

ALLIES HOLD AGAINST FURIOUS ENEMY ATTACKS
GRAND TRUNK WILL FIGHT NATIONALIZATION SCHEME

NO STATEMENT
ON PEACE TERMS
FROM HOLLWEG

Berlin, May 15.—Via London.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg answered the peace interpellations in the Reichstag today by saying that it would not serve the interests of the country to make a declaration, and therefore he declined to do so.

GREAT CONFERENCE
OF SOCIALISTS OFF,
S DANISH REPORT

Dissatisfaction Among Delegates Over German Act
IN REFUSING PASSPORTS

Leader of Belgians Says Teuton People Are All for Peace.

Copenhagen, via London, May 15.—According to the Politiken, the bureau for the proposed neutral peace conference at Stockholm, scheduled to open tomorrow, is postponed. The paper says that great dissatisfaction prevails among the delegates, and that one member reports that the situation has become more complicated in the last 24 hours.

The news that the German independent Socialists have been refused passports is expected to cause the bureau to refuse to negotiate with the Scheideemann group. Emil Vandervelde, leader of the Belgian Socialists, declares that the refusal of the German independent Socialists to issue passports, except to Scheideemann and his followers, is clear proof of the desire of the German people for peace.

BORGBERGERS REPORTS.
Stockholm, via London, May 15.—The Dutch-Scandinavian Socialist committee has received Emil Vandervelde, the Belgian Socialist leader, and H. Rubanovitch, a Russian Socialist delegate, who expressed their views on the international situation. Later Jeppie Borgberg, the Danish Socialist editor, arrived before the committee and related his experiences on his visit to Russia.

Mr. Borgberg, in a question-and-answer session, said that he had acted in Russia as an observer. He emphasized the admission of M. Borgberg to the views of the body that the international Socialist action, under the present circumstances, should be maintained in a neutral country.

THE BELGIAN STAND.
London, May 15.—M. Vandervelde is quoted by Reuters Stockholm correspondent as having said in his statement to the Social Democrats: "It is impossible for us to take the hand of the German Socialists, who are extending the other hand to the German Emperor, but that does not imply disapproval of the initiative of the Dutch and Scandinavian delegates who are gathering from all sections to the conference at Stockholm. It is to our interest to get as much light as possible thrown on the position of the Socialist parties in every country, on the express understanding, however, that we are not hereby obliged to sit in conference with Socialists who have supported and still support the imperial policy of the central powers."

REFUSED PASSPORTS.
Copenhagen, via London, May 15.—The Berlin Vorwarts hears that a Socialist named Sassenbach, one of the German trade union delegates to the Stockholm conference, has been refused a passport by the Berlin police. The paper is also informed that other members of the German Socialist party have not yet received permission to cross the frontier.

The Vorwarts declares that this is contrary to the Government's expressed promise and therefore it refuses to believe that the information is correct.

THE WEATHER
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 62; lowest, 33.

The official temperature for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 54; lowest, 34.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM.
Toronto, May 15.—8 a.m.
Moderate northwest and west winds; fair today and on Wednesday; a little higher temperature on Wednesday.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations..... H..... L..... Weather.
Victoria..... 52..... 42..... Fair.
Calgary..... 52..... 46..... Fair.
Winnipeg..... 52..... 46..... Fair.
Port Arthur..... 50..... 46..... Clear.
Parry Sound..... 50..... 46..... Clear.
Port Stanley..... 50..... 46..... Clear.
Buffalo..... 50..... 46..... Clear.
Toronto..... 50..... 46..... Clear.
Kingston..... 50..... 46..... Clear.
Ottawa..... 50..... 46..... Clear.
Montreal..... 50..... 46..... Clear.
Quebec..... 50..... 46..... Clear.
Father Point..... 50..... 46..... Clear.

The eastern disturbance is now centered south of Newfoundland, and the weather is likely to clear in the Maritime Provinces.

It was a little warmer yesterday in Ontario and Quebec, and continued quite warm in the West.

GRAND TRUNK TO
FIGHT PROPOSAL
TO NATIONALIZE

Resents Imputations Cast by the Drayton-Acworth Report.

SMITHERS AT MONTREAL
System Is Prepared To Make Any Improvements Required.

Montreal, May 15.—The Grand Trunk Railway is opposed to the nationalization scheme outlined in the Drayton-Acworth report, and it is believed that this has brought A. W. Smithers, chairman of the board of directors, to Canada. Mr. Smithers reached Montreal today.

The London board of the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific resents the imputation cast by the Drayton-Acworth report on the financial strength of the Grand Trunk.

It is also understood that the Grand Trunk directors desire the nationalization of the Grand Trunk Pacific if they are relieved of further financial responsibility for their road, and are reimbursed to the extent of their investment in the western company. They will fight the nationalization of the Grand Trunk System, and are prepared to have the financial resources to make any improvements or additions to equipment required.

It is also understood that a Canadian board in charge of policy and management will be forthcoming if the road remains an independent company.

GERMAN COMMERCE RAIDER
JOINS THE AMERICAN NAVY

Washington, May 15.—The American steamship Dekalb, formerly the German auxiliary cruiser and commerce raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich, was placed in full commission in the American navy on May 15, the department announced.

The Dekalb will be the first of the German ships, either naval or merchant, to be employed against the German Government. The navy department would not disclose the duty to which the vessel has been assigned.

CONGRESS AGREES TO
THE ROOSEVELT ARMY

Washington, May 15.—Senate and House conferees on the army bill today agreed to report the measure with a provision authorizing the president to raise the volunteer division. Col. Roosevelt desires to lead to France. No other changes in the bill were made by the conferees.

ALBERTA ISSUES WRITS
FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS

Edmonton, May 15.—Following a meeting of the provincial cabinet last evening dissolution of the Legislature was announced, and writs issued for a general election.

The date fixed is Thursday, June 7, with nominations a week earlier. In eleven of the 58 constituencies there will be no elections, the soldiers representing these districts being declared re-elected by an act passed last session.

BRITISH LABOR DELEGATES
MEET FEDERATION CHIEFS
AT AMERICAN CAPITAL

Washington, May 15.—The first joint session of the British Labor delegates and officials of the American Federation of Labor was held here today in the Federal Building.

President Gompers, Secretary Morrison and other officers of the federation met in conference with Charles W. Brown and J. H. Thomas, both prominent British members of Parliament and H. W. Garrod, representing the department of the ministry of munitions.

The British delegates were sent to this country in connection with Premier Lloyd George's visit to the United States. The labor conferees were to be received by President Wilson at the White House late today.

GERMANY USING MERE BOYS
AGAINST THE ALLIED LINES;
SHORTAGE OF MEN SERIOUS

[By Stewart Lyon, Canadian Press Correspondent in France.]
Canadian Army Headquarters, May 15.—Some prisoners recently taken on this front are far below the general standard of physique of the enemy troops. It has been learned that in the disastrous attack at Avion on Friday last the troops employed by the Germans included drafts of 18-year-old lads who had reached the front only an hour before the attack was made. This indicates the serious shortage experienced by the enemy troops on this front.

Big Gun Duels.
The artillery of the Canadian corps continues to be engaged all day in duels with the enemy guns in Lens and the regions south and east with the most satisfactory results. Many direct hits have been obtained during the last two days, and the German fire has materially lessened. A relative calm exists today because a heavy mist prevails making aerial observation impossible.

WHAT WE SHOULD LIKE TO SEE



Devonport.—"That's enough! I'm going to stop this game."—Passing Show, London.

OWNER OF FOSTER WELLS
ISSUES WRIT AGAINST
THE UTILITIES COMMISSION

Acting on behalf of F. W. Foster, owner of the property on which the city has secured a large supply of water, J. M. McEvoy this afternoon issued a writ against the public utilities commission to compel that body to remove the option to secure the water rights to the city for \$2,500 and to secure an injunction to prevent further work on the property.

The writ is based on the alleged change from sixty days to six months made in the option, the term in which the city was to notify the owners of the property of intention to purchase. The owners allege that this change was made without their knowledge or consent, and they declare that the change was made illegally. After the option had been registered, Mr. Foster proposed that the city buy his property for \$3,000.

At the last meeting of the utilities commission it was decided to go ahead with the enforcing of the option. The issuing of the writ brings the matter into the supreme court at once, when the commission will be called on to defend the option.

CHATHAM'S COUNCIL
FOR FOOD CONTROL
BY THE GOVERNMENT

Will Ask Other Cities To Join in Delegation.
WORKERS DEMAND MORE

Maple City Rulers Asked To Name a Purchasing Board.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Chatham, May 15.—At the regular meeting of the Chatham city council last night a resolution was passed that the city clerk get into communication with other cities with the view of forming a strong delegation to the Dominion Government for the purpose of urging upon the legislature the necessity of taking control of foodstuffs and of passing the measure giving precedence to the transportation of such foodstuffs over railways and also prohibition of the use of foodstuffs in the manufacture of intoxicating beverages.

A Strong Delegation.
When the council met the chamber was filled with a strong delegation of workmen of the city, requesting urgent steps be taken to fight the high cost of living. The council immediately adjourned and formed a citizens' meeting with the mayor presiding.

The workmen also demanded that a civic purchasing board be appointed, a member of an independent citizen, a member of the board of trade, a member of the council, to purchase potatoes, beans and other food commodities to be sold to the citizens at cost price. After a lengthy discussion, the council assented and passed the above resolution, and also appointed the purchasing board.

LIUT.-COL. DENISON, JR.,
WAS KILLED IN ACTION

Toronto, May 16.—Lieut.-Col. George T. Denison, Jr., aged 46, son of Col. G. T. Denison, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, 1st Canadian Trench Battalion, was killed in action in Flanders. He left here two years ago in command of divisional cyclists. The Denisons are a great military family, and have suffered heavily in the present war.

FLYING STATION BOMBED.

Berlin, May 15.—Via London.—The admiralty issued the following today: "Russian seaplanes lately have tried on several occasions to hamper the activity of our outpost vessels north of the Courland coast. Therefore the Russian flying station was bombed extensively on Sunday."

POWERFUL ATTACK BY
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GRIP OF THE ALLIES

RUSS COUNCIL
URGE SOLDIERS
NOT TO CEASE
FIGHTING FOE

Manifesto Says That a Separate Peace Is Impossible.

Petrograd, via London, May 15.—The Council of Soldiers and Workmen's Deputies has issued an appeal to the army, in which it declares that German imperialism is seeking to destroy revolutionary Russia and enslave the Russian people. It appeals to the soldiers to defend Russia with all their power, and declares that a separate peace is impossible. The appeal says that the only solution of the war must be a general peace among all nations by common agreement.

It is understood that the council is aiming at peace by calling for a revolution among the workmen, and peasants of Germany and Austria-Hungary, but that peace cannot be achieved unless the enemy at the front is checked. The manifesto concludes with a warning to the soldiers to defend Russia with all their power, and declares that a separate peace is impossible. The appeal says that the only solution of the war must be a general peace among all nations by common agreement.

HEAVY ATTACKS REPULSED.

Small engagements between outposts, in which our troops were successful, took place during the night southeast of Ephe. Early this morning the enemy heavily bombarded our positions in Bullecourt and on the Hindenburg line, and again delivered two determined counter attacks. His attempt upon the Hindenburg line completely failed. In Bullecourt his attack was also repulsed after fighting in which our advanced posts in the northwestern portion of the village were forced back a short distance.

ATTACK ON FRENCH FRONT.

Paris, May 15, 12:30 p.m.—An attack was made by the Germans last night on an extended front. Today's official statement says it was repulsed by the French fire. The Germans were able to get a footing only in an advanced trench.

BEANS AS SUBSTITUTE
FOR POTATOES URGED

Ottawa, May 14.—The following statement was issued by the department of agriculture: "The enthusiasm displayed in the matter of planting potatoes this year is a most gratifying sight. It is obvious that at these prices potatoes do not give sufficient food value. Housekeepers could well eliminate the potato and turn to more economical foods, and by such elimination leave that much more money for the much-needed crop this year."

In the scarcity of potatoes it would be well for planters to turn to the question of beans. Beans, when properly planted, will yield an acre of potatoes, if invested in beans, will provide seed for more than ten acres. They are not only an excellent and nutritious form of food, but also suitable for the much-needed crop this year.

WESTERN MINERS MAY GET
THIRTY PER CENT INCREASE;
SETTLEMENT APPEARS NEAR

Calgary, May 15.—That work will be resumed at the mines in District No. 18, with an increase on a 30 per cent basis to all men is now looked on as quite possible. This situation was arrived at by the miners' policy committee meeting yesterday, with Grant Hall, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Mr. Hall held out the promise to the men of a temporary working basis on the 30 per cent increase, and also stated that he would have a meeting of the coal operators as soon as these men could be got together for a further conference. Mr. Hall gave the impression that such an arrangement would hold good pending further negotiations, and urged strongly the resumption of work by the miners.

HEAVY RUSSIAN LOSSES
IN BATTLE WITH TURKS

Constantinople, May 14.—Via London, May 15.—1:30 p.m.—The following official announcement was given out here today: "Of the two Russian detachments which crossed the upper Dnieper (Mesopotamia front), the northern one was driven back to the other bank after a short fight on May 10. The other detachment was first checked in its attack by our troops operating on the west bank, who surrounded it to the north and then drove it back. It is reported that the Russians suffered heavy losses in the battle."

HUNDRED GERMAN SUBMARINES
TRAPPED BY NETS OF BRITISH;
OVER 300 U-BOATS OPERATING

Amsterdam, via London, May 15.—The Germans have about 325 submarines in operation and about 80 to 100 have been lost through British nets alone, according to the Telegram, which prints an interview with a member of the crew of the submarine U-55. This is the submarine which sank the Dutch grain ship in February. It is commanded by Capt. Count von Platen.

When at sea the submarines assemble at a given point every morning, and receive wireless instructions, presumably from Heigoland. There are about 39 U-boats of the newest type, each carrying a crew of 56 men, and this fleet is supplemented by a secondary squadron marked with a "C."

The first class boats have a speed calculated as sufficient to overtake any cargo boat. Two-thirds of their crews are experienced and one-third novices. The boats carry a fortnight's stores, and have a maximum period of submergence of from 8 to 10 hours. Each is equipped with two periscopes, and sometimes descends to from 30 to 50 metres.

Tremendous Assault by Germans Nets Them Lone Trench From French—British Outpost at Bullecourt Falls Back.

London, May 15, 1 p.m.—A heavy attack was launched by the Germans today on British positions in the Bullecourt region, on the Arras front. Today's official statement says the Germans were repulsed in Bullecourt, but that the British advanced posts in the northwestern portion of the village were forced back a short distance.

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PETAIN IS DECLARED SUPREME COMMANDER OF FRENCH ARMIES

Paris, May 15.—Gen. Petain was appointed commander-in-chief of the French army operating on the French front at a cabinet meeting today. Gen. Nivelle was placed in command of a group of armies. Gen. Foch, who played an important role in the battles of the Marne and the Yser, succeeds Gen. Petain as chief of staff of the ministry of war.

BRUSILOFF AND GURKO ASKED TO BE RELIEVED

Petrograd, May 15.—Via London, 5:25 p.m.—It became known here today that just before the resignation of the provisional minister of war, Gen. Guchkov, was announced yesterday, Gen. Alexei Brusiloff, commander-in-chief of the Russian armies on the southwestern front, and Gen. Gurko, the commander of the Russian western front, asked to be relieved of their commands. The resignation of these two army officers will be considered after the succession of Gen. Guchkov has been appointed.