

TALIAN STOP AUSTRIAN ATTACKS; A BRITISH HOSPITAL SHIP SUNK

CANADIANS IN SEVERE ACCIDENT

Soldier Kicked Bursting Shell and Thirty-Five Casualties Resulted.

FIVE OF NUMBER ARE ON THE LIST OF DEAD

Canadian Howitzers Continue Work of Destruction Near Lens.

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, May 29.—(By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspondent Canadian Press)—Our heavy howitzers continue their work of destruction of the enemy's gun positions to the southwest of Lens, while trench destruction and wire cutting proceeds all along the front. It takes about ten shells per lineal yard where the belt of wire is thirty feet wide or more to ensure a passage for the infantry. When the stretch of wire and trenches under treatment extends for miles along the front the purely physical work involved is very great, even if the enemy's retaliation is only half hearted.

From a position on Vimy Ridge yesterday I watched wire cutting and trench destruction. Across the plain there ran a tall chalk-line, showing the enemy trench.

Dummy Trenches.—Standing along this might indicate only a dummy trench, connected to draw fire, while the real trench was placed some distance back, but a belt of rusty wire in front proves that the chalk-line is really a trench, representing the Mercant-Oppy defensive system. With the shells passing high overhead from our batteries, concealed from observation, if the enemy is holding the trench in any strength, he is having a hard time of it.

The Bosche is exceedingly clever in concealing these gun emplacements. A small haystack left in a field, as the custom is here, may have beneath it an elaborate concrete emplacement for a nest of machine guns.

There is nothing romantic about this sort of warfare. In truth it is horribly monotonous for the gunners. Happily the losses from the enemy retaliation continue to be light. The most serious recent case of losses was entirely accidental. A soldier kicked an unexploded shell which, in going off, caused thirty-five casualties, including five deaths. This is the worst accident in the history of the Canadian corps, a reminder of the terrific power of high explosives and the need for vigilance in handling them.

IMPORTANT MISSION TO PETROGRAD

London, May 29.—It is officially announced that Arthur Henderson, member of the British cabinet without portfolio and of the war council, has undertaken an important government mission to Russia, and that George Nicoll Barnes, minister of pensions, has been appointed a member of the war cabinet, without portfolio, during Mr. Henderson's absence.

Hopeful of Russia. Tokyo, May 29.—"I am immensely satisfied with conditions in Russia, including Siberia," said Professor Boris Bakmetieff, the new Russian ambassador to the United States, on arriving here today.

"I think the new regime is carrying on the work of organization successfully, and will soon be able to launch an offensive against the enemy."

Prof. Bakmetieff is at the head of a special commission of forty, on its way to the United States. He repudiated the idea that his country would make a separate peace.

DUNDEE WHIPPED KANSAS. Boston, May 29.—Johnny Dundee, of New York, was awarded a referee's decision after a 12 round bout with Rocky Kansas, of Buffalo, N. Y., to night.

RUSSIA FACE TO FACE WITH ANOTHER GRAVE DANGER, SAYS COUNCIL

Wave of Wild Vodka Drinking Threatens to Undermine New Republic and Cause Civil War.

Petrograd, via London, May 29.—The increase in the illicit sale of vodka and the general wave of intoxication which threatens to spread throughout the country provoking disorders and endangering the internal peace of the country is the subject of a stirring appeal to citizens issued by the executive committee of the Council of Workers' and Soldiers' Delegates.

"We notice an increase of drunkenness in Petrograd and other parts of Russia," reads the appeal. "An examination shows that many deplorable events in the last few weeks were due to drunkenness.

Formerly the emperor encouraged drunkenness since it helped to support the imperial throne. Now the black hundred is trying to intoxicate the country because it wants to create disorders, cause civil war and the return of the monarchy. Massacres will follow the appearance of vodka. The work of the revolution will be drowned in the enemies of the people. No one has the right to buy vodka or to drink it. Let it disappear forever with the old regime."

ONT. LIBERAL REBUKES HON. MR. OLIVER

No Time for Tariff Tinkering and Oliver's Amendment Voted Down by 28 Majority.

Ottawa, May 29.—The widening cleavage in the ranks of the opposition was made strikingly manifest in parliament today. Hon. Frank Oliver, who represents the free trade faction in the party, sought to ratify the dry bones of reciprocity by an amendment to the budget calling for sweeping reductions in the tariff. He was promptly and vigorously attacked by Hugh Guthrie, a leading Ontario Liberal, and one of the ablest and most respected members in the House.

Mr. Guthrie declared that this was not the time to tinker with the tariff and that such a move as Mr. Oliver proposed would be an unsettling and disturbing factor. "I do not believe in haphazard attempts to deal with the tariff," he said, "and I believe that the present time is particularly inopportune. I know there is no demand for tariff revision in Ontario; I do not believe there is any demand for it in the rest of Canada."

Mr. Guthrie proceeded to rebuke the partisan and lack of patriotism among his colleagues in these stinging words: "I am going to say this, even if I am the only man on this side of the House to say it. I have only one policy for the present, my policy is win the war. When the war is won, we can once more take up the old issues that divide us. I regret that day after day the business of this House is taken up with matters that are not essential to the winning of the war."

Mr. Guthrie's splendid words were received with loud cheers from the Conservative benches. They indicated a desire on the part of one of the leading members of the opposition to sink party difference in the face of the supreme issue confronting the country and to get in behind the government in prosecuting the war.

Mr. Oliver's amendment was voted down by a government majority of 28. Chief Liberal Whip Pardee and Sir Wilfrid Laurier were among many Liberals who did not trouble to come to the House to vote for Mr. Oliver's amendment.

Wooden Ship Building. Ottawa, May 29.—(Leased Wire)—Hon. Dr. Pugsley, at the opening of the House today, once more called the attention of the government to the need for wooden ships of small tonnage in Canada, and asked what was being done to stimulate the construction of such ships. He had heard, he said, that the Imperial Munitions Board was letting out contracts for no ships of less than 2,500 tons. There were, he said, many shipyards in Canada where vessels of from 500 to 3,000 tons could be built, and these should be given an opportunity to share in the construction of a wooden fleet, he wanted to know if the government was

THE ITALIANS CONTINUE TO PROGRESS

Steadily Overcoming Tenacious Resistance—Quiet in France.

GET MORE THAN 24,000 PRISONERS IN 2 WEEKS

Germans, Portuguese, British and Belgians Fighting in Africa.

On the southern end of the line, near the head of the Gulf of Trieste, in the Austro-Italian theatre, the Italians for the moment have eased their titanic effort to push forward to Trieste, and heavy fighting again is in progress to the north around Gorizia, Piva and the Vedice. East of Gorizia and to the Vedice the Austrians attempted to carry the offensive to the Italians, but the artillery fire of King Victor Emmanuel's men stopped the assaults, and in the last named sector the Italians themselves delivered an attack and despite stubborn resistance, made progress on the southeastern slope of Hill 52, likewise in the Plava region the Austrians were driven back and lost 100 men made prisoners.

Around San Giovanni and Duino, at the lower end of the line, the Austrians heavily bombarded the Italians in their new positions and ineffectually tried to oust them. Both sides are claiming the capture of large numbers of prisoners since the new battle from Poinimo to the sea began, the Italians asserting that they have taken 23,681 and the Austrians 14,500.

Tuesday passed with relative calm on both the British and French fronts in France, the British war office merely recording a successful raid north-west of Labasse, and the French official communication asserting that artillery fighting alone prevailed.

Following reports of an increase in the Russian artillery activity against the Austrians in the eastern theatre comes a statement that there has been a recrudescence in the activity of the Russo-Romanian forces against the Teuton allies in Roumania, and that early attacks by them are expected.

Submarines have torpedoed the hospital ship Dover Castle. Although the vessel was carrying sick and wounded two torpedoes were sent into her vitals, the first without warning. Fortunately all on board except six men were rescued.

A submarine also has accounted for the British armed merchant marine cruiser Hilary, which was sunk in the North Sea with a loss of four men killed by the explosion.

War in Africa. London, May 29.—An official communication issued this evening concerning the operations in East Africa says: "The exceptional wet season has ended, and the improved weather conditions have brought a renewal of the military activity. The early days of May witnessed a general southward movement of the German forces in the Rafji Valley and in the coastal area and of some to the Matanda Valley, while farther south raiders invaded Portuguese territory and approached the border of Nyassal and burning native villages, terrorizing the inhabitants and removing food supplies to German depots.

Many Encounters. "There were many encounters and occasional collisions between larger forces. The German columns which evacuated the Mahenge district in Rhodesia and other troops, one to the Portuguese border and the other, commanded by Major Whitgens, breaking northward. On May 6 the latter was pursued by British troops and was captured. Major Whitgens was captured.

"A Belgian column is co-operating with the British base on the central railway."

not going to have any ships of a smaller tonnage constructed. Sir George Foster stated in reply to Mr. Pugsley that the ships being built under contract with the Imperial Munitions Board were for the British government, and were built to specifications furnished by that government. The size of the ships were of course determined by the British authorities. As far as Canada was concerned the government, he said, was building no ships of less than 2,500 tons.

GENERAL BREAK DOWN OF HUN PROPAGANDA IN SOUTH AMERICA

Brazil Practically at War with Germany—Teuton Vessels Will Probably be Seized.

Washington, May 29.—Brazil's decision to revoke her decree of neutrality is construed here as little less than a declaration of a state of war with Germany. Brazil's action is believed to indicate a general breakdown of German propaganda all over the southern continent.

Seizure of Ships. Rio Janeiro, May 29.—Seizure of German ships and adoption of naval measures against Germany, in collaboration with the Entente Allies, is recommended by the diplomatic commission of the chamber of deputies, to which was referred the message of President Bras regarding the torpedoing of the Brazilian steamer Tijuca. The commission decided to submit to congress a bill authorizing the president to utilize German ships in Brazilian ports, to provide for defense of Brazilian navigation, to reach an understanding with the Allied nations in regard to measures which will ensure freedom of foreign commerce, and to revoke the decree of neutrality issued during the war as soon as advisable.

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FOUR SHIPS SUBMARINED

London, May 29.—The British hospital ship Dover Castle has been torpedoed and sunk, it is announced officially. The British armed merchant cruiser Hilary also has been torpedoed and sunk, and a British destroyer has been sunk after a collision.

The Dover Castle, 8,271 tons gross, and 476 feet long, was owned by the Union Castle Mail Steamship Company of London. She was built in 1904. The Hilary was a Booth liner of 6,229 tons gross, 418 feet long, built in 1905. Corruca, Spain, May 29, via Paris.—The Norwegian ship Unia, 3,000 tons, was sunk yesterday by a German submarine. The captain and crew of twenty-four have reached Corruca.

CASUALTIES

Ottawa, May 29.—Casualties: ARTILLERY. Wounded: F. Owen, Glasville, N. B. INFANTRY. Wounded: D. C. Connor, Hillsboro, N. B. ENGINEERS. Wounded: W. C. Higgins, Charlottetown, P. E. I. SERVICES. Wounded: F. Arsenault, Summerside, P. E. I. B. Thibault, Milltown, N. B. INFANTRY. Killed in Action: P. B. Arsenault, Bedouque, P. E. I. Wounded: Corporal Frank MacManus, St. John, N. B. ENGINEERS. Wounded: Sapper A. C. Rainnie, Sackville, N. B.

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Pleaded Guilty to Burning Church at White's Mountain, Kings Co.

BOY WILL SERVE FOUR YRS. IN REFORMATORY

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THOUSANDS OF BARRELS OF MACKEREL CAUGHT

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KINGS CO. MAN SENT TO PENITENTIARY FOR TWO YEARS

Daniel Baskin of Mechanic Settlement Fired at Chief Asbell and Committed Other Offences.

Special to The Standard. Hampton, May 29.—Daniel Baskin of Mechanic Settlement will not only have to serve two years in the Maritime penitentiary at Dorchester, but he will also be tried next July for attempting to shoot Chief of Police Asbell of Sussex. Baskin was arrested sometime ago for an offence against morality and was sentenced to two years.

The sentence was suspended, however, on his promise to join the Forestry Battalion at St. John. He joined but deserted.

When Chief Asbell went to re-arrest him last week Baskin fired a shot at the officer from a rifle. The officer was not injured. Baskin was lodged in the jail here. Judge Jones today ordered him to serve the suspended sentence and also arranged for a trial on the shooting charge here next July. Baskin will be taken to Dorchester tomorrow.

LORD ABERDEEN BARRED FROM THE COMMONS

Finally He Proved Identity and Was Permitted to Enter Portals.

Ottawa, May 29.—Lord Aberdeen, formerly Governor General of Canada and later Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, was refused admission to the parliament building tonight. He is the latest addition to the long list of distinguished persons who have had to prove their identity to the police guardian of parliament's portals. Lord Aberdeen came across as part of the British mission.

Lord Aberdeen, being a most democratic aristocrat submitted to authority without a murmur. When his card was carried to Sir Wilfrid Laurier it was the OK of the opposition leader's private secretary, then the gates swung open and this peer of the realm entered the lobby of the Canadian Commons.

MINISTER OF MINES VICTIM OF THIEVES

Shediac, May 29.—Three boys under arrest charged with breaking and entering the store of Hon. E. A. Smith and the residence of Colin McDougall. These places were broken into three times within a week and quantities of goods taken. A fourth boy was released because of his youth, but the others will be tried at Dorchester. The arrests were made by Chief of Police William Gunn.

COALITION GOVERNMENT AT OTTAWA PROBABLE

Ottawa, May 29.—A conference between Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in the rooms of the leader of the opposition, this afternoon, is the basis for the belief in best informed circles in the capital, that Canada is shortly to have at least a modified form of coalition government.

The two leaders were closeted together for more than half an hour, and while there was no statement available as to the character or object of the Prime Minister's visit to the opposition leader, there is ground for the belief that it had to do with conscription and coalition.

Time for Truce. During the past day or two the sanest opinion on both sides of the House

DIDN'T LIKE RULING BY MR. CURRIE

Appeal Taken from Speaker's Decision by Hon. Mr. Baxter.

SECOND DIVISION OF SESSION WAS AVOIDED

Former Attorney General and Other Opposition Members Aid Government.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, May 29.—The House this afternoon almost approached its second division. Speaker Currie's ruling given what was considered an unfair ruling on an inquiry presented by Mr. Peck relative to road work in the parish of Hillsboro. The inquiry from the member for Albert was both reasonable and proper, but the Speaker refused to accept it, declaring that it was not a straight question, claiming that the phrasing was objectionable.

Hon. Mr. Baxter promptly appealed from the decision of the chair and members were prepared for the order from the chair to ring the House bells to summon absent members.

Division Avoided. But the Speaker, apparently afraid that his ruling might not be sustained, requested the former attorney general to allow the matter to stand for the present and a division was consequently avoided.

Hon. Mr. Smith (Carleton) voiced the opinion that the Speaker's ruling relative to the stories being introduced applied to the answers furnished by the members of the government rather than to the inquiry presented by members of the opposition.

"Possibly to both," was Hon. Mr. Currie's comment. The Speaker insisted that he meant to be eminently fair in his ruling.

The House was in committee for upwards of two hours today with Mr. Leger, the deputy speaker, in the chair. The member for Westmorland carried out his duties impartially while two government measures were before the committee, very little progress was gained and the committee will be required to continue the consideration of the measures when the House meets tomorrow.

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