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OPERATIONS HALTED OF ARSON COMBINE

Sixteen Arrests in Detroit Break Up a Nation-Wide Ring.

Detroit, Mich., May 13.—Work of a nation-wide arson ring has been halted, it is believed, by 16 arrests made in Detroit after 11 weeks of investigation. Seven of those arrested have confessed, according to an announcement made today by Prosecuting Attorney Jasnowski. The confessions account for fires, the losses in which were more than \$200,000, all of which have occurred in less than a year. There have been 30 fires of incendiary origin in Detroit since January 1, and hundreds of others are under investigation and between 50 and 60 persons are involved already. Evidence obtained by Justice Heston, agent of the department of justice, the city and state fire marshal, and city detectives, as well as the confessions, show that these fires were the result of an organization carried to such a fine degree that there was no loss of life and in only a few instances was there failure to have a "good fire," that being, of course, a fire where insurance was collected and there was no suspicion.

A woman whose name is withheld, was responsible for betrayal of the principal cities of the country. Three persons have fled the city and are being sought by city, state and government officers. Three are under arrest also whose names are withheld.

Morris Colman, who lives in an apartment on Brewster street, near Rivard, is under arrest, as the chief torch, or master mechanic. Colman admits having "contracted" for fires in New York and his chief regret, when taken into custody, was that he could not be present to set a fire Tuesday. "I hate to disappoint my good customers in the east," Colman is alleged to have said.

Included in the list of those for whom warrants have been issued is Harry Cohn, a furniture dealer on Michigan avenue, who is reputed to be worth \$200,000. Cohn is accused of having acted as agent in four fires. Nearly all the persons involved are Jews.

BOHEMIANS DEMAND FULL INDEPENDENCE

Czech Members of Austrian House of Lords Protest Against Treatment.

Washington, May 13.—A diplomatic despatch from Geneva today says the Vienna papers publish a declaration of the Czech members of the Austrian house of lords in which an independent state is demanded. The document protests against what it calls the unexampled attacks of Count Czernin against the Czech nation, and concludes:

"We protest against the aims and plans of the government which tend to resolve into an anti-constitutional and one-sided manner the national questions of the kingdom of Bohemia in accordance with the desires and to the advantage of a single nation. We seriously warn the government against actions for the very reason of the gravity of the period which we are traversing."

TORONTO AIRMAN WINS BAR TO MILITARY CROSS

London, May 12.—Lieut.-Col. Elmer Jones, of the Eastern Ontario, has received a bar to his distinguished service order for leading a counter-attack against a German flame-thrower penetration of the Canadian trenches and restoring the situation. Lieut.-Col. Jones was a lawyer at Vancouver when the war broke out. He went to France in September, 1915, and was wounded in April, 1917.

Capt. Frank Quigley of Toronto receives a bar to his Military Cross. He was a student at Queen's University and joined the flying corps. He was awarded for distinguished devotion in aerial combats. He destroyed five machines and one balloon of the enemy and he also drove down four machines, showing splendid courage and initiative.

BRITISH TAKE KIRKUT; BOMB HOSTILE CAMPS

Pursued Turks for 20 Miles After Driving Them Across Lesser Zab River at Allyn Kupri.

London, May 13.—British mounted troops, after capturing Kirkut, in Mesopotamia, pursued the Turks for a distance of twenty miles to the northward, says an official statement issued today by the war office. On May 11 the Turks were driven across the Lesser Zab River at Allyn Kupri. The latter place is sixty miles southeast of Mosul. Thirty prisoners and two guns were captured. The following day our airplanes bombed hostile camps between Allyn Kupri and Arbil, on the Tigris.

Civil Service Bill Passes Committee Stage in House

Ottawa, May 13.—Members of the house of commons spent another entire session today in committee on their civil service bill. There was considerable criticism of the act as drafted, and many amendments were offered, a number being accepted either as proposed or in a modified form.

The bill was finally reported for third reading.

BULGARIANS TRY RAIDS

Paris, May 13.—An official communication says: "Eastern theatre.—There was reciprocal artillery fire near Dobropole, the Cerna Bend, and north of Monastir. The enemy attempted a number of raids on our lines near Zborzsko, the Cerna Bend, and north-east of Monastir, but was repulsed. The allied air forces carried out a number of bombardments on enemy areas in the Varda and Struma valleys."

ENEMY CLAIMS ALLIES LOST MORE AIRCRAFT

Berlin, via London, May 13.—The text of the official communication from general headquarters today reads:

"In the Kemmel region lively artillery activity continued in connection with local infantry engagements. In other fighting sectors it also revived several times during the evening.

"In the Acre Valley, southwest of Albert, a British patrol attack was repulsed. At various points on the front the enemy continued his reconnoitring thrusts. In repulsing them we made some prisoners on several occasions.

"The losses to the enemy aerial forces on the German front during April amounted to fifteen captive balloons and 271 airplanes, of which 122 fell behind our lines, while others were seen to fall behind the enemy's positions. In aerial fighting we lost 123 airplanes and 14 captive balloons."

WILL REPRESENT BRITISH MINISTRY

Sir Connop Guthrie Appointed to Control Shipping in New York.

New York, May 13.—To permit him more freedom of action in connection with shipping control Sir Connop Guthrie, director in this country for the British ministry of shipping, has been appointed special representative of the ministry, and T. Ashley Sparks, director in the United States of the Cunard Steamship Company, has been named to succeed Sir Connop as director of shipping, according to an announcement made here tonight by officials of the Cunard Line.

"The enormous increase in the volume of work connected with British shipping in this country, and the association of Sir Connop Guthrie with the shipping control committee, has rendered necessary a rearrangement of the executive management of the British ministry of shipping organization in New York," says the statement.

"Sir Connop Guthrie has been appointed special representative of the British ministry of shipping in the United States, and the work heretofore done by him will be undertaken by T. Ashley Sparks, director in this country of the Cunard Steamship Company. This arrangement will leave Sir Connop Guthrie free to attend to the many important duties connected with the shipping control committee and its associated interests.

"The paramount importance of shipping in connection with the war is universally recognized, and as this country continues to take a larger and increasing share in those burdens the necessity for a closer and more harmonious working with the British and other allied shipping interests becomes of first rate importance.

"The British shipping controller, therefore, pays a signal compliment both to American shipping and Sir Connop Guthrie in selecting to undertake that work a man who, by reason of his successful handling of British interests in this country, has proved himself eminently fitted to undertake the task."

GERMAN SOCIALISTS ABANDON HYPOCRISY

French Party Congratulates Hjalmar Branting for Exposing Kaiser's Workmen.

Washington, May 13.—Forty French Socialist deputies have sent a message of congratulation to Hjalmar Branting, former minister of finance in Sweden and now editor of the Social Democrats of Stockholm, upon his denunciation of pan-Germanism propaganda appearing in the German socialist paper Vorwaerts.

An official despatch from France today quotes the message as follows: "The solidarity of the old German Social Democratic party with the imperial government was concealed beneath formulas in appearance democratic, such as the ambiguous Russian formula: 'Peace without annexations or contributions upon the basis of the right of nations to dispose of themselves,' adopted with so much ceremony on April 19, 1917, by the group in the reichstag. Today they have thrown off the mask; the old party renounces hypocrisy.

"After having still made a semblance of proceeding against the peace of Brest-Litovsk while accepting it, the party is the conscious accomplice of the great scheme for pan-German domination. The French Socialists are happy and proud in proclaiming their approbation of Mr. Branting."

REJECTED BY BRITISH COMMONS

Proportional Representation Dead So Far As Present House is Concerned.

London, May 13.—The proposal to make an experimental trial of proportional representation in one hundred selected parliamentary constituencies, which was tentatively arranged when the electoral reform bill was adopted recently, was rejected by the house of commons tonight by a vote of 165 to 119.

This decision finally disposes of proportional representation so far as the present parliament is concerned.

FIRING IN TOUL SECTOR

Improved Weather Leads to Increased Air Activity.

With the American Army in France, May 13.—Improved weather conditions led to increased air activity in the Toul sector today. Many American planes were working over the enemy lines, and observation balloons were up for the first time in many days. The American artillery last night and this morning directed a heavy and harassing fire on German rear areas where it is known troops are billeted and it is suspected that others are moving.

DRAFTEES TO REPORT ON DATE SPECIFIED

Then He May Be Granted Leave of Absence, But on One Ground Only.

Ottawa, May 13.—The following announcement is made by the department of militia and defence:

"In view of the fact that there seems to be some doubt as to the procedure to be adopted by men drafted under the Military Service Act, or orders-in-council in amendment thereof, it should be clearly understood that every man who is ordered by the registrar to report must do so on the date specified whether he proposes to claim leave of absence or not. Should he be between the ages of twenty and twenty-two, both inclusive, leave of absence will be granted on one ground only, namely that he is the sole remaining son of military age in the family, the others being already serving, or have suffered death or disablement. Service in this case means service in some field of operations or in a unit in England or Canada, providing drafts for service in a field of operations.

"Men desiring to claim leave of absence on the above grounds should so state upon reporting to the depot battalion indicated in the notice of the registrar. They should have prepared a careful statement showing the other sons of the same family, with the age and service of each. This statement should be certified as correct by some responsible person to whom the commanding officer can refer. If such a statement is sufficient grounds to bring the case within the policy above referred to the man concerned will be given provisional leave of absence, and the case will be forwarded to militia headquarters, Ottawa, by the officer commanding the unit for final approval. Full instructions as to the above procedure have been sent to all district commanders for the information of officers commanding depot units.

"The foregoing does not affect the commanding officers' power to grant a few days' leave in case of sickness at home or other special circumstances, nor the two weeks' leave which farmers may obtain on application to their commanding officers to complete seeding."

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CAILLAUX DEFENDS PEACE DISCUSSIONS

Ex-Premier Writes to Paris Tribunal—Bonnet Rouge Trial Still Proceeds.

Paris, May 13.—At the trial of former members of The Bonnet Rouge staff today, M. Magnan continued his plea for M. Dejean, who was director of the newspaper.

M. Caillaux today wrote a letter to the court asking to be heard in the final case. The former premier says that every patriotic citizen, especially if he be a member of parliament, should, as a matter of duty, concern himself with the problem of peace and that the government should be allied with diplomatic direction in the conduct of the war.

M. Caillaux adds that it was not until last year that he became personally acquainted with the German, Marx, thru whom funds are said to have been supplied for German propaganda in France.

Nearly the whole session of the trial today was occupied by speeches of counsel for M. Joucia, a reporter of The Bonnet Rouge, and M. Marion, assistant manager of the newspaper. The court adjourned this afternoon until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

SWIFT'S SON-IN-LAW ARRESTED AS SPY

Chicago, May 13.—Count James Minotto, son-in-law of Louis F. Swift, the packer, was taken into custody here late this afternoon by deputy United States marshals on a presidential warrant ordering his internment.

A habeas corpus action was immediately instituted in behalf of the count, and he was taken before Federal Judge Carpenter and released on \$50,000 bond.

Was Educated in Germany.

Washington, May 13.—Attorney General Gregory has authorized the issuance of a presidential warrant for the internment of Count James Minotto under the president's proclamation relating to German alien enemies. Count Minotto's father was an Italian of avowed pro-German sympathies and his mother was a noted German actress. He was born in Berlin and educated in the banking business in Germany. When the European war broke out he was employed in a German bank in London. He came to the United States and took out first naturalization papers here, but never completed the naturalization process. In turn he was refused as an Italian reservist, an ambulance driver, a commission in the United States Army and a post in the secret service. He was a friend of Count Luxburg and of former French Premier Caillaux, recently arrested on a charge of treason. The bureau of naval intelligence cited as facts supporting its suspicion that the count was a German agent, that he maintained a mysterious private office at his Long Island home, and that he played a private secretary, although his salary as representative of the New York bank was comparatively small.

GERMAN ARMY TOLD HINDENBURG IS DEAD

London, May 13.—All German prisoners captured in France say that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is dead, letters from British officers on the western front report, according to The Daily Express. At the same time the name of General von Mackensen is brought into prominence as that of a great man who is to bring the Germans victory.

The Express assumes that the Hindenburg story is circulated to explain the failure of the great offensive.

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