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BRANTFORD DAILY COURIER.

THE COURIER, BRANTFORD, CANADA, MONDAY, MAY 20, 1918

TWO CENTS

GOVERNMENT ACTION IN IRELAND AVERTED GRAVE OUTBREAK
Arrests Already Made Preliminary to Further Action

TWENTY ONE GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TO DISCLOSE ALL EVIDENCE AGAINST SINN FEINERS
FOE PLANES SHOT DOWN

British Airmen Did Good Work on West Front Saturday
ENEMY POSTS BOMBED
Major Raoul Luffberry, U.S. Aviator, Killed in Battle

By Courier Leased Wire
London, May 20.—In aerial fighting Saturday, 21 German airplanes were destroyed and two disabled by British aviators. The statement on aerial operations reports continuation of the bombing enemy railway stations, airbases, and ammunition dumps and billets, as well as on the submarine base at Zebruge. The statement reads: "Saturday was another fine day and enabled us to carry out bombing, reconnaissance, photography and fighting. The improved visibility facilitated more work in conjunction with the artillery. This has been possible recently. The railway stations at Courtrai, Valenciennes, Aulnoye, Roulers and Chaulnes were bombed heavily and several enemy airbases, ammunition dumps and billets also were attacked. Over 15 tons of bombs were dropped on these targets.

"The greater part of the fighting occurred west of the enemy lines. Twenty-one hostile machines were brought down and two others were disabled. Eight of ours are missing. "Although our bombing machines were confined to a three mile strip at night owing to a thick mist which blew in from the sea, they dropped ten tons of bombs on the Maroing, Haourdin, Douai and Cinehuas railway stations on billets in the neighborhood of Espagne and Bray and on the railway works and lock gates at Zebruge. One of our machines failed to return. "Mirdman Killed. "Bulletin. With the American army in France, Sunday, May 19.—Major Raoul Luffberry of the American flying corps, has been killed in an aerial battle. He will be buried tomorrow with full military honors in which both American and French troops will participate. Luffberry's home was in Wallingford, Conn. The German machine which brought Luffberry down, was armed with two machine guns with an operator at each piece, apparently escaped. Luffberry's only wound, aside from those received when he crashed to earth, was a bullet hole through his thumb. Apparently the same bullet punctured one of the gasoline tanks of his machine. The German machine was under heavy anti-aircraft fire several times both before and after the air fight, according to a pilot of a shell upon the enemy airplane, but it managed to straighten out again. "With U. S. Airmen "With the American army in France, Sunday, May 19.—Two hostile airplanes have been brought down by American aviators, says an official announcement issued at American headquarters this evening. The statement timed at 9 p.m. follows: "Aside from activity of the air forces on both sides, the day was quiet at all points occupied by our troops. Our aviators brought down two hostile machines."

EX-CZAR EXILED. Geneva, Sunday, May 19.—Nicholas Romanoff, former emperor of Russia and his family, according to reports printed in Vienna newspapers, has been given his choice of exile in Roumania or in Switzerland. This concession, it is added, was granted by the Soviet Government on certain conditions, the principal one being that he would refrain from making efforts to return to the Russian throne.

WEATHER BULLETIN
Toronto, May 20.—Since Saturday showers have occurred in most localities from Alberta to Ontario, but only heavy in a few places. The weather remains very cold in the West and unusually warm elsewhere. "Forecasts. "Fresh winds, west to north, some scattered showers today, but mostly fair and turning cooler. Tuesday—Fair and cool.

Believed That Germany Had Been Fostering Rebellion in Ireland for Months Past, and Using Ireland as Espionage Base; German Money Thought to Have Backed Sinn Fein Movement
London, May 19.—Via Reuter's Limited—The Times says it understands the government will publish immediately, part of the evidence against the Sinn Feiners arrested in Ireland, and that its authenticity is unquestionable. "It is very necessary that this be done," The Times continues, "if only to dispel the clouds of sensational rumors which gathered last week. The arrests are only the preliminary steps, and the Government will be well advised to disclose at the earliest time the substance of the evidence on which they were made, and to follow them up with formal processes.

SECRECY A MISFORTUNE. "Unnecessary secrecy will be a real misfortune. Thousands of Irish dupes should know by unquestionable proofs that they are unwitting instruments of a movement supported by German gold. It is natural to suppose that men who find they had been duped will be eager to wipe out the stain on Ireland's fair name. The empire will look with confidence to the leaders of Irish opinion, political or other to show that they share this view of their obligation."

FOLLOWED LINCOLN'S PRECEDENT. "We understand the government has conclusive evidence," says The Daily Mail in regard to the Irish arrests. "The danger to the Allied cause should not be under-estimated. The Germans clearly hoped that at the supreme moment of the gigantic offensive which they are now preparing, the Sinn Fein would hamper our forces and distract our efforts by a great insurrection in Ireland. The new executive in Ireland has moved so quickly and courageously that we may hope the conspiracy has been paralyzed. In the measures taken the Irish executive has followed—though on a smaller scale—the precedent set by Abraham Lincoln, who, when dealing with sedition, swiftly and resolutely answered many hundreds of dangerous persons, and kept them in prison without trial so long as the peril continued. He was much denounced at the time for his muscular and determined action. Posterity holds that by it he saved the United States. Viscount French, who is a convinced home ruler and a devoted son of Ireland, has shown that he is a man of action."

EVIDENCE OF GERMAN INTRIGUE
According to The Mail, it has been clear for some months past that Germany has been using every artifice not only to foster rebellion in Ireland, but also to use Ireland as a base of organized espionage and submarine operations against the Atlantic mercantile marine. It asserts Germany sent money to the Sinn Feiners, that important information was conveyed to Germany, and that German submarines received fuel oil from Sinn Feiners.

NO FRESH DEVELOPMENTS
By Courier Leased Wire. London, May 20.—No fresh developments Sunday, in the Sinn Fein affair have been reported. Very few telegrams are arriving from Dublin, but they report everything quiet, at least outwardly. With the arrest of Count Plunkett, four of the six Sinn Fein members of parliament are under arrest. The other two are Dr. McGarrett, who is in Washington and Laurence Ginnell, who is serving a six months sentence in Mountjoy prison. Among others under arrest are Charles Collins and Christopher Mullins, who are charged with the unlawful possession of explosives at Brittas, a few miles outside Dublin. Fearadair O'Brian, editor and manager of the Skibbereen Southern Star also are in custody. Vice President Morris and the remaining heads of the Sinn Fein organization have issued a reply to the proclamation which the British Government published Saturday. The reply says that "anticipating such action, the standing committee of the Sinn Fein nominated substitutes to carry on the movement during the enforced and what must be temporary exile our leaders." "The country may rest assured," it adds, "that no matter how many of the leaders may be arrested there will be men and women to take their places. All that we need is to continue to follow the last advice of Prof. De Valera, namely, to remain calm and confident." The Sinn Feiners have nominated Prof. John McNeill and Alderman Kelly, a well known member of the Dublin corporation to the place in the organization made vacant through the arrest of Prof. De Valera and Arthur Griffith.

IMMEDIATE TRIAL URGED
London, May 20.—(Via Reuter's Limited)—The Daily Chronicle urges the Government to bring the principal prisoners into open court immediately and prove their guilt, or if this is inadvisable for military or international reasons, at least to expedite publication of the material facts to counter the imputation that it is being actuated by political motives, by showing that there is good foundation for charging conspiracy. The Morning Post says the arrests constitute an excellent step, if only a step, toward re-establishment of firm Government in Ireland. It complains that the Nationalist



GERMANS ON THE CANADIAN GRILL. This Photo Shows a German Prisoner, recently captured by the Canadians talking to some of our officers, who are pumping him for information for the Intelligence Department. The Photo was taken on the Western Front, since the Germans began their drive.

MOTOR TRUCKS SECURE BIG SHELL CONTRACT

Seven Million Dollar Order Obtained From U. S.; New Million Dollar Plant Will Be Erected by Company

Announcement that they have secured a seven million dollar contract for American shells, which will necessitate the erection of a new million dollar plant and will provide employment for eight hundred people, was made by the Motor Trucks Limited this morning. The work on the construction of the new plant was commenced to-day, and will be rushed day and night, it being expected that the construction will be complete in forty-five days, and that within three months the necessary machinery will have been installed to commence active operations. The contract which the company has received is for the machining of 9.5 American high explosive shells, and carries the firm up to January 1, 1920. The present plant of the Motor Trucks is at work on 4.7 American shells, and will continue on that work until the end of the present year, at least. In the meantime, the construction of the new plant will be rushed day and night, Sundays and week days alike. The entire plant will cover 30,000 square feet of ground, and will be composed of four buildings; the main building, 90 by 700 feet, the tool room and tool tempering building, the housing and heat treating building and the boiler house and transformer building. The total cost of buildings and equipment will reach the sum of one million dollars. The office, located in the main building of the new plant, will face on Murray street, and the plant itself will be located directly in the rear of the present factory. Fifty men started work on the new site this morning. The general contract has been let to P. H. Secord and Sons, and the field operations are in charge of Superintendent Matthew Purvis. It is estimated that the main building and the tool rooms will be completed in forty-five days, but the installation of machinery will consume an equal period of time. The entire plant is to be built of concrete, steel and brick, modern factory construction in every way. Employment of eight hundred persons, in addition to those now on the company's pay roll, will be afforded when the plant is in full operation, and the monthly pay roll is expected to average \$60,000. The plant will be in operation both day and night until the completion of its contract. It is planned to employ a large number of women as operators, and special arrangements are being made for accommodation in the way of rest rooms and dining rooms. While a number of skilled mechanics will be required, there will be opportunities for all, whether with previous experience on munition work or not.

OFFENSIVE RESUMED BY TURKS IN CAUCASUS

Caucasian Diet Breaks Off Peace Negotiations Because of Exorbitant Demands by Ottoman Government—Turks Occupy Van

London, May 20.—The Turks have resumed the offensive all along the Van, says a dispatch from Tiflis, dated May 12. Another Armenian massacre has been begun. The negotiations for a separate peace between the Caucasian diet and the Ottoman Government have been broken off on account of the exorbitant demands of the Turks.

SIXTY THREE KILLED IN AN EXPLOSION

By Courier Leased Wire. Pittsburgh, May 20.—Sixty-three charred and blackened bodies lay to-day in the temporary morgue at Oakland, near here, where on Saturday the high explosive plant of the Actna Chemical Company was destroyed by a series of explosions. Ninety-four injured were being cared for by Pittsburgh hospitals and officials of the company said that 212 of the total working force of the factory had not yet been accounted for. Many of these, it was expected, would register during the day at the office which the company opened in the stricken town on Saturday night. Investigation of the disaster by federal, state, county and village authorities was in progress, while the search for the ruins went on.

FOUR RAIDERS BROUGHT DOWN IN OLD LAND

Air Attack Attempted by Foe Planes Last Night Was a Failure
FIRING WAS SEVERE
Four of Raiders Were Brought Down by London Guns

London, May 20.—The latest aerial attack of the Germans on London and its environs probably was the most ambitious ever undertaken. Never before was there such a continued volley of firing, in the British anti-aircraft batteries. Thousands of people had their first experience in a raid. There were persons from many points of England, Scotland and Wales, who took advantage of the Whit Sunday holidays, which run from Saturday night to Tuesday, to visit the Metropolitan. On the other hand, the Londoners had gone to the countryside and seashore resorts for brief vacations. They cut short these visits and hurried back to London to learn the fate of their homes and relatives.

"Except for a few brief pauses, the gunners blazed away with a terrific concentration of fire. The raiding Gothas flew at a great height, the majority of them keeping level up to 12,000 feet in a very clear sky. "London, May 20.—A calm summer-like night, however, the German raiders last night to make the first air raid on England since March 1917, and four of the raiders fell before the defenses of London. The main attack was directed against the south-eastern point and headed for the Metropolitan. "The usual warnings were given promptly and the people had time to reach shelters before the guns in the neighborhood of London were heard. The firing was almost continuous for more than two hours and was unusually severe. Several bombs were dropped by the raiders. The number of enemy aircraft is not known, but they seem to have been more numerous than usual. "British Official.

London, May 20.—The German artillery developed in activity last night along the front between Albert and Bucquoy, the war office announces. The statement follows: "We captured a few prisoners yesterday as a result of a successful raid carried out in the Albert sector. A raid attempted by the enemy north of Hinges was repulsed with heavy losses to the hostile raiding party. The hostile artillery activity increased considerably last night on the Albert Bucquoy front."

Paris, May 19.—The official statement from the war office to-day reads: "The artillery on both sides was active north of the Avre. French patrols were active in the sector of Hangeard and captured prisoners. "Enemy surprise attacks against our positions on the lower Aisne in the Argonne and in the Woivre were broken up by our fire. We brought back prisoners in raids east of Rheims. There is nothing to report on the rear of the front."

Vienna, May 19.—Via London.—The official statement from Austria-Hungarian General headquarters to-day, reads: "Reciprocal reconnoitering activity on the Tyrolean west front and the Vinzenzen mountains led to fighting favorable to us. East of Mount Pertica the enemy was repulsed twice in hand to hand fighting."

STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE

Thomas Swartout, 77, Mythenborough street, was struck by an automobile in front of the Standard shortly after one o'clock, this afternoon, and sustained injuries which may prove serious. Dr. Hicks, who is attending the injured man, stated that his skull might be fractured, although it could not be definitely ascertained as yet. There were also bad abrasions on the legs, although no bones are believed broken. Mr. Swartout, who was riding a bicycle at the time of the accident, is a builder by trade. "Lieut.-Col. F. D. Boem, who was wounded in 1915 with the 5th Canadian Division, has returned and has assumed his position of police magistrate of Cobourg.