

GERMAN LINES NEAR BREAKING POINT

Russian Crisis Still Acute, And May Provoke Fresh Disorders // Enemy Losses on West Front Too Heavy to be Accurately Estimated // Tide of Public Opinion Against Germany Rising Daily Ever Higher

Relentless Pressure of Allies Weakening Foe Morale

ATLANTA SWEEP BY BIG FIRE

Three Thousand Homes in Georgia's Capital Wrecked by Flames FIVE MILLION LOSS Conflagration Swept The City, Fanned by Brisk Wind ONLY ONE LIFE LOST Relief Work Goes on in The City Today

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MEXICO SENDS NOTE TO HUNS PROTEST AGAINST RELENTLESS CAMPAIGN OF U-BOAT WARFARE VOICED

By Courier Leased Wire. Amsterdam, May 22.—via London.—A Berlin despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the Mexican minister to Germany is reported to have handed a note to the German Government protesting against the submarine campaign. The report followed a prolonged conference between the Mexican ministers and Foreign Secretary Zimmermann on Monday.

BRAZIL NEUTRAL NO MORE

Revocation of Neutrality Decree Urged by President on Congress

NATIONAL SYMPATHY Rests With America, With Whom Brazil Shares Unity of View

APPEAL TO ENTENTE Against Prosecution of Economic War Against Germany

By Courier Leased Wire. Rio Janeiro, May 22.—President Braz has sent a message to Congress recommending the revocation of the decree of neutrality in the war between the United States and Germany. Congress is expected to accept the recommendation by a large majority. The message that the order to the Brazilian authorities enjoining the observance of neutrality was only intended to have effect until Congress met, it continues:

"Today, in consideration of the fact that the United States is an integral part of the American union, in consideration also of the traditional policy of Brazil which has always been governed by a complete unity of view with the United States and, finally, in consideration of the sympathies of a great majority of the Brazilian nation, the administration invites Congress to revoke the decree of neutrality."

No Economic War

New York, May 22.—An appeal to the Entente Allies Governments not to make another world struggle probable by beginning an economic war upon the Central Powers as soon as a treaty of peace is signed has been made by Jacob H. Schiff, Dr. Charles F. Eliot, George Haven Putnam, Chas. S. Fairchild and more than a score of other prominent Americans. The complete text of the appeal which was addressed to Arthur Balfour and Rene Viviani and their colleagues on the British and French commissioners to the United States was forwarded by the visiting commissioners it was announced last night, to their respective governments on May 19.

Slow, Enforced Retreat of The German Armies Continues as Franco-British Beat Down Line After Line of Defences; Teuton Collapse Near

By Courier Leased Wire. The German armies in France are slowly losing ground before the relentless pressure exercised by Generals Haig and Nivelle and the vital question is as to whether their morale can be maintained under terrific pounding to which they are subjected day and night. Apparently the allied commanders have abandoned the policy of sudden thrusts at chosen points and are relying on a constant hammering over a wide front in the belief that sooner or later the iron German ring must either break or crack. While there is little immediate prospect of sensational developments in the battle area, the political situation remains fraught with many possibilities.

The latest news from Russia indicates that the crisis in that country continues acute and the menace that Russia may either withdraw from the Entente or be plunged into chaos still throws its shadow over the future. The Russian radicals are apparently as determined as ever to reject the war programme of England and France but they show almost as much reluctance as Berlin to define their precise aims. A conference is projected at which the coalition government will be asked for a frank statement as to its position and there are uncomfortable rumors that the Russian radicals intend to attempt to force a repudiation of Russia's treaties with the other members of the Entente.

On the other side of the account is the rising tide of indignation against Germany in Scandinavia and Spain. The anti-German faction in Sweden has been powerfully reinforced by the action of the Germans in sinking three Swedish grain ships, in violation of their own agreement to respect the safety of the vessels. Spain is still awaiting a reply to her protest over the sinking of the Spanish steamer Patricio also destroyed while sailing under a German guarantee and the tone of the Spanish press is increasingly peremptory in its demand that Germany be compelled to respect Spanish rights.

What effect the course of events is having on the German people remains practically a sealed book. The German censorship is stricter than ever and the little news that trickles across the frontier of the central powers offers scant basis for even speculation. Apparently the war of the pan-Germans and junkers on Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is going merrily on, but there is nothing to indicate what effect it is having on the Emperor, sole arbiter of the premier's destiny. The junkers claim to have enlisted Field Marshal von Hindenburg but the issue will presumably remain in abeyance until the reichstag reconvenes on July 5.

HOPE FOR SETTLEMENT OF IRISH HOME RULE PROBLEM

Opposition Is Weakening, and Convention May Result in Amicable Solution of Difficulty; Ireland Given Opportunity of Working Out Its Own Destiny

By Courier Leased Wire. London, May 22.—While most of the morning newspapers editorially welcome an Irish convention as a hopeful means for settling the difficulties in Ireland, none of them expresses confidence in its success and none regard it absolutely certain that the convention will meet. It is pointed out that although speeches in parliament showed a remarkable change in the atmosphere and that the discussion and outlook on the whole is encouraging the exclusion of northern Ulster, remains.

Hope, however, is based in some quarters on the attitude of the Marquis of Lansdowne, who for many years has been an antagonist of Home Rule and on the speech of Sir Edward Carson, which is regarded as a better augury than that of Sir John Lonsdale, secretary and whip of the Irish Unionist party. Satisfaction is expressed by several of the editorial writers that the settlement of the Irish question has been removed from Great Britain's hands and that Ireland has been given the opportunity to work out its own destiny. This satisfaction is accompanied by the earnest hope that the opportunity will be seized by the Irishmen. The Daily Telegraph inter-

prets the general feeling of parliament as recognizing that the convention if it is held easily may fail, but it asserts that the success of it is not out of the question and that the experiment would be made with good will. The Daily Chronicle urges the convening at the earliest possible moment of the convention, saying that

on the crest of the incoming tide it may be created safely to land. The Liberal Daily News, referring to the representation in the convention not being limited to politicians but including representatives of the Social, economic and intellectual elements, says this variety of comprehensiveness contains a promise of a



BRAZIL SHIP NOT RELEASED

GERMAN PRIZE COURT DECIDES ADVERSELY UPON SIX PLEAS ENTERED

By Courier Leased Wire. London, May 22.—The German prize court at Hamburg has decided adversely on six pleas entered with it to secure the release of the Brazilian steamer Rio Pardo which was captured by German warships, December 9, 1916, and taken into a German port. The Rio Pardo at the time of her capture was bound from Rotterdam for Hull with a cargo consisting largely of provisions.

Three Separate Counter Attacks of Germans Were Repulsed

HEAVY ENEMY LOSSES Total of Thousand Prisoners Taken By French Yesterday

STATISTICS QUOTED

Eighty Four Divisions Used By Germany in a Month

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, May 22.—Noon—Three separate counter-attacks by the Germans on positions captured yesterday by the French were repulsed last night according to an official statement issued by the French war office this morning. The number of prisoners taken by the French yesterday was 1,000.

The statement follows: "In the Champagne, the enemy after bombarding the positions which we captured yesterday, north of Mount Carnillet and at the Casque and the Teton, made infantry attacks against these three sectors. He was repulsed everywhere and suffered considerable losses without obtaining any result.

"The number of unrounded prisoners taken by us in the operations of yesterday reached 1,000 of whom 28 are officers. There was intermittent artillery fighting on the remainder of the front. On the Vaucle plateau the artillery fighting was violent.

"Enemy surprise attacks at various points were repulsed. In the course of raids in the German lines we took 15 prisoners."

Foe Losses

Paris, May 22.—Some idea of the extent of the German losses in the recent Anglo-French offensive in France may be obtained, according to a semi official note from the fact that on the Verdun front from February, 1916, to February 1917—one year—Germany put into action fifty-six and one half divisions, while she put into action eighty-four divisions on the Anglo-French front this year from April 9 to May 11.

ANZEIGER HAMMERS HOLLWEG

Chancellor's Claims of Agreement on Aim of the War is Challenged

CAMPAIGN IS WAGED Charge That Von Bethmann Is Not In Accord With Army Chiefs

BIG MUNITION STRIKE Workers in Budapest Have Been Out Since May 1

By Courier Leased Wire. Copenhagen, via London, May 22.—Director Immerman of the Berlia Lokal Anzeiger challenges in his Monday article, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's in the reichstag that he and the military leaders were in full accord regarding war aims. Herr Zimmermann says that the unity of views, according to his knowledge, applies only to military strategic aims on which the Chancellor has accepted the views of Hindenburg and Kudenoff, the morally responsible generals. He denies that von Bethmann-Hollweg has any right to claim the generals as the champions of his views as to the political and economic aims of the war.

The Lokal Anzeiger, since it passed into the hands of a syndicate headed by captain of industry of the Rhine district and a former minister whom von Bethmann threw overboard has ceased to be a subservient government organ and is now in more or less consistent opposition to the Chancellor. Herr Zimmermann, in continuation of his criticism, questions the stability of the Bethmann bloc in the reichstag and denies that the vote on the peace interpretation can be interpreted as a vote of confidence.

Simultaneously the paper announces that von Hindenburg answering a telegram of greeting from Danzig group of avowed pan-Germans and opponents of the Chancellor replied: "I share your hopes for the fulfillment of your wishes for the future of the Fatherland." The original telegram emphasized the demand for a peace programme "corresponding to Germany's sacrifices." The Field Marshal's reply will unquestionably encourage the campaign against the Chancellor and supports Director Zimmermann's intimations that von Bethmann is not in complete accord with the army chiefs.

Munition Strike

Stockholm, May 22.—via London—According to information from a Hungarian source received here a strike has been continuously in progress in all the Budapest munition factories since May 1.

Strike Renewed

Paris, May 22.—The dress-makers strike has broken out anew, the employers at a meeting today having rejected the provision for a Saturday half holiday. The strike is extending rapidly, the employees of numerous millinery establishments, furriers and under-garment manufacturers having joined them overnight. Eight hundred milliners attended a meeting at the Labor Exchange today at which the conditions in many of the principal hat stores were denounced, the rank and file in these places being paid 23 cents a day with dinner. Delegates representing the working girls and the employers had a conference this evening with M. Bourgeois, the minister of labor.

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