

War Clouds are Looming Heavily Over Spain

Italians, Sustaining Foe Counter Attacks
Brace Themselves For Renewal of Offensive

British, Driving Forward on Wide Front,
Force Withdrawal of Hindenburgs Forces

Country is Isolated, Revolt May be in Progress

BELGIAN MISSION IS IN U.S.

Official Legation, Headed by Baron Moncheur, Landed Today

ENEMY SUB CAPTURED

U-Boat, Believed One of Squad Blockading Spain, Taken

TRANSPORT IS SUNK

No Casualties Aboard Torpedoed British Vessel, Annam

By Courier Lease dWire.—An Atlantic Port, June 16.—Belgium's official mission to the United States, arrived in this country to-day. It is headed by Baron Moncheur, former Minister to the United States, and now chief of the political bureau of the Belgian foreign office at Havre.

Paris, June 16.—A semi-official note says that the German submarine U-52, which was towed into Cadix on June 11, was operating outside that port. On June 12, a Norwegian steamer was torpedoed off Huelva, and a Russian sloop between Larache and Cadiz, which leads to the belief that a group of submarines has been sent to block the ports of Cadiz and Huelva.

Transport Sunk.—Paris, June 16.—It is officially announced that the transport Annam was torpedoed in the Ionian on June 11, while proceeding under escort. Bombs were at once thrown in the track of the submarine, which did not reappear. The Annam was taken in tow by one of the convoying ships were sunk in a few hours. There were no casualties.

The Annam was a vessel of 6,075 tons. She was built in 1899 in Copenhagen and was owned in Marseilles.

Russ Changes.—Petrograd, via London, June 16.—The newspapers report that Admiral Madimoff, commander of the Black Sea fleet, has left his post, and will be replaced by Rear-Admiral Verdevski, General Yudevitch, commander-in-chief in the Caucasus has been replaced by General Prjevlsky.

Two officers and two men of the Austrian espionage bureau have been arrested while visiting Russian lines in the guise of Parliamentaires.

OIL FIELDS DAMAGED.—Copenhagen, via London, June 16.—In contrast to the recent semi-official statement that production of Rumanian oil has been resumed on a normal basis, the Berlin Vossische Zeitung in an article on conditions in Rumania, says while production has been resumed it will be some time before peace conditions are reached in the oil conditions.

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, June 16.—The pressure is quite high over the central portion of the continent and comparatively low in the north-western portion. Fine warm weather prevails in the western provinces and fair conditions are where with the general exception of a scattering of showers in Quebec and in the Maritime Provinces. Forecasts: Light to moderate winds, fair and a little warmer. Sunday, moderate to fresh south-westerly winds, fair and warmer.

Heavy Battles Raging Upon British and Italian Fronts, While Attention of the World is Gradually Centered Upon Spain--Veil of Secrecy Drawn Over Kingdom, Revolution May be in Progress

By Courier Leased Wire

British troops are striking along almost the entire line they hold in northern France, not with the terrific force which marked the victories of Arras and Messines, but in a more or less tentative manner, giving weight to the belief that Field Marshall Haig is preparing to launch a mighty blow on a hitherto unprecedented scale. Two features of the fighting stand out with sharp significance. The first is the feebleness with which the Germans are reacting and the second is the surprising promptness with which Berlin admits retirements in various sectors.

The whole situation is entirely similar to that existing prior to the great "strategic retreat" of the Germans from the Somme. There is considerable evidence that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is planning another great withdrawal and that Field Marshal Haig is pressing him at all points in the hope of delivering a shattering blow if such a second "retreat to victory materializes.

Italian Front

The Italians, having successfully maintained their advance in the face of the most formidable Austrian counter-attacks, are apparently preparing for a resumption of their offensive. Vienna reports that the Italian guns have opened with the greatest violence in Carinthia, indicating that General Cadorna has chosen a new sector in which to deliver his next blow. The scene of the bombardment is some thirty miles north of Gorizia, and an offensive in this region would support the reports that the Italian commander has far more ambitious plans than even the conquest of Trieste.

Spanish Situation

The upheaval caused by the great war, which has already dethroned two monarchs now seems to menace the ancient throne of Spain. The utmost exertions of the Spanish censors have failed to completely suppress the reports of grave happenings in the Peninsular kingdom. From what little is known the Spanish army is taking the lead in the revolutionary movement, which is further accelerated by the food scarcity, and industrial unrest. Rumors of revolt have been current for several months, and at the end of May it was announced that the constitutional guarantees would be suspended, while the government prohibited all public manifestations in respect to international questions. This was followed by an outbreak at Barcelona on June 1, the seriousness of which was indicated by the fact that the soldiers sided with the revolt and imprisoned a number of their officers.

The exact part which the issues of the war play in the Spanish crisis is difficult to determine. The masses of the people have been generally credited with being strongly pro-ally in sentiment, while the aristocracy leaned toward the side of Germany. At the same time the demand for internal reform and other domestic questions have apparently had a leading role in the growing unrest.

Greek Situation

No new developments have occurred in the Greek situation but the triumphant return to Athens of Venizelos predicted in England, a step almost certain to be followed by a definite alignment of Greece on the side of the Entente. The violence of German comments on the abdication of King Constantine shows how strongly the disappearance of the Kaiser's royal ally has affected Berlin.

Enemy Troops, Dismayed by Vigor of The British Offensive, Are Driven Into Battle

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, June 16.—Repulse of a German attack on the positions captured by the British south of the Ypres-Comines Canal is announced by the war office. The statement follows:

"The positions we captured on Thursday evening south of the Ypres Comines Canal, were attacked by the enemy after heavy artillery preparation. A few Germans who succeeded in reaching our front trenches were at once killed or driven out, and the attack was completely repulsed at all points."

Foe, Discouraged.

Paris, June 15.—(New York Herald Cable)—The Matin's correspondent at the Flanders front telegraphs as follows: Prince Rupprecht's troops enter a fight dejectedly, and without a punch. Secret orders discovered show that behind each section marches an officer whose duty it is to shoot the laggards. The officer is supported by two machine guns, which collaborate in the slaughter of these demoralized stragglers.

The wounds of many of the German dead and the statements of prisoners prove that these guns are kept busy urging forward the waves of German troops into the hell of British fire. Fourteen enemy divisions participated in the last five days fighting between Wytchaete and Warneton. Nine divisions were decimated and the other five hit hard. Finally four divisions were sent to the rear to rest and were replaced by troops hastened from the Russian front. The correspondent says: Our British friends do things on a big scale and the Germans do also, for they have left twenty thousand dead on or under the ground and forty thousand more are out of business for a long time.

Copenhagen, June 16, via London.—Admiral von Tirpitz and Field Marshal von Hindenburg have replied approvingly to telegrams of greeting from the pan German committee for a German peace at Essen. Von Tirpitz replied: "The submarines will reach their goal if we at home retain our nerve." Von Hindenburg, who misses no opportunity of answering telegrams from meetings arranged by the Junker committee, although it is openly in opposition to Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg, responded on this occasion with assurances that a complete victory and "a peace worthy of Germany's sacrifices and assuring the prosperity and growth of the country is within reach if the struggle is continued manfully."

The Tages Zeitung, emphasizes the significance of these repeated Hindenburgian responses to the manifestations of the anti-Bethmann Committee by enthusiastically thanking the Field Marshal for his willingness to strengthen the will to victory of the nation by his stirring replies.



MOUNT NERO, ONE OF THE CAPTURED PEAKS

The Italians have overcome tremendous difficulties in their offensive against the Austrians and Mount Nero, one of them, is shown in the photograph.

NORWEGIAN SHIPS SUNK

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, June 15.—The sinking of several more Norwegian vessels, with considerable loss of life is reported by the Norwegian Foreign Office as quoted in a Central News despatch from Copenhagen. According to this information, the following craft have been sunk by German submarines. Sigrun, steamer, 2,533 tons gross, crew rescued. Cavmet, sailing vessel, loaded with pitprops, driven ashore and seriously damaged by gun fire all the crew missing with the exception of one man, whose body was found. Vinas, steamer, 1,107 tons; only four men saved. Sylvia, sailing vessel, 149 tons, crew rescued. Candace, sailing vessel, 395 tons, crew rescued.

HONOR PERSHING

Paris, June 16.—The army committee of the Chamber of Deputies has adopted a resolution recommending the remitting of all outstanding punishments in the army for minor offenses, in honor of General Pershing. The resolution also requests that an extra ration of a pint of wine be served to the soldiers in celebration of the arrival of the American General.

General Maude rejoices in the title of "The Strater."

ENEMY WAS REPULSED BY FRENCH

Several Raids Made by Turks Beaten Off Last Night

FIGHTING IN GALICIA

Violent Artillery Fire is Going on Upon Russian Front

DECISION OF SWISS

Will Not Intervene Between Belligerents as Peace Makers

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, June 16.—The French repulsed several raids in the region of Hill 304 on the heights of the Meuse last night, according to an official statement to the war office this morning. The artillery fire around Come and Mont Carnillet, was lively.

The statement follows: "We repulsed several enemy attacks against our small post near Hill 304, on the height of the Meuse and east of Badonviller. French troops penetrated German trenches east of Rhielens and took prisoners. "The artillery fighting was moderately heavy in the sector of Craonne and west of Mont Carnillet."

AUSTRIAN STATEMENT

Vienna, via London, June 16.—Increased fighting on the Russian front in East Galicia and Volhynia is reported in the official statement issued by the war office on Friday. The statement follows:

"In East Galicia and Volhynia there is increased Russian fighting and activities continue at several points.

"Italian Theatre: There is nothing important to report from the Isonzo Army. In Carinthia, the enemy artillery fire has increased in the Ploceken Sector with the greatest violence. An attack upon our position at Monte Rombon, was repulsed. Artillery fighting on the Sette Comuni Plateau has increased in violence."

DECLINE INITIATIVE

Berne, via Paris, June 16.—Following the action of the national and state councils the Federal council has decided to disregard various petitions praying it to take the initiative in proposing peace to the Belligerents. The Federal body decided that Switzerland was not in a position at present to offer mediation with any chance of success.

CASUALTIES IN EXPLOSION

London, June 16.—The casualties in the explosion in a munitions factory at Ashton-Under-Lyne on Wednesday were reported officially to-day as 41 killed and 130 injured, the announcement follows: "The following casualties are reported in the Ashton-Under-Lyne explosion, 41 deaths, including 29 men, 3 women, 9 children; 130 injured, some seriously."

"It appears that the explosion resulted from a fire. A majority of the work people escaped, all the women having left before the explosion. The Manager is amongst the dead."

RIOTS IN MONTREAL

Montreal, June 16.—Rioting by those opposed to conscription was resumed in this locality last night when a crowd of five hundred men from Cote St. Paul, a Montreal suburb, entered Verdun, a nearby municipality, and paraded the streets. A wounded soldier was assaulted. One man was arrested for flourishing a revolver and was fined \$25 in police court this morning. A number of windows on the main street of the town were smashed.

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