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# GERMANS DRIVEN TO EDGE OF BULLECOURT

# RUSSIAN CABINET CRISIS SETTLED

## AIR IS CLEARED IN RUSS CRISIS; CABINET STANDS

Workmen and Soldiers Accept Government's Declaration and Socialist Groups Will Be Represented in Cabinet.

Petrograd, May 17 .- Via London .- The cabinet crisis has been settled. A declaration of the Government's policy has been accepted by representatives of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates, with merely slight alterations, and was signed by them at midnight.

During the sitting M. Tchernoff, National Socialist, was appointed minister of agriculture, and M. Skobeleff, vice-president of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates, was appointed minister of labor. It was also decided to be desirable to include in the Government Feodor Kowoshkine, Constitutional Democrat and a professor at the University of Moscow, and M. Tseretelli, member of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates. The duty of these men will be to prepare for the constituent assembly.

THE BIG DRIVE

BY PERRY ARNOLD. [Special Cable to The Advertiser.] New York, May 17.—On every front in Europe and Asia today the Allies were waging their spring offensive except where Russian troops

England and France were still

Austro-Italian front

gaining bit by bit in the greatest of these offensive movements in

Gen. Cadorna was hurling his troops forward in Italy's most formidable

and most successful offensive against

in Macedonia, Gen. Serrail, with cosmopolitan forces of French, Brlt-

ish, Russian, Italian, Serbian and

front of nearly 30 miles.

Holy City of Jerusalem.

and successful.

Greek troops was fighting along a

In Mesopotamia, Gen. Maude's

sweeping on toward Jaffa and the

the first fruit of the Allied councils

this winter at Rome, Paris, and London. It is co-ordinated, care-

fully timed, completely organized

AN ANNUAL AFFAIR

London, May 17, 4:35 p.m.-Meet-

London, May 17, 4:35 p.m.—Meetings of the imperial war council Premier Llodge George announced today in the House of Commons. At the conclusion of the war a spe-

cial conference will be held to re-adjust constitutional relations of

the Empire. The annual imperial war council will be composed of the

premier of the Imperial Parliament such of his colleagues as deal espe-

cially with imperial affairs, the premiers of each of the Dominions and some specially accred d re-

presentative of India, with equal

HAS TO CLOSE DOWN

GOOD WHEAT WEATHER

IMPERIAL WAR TALK

The every-front offensive plan is

A BETTER SITUATION.

Petrograd, Wednesday, May 16—Via London, May 17.—After an all-day discussion between the cabinet and representatives of the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates the Ministerial crisis was still unadjusted at a late hour tonight and no definite Ministerial appointment has been made. Nevertheless, as the result of two important events today, the prospects of a coalition ministry being formed were materially Improved. A BETTER SITUATION.

Large Concessions.

First, the Constitutional Dem vatic party, which practically controls the Government, has consented to its two ministers, Professor Manuiloff, minister of public persons and professor Manuiloff. of public instruction, and A. I. Shingaroff, minister of agriculture, remaining in
office. This, in spite of the resignation
of Foreign Minister Milukoff, which is
now definite. The second new factor is
that the temporary Government has
made large concessions to the council
of deputies on questions of general policy which hitherto have been the most
serious obstacle to a settlement.

Threat To Resign.

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The Government today drafted a declaration describing these concessions, and it is understood that this declaration has been handed to the council with a threat that in the event of non-acceptance the entire cabinet will resign. The most important points covered are in connection with the foreign policy. The document begins with a statement that the Government's aim is the attainment of a general peace without conquest of other nations, depriving them of their national sovereignty or their territory. In a word, peace without annexations or contributions.

Will Stand By Allies.

The declaration further meets the council's demands by promising to take steps toward the attainment of an agreement with the Allies, which will realize the Government's declaration of April 9. The Government, however, is convinced that Russia's defeat in the war would be a great misfortune to all nations and, while willing to make a general peace on the above foundations, believes firmly that revolutionary Russia will not permit the defeat of its allies in the west.

The Government consents to the countries of the countr The Government consents to the council's demand for the democratization of the army, but desires to combine it with a strengthening of Russia's fighting forces. The declarations meet half-way the council's Strictions

a strengthening of Russia's fighting forces. The declarations meet half-way the council's Socialist program by promising further control over the production, transport, sale and distribution of products; measures for the better protection of labor; the right to a sectlement of the land question by the constituent assembly; increased direct taxation of wealth; development in a democratic direction of local self-government and the hastening of preparations for the constituent assembly. In return the Government demands such full confidence and support as will enable it not the Government demands such full confidence and support as will enable it not only to fight a reactionary counter-revolution, but also to take measures against the anarchists of the etxreme left. A new feature was injected into the situation by the demand of the peasant congress, which began its sessions here yesterday, that its representatives participate in the discussions. The Government and council agreed, and it is stated that five peasant representatives will join the conference.

#### CANADA IN PERIL OF ALIENS, SAYS VETERAN MILL HAS NO WHEAT.

Wants Germans and Austrians of Al

berta Disfranchised.

Calgary, May 17.—Premier Sifton declared at the opening meeting of ne
provincial election campaign here last

A flour mill at Goderich has been idle for several weeks because of inability to secure wheat. The holding back of grain is not only putting up
prices, but making more difficult the provincial election campaign here last prices, but making magnificant that all subjects of alien birth, no were naturalized before August 4, Y. M. C. A. FUND TO REACH 914, and who had in no way commit-AT LEAST \$20,000 of the same against the laws of Canada since, would have the right to vote in the Alberta election. There was an attendance of five or six thousand electors, many of them being soldiers, who have returned from the success. Two members of one team will

### **MAUDE MASTERS** TIGRIS TERRORS; ORDER IS KING

The British Have Evolved a Wonderfully Efficient Supply Service.

HAVE OVERCOME DESERT

Days of Muddle in the Mesopotamian Campaign Are No More.

British Army Headquarters in Mesopotamia, April 16 .- (British Eyewitness)-Nothing more efficient than the ness)—Nothing more efficient than the lines of communications and supplies serving the British forces in Mesoptamia can well be imagined. The days of muddle are ended and order has been evolved out of chaos. All that human agency can do has been and is being done to turn past failures to success and prevent future breakdowns in organization.

Communications by road, railway and river, have been laid out and developed on a well-thought-out plan. Facilities for the loading and unloading of vessels at Basra are now on an adequate scale. Stores in abundance are available and methodically controlled. Medical equipment has been introduced on a lavish scale. An ample water supply is assured at every base and camp.

Smothering the Elles

Smothering the Files.

Sanitation has been taken in han An anti-fly crusade is being carrie on, though any appreciable diminition of the fly plague can only is achieved by Herculean effort, and after large time. The construction achieved by Herculean effort, and after long time. The construction of public works, houses, stores, etc., light plants, cold storage, wharfage, docks, roads and railways goes merrily on, and on so large a scale and of such solidity that it is not surprising if the inhabitants of the country interpret these activities as denoting a determination on the part of the British visitor to remain permanently in Mesopotamia.

Troops Wei' Fed.
The feeding of the troops from the firing line to the base is excellent and in the army canteens there is an abundance of purc'asable necessities and luxuries. From Basra to Shelk Said, one may travel in considerable id, one may travel in considerable mfort in the one of the "P" boats newest design, admirably adapted clear deck space as possible and no frills. The boats are admirably de-signed, adequately staffed and equipped with every conceivable comfort.

Two Large Hospitals.

Sheik Said is the jumping off place for troops, stores, and ammunition brought up, and for the transfer from rail and light vessels to larger ships of sick and wounded going down to the base hospitals. Sheik Said itself has two large hospitals, one for Indians, and one for Europeans and also a large casualty clearing station. Elaborate arrangements exist for feeding the wounded all along the line and on arrival at rail head and though the sojourn at this point of casualities is mostly of quite brief duration, the tacilities are as complete as those of a total content of the sojourn at this point of casualities is mostly of quite brief duration, the tacilities are as complete as those of a total content of the sojourn at this point of casualities is mostly of quite brief duration, the tacilities are as complete as those of British expeditionary force was pressing on north of Bagdad.

In Palestine, Gen. Murray, with his British invaders, was slowly but steadily pressing the Turks back and steadily pressing the Turks back and the steading on toward laffa and the

cilities are as complete as those of a ospital in England. During the storming of Sanna-I-Yat, he first roar of the bombardment bean at 10 o'clock; the first wounded were in the field ambulance at noon, and at 4 in the afternoon were on their the first wounder dross. downstream, their wounds dress-their stomachs well filled, their

cigarettes alight.

The hottest of the hot weather is now at hand with all its attendant horrors, and all the obstacles which nature in Mesopotamia flings in the path of the military commander. The still the rain the climate the floods norrors, and all the obstacles which nature in Mesopotamia flings in the path of the military commander. The soil, the rain, the climate, the floods, the flies and the heat, combine to make the conduct of a campaign in the Tigris valley during the summer months a task of staupendous diffi-culty. The difficulties are being tack-

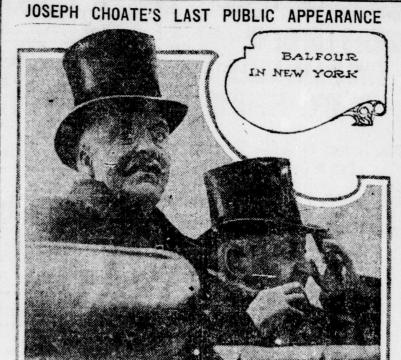
### PEACE OVERTURE FROM FOE SOON. IN BRANDON DISTRICT VATICAN'S WORD Brandon, Man., May 17.—Crop experts declare there has never been a more favorable May in the history of wheat growing in this district than the present month. The intense heat (93 degrees) of yesterday afternoon, and the high wind did not do any damage.

All Austria For Peace, and Pressure Will Force Kaiser.

ever, no longer sausty the people, who insist upon quick action.

The Vatican is informed that the upper classes in Austria are now convinced that Germany is prepared to betray Austria to save Germany in the peace negotiations. Thus the emperor, the ruling classes and the masses are united for the converting in demanding peace. classes and the masses are united for the first time in demanding peace.

Germany apparently will not be able to withstand the pressure forever, espe-cially considering the Increasingly men-acing internal conditions there.



The Right Hon. Arthur J. Baifour, British war envoy and former The Right Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, British war envoy and former premier of Great Britain, on his way to the New York City Hall in company with Joseph H. Choate, former United States ambassador to England. A foe to neutrality since the war began, the aged Mr. Choate displayed wonderful energy in urging the United States to take up arms. This reached a climax with the Joffre and Balfour visits, and meant the

## NATIONALISTS ACCEPT OFFER FOR HOME RULE CONVENTION:

London, May 17 .- John Redmord, leader of the Irish Nationalists in the House of Commons, today rejected the proposal of Premier Lloyd George for a settlement of the home rule question, but accepted the proposal for the immediate calling of a convention to decide on a government for Ireland.

ACCEPTS CONVENTION OFFER.

Mr. Redmond, in a letter to Premier Lloyd George, accepts on behalf of the Irish party the proposal for "assembling a convention of Irishmen of all parties for the purpose of producing a scheme of Irish self-government," on condition that the "basis on which the convention is to be called a great to the content of the c that the "basis on which the convention is to be called is such as to insure that it is fully and fairly representative of Irishmen of all creeds, interests and parties, and, secondly, that the convention be summoned without delay." HOSTILE TO FIRST OFFER.

Mr. Redmond said Premier Lloyd George's proposal for an Irish Government would, in the opinion of the members of the Irish party, find no support in Ireland. They, therefore, were irreconciliably opposed to it, and any measure based on that proposal would meet with their vigorous opposition. But, Mr. Redmond continued, the "second alternative, namely, the assembling of a convention of Irishmen, has much to recommend it. I trust it may be found possible of realization. My colleagues and I will place no obstacle in the way, and are prepared to recommend the proposal most strongly to our countrymen.'

NAMING OF PETAIN

LINER HILONIAN HAS

BEEN SUNK BY SUBS

TO LEAD FRENCH

PROPOSALS CONSIDERED.

London, May 17—2:28 p.m.—The Na- PARIS PLEASED BY consider the Government's proposals for a settlement of the Irish question. After the Ulster meeting, it was stated that the situation was so full of difficulties that no definite decision was yet possible. A statement, however, would be issued later in the day, it was an- A Man of Character and Will.

Mexico City, May 17 .- Great interest Rome, May 17.—The Vatican is continued that there will be peace over-ures soon from the central powers. Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary is dermined to make peace soon and his Government is cultivating better relations with its peoples through promises not the interest of the president Carranza declared that they were not saying good-bye to Gen. Observer, no longer satisfy the people, who insist upon quick action.

The Vatican is informed that the uncertainty of the present time to retire to private life, if as the republic "was not yet saved." In the existence of a neutral nation was complicated, and it might be that against several that the uncertainty of the present time to retire to private life. judgment is not swayed by outward appearances:

"Gen. Nivelle takes over command of a group of armies. The conditions under which he abandons the supreme post can harm neither his authority nor his prestige. He keeps them intact, and the decision taken regarding him was cannot diminish the confidence of his subordinates," The existence of a neutral nation was complicated, and it might be that against its will Mexico would be drawn into the world conflict in which case Gen. Obregon's services would be invaluable and indispensable. This is the first indication that has been given publicly that Mexico might not be able to maintain strict neutrality and might be drawn into the war.

### EDGE OF BULLECOURT; FRENCH REPEL DRIVES GERMANS FORCED British Reach West Part of Village After TO EXHAUST ALL FRESH RESERVES

HAIG BATTERS WAY TO

Forty-Four Divisions Used Up in Battle of Arras.

STATEMENT BY MAURICE

British and French Offensive Has Compelled Heavy Sacrifice by the Enemy.

London, May 17—2:45 p.m.—The British and French have forced the Germans to use virtually all the fresh reserves which they had at the beginning of the battle of Arras, Major-Gen, F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, said today. When the British offensive began the Germans had 49 reserve divisions on the western front. The British onslaught at Arras and the more recent French offensive have compelled the Germans to employ all but four of these divisions.

Discussing the Italian offensive, General Maurice said it was launched partly because of the allied successes in the west. The Germans had been forced to keep their troops along the western front, thereby leaving Italy free.

### RUSSIA'S WAR CHIEFS TO HOLD CONFERENCE

Strong Measures Needed To Restore Army Discipline.

Petrograd, May 17-Via London. Gens. Alexieff, Dragomiroff, Gurko and Brussiloff arrived in Petrograd today for a conference on the military situation. They declared the formation of a coalition Ministry was indispensable, as it would make possible strong measures to re-establish discipline and the fighting spirit in the army.

The generals expressed the opinion that the appointment of M. Kerensky as minister of war would be received by the army with great enthusiasm, as he is very popular among the soldiers. by the army with great enthusiasm, as ae is very popular among the soldiers.

There are rumors that Gen. Alexieff has resigned as commander-in-chief or that his resignation is impending.

REVOLT PROPAGANDA

Regarding Gen. Nivelle, the following Regarding Gen. Nivelle, the following passage from the Temps sums up accurately the opinion of those whose judgment is not swayed by outward ap-

Capt. Doumer was credited in the French war office report of March 19 with having brought down his sixth enemy machine.

Inflicting Sanguinary Losses on Enemy. London, May 17-12:50 p.m.-The British have made further progress in the village of Bullecourt and have

reached the western edge of the hamlet, according to an official statement issued by the British war office this SIX ASSAULTS REPULSED

Paris, May 17 .- Six assaults by the Germans on the French lines have been repulsed with heavy losses, according to an official statement issued by the French war office today. Three attacks were made north of Moulin-de-Laffaux and three northeast of Braye-en-Lannois.

BRITISH COUNTER WON.

Berlin, May 17 .- Via London .- The ground which was captured by the Germans in the village of Roeux yesterday morning was later lost following a strong British counter attack, says the German state-

#### THE WAR SITUATION

The Germans have piled high their dead before the British lines, but have failed to stop the British advance. The most furious and sustained counter-attacks have withered before the blast of the British artillery, and the sapping of the Hindenburg line goes on, slowly but without halt. Can't Stop British.

The tremendous efforts made by Field Marshal von Hindenburg to stem the tide of victory which was steadily setting against him have give the Battle of Arras an appearance of ebb and flow, but the net result is that the most violent efforts of the Germans to regain the initiative have failed. Von Hindenburg apparently used every ounce of strength at his command to wrest from the British the villages of Roeux and Bullecourt, and the outcome is summed up in the almost monotonous repetition by the British war office of the statement: "Our troops made progress in the Hindenburg line."

Italy Strikes Hard Possibly more ominous for Berlin, in view of the wobbly condition of her Austrian ally, is the news of the great blow struck by Italy in the direction of Triest. The Italians have opened their spring offensive in brilliant fashion, attacking on a wider front, and with a sing on a wider front, and with a sing on a wider front and with a sing of the sing on a wider front and with a sing of the sing of parently greater forces than at any other previous operation. The Isonzo, a turbulent mountain stream bordered by mountains and cliffs, is in their hands for a distance of fifteen to twenty miles north of Gorizia. Gen. Cadorna appears to plan a great flanking movement against the Carso Plateau, nature's great rampart defending Triest. The operation is, however, in too early a stage to permit judgment of its exact import.

exact import.

Bulgars Weary of War. The Allied offensive in Macedo continues with considerable seesses for the British forces, but cesses for the British forces, but the fighting is on such an extended front and so sporadic in character that its meaning is obscure. Reports from Bulgaria of nation-wide discontent and weariness of the war may be significant in connection with Gen. Sarrall's campaign.

TEUTONIC PRESS COMMENDS SOCIALISTS OF REICHSTAG

With Mixed Feelings.

The proposals have been received with mixed feelings in Ireland, according to dispatches from Dublin. The Freeman's Journal says: "The plan for a permanent partition for disablement of the Nationalist majority and of Nationalist Ulster and for minority rule—for that is each, whose surprising military record has been faultless through the clark as Gen. Cherflis writes in the Echoe De Parlis, whose surprising military record has been faultless through the siege of least the constitutionary and his colleagues will take of the alternate proposal of an Irish constitutional convention remains to be seen."

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RENE DOUMER KILLED.

Amsterdam, May 17—Via London.—The Telegraaf quotes a statement printed in a German newspaper that the famous French airman, Capt. Rene Doumer, son of Paul Doumer, former president of the French Chamber of Deputies, who is reported missing, was shot down behind the German lines and killed.

AN UNLUCKY SHIP

MORE PRISONERS TAKEN.
Paris, May 17.—The French war
tatement follows:
"The night was marked by new "The night was marked by new enemy attacks in the region north of Moulin-de-Laffaux. All of the German efforts to recapture the ground gained by us were repulsed. The flighting, which was very severe at certain points, resulted to our advantage everywhere, and cost the enemy heavy loss. More prisoners were taken.

"Northwest of Braye-en-Laonnois three German detachments made attacks. The enemy made several attacks. The enemy made several attacks. The enemy made several attacks. The chemy made several attacks the enemy hade several attacks. The enemy made several attacks. The chemy made several attacks the sector between La Royere farm and Epine-de-Chevregny. He suffered serfous losses from our barrage and obtained no result.

## U.S. OFFICER ILL; POISON IN THE FOOD

Pittsburg, Pa., May 17 .- One Penn sylvania National Guardsman is dead believed, of eating poisoned food at a restaurant near the militia camp. The held for investigation, and a guard has been placed about his restaurant. Lieut, William F. Corcoran of Phila delphia, is dead.

## **VOTED AGAINST BUDGETS**

Amsterdam, via London, May 17 .- The Reichstag has adjourned until July The Social Democratic deputies voted against the military and other budgets. both factions of the party uniting in their opposition.

RECORD CATTLE SALE.

#### THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowes temperatures recorded in London during night Highest, 73; lowest, 40.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 64; lowest, 46.

TOMORROW-FAIR AND COOL Forecasts.

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