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INTERNAL STRIFE GROWING IN GERMANY

Agitation in Germany Continue; Resignation of Hollweg Asked Nationalization of Canadian Railways is Recommended Fresh Progress Recorded by Franco-British on West Front

Empire Divided Within, Faced By New Foes Within

Deluded German People are Slowly Awakening to a Realization of Their Crisis; Retirement of Chancellor Von Hollweg is Demanded

By Courier Leased Wire
Copenhagen, via London, May 3.—Such German newspapers as are now permitted to reach here, although evidently carefully selected for the absence of military news or any information in regard to the strike movement, indicate that the campaign against Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is again in full swing. The Conservatives, although insisting as usual that the other parties observe a political truce in the interests of the Fatherland, have adopted and published a set of resolutions sharply attacking the Chancellor and censuring the government for weakness and vacillation on the peace question and in dealing with the strike agitation.

The resolutions express grave grief and concern at the steadily growing influence of the Socialists, whose peace-making efforts are declared to be leading Germany to the brink of ruin. Apparently this attack was timed to coincide with the opening of the reichstag and it is significant that the resolutions are endorsed by the free Conservative wing under Baron von Zyditz. Baron Zyditz has hitherto been far less of an extremist than Count Westarp and Herr von Hydebrand, leaders of the regular or junker Conservatives.

ITALY EXPLAINS TO U.S. HER ENTRY INTO WAR

Guided by Highest National Aspirations, She Hastened With Chivalrous Audacity, to Cause of Right

By Courier Leased Wire.
Rome, via Paris, May 3.—The "Corriere della Sera," a semi-official Italian paper, has published an article about the Italian mission to America, says that in addition to a discussion of financial, economic and commercial questions, the mission is intended to explain to the United States the sacrifices made by Italy and her purposes in entering the war. The paper says that Italy was guided by her highest national aspiration and went to the assistance of right and justice "with chivalrous audacity." It continues: "The representative of the oldest democracy in Europe will agree with the trust democrat in America that

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, May 3.—There are three well defined disturbances this morning centred over the Maritime provinces, the southwest states and the western provinces respectively, while an area of high pressure covers the great lakes. Snow or rain has occurred from eastern Ontario to the Maritime provinces and cool weather prevails over the Dominion.

TROOPS LANDED

Ottawa, Ont., May 3.—It is officially announced through the chief press censor's office that the following troops have arrived safely in England: Battalions, 229th Monmouth, 232nd Battleford, 151st Brandon, 214th Saskatchewan, 221st Winnipeg, 216th No. 2 section skilled railway employees. Drafts: Horse artillery, field artillery from Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and Kingston; Infantry from 210th, 231st and 256th battalions medical corps, cyclists, Newfoundlanders; Naval details.

FRENCH OFFICIAL

Paris, May 3.—2.09.—"There was heavy artillery fighting near Juma and in the Cerna Bend on May 1," said today's official report from the Macedonian front.

NAVAL CO-OPERATION OF ALLIES AND U.S. TO COMBAT U-BOAT PERIL

Main Interest of British Mission at Washington is to Confer Upon Subject of Submarine Menace and to Arrive at Effective Methods of Campaign Against it

By Courier Leased Wire.
Washington, May 3.—That the submarine menace and ways to combat it by increased snipping, freight selection and naval co-operation, is the main interest of the British mission, became certain today from many different sources. The issue was focussed by Premier Lloyd George's statement in parliament recently that the need was for ships and still more ships; Lord Percy's explanation here that destruction was out-ran construction; and declarations of Secretaries Lansing and Lane that the submarine situation is grave. It is now evident that other matters before the British commission, however vital, are being subordinated.

considerable number of small boats to use as submarine chasers, but they have been disappointed to discover that the few available are needed here. The British shipping experts, however, have found encouragement in the emergency efforts of the shipping board and the availability of many German ships.

REPRISALS FORCED BY GERMANY

Bombing of Freiburg Done in Retaliation for Sinking of Hospital Ship

FEELING OF BRITISH ARCHBISHOP OF CANTEBURY Declares is Opposed to Action

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, May 3.—In the House of Lords yesterday, the Archbishop of Canterbury raised the question of the recent bombing of Freiburg by British and French aviators in retaliation for outrages perpetrated by the German fleet. The Archbishop declared there was a strong feeling throughout the entire country against such reprisals.

ARTISTS CALLED.
By Courier Leased Wire.
Copenhagen, via London, May 3.—German artists are the latest recruits demanded by the German war machine. The German Academy of Arts has been notified that artists will be subjected to compulsory enrollment under the national service law. The Academy advises its members to get under cover by volunteering for suitable avocations and suggests that manufacturers need draftsmen.

BRITISH AND FRENCH GAIN ON THE WEST

Important Progress Recorded by Haig's Forces in New Offensive

FOE GARRISON TAKEN BY ADVANCE OF FRENCH ON THE CHAMPAGNE FRONT

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, May 3.—2.20 p.m.—In the new attack of today the British made progress in the direction of Fresnoy and Cherisy, and also towards Belcourt. Reuter's correspondent at the British headquarters reports.
Paris, May 3.—Noon.—The French made an important gain on the Champagne front last night, reducing the position which was still being held by the Germans in the lines east of Mont Haut and capturing the German garrison of more than 200 men, the war office announced. There was active patrol fighting on the Chemin-des-Dames line.

London, May 3.—The British began another attack this morning. The war office announced that progress is being made.

A number of strong positions already have been captured by the British.

The new British attack takes in virtually the entire front on which the battle of Arras was begun on Easter Monday, and evidently is a major operation. It is the fourth great attack which the British have made along this line. The attacking front is about twelve miles long.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES.

By Courier Leased Wire.
Ottawa, Ont., May 3.—The daily casualty list is again becoming heavier. In a list of 276 names issued at noon there are 61 killed, 27 died of wounds, 22 missing and 166 wounded. The total since April 9 is now 13,048 of all ranks.

BRAZILIAN MINISTER DETAINED

Germany Holds Ambassador; Brazil Foreign Minister Resigns

TURKEY SEEKS PEACE

Entered War Only in Defence, Not for Conquest

By Courier Leased Wire.
Rio Janeiro, May 3.—Dr. Lauro Muller has tendered President Braz his resignation as minister of foreign affairs. The government has received information that the Brazilian minister to Germany has been ordered detained in Berlin, and has ordered the detention of Adolf Paul, German minister to Brazil, who is on his way to Uruguay.

Dr. Lauro Muller has been bitterly criticized in Brazil since the relations between the republic and Germany first became acute on the ground that he was pro-German in his sympathies. His opponents accused him of using his influence to prevent a breach of relations between Brazil and Germany, and demanded his resignation. Dr. Muller was first appointed foreign minister in February, 1912, and even at that time was attacked as being too friendly to Germany; an accusation apparently based in part at least, on his German descent. He is one of the best known statesmen in South America, and has visited the United States and Canada.

Turkey Seeks Peace
Amsterdam, via London, May 3.—A Vienna despatch quotes Talat Bey, Turkish vizier, as saying to a reporter for The Neue Freie Presse that Turkey did not seek conquest. We wish for an honorable peace, always have wished it, and so informed President Wilson. Our enemies refused the invitation, but as soon as they change their minds, we are ready to negotiate an honorable peace."

Talat Bey said that he regarded the Russian revolution as a development favorable to Turkey, as czarism aimed at her destruction.

FOLLOW IT UP

Read T. J. Minnes' display ad. on page 6.

FOE OFFICIAL.

By Courier Leased Wire.
Berlin, May 3.—via London—New British attacks were begun on a wide front on both banks of the Scarpe early this morning after drum fire which followed the continuous artillery engagement of the past few days army headquarters announced.

Brazil, Norway and China Now Hovering on Brink, About to Add Their Weight to Relentless Ring Around Germany

By Courier Leased Wire
Brazil has drawn one step nearer to war with Germany and today is one of three countries who are hovering on the brink of the maelstrom which has convulsed two thirds of the world. Norway and China are the two other countries which may shortly be added to the ever lengthening list of Germany's foes. Two events have happened in Brazil which may easily form the impetus to the last remaining step on the road to war. Dr. Lauro Muller, Brazilian foreign minister, has tendered his resignation on the eve of the day set for the Brazilian congress to decide whether the republic shall draw its sword. Dr. Muller has been persistently reported as if not actually pro-German at least a firm opponent of hostilities between Brazil and the Teutonic empire. His resignation coincides with an order by President Braz detaining the dismissed German minister. The order was issued on receipt of news from Berlin that the Brazilian minister in Germany had been refused permission to leave the country.

The possibility of Norway's entrance into the ranks of the allies is based on the havoc wrought among the Norwegian mercantile marine by German submarines. Norway prior to the war was fourth among the world's seafaring nations, and has suffered so heavily from the ravages of the U-Boats that her shipping is actually threatened with extinction. The bitterness among the Norwegians over German war methods is growing rapidly and many voices are urging that she could not be worse off as a belligerent and might find compensation if peace found her in the lists with the Entente.

All reports from China agree that the advocates of war are in a majority at Peking, but apparently the president is still reluctant to take the fateful step. It has been reported that Japan was unwilling that China should enter the struggle, but the Japanese foreign office has officially denied this. In the meantime the entire situation in Europe remains obscure through conflicting reports and the watchfulness of censors, especially in the realms of the Central Empires. The only definite fact in regard to conditions in Germany is that a political crisis exists and that the antagonism between the parties has blazed out with great strength. Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is the target for all shafts, but apparently can rely only on a lukewarm support from the moderate Socialists. There is no light whatever on the strike situation and no reliable news of any kind from Austria.

On the western battle front the British began another attack this morning and the war office announces that progress is being made. The British continue to make headway in Mesopotamia also, but this is offset by unexplained reports of a Russian retreat in the Caucasus. If the reports are true, the Russians are withdrawing with no serious fighting and in the face of the most successful campaign yet undertaken against Turkey.

BERLIN AND VIENNA IN ACCORD OVER PEACE

Conferences Between Bavarian Premier and Austrian Foreign Minister Show a Perfect Agreement

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, May 3.—The conferences that have been held in Vienna between Count von Hertling, the Bavarian Premier, and Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister show that a perfect agreement continues to exist between the two governments regarding questions of peace, according to a semi-official telegram from Vienna forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Amsterdam.

The Vienna cabinet, adds the message, realizes that German newspaper criticisms are merely expressions of private opinion and it insists that Germany and Austria must hold together to the end, as otherwise no good will accrue from either power in the future.

A Budapest telegram quotes The Prester Lloyd as saying that Count Tisza, the Hungarian Premier, has offered seats in the cabinet to Counts Moritz Esterhazy and Stephen Bethlen, Count Esterhazy to deal with the policy to be adopted in the transitional period after peace is declared and Count Bethlen to deal with the rebuilding of Transylvania. Both are said to have asked for time to consult former Premier Julius Andrássy, who at present is in Vienna.

Transport Ship Sunk

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, May 3.—5.53 p.m.—The British transport Arcadian was sunk by a submarine, April 15. It is believed 279 men were drowned.

The Arcadian, 8,939 tons gross, was owned by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company of Liverpool. She was 500 feet long and was built at Harrow in 1899. She was withdrawn from the passenger service early in the war.

FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION

By Courier Leased Wire.
Petograd, May 3.—via London—An order was issued by the Russian provisional government today granting freedom of association and meeting.

WILL NOT SLACKEN.
By Courier Leased Wire.
Petograd, May 3.—via London, 5.50 p.m.—The Russian provisional government has sent to the Russian representative in Entente allied countries a note assuring the allies that the change in government in Russia cannot afford a pretext for any slackening up on the part of Russia in the common struggle of all the Entente allies.

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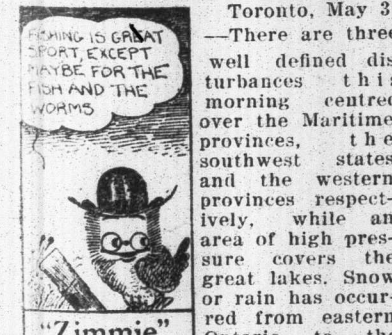
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