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Activities at Dardanelles Have Recommenced

GERMANS ACKNOWLEDGE BEING DRIVEN FROM POSITION

Battleships Shell and Destroy Turkish Camp

Mytilene Reports This, and That Occupation of That City Is Expected—Weather in Dardanelles Favorable For Operations.

[Canadian Press.] London, April 17.—Cable from Mytilene (Island of Lesbos), under date of Thursday, April 15, a correspondent of the Times says that on Wednesday and Thursday the weather in the Dardanelles was good, and favorable for operations. It is reported here from the island of Imbros that ten battleships recently approached the port of Enos, on the north side of the Gulf of Saros. Two of them entered the bay and shelled and destroyed a Turkish camp. The long-talked-of occupation by the Allies of Mytilene is now said to be imminent. Spotted typhus has reached here, two cases already having been reported.

GREECE MAKING OVERTURES TO RELINQUISH NEUTRALITY

Prince George's Return To Paris Believed To Have This Meaning.

[Canadian Press.] London, April 17.—The Daily News Athens correspondent, telegraphs: "Prince George of Greece returns to Paris tomorrow. His journey is thought to have a bearing on the political situation. The Journal Hestia indicates that the government is making overtures to relinquish neutrality. These overtures are understood to be well advanced."

INTERVIEW WITH POPE DISCREDITED

Story By German-American Journalist Probably All Wrong.

AN UNSUITABLE MEDIUM Von Wiegand Unable To Speak Either Italian Or French.

[Canadian Press.] London, April 17.—The Tablet, the official organ of the Roman Catholics of England, devotes a leading article to an interview with the Pope obtained by a German-American journalist.

"We are seriously asked," says the Tablet, "to interview with a journalist, who does not understand either Italian or French, as the most suitable means for transmitting a message of international peace to the American people upon the most delicate of all possible subjects. We are hoping that at the end of the war the Pope may be in a position to play the blessed part of peace maker, but obviously that hope presupposes an attitude of absolute and complete neutrality on the part of the Holy See."

Public Opinion Inflamed. "Public opinion in all belligerent countries is in an inflamed and highly sensitive condition—how can it be gathered from the single fact that when at the end of the year the Pope ordered public prayers for peace the Tablet printed the prayer with the words 'in which the prayer was printed were confiscated by the French Government and treated as part of an anti-national situation saved.'"

"The situation was saved when the Archbishop of Paris explained that the prayer for peace was a prayer for a righteous peace, therefore, a peace with victory. And yet it is now suggested that in this difficult and delicate crisis, when every word has to be weighed with care, Benedict XV., a trained and accomplished diplomatist, chooses as a medium of his message to the Government of the United States a German-American journalist, who was already notorious as the recipient of the confidences of the German Prince of Germany, of Admiral Von Tirpitz, of Count Zeppelin and General von Bernhardi. The thing may be dismissed as merely incredible."

How It Was Done. The Tablet goes on to state that anyone at all familiar with the ways of the Vatican can easily imagine what happened. "Armed with sufficient information, Earl Von Wiegand would have no difficulty in securing a private audience. Then, swelling to the height of his opportunities, he would, through his interpreters, ask the Pope to issue a statement regarding the war, which would be graciously granted, as a matter of course, when the Holy Father, pressed by the prayers for peace and the hope that the greatest neutral power would be ready to enter the good offices at the earliest possible moment."

Made Up Story. "Unfortunately the correspondent, being unable to understand a word of what he said, has contrived to convey a very misleading impression of what was in the Holy Father's mind. The Tablet dismisses as impossible the suggestion that the Pope can have spoken the words attributed to him, inviting the United States to prohibit the export of arms. 'Which prohibition would, of course, be an unequal act, because it would deprive the Allies of the natural legitimate reward of their supremacy at sea.'"

WAR OVER IN DAY AND HALF AFTER BECK GETS ABROAD

So Declares "Billy" Gray, M. P., Who Is Home From Strenuous Ottawa.

"DON'T MURDER MY JOY" This Reply Made When Asked If He Had Greeting For Sir Adam.

"Billy" Gray, M.P., returned to the bosom of his political family today, his own bosom being filled with his grippies and microbes of affection for Sir Adam Beck. "I don't know how Billy loves Sir Adam—it isn't necessary to dwell on that. Each one had vowed that 'The Day' will come, and Sir Adam received the news in Toronto when he killed the cock robin of Mr. Gray's radical railway hopes dead as a herring. 'Have you a message of greeting and felicitation, or expression of brotherly goodwill, as it were, for Adam?' The Advertiser asked him. 'Now, don't make me stick out my tongue,' said Billy. 'I'm trying to feel good. Don't murder my joy and make me look glum. This is a sunny spring afternoon when the bluebirds are singing. Don't put any gloomy old crows into the picture.' So 'we' had a heart and asked him how about election. 'Adam's going to France,' he remarked. 'Well, the war is practically over then,' said Billy. 'I mean that it is a fair way. He should be glad to show them how to win it in about a day and a half.' As to the current scandal, spangled 'dinkies' in Nova Scotia, and 'ring' to the second of state, our distinguished parliamentarian would say little. He left our correspondent full of that fine line of any penitence that he was in, which has the effect of making the spring flowers blossom joyously.

WOMEN KILLED BY AEROPLANE BOMBS

Germans Succeed In Murdering Five At Amiens and Two Men.

[Canadian Press.] Amiens, France, April 17.—Seven persons were killed and eight were wounded by bombs dropped by two German aeroplanes which flew over this city yesterday, one in the morning and one in the evening. The cathedral apparently was the target for the missiles, but it was not damaged.

The first aircraft appeared at 6:45 a.m. and dropped five bombs, which killed four women and two men, while seven other persons were wounded, including two soldiers guarding the railroad station. The property damage was trivial.

The second aeroplane appeared over the city at 5 p.m. One of the bombs dropped from it demolished a house, decapitating a woman seated in the parlor and injuring another woman.

[Canadian Press.] Amsterdam, Holland, April 17.—Via London, 4:45 p.m.—An airship, at that time, dropped twelve bombs on the city of Strasbourg, capital of Alsace-Lorraine. Searchlights showed it disappearing in a northerly direction, under bombardment of anti-aircraft guns.

Two persons in Strasbourg were slightly wounded; otherwise no damage was done by the bombs from the airship.

"SAVVILLE" STORY. Berlin, April 17.—By Wireless to Savville.—Included in the items given out today by the Overseas News Agency is the following: "Private telegrams received here from England by way of Holland say serious damage was done by the Zeppelins which recently flew over England. Bombs from the airships killed or wounded the officers and crew of patrol boats protecting shipping, a fact which indicates that the bombs fell near the docks. The British censor prevented the transmission of further details."

AUSTRIA MIGHT GAIN BY SEPARATE PEACE Would Possibly Save Trieste and Transylvania for Her.

[Canadian Press.] London, April 17.—The Times correspondent at Petrograd says: "Prince Eugene Tschakovsky contributes to the Austrian discussion the recent rumors of the Austro-Hungarian overtures for a separate peace. Disavowing all precise information regarding whether Austria actually has attempted to enter into negotiations with Russia or to send Government circles, the writer nevertheless deems the rumors so far plausible in that at the present moment a separate peace would confer very real benefits upon Austria."

"Should the war continue," he says, "Italy and Roumania join the Allies, Austria risks losing Trieste and Transylvania, whereas if immediate peace is concluded she may preserve these provinces."

PARAGON OF VIRTUE TOPPLES FROM BASE

Braithwaite Out After 'Trade' for City's University

Western Ontario Editor Pays Tribute To Good Work Being Done For Institution That Is Wrestling Rightful Fruits From Toronto.

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TO ASK THAT VOTE ON STOCKYARDS QUESTION BE TAKEN MAY 27

Ald. G. Haney Will Introduce Resolution To This Effect At Next Council Meeting.

Ald. George Haney stated today that on Monday night he would introduce a resolution in the city council asking that a vote on the stockyards question be taken on Thursday, May 27. It is believed that what can be gathered in municipal circles that the resolution will be carried, as the benefits of the stockyards are well known to the city, and Ald. Haney's letters to the Advertiser have pretty well demonstrated that a large amount of money could be saved to householders. "There is not a doubt but that \$1,000 can be saved every week to people who buy meat," said Ald. Haney.

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THE DIARY OF MARS

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Russian reports throw little light on the situation. The official statements of late have mentioned detached engagements in which some local successes have been claimed. Newspaper dispatches from Petrograd are similarly restricted. It appears probable, however, that the Russians have sustained at least a temporary check. This is indicated by the statement in the latest official Petrograd report concerning the bad conditions of the roads, which hinders military operations.

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No, Not a Scarecrow! It's a French Dummy To Draw Enemy's Fire

British Soldier in Trench in the North of France Holding Aloft a Hand-Made Dummy to Draw the Enemy's Fire.



British soldier in trench in the north of France holding aloft a hand-made dummy to draw the enemy's fire.

Make London Great Concentration Camp

Will Likely Bring 34th From Guelph Here—Will Go With 33rd To Front—Additional Targets To Be Placed at Ranges and Coves.

It was stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that with a view of giving special attention to the military instruction of the infantry regiments which will be trained here, that additional targets are to be constructed at the ranges and the Coves. It is the intention, it is stated, to bring the 34th Battalion, now in training at Guelph, to London, and make this city a great concentration camp. The men of the 33rd and 34th Battalions will, it is stated, be trained together, and will leave for the front together. London, it is stated, will have more troops here in the next few months than ever before.

GENERAL MASSACRE OF CHRISTIANS EXPECTED IN BASHKATA PROVINCE

Turks, Angry at Inhumanity of Kurds, Have Lynched Some.

[Canadian Press.] Tabriz, Persia, Friday. April 15, 1915. After several days of fighting between Armenians and Kurds are frequent in the vicinity of Van, in Turkish Armenia, according to reliable information reaching Tabriz, and a general massacre of Christians is expected in the province of Van. The Armenians of Van are hurriedly trying to raise volunteers in Azerbaijan province, Persia, to help them against the Kurds.

After several stubborn engagements between Russians and Turks to the north of Dilman, in Persia, the Turkish retreated to the south of Dilman.

From the district of the Choruk River it is reported that the unsuccessful defence of Khopa, the town of the district, has been abandoned beyond Arachava, where they have occupied fortified heights from which they are making sorties.

There is said to be growing hostility between the Kurds and the Armenians of the latter. In cases where Kurds and Armenians are serving together, this disaffection has at times approached the murderous stage. Turkish soldiers and even the younger of the Turkish officers are protesting against the outrages committed by the Kurds. There are several instances of Turkish soldiers having lynched Kurds guilty of unusual atrocities.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW — FAIR AND MILD, WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 53; lowest, 41.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 44; lowest, 29.

Toronto, April 17.—8 a.m. Forecasts.

Today—Light to moderate winds; fine. Sunday—Moderate to fresh southerly winds; fair and milder, followed by a few scattered showers during the night.

Temperatures were the highest and lowest during the 24 hours of the previous to 8 a.m. today:

High. Low. Weather. Victoria 75 46 Clear. Winnipeg 74 40 Clear. Port Arthur 74 39 Cloudy. Winnipeg 74 39 Cloudy. Toronto 49 34 Clear. Ottawa 58 38 Cloudy. Montreal 58 30 Cloudy. Quebec 58 30 Cloudy.

Pressure is now highest over the Great Lakes and lowest in Saskatchewan. Rain has fallen again over the greater portion of the Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere the weather has been for the most part fine.

ENEMY ADMITS POSITION LOST

Also Says Another Place Is "Evacuated Because of Disadvantageous Situation."

GREAT ACTIVITY IS SHOWN

German Official Report Tells of Fighting in Many Districts.

[Canadian Press.] Berlin, April 17.—By Wireless to Sydney.—The statement today from army headquarters is as follows: "French attacks near Flirey were repulsed."

"East of Ypres the British yesterday used grenades and bombs which developed an asphyxiating gas. On the south slope of Lorette Heights, northwest of Arras, a small German point of support, sixty yards long and fifty yards deep, was lost. In Champagne, northwest of Perthes a group of French fortifications was stormed. A French counter-attack failed."

Soon Evacuated. "The Germans conquered a French position northwest of Uperls, in the Vosges. They captured French chasseurs and then evacuated the position because of its disadvantageous situation."

"A French airship destroyed window glass at Strasbourg and landed on the ground. A German aviator shelled Greenwich, near London."

"On the eastern front the situation is unchanged."

NOTHING NEW. Paris, April 17.—Via London.—The report on the progress of hostilities since this afternoon by the French war office, contains nothing that was not set forth in the communication given out last night.

Battering Silenced. PARIS, April 16, via London, April 17.—12:35 a.m.—The following French official statement regarding the progress of the fighting in the western theatre of the war was given out here tonight:

"At Notre Dame Du Lorette the German delivered three counter-attacks, each of which was preceded by a violent bombardment. They were also failed short of the objective. The French launched a counter-attack at Les Eparges last night."

"At Bois De Montmarie there was an artillery duel. We silenced three batteries and blew up an ammunition depot."

SUDDEN ATTACK BY AUSTRIA EXPECTED

Rome Believes She Is Just Waiting Certainty of Italian Intervention.

FRONTIER IS PROTECTED

Every Effort Made To Prevent Trade With Austria In Contraband.

[Canadian Press.] Paris, April 17.—The belief is becoming general in Rome that Austria will make a sudden attack upon Italy as soon as she becomes convinced that the latter country has declined to intervene in the war, according to a dispatch to the Matin from its correspondent in the Italian capital. This prospect is said to be causing alarm, however, because of the concentration of large forces of Italian troops on the Austrian frontier.

STOP CONTRABAND TRADE. [Canadian Press.] Milan, April 17.—Via Paris.—Desperate steps are being taken by the Italian Government to prevent trade in contraband articles being carried on with Austria, according to the newspaper Secolo, which asserts that 500 persons were arrested on Friday while attempting to smuggle flour, rice and spaghetti across the frontier.

EXPECTS NEUTRALITY. [Canadian Press.] Rome, April 16, 8:55 p.m.—Via Paris, April 17.—I am convinced that Italy (Continued on Page Three.)

SEE AEROPLANE BATTLES DAILY

Russell Canning Writes Home From the Front.

Writing in a dug-out made of sandbags, brush and sod, Russell Canning, gunner in the 12th Battery, 3rd Brigade who left London with the 1st Battalion, worked for three hours one night getting our guns into position and concealing them, and then we had to move from that position as it was thought we would be shelled. The next morning a number of shells were dropped on the place. The battery is only 700 to 1,000 yards from the German trenches, and must have done some terrible execution amongst the enemy," the writer says.

CONFINEMENT FOR BRITISH OFFICERS

Ten Placed in Solitary Cells by Germans as Retaliation.

[Canadian Press.] Halle-on-the-Saale, Germany, April 17.—Via London. Ten British officers, prisoners of the Germans, have been taken from the local camp of prisoners of war and placed in solitary confinement in Magdeburg. This is a measure of reprisal for the treatment by Great Britain of the crews of German submarines held prisoners in England.

The ten officers referred to include the son of a former British ambassador in Berlin. The name of this officer, however, is not given.

"TOMMY" CHURCH DOWN ON SENATE

Says It Is "Creature of the Banks and Enmity of Municipal Bodies."