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War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A.M.

WAR SUMMARY.

NEW YORK, May 7.

The British and Germans throughout Monday were still engaged in violent fighting for possession of the town of Bullecourt, midway between Arras and Cambrai, and also in the immediate region at Roex and between Fortin and Reincourt. British forces are now at the north-western and eastern outskirts of Bullecourt, leaving only the southern end of it available for retreat of the Germans who are still inside. Official reports assert the British entered well into the town, and that hand-to-hand fighting was going on. North of this sector the Germans report that a heavy British attack at Roex and Fortin and Reincourt was repulsed during the day with sanguinary losses, while still further north in the region of Lens the British official records the repulse of the third German counter-attack on the new acquired British positions. South of the Souchez River British rifle and machine-gun fire entirely wiped out the German forces which attacked in waves, while the supporting contingents were taken under the direct artillery fire and barrage and forced to give up the effort. Monday saw no continuation of heavy infantry fighting, but Sunday night northwest of Soissons in the region of Moulin de Lafaux and along the Chemin des Dames, the artillery continued to roar in a mighty duel. The French here and everywhere are consolidating their gains and preparing for a fresh thrust against the German lines. The Berlin war office claims that in Sunday night's fighting the Germans obtained local successes at numerous points, notably at Winterburg on the northern slope, which was recaptured, and on the southern slope from which the French were forced to retreat. Greek troops, followers of former Premier Venizelos in conjunction with French forces have occupied Bulgarian positions on a front of more than three miles in the Serbian theatre and repulsed Bulgarian counter attacks delivered to annul the advantage. This announcement which was made by the Paris war office, is interesting, inasmuch as it shows for the first time that the followers of Venizelos are actively under arms and with the Entente forces, fighting in Macedonia.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, May 7.

The official from the headquarters in France to-night reads: This afternoon the enemy launched his third counter attack with considerable force upon our new positions south of Souchez River. The first wave of the assault reached the slope in front of our trenches and was destroyed by our rifle and machine gun fire. Supporting waves caught by our artillery barrage were broken up. No Germans reached our trenches. This morning a strong body of the enemy was caught in the open in the neighborhood of Bullecourt by our artillery and machine gun fire, suffering heavy casualties. Successful work was done by our airplanes yesterday in spite of strong wind. Six German airplanes were brought down. One fell within our lines and one other enemy machine was driven out of control. Three of our machines are missing.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.

PETROGRAD, via London, May 7.

In the region of the village of Potol, on the Bersina River on our western front our artillery disposed of an enemy attempt to approach our trenches, says the official Russian statement to-night. In the direction of Vladimir Vilynski, south of Zubino, after intense fire with grenades and bombs, an enemy company left their trenches to attack our trenches with hand grenades. Our artillery drove them back to their own trenches. On the Khabarovec Zboroff front the enemy carried out an intense bombardment.

TROUBLE IN HUNGARY.

COPENHAGEN, May 7.

The Hungarian opposition have announced their intention to wage sharp war against Count Tisza and will not desert until the Premier's retirement is forced, according to a despatch from Vienna. Emperor Charles accompanied by the Austrian Premier, has embarked on a tour of Galicia to which considerable importance is attributed. The plan to give Galicia special autonomous position in the Empire and incidentally the cutting of Polish strength in the Austrian Parliament, giving the Ger-

man parties working control, has been dropped and the Emperor and Premier are now endeavoring to find some other solution.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

BERLIN, May 7.

All German positions between the Soissons-Laon Road and the Ailette north of Laffaux, have been maintained, says the official statement issued to-day by the German army headquarters staff. The Germans, it is added, were successful in the Aisne battle and have captured 720 men since Saturday. Fourteen British and French airplanes were brought down yesterday on the western front. The battle is spreading to the east of the village of Bullecourt. We still hold the village of Cheveux, it announces.

NAVAL CO-OPERATION.

WASHINGTON, May 7.

Naval co-operation between the United States and the Allies against Germany is being negotiated largely in London, it was learned, instead of here at Washington, as is the case with the military and other subjects. Rear-Admiral Sims, who was on his way to England when war was declared, and who has just attended the Allied naval conference at Paris, is charged to speak for the American Government on the major questions of policy. Apart from the original announcement that the United States will patrol American waters and thus relieve the Allied vessels which have been on duty here for two and a half years, no statement of the naval policy is expected. Whether American ships will cross to the other side and help in the offensive campaign either in British waters or nearer the German bases, probably will become known only through the announcement of some decisive action, if there is one. Admiral de Chair, head of the naval contingent with the British war mission here, spent most of to-day at the Navy Department continuing conferences with the bureau chiefs. He devoted himself to all sorts of technical discussions about submarines, the means of hunting and trapping them, and the lessons learned by the British in their long efforts to suppress the submarine menace. In a general way he is acting as intermediary to the British Admiralty and facilitating the technical negotiations between British and American experts. The British and American officials divided into eight sub-committees to discuss all the various phases of American participation in the war, and reached decisions to-day in their effort to harmonize conflicting opinions as to how America's aid may be made effective against Germany. The sub-committees met to canvass the individual

phases entrusted to them and hoped to be able to report within a week. Foreign Secretary Balfour was officially received by the Supreme Court during the morning, having been accompanied from his headquarters to the Capitol by the Chief Justice, while in the afternoon Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, with the British Labor members who have come to this country on his invitation, called on Balfour. It was stated the discussion was purely informal and did not cover questions of policy. The presence of the British Labor members is gratifying to American officials, who are anxious to learn how England solved the labor problems, both in relation to conscription and as to freedom from strikes and other disturbances. The system of so-called closed shops where labor and capital are under mutual obligation to the Government, created much interest, as well as the system by which war work is given preference all along its line of manufacture. Secretary Wilson of the Department of Labor to-night entertained the British Labor leaders at dinner, and discussed with them the time and place for the conference to be held this week with the American labor chiefs. The visitors are anxious to begin the conferences as soon as possible, as it was with no little difficulty they arranged to leave England at this time. Labor spokesmen from other Allied countries are expected in the near future. To-night Balfour was entertained by Representatives McGill and McCormack, who had invited a number of members of Congress to meet the British statesman. To-morrow the Foreign Secretary will be officially reported by the Senate.

TRAIN DERAILED.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 7.

The special train bearing the French Commission was derailed near Arcola, Illinois, early this evening. Four of the six coaches left the rails but did not upset. No one was hurt, so far as is known. A wrecking train left here at 8.30 for the scene.

IGNORE CAPTURE OF CRAONNE.

COPENHAGEN, May 7.

The German newspapers, apparently under instructions, ignore the capture of Craonne absolutely. The French report of the taking of the village is printed but is buried in a column of entente official bulletins in small type.

HUGHES SUSTAINED.

MELBOURNE, May 7.

Although the returns of the general elections are incomplete, it seems certain that Premier Hughes will have a majority in both houses. The

majorities generally in the labor strongholds have been greatly reduced and several prominent Laborites have been defeated. Hughes has been returned for Bendigo with a majority of 3,600. Hon. Frank Cook, former Liberal leader, but now a member of the Hughes ministry, speaking at Sydney declared the nation had risen grandly and hung true to its traditions.

QUEENSLAND REFERENDUM.

BRISBANE, May 7.

The latest figures available as a result of the Referendum in the question of the Queensland Legislative Council gave the result, for 115,367; against 167,194.

PAID TRIBUTE TO LINCOLN'S MEMORY.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 7.

Marshal Joffre, hero of the Marne, paid tribute to the memory of Lincoln at the emancipator's tomb here to-day and with others of the French commission received an enthusiastic welcome to the capital of Illinois. Marshal Joffre silently placed the wreath upon Lincoln's sarcophagus. With bowed heads and doffed caps the French hero, Sené Viviani, Vice-President of the French Council and Ministers filed into the tomb and paid honor to the war President.

BANKERS LOSE LAW CASE.

WASHINGTON, May 7.

The New York banks to-day lost their litigation in the Supreme Court against the North German-Lloyd liner Kronprinzessin Cecilie, now lying in Boston harbor, in which they claimed 2,240,000 dollars damages for failure of the vessel to deliver gold bullion worth 115,500 dollars shipped to England and France just at the outbreak of the war. The Cecilie, the Supreme Court decided, is not liable for damages to shippers for turning back to America in mid-ocean and abandoning the voyage. The decision determines largely similar claims against scores of other German vessels in American ports. Justice Holmes delivered the decision. Justices Pitney and Clark dissented.

MAY PURCHASE LIQUOR INTERESTS.

LONDON, May 7.

An order will be issued in the near future providing that waste of any kind of food shall be a punishable offence. Capt. Chas. Bathurst, Parliamentary Secretary of the Food Controller's Department made this announcement to-day in the Commons. The discussion by the House on the work of the liquor control board which is to open to-morrow is awaited with considerable interest as the Government probably will indicate its

policy toward the liquor trade. A lively controversy is looked for between the advocates of total prohibition and Government purchase. The Pall Mall Gazette says it is rumored in quarters generally well informed that the Government contemplates introducing a measure for the state purchase of the liquor trade.

STATES ENTRY INTO THE WAR COMMEMORATED.

LONDON, May 7.

The entry of the United States into the war was commemorated again to-day at two large meetings for united thanksgiving and intercession, under the auspices of the world's evangelical alliances at Queen's Hall. Today's meetings were preliminary to a day of united prayer, which is fixed for Whit Sunday, May 27th.

Citizens' Committee

DISCUSS SECRETARY SMITH'S REPORT.

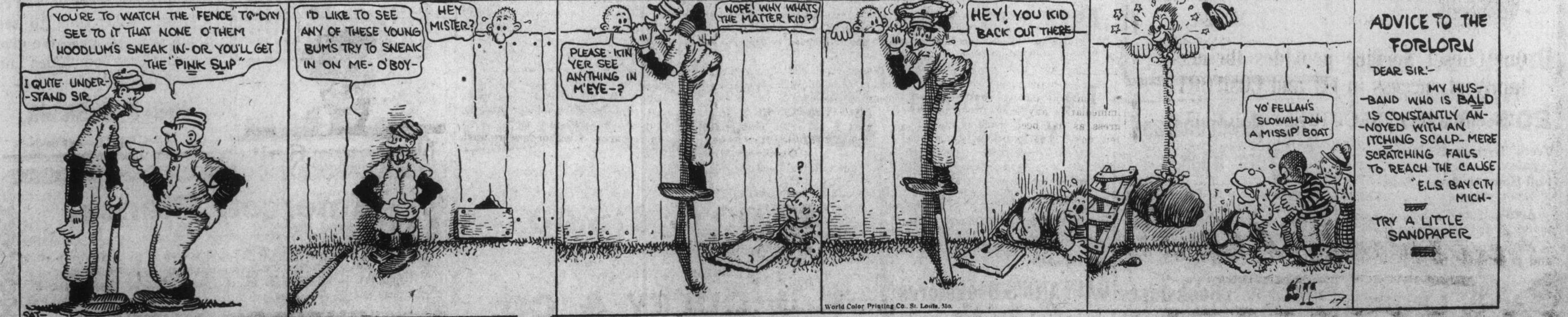
The attendance at the Citizens' Committee meeting in the Board of Trade Rooms last night was the largest for some time. In discussing the business arising out of the minutes of the last meeting relative to the pensions scheme, wherein it is compulsory for old employees of the Council to contribute four per cent of their salary towards a fund to provide a pension for themselves in their old age, Vice-Chairman Kelly strongly opposed the adoption of such a measure, but was satisfied if the same should apply to future officials of the Council or those in the service less than ten years. A lengthy discussion took place in which all present expressed their views, and on a vote being taken the motion as amended at the previous meeting was passed, 10 voting for and 3 against. So that in future all civic employees, who shall be determined by the Council as eligible to contribute towards the pension fund, will do so as soon as the new Municipal Bill becomes law. At present the Council holds no legal right to grant pensions to old or disabled employees and those former officials who are paid a weekly or monthly allowance are receiving the same at the good grace of the Council.

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