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GERMANS Open New Campaign in East Africa With Attempt to Escape From British Cordon—British Capture Commander of One Escaping Force—Italians Open Third Phase of Offensive With Heavy Attacks on Vodice and Santo Mounts.

TARIFF DUTIES ARE UPHELD IN VOTE OF HOUSE

Oliver's Radical Resolution Defeated by Majority of Twenty-Seven. OPPOSED BY GUTHRIE. Pardee Also Unsympathetic—W. F. Maclean Urges Financial Mobilization.

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, May 29.—The house today voted down the resolution offered by Hon. Frank Oliver calling for a radical reduction in tariff duties, the increase in the British preference to 50 per cent, and the placing of many articles upon the free list. It was a party vote, and the government scored by a majority of 27.

Financial Mobilization. In committee of supply Sir Thomas gave some interesting figures respecting the work of his department in handling one billion dollars of gold for the imperial government and the Dominion treasury.

PARTY LEADERS COMFER POLITICAL FOG THICKER

Laurier May Ask Further Trial of Voluntary System Under Changed Methods in Quebec—Many Would-be "Cabinet Makers" Pour Into Ottawa.

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, May 29.—The political atmosphere, murky during the past week, is tonight almost opaque. Sir Robert Borden did not introduce the conscription bill today, and members of the cabinet are unable to say just when it will be presented to the house.

Intertwined with the conscription legislation is the extension of the parliamentary term and the reconstruction of the government. One of the cabinet ministers is quoted today as saying that the present parliament can and will extend its term from year to year.

MONKS WILL SERVE IN SANITARY CORPS

Russian Government Disposes of One Problem—Lay Brothers to Fight. DANCER GETS PALACE

Petrograd, May 29, via London, May 29.—All the monks of Russia will be sent to the front to serve in the department of sanitation, according to orders issued by the war ministry. Lay brothers will be recruited as soldiers.

Keshinska Recovers Home From Radical Socialists—Criminals Given Chance. Petrograd, May 29, via London, May 29.—The palace of Keshinska, dancer and former favorite of Emperor Nicholas, which has served as a stronghold of the supporters of Nikolai Ierni, the Radical Socialist leader, is upon the point of being surrendered to its rightful owner.

HENDERSON IN RUSSIA ON WEIGHTY MISSION

Barnes Succeeds Him as Representative of Labor in British War Cabinet—Resignation of Lord Devonport and Other Ministerial Changes Expected.

London, May 29.—It is officially announced that Arthur Henderson, member of the British Cabinet without portfolio and of the war council, has undertaken an important government mission to Russia, and that George Nicol Barnes, minister of pensions, has been appointed a member of the war cabinet without portfolio, during Mr. Henderson's absence.

Altho, according to the official statement, he enters the council temporarily, it is understood it will be necessary to appoint a new pensions minister, which may involve further ministerial changes. Another event considered almost certain to be announced very shortly is the resignation of Lord Devonport. The position of food controller involves a daily increasing pressure of work and anxiety.

RUSSIANS WILL SOON BE READY FOR OFFENSIVE

Head of Commission on Way to United States Confident of Outcome. VODKA FRESH MENACE

Tokio, May 29.—"I am immensely satisfied with conditions in Russia, including Siberia," said Prof. Boris Bakhmeteff, the new Russian ambassador to the United States, on arriving here today. "I think the new regime is carrying on the work of organization successfully and will soon be able to launch an offensive against the enemy."

Enthusiastic for War. During the trip from Petrograd, Prof. Bakhmeteff was much impressed by the desire of the people to cooperate with the government and continue the war to the victory which was essential to the salvation of Russia.

TORPEDO A CRUISER AND HOSPITAL SHIP

Dover Castle and Hilary Sunk But Loss of Life is Light. DESTROYER IS VICTIM

Small War Craft Sunk in Collision, But All Aboard Are Saved.

London, May 29.—Loss of the hospital ship Dover Castle, armed merchant cruiser Hilary, and a torpedo boat destroyer was officially announced today. The Dover Castle and Hilary were torpedoed, six men being killed by an explosion in the case of the former, and four in the latter. No casualties resulted from the loss of the destroyer, which was sunk in a collision.

The admiralty report reads: "His Majesty's hospital ship Dover Castle was torpedoed without warning at 6.30 o'clock on Saturday in the Mediterranean. At 8.30 she was again torpedoed, and subsequently sank. The whole number of hospital patients and the hospital staff were safely transferred to other ships, and the crew were also saved, with the exception of six men who are missing and are feared to have been killed by the explosions."

CANADIAN GUNS SHELL MERICOURT-OPPY LINE

Work of Reducing Lens Defences Proceeds—Soldier Kicks Projectile, Causing Explosion With Thirty-Five Casualties.

By Stewart Lyon. Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, May 29.—Our heavy howitzers continue their work of destroying the enemy's gun positions to the southwest of Lens, while trench destruction and wire cutting proceed all along the front. The wire cutting is a slow, laborious task where the defensive system has been well constructed. It takes about ten men per lineal yard where the belt of wire is thirty feet wide or more.

Shells Drop Precisely. Into this rusty streak and chalk line beyond the shell from our batteries drop with remorseless precision, throwing up geysers of the brown soot face of the earth, mingled with the underlying chalk. In all the wide expanse there is not a man in sight.

ITALIANS OPEN THIRD PHASE OF OFFENSIVE

Big Battle is Renewed for Vodice and Santo Heights—Ally Captures Nearly Twenty-Four Thousand Men.

Rome, May 29.—There has been considerable heavy fighting according to the war office statement: "On the Carso yesterday," the report says, "the enemy showed great activity with guns and trench mortars, with the object of disturbing our work of strengthening our lines. An attack against our positions along the railway east of Saint Giovanni and Duino was repulsed by our artillery."

Violent Action Proceeds at Massif de Moronvilliers, French Report. Paris, May 29.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads: "There is nothing to report during the course of the day except artillery fighting, sometimes violent, at the Massif de Moronvilliers, and particularly on Casque and Teton."

GERMANS IN EAST AFRICA BREAK UP INTO SEVERAL DETACHMENTS—MAKE DASHES TO GET OUT OF BRITISH TRAP.

London, May 29.—An official communication issued this evening concerning the operations in East Africa says: "The exceptionally wet season has ended and the improved weather conditions have brought a renewal of the military activity. The early days of May witnessed a general southward movement of the German forces in the Rudolf Valley and in the coastal area, and of some to the Matandu Valley, while farther south raiders invaded Portuguese territory and approached the border of Nyasaland, burning native villages, terrorizing the inhabitants and removing food supplies to German depots."

BRITISH CARRY OUT RAID NORTH OF LA BASSEE

Royal Flying Corps Brings or Drives Down More German Machines.

London, May 29.—The British official communication issued this evening, says: "We carried out a successful raid early this morning east of Ribebourg-La Bassee (North of La Bassee). Two German airplanes were brought down yesterday in air fights. Five of our airplanes are missing."

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Advertisement for Car Commanded in China, Outbreak of Fighting Reported. Includes details about military operations and casualties.

Advertisement for Dancer Gets Palace. Includes details about the dancer's activities and the palace's history.

Advertisement for Monks Will Serve in Sanitary Corps. Includes details about the Russian government's decision to send monks to the front.

Advertisement for Russians Will Soon Be Ready for Offensive. Includes details about the Russian military situation and the ambassador's comments.