

Situation in Constantinople Described as Desperate; Young Turks Party in Dire Straits and Losing Heart

Italian Airships Make Another Raid on Pola, Austrian Naval Base

Rome, June 7, via Paris, June 8.—A statement of the chief of the Italian Naval General Staff, made public to-night, says:

"On the seventh, in the morning, our destroyer flotilla bombarded Montefalcone for a third time. Three batteries in position near the Dulno Castle opened a well sustained fire against our destroyers which, turning their guns upon the batteries, reduced one of them to silence and set the Castle on fire. Our destroyers returned undamaged.

"The preceding night our dirigibles executed another raid on Pola, dropping several bombs which all exploded at points of a military nature."

RELAX TRADE UNION RULES IN WAR TIME ONLY

Continued from page 1. William James Bull, Unionist member for Hammersmith, whether Great Britain had sent to China and Japan a note similar to the American note on the China-Japanese treaty, Lord Robert said:

"Both the Japanese and Chinese governments are aware of the views of His Majesty's government on the subject."

The munitions bill evoked some opposition. W. R. Pringle, Liberal member for the northwest division of Lanarkshire, advanced the argument that the bill gave the new minister unlimited power. He was virtually a dictator, and to supply munitions he could, if necessary, take the most radical steps in the coal fields.

Philip Snowden, Socialist member for Blackburn, announced that if any attempt were made to thrust forced labor on the country he would oppose it at every stage.

John Dillon, Nationalist member for East Mayo, said: "Before you say, 'dictator' we are entitled to know what his powers are to be. Certain newspapers are applauding the ideals of Prussianism. We must take care that the war does not result in the establishment of Prussianism in this country."

Mr. Will Crooks, the Labor leader, in opposing the measure, said the House could not make a greater blunder than to believe the country would submit to conscript labor.

Secretary Simon replied that the bill had no such aim. If such powers were desired it would be necessary to ask the consent of parliament.

Sir Henry Dalziel, Liberal, said any attempt to crush the output of munition, and probably lead to a revolt on the part of labor which would be reflected in the trenches across the sea."

The House went into committee and agreed to the financial resolution authorizing a salary for the Minister of Munitions of not exceeding \$25,000 yearly, and salaries for the Under Secretaries. The House then adjourned.

The munitions bill must be read again, and go to the House of Lords, but the agreement on the financial details assures its passage.

Confirmation. His Lordship the Bishop of Le Blanc will administer the sacrament of confirmation to a large class of children and adults in the Cathedral on next Saturday morning.

GIVE ENGLAND THE TRUTH ABOUT GREAT WAR AND SHE WILL SHIRK NO SACRIFICE

(Continued from page 1) comparatively small cuts last winter, because they thought the war would be over this year and a flood of timber released from the Baltic.

Germany has lost a large proportion of her best troops, but she is a long way from being beaten. The American civil war raged for four years, and the combatants on either side were mostly raw boys. Many captured Germans are mere youths, but England is sending large numbers of youths to the front.

Germany Still Confident. When the Germans started to strip Belgium of copper it was said Germany was short of copper, and it was confidently predicted that the mechanism of her vast military system would soon break down. But after months of fighting it is the British forces who are short of shells. One gets more German news here than in Canada. And if it is at all reliable, the German spirit is still undaunted—German determination and German confidence quite unshaken.

Great Britain has a mighty struggle ahead, and it is prepared to see it through to the bitter end. Since the fall of the Liberal government, the people have rapidly reassessed their views; they are no longer indulging the idea that the conflict will be over in a short time. A government that will not shrink from heroic measures, that will not wait to be forced to drastic action by popular clamor, is what they want and will have, and given that, and the truth about the war, they will spare no effort, shirk no sacrifice.

COLIN MCKAY.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PEACE TERMS SOON?

Amsterdam, via London, June 8, 4.15 a. m.—The Cologne correspondent of the Tyd says a report is current that Austria and Germany will shortly announce their conditions of peace, in which emphasis will be given to the declaration that the Germanic allies are not engaged in a war of conquest, but seek only to insure the security of their territories.

COURTENAY BAY WORK WILL BE PUSHED FORWARD MORE RAPIDLY THAN BEFORE

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 7.—Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, who has returned to the Capital apparently fully recovered from his recent operation, stated that the cancelling of the contract for the work at St. John harbor simply meant that arrangements would be made to have the work pushed more rapidly than before.

THE IONA NEARLY ESCAPED SUBMARINE

London, June 7.—Captain Ritchie, commander of the Thomson liner Iona, the steamer well known in Montreal which was sunk off the Orkney Islands last Thursday, stated in an interview today that the crew unanimously applauded his decision to endeavor to escape when attacked by the German submarine. He believed that the ship would have succeeded in the attempt but for the submarine firing shrapnel, which wounded the second mate and five men of the crew. After escaping in the boats, the crew watched the submarine fire a torpedo at the Iona, which took only a few seconds to sink after being struck.

THOMAS HORSMAN BURIED WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS

The burial of Thomas Horsman took place yesterday afternoon with full military honors. The remains were conveyed to the Mission church, Paradise Row, in the morning where Requiem Mass was said by Rev. H. Archer Collins. The funeral was held at 2.30 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Collins, assisted by Rev. Mr. Edward B. Hooper, Chaplain of the 26th Battalion. The funeral was attended by the members of the Sons of England, and about 350 men from the 26th Battalion who formed a firing party. The 62nd Regiment band and the bugle band of the 26th Battalion were also present. The casket, covered with the Union Jack, on top of which was the military hat and belt of the deceased, was on a gun carriage, and six soldiers from the 26th Battalion acted as pall bearers. The remains were conveyed to Fernhill for interment, and after the funeral services a salute was fired, the bugle band playing the "Last Post."

There was a number of beautiful floral tributes which included a large harp from the Ordnance Corps in which Mr. Horsman had been employed; another large harp from the 62nd band, a wreath from the Sons of England, a pillow from the members of the family, as well as a large number of floral offerings from other friends.

DISCUSSED PLANS FOR FINANCING THE WAR

Rome, via Paris, June 7.—An official statement issued here today says: "Minister of the Treasury Carcano conferred at Nice, on the fourth and fifth of June, with the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Reginald McKenna. They discussed the financial co-operation of the two powers and decided on the measures to take to that effect. The conference showed perfect harmony between the two governments."

"The Chancellor of the Exchequer was accompanied by the Governor of the Bank of England, and Signor Carcano by a director of the Bank of Italy."

Inhabitants of The Turkish Capital Face A Shortage of Food

Paris, June 8.—"All information reaching here from Constantinople," says the Havas Agency's correspondent at Athens, "agrees in representing the situation in the city as almost desperate. The young Turks are in dire straits. They are only being upheld by the insistence and ceaseless efforts of the German Ambassador and Enver Pasha, the war minister. "The medical supplies in the city have been exhausted and a lack of coal has forced many flour mills and the water works which supply the city with drinking water to shut down."

WANT GERMAN REMOVED FROM THE DIRECTORATE OF SUEZ CANAL

Management of Suez Canal will ask shareholders to vote North German Lloyd official off the board. Paris, June 7.—The management of the Suez Canal Company will ask the shareholders, at their annual meeting on June 14, to remove Phillip Helcken, of the North German Lloyd Company, as a director of the corporation. The company's balance sheet shows net profits of \$16,059,800. After carrying over \$3,740,000 to surplus, the company pays a dividend of 24 per cent.

MAY HAVE HEARING OF PRIVY COUNCIL APPEAL CASES POSTPONED

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 7.—It is learned that some of the leading members of the bar in Canada who have appeal cases pending before the privy council are seeking to have the hearing of these cases postponed. This is due, it is understood, partly to the fact that all classes of the people in Great Britain are now more or less engrossed in the war's activities, or matters arising out of the war, and partly to the element of risk in connection with the voyage, due to the irresponsible sinking of steamers by German submarines.

ULSTERMEN'S GUNS MADE IN GERMANY, NOW USED AGAINST GERMANS

Toronto, June 7.—In a lecture tonight on "Germany and the great war," Rev. Dr. Patterson, who took a prominent part in the Ulster Anti-Home Rule campaign, recently of Belfast, but now of Cooks church, Toronto, said that the tens of thousands of guns with which the Ulstermen were armed had been imported from Germany and were now being used against the Germans. "One of my girls," he said, "had a German machine gun hidden in her bedroom. That gun is now doing service for the Empire against the common enemy."

STAMPING OUT THE ABSINTHE EVIL

Pontarlier, France, June 7.—One hundred tons of leaves used in the manufacture of absinthe were burned publicly here today by order of the government in accordance with the legislation suppressing the manufacture of absinthe.

FRANCE

Paris, June 7.—The following official communication was issued by the War Office tonight: "In the sector in the north of Arras very violent fighting continues, and we are following up our progress. There has been an artillery engagement throughout the whole day, without interruption, and of a violent nature in the Fond de Buval, at Ablain, at Souchez, at Neuville and at Escuris."

London, June 7.—The correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company at Amsterdam supplies some details of the destruction of a Zeppelin airship between Ghent and Brussels by British aviators in a motorplane. He declares the Telegraph has received a despatch from Ghent saying that when the Zeppelin came down it landed on an orphanage. Two nuns were killed, while many others in the establishment sustained injury. The crew of the Zeppelin, twenty-eight men, lost their lives.

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