

EARLY MESSAGES

ON THE EVE OF BIG ATTACK.
LONDON, May 24. —The armed merchant ships are on the eve of a great German attack said Premier Lloyd George in an address to-day at 22nd Street. Those who know best what the prospects are feel most confident of the result.

ARMED MERCHANT CRUISER SUNK.

LONDON, May 24. —Official. The armed merchant ship *Albatross* was torpedoed and sunk yesterday morning. There were casualties among the crew, but of the American troops aboard 55 to the enemy have not been accounted for. It is feared they were killed in one of the attacks by the explosion.

WORK OF AIRMEN.

FRENCH HEADQUARTERS. May 24. (Via Reuters Ottawa Agency.)—The past few days and nights have been a most successful one for the French airmen. While our fighting planes have been busy mapping and observing the German defences, they have also been busy dropping bombs on the enemy's lines of communication, while the night bombers have been dropping scores of tons of explosives on railway stations, depots and other important points. The French fighting planes carried 120 French bombs, engaged in 105 duels, destroyed 37 German airplanes, with 40 more to land, damaged, with 100 on our lines, and burned 30 German planes. In the same period our observation planes executed over 1,000 missions, including long-distance reconnaissance as far as Metz and Luxembourg, while the bombardment squadrons dropped 150 tons of bombs on military establishments, especially airmen. On the night of May 23, 12 French bombers attacked the German airfield at Neule, Roy, and Jussy, Jussy and Ham. On the following night, 100 machines, operating in the same region, caused fires and explosions. Operations of the French airmen have illustrated the extraordinary skill with which our planes have solved the difficulty of attacking the enemy's lines of communication. On the following day our machines bombed the German airfield at Cappy, setting fire to the German sheds and causing wide damage. The Germans were obliged to protect themselves. On the night of May 24, French machines simultaneously, with similar results. Italian and American machines co-operated in a number of operations, with remarkable success.

NORWAY INDIGNANT.

CHRISTIANIA. May 24. —A reversal of operations by German submarines against Norwegian fishing boats, a number of which have been recently sunk, has brought up for discussion in Parliament to-day. Foreign Minister said in reply to a question that he had asked the German representative that the danger zone in the Arctic still existed. When it was pointed out that submarines had been on the coast, the German representative said he knew nothing about it and promised to telegraph to Berlin a request that this practice be stopped. He asked for official reports regarding these cases. Marine tribunals will make investigations and will be sent to Berlin. Several members of Parliament expressed indignation at the sinkings. They said how long Norway would continue to sell fish to the Germans while they were sinking fishing vessels.

FURTHER DISORDERS.

AMSTERDAM. May 24. —Further reports of disorders in Belgium are published in the *Lokal Anzeiger* of Berlin. It appears that there were extensive demonstrations in Prague which the police found difficulty in quelling. Thirty men were made.

WANTS INTERVENTION.

TOKIO. May 17. —(By Associated Press.)—The military agreement between Japan and China has caused extensive attention to be given the question of intervention in Siberia. It is understood that Great Britain and France are actively favoring intervention, the former because of danger of the spread of German influence and both because they are convinced it would hasten the winning of the war.

WOMEN IN THE WAR.

LONDON. May 17. —Speaking to-day at the London Exhibition of women's work in munition, Frederick George Kellaway, secretary to the Minister of Munitions, said that in every one of the defense measures taken when a raid on London is carried out the women have taken their part excepting in the actual flying of aircraft. The development which had taken place in women's work during the last 14

months, continued the Secretary, was quite as remarkable as its development at an early period of the war. In July, 1916, he stated there were 22,000 women engaged in munition industries, while in January, 1917, that number had been increased to 691,000 and to-day their number was 1,000,000.

DECORATES ESCAPED PRISONER.

PARIS. May 24. —(Via Reuters Ottawa Agency.)—Premier Clemenceau to-day handed the Cross of the Legion of Honor to Lieut. Villetume, who recently escaped from Germany, after killing three German soldiers who tried to stop him. He had previously assisted the escape of a well-known aviator, whose freedom he considered more valuable to France than his own.

PARTNERSHIP OF SELF-GOVERNING PEOPLES.

LONDON. May 24. —(Via Reuters Ottawa Agency.)—The Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, in his speech to-day, showed himself capable of endorsing the gravest tests applied by a wide-world war. The Daily Telegraph says that the keynote of the British system as applied to Canada and Australia, and afterwards to South Africa, was that the Empire meant a partnership of self-governing peoples. We protected subject populations instead of exploiting them, and all are as self-determined as the British themselves. It is just because we are a community of self-governing peoples, adds this journal, that the British Empire holds out to-day, confident, safe, resolute and strong as a defender of civilization. The Telegraph goes on to say, that nothing since the Brest treaty has so effected the outlook as that magnificent burst of military ardor which is sending thousands of American soldiers to our aid. The adhesion of the mighty West Republic is so overwhelming in its significance that we may thank God and take courage. Moreover, France and Italy are more closely conjoined with Great Britain than they ever have been, and the Empire stands undismayed and undiminished. The Times in its editorial on Empire Day, says: Last year the real importance of the meetings of the Imperial War Conference was too little understood both here and in the Dominions. The peoples of the Dominions were inclined to chafe at the absence of their representatives for the long period which attendance at the War Cabinet involved. Hon. Mr. Massey and Sir Joseph Ward, the Prime Minister and Finance Minister of New Zealand, had to encounter a very critical spirit when they returned. The idea had gone abroad that they had been wasting their time, a wholly erroneous impression, needless to say, but one which showed how little the work done in secret by the Imperial War Cabinet had been realized. Sir Robert Borden, on return to Canada, found a similar misapprehension, though in less mischievous form. "This year it may be hoped criticism of the kind will not be possible. The Imperial War Cabinet is the executive government of the Empire in other than local relations, by a body of representatives of its constituent states. India has her part in it. This, with all it implied, should be common knowledge by now. The emergence of the Imperial War Cabinet in the traditional manner of British constitutional developments, was an improvisation demanded by immediate and future needs. Such developments never have been properly understood at their outset, but with time the instinct that the people have adapted itself to appreciate them, and this, we are confident, is now the case with the Imperial War Cabinet."

BORDEN'S UNFALTERING ATTITUDE.

LONDON. May 23. —(Via Reuters Ottawa Agency.)—The Times, commenting on a despatch from its Toronto correspondent, on the improved recruiting situation in Quebec, says: The firm attitude of the Borden Cabinet, which met without flinching the sporadic in Quebec, and suppressed it before it could do any serious harm, was the foundation of this revolution in sentiment, but due weight must be given to the moderation and restraint of the French Canadian leaders, especially Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Lomer Gouin. As it is the threatened assistance of conscription in Quebec has faded away, and the bitterness which only a few months ago seemed to be driving a wedge of division between Quebec and the rest of Canada, is now assuaged, these are the fruits of firmness in Government on the one hand, and of wise respect for the law of the land among the Opposition leaders on the other. Sir Robert Borden's plain insistence on the prime necessity for supporting the Canadian Army in Europe has been the rock on which the Canadian Premier has stood ever since he returned to Canada in the spring of last year. This accounts for the unflinching directions of his policy, which triumphed because it had risen above all thought of sectional political advantage.



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PRINCE OF WALES IN ROME.

ROME. May 23. —The Prince of Wales arrived here this morning. He was met at the station by representatives of the King and Premier, and was accompanied by the diplomatic corps and some of the civic officials.

ENEMY DESTROYER SUNK.

LONDON. May 23. —An enemy destroyer has been sunk in the neighborhood of Zebrugg by a direct hit from an airplane, the Admiralty announced to-day.

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Council Meeting.

The Municipal Council held its regular session on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Mayor presided and all the Councilors were present. After reading minutes, etc., the following matters were disposed of: M. Bambrick sent in his resignation as West End Road Inspector. The Mayor expressed regret at losing such a faithful servant and agreed to do so, but by an oversight the power to expatriate land for the purpose was omitted. That omission has now been rectified and I believe that the Council can now make a beginning in the regeneration of the City.

I use this term advisedly, because I am convinced that by no other means can the City of St. John's be made a place fit to dwell in. Nearly all the evils which beset the City have been referred back to the poor condition of so many of the houses. This has been as often demonstrated that I need not go over it again, and it only remains for us to decide how much we can do, and how soon we can make a beginning.

It is obviously not a very good time to build, when materials and labour are so high, but wages have been adjusted to the new conditions and people can afford to pay higher rents. Also there is no evidence at hand which would lead one to suppose that a decline in prices may take place shortly. On the contrary, if the war continues prices are likely to become still higher and labour still scarcer, while the housing conditions will become steadily worse.

Quite a number of houses have been pulled down recently, and a great many more can be described as tottering. Houses must be found for the people thus turned out, and there does not appear to be any prospect of these being provided for by ordinary commercial means.

The same problem confronts, or has confronted a great many communities, and to provide, or to assist in providing, the cheaper class of dwellings has become a recognized duty of cities.

It seems to be clearly our duty, and I therefore submit a resolution embodying the principle and declaring our intention to proceed with the enterprise as quickly as possible. In doing so I would say that I do not advise any extravagant scheme at once but that we should cautiously feel our way, only intervening when it is plain that houses are needed and cannot be provided in the ordinary manner.

WHEREAS, It has been long evident that the housing condition of the labouring classes of St. John's is deplorable; hundreds of families living in houses that can only be described as unfit for habitation, and where, because of the lack of sanitary appliances, the health and comfort of the occupants and of the community are seriously affected;

BE IT RESOLVED, That in accordance with the powers vested in it by Act of the Legislature in 1917 and 1918 the Council shall proceed immediately to appropriate such lands as may be required, and to build such dwellings thereon as may be necessary and practicable.

Anyone requiring a piece of ground about 100 x 165 feet, to be set out for agricultural purposes, situate on Cornwall Ave., near Blackmarsh Road, can have hire of same for this year free of charge by addressing P. O. Box 311. If two or more applicants, I will draw lots for the winner.—may 22, 31.

The following report was submitted by the Mayor: The annual report of the Municipal Council, recently published, embodied a letter, which had been sent to the Executive Council, claiming that certain revenues, which should of right belong to the City of St. John's, had been absorbed in the General Revenue, and asking that a grant should be made in lieu of such funds. The Executive Council, in reply, agreed to pay over to the Municipal Council the Telephone Tax and the Business Profit Tax on Fire Insurance Companies so far as they related to St. John's, to date from June 30th, 1917, but did not agree to surrender half the Motor Car Tax, nor to make any grant on account of receipts from previous years. It is very earnestly presented to the City of St. John's, at present to see how the Fire Insurance Company's Tax will work out, so much depending upon the amount of losses which might be met with, and the Municipal Council did not feel

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