

SWISS PREPARE FOR VIOLATIONS

Expect Germans to Cross Their Country to Fight Italy.

SPY SYSTEM AT BASLE

Consul There Runs a Regular Press Agency Without Hindrance.

BY GORDON GORDONSMITH.

BASLE, May 17.—Basle continues the centre of a German spy system. The German consul here runs a regular press agency which is merely a branch of the German legation at Bern, and German espionage is carried on here on exactly the same lines as the work of Bernstorff and Dernburg in the United States. It is significant that the German minister has been able to get the Swiss Government to establish a special detective service over the American and British newspaper correspondents, and that the Germans have established a regular bureau here, while the British minister is unable to interfere.

Army is Mobilized.

The sixth Swiss division was mobilized Thursday, and the remaining two, the second and fourth, will be mobilized the instant Italy moves, and this is daily expected. All the garrison at Basle is made up of French-speaking troops from Geneva, Lausanne, etc., while German-speaking regiments have been sent to the Italian frontier. It is quite strange to hear "Sambre et Meuse," "March de Lorraine" and other French martial airs played in the streets of Basle, which seems fully as German as those of Berlin.

All sorts of rumors are afloat concerning the possible violation of Swiss neutrality by Germany when war with Italy begins. It is even reported that the Germans are preparing to swoop in to the whole province of Basle and Constance and capture Zurich.

Officers Are Serious.

The Swiss general staff are now in Basle. I came up in a tramway with them about midnight, after they had evidently been holding a conference. They all looked very serious. As an indication of the Swiss distrust of Germany, all banks of Basle have arranged to move their bullion and securities to the centre of the country as soon as Italy moves and renders the violation of Swiss territory possible.

CANADIANS MADE WONDERFUL FIGHT

Captain Streight Writes That Saxon Press Praised Valor.

TREATMENT IS GOOD

Saxons Pay Attention to the Wants of Canadian Captives.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. **LONDON, May 17.**—Col. Rennie sends the following letter to Capt. Streight, in sending it Col. Rennie remarks: "Our casualties have been very heavy, but as you are from the enemy, the regiment behaved most creditably."

"I was wounded and made prisoner on the evening of April 24. I cannot go into details, except to say that my command was completely surrounded. The men were wounded and faithful to the last. We were the last to be taken, and then after a hand-to-hand struggle. The press here gives a good account of us."

"I say we dug our graves and died in them, and that their troops never met such luck and determination. They speak the truth. We have fallen into good hands. The enemy is paid our wants and needs. A left behind on them after the first advance. All are well here. I wish to be remembered to all and better luck to you who remain."

In the foregoing, Capt. Streight is referring to the press of Saxony, where he writes from.

Lieut. Arthur Leonard Bishop, Middlesex Regiment, wounded, attended Kingston in 1912.

Capt. John Everett Streight, was an officer in the Governor-General's Body Guard. He saw service in South Africa. His home is at Islington.

CITY EDITOR GOES TO WAR.

NELSON, B.C., May 16.—Hubert E. Evans, city editor of the Nelson Daily News, has enlisted with the 5th Kootenay and Boundary Battalion for overseas service. He was formerly a newspaper writer in Toronto and Galt. Six members of the Daily News staff are now with the colors.

Proper Diet

The secret of good health is chiefly in a "proper diet." Pure, wholesome food, properly cooked, properly served, each of you find here, will assist materially in keeping you in good health.

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Our 3c Daily Lunch, served from 12 to 3 p.m.
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ZEPP BROUGHT DOWN ON FRENCH SOIL

This is the First One Since the War Commenced.

FORTY MEN PRISONERS

Machine Was Completely Wrecked When It Fell on the Beach.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

NORTH OF FRANCE, via London, May 17.—For the first time a Zeppelin has been brought down on French soil. Calais passed an aged night. At midnight two Zeppelins and two Taubes were seen coming from the sea. Scarcely had they time to drop a few bombs when they were discovered by the searchlights and were subjected to a violent cannonade. Calais undoubtedly owes much to the fortification of its governor, whose admirable preparations for an aerial raid saved the town from serious damage. The aerial invaders made a desperate attack and when driven off the first time they came back again. The Zeppelins were continually fired at with shrapnel and were obliged to fly at a great height to avoid being hit.

One Was Winded.

For the one being they escaped exploding around them. One, however, was destined for punishment. After the first attack the Zeppelins flew in the direction of Boulogne, followed by two Taubes. When passing near Margate, however, the battery at Cape Griz Nez succeeded in hitting one of the Zeppelins with shells. The invaders turned back at once and passed once more near Calais. The winged Zeppelin was unable to reach the German lines and fell on the beach at Dunkirk. Forty men on board the craft were taken prisoners, among them seven officers. The machine was completely wrecked. Calais people are positive that some of the gas compartments of the airship were pierced when it passed over the town, but not sufficient gas was lost to cause it to descend. A woman and three children are reported killed in the quarter of the town known as Fort Maccall; but, considering the scale of the attack, relatively little material damage was done. Railway communications, which seem to have been the object of attack, were not affected.

Have Commissioner Head Fire Brigade

Council Takes One Step Toward Solution of Department Difficulties.

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Beer Sign Will in All Probability Be Down by Next Saturday.

ZEPP LIN RAIDER BADLY DAMAGED

British Seaplanes Attacked Airship and Bombs Were Effective.

ZEPP'S FIRE WASTED

Raid on Kentish Towns Resulted in Only Slight Damage.

LONDON, May 17.—Announcement was made at the admiralty today that the German dirigible which raided Ramsgate early this morning had been pursued and apparently damaged seriously. The statement is:

"The Zeppelin that attacked Ramsgate early this morning was chased off by British Church and Westgate machines as far as the West Hindle Lightship in the North Sea off Holland."

"When off Nieuport (Belgium) she was attacked by eight naval machines from Dunkirk. Three machines were able to attack her at close range fire."

"Hit by Bombs."

"Flight Commander Digsworth dropped four bombs when 200 feet above the airship. A large column of smoke was seen to come out of one of her compartments."

"The Zeppelin then rose to a great height, 11,000 feet (over two miles) with her tail down, and is believed to be severely damaged."

"All our machines were exposed to a heavy fire from the Zeppelin."

"There were no casualties."

"Raid Was a Failure."

Sixty bombs, mostly incendiary, were dropped, injuring three persons, but doing slight property damage, in the night. The raid along the English coast by two Zeppelins, to which the foregoing announcement is a sequel. The bombs were dropped at Ramsgate. The dirigibles passed over Margate without throwing explosives, and vainly tried to hit vessels at Dover.

KILLED TWO AT CALAIS.

CALAIS, France, May 17.—A Zeppelin airship, coming from the Channel, flew over Calais last night. It dropped bombs on various quarters of the city, killing two children and wounding one woman.

The property damage was slight. After its raid the Zeppelin sailed away in the direction of the sea.

DROVE OFF PURSUER?

AMSTERDAM, via London, May 17.—The Telegram's Sluis correspondent says that a Zeppelin, flying along the coast from the west, was sighted at 5 o'clock this morning. The airship was being pursued by an allied aeroplane, but the Zeppelin opened a heavy fire on it and the aeroplane abandoned its pursuit and disappeared across the sea.

WAR COSTING ENGLAND THIRTY POUNDS A SECOND

Special Cable to The Toronto World. **LONDON, May 17.**—F. D. Acland, financial secretary to the treasury, speaking to a meeting today, estimated that the cost of the war to England was thirty pounds per second. This means \$2,322,000 a day, which somewhat exceeds David Lloyd George's recent average of \$2,100,000.

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WHAT CITY COUNCIL DID

Decided to have a commissioner as head of the fire department.

Appointed Thomas Hook as city arbitrator in connection with the 76 foot strip required thru Mount Pleasant Cemetery for the making of the new road.

Made a grant of \$253 to the Methodist Union of Toronto as a refund on the taxes.

Decided to have the commissioner of works lay certain pavements by day labor instead of by contract.

Ordered the German beer sign at the corner of Queen & Yonge streets to be taken down. If the board of works approve.

Struck out board of control's recommendation not to spend \$1,100 for the removal of the "Islands" on Walmer Road Hill.

Carried a motion to dismiss all aliens in the city's employ.

On motion of Ald. McBride it was decided to ask a complete report from the Social Survey Commission, together with a complete statement of what has been done with the money granted by the city, and the names of those that have been engaged in making the survey.

All Germans, Austrians and aliens in the civic employ who are not naturalized Canadians are to be dismissed from the service forthwith. A motion to this effect was introduced by Ald. McBride and carried unanimously.

The peace into which Catfish Pond has fallen was more disturbed, a deputization urging that it be filled in by the use of sand pumps at once. The motion was carried.

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NOTHING LEFT BUT THEIR GOOD NAMES

Officer Describes Battle in Which Canadians Won Imperishable Fame.

WILL LIVE IN HISTORY

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KINGSTON, May 17.

Capt. George T. Richardson of the 14th Regiment will come in for special mention as a result of his work at the front, according to letters received here this afternoon. He had charge of one platoon which did not and would not surrender when flanked by the Germans.

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MARMORA, May 17.—Marmora Village Council has purchased two 60-gallon chemical engines with complete attachments, thus taking the first step in the installation of more adequate fire protection for the village.

MINERS' OFFICERS NOT GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY

Charge Against Moyer and Eight Others Falls to Ground.

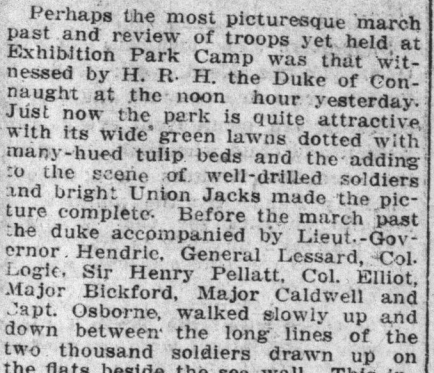
CALUMET, Mich., May 17.—A nolle prosequi was entered today in the case against President C. H. Moyer and 18 other officials of the Western Federation of Miners, indicted on charges of conspiracy by the Houghton County grand jury a year ago as a result of alleged acts of violence said to have been committed at the direction of the defendants during the copper strike.

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The march past was held northward from the lake front across the lawns, the duke and reviewing party standing in a group just west of the manufacturers' building.

Bright Major Bleckford and Captain Osborne led the parade. The troops included the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Mounted Rifles, Artillery Brigade, 38th Battalion and the Battalion Machine Gun Battery. All the units marched with great steadiness. The music was furnished by the 35th Battalion band and the band of the Governor-General's Body Guards.

Saw New Water Filter.

Following the review the Governor-General was shown the portable water filter which is being experimented with down by the lake front. He was particularly interested in the system of ultra-violet electric rays used to kill the bacteria in the water. After a brief inspection of the armed motor cars the Duke left to have lunch at the York Club with the staff officers.

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Trenches Over Extent of Two Miles Captured Near La Bassée.

RETREAT FROM CANAL

Germans Threatened by Allies With Complete Envelopment in Belgium.

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mans voluntarily gave themselves up to the British forces today.

Some machine guns were also taken at this point, the French night communiqué reports.

Threatened With Envelopment.

In the sector north of Ypres the French and Belgian advance threatens the envelopment of the Germans in Belgium. This peril forced the enemy to evacuate all the positions which he had occupied on the west side of the Yser Canal. His attempts to dislodge the French and Belgians from the east bank of the canal met with no success, all the gains of the allies being maintained.

Mist Interferes at Arras.

Active prosecution of the French offensive at Arras today was held up by the presence of a thick mist, which rendered accurate artillery fire impossible, but a hand-to-hand struggle was continued with great intensity in this region, especially on the Lorette slopes. German counter-attacks were all repulsed.

The French have also resumed the offensive in the Woerthe region, stopping immediately an attack of the Germans on their trenches at Villa-au-Bois, near Berry-au-Bac, occupying several German works in the ally wood, and capturing 250 German soldiers and three machine guns. Two German battalions made three attempts today to make sorties from their trenches in the outskirts of the wood of Le Pretre, but were driven short by the French infantry and artillery, which immediately opened fire.

Success Confirmed.

Field Marshal Sir John French reports, under date of May 17, to the war department here today, as follows:

"The first army has gained further successes south of the line, and the German trenches on a front of two miles were captured."

"This morning several bodies of Germans surrendered voluntarily to our troops, who continue to fight with great gallantry and determination."

"One of these bodies, while trying to surrender, was caught by our artillery fire and practically annihilated."

"The exact number of prisoners has not yet been ascertained, but 550 have been carried to the lines of communication."