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Neither Travellers Nor Newspapers Leave Germany

DEBATE ON SUB LOSSES

Vigorous Attempt Made to Inaugurate Policy of Greater Publicity

DISCUSSION TO COME

Press and Public of England Continue Daily Agitation

By Courier Leased Wire.

New York, May 1.—An Associated Press cable from London says:

A vigorous attempt made in the House of Commons yesterday failed to persuade the government to adopt a policy of greater publicity with regard to the submarine warfare. The only satisfaction critics of the government were able to obtain was a promise that the matter would be discussed in secret session. Some of the members of the House raised the question of the accuracy of the tonnage sunk as quoted by Dr. Karl Helfferich, the German minister of the interior, but no reply was given them. When invited to give figures of the arrivals and departures from English ports of British vessels of over 1,600 tons, Thomas J. MacNamard, financial secretary of the admiralty, said he could only reply that the present system of publishing the weekly returns had been agreed upon between the allied countries, the inference being that no modification in this system was contemplated. Sir Edward Carson declined to give any information concerning the sinking of German submarines.

In the meantime agitation by the press and the public is daily growing in volume. Sir W. B. Forwood, a shipping authority says ships are now being launched in British yards not exceeding one fourth of the British vessels sunk. Demands are being made in various quarters that the government should even build merchant tonnage in government yards rather than warships, taking the ground that, especially with the aid of the American navy the British navy is fully adequate to the requirements, while the replacing of sunken tonnage is a dire necessity.

In connection with the submarine problem a loud demand is being made for younger blood at the admiralty, this being heightened by the announcement of Carlyon W. Bellairs in the House of Commons Saturday that he would make a motion calling on the cabinet to adopt for the navy the practice followed by the war office of having a separate staff for the conduct of the war, free from administrative work and the placing of command of the fleet squadrons, patrol areas and naval bases in the hands of selected officers in the prime of life. It is understood that Premier Lloyd George is giving these questions his personal attention and that it is not unlikely some interesting announcement will be made when the admiralty estimates come up for discussion in the House of Commons shortly. Within recent days several captains have been promoted to rear admirals and immediately retired, the object being to allow younger officers to come to the front.

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, May 1—The disturbance which was over the southwest States yesterday, is now centered near Lake Huron with increased intensity, causing strong winds and showers in Ontario. In Quebec and the Maritime provinces and also in the west the weather has been fair and cool.

Forecasts

Strong winds or moderate gales from the westward, clearing to-night. Wednesday, moderate to fresh westerly winds, fair and cool.

INTEREST ROUSED IN SUB WAR

Definite Admission of Admiralty Concerning Shipping Losses

INCREASES INTEREST

Demand is Made For More Publicity on Subject

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, May 1.—The definite admission of Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty, concerning shipping losses, has increased, if possible, the anxious interest of the press in the progress of the submarine war. The subject is discussed in all its aspects in this morning's newspapers.

The Daily News and the Daily Mail again call for more publicity on the subject. The Daily News says it would be far wiser for the government to take the country into its confidence, explain the actual situation, than call upon the people for any sacrifice that is deemed necessary. The Daily Mail, in making a like demand, declares that anything else will destroy confidence in the government itself.

The Times asserts that the efforts of the ministry to emphasize the gravity of the situation is largely nullified by misleading official returns, and that the situation cannot be fully faced by the nation unless the necessities of the case are plainly understood. Nobody, says the Times, believe that there is a risk of panic from knowledge of the truth. The real danger, it adds, is lest the public find that they have been unnecessarily kept in the dark.

Members of the House of Commons eagerly discussed the situation in the lobbies after Sir Edward Carson's statement had been made. According to The Times, Premier Lloyd George spent the whole of Monday at the admiralty, where he went at the request of his colleagues in the war cabinet, and with the hearty concurrence of Sir Edward Carson. It is understood that Mr. Lloyd George made a thorough stock-taking of the situation by an examination of the anti-submarine organization and a conference with the officials.

OFFICERS SALUTED NO LONGER

Reforms Introduced Into Russian Army of Drastic Nature

CIVILIAN CLOTHES

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By Courier Leased Wire.

Petrograd, via London, May 1.—General Gurko, commander of the armies on the western front, attended the closing session of the congress of delegates from the forces under his command, and in a long speech congratulated the convention on the results of its labors. He asked the delegates to explain fully to the soldiers the resolutions they had adopted, and to urge the officers and men to do their utmost to prevent Russia from falling under the yoke of its hated enemy. His speech was greeted with loud cheers. The congress has decided to grant complete liberty to soldiers in barracks and off duty, including the right to wear civilian clothes. The practice of privates saluting their officers has been abolished and also the employment of officers' servants.

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First page

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May Day Finds Armies of Allies and Central Powers in Deadly Combat, But Attention of World is Centred on Internal Crisis in German Empire

By Courier Leased Wire

May Day has dawned with the armed hosts of Britain, France and Germany still locked fast in the most strenuous struggle of the whole tremendous war. But the eyes of the world are fixed for the moment on the stage behind the battle line where, inside the closely guarded frontiers of the Central Powers the bursting of the long brewing storm of discontent is awaited with a mingling of fear and hope.

Extraordinary measures have been taken by the rulers of the Central Empires to prevent the outside world from knowing what is transpiring within their borders. No German newspaper is allowed to pass into a neutral country and for the past ten days all persons have been forbidden to leave Germany. Thus the scanty and dubious news formerly gleaned from the censored German press or from casual travellers has been completely cut off and the Teutonic Empires are almost isolated from the rest of the world as was ancient Japan.

Reports from Switzerland of vague and indefinite authority, assert that the troubled conditions in Germany have been intensified by a widespread outbreak of typhus said to be especially prevalent in the great industrial regions. The epidemic is attributed to the growing food scarcity, but the story, like many other similar ones, lacks confirmation from any reliable source.

The same veil which has been drawn over events in Germany and Austria obscures the situation in Sweden, where a great nation-wide demonstration by the workers was also planned for to-day. Since the outbreak of a couple of weeks ago when rioting took place in Stockholm, the only news received as to conditions in Sweden has been the bare announcement that a general strike had been ordered for May Day, coupled with a warning to the government against undue interference.

On the fighting front in France little change has tkaen place for some days. The French are striking hard in Champagne and have made some gains but without as far as the official communications go, materially altering the situation. The fighting in Macedonia, which was resumed on a wide front last week is still in progress, but information regarding it remains too indefinite to judge whether the allies are engaged in a major offensive. In Mesopotamia the British are pushing steadily forward, but here too details are too meagre to throw a light on the extent of the campaign of the immediate objective of the British commanders.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD OF LONDON AND HAMILTON OPENS ITS SESSION HERE

Inaugural Meeting Held in Zion Church Last Evening With Very Large Attendance; Dr. Johnson of Montreal a Powerful Speaker; Today's Morning Session

"God's Amplior" was the theme of a powerful address delivered before an open meeting of the Hamilton and London Presbyterian synod at its inaugural meeting held in Zion church last evening, by the Rev Robert Johnson, D.D., pastor of the American Presbyterian church, Montreal The speaker's text was found in Zechariah, chapter two, and the first four verses, "I lifted up my eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand; then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof. And behold the angel that talked with me went forth and another angel went out to meet him. And said unto him, run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein. For I saith the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire round about and will be the glory in the midst of her."

The message of the evening as directed to the church, and more particularly to the pastors of the church, Dr. Johnson laying emphasis on the needs of awakening to rightly interpret the meaning of God, and to communicate His wishes to the people at large. In commencing his sermon the speaker referred to the erection of the famous cathedral at Seville, and to the establishment of the city of Constantinople, and some incidents in connection with the establishment of these two centres were related, for the purpose of showing that their subsequent greatness had originated in an inspiration not to reproduce but to progress into hitherto unknown fields. The message of Zechariah had been one of inspiration and encouragement to a despondent people, the Jews, who had returned from slavery by permission of Cyrus to their native land, which they found demoralized and devastated. The text dealt specifically with this phase of life, in that ancient day as well as at the present time when the many and strong opposing influences with which the church had to combat, had a tendency to discourage Christian workers and to urge them merely to be satisfied with regaining what had been lost instead of redoubling their efforts to establish new enterprises and make conquests of souls where efforts have not before been made. It was not God's object, declared Dr. Johnson, to build again that which had been destroyed, but to construct on a greater scale unwalled, unlimited. Addressing himself to the preachers, the speaker pointed out the imperative necessity of devotion, the ability to recognize the greater and loftier purposes of life, and so lead their people away from the ancient traditions to simply regain what had been lost, to the greater ambition of more glorious achievements for Jesus Christ, and to inspire their efforts to boundless accomplishment, which he characterized as "God's Amplior." There was a distinct differentiation between youth and age, "the old men shall dream dreams, and the young men shall see visions" quoted Dr. Johnson. It was so in the Christian life. We are too prone to reminiscences, deluding ourselves that the "good old days" excelled modern times. This was clearly displayed in our literature, some writers deploring these times, which they described as decadent, with the prevalence of dishonesty in business, the common corruption that is abroad in the land, and the fact that children no longer pay deference to their elders. These conditions existed two thousand years before Abraham, but the young men then saw visions, and were encouraged to greater efforts with the result that civilization had advanced. So must the present day preachers give themselves an opportunity of hearing God's message and seeing His vision. If ever in the history of the world, we had been in need of inspiration it was now, and the church must awaken to the situation.

Coming back to his imediate text, the speaker said that there was ever a trend to reproduce rather than originate, and the conservative spirit is prone to cling to traditions rather than push out into things anew. Proceeding, Dr. Johnson briefly renewed the progress of the evolution of freedom, as the center of civilization moved from the Persian Gulf to the ancient supremacy of Rome and Greece in the Mediterranean and how the westward movement had brought it with a newer and truer conception of liberty until the new life had culminated in the British lands of the Atlantic, where slavery, as an institution had been finally abolished, and universal freedom had prevailed. Then it was that the actual realization of the spirit of the brotherhood of man had been recognized. This had been further developed by the migration of the Pilgrim Fathers to the shores of America, and down to to-day, when the entire world is at war in

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AMERICAN ACTION IS APPROVED

Selective Draft System and Liberty Loan are Acclaimed

BOTH A REVELATION

Of What May be Looked For From the U. S.

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, May 1.—The passage by the American congress of legislation providing for a selective draft, and the authorization of a "liberty loan," is commented on enthusiastically in the newspaper editorials this morning. The daily Telegraph sees in this legislation "an astonishing revelation of what may be looked for from American intervention in the war." It adds that this legislation has already changed the prospects of the war, and that it is a matter of surprise and gratification that the experience of the Entente Allies have been so swiftly and vigorously assimilated by the United States. "That a people in which the principles of individual liberty find the strongest expression," says The Daily Telegraph, "should perceive so swiftly the need of this greatest sacrifice to nationhood cannot but amaze us here, who only faced the necessity after a most acute controversy, which was protracted over many months."

The Times makes similar comment, and adds;

"It is an excellent augury; it is evidence that the American government has done what we and all our allies most wished that it should do."

Going Overseas

Washington, May 1.—Six base hospital units recently organized by the Red Cross for army medical service have been ordered out for active duty, probably in France and are expected to leave within three weeks, the Red Cross announced to-day. Secretary of War Baker indicated that other units will go forward rapidly. Each unit consists of 23 doctors, two dentists, 65 nurses, and 150 enlisted men of the medical department, and is prepared to care for 500 wounded men.

SURVIVORS OF AMERICAN TANK STEAMER

U. S. Oil Vessel Vacuum Was Torpedoed by U-Boat

DETAILS RECEIVED

And Are Reported by Officials to Washington

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, May 1.—The survivors of the American oil tank steamer Vacuum, who will arrive in Liverpool at midnight, include Robert Williams, Oscar Gailes, W. Lundgren, A. Byle and Raymond Nunez.

The details of the sinking on April 28 of the Vacuum have been received at the American embassy here, but cannot be made public it was explained to-day. The full particulars are in the hands of Rear Admiral Simms and the American naval attache, who presumably have made reports on them to Washington.

The American consular officials will obtain the customary full affidavits from the officers and members of the crew, who have landed.

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SHIPPING PROBLEMS TAKEN UP

British and French War Commissions Active at Washington

WILL REACH DECISION

On Matter of a Definite Plan of Apportionment

CONTROL OF SHIPPING

To Be Vested in President and a Board

By Courier Leased Wire.

Washington, May 1.—Members of the British and French war commisions will take up shipping problems with the shipping board immediately, it was said to-day. This question is one of the most serious faced by the allied governments and is one that has given the United States Government great concern in planning for transporting and supplying American troops abroad in the event an American army eventually is put on the firing line. It is believed the commission will work out with the American Government some definite plan of apportionment of cargoes among the allies so that each will be assured of sufficient supplies. A balance, too, will have to be arranged for the classes of supplies sent abroad that food and munitions may be furnished in proper proportion.

The Administration within a few days will have introduced in Congress legislation to give the President and the shipping board a firmer grasp of the nation's shipping so that cargoes may be directed best to serve the country's interests. America faces the task of feeding the world and through the shipping bill and the export embargo bill pending in congress, the United States Government will be in a position to determine the amount of exports and the direction they shall take.

The shipping board's wooden shipbuilding campaign continues to meet encouraging response throughout the country, it was said to-day. Construction already is starting in many yards and many new yards will be built. To stimulate steel shipbuilding the board will let contracts for steel construction as well as wood, chartering the ships to private business concerns for service in transporting supplies to Europe.

The country will complete its first modern ships in about six months. After that time they will be turned out with ever increasing rapidity and the hope of the administration is that they may be built fast enough to overcome the German undersea warfare.

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