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Horse Flesh and Flour Only Rations

"Eye Witness" With Mesopotamia Forces Tells of Townshend's Gallant Stand Against Desperate Conditions — Aeroplanes Were Used to Relieve Strain on the Garrison so Tennant Says

LONDON, May 10.—A despatch from the British "Eye-Witness" with the Mesopotamia forces, gives a description of General Townsend's holding out against the Turks at Kut-el-Amara while on the verge of starvation. The men subsisted during the last fortnight on four ounces of four daily and a certain ration of horse-flesh. One of Gen. Townshend's last wireless despatches before he capitulated said: "Have destroyed guns and am destroying munitions. Officers have gone to Khalil Bey to say that we are ready to surrender. We must have some food, and officers have gone to bring some from the Turks." The last message sent by Townshend said: "We have hoisted the white flag, and a Turkish regiment is approaching."

One of the chief difficulties was the fact that the civil population had to remain in Kut-el-Amara. A few who tried to leave were shot by the Turks who made it clear that they would execute any persons who tried to escape. Thus the garrison was burdened with six thousand additional mouths to feed.

LONDON, May 10.—British aeroplanes dropped 18,000 pounds of food, in addition to mail, military and other stores, in Kut-el-Amara, between April 14th and 29th. This effort to relieve the hunger of the besieged garrison, which surrendered to the Turks, was told of in the Commons to-day by Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary Under Secretary for War.

During the whole siege, Tennant said, only one British aeroplane was brought down by the Turks. Its pilot was killed and the observer wounded. The Turks reported that a number of aeroplanes which attempted to drop food supplies had been shot down.

The Result of "Watchful Waiting"

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Virtually the last American troops in the United States are being mobilized for the Mexican border service. The national guard of three states is under orders to hasten to reinforce Funston's army.

Unofficial reports received state that the Mexicans along the entire border had planned for a day for a concerted uprising.

Mr. Samuel Replies to Protests

Says the Government Would Have Been Guilty of Unpardonable Weakness if They Did Not Execute Irish Rebels—Was Not a Policy of Prosecution he Says

LONDON, May 10.—Replying to protests which have been made the last few days against putting to death the leaders in the Sinn Fein rebellion, Herbert Samuel, Home Secretary, said, to-day, that the Government would have been guilty of unpardonable weakness, if it had not meted out stern punishment to the guilty. The public might rest assured, Mr. Samuel, added, that neither the Government nor the military authorities had any intention of adopting a policy of wholesale prosecution. Mr. Samuel thought it would be found that the number of cases in which it was necessary to enforce the extreme penalty was nearing the end, if indeed it had not already been reached.

Mr. Samuel, who made these remarks in the course of an address at the National Liberal Club, referred also to recent suggestions of negotiations. He declared that until Germany was beaten there could be no thoughts of peace. It is for us of this generation to settle this issue, and not to leave it to later years or the generations of children who come after us the heritage of finishing and completing the struggle. Whether by military means or by economic means, or by a combination of both, we must win a complete and decisive victory.

Why Should It?

LONDON, May 10.—In official circles here it is not anticipated that the sinking of the White Star Liner Cymric will cause a breach between Germany and the United States. While according to the Admiralty the Cymric was ordinarily a freighter on which the Government was sending freight in common with private shippers, the fact that no Americans were on board, and the doubtful status of the ship, creates the belief that Washington is hardly likely to take an issue of the sinking.

It is known that American officials here are making only the usual inquiries.

Another British Freighter Sunk

LONDON, May 11.—The British steamer Dolcoath, 1700 has been sunk, according to a report from Lloyds.

PUBLIC INQUIRY DEMANDED

Dublin Freeman's Journal Wants Inquiry Into Shooting Editor of Irish Citizen—Asquith Said he Was Shot Without Knowledge of Military Authorities—Premier Said Matter is Under Investigation

DUBLIN, May 11.—Freeman's Journal calls for a public inquiry into the death of Sheeby Skeffington, editor of the Irish Citizen, and the two other men executed with him in Portobello Barracks on April 26th.

The Premier stated that Skeffington, editor of the Irish Citizen, had been shot in Dublin on April 26, without the knowledge of the military authorities. This statement was in reply to an inquiry yesterday whether Skeffington had been shot before the proclamation of martial law. This matter was under investigation Asquith added. The officer concerned had been arrested and would be court-martialled. Asquith gave an undertaking to the House that no further executions would take place in Ireland before the debate on the Irish question to-morrow. Regarding the two other executions reported to have taken place at the same time as Skeffington was shot, Asquith stated that investigation would be made. He had no particulars regarding these cases, he said, but he was able to state the military authorities not only had no responsibility for them, but had no knowledge of the occurrences.

The Premier informed the House that Sir Roger Casement, who was captured while attempting to land in Ireland to lead a rebellion, would be placed on trial on Monday.

Dillon will present a motion to-morrow calling attention to executions in Ireland on the sanction of secret military tribunals, and to the apparent want of proper authority to control the military proceedings. All members of the Irish Party and many Liberal and Labor members supported the suggestion that the debate should be allowed.

Replying to a question by Laurence Ginnell (Nationalist) Lord Robert Cecil said no official or other communication had been received from the American Government regarding the shooting of prisoners in Ireland.

The debate in the Commons on the Irish situation, which was to have been held to-night, has been postponed until to-morrow.

Anti-German Outbreak in Amsterdam

London, May 5.—(New York Sun cable).—The Rotterdam correspondent of The Daily Mail telegraphs:

"A popular anti-German agitation has arisen in Amsterdam and northern Holland, led by a revolutionary named Nieuwenhuis, which aims at preventing foodstuffs and other goods from entering Germany. Demonstrations are being held in the streets of Amsterdam, demanding that the frontiers be closed and that F. E. Posthuma, minister of agriculture, industry and commerce, who is accused of pro-Germanism, be removed.

"Nieuwenhuis was once a favored Democratic leader, but lost his popularity some time ago, owing to his extreme Socialism. He is now gaining ground by his anti-German campaign.

"Meanwhile the aristocratic residents of The Hague and the naturalizated Germans of Rotterdam are strongly pro-German. Never was the political dividing line between the classes and the masses in Holland so sharp."

Two More Named as Birrell's Successor

LONDON, May 11.—The names of the Duke of Devonshire and Earl Derby are mentioned in the morning papers as the most probable to succeed Wimborne as Lord-Lieut. of Ireland.

A long step—But he can take it

Roanoke Foundered Off 'Frisco

Life Boat Containing Three Survivors With Bodies of Five Dead Shipmates Drift Ashore on California Coast—Steamer Was Bound For Valpraiso—Four Other Boats Launched Are Missing

SAN LUIS, Obispo, Cal., May 11.—The steamer Roanoke, which left San Francisco at midnight on May 8, for Valpraiso, has foundered at sea, about 100 miles south of San Francisco, according to a story told by three survivors, who in a life-boat with the bodies of five of their shipmates, drifted ashore to-day.

The survivors were delirious and unable to give their names or any information of the rest of the crew, beyond the fact that four other boats had been launched when the ship sank.

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PARIS, May 10.—Activity on the Verdun front has decreased, according to a statement given out by the War Office this afternoon. Artillery action west of the Meuse was less pronounced, and east of the river only intermittent. An attack on the French trenches between the Oise and the Aisne was repulsed.

BRITISH

LONDON, May 11.—The British official statement on the campaign in the western zone, issued to-day, reads:

"There has been some mining activity about of Friacourt, Souchez, Hulluch, Cuinchy, but no change has taken place in the situation at these points. Artillery of both sides has been active about Marcourt, Souchez and St. Egloi. Our artillery bombarded enemy positions at La Boilssells, southward of Messines."

Now Hold 90 Miles On Western Front

LONDON, May 11.—British troops now hold 90 miles of the Western Front. The British lines extend from a point north of Ypres to a point near the Somme.

French Sub Sinks Enemy Transport

PARIS, May 11.—The French submarine sunk an enemy transport laden with war material in the lower Adriatic Sea yesterday, says a Havas despatch from Rome.

Hun Press on U. S. Answer German Note

Lokal Anzeiger Says Wilson Demolishing a Man of Straw With This Statement—Other Newspapers Refrain From Comment—Count Von Reventlow Makes Comment Through Tages Zeitung

BERLIN, May 11.—The American answer to the German Note has been printed in the morning newspapers here, having been received through the British news agency despatch, commenting on a statement in the document that the United States could not accept any condition affecting the protection of lives of Americans, the Lokal Anzeiger says:

"President Wilson is demolishing a man of straw with this statement. The German Note," says the paper, "contains no such conditions. It merely expresses the expectation and does not doubt, after the German-American dispute has been settled the American Government will hold Great Britain to the observance of its duties under International Law."

Other newspapers refrain from comment with the exception of the Die Post and Tages Zeitung, in which latter paper Count von Reventlow expresses by implication and hope that Germany's expectation really amounted to a condition.

Warships Hunting for Submarines

NEW YORK, May 10.—An Associated Press despatch from Chester, Pennsylvania to-day, says that the British steamer Kinmount, which arrived here to-day from Cape Haytien, reported that on Monday afternoon, 100 miles south-east of Cape Henlohen, the steamer was stopped by two French battleships, which inquired if the Kinmount had seen any German submarines. Being told that none had been sighted, the battleships, with three cruisers, which had been waiting some distance off, proceeded north towards New York. The warships, the Kinmount, reported, were equipped with steel nets strung alongside.

It is believed here that the warships were searching for the supposed submarine recently reported near the American coast.

More Than Some Wear.

He—"What do you call that part of your skirt under the lace?"

She—"Oh, that's a slip."

(blushing)—"I beg your pardon."

Huns Forced to Evacuate Mayada

An Athens Despatch Says There Was a Lively Fusilade at Three Points, Doiran, Giergeli Sector—Germans Are Bringing up Numerous 17in. Guns Along Front

PARIS, May 11.—An Athens despatch to Havas agency says:

"There was a lively fusilade during the day at three points on Doiran-Gievgeli sector. The Germans after bombarding Mayada, succeeded in occupying the village, but were forced to evacuate, following a French counter-attack."

"The Germans," the despatch adds, "are placing numerous 17-inch guns along the front."

More Peace Talk

LONDON, May 10.—In the Commons to-day, Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of War Trade and Parliamentary Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that he had no official information that the Kings of Bavaria and Saxony had taken the initiative for intervention in the hope of peace.

The Only Way to Get Self Government

LONDON, May 11.—The Irish Parliamentary Party has issued a manifesto to people of Ireland calling upon them to support the constitutional movement as the only one by which their aspirations for self-Government can possibly be realized.

Maxwell Is Allowed Free Hand

Had Instructions Which Allowed Him a Free Hand in Suppressing Rebellion and the Movement of Troops Under His Command—Was to Correspond Direct With War Office

LONDON, May 11.—The Government made public to night the instructions given Major-General Sir John Maxwell on his assuming command in Ireland. These instructions allowed him a free hand in suppressing the rising, in the movement of troops under his command, and also in regard to such measures as may seem to him advisable under the proclamation dated April 26th under Defense of the Realm Act. The instructions set forth that in regard to the question of administration there was also military or martial law, and Major General Maxwell would correspond direct with the War Office under the same system that obtained in peace time and any request by General Maxwell for reinforcements was to be referred to the Army Council.

Comparative Calm Prevails Western Front

French However Capture Portions of a German Trench on West Slopes of Le Mort Homme—Late Reports Tell of Russians Been Repulsed South of Carbunovka

LONDON, May 11.—On the Western front in France, notably in region of Verdun, which for weeks has been the theatre of the most sanguinary conflicts in the world war, a comparative calm prevails. The French, however, have been able to capture portions of a German trench on the west slopes of Le Mort Homme and put at naught a German attack near Hill 287 between the Wood of Malincourt and Le Mort Homme, launched in an endeavour to advance further the German line towards Verdun.

Late reports show the Russians have been repulsed in an attack on the Germans south of Carbunovka, suffering heavy casualties.

Constantinople chronicles victories for the Turks against the Russians in northern Asia Minor, north-west of Mush, and the defeat of the Russians with heavy losses, and the capture of some prisoners near Mount Bathli.

Even Children Must "Bungle and Go"

LISBON, May 10.—The decision of the Government to expel Germans from Portugal on account of the state of war which exists with Germany, has been extended in its scope by an official order promulgated to-day.

This decree declares that children whose fathers are Germans, shall be classed as German subjects, and must depart from the country within five days.

Putting One Over

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The Secretary of State received a message from Ambassador Gerard to-day, giving notice that a new Note on the Sussex case has been handed him and was on the way to Washington. It has been indicated that the German Government now admits attacking the Sussex, and gives notice that the submarine commander responsible has been punished and promises to make reparation.

Another Mirage

NEW YORK, May 10.—A London despatch says, according to a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, Norwegian vessels which have arrived at Copenhagen from England, report meeting a large German squadron as well as submarines in the North Sea. The steamship Zeeta was stopped and her papers examined three times.

QUEENSTOWN, May 11.—Thos. Kent, of Coole, has been court-martialled and shot at Fermoy, Co. Cork. This is the first execution outside Dublin.

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