

WHERE IS LAURIER ON CONSCRIPTION?

Seventy Six Lives Lost in German Air Raid Over Southern England || First American Troops in Trenches on the Aisne Front || Total of Over Ten Thousand Captives Taken by Gen. Cadorna

British Air Forces Bring Down Three Aerial Pirates

THE FOE WAS PUT TO FLIGHT

Three German Airplanes Brought Down In Raid Over England Last Night; Seventy Six Persons Killed, Many More Injured

ITALY READY TO FACE ANY MISFORTUNE

Heavy Artillery Fire Goes on Between British and German Lines on Scarpe Sector; French Progress Upon Champagne Front

CAMPAIGN AGAINST HOLLWEG

Official Statement Upon Naval Engagement Off Coast of Flanders

GERMANS SUPERIOR

Teuton Force Much Larger Than French, But Was Beaten Off

JEWELLERS STRIKE

Thousand Women Workers Join Their Sisters in Demonstration

Paris, May 26.—The ministry of marine has issued the following statement in regard to the naval engagement between French and German destroyers off the coast of Flanders on May 20:

According to a fuller report of the engagement on May 20 off the Flanders bank the enemy, superior in force to the French flotilla, opened fire first but, seeing the French torpedo boats bearing down upon him with the intention of boarding, he retired at high speed toward his base. The gun firing lasted for about a quarter of an hour. Lieut. Bilot, commanding the Bouclier, and the navigating officer were killed. Ensign Pierront, although wounded in six places, one wound serious, took over command during the end of the action and brought the ship back to Dunkirk.

One of our ships succeeded in avoiding a torpedo fired against her by skillful handling. Attempts made by the enemy to throw off ships into confusion by false signals failed. The French flotilla suffered only slight damage and dominated the adversary, who gave up the object with which he set out.

An official statement issued by the French Admiralty on May 20, stated a flotilla of German destroyers had been driven back to its base by a patrol of four French torpedo boats. The German official statement declared that the French craft were repeatedly hit and that the German ships were uninjured.

Jewelry Workers Strike. Paris, May 26.—Encouraged by the successful strikes of women in other trades, the women jewelry workers quit work yesterday afternoon. The new recruits to the striking ranks number one thousand.

A number of women clerks in the ministry of finance presented demands for an improvement in conditions to the minister. The greater part of their claim was conceded and the women accepted the compromise. The women waterproof workers won their strike and returned to work today but the suspenders and elastic bandage makers are still out as their demands have been refused.

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By Courier Leased Wire. London, May 26.—German airships, to the number of about 16 raided southeast England on Friday evening, according to an official statement issued today. Seventy-six persons were killed. This is the second German air raid on England within three days. On Wednesday night four or five German aircraft flew over the eastern English counties and dropped a number of bombs, killing one man. For six previous months no attack on England had been made from the air following two disastrous raids in which three Zeppelins were destroyed.

THREE SHOT DOWN. London, May 26.—Three of the German airships were shot down. One hundred and seventy four persons were injured. Nearly all the damage occurred in one town where some bombs fell in the streets, causing considerable casualties among the civilian population. The raiding aircraft, which were brought down, were airplanes.

AUSTRIAN CRISIS TO BE SHORT

Count Apponyi, After Conference With Emperor, Looks for Solution

PREMIER NOT NAMED

But Archduke Joseph is Regarded as Probable Nominee

A STRIKE IN SAXONY

Textile Workers Demand Increase of Seventy Five Per Cent.

Amsterdam, May 26.—via London.—After an audience with Emperor Charles, Count Apponyi told a reporter for the Neue Freie Presse that the Emperor merely wished for information and had asked several questions, which showed that he was well informed in regard to conditions. Count Apponyi said that no one had been designated as Count Tisza's successor, but that he believed that the crisis would be short.

TEXTILE STRIKE. Copenhagen, via London, May 26.—The textile workers of Crimmitschau, Saxony, have voted a strike for a 75 per cent. increase in wages on the grounds of the increased cost of living. The strike affects 3,000 employees, but there is danger of its spreading throughout the textile district of Saxony, where complaints about wages have been loud and general for several months.

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James Eads How, the so-called "millionaire tramp" of America, has sent a message of protest to the State department in which he was joined by Mayor Karl Kindhagen and Karl Fries, international secretary of the World Church Peace Alliance and international president of the Young Men's Christian Association. Word has been received that the moderate Russian Socialists will send delegates. Victor Adler, leader of the Austrian Socialists arrived today.

THE FIRST AMERICAN UNIT ENTERS TRENCHES ON AISNE

Proud Moment When Men of Cornell University Departed for Battlefield, While Stars and Stripes Flew Overhead; Officers of Contingent Veterans of the War

From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press, Grand headquarters of the French Army in France, May 24.—The first American combatant corps went to the French front today under Captain E. I. Tinkham and Lieutenant Scully, of Princeton. Captain Tinkham won the war cross at Verdun.

It was a proud moment when the first detachment of the American field service, consisting mainly of Cornell undergraduates, departed for the Aisne battlefield. They were armed with carbines, attired in khaki uniforms and drove American five-ton mortar cars. As they left, the Stars and Stripes, floating over the cantonment in a historic French town spread out in the breeze and other contingents cheered them on their way.

Other Sections Drilling

The correspondent of the Associated Press watched other American sections drilling in preparation for active participation in the fighting. Among them were detachments from Andover, Dartmouth, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Yale, Chicago and Williams Colleges, while a large body from Princeton was awaiting organization. Lieutenant Daly, captain of the Yale football team of 1910, with Lieut. W. Taylor, of New York, were busy putting one section into shape, while Lieutenant Kennedy superintended another.

Instructor Has Won Spurs

French officers and Lieut. J. W. Ostheimer, of Philadelphia, who won his rank in the French army in which he enlisted at the outbreak of the war, have been appointed instructors at the central training school. Some sections are drilled according to the French method and others according to the American. All officers attached to the corps express the utmost satisfaction with the men, who display readiness to perform any task. They are all strong young men, many of them civil engineers, and they show an adaptability to meet any circumstances. Most of them intended to serve with the American Ambulance, but selected the fighting corps after the United States decided to enter the war.

Have Tasted Hardships

They have already been undergoing some of the hardships of campaigning, stopping in tents in the forest encampment, but they know that this war is no parade and entails the hardest and most trying work day and night with many privations.

The military fashion of taking meals in France has been somewhat changed to meet the requirements of the Americans. Breakfast, which is scanty for the Frenchman, has been augmented, and the hours of other repasts have been modified. A French officer of high grade told the Associated Press correspondent that the arrival of the Americans was greatly appreciated, and that he was confident that they would render an immense service to the Allies.

JEWES ARE EXPELLED BY TURKS

Nearly Nine Thousand Hebrews Driven From District of Jaffa

FEARFUL SUFFERINGS

Many Perished on Way to Exile, and Aid is Needed

CONGRESS SUMMONED

International Trades Union to Meet in Sweden Next Month

Copenhagen, May 26.—Via London.—The Jewish Rudschau of Berlin, a Zionist organ, has received a despatch from Jerusalem, confirming foreign reports of the economic ruin of the Jewish population of Jaffa, through compulsory evacuation. Between 8,000 and 9,000 Jewish residents of the town have been expelled by the Turks, only 30 being permitted to remain.

Wagons were available for the first stage of the exodus to Petch, but when the victims were compelled to move further the horses were requisitioned and railroad transportation could only be obtained by camping at the stations without shelter and little food for days. The difficulties on the road caused illness and some deaths. The despatch says that funds are needed to relieve the sickness and distress.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS. Copenhagen, via London, May 26.—The Berlin Vorwaerts announces that the central committee of the international trades union organization at Amsterdam has summoned an international congress for June 8th at Stockholm. The program includes both labor topics and peace.

OFFICIAL STORY OF AIR RAID

London, May 26.—Three hostile airplanes, returning from last night's raid on England were brought down by British air forces in the English channel and off the Belgian coast, the admiralty announced today. The admiralty statement says: "Naval airplanes attacked the air-drome at St. Denis Westre, near Bruges, yesterday morning, dropping many bombs. "In the evening several enemy aircraft returning from the raid on England were engaged over sea by

Pan Germans Redouble Efforts to Oust Imperial Chancellor

STEADY OFFENSIVE

Hindenburg Appealed to Join Adversaries of Von Bethmann

HOLLWEG IS DOOMED

If Foes Succeed in Arraying Hindenburg Against Him

Copenhagen, via London, May 26.—The pan-Germans have settled down to a steady summer offensive against Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg. The plan of campaign, as disclosed by the German papers, includes a day by day appeal to Field Marshal von Hindenburg through telegrams of greeting from local meetings of the pan-German scheme of annexations and against the Bethmann peace programme. The Chancellor's opponents are confident that if they can array von Hindenburg against von Bethmann-Hollweg the fate of the Premier is sealed.

The published replies of the Field Marshal to some of the greetings indicate that he certainly shares the views of the pan-Germans to some extent. The telegrams, however, have been worded so skillfully that they permit von Hindenburg to answer sympathetically without committing himself on the questions at issue.

A second part of the campaign namely, a great patriotic appeal against the Socialists on the strength of Scheidemann's threat of revolution seems to have been thrown into complete confusion by the disclosures of The Vorwaerts and The Tageblatt that the pan-German leaders used the same threat, although in an exactly opposite discussion. A third and all important side of the campaign is the agitation against constitutional reform. This has developed mainly in Conservative gatherings where it is sure of a sympathetic audience and here the outcry against the Chancellor is voiced without the slightest reserve.

The most violent abuse is hurled against the Chancellor in speeches by the Conservative Deputy von Graefe and the uncrowned King of Prussia, von Heydebrand, who insistently demand his retirement. Side by side with the anti-Bethmann campaign the pan-Germans are assailing Count Czernin, the Austrian foreign minister for his attitude in regard to peace. The courtesy usually afforded between the two countries is ignored and the most virulent language is used. The Tages Zeitung says that it is creditably informed that Count Czernin's last visit to German headquarters was for the purpose of winning the Kaiser and von Hindenburg to his views and that the results are unknown.

Vice Chancellor Helfferich, Foreign Secretary Zimmermann and Minister of Finance Roxera are expected to visit Vienna next week ostensibly to negotiate a new commercial treaty and to discuss other important economic questions.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE. By Courier Leased Wire. Ottawa, May 25.—A memorandum from the minister of militia last night, says: "There will be held in Westminster Abbey, London, on July 2nd, a solemn service in commemoration of the semi-centennial of the Dominion and also in memory of the Canadians who have fallen in the war.

The King and Queen have graciously promised to be present, and a good many Canadian troops in England will be present on that occasion."

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Weather Bulletin Toronto, May 26.—Pressure is high over Manitoba and northern Manitoba, while a mild disturbance is centered over Nebraska. Showers have occurred in Quebec and the Maritime provinces, while in Ontario and the western provinces, the weather has been fair. Forecasts Fair and moderately warm today. Sunday—Moderate to fresh easterly to southerly winds, partly fair, but some local showers.