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OPERA HOUSE

TODAY—Matinees 2.15, 3.45. Tonight 7.15 and 9.45. MARGUERITE CLARK IN "STILL WATERS"

VANGUARD OF RUSSIAN ARMY LINKS UP WITH BRITISH FORCE IN MESOPOTAMIA

RUSSIAN CAVALRY APPEAR AS IF BY MAGIC TO AID BRITISH ON THE TIGRIS

Surprising News from Lieut. Gen. Lake, First Word of Tigris Operations Since Fall of Kut-el-Amara—Arrival of Russians Another Instance of Swift and Steady Movement of Czar's Army in East.

Arrival as Big a Surprise as Landing at Marseilles and Sudden Appearance Unexplained—Puzzle Where and How they Succeeded in Crossing the River.

London, May 21.—A force of Russian cavalry has joined the British army on the Tigris, in Mesopotamia.

An official communication, issued tonight, concerning the situation along the Tigris follows:

"General Lake reports that on the 19th the enemy vacated the Bethaessa advanced position on the right bank of the Tigris. Gen. Gorringe, following up the enemy, attacked and carried the Dujailam redoubt. The enemy is still holding the Sannayyat position on the left bank of the river.

"A force of Russian cavalry has joined Gen. Gorringe after a bold and adventurous ride.

"The first news of the operations on the Tigris since the fall of Kut-el-Amara, sent today by Lieut. Gen. Sir Percy Lake, commander of the British forces in Mesopotamia, although it shows that the Turks are still holding the Sannayyat position on the left bank of the Tigris, where the British checks made it impossible to carry out the relief of Gen. Townsend, brings the welcome but astonishing intelligence that a body of Russian cavalry, after an adventurous ride, have succeeded in joining Gen. Gorringe's forces on the south bank of the Tigris.

"How this important junction was effected is still unknown and the story will be awaited with intense interest. The supposition is that this detachment came from the Russian army which is threatening Khanikan, but it still remains a puzzle where and how the Russians succeeded in crossing the river.

"Their sudden appearance with Gen. Gorringe has also raised the question whether the Russians have already cut the Bagdad railway at Mosul. In any case the unexpected appearance of this body of cavalry is as great a surprise as was the first landing of the Russian troops at Marseilles, is another instance of the swift and steady movement of the Russian forces in Asia Minor.

SUSSEX WAS TORPEDOED BY THE U-18

Washington Informed by Authoritative Source of Name of German Submarine which Caused Crisis Between U. S. and Berlin.

Washington, May 20.—Information received by the state department from Entente Allies sources and made known for the first time, is that the German submarine U-18, commanded by Lieut. Otto Steinbruck, was the submarine which destroyed the channel liner Sussex and brought the crises between the United States and Germany to a climax.

FAMOUS AUTO DRIVER KILLED. Paris, May 21.—Georges Bollot, automobile racer and aviator, has been killed in a fight with five German aeroplanes. He succeeded in bringing down one of the German machines before a bullet pierced his

AUTO BACKS OFF FERRYBOAT, THREE DROWN

Buffalo, N. Y., Man, his Crippled Wife and Her Mother Victims of Tragedy in the Niagara River.

Bridgeport, Ont., May 21.—Albert J. Batt, of 277 Mulberry street, Buffalo, N. Y., partner in a big plumbing concern, his crippled wife and her mother, Mrs. Sarah Lieber, were drowned in the Niagara river at 9.30 o'clock last night when their automobile rolled backward through the gangway of the ferry steamer Welcome, and, turning over, dropped into the river, about 100 feet from the Port Erie dock.

Fred Batimann, of 853 Jefferson street, Buffalo, the chauffeur, also came to the surface. He could not swim, but was kept afloat by a life preserver which had been thrown to him. He was picked up by the crew of the bridge tug International after he had drifted half a mile. The bodies of the drowned probably are held in the sunken car. The top was up and the side curtains drawn. According to some of the passengers and John Smith, the purser, the automobile turned completely over before it hit the water.

M. Bollot served earlier in the war as chauffeur for Gen. Joffre. He won the grand prize of the automobile club of France in 1912 and 1913.

WESTMORLAND CAMPAIGN NOW IN FULL SWING

Oppositionists Desperate, have Decided to Call on F. B. Carvell for Help—Meetings Planned for Hon. Mr. Mahoney.

Dorchester, May 21.—The campaign in Westmorland is in full swing and from now until polling day, May 30, there will be something doing all the time. Tuesday is nomination day, but by agreement between Hon. F. G. Mahoney, the government candidate, and Dr. E. A. Smith, his opponent, there will be no speech-making at the court house here.

The Carter-Veniot slandering manipulators realize that they face certain defeat, but in an attempt to let the misguided president of the so-called opposition association down as easily as possible, have prevailed upon the chief slandering artist, Frank B. Carvell, to come to the county and let loose his vitriolic tongue.

It is understood that the head assignee of the shipwrecked provincial opposition outfit, W. E. Foster of St. John, will also endeavor to persuade the voters of the county to decline a portfolio. But the electors of Westmorland are not easily misled by these blundering wags. The government is looked upon favorably by the great majority of the electorate and added to this circumstance, the personal popularity of the Minister of Public Works with all classes will undoubtedly bring him considerable Liberal support on polling day.

Smith family was once all powerful in Westmorland, and although Carter-Veniot is a nephew of the renowned Sir Albert, it may be significant that Sir Albert's son, once a Liberal member of the legislature, is no longer identified with the present so-called opposition.

Hon. Mr. Mahoney, who lives in Melrose, on Cape Breton, will sweep the eastern parishes of Botford, Westmorland and Sackville, and will get a splendid vote in the parishes of Shediac and Moncton, where he is also well known. The Carter-Veniot crowd are placing their dependence on the parishes of Dorchester, Shediac, and Moncton. The Smith family interests, years ago, were all powerful in Dorchester and Shediac. Dorchester parish, especially the shire-town, and Sackville, were formerly Liberal strongholds, while Shediac has been and still is intensely Conservative. Moncton city will not participate in the election as the city is a division separate from the county in electing members of the legislature, but many Monctonians reside outside of the city limits and will vote.

Hon. Dr. Landry, who is a native of Dorchester parish and one of the leading orators of the province, in both French and English, will do a grand work in Dorchester parish in persuading many of his compatriots to support Hon. Mr. Mahoney.

Tomorrow night Hon. Dr. Landry will speak at Fox Creek, this parish, and at other points. Attorney General Baxter and Hon. J. A. Murray will speak the same night at Port Elgin and on Tuesday evening at Sackville. Dr. O. B. Price, M.L.A. of Moncton, is also on the stump.

GOVT TO SEIZE ALL FOODSTUFFS IN GERMANY

Bill to Empower Chancellor to do so Now Before Bundersrath.

BUTTER RATION IN BERLIN REDUCED.

Still Further Evidence Coming Through of the Effectiveness of the British Blockade.

Amsterdam, May 21, via London.—According to German newspapers, the Bundersrath discussing the "authorization bill" empowering the imperial chancellor to seize and distribute all foodstuffs, fodder and raw material needed for their production and to fix their sale prices. All the administrative authorities throughout the empire will be compelled to follow the instructions of the chancellor.

The Berliner Tageblatt says the bill will be adopted tomorrow, and that the chancellor will be empowered to appoint new officials who will be responsible to him alone.

The Municipality of Berlin has decided to reduce the amount of butter to be obtained on presentation of tickets from 125 to 90 grammes for each person.

SAKIZ IN PERSIA OCCUPIED BY THE RUSSIANS

Direct Line of Communication Between Two Armies Operating Against Turk Army in Mesopotamia.

Petrograd, via London, May 20.—The official statement says: "In Persia our troops have occupied Sakiz, and advanced to the village of Ban."

The Russian occupation of Sakiz and their advance upon the village of Ban is of extreme importance and establishes a direct line of communication between the two Russian groups which are operating against the Turkish Mesopotamia army.

Although little has been known regarding the military operations in this immediate district, which lies between Lake Urumiah and Kharlikan, on the Persian border northeast of Bagdad, Kurdish bands, supported by Turkish regulars have been for a long time attempting to make inroads into Persia, and by cutting off from each other the Russian armies advancing toward the Mesopotamian border, make their progress impossible.

It is apparent that in these efforts they had been so successful as to capture the Persian towns of Sakiz and Ban, but, as officially announced, the Russians recently ousted them from these positions and the danger created by this wedge into the Russian line had been removed.

Ban is near the Turkish border, and along a 200 mile front the Russian armies are now drawn up close to the Mesopotamian frontier. Military experts believe that further progress for the Russians should be considerably facilitated by this straightening out of the Russian line and the establishment of direct communication, which not only makes further Kurdish inroads impossible but lightens the difficult task of provisioning, which delayed the Russian progress in Asia Minor.

KAISER RETURNS POST-HASTE TO BERLIN TO GRAPPLE WITH MINISTERIAL CRISIS

London, May 21.—Emperor William suddenly returned to Berlin yesterday morning in order to settle the ministerial crisis, according to telegrams received from Berlin in Amsterdam, says a Reuters' despatch from that city. The Emperor, whose arrival was kept quiet, is not stopping at the royal castle, but at Potsdam. He received Imperial Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg and Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the imperial treasury, on his arrival. It is not expected that the Emperor will remain long in Berlin, and will leave for the Russian front after the crisis is over.

The Imperial German Chancellor had an audience with the Emperor today to propose the appointment of the new ministers. The usual well informed "Germania" announces that Dr. Karl Helfferich will be appointed secretary of the interior and vice chancellor and that Count Von Rodern, now governor of Alsace and Lorraine, will be given the post of secretary of the treasury. A. Tortilovitz Von Batocki, now president of East Prussia, is also reported, is to become head of the new department of food supply, assuming the duties of the so-called food dictators, Gen. Groenebe is to be associated with Herr Von Batocki.

DEAD MAN'S HILL STILL STORM CENTRE OF VERDUN FRONT

FRENCH ATTACK BETWEEN ESNES AND HAUCOURT WINS TWO TRENCHES—VIOLENT ARTILLERY STRUGGLE ON RIGHT BANK OF THE MEUSE—ALLIED AIRMEN KEEP UP THEIR GOOD WORK.

Paris, May 21.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads: "On the left bank of the Meuse the battle continued fiercely all day on the front between the Avocourt wood and the Meuse. In the neighborhood of the road from Ennes to Haucourt an attack launched by our troops permitted us to occupy two German trenches. A small work which the enemy occupied on May 16, south of Hill 287, was entirely shattered by our artillery.

"Immediately east of Hill 304 the enemy delivered against our positions an attack which, after momentarily penetrating our first line trench was completely driven back.

"On the slopes west of Le Mort Homme, in the neighborhood of the road from Ennes to Haucourt, an attack which, after momentarily penetrating our first line trench was completely driven back.

"On the right bank of the Meuse the artillery struggle was very violent. In the sector of Doumont, our troops, in a spirited attack, captured the Haumont quarries, which had been strongly organized by the enemy. We took eight prisoners and four machine guns.

"There were intermittent artillery actions on the rest of the front.

"German aeroplanes carried out since yesterday two bombardments in the region of Dunkirk. About twenty shells were dropped last evening, killing four persons and wounding fifteen. Today another enemy squadron dropped about a hundred bombs in the outskirts of Dunkirk. Two soldiers and a child were killed, and twenty persons wounded.

Evening Up the Score. "Allied aeroplanes pursued the enemy machines and succeeded in bringing down two at the moment they were about to enter their own lines.

"German aeroplanes today dropped 15 bombs on Belfort, but the material damage was insignificant."

The Belgian communication: "Last night and today the artillery duels in the sector of Dixmude reached great intensity. In the direction of Steenstraete the action extended to an engagement with bombs. Yesterday in an aerial fight of Netuport a Belgian aeroplane brought down a German machine, which fell into the sea."

13 Air Fights. London, May 20.—The official communication on the campaign in Belgium and France issued by the British war office today follows: "Last night, after a heavy bombardment, the enemy made a raid on our line to the southwest of Loos. The enemy entered our front trenches, but was driven out at once. The enemy

AUSTRIAN SACRIFICES SO FAR FRUITLESS

Terrific Drive Against the Italian Army Doomed to Failure.

CROWN PRINCE HAS ARRIVED ON SCENE

Hoped to Catch Italians off Guard but Miscalculated Military Genius of Gen. Cadorna—Losses Enormous

Rome, via Paris, May 20.—The great offensive of the Austrian forces, so far, has found such well placed resistance that all their efforts have resulted, according to official communications, in heavy losses and the dispersion of their troops. Several thousand prisoners with arms, ammunition and provisions, abandoned by the retreating Austrians, have been captured.

Some of the fiercest fighting occurred on mountain heights far above those on which any previous combats have taken place.

New York, May 20.—A Rome despatch received here late today says: "The Austrian Crown Prince has arrived at Trent and is directing the campaign against Vienna, the Verdun on the northern Italian front."

"Field Marshal Conrad Von Holtzendorff, chief of the Austrian general staff, has joined the array of generals on the Tyrolean front. It is reported here that Gen. Cadorna, Italian chief commander, will move his headquarters to the Trentino front. Though last night's statement from the Italian war office admitted further retreats, there is every confidence here that the Austrian offensive is about to come to a halt.

Sacrifices in Vain. "Despite heavy sacrifices in men and ammunition, the Austrians thus far have crossed the Italian frontier at but one point, in the Adige Valley. At no place do their lines approach nearer than twenty-two miles the important strategic positions of Vinezca, reported to be the goal of the present offensive. Between 200,000 and 250,000 Austrian troops are engaged on the front leading eastward from the Adige Valley. It is admitted that the losses on both sides have been very heavy, though no figures are available at the present time.

"There is reason to believe the Austrians hoped to catch the Italians off their guard, while important Italian troops' movements were underway. After holding this region since the war began, the Italians were forced to relinquish advanced positions in the first two days of the fighting. On the third day counter-attacks recovered part of the lost ground. The Austrians returned to their attack in great force on the following day rather than sacrifice men unnecessarily on exposed positions, the Italians ordered a further retirement to better protected positions.

"The greatest aerial activity on the Tyrolean front since the beginning of the war is accompanying the Alpine battle."

Rome, May 21.—After a protracted council meeting, attended by cabinet ministers, General Paolo Morone, minister of war, issued a statement concerning the military situation in connection with the Austrian offensive which will "leave the Italian supreme command perfectly tranquil."

The plans of the Italian military authorities cannot be divulged, nor discussed, but it can be stated that measures have been adopted to cope with any possible situation. In addition to direct action on the Italian front it is expected that a general offensive movement against the Austrians will be made on other fronts, especially in the Balkans and in Russia, and in addition a contemporaneous attack is expected to be sprung by Italy's allies in France. Meanwhile military critics, including Gen. Morone, advise restricting the Italian front by abandoning the advanced positions in order to be better able to repulse the Austrians, whose forward movement along the Trentino front already has lasted a week. This action is a repetition of what Austria generals did more than a century ago, when Napoleon attacked Austria from the Isanzo river.

GERMAN STEAMER LOST

London, May 22 (12.10 a. m.)—A brigantine Sant Andrea, 225 tons, has been sunk.

Stockholm, May 21, via London, May 22 (1.30 a. m.)—The German steamers Hebe and Pola, carrying coal were sunk Saturday night by a submarine off the southern coast of Cape Oland, in the Baltic.

Available shipping records do not contain the German steamers Hebe and Pola.

Air Raid on Cairo. Cairo, Egypt, via London, (8.05 p. m.)—An aerial attack on Cairo was made today causing the death of two persons and the injury of a number of others. The following official statement was issued: "Two army aeroplanes dropped six bombs Sunday morning, mostly on the Arab quarter. Two civilians were killed and 15 were injured severely. Five soldiers were wounded. The aeroplanes were driven off by anti-aircraft guns."

Hope to Stop Russian Steam Roller. Geneva, May 21, via Paris (1 p. m.)—The Constantinople correspondent of the Tribune says that Field Marshal Liman Von Sanders is assembling a strong force of Turks at Sivas, in Asiatic Turkey, to oppose the advances of the Russians. The Turks are equipped abundantly with artillery. The correspondent also says that Turkey has called out recruits of the ages of 17 and 18. The enemy