

LEADERS STILL CONFERRING AT OTTAWA

SIX CHINESE PROVINCES HAVE BROKEN OUT INTO A SERIOUS REBELLION

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CONFERENCES REGARDING THE IRISH CONGRESS

Sinn Feiners Not Out For a Settlement With the British Government—Some Incredulity Exists as to Any Basis of Settlement

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, June 2.—A special cable to The Sun from London, says: "Frequent conferences have been held during the past few days, and have rapidly completed the details of the forthcoming Irish convention, which, it is announced, will be representative of all shades of Irish opinion. The total membership will not exceed 80 or 100 delegates and the name of the chairman will be announced soon. Many newspapers report that the convention will not represent in any respectable degree all shades of opinion in Ireland. Commenting on the conferences, The Cork Constitution says: "The Sinn Feiners are not out for any settlement with the British government and under no circumstances will they partake in the conferences. What practical effect the convention will have under these circumstances remains to be seen. "There is still the same incredulity over the possibility of arriving at a basis of settlement. The Irish Nationalists are without unity and without leadership. They consist of a number of warring factions, who appear incapable of reconciliation. Were any one section of the Nationalists disposed to make terms with Ulster, they would lack the courage to indulge in compromise less the opposing Nationalists accuse them of surrender."

SIX PROVINCES HAVE BROKEN OUT IN REVOLUTION IN CHINA

They Represent a Population of Some Twenty Millions—Situation in the Celestial Kingdom is Very Grave

By Courier Leased Wire. Peking, June 2.—The provinces of Anhui, Chi-Li, Hu-Pe, Che-Kiang, Fo-Kien and Ko-Nan have proclaimed their independence and threaten to send a joint expedition to Peking to force the dissolution of parliament and the reinstatement of Tuan-Chi-Jui as premier. Tang Hau Lung, speaker of the Assembly, has resigned and gone to Tien Tsin to join the military governors. The attitude of Chang-Hsun, the commander of the government troops at Nanking and Feng Kwo Crang, the vice president, is undefined, but it is believed that both are inclined to support the militarists. The president has issued a lengthy statement defending his dismissal of the premier, at the same time highly praising him and expressing the hope that he may serve the country in the future. The statement ends: "If those responsible for the present crisis intend to provoke internal war, I will under no consideration watch the country sink into perdition. I am not afraid to die for the country." The general tone of the statement is apologetic and lacking in strength. Owing to the refusal of Li Ching Si to accept the premiership, the president's position is precarious. The six revolting provinces in China form the major part of the southeastern portion of the republic and have a population of about 120,000,000. The situation in China has grown steadily more threatening since President Li Yuan Hung dismissed Premier Tuan-Chi-Jui from office on May 23, following a riotous session of the House of Representatives at which the deputies refused to pass a resolution declaring war on Germany. The parliamentary building was surrounded by a mob demanding war and the president accused the premier of attempting to coerce parliament. The military governors sided with the dismissed prime minister and left the capital in a body.

THE PRESENT SITUATION OF AFFAIRS AT OTTAWA

It is Stated That Something Specific May Result by Monday—Some Features of the Tangle

By Courier Leased Wire. Ottawa, June 2.—The chief interest in the tangled political situation shifted to-day from the capital which has seethed with excitement for a week over the rumors that attempts were being made by Sir Robert Borden, the prime minister, to form a coalition cabinet to include a number of Liberals from Quebec and Halifax. In the former city it is generally believed Chief Liberal Whip Pardee will interview Sir Lomer Gouin, provincial premier, and outline a new proposition which Sir Robert Borden is supposed to have submitted to Sir Wilfrid Laurier during a short conference they held on the situation yesterday. Plenty of evidence is forthcoming that prominent Liberals in Quebec looked unfavorably on the first tentative proposition informally submitted by the Prime Minister to the leader of the Opposition, and were fully agreed that a general election would result. This attitude was shared by a number of interests close to the government. The possibility of a general election has been thrust into the background, at least for a day or two, by the fresh negotiations. In some quarters it is said that the Prime Minister has put forward a suggestion that the Liberal representation in a coalition cabinet would be 50 per cent of its strength, the Liberal members to be selected by Sir Wilfrid Mr. Pardee, it is presumed, will secure the opinion of Sir Lomer on such an arrangement. Sir Lomer is credited with playing in the situation by the government supporters here an essentially important, if not a vital part. In Halifax, A. K. MacLean is thrashing the matter out with Premier Murray. Prominent Liberals here have taken pains to correct any impression that may have gone abroad, that Premier Murray can be considered as trying to force Sir Wilfrid's hand in favor of coalition. It is expected that Mr. Murray knows that Sir Wilfrid is the best judge of the situation, and has every confidence in him. The date when something specific on the situation may develop is now set as Monday, when it is thought the result of the fevers cast out by Sir Robert and Sir Wilfrid should become apparent and work upon a coalition government or any alternative that must be devised, will begin by the prime minister.

FIGHTING IN AIR STILL TO THE FORE

Two British Aviators Saved at Last Moment

Heavy Losses Among German Fliers

By Courier Leased Wire. London, June 2.—The Daily Mail says that two British aviators have been landed by a destroyer on the east coast, after being rescued from their wrecked machine. They had been clinging to the wreck for five days and five nights, with a piece of chocolate as their only food. London, June 2.—The morning papers figure that 713 airplanes were shot down on the western front in May, of which 422 were German and 271 British and French. British headquarters admitted the loss of 86 machines, but as the French do not announce any war losses, it is impossible to verify the inference that they lost 185. It is worthy of note that the estimate of 271 is compiled from German official reports. The total air losses for April were estimated at 709. Zep. Driven Off Copenhagen, via London, June 2.—A Zeppelin appeared over Swedish territory on Friday morning near Malmo, and was driven away by the fire of Swedish torpedoes. The airship also approached the Danish frontier south of Copenhagen. The troops guarding the coast fired a number of volleys, after which the Zeppelin disappeared in a southerly direction. Attack Bases London, June 2.—British airmen have repeated their attack on German bases on and near the Belgian coast. Several tons of bombs were dropped last night upon Zebrugge, Ostend and Bruges. The airport at St. Denis Westrem also was attacked. "An airplane raid was made upon the enemy airbase at St. Denis Westrem yesterday morning," says the official announcement of the raid, "and last night naval airplanes and seaplanes attacked the German bases at Zebrugge, Ostend and Bruges, dropping several tons of explosives."

ROSE DAY

Bids Fair to Even Beat Former Records

Members of the Hospital Aid and Their Assistants on Streets at Early Hour

This is "Rose Day," but you already know all about that. The man or woman who hasn't been tagged by evening is either a has been or never was. There has been a busy scene all morning at headquarters, Dalhousie Street. (Formerly the Tea Pot Inn), and the President, Mrs. Schell, when she arrived at 6:30 a.m., found a crowd of workers seeking to get more supplies. Mrs. T. S. Wade, the energetic Secretary, and other officers have been hard at it all day. Reports from all quarters are most encouraging and it looks as if the outcome will beat all the former splendid records. The following is a list of city workers—the county list will be given next week: MANUFACTURERS Mesdames F. D. Reville, W. F. Patterson.

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Weather Bulletin Toronto, June 2.—A moderate depression which was over Oklahoma yesterday morning is now situated over Iowa. Showers have occurred in Quebec and the Maritime provinces and very locally in the western provinces. Forecasts Fresh easterly shifting to southerly and southerly with thunderstorms tonight and on Sunday.

FEARFUL LOSSES OF AUSTRIANS DURING ITALIAN GREAT DRIVE

By Courier Leased Wire

New York, June 1.—A news agency despatch from Rome says: The Austrian losses in the great Italian offensive to date total over 300,000 in killed, wounded and missing, according to conservative estimates to-day. The Italians are now consolidating, reinforcing their lines with new troops and re-fortifying positions, but continue to inflict frightful losses on the enemy by repelling countless attacks. From semi-official circles these incidences were obtained to-day, illustrating the tremendous losses of the enemy's forces. On May 19 four divisions, (approximately 60,000 troops,) which vainly defended positions between Auznea and Frigido and were practically wiped out. On the next day two desperate attempts to recapture Allingortom positions in the Vodice sector and around Massif cost the Austrians three full regiments (nearly 15,000 men.) Despatches to-day declared these vast losses and the incessant pound of Italian and British guns had achieved a telling effect on the enemy. Prisoners told of exhausted regiments and loss of morale.

BLACK BANNERS CARRIED IN PETROGRAD

By Courier Leased Wire

A Petrograd despatch to Reuter's says that a few score anarchists accompanied by some soldiers and sailors marched through the Nevsky Prospekt and other main thoroughfares at midday on Friday, carrying black banners inscribed: "Down with authority," "Down with Capitalists," "Long live the social revolution and the commune." They were armed with rifles, revolvers, daggers and grenades. The paraders stopped outside the Kazan Cathedral and harangued the crowd of spectators. One sailor proclaimed that they were only dangerous to capitalists and not to the poor. Subsequently agitators went from one assemblage to another along the Nevsky inciting them to rob banks and declaring that the social revolution would be proclaimed on the occasion of the approaching municipal elections. The authorities did not interfere with the demonstration.

BATTLING AVERAGES

By Courier Leased Wire

Chicago, June 2.—Jack Smith, St. Louis, again is showing the way to National League batters, according to unofficial averages released to-day. Smith, after being displaced for a week by Burns, New York, is out in front with an average of .365, although Ruether, Chicago pitcher, is batting .400 for 17 games. Smith has served in 28. The averages include games of last Wednesday. Leading batters for 1 or more games are: Ruether, Chicago, .400; J. Smith, St. Louis, .365; Roush, Cincinnati, .47; Cruise, St. Louis, .344; Burns, New York, .341; Kauff, New York, .339; Fischer, Pittsburgh, .338; Griffith, Cincinnati, .326; Wilholt, Boston, .321; Kilmer, Philadelphia, .318; Cravath, Philadelphia, .316; McCarty, New York, .313; Wheat, Brooklyn, .305. "Stuffy" McInnis, Philadelphia, is creeping up on Tris Speaker for batting honors in the American league, eight points separating them. Speaker's average is .346. George Sisler, St. Louis, who was giving Speaker a fight for the lead two weeks ago,

ARTHUR HENDERSON

Has Reached Russia on His Mission

Petrograd, via London, June 2.—Arthur Henderson member of the British war council and minister without portfolio has arrived here. He was met at the station by Minister of Foreign Affairs Tereschenko and later was introduced to the other ministers. Countess Panin, well-known for her organization of popular philanthropies, has been offered the post of assistant minister in the new department of public welfare. has fallen to sixteenth place. The .300 list of the league embraces ten men, all of whom have appeared in at least 18 games, as follows: Speaker, Cleveland, .346; McInnis, Philadelphia, .338; Billings, Cleveland, .333; Walker, Boston, .318; Wambach, Cleveland, .317; Miller, St. Louis, .308; Cobb, Detroit, .305; Jacobson, St. Louis, .301; Chapman, Cleveland, .301; Rumlir, St. Louis, .300.

BRITISH PARTICIPATION IN THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE

Figures Prominently in the London Papers—Party Executive Resents Imputations of Hurting the British Cause

By Courier Leased Wire. Stockholm on the way to confer with Hjalmar Branting, the Swedish Socialist and others. Such conferences it is declared, will not as far as majority party laborites are concerned, involve any reversal of the recent decision of the Labor Party not to participate in an international conference of the kind proposed by the Dutch and Scandinavian committees. But the delegates are quite willing to state their party war aims to Branting and other allied and neutral Socialists, who may be in Stockholm when they arrive there. The party executive is said to resent keenly the insinuation that their going to Stockholm would compromise the British cause or simply a weakening of the party's determination to support the war until victory is attained, but they believe the air will be cleared by a straightforward presentation of their views. The belief is expressed here that the Stockholm Conference as originally conceived will not be held at all but will be superseded by an international conference called by the Russian Socialists. Such a conference may not even meet in Stockholm, but probably in Christiania.