Germans made a general attack last night on the whole sector of the Aisne front between Craonne and Valenciennes, using large bodies of troops. The war office announces that the French without their fortifications assaulted and maintained their positions everywhere. The ground before the French positions was strewn with German dead.

"An energetic counter-attack enabled us to regain a position which the enemy had penetrated. We hold the crest of the plateau entirely. The enemy still holds a position about 600 metres long near the northern edge of the plateau where one of our first line positions was destroyed by the bombardment."

The enemy's artillery was more active than usual northwest of St. Quentin and southwest of Lens."

TWO AMERICANS SHOT IN PLOT TO KILL KAISER?

(J. M. Robinson & Sons, private wire telegram.) New York, July 20.—London reports two Americans shot in plot to kill Kaiser. Chairman Denman of United States shipping board, in a letter to the U.S. consul in London, says German U-boats sink 1,000,000 tons a month. 20,000 miners in Kent'sley and Tennessee demand eight-hour day and recognition of union.

Russian troops sent to Petrograd to preserve order in City quiet. Senate puts food control in hands of three men but amendments to eliminate Hoover are rejected.

FURTHER LOSSES IN YORK COUNTY ARE CAUSED BY LIGHTNING

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Think German People One With Government

Unionist Business Committee Write to Bonar Law and Urge Course That Will Affect Matters When Peace Negotiations Come

London, July 20.—The Unionist business committee, one of the most influential groups in the House of Commons which the war has produced, sent Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, a letter yesterday wherein they urged their views of various political matters, including America's entry into the war, economic policy and revolutionary movements in labor centres.

The letter cites present events as having caused doubt in the minds of the writers as to whether the government is following the development in Germany with proper regard for the facts. They urge that it is a mistake to suppose that the Germans were unwillingly driven to war by the emperor and Prussian militarist and that any democratic movement in Germany is likely to sweep out militarism from the country. The German people as a whole, the letter says, are in entire sympathy with the government and there is no reliable sign that the German social structure will not stand the strain of war to the end.

It is therefore urged that Great Britain in consultation with its allies, adopt practical decision and act thereupon with a view to carrying out the resolutions of the Paris economic conference. The writers fear otherwise that Germany will be at a great advantage when peace negotiations begin and will be able to introduce discord among the allies.

The deputation was reported to be satisfied. According to the same sources, the deputation made plain-spoken complaints of some of the minister's appointments, especially that of Winston Spencer Churchill, the minister of munitions, who it is alleged, they described as peculiarly unfitted by temperament and character for this post.

ONLY ONE DAY FROM WORK

Recommendation to British Miners so That Present Coal Output be Maintained

London, July 20, via Reuter's Ottawa agency.—In view of the national necessity of maintaining the present output of coal, the Derbyshire Miners' Association has recommended its 50,000 members to take but one day's holiday in August, instead of four days as usual.

OUT OF CIVIL COURT INTO THE CRIMINAL

Vincent Rogers, said to be an Italian, was present in the police court this morning charged with breaking and entering the store of Albert Vincent, Brussels street and stealing a quantity of goods. When the charge was read to him he strenuously objected and entered several pleas of not guilty. He was remanded to jail until tomorrow when the city detectives will be ready to go on with the case.

When Vincent's store was entered suspicion centred upon Rogers. When he was brought to police headquarters the city detectives removed one of his boots, took it to the store broken into and saw the footprints in and about the store corresponded to the shoe worn by Rogers.

The city detectives have found in the prisoner's trunk at his boarding house some goods which will figure in the case.

FUEL CONTROLLER MAGRATH LEAVING FOR NEW YORK, SENDS WIRE TO DR. J. H. FRINK—STATEMENT BY LETTER

Dr. J. H. Frink, appointed by the provincial government in connection with the fuel supply matter, and whose energetic work has already proven beneficial, said today to the Times:

"The statement in the Telegraph this morning attributed to me is correct, but the heading of the item that the coal in question is to be sold at the price quoted is misleading. I have no knowledge as to the prices at which this coal is to be sold."

"The sole object was to point out that the price to the consumer here may be modified by joint action of both government and mine owners for a fixed basis of prices at the mine."

"I received a wire today from the fuel controller that he had left last night for New York to facilitate a shipment of hard coal to St. John."

BANK LOSES CASE

Business Man Who Wanted \$300, Found Only \$105 in Package

Fredericton, N. B., July 20.—In the case of Josiah Hallett vs. The Bank of Montreal, tried before the York county court, the jury, this morning, brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for the full amount claimed, \$300, with interest to the amount of \$24.25, with costs. This case attracted much attention on account of the time during which it has been pending and on account of the circumstances. The plaintiff asked the local branch of the Bank of Montreal to forward \$300 to him at his place of business in Millville, in January 19, 1916. On January 25 he took from the Millville post office the package which, when opened, contained only \$105.

Judge Wilson gave a statement this morning to the effect that in the case of LeBaron Dunphy vs. Arthur W. Kyle, he could give no judgment in view of the answers given by the jury to questions put to it.

Miss Grace Waterman, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Waterman of Marsville, died yesterday in her nineteenth year. Besides her parents she is survived by one sister, Mrs. George Greer, at home.

Meeting Plans Abandoned Barcelona, Spain, July 20.—A proposed meeting of members of parliament called by the Catalan delegates after the government recently declined to authorize a regular session of parliament has been abandoned.

Petrograd, July 19.—The resignation of S. M. Perevezief, minister of justice, was due partly to the revelations in a letter from Gen. Brusiloff's chief of staff to the effect that Nikolai Lenin, radical socialist, is an agent of the German general staff at Lenin's connection with the alleged chief German agent in Russia, Maxime Kozlovsky.

International League—Newcastle. Nothing definite could be learned about the wreck here, but a Moncton despatch says the maritime was ditched near Jacquet River. Three cars are off the track. Passengers were transferred and were expected to arrive in Moncton about two o'clock this afternoon. No one was reported injured.

HE GAVE ALL



PTE. WALTER RUSSELL JOHNSON Who was officially reported killed in action on July 4.