

Aeroplane Over Dover Driven Off by Guns Germany May Back Down to Uncle Sam Great Strike in Coal Mines at Pittsburg

MOST GERMAN PEOPLE DO NOT WANT WAR WITH UNITED STATES

But if it Must Come Germany is Willing to Bear it—U. S. Note Has Been Published and Crowds of People Waiting For Newspapers Showed Great Interest Taken in it by the Masses.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Berlin, April 24, via London.—The American note occupies the first pages of all the afternoon papers. The impatience with which the public awaited the publication of the note was illustrated by the street scenes when the afternoon editions appeared. The people had been apprised of the impending publication by a paper appearing at noon. Crowds surrounded the first newsboys on the principal streets of the business quarter to buy the newspapers.

The impression of the note upon the readers was a mixed one. Many faces were grave as the readers used the long columns of the note. The comment also was grave.

NOT ABUSIVE
The Northern German Gazette, from which an authoritative reflection of the government views can alone be expected, did not comment on the note. Other papers commented in varying tones and sentiment toward the United States, but generally without truculence or abusive language.

All the newspapers apparently are determined to approach the situation in a dignified and worthy manner. Some of the newspapers, including the Tagblatt, The Bourse Gazette, and even the Tages-Zeitung, considering the possibility of Germany attempting to meet the American demands, but most of the writers evidently consider this difficult.

AMERICA DOES NOT UNDERSTAND.
The Cologne Gazette in a Berlin dispatch says that it is incredible that the American authorities still fail to realize that the situation between the United States has been rendered more grave, particularly by the fact that the American government has steadily and one-sidedly opposed German submarine warfare instead of occupying itself with England's treatment of neutrals. In this connection is cited the commercial blockade and the seizure of mails by England. Continuing, the dispatch says:

STILL BLAMES ENGLAND
"Germany conducts war with a consideration of the interests of neutrals, prohibition is to go into effect in New Brunswick on May 1 of next year."

which is really injurious to her own interests, whereas England treats underfoot international law against the interests of neutrals. England began the blockade and introduced the oppressive treatment of neutrals as a war measure. Germany resists this, and is now asked to surrender her weapon because America refuses to see the connection between the two things, how one grew out of the other. The German people feel that a different standard of measurement has been employed that aggravates the difficulties of the situation, whose gravity nobody mistakes."

The Vossische-Zeitung says that a breach of diplomatic relations would be a very grave occurrence, the results of which must be weighed most conscientiously.

Forecasting the German answer the paper says:
"The German people are warranted in hoping that it will be on the level of their dignity, but also in hoping that the American people, in whose hands the ultimate decision rests, will examine the German answer with that sense of justice which hitherto has constituted the crown of glory of the great free nation beyond the ocean."

WILL BEAR THE WORST.
Theodor Wolf, editor of the Tagblatt, furnishes the most noteworthy comment of the American note. In an article written apparently in a calm and friendly spirit he reviews the facts and premises in the case and closes:
"The vast majority of the German nation wishes no war with America. Light-minded politicians and writers who indulge in strong war poses may underestimate such an increase in the enemies of the German nation. However, we will bear the worst, if the worst cannot be prevented."

"It is to be desired that the leaders themselves find a proper course. The imperial chancellor is now at grand headquarters. Never since the beginning of the war has a graver question called together the guardians of the empire."



BRITISH WAR BIPLANES PARKED IN NORTHERN FRANCE. THE PLANES ARE UNDERGOING AN OVERHAULING PRIOR TO A LONG FLIGHT OVER THE GERMAN LINES. THESE MACHINES OF THE AIR HAVE BEEN PERFORMING WONDERS IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

PTE. H. HOWARD RETURNED HOME LAST EVENING

Veteran of the 19th Battalion Back From the Battle Line.

DEAF FROM SHELL SHOCK

Pte. Herbert Howard of the 19th Battalion returned home to Brantford on the 7:33 G. T. R. train last night and was conveyed to the home of his friends at 124 Waterloo street. Being Sunday night and very stormy, no reception was held. He was met by Ald. Dowling, chairman of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, and a few personal friends who accompanied him home.

Pte. Howard who prior to enlistment was a butcher, left Brantford in the second contingent, and was attached to the 19th Battalion. He was for several months in the trenches, serving under Major Newman, and was blown out of his trench by the same shell that slightly wounded his major. He is somewhat deaf at present as a result of shell shock. He has drawn an honorable discharge from the army and will be in receipt of a pension.

"I am not sorry I joined. I did my duty as a soldier as well as I knew how," he said last night. Pte. Howard told how he had been one of those who had helped to buy the two O'Neill boys. He knew them both well, though he was not in the same platoon. It was very affecting, said Pte. Howard, and he felt very badly for days after the ceremony.

"THERE IS A CANADIAN BOY HERE CALLED MILLER; I DON'T NEED ANYONE ELSE," SAYS GEN. SHEA

British Commander of a Brigade Had His Staff Badly Shelled and Captain Freddy Miller, Though Wounded, Turned in and Helped, and Helped So Well That Commander Sent Above Reply to Offer of Staff Help.

Brigadier General Garnet B. Hughes has sent Captain Miller, paymaster of the 36th, an account of the heroic work of his son, Capt. Fred Miller, which account is really worthy of being included in the official reports of the Canadian eye-witness. The account of his exploit follows and will be read with much pleasure, since Capt. Fred Miller was a popular officer as ever left Brantford.

THE LETTER.
1st Canadian Infantry Brigade, 5th
Dear Captain Miller,—I am anxious to tell you how much your boy, Fred, is appreciated here, and how proud



CAPTAIN FRED MILLER.

of him you have a right to be. Colonel Colquhoun has always thought very highly of him I know, and a short time ago I had the privilege of forwarding his recommendation for the Military Cross. I have taken special steps to ensure this award being passed on through the higher commands.
Three days ago this Brigade was relieving a British Brigade and your boy as a Staff Officer came down to the new area to arrange matters. During the afternoon the enemy began an extremely heavy bombardment which destroyed the dugouts of an entire battalion and the Brigade Headquarters, causing many casualties, the Brigade Major of the British brigade was mortally wounded and Fred was blown out of a dugout in which he was working.

TWO SECOND CONTINGENT MEN ARE WOUNDED

Lance-Corp. Bacon and Pte. Kerr in To-day's List.

LIUT. SINCLAIR
KNOWN OF HERE

Two more Brantford men appear in the casualty list to-day, both as wounded. They are Lance Corporal Harold George Bacon and Pte. Chas. W. Kerr. Lieut. Sinclair of Toronto also reported wounded, at one time had a brother in Brantford.

Lance Corporal George Bacon was a machinist and lived at the Kerby being for three months in the Dufferin Rifles before enlisting with the second contingent.
Pte. Chas. W. Kerr, 155 Park avenue, who is reported wounded, was a chauffeur. He also enlisted with the second contingent, and was in the 19th Battalion. He is a single man and had had no previous military service.
Among the wounded appears the name of Lieut. William A. R. Sinclair of Toronto. A brother of Lieut. Sinclair at one time worked in the Bank of Commerce here, and his people frequently visited Brantford and were well known here.

**WORK SUSPENDED
IN MORE THAN
60 COAL MINES**

Order Issued Saturday Puts 24,000 Men on Strike.
**TROUBLE AT
ELECTRIC CO.**
Pittsburg Seems to be Centre of Much Industrial Trouble.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Pittsburg, April 24.—Work was suspended in more than sixty mines owned by the Pittsburg Coal Company, employing 24,000 men in this vicinity to-day as a result of the order issued Saturday by the district No. 4 United Mine Workers of America. The suspension results from a disagreement over the local application of the recent interstate agreement made in New York allowing miners a five per cent. wage increase.

Deputy sheriffs, guarding the plant of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company at East Pittsburg, where 13,000 men are on strike, used their clubs this morning to force a way through crowds of strike pickets for workmen trying to enter the shops. The principal fighting was at the Talbot street bridge, where the pickets linked hands across the street where the workmen passed.

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BRAVE ACTS PERFORMED UNDER FIRE

Acts of Valor by the Canucks in Great Battle of St. Eloi Against the Huns.

Ottawa, April 24.—Thrilling stories of individual soldiers' bravery are given by the Canadian General Representative at the front in his weekly communique telling of the period of April 11-18. He says: During the period that our troops held the line in front of St. Eloi the circumstances of the fighting afforded a wealth of opportunity for deeds of daring, and several members of each battalion greatly distinguished themselves in the eyes of their comrades. The following are but a few of the instances: Sergt. E. W. Stahbridge of the 21st Battalion, after his officer had been wounded, took charge of an exposed trench on the left flank of his battalion and maintained his position. On three occasions he took out parties under heavy shell fire to recover the bodies of men killed or to bring in the wounded.

Corp. W. J. Cross of the 1st Battalion formed one of an attacking bombing party. When all available bombs had been thrown he withdrew his party in the face of the enemy's bombardment, and brought in a wounded officer.

LONG SERVICE
Sergt. H. W. Norton Taylor, of the 21st Battalion was for five days in charge of a machine-gun crew in a detached position. During this period his post was attacked by a party of about thirty Germans. The enemy flung bombs at our men, but under the steady fire of the machine gun was quickly mown down. Only two of the hostile party were seen to escape. On two consecutive nights prisoners were taken by the detachment under Sergt. Norton Taylor. During fifty-six hours Lieut. J. Gordon Weir of the 19th Battalion, in charge of machine guns on the

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Aeroplane Flew Over Dover But No Damage Done

Plane Did Not Drop Any Bombs, and Attacks by Anti-Aircraft Guns Put It to Flight.

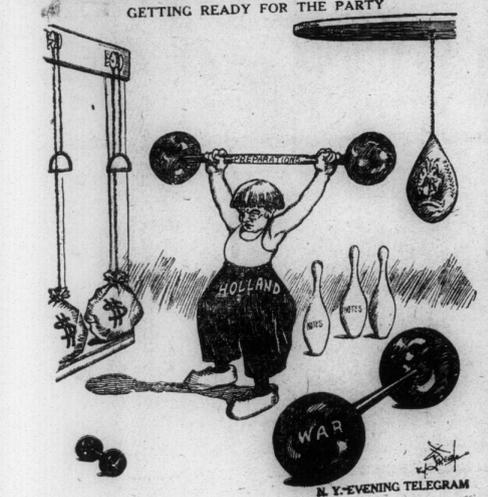
By Special Wire to the Courier.
London, April 24, 2 p.m.—A hostile aeroplane appeared over Dover this morning and was attacked by British guns. It was driven off and dropped no bombs.
The following official statement was made:
"At 11.45 to-day a hostile aeroplane appeared over Dover from the east. It circled over the town at a height estimated at 6,000 feet.
"Anti-aircraft guns at once came into action. The hostile machine was driven off. No bombs were dropped."

Allison Will Arrive in Ottawa This Afternoon to Answer Questions

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Ottawa, Ont., April 24.—George F. Allison, counsel for Col. Wesley Morrison, announced to-day that his client would arrive in Ottawa at five o'clock this evening, ready for investigation. The David Colson in connection with Colt revolver contracts. He is also under subpoena of the public accounts committee in relation to the wholesale importations made in his name at Morrisburg. It is probable that Allison will appear before that body first as the opening sittings of the fuse inquiry are expected to be taken with formalities and arguments of counsel as to the admissibility of evidence.
It is understood that when the Commons resumes the subject of condemned small arms ammunition sold by the government to a private company and alleged to have been resold to the British Government, will come up for an airing and that in this connection Sir Sam Hughes will make a statement.

Investigate the Doctors.
By Special Wire to the Courier.
Peking, April 24.—Ten delegates have been appointed by the metropolitan police bureau to investigate medical practice and the quality of medicines offered for sale in the Peking market, preparatory to imposing restrictions which will protect the public against quackery and impure drugs.
Through its support of modern medical schools and hospitals and its propaganda for a higher standard of medical education, the Rockefeller Foundation is already making its work felt in China.

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



BY Y-EVENING TELEGRAM

GERMANY MAY MAKE CONCESSIONS

Ambassador Gerard Hints as Much to Washington.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Washington, April 24.—Confidential despatches from United States Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, indicate that Germany will make certain concessions to the United States in response to the note demanding the immediate abandonment of present methods of submarine warfare. Whether the concessions will be sufficiently broad to meet the American demands appears uncertain. However, officials reflected an air of hopefulness for an amicable settlement of the issue.

Not So Many Sausages

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Berlin, April 24.—Following a conference just held with the sausage manufacturers of Germany, the Central Foodstuffs Control Commission announced that conditions require a radical decrease in the production of sausages of all kinds.
More than a hundred women of Windsor and vicinity who "forgot" to pay duty on fashionable footwear purchased in Detroit were stopped by sharp-eyed customs officials at Windsor ferry dock yesterday.

THEATRE OF FEATURES
Satellite Trio
and Dancers
and Brown
Sally a la Carte
Ernie Clark
of the Driits
THE HOLIDAY THE SAME AS EVENING

Opera House
Friday, April 22nd
and Night
Young Romantic Actor
Hall Caine
London Company
Wyche Theatre in London
IN
"THE" Caine
England's Greatest Writer
Caine
with LOUIS N. PARKER
\$1,75c, 50c, 25c
AT BOLES' DRUG STORE.

PERA HOUSE
Friday, April 17-18
at 8:15. Evening at 8:15
and Gaiety Film Ever Produced
BARBARA
for the attraction
at BOLES' DRUG STORE

Saturday, April 29
Matinee and Night
MR OF
BY EDWARD
PEOPLE
FARCE IN THE WORLD
at BOLES' DRUG STORE

Theatre 10c
AND TUESDAY
of Elaine"
Y AND THURSDAY
FROM "THE Sky"
AND SATURDAY
of Interesting Features

COLONIAL THEATRE
LAST WEEK
PRINCESS
PLAYERS
Thu., Fri. and Sat.
"The Village
Gossips"
6 Reels Feature Photo Plays
Prices 10c and 20c.