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TWELVE PAGES—ONE CENT

Six Germans To Ward of Front

Five Submarines Destroyed In Week

London, May 15.—The Evening Standard says that in a recent week no fewer than five German submarines are definitely known to have been sunk.

Norton Griffiths One of Speakers

German Bid for Ascendancy in Russia Discussed at London Dinner

London, May 15.—At a dinner at the British-Russian Club of London last night the speakers urged the necessity of countering the efforts of Germany to gain ascendancy in Russia.

GERMAN BALTIC FLEET RECALLED TO KIEL

London, May 15.—The entire German Baltic fleet, except a few light cruisers, was recalled last week to Kiel, where important naval forces now are being concentrated.

UKRAINE STIRRED UP AGAINST GERMANY

London, May 15.—Anti-German agitation in the Ukraine continues unchecked, says a Vienna despatch to the Lok Anzeiger, Berlin.

GERMANS SELLING FRENCH AND BELGIAN FURNITURE IN NEUTRAL COUNTRIES

London, May 15.—A despatch to Reuters Limited from Christiania says that indignation continues to appear in the Norwegian newspapers on the sale by Germans of French and Belgian furniture in Scandinavian countries.

"OUR DAY" RETURNS WERE DOUBLE THOSE OF 1916

London, May 15.—According to Reuters Limited, the report of the British Red Cross fund for 1915, called "Our Day," shows a gross amount of \$2,377,888, compared with \$1,210,087 in 1916.

HAS JURISDICTION OVER PAPER OUTPUT

Washington, May 15.—William Colver, chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, today was appointed chief of the wood pulp and wood pulp products section of the war industries board which has jurisdiction over newsprint and all other grades of paper.

That Many on Greater Part of Line In The West

DRIVE ON ITALY EXPECTED

Signs Point to Determined Effort to Smash the Italian Army—Already There is Severe Fighting Following Enemy Effort to Gain Mount Como—Today's News From the West

Paris, May 16.—There are six Germans to the yard on the greater part of the Franco-Belgian front from the North Sea to the Oise, according to the Gaulois, which bases the statement on the information it reports having reached the general staff that 150 German divisions are situated in this area.

Ten of these divisions, it is said, are in the region between Neuport and Ypres, forty divisions are between Ypres and La Bassée Canal, and 100 divisions from La Bassée Canal to the Oise.

On this basis it is estimated, says the newspaper, that the German strength from Ypres to the Oise is some six men to the yard, except on the northern part of the front above Ypres, where the estimate is a third of that number.

French Statement

Paris, May 16.—Artillery actions ceased last night on the French front southeast of Amiens, in the Hulle-Cassel sector, says today's war office announcement. West of Mont Didier a German raiding detachment was driven back. The French took prisoners in patrol operations north of the Ailette.

London, May 16.—British statement says—"Our troops added last night in the neighborhood of Gavrelle (northwest of Arras) and captured a few prisoners."

Beyond artillery activity on both sides at different points, particularly in the neighborhood of Arras, and the northern front, there is nothing further to report.

Hard Fighting for Hill 44

With the British Army in France, May 15.—(By the Associated Press)—Hard fighting continued today in the neighborhood of Hill 44, north of Arras, which was stormed and retaken yesterday by French troops.

Blow at Italy Expected

London, May 16.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency)—Well-informed observers here hope that the Austrian blow against Italy may be expected at an early date. The project, it is generally believed, comprises a great invasion, with Milan and Brescia as the chief objectives, but the letter is only part of a complex scheme to smash the Italian army.

The Attempt at Mount Como

London, May 15.—(By the Associated Press)—Enemy groups continue their attempts to approach Mount Como and reopen the line of advance through the Val Arsa, but are repeatedly repelled by the Italian batteries.

The details of the capture of the mountain by the Italians show that the fighting, although carried out by small groups, was very bloody. A battalion of Austrian Jaeger troops

MR. PULLEN TELLS COMMON COUNCIL ABOUT CONTRACT

Was Told Government Would Repay the City

INSTRUCTIONS WERE VERBAL

Ready to Make Affidavit Regarding Circumstances and Nature of Work Done—Council Does Not Agree With E. S. S. Co. on Wharf Lease and Improvements—A Street Railway Matter

J. H. Pullen was in conference with the common council on the subject of his bill for \$1,480 for painting the McLeod and Pettigrew warehouses last fall. He explained to the committee that he had received verbal instruction to proceed with the work from Commissioner Russell, who had informed him that the city would pay the bill and would collect the money from the government railway as the work was necessitated by the repairs following the construction of the grain elevators. He also stated that the value and had put on two coats of paint; it would not have been to his advantage to observe the government railway matter to the subject of the bill.

Other harbor matters were suggested at the time of the council. A communication from the agent of the E. S. S. Co. regarding his understanding of the terms of a proposed renewal of the lease of wharf facilities was received with surprise by the committee. The engineer estimated that it would cost more than \$80,000 to make the improvements requested and Commissioner Bullock recommended that the company be asked to pay twelve per cent on the improvements in addition to a rental of \$80,000 instead of \$50,000.

Mayor Hayes presided and all the members of the council were present. The matter of tenantry rates was brought up and it was decided to hear the testimony on it next Monday.

A Street Railway Matter. Commissioner Fisher submitted an answer received from the N. B. Power Company, No. 1 shed in Main street, that they remove their turn-in tracks at the North End car sheds before the city proposed with having by agreement. The company said that it was their intention, when conditions were better, to remove the tracks from the North End car sheds before the city proposed with having by agreement.

Commissioner Hilyard said that the charter required the company to remove tracks not in use.

Commissioner McLellan remarked that it would be easy for the company to use the tracks owned by them. The mayor asked if there would be any objection to the company using the facilities again if they wished to erect a new shed and Commissioner Fisher replied that they might wish to impose certain conditions.

The matter was referred back. Painting Bill. The account of J. H. Pullen for \$1,480.30 for painting the McLeod and Pettigrew warehouses was taken up. Mr. Pullen was present, said that he had had an estimate on the work, but Commissioner Russell said that the government had partly destroyed the sheds and had to paint them. Commissioner Russell told him to go ahead and do the work and the city would pay the bill.

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FIVE MILLIONS TO BE "OTHER HERE" FROM THE STATES

Plans Being Made in France For That Many Soldiers—As Many More as Necessary

London, May 16.—American preparations on the western front are amazing in their immensity and plans are being made to care for five million American troops, said Harry E. V. Britain, secretary of the United States Club, to the Royal Colonial Institute last night. If the Germans do not give in, he added, the number of American troops will be increased to ten million.

W. B. MORTER RECEIVES GIFT OF GOLD LOCKET

Twenty-Five Years Treasurer of Exmouth Street Sunday School

The annual business meeting of the Exmouth street Methodist Sunday school was held on Tuesday evening in the parlour of the church, the pastor, Rev. G. F. Dawson, occupying the chair. Detailed reports of the officers gave evidence that the school had had a very successful year and was in excellent condition for the new year about to begin. The sum of \$601 was raised through the year. At present the school has an enrollment of 488.

LOYAL RUSSIANS IN GOOD WORK IN WEST. RE-CAPTURE VILLAGE

Paris, May 16.—Some of the old fighting ardor of the Russian which characterized the early days in the Caucasus and Carpathians, reappeared this week on the western front where a regiment of loyal Russians delivered a heavy attack against the Germans and recaptured a village which had been lost to the enemy.

INDIA WILL DO MORE

Simla, India, May 16.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency)—As a result of the Delhi conference the provincial governments have held meetings, unanimously reaffirming the resolution of loyalty and promising all possible aid. The government of India has already decided immediately to recruit more than half a million men and organize central provincial public bureaux.

GERMANY USING NICKEL COIN FOR PROJECTILES

Amsterdam, May 15.—Germany is calling in her nickel coinage, the metal of which is needed for projectiles, and is substituting zinc for minting coins of this class. Authority has been just given for the minting of ten million marks worth of zinc ten pfennig pieces.

WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis—Showers are now occurring in many portions of the western provinces; they have also been experienced in the Lake Superior district. The steady cold which has been so persistent over Hudson's Bay is now moderating.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate southeast to south winds, higher temperature; Friday, moderate to fresh southerly winds, fair and warm. Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fine and a little warmer today and on Friday.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Light to moderate winds, fine and mild today and on Friday.

Lake Superior—Moderate to fresh east to south winds, fair today, then local showers, rising temperature. Manitoba—Occasional showers today and on Friday.

Saskatchewan—Occasional rain or sleet. Alberta—Partly fair and cool, local showers of sleet or rain. New England—Fair tonight; slightly warmer in Vermont; Friday, fair, warmer in interior, gentle to moderate south

Italians Torpedo Austrian Battleship

Rome, May 16.—An Austrian battleship was torpedoed by Italian naval forces in Pola harbor early on Tuesday morning. The battleship was of the Viribus-Unitis type (20,000 ton vessels).

The Italian force worked its way into the Austrian naval base by dodging the patrol boats and searchlights of the defenders. While the naval operations were progressing an Italian seaplane force engaged Austrian battle planes above Pola. Two of the Austrians were brought down and several others were compelled to descend, out of control. The Italian machines all returned safely.

WAS PRINCE SIXTUS IN ENGLAND ON PEACE MISSION?

Foreign Secretary Balfour is Asked This In Commons

Whole Topic Discussed

Mr. Balfour Speaks of Bond of Confidence With President Wilson—Ready to Listen to Serious Peace Proposals by Enemy But Heterofore They've Been Attempts to Divide Allies

London, May 16.—Foreign Secretary Balfour was asked in the House of Commons today whether Prince Sixtus of Bourbon, to whom Emperor Charles of Austria addressed letters last year in which peace was offered to France, paid two visits to England in connection with the peace proposal, and whether he was in communication on this subject with Premier Lloyd George.

The question was brought up by Robert Outwater, Liberal M. P. for Hanley. Mr. Balfour replied that the subject was not one which could be dealt with by question and answer.

The whole topic of Emperor Charles' proposals was discussed today on the initiative of the pacifists and advocates of peace by negotiation.

Mr. Balfour said that Emperor Charles wrote a letter to a relative (Prince Sixtus is a brother-in-law of the emperor), and that it was conveyed by this relative to the president and premier of France under the seal of the strictest secrecy. No reference was made to communicate the letter to anyone except the sovereign and premier of this country.

Mr. Balfour said he had no secret from President Wilson. Every thought he had on the war or in regard to questions of diplomacy connected with the war was open to the president.

The foreign secretary said he did not think it would be possible for the United States and Great Britain to carry on the war in which they were engaged to deal with the complicated day-to-day problems without complete confidence. So far as he was concerned, complete confidence would always be given.

There was no one more desirous than the British government, he continued, that the war should be brought to an honorable termination. If any method could be shown the government whereby that would be accomplished, it would, of course, be accepted.

He added, however, that no effort at conversations which had been made by the German government had ever been made in the interests of fair and honorable peace; to the contrary, they had been forward in order to divide the Allies.

Referring to a statement made by Walter Runciman, formerly president of the board of trade, that France had asked for a bigger Alsace-Lorraine than the British government had offered, Mr. Balfour said there was no question of this bigger Alsace-Lorraine being the war aim of the Allies.

If any representative of any belligerent country, the foreign minister then declared, "desires seriously to lay before us any proposals we are ready to listen to them."

WAR NOTES

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