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Feverish Apprehension in Germany Over May Day Possibilities

GERMANS PRESSED BY BRITISH ON WESTERN FRONT AND DISMAYED BY STRIKE SITUATION AT HOME BATTLE OF ARRAS STILL RAGES FIERCLY

Tens of Thousands of Reserves Being Hurlled Against British Battlefront in Effort to Check Advance, so Far Without Avail—Hungary, Frightened, Promises Internal Reforms

The battle of Arras still rages with the issue remaining in doubt. For six days the armies of Great Britain and Germany have struggled for the mastery in a conflict which baffles superlatives. Tens of thousands of reservists have been hurled against the British battlefront by Field-Marshal Von Hindenburg in a supreme effort to check the British advance, but so far without avail.

However momentous the issues which hang on the bloody struggle in France, they are insufficient to hold the attention of the German people, who are facing a situation at home fraught with even more tremendous possibilities. On the eve of the great general strike planned for May Day, the German press and leaders are displaying a feverish apprehension as to what the morrow will bring.

The majority of the Socialists are energetically supporting the government in its efforts to check the workers into refraining from striking. Even the radical minority seems to be frightened at the possible results of the agitation it has fostered.

Austria and Sweden are two other storm centres, where May day may evoke popular uprisings of far-reaching effect. In the face of the brewing storm word comes that the Hungarian government has declared itself in favor of important democratic reforms.

The entire situation in Europe appears to have reached one of those confused stages where conflicting news makes the relative importance of events uncertain and obscure, a situation intensified by the increasing rigors of the censorship in all countries.

BRITISH OPERATIONS London, April 30.—The capture of some prisoners and a machine gun, minor operations is reported in the official statement issued by the war office this morning.

VIOLENT FIGHTING NEAR ST. QUENTIN Paris, April 30.—(Noon)—Violent artillery fighting occurred last night south of St. Quentin, in the regions of Troyon, Hurbise and Craonne. Several incipient German attacks were stopped by the French curtain of fire.

Official Statement. Paris, April 30.—The official statement is as follows:—"The night south of St. Quentin in the regions of Troyon, Hurbise and Craonne."

Our batteries continued their destructive fire against the German defenses on the heights near Morvonnville. Several German attacks on our trenches and small posts in the sector of Hurbise near Mount Cornille, and in the vicinity of Mount Chambréteux were broken up by our artillery and machine gun fire.

Enemy aviators last night threw down several bombs in the regions of Douvrie, Nancy and Belfort. There were no casualties and the damage was insignificant. Châlons and Sperray also were bombarded, and there were several victims among the civilian population.

On Saturday night our aviators carried out several bombing expeditions effectively. A captive balloon was brought down and barracks containing troops were bombarded, a fire being observed.

The railroad stations at Pont-Faverger and Bethenville and bivouacs near Epoye also were bombarded.

Petaín's Appointment. Paris, April 30.—The appointment of Gen. Petaín as chief of staff is generally welcomed as a timely reform which had long been advocated by military experts.

General Petaín, as technical adviser to the government will occupy very much the same position as Gen. Sir William Robertson in London, and will be responsible for the general condition of operations wherever French troops are engaged.

In addition to this appointment, it is understood that the government contemplates various other measures of re-organization based on an examination of the military situation and the lessons taught by the recent operations.

The Petit Parisien says that certain services whose working has been shown to be defective, will be overhauled, and that changes will be made among leaders, whose talents could be more judiciously used.

The paper adds that this would be done "without prejudice to the disciplining of these, whatever their previous services who have committed faults and made mistakes."

Stáike in Kiev. Kiev, April 30, via London.—Prisoners of war employed on municipal work here have gone on strike. They demand an eight-hour day and better working conditions.

1,000 U. S. Surgeons. Washington, April 29.—Plans for sending one thousand American surgeons to Europe for service in the Allied armies were announced tonight by the general medical board of the council of national defense. The war office today announced that an effort to expel the British from positions captured had been defeated.

RUSSIANS WILL FIGHT TO FINISH

Separate Peace Idea Died With Old Regime

WOUNDED SOLDIERS PARADE

Striking Demonstration in Petrograd in Protest Against German Influence—Socialist Leader Fails to Appear

Petrograd, April 29, via London, April 30.—It is evident from foreign telegrams that the attitude of the Russian democracy towards peace has been "misconstructed and distorted by the foreign press." The desire for peace has become more widespread and articulate since the revolution, but it is based on entirely different conceptions from those entertained during the old regime.

Anti-Pacifist Parade. Petrograd, April 29, via London, April 30.—An anti-pacifist procession, comprised of some one thousand men, maimed, bandaged and convalescent soldiers, on foot or in motor trucks, assembled this morning outside the cathedral, despite the keen frost and paraded the streets to the strains of the "Marsellaise."

The procession augmented quickly and, on its way to the Duma building, tens of thousands of persons led by a large attendance. Scores of one-legged men, who recently has been intimately connected with the attempts to bring about a separate peace.

Details remain to be worked out, but it was said there is little doubt that Lord Northcliffe will take the paper come to the United States.

The suggestion that the United States be permitted to take the production of the Northcliffe plants some weeks ago, it was said, on condition that the paper go only to small publishers. The paper will be distributed by the Publishers' Association under supervision of the Trade Commission.

Fredericton News. Fredericton, N. B., April 30.—A cable received by J. J. F. Winslow today states that Lieut.-Col. Kemmis Betty, D. S. O., here, is seriously ill in London.

The Victoria mill commenced the season's operations this morning with a large crew of men employed.

George McKnight has decided not to accept reappointment as city engineer. He has been offered a position in Ontario and will probably accept, removing early in June.

The remains of the late Miss Maria Murray will be brought here from St. John tomorrow and interred at Springhill.

The water in the river here is steadily falling. There is still plenty of snow and ice in the woods, but the cold weather has retarded driving operations.

Few bank logs are being brought to Springhill and are selling at \$12 to \$16 per thousand, the latter figure being paid for spruce.

Customs receipts at this port during April totalled \$17,069, or double those of April a year ago. The imports were valued at \$122,459 against \$56,747 last April.

Stanislaus Layton, of Blackville, Northumberland county, has been killed in action.

Members of the local government are expected here tomorrow to hold a meeting.

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He went into the Russian woods after a bear, but just when he thought he was going to get it the bear changed into a Mammoth.

BRAZIL AGAIN AMONG THE NEUTRALS Rio Janeiro, April 28.—(Delayed)—The Brazilian government issued a proclamation of neutrality today in respect to the war between the United States and Germany.

POWER COMPANY WILL CO-OPERATE Willing to Aid Construction of Comfort Station

AGAIN OBJECT TO PAVING WORK But Council Approves Plans For West End Street—Commissioner Fisher Suggests Withdrawal of Business Restrictions Bill

The New Brunswick Power Company was willing to co-operate with the city in the construction of a comfort station in Market Square was made known to the council at the committee meeting this morning, but to what degree or extent was not stated.

Commissioner Fisher read a letter from the president, L. H. Rose, in which the latter said that he felt the comfort station should provide sufficient revenue each year to pay the sinking fund, interest and other expenses.

A letter of the company registering further protest against the paving of Union street, West St. John, in lieu of other points on this side of the harbor over which traffic was heavier, and which was in even worse condition was also read. No objections were offered to Commissioner Fisher's plan to go ahead with the work on the west side, and the program as it now stands will be carried through.

The reasonably permanent grade, however, will be given the company in order that they may do the work of raising the tracks when so disposed.

Taylor and White, barrel manufacturers, appeared before the council and asked permission to erect a barrel factory in Lansdowne avenue was taken up, with City Solicitor Baxter expressing the opinion that it would not be illegal to erect the factory, inasmuch as it was not defined as an objectionable occupation.

The only building was, it was said, that the business company with the building.

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Placing Their Dependence On Confidence in Hindenburg

PTE. G. W. COOK GIVES HIS LIFE

North End Man Killed in Action—J. P. Clayton's Son Officially Reported Dead—The Casualty List



PRIVATE G. W. COOKE

That her husband had offered the supreme sacrifice for his country on the battle fields of France was the sad tidings that Mrs. G. W. Cooke, of 89 Newman street, received in a telegram from Ottawa. The message said that he had been killed in action on April 9. Private Cooke left St. John last fall with a well known battalion, and upon his arrival in England was transferred into another Canadian infantry unit at the front.

Prior to enlisting Private Cooke conducted a milk business. He was well known, particularly throughout the north end, and a wide circle of friends will regret to learn the sad news.

Besides his wife he is survived by one son, a little over a year old, and a daughter, Miss Lucy of Calgary, and Miss Lottie of this city. Private Cooke was quite well known in amateur baseball circles.

Corp. Geo. McLaughlin. Mrs. William McLaughlin, of 96 Winter street, received word on Friday that her son, Corporal George McLaughlin, was badly wounded in action by gunshot in the left leg on April 18. Corporal McLaughlin is twenty-nine years of age. He went overseas in the first contingent of the war, and was transferred to another battalion. Corporal McLaughlin received a shock in October, 1916, but it was not serious.

Pte. J. S. Clayton of this city has received definite information from the war office in London, to the effect that his son, Private Joshua S. Clayton, who was reported missing on June 2, 1916, is now believed to be dead.

Private Ernest, aged twenty-seven years old, and besides his parents, he is survived by three brothers and three sisters. One brother, Private Ernest, was overseas in the same unit as his brother Joshua. He was taken prisoner in the same battle that his brother was killed in.

Langley Ottawa List. Ottawa, April 30.—Casualties.

INFANTRY. Killed in Action. S. F. Cormick, St. John's, Nfld.; E. L. Mackay, Nfld.

Reported Missing. J. M. McKay, Summerside, P. E. I. Died of Wounds. A. Spencer, Caledonia Mines; S. R. McConnell, Blackville, N. B.; S. Linden, Glassville, N. B.

Shell Shock. J. W. McMahon, Wolfville, N. S. Wounded. H. Lundrigan, Newfoundland; S. B. E. Northrup, St. John; J. Walsh, New Brunswick, N. S.; G. Reilly, Springhill, N. S.; H. Wheaton, Moncton, N. B.; C. Archibald, Windsor, N. S.; S. Clark, St. John's, Nfld.; G. Latereau, Campbellton, N. B.; A. K. Heman, Dartmouth, N. S.; J. W. Kelly, Waterville, N. S.; J. T. Bartlett, Grand Island, Nfld.; E. S. Nickerson, Sable Island, Nfld.; R. M. Barbour, Fredericton, N. B.; G. Russell, Canso, N. S.

MOUNTED RIFLES. Previously Reported Missing. New Not Missing. A. R. Hayward, Coldstream, N. B.

ARTILLERY. Wounded. Bomb. P. J. Bateman, Bathurst, N. B.; Driver, A. H. Innes, Halifax; Gunner J. Brewer, Burt's Corner, N. B. Died of Wounds. Gunner H. A. MacGillivray, New Glasgow, N. S.

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Only Hope to Sustain Morale of German Fighting Men Since Recent Defeats—Class of 1919 Has Been Called up—British Hold Ground Gained in Latest Advances

British Headquarters in France, via London, April 30.—(From a staff correspondent of Associated Press)—There are increasing evidences daily of how the German higher command is using the name of Field-Marshal Von Hindenburg in an effort to sustain the morale of the German fighting men which was lowered by the retreat from the Somme and the successful launching of the British and French offensive actions.

Prisoners taken also tell how Von Hindenburg continues to be held up to the German population as a whole as the man in whom it must repose confidence and hope of final victory.

The recent retreat was explained by the desire of the German command to take up a position in the famous Hindenburg line and prisoners now say that when it becomes known in Germany that the British have turned this position and taken possession of several miles of it southeast of Arras great depression will be caused.

Civilians as well as soldiers placed great faith in this line, on which they say millions upon millions of marks had been spent. They had been told the line was so invulnerable that the Germans could sit in it for the remainder of the war.

The German class of 1919, it is learned, is being called up, but is still in training.

London, April 30.—Heavy fighting continues along the front between Arras and Lens, with very little change in the situation reported. Reuters correspondent at British headquarters telegraphs today: "The Germans are continuing to bring up fresh troops and to deliver counter attacks, more particularly in the neighborhood of Oppy and from their trench system down to Gavrelle. The British hold the windmill northeast of the latter village and have improved their posts along the southwestern slope of Greenlough Hill. Continuous fighting in progress around the Roex Chemical Works."

"In a general way," continues the correspondent, "the situation this morning along the front of the attack which began at daybreak on Saturday, is that we hold the German front line at the point where the Baillet-Latour loop line crosses the trenches northwest of Gavrelle to the fork in the Oppy line between that place and Aveluy."

"This work we hold the German support line for a length of about 1,200 yards. Hence our front continues just east of the Roex Chemical Works."

"The weather was too hazy this morning for good air work, and the artillery observation was correspondingly poor, but the gunners on both sides had plenty of registered targets and the old familiar thunder waxes and wanes."

"Various German documents that have been captured urgently emphasize the necessity of economizing strictly in the expenditure of shells of all types, as the death of material is seriously undermining the output of supplies. It is also urged that the artillery officers be trained to employ guns, the inner tubes of which are worn out, upon targets which do not necessitate very accurate shooting, as the output of new guns is limited."

IRISH QUESTION FIGURING LARGELY IN BRITISH PRESS

London, April 30.—The message of American congressmen to Premier Lloyd George, in reference to Ireland, is printed in the morning papers without comment, except in the Daily News, which says that it re-emphasizes more than it reveals, the intensity of feeling in America on the Irish question.

The Daily News adds: "The message very properly avoids discussion of the terms of an Irish settlement."

The whole topic of an Irish settlement continues to figure largely in the press. The parliamentary correspondent of the Chronicle says today: "There is better hope for a settlement this week than at any time since the war began."

He adds that the sentiment in the parliament and country in favor of some solution is so strong that the premier will have powerful backing from men of all parties if he decides to take bold action.

The newspapers give letters, interviews and suggestions from more or less prominent people. The Daily News quotes John Dillon as saying: "One of the great features of the Irish settlement is that the Irish constitutional party, in its efforts of the last three years to meet the difficulties of the government and share the opposition of the Ulster Unionists, has undoubtedly lost a good deal of its control over its own people."

One of the pipes leading to the furnace in the St. John High School broke this morning and as the heat had to be shut off the pupils were only given one session.

KING CONSTANTINE TALKS OF ABDICATING

London, April 30.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Athens says the correspondent has trustworthy information that King Constantine is considering abdicating in favor of the crown prince. The despatch adds that under the influence of German agents among his entourage, the decision of the king may be changed.

BASEBALL TODAY

National League—Chicago at St. Louis, rain, 3:30 p.m.; Boston at Philadelphia, cloudy, 3:30 p.m.; Brooklyn at New York, cloudy, 3:30 p.m.; Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, clear, 3 p.m.

American League—St. Louis at Cleveland, cloudy, 3 p.m.; New York at Washington, clear, 3:30 p.m.; Detroit at Chicago, cloudy, 3 p.m.; Philadelphia at Boston, cloudy, 3 p.m.

International League—Toronto at Providence, rain, two games, 1:45 and 3:45 p.m.; Montreal at Baltimore, two games, clear, 2 and 4 p.m.; Buffalo at Richmond, two games, cloudy, 2:15 and 4:15 p.m.; Rochester at Newark, 3:30 p.m.

MANY LIVES LOST IN SWISS AVALANCHE

Davos, Switzerland, April 30, via Paris.—An avalanche has overwhelmed a train running from Landguard Davos. Many lives have been lost, eight bodies having been recovered so far.

ON THE RIVER. The steamer May Queen will make her first trip of the season to Cole's Island tomorrow. Since the opening of navigation she was engaged on the main river.

The steamer D. J. Purdy will commence running on the St. John-Fredericton route about the last of this week or the first of next. She is being thoroughly repaired and painted.

It is to have them on the firing line within three months.

London, April 30.—Severe fighting continues on the Macedonian front, where the British took the offensive last week. The war office today announced that an effort to expel the British from positions captured had been defeated.