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Germans In Brazil Start Revolt

STUPENDOUS GERMAN ATTACK CRUMPLED BY THE FRENCH

German Population in Three States of Brazil Has Revolted

New York, April 19.—A news agency dispatch from Buenos Ayres, published here today, says:

"Brazil's great German population in at least three states has revolted."

Dispatches from Montevideo (Uruguay) today asserted that the Teutons were well armed—even with some artillery—and plentifully supplied. Brazil's censorship was down tight on any details.

The rebellion apparently was in the states of Rio Grande, Parana and Santa Catharina. The German population—male and female—in this section has been estimated at 500,000.

LARGE LOSSES BY FIRE.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, April 19.—The fires started during the attacks on German property in Port Alegre, which have caused large losses, have spread to buildings owned by Brazilians. The minister of war today telegraphed to the commander of the federal troops in the State of Rio Grande Do Sul, in which Porte Alegre is situated, to place at the disposal of the governor all his forces, amounting to about 7,400 men.

An official announcement issued this afternoon says that the situation in Rio Grande Do Sul is now nearly normal.

EVERYBODY ANXIOUS TO BE ON HIGHWAY, MONTREAL-DETROIT

Many Cities, Towns and Counties See Government.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 19.—A deputation of 400 representatives of [illegible] or more cities (including London), [illegible] s, villages, townships and coun[illegible]s having aspirations to be on the [illegible] grand provincial highway from Montreal to Detroit, waited on Premier Hearst. Hon. Finlay Macdiarmid and other members of the Government this afternoon at 2:30 to place before the ministers their claim for recognition. Some of the speakers for more northern cities advocated two highways—one north and one south.

After hearing the speakers, Sir William Hearst admitted that many Ontario cities had undoubted claims for a position on the highway, but it must be remembered that the plans for the proposition as yet are purely tentative. When constructed, the highway must take the route best fitted for the general advantages of the province as a whole.

It is expected, however, that the province will make provision for excellent connecting roads from the highway to such large cities whose location cannot give them places on the highway itself.

ONLY OUTPOST FIGHT ON BRITISH FRONT

London, April 19.—There is little change in the situation on the front today. In the region south of Avion, a suburb of Lens, a detachment of the 5th Prussian Guards attacked an outpost during the night. The attack was repulsed, and this morning the bodies of several members of this regiment were discovered in front of our position.

NOTHING OF INTEREST.

London, April 19.—The official announcement from the war office today says there is nothing of special interest to report.

BALFOUR AND JOFFRE TO VISIT CANADIAN CAPITAL

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 19.—It is considered probable here that Canadian cabinet ministers may take part from time to time in the conference which the Allied war committee will hold with the United States authorities.

It is further anticipated that Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, as the chief British representative, and Marshal Joffre, chief French representative, will visit Ottawa while on this continent.

CLUB "FIRES" ARMAND.

Quebec, April 19.—Mr. Armand Lavergne, ex-M. L. A. for Montmagny, was again excluded today from the ranks of the Garrison Club. He was notified of the fact today by mail. He will take another action to have the courts annul the club's action, he said today.

Americans Patrol Western Atlantic Relieving Allies

New York, April 19.—An Associated Press dispatch from Washington today says:

"It become known officially today that the American navy is rapidly taking over the patrol which the British and French vessels established on the American coast. This action followed the conferences last week between Vice-Admiral Browning of the British forces, Rear Admiral De Grasset of the French navy, and the ranking officers of the navy department here. The scope of work taken over by the American craft is withheld for military reasons

APRIL RECRUITS

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 19.—Enlistments for the first two weeks of April total 3,329. Since the beginning of the war 409,585 Canadians have volunteered for overseas service.

For the past fortnight Toronto district leads with 957 enlistments. The Ottawa-Kingston district holds second place with 666. London is fifth with 300.

VON REVENTLOW ATTACKS CZERNIN'S PEACE PROPOSAL

Amsterdam, April 19—Via London.—The proposal of Count Czernin, Austrian foreign minister, for a peace conference of all the belligerents, is attacked by Count von Reventlow in the Berlin Tages Zeitung as meaning ruin to the German Emperor. Von Reventlow declares that Count Czernin took no account of the fact that the German Empire is now fighting a battle "which must lead to victory." He declares that a conference, on the basis of the principles recommended by the Austrian minister, would destroy Germany internally and externally.

MEXICAN GOVT. TAKES OVER RAILROAD OF LORD COWDRAY

Mexico City, April 19.—The railroad between Vera Cruz and Alvarado, a small port south of Vera Cruz on the Gulf, owned principally by the Pearson interests, headed by Lord Cowdrey, was ordered taken over by the Government yesterday. This action was in connection with the taking over of the Tehuantepec Isthmus Railroad announced Tuesday night. Jose Maure has been named as manager of the Tehuantepec line for the Government, and will also manage the Alvarado line until the secretary of communications makes other arrangements.

A statement says that the reason for taking over of the line by the Government is to assure the preservation of the neutral attitude announced on Sunday by President Carranza. The Alvarado line has been operated only intermittently of late.

EMPRESS OF GERMANY SELLS SOME MAGNIFICENT JEWELS

Copenhagen, April 19.—Via London.—The Berlingske Tidende says that among the jewels of the German empress which have just been sold in Copenhagen was a magnificent diamond necklace, a gift of the late J. Pierpont Morgan. The necklace consisted of three hundred and seventy-five large and small brilliants. Another jewel was a bow-shaped diamond hair ornament which was worn by the empress at court functions.

NEW COMET DISCOVERED.

London, April 19.—The discovery of a new comet on Tuesday morning is reported in a Reuter dispatch from Melbourne, Australia.

SPLENDID WORK, SAYS GEN. HORNE TO HIS CANUCKS

Canadian Commander Praises Magnificent Achievement at Vimy.

IN ORDERS OF THE DAY

Declares April 9 Will Be Historic in Annals of the Empire.

BY STEWART LYON.
Canadian Press Correspondent in France.

Canadian Army Headquarters, April 19.—Having heard somewhat of their achievements from the outside world, the Canadian troops have now had an opportunity of hearing, in an order of the day, the opinion of their army commander on the operations last week.

An Historic Day.

The general commanding the first army, Sir Henry Horne, says that he desires to express his high appreciation of the splendid work carried out during the days immediately preceding. "By the troops of the first army," he adds, "the Vimy Ridge has been regarded as a position of very great strength. The Germans have considered it impregnable. To have carried this position with so little loss testifies to soundness of plan, thoroughness of preparation, dash and determination in execution, and devotion to duty on the part of all concerned. The 9th of April will be an historic day in the annals of the British Empire."

The Smile That Sticks.

This statement, read to the troops in orders, has been even more welcome than congratulations from a non-military quarter, welcome as they are, too. The order represents the mature judgment of the army commander on the operations of the Vimy Ridge last week. It has produced in the ranks the smile that won't come off.

BERLIN STRIKE WINS LARGE CONCESSIONS FROM GERMAN GOVT.

Workmen To Have Say in Distribution of Food.

Copenhagen, April 17.—Via London, April 19.—The latest German newspapers to arrive here, including the Socialist organs, confirm the semi-official announcement that the Berlin strike has ended. A settlement was reached after an almost unanimous decision by the metal workers to resume work following the granting of their principal demands.

Have Say as to Food.

Among the concessions made by the Government are compliance with the demands of the union for the establishment of a standing commission of labor representatives which will have a voice in the food distribution Greater Berlin, a promise that strikers will not be punished by being sent to the front, explicit assurances of adequate food rations and effective measures against evasions of the food regulations by the

Some Munitions Workers.

Incidentally the German papers threw an interesting light upon the accuracy of semi-official reports. A censored account which was telegraphed abroad declared, for instance, that the munitions industry had not been affected. The Vorwaerts today, less hampered by the censorship, heads its account of the strike, "Berlin Munition Workers on Strike." The paper says that work ceased completely on Monday in about three hundred munitions plants, and that 210,000 strikers reported to the Metal Workers' Union alone. This number was further swelled by strikers who failed to report and by participants in other trades. As against these figures the official news bureau, in a statement for home consumption, asserted that the number of strikers was about 120,000.

LAW ANNOUNCES SECRET SESSION OF THE COMMONS

London, April 19.—Chancellor Bonar Law informed the House of Commons today that the Government had decided to hold a secret session of the House, the date of which would be announced next week.

One of the subjects of discussion of the secret session, Mr. Bonar Law told the House, will be the situation in Greece, which is now under consideration by the Entente Allied Governments.

INFLAMMATION OF LUNGS CAUSED BISSING'S DEATH

Amsterdam, via London, April 19. — A Brussels telegram says that the death of Gen. von Bissing, German governor-general in Belgium, which was reported last night, was due to inflammation of the lungs.

MACHADO SURRENDERS?

Havana, April 19.—General Gerard Machado, secretary of the interior under President Gomez, is reported to have surrendered to the authorities in Santa Clara. Machado, chief of the Unionist party of Santa Clara, headed the revolutionary movement in that province.

THAT TRIDENT!

Bernatorff.—"Donnerwetter! Vot vos dat? I see der periscope of a U-boat!"
Danish Captain—"Your excellency need have no fear. The British fleet is protecting us—and you!"—Passing Show.

ALLIES' GREAT VICTORIES AND INTERNAL DISORDERS BRING WAR'S END CLOSER

London Papers Are Predicting Speedy Conclusion to World Struggle by German Exhaustion and Defeat.

GERMANY NEAR FAMISHING POINT

London, April 19.—A Geneva dispatch to the Daily Express reports:

"La Suisse states that a neutral diplomat who has just arrived at Geneva from Berlin declares that within the next four to six weeks Germany will be without wheat and potatoes, and the Government will be forced to face a famished population."

London, April 19.—Predictions of a speedy end of the war are general here today. They are helped along by the news of immense victories on the British and French fronts and of heavy German losses. The newspapers are full of such headings as "War Drawing to a Close," and are selling like hot cakes.

Many circumstances bear out the feeling that the end is approaching. Germany not only has failed to seduce Russia to a separate peace, but is faced by internal dangers exactly like those she tried to propagate in Russia. The kaiser is reported very ill at Homburg, the peace advocates in Germany are emboldened, and utterances stronger than ever before are permitted.

Allies Too Strong.

Especially important are the great captures of German prisoners. "Well, I always wanted to see England," said one German officer, starting from a front trench. "What do you mean?" asked an Englishman. The German did not reply, but held up his hands suggestively. He was taken prisoner soon afterward. His case is typical of thousands. The French and British are overwhelmingly superior in morale, ammunition, supplies, numbers, guns and machinery They are winning now without great losses.

Many Peace Signs.

Renewal of the report that Turkey, Bulgaria and Austria are seeking a separate peace, the acute disaffection in Berlin and Hamburg, anger in Bavaria because of the revival of reports that the German staff is deliberately sending Bavarian troops into impossible positions and sacrificing them recklessly, contribute to this result. The carnage among the Germans is the greatest in the war. French reports of whole divisions swallowed up are confirmed from English sources

Must Depose Kaiser.

Maximilian Harden and other German radical leaders are openly demanding speedy constitutional reforms, giving Germany a responsible, parliamentary government, and are declaring that the Allies are unwilling to stop fighting until Germany equips herself with a democratic government that can make a real and permanent peace by the voice of the nation, practically telling Germany that the longed for peace is possible whenever the Hohenzollerns are deposed.

COUNTY OPTION MAY BE SOLUTION FOR THE HOME RULE MUDDLE

Carson Believed Won Over to the Scheme.

London, April 19.—The Manchester Guardian says that it is virtually certain that Premier Lloyd George will announce the Government proposal for the solution of the Irish question on Thursday. The scheme will be based on county option, with some arrangement for keeping the counties that vote against home rule in orderly relation to the legislation of the Dublin Parliament.

The proposal will put the home rule act into force at once, and while it is expected that both Irish parties will oppose the scheme, it is believed that neither will persist in their resistance. The Guardian says that it seems probable that Sir Edward Carson has yielded to the premier's solution.

HON. JOHN MIDDLEMISS DEAD.

Montreal, April 19.—The death occurred here today of Hon. John Rolio Middlemiss, former judge of the federal court of Lewiser, Utah. The former judge will be buried in Mount Royal Cemetery here.

FOE TERRIBLY SHAKEN BY BLOWS OF FRENCH; USE RESERVES IN VAIN

Twelve New Divisions Sent Against French Last Night Unable To Check Nivelle's Offensive—Several More Strong Positions Won in Champagne District and Two More Batteries Captured---Germans Stag-From Terrific Rebuff and French Hold Whip Hand.

TWO MORE BATTERIES TAKEN.

Paris, April 19—Noon.—The Germans threw twelve new divisions against the French between Soissons and Auberive last night. The war office announces that they were unable to check the successful offensive of the French. The French continued to make progress north of Vailly and Ostel, notwithstanding violent German counter-attacks. The successes of the French in the Champagne were followed with further advances in the region of Moronvilliers. Several important heights and strong positions were taken. Two more batteries of German artillery were captured on the front between Soissons and Auberive.

GRANITE WALL SHAKEN.

Paris, April 19.—That section of von Hindenburg's granite wall which runs from Soissons to Rheims has been shaken to its foundations by the terrific blows of Gen. Nivelle. The French have the whip hand, and the Germans are still staggering from the great rebuff dealt to them on Monday. The French soldiers, who won the first battle on the first line, have been relieved by fresh formations and the second phase of the battle has begun with renewed vigor.

Many Guns Abandoned.

Unaffected by counter-attacks in some places, and the sturdy resistance offered everywhere, the French have gained substantial advantages, and have driven forward with such speed that the Germans have been obliged to abandon many guns. The enemy made a desperate effort to stem the tide between Laffaux and Berry-au-Bac. This is the weakest point of his line, being devoid of natural defences. Thirty thousand of the best German troops were hurled forward here in a furious counter-attack, but the move had been foreseen and the French guns were ready. Artillery and machine guns smashed wave after wave of the green-clad soldiers, until finally the attempt was given up after awful carnage.

Germans Outclassed.

Further details of yesterday's battle from Soissons to Auberive show that the French infantry tactically outclassed the Germans. The first army, operating from Soissons to Craonne, had established itself on Monday night along the front running from northeast of Margival and Vauxaillont to the south of Craonne, by Vregny, Chivres, Chavonne, Chivy and Ailles.

North of the Chivres-Chivy line the enemy retained all the heights, and a footing had to be won thereon before the operation, so auspiciously begun, could be properly completed.

Two simultaneous attacks were decided upon, with Nanteuil-la-Fosse on the left and Chivy and Braye-en-Loannois on the right as the respective objectives. The attacks succeeded perfectly, notwithstanding the determined resistance of the enemy, who had all the advantages of the ground. Driven out of Nanteuil and Braye, the Germans nevertheless still clung to the intermediate position, comprising Vailly and the important bridgehead on the Aisne by which they could threaten the French flanks.

Carried the Bridgehead.

The movement was then extended to the bridgehead, which was soon carried, and the attacking troops scaled the slope of the plateau north of Vailly. They advanced rapidly as far as Maison Rouge farm, and a country house to the right, gaining several hundred yards of ground on the summit of the

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MILUKOFF TELLS ALLIES RUSSIA STANDS BY PACT

Not the Slightest Possibility of Petrograd Government Deserting.

PAPERS DENOUNCE ENEMY

Central Powers Base, Treacherous, Hypocritical, Asserts Rech.

Petrograd, April 19—Via London.—Russia's allies need have no fear that she will desert the alliance or weaken her resistance to the enemy, Professor Paul Milukoff, the foreign minister, said today in an address to the representatives of the British and French workingmen who are now in Petrograd.

"We understood that at the moment of the revolution you might be afraid we would lose our strength for resistance," said the foreign minister. "I beg you to announce to your countrymen that free Russia has become doubly strong through democratization, and that she will overcome all sufferings which war entails; that despite the revolution we stand firmly for the principal object which was imposed on us. Russia will continue the crusade for annihilation of German militarism with the greatest intensity, for our ideal is to prevent all possibility of war in the future. Our present problem consists of organizing our forces of defence, shaken by the revolution. We shall encounter the enemy with redoubled strength, confident of victory."

CENTRAL PRESS TREACHEROUS.

Petrograd, April 19—Via London.—The Russian press considers the semi-official German and Austro-Hungarian notes concerning the possibility of conciliating the war aims of the central powers with those of Russia as a base, treacherous and hypocritical."

The Rech in reiterating that the Russian Provisional Government is pursuing no aims of conquest, declares it is fully and entirely in agreement with the views expressed by the representatives of the other Entente powers.

"The enemy precipitately deduces a Russian desire for a separate peace in these notes scarcely more clever than the proclamations thrown into the Russian trenches inviting the peasants to return to their villages and share the estates of the landowners," says the newspaper. "These notes will have no better success than the proclamations in the naive attempt to embroil Russia with her allies."

"Monstrous Sophism."

Emphasizing the "monstrous sophism" of the Austrian declaration that the aim of the dual monarchy is to give the peoples the right to regulate their own destinies—the war aim announced by the Russian Provisional Government—the Rech continues:

"Our enemies are trying to avoid any concrete indication of their aims, just as they abstained from replying to the definite appeal by President Wilson. The Russian people know why they are continuing the mortal struggle. They respect the obligations arising from their alliances and will not give up their rights."

NO U-BOATS IN WESTERN ATLANTIC, SAYS BERLIN

Berlin, April 19—Via London.—It is officially announced that there is no submarine as yet in the western part of the Atlantic.

The statement follows:

"The Reuter telegram regarding an attack by a German submarine on the American destroyer Smith, can be described only as a frivolous means of attributing to Germany the opening of hostilities. In fact, no submarine is yet in the western half of the Atlantic."

NOT DEFEATED, BUT FOUND POSITION UNSUITABLE, WAY BERLIN EXPLAINS REVERSE

Berlin, April 19—via London, 4 p.m.—The battle in the Champagne northwest of Auberive yesterday continued into the night, says today's official announcement. This morning the fighting increased in intensity as a result of the introduction of fresh forces.

"Near Ville-aux-Bois," the statement says, "the forest position became unsuitable to us, and we established ourselves in a rearward line."

A local French attack, near Braye-en-Lannois succeeded, the statement says, but assaults on the elevated front along the Chemin-des-Dames and near Craonne failed.

Documents which have been captured from the French indicate far-reaching objects of the French attack launched on Monday, the communication adds. At no point were the hopes of the French realized. Their troops only approximately attained their tactical aims, to say nothing of their strategic objects.

BALFOUR'S PARTY HAS GOVERNMENT EXPERTS OF ALL DEPARTMENTS

Will Discuss Conduct of War With U. S. Govt.

Washington, April 19.—The state department announced today that the British official party coming to discuss the conduct of the war is constituted as follows:

Arthur James Balfour, foreign minister; Sir Eric Drummond, Ian Malcolm, member of Parliament; C. E. Domer and G. Butler, personal staff. Rear-Admiral Sir Dudley R. S. De Clair, fleet paymaster; Vincent Lawfort, Major-Gen. Bridges, Capt. H. H. Spender-Clay and Lord Cunliffe, governor of the Bank of England.

MEWBURN TO RESIGN HOME DEFENCE POST; CAN'T GET RECRUITS

Wants Militia Act Put Into Force at Once.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 19.—The early resignation of Col. Mewburn, head of Canadian home defence mobilization scheme, is expected here. Mewburn, it is stated, is dissatisfied with the failure so far to secure any considerable number of recruits, and he wants the application of the militia act immediately. He is also, it is said, opposed to the selection of Armand Lavergne as a home defence recruiter in Quebec.

SUBMARINE CREW WATCHED DROWNING NORWEGIANS AFTER SINKING OF SHIP

London, April 19.—The torpedoing of an unnamed Scandinavian steamship with the loss of all on board except Captain Karstein Olsen, is reported in a Reuter dispatch from Christiania. The captain says the submarine rose to the surface after the torpedo had been fired and watched twenty-nine persons drown without offering assistance.

The Norwegian press comments bitterly on this incident. The Shipping Gazette says the present situation of Norway is worse than if she were at war. It adds that the United States should have the most cordial co-operation of all the Scandinavian countries in the effort to shut off Germany from exports even from neutral countries. "All neutrals ought voluntarily to break off commercial relations with Germany," it says.

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, 77; lowest, 34.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 58; lowest, 49.

TOMORROW—SHOWERS.

Toronto, April 19—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Easterly to southerly winds; mostly cloudy, with showers or thunderstorms in localities today and on Friday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	50	42	Cloudy
Calgary	38	20	Clear
Winnipeg	40	34	Rain
Port Arthur	..	34	Cloudy
Parry Sound	56	44	Cloudy
Port Stanley	54	42	Cloudy
Buffalo	68	44	Cloudy
Toronto	65	43	Clear
Kingston	54	44	Fair
Ottawa	60	38	Fair
Montreal	56	40	Clear
Quebec	50	34	Clear

Weather Notes.

An important area of low pressure is spreading over the Great Lakes from the west.

Rain and sleet have fallen in Manitoba and over the larger part of Saskatchewan.

The temperatures has risen considerably in Ontario and Quebec.