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# HAIG'S TROOPS COILING FOR FRESH BLOW

**U-Boat Warfare Grows More Futile** as British Anti-Sub Defences Improve

Italy Pronounces Indepence of Albania; Principle of Nationality

Artillery Bombardment Presages Infantry Drive by British Forces

## Preparations Rife For New Offensive on West Front

Falling-off In Results of Sub Campaign INDEPENDENCE OF ALBANIA Forecast From London; Haig Marshalls Forces for Fresh Drive Upon the Western Front

The weekly toll of German submarines will be made public in London today and the forecast from the British capital, usually inspired, predicts that the announcement will carry the cheering news of another marked decrease in merchant shipping losses. The ravages of the U-boats have steadily diminished since the week ending April 22, when 55 ships were sent to the bottom. Last week only eight vessels were reported sunk. The week ending curb on the submarines has synchronized with a renewal of British raids by air and sea on the U-boat bases on the Belgian coast, especially powerful attacks having been made

on Zeebrugge. On land the British are maintaining the terrific bombardment and trench raids against the German lines in the Ypres section, tactics which have always hitherto heralded a great infantry offensive. The bombardment and raids have been maintained for several days now and the feeling is general that General Haig is about to launch another smashing blow against

The unrest which is seething throughout continental Europe has had a fresh manifestation in an outbreak of rioting in Stockholm. For some months there have been reports of growing discontent among the masses of the Swedish people and now comes the significant news of military and Prussian guards thrown about the parliament building and clashes between the workers and the police. In Austria and Spain, two other storm centres whence have come many indications of trouble, the censorship is operating effectively in preventing the outside world

from learning the march of events.

The Russian situation remains vague and uncertain. The possibility of a Teutonic offensive is hinted at in the official report of the Petrograd war office that the Austro-German artillery has opened an intense fire on the Galician front.

### GEN. JOFFRE REPRISALS **UPON HUNS GODFATHER** BY BRAZIL OFU.S. ARMY Requisitioning of German

Marshall Took Prominent Part in Conference While in America

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, June 6 .- A semi-official note says that Marshal Joffre, while in America had a conference with American military chiefs at which a plan of organization for the new American army was elaborated in agreement with the British leaders.

The note says:

"It will surprise none that the Marshal took a prependerating part in the plan, literally everything which he advised, being adopted. His the republic has acted within that the republic has acted within collaborators styled him themselves, "The Godfather of the Americau army." At a moment, when the first elements of this army are getting ready to take their place on our front beside our allies, the French government considered it only fitting government considered it only fittin; to confirm the marshal in this sponsorship. The minister of war feels that the moral authority attaching to his person and high situation, as well as his great experience gained in the present war, will enable him, in accord with the American high command, to give to the new troops all the necessary advice and direction strength of the solution of the losses caused by German submarine. Brazil is acting lawfully and on the basis of even German law. It has taken a step which all nations take, even without abandoning its state of peace, for the sole reason of forcing an offending nation to make due reparation." all the necessary advice and direction reparation. so as to prepare them morally and materially for the efforts they are

called upon to make. Weather Bulletin



## IS PRONOUNCED BY ITALY Step Taken in Realization of the Principle of Nationality, One of the Objects of Allies

in the War: Albania to Become Element of Development in the Balkans

Rome, June 4., 9.45 p.m., via Paris, June 6., 7. a.m. (delayed)—A semi-official statement in respect to the proclamation of the unity and independence of Albania by Italy says that this step is taken in realization of the principle of nationality "which is one of the objects of the allies in the war."

The statement continues:

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"Albania through Italian influence will become an element of development in the Balkans, while its vicinity to Italy and the protection of the latter guarantee to that region a tranquil existence, no more threatened by Austria or other peoples."

"Since the cessation of Ottoman Dominion Italy aimed to reconstruct Albania, while Austria used Albania as a means to exercise dominion through the Balkans. She promised a deceiving autonomy, which, if accepted would soon put the country under the Austrian yoke."

The foregoing despatch is the first intimation received of the proclamation of Albanians independence by Italy. On March 10, the official announcement was made in London that Austria had issued a proclamation to the Albanians granting the country autonomy under an Austria protectorate. The London statement stated that the proclamation was intended to justify the levy of Albanians, for the Austrian armies. After the occupation of Serbia and Montenegro by the Central Powers, Austrian troops over-ran northern portions of Albania. The Italians have held the southern portion of the country, including the port of Avlona, and have recently extended their gains.



## RUSS MINISTERS HASTEN TO KRONSTADT TO RESTORE ORDER

Two Socialist Members of Cabinet to Visit Fortress With Object of Clearing Up Its Attitude Toward Central Powers-Socialist Conference at Stockholm

By Courier Leased Wire

Petrograd, via London, June .-Minister of War Kerensky, has left the Capital to visit the ist conference in Stockholm ced by Senators Regismanzel, northwest front.

dition of affairs in Kronstadt is both menacing and intoler

able, has requested the Social-ist ministers Tscertelli and Sko-

beloff to visit the fortress city with the object of clearing up its attitude toward the Central

Petrograd, June 6.-via London.—An official announce-The reply then quotes the opinion of the German authority on inter-national law, Herr Heffler and conment made prior to the departure of the Socialist Ministers for Kronstadt, reads:
"The provisional government

Toronto, June 6.

The depression which was over Kansas yesterday morning, is now centred in Iowa as an important storm indicating stormy conditions on the Great Lak-

Ships by South American

Republic Justified

GERMANY SENDS NOTE

Voicing Protest Against

Utilization of Her In-

terned Vessels

THE REPLY OF BRAZIL

Rio Janeiro, June 6-Brazil has

that the republic has acted within the strict limits of the law, even as interpreted by Germany. The Braz-ilian reply says in part:

"The utilization of German ships by Brazil follows the torpedoing of

Brazilian merchant ships and as sures directly and immediately, sat

ly Courier Leased Wire.

stormy conditions on the Great Lakes. Showers have occurred from Ontario to the Maritime provinces, while in the west, the weather remains dry.

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Forecasts
Strong winds and gales, east shifting to south and southwest showers and thunderstorms this evening and tonight. Thursday strong winds and gales south west and west, local showers but partly fair and warm.

The Great Lakes of Brazilian Government and reserving the utilizing of German ships by the Brazilian Government and reserving the right to demand indemnity in the event of any losses. The text of the note follows:

"I have the honor, in the name of the imperial German Government to formally protest to the Government of the English Sectetary protesting against the registration of and reserving power. They are charged with investigating the defense of the fortresses, the character of the local administration of justice, the conditions under which prisoners are detained and to make a full and detailed report of their investigation to the government, in order that necessary measures may immediately be taken to deal with the utilizing of German ships by the utilizing of German ships and reserving the right to demand of the provinces.

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| trouble." Socialist Conference Paris, June 6.-The Social

## FRESH DRIVE IS FORECAS

Huns Greatly Perturbed by realizing that the present con-Increased Artillery Activity in Belgium

London, June 6.—A Central News despatch from Amsterdam says that the German newspapers are exhibiting considerable concern on account of the greatly increased artillery activity in Belgium, along the salient between Ypres and Wytschaete, which has been mentioned repeatedly in the official communications. In Germany this is believed to be the forerunner of a new and fierce action. The concentration of troops made behind the entente front greatly puzzles the German Press, which speculates as to what will be the next move.

will form the subject of a debate in the Senate today. Interpellations have been announde la Jaille, Beranger, Touron, Boudenoot, and Cheron. Premier Ribot asked for an extraordinary sitting today as he railway traffic, in which foreign money is concerned Japan will intervene. explain its position to the Senate as soon as possible. Senator Regismanzel, who is President of the Radical effort, will be President of the Interpellators. It was considered pellators. It was considered certain that part of the sitting By Courier Leased Wire.

certain that part of the sitting would be secret.

London, June 6.—Clashes between crowds of workers and the police and soldiers in Stockholm during a debate in the Riksdag on Socialist interpellations are reported in a despatch to Reuters from the Swedish capital. During the debate the streets near the parliament buildings were barred by a double line of soldiers and police. Considerable crowds gathered Continued on page six

By Courier Leased Wire.

Vienna, June 5—via London, June 5—the Austrians have regained an impositions northeast of the Monument. The Germans were driven back to their trenches and the foot that the south of Jamiano, on the front above the Monument. The Germans were driven back to their trenches and the trenches soldiers, and our line was maintained of the front there was intermittent cannonading.

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"The Austrians regained an impositions northeast of the Monument. The Germans were driven back to their trenches after a violent congagement in which they suffered heavy losses, at the hands of our soldiers, and our line was maintained two the trenches South of Jamiano, captured two weeks ago, by the Italians. The enemy vainly advanced his reserves. The Austrian infantry was victorious over the whole line and the enemy yesterday. Seven German airplanes and one captive balloon were brought down. It is also learned that another German airplane, was forced to earth east of Filain on Monday."

German Destroyer Sunk off Ostend, a French Steamer Put U-Boat to Flight; Heavy Hun Attacks Against the French Failed Entirely

By Courier Leased Wire

Berlin, via London, June 6.—The loss of the German destroyer S-20 is admitted in an official statement issued by the war office in regard to the attack on Ostend by British ships. The statement follows:

"Enemy monitors shelled Ostend on the morning of the fifth, killing and wounding a great number of Belgian inhabitants and causing some material damage to houses. Strongly superior reconnoitering forces, attached to the advancing monitors, encountered two of our torpedo boats on guard. After fierce fighting the S-20 was sunk, firing to the last moment. A portion of the crew was rescused by us.

"The enemy force made several hits and retired before the fire of our coast batteries."

Paris, June 6.—The defeat of a German submarine in a battle with the French steamer Oreneque is reported by the ministry of marine. The Oreneque, a vessel of 2,372 tons, was attacked in the Atlantic on April 22, while on her way to a west African port. The submarine was sighted half submerged and headed for the steamer, while a heavy sea was running. The steamer captain immediately beat to quarters and opened fire. After

the fourth shot the sub. disappeared.

Zurich, via London, June 6.—According to the Munich Post, a number of extremist annexationist pamphets published by the enemies of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, have been ordered by the military authorities included in the field libraries of

Paris, June 6.—Noon—Two violent German attacks on French positions at Hurtebise and the Chemin des Dames were repulsed last night with heavy losses to the attackers, according to an official statement issued this morning. The attacks were preceded by an intense cannonading. Lively actions took place during the night, on the Belgian front.

### **OUTBREAK IMPENDING** IN CHINA

Troops of Governor of Muk-1 den Are Marching to Join Other Forces

MONARCHY OPPOSED Military Leaders Would Dissolve Parliament But Retain President

JAPS MAY INTERVENE

by Courier Leased Wire. Mukden, June 6-Troops of the By Courier Leased Wire. Governor of Mukden have reached | London, June 6.—2.38 p.m—Four of the German airplanes returning from Anhui and Shantung and Huch- is announced officially. owfu, are encamped at Machang, in the vicinity of Tien Tsin. The military governors declare they will not support the restoration of the mon-archy. The leaders are wifing to mediate on the terms of a dissolu-tion of the parliament of the repub-lic but with the retention of the

President.

Consular reports intimated that should the militarists persist in the resignation of the premier there will be a division between the north and south provinces.

"We attacked last night north of the Scarpe, and made further progress on the western slopes of Greenland hill. We gained ground slight-ly west of Lens."

Paris, June 6 be a division between the north and south provinces. It is feared that should the militarists interfere with

Quartet of German Raiders Perished on Home Journey Yesterday

AIR PILOTS ACTIVE Ground Gained by British in Two Sectors on Arras Front

miles northeast of Tien Tsin. Forces from yesterday's raid over Eagland, were destroyed by British pilots, it London, June 6-1.45 p.m.-The

British made an attack last night on the Arras front north of the River Scarpe, the war office announces. Ground was gained in two sectors. The statement follows:

Chemin-des-Dames and further west, between the Aillette, and the Laon bardment, the Germans late yester-day made two attacks in vain on our