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VIOLENT ATTACKS DEVELOPED BY ENEMY FIND THE FRENCH LINE UNWAVERING

BERLIN DISCLAIMS ALL RESPONSIBILITY IN SINKING OF CHANNEL LINER SUSSEX

Means New Evidence for American Government — Prepared to Act on Circumstantial Evidence if Sufficiently Strong—Cabinet Session Likely Tomorrow to Wrestle with Matter—More Toll Taken by German Undersea Boats.

Berlin, April 9, via London.—The German government is able to announce that no German submarine or warship was responsible for the explosion which damaged the British steamer Sussex.

New Complications.
Washington, April 9.—Germany's disclaimer of responsibility for the destruction of the Channel liner Sussex surrounds the position of the United States in the present submarine situation with further difficulties, and may turn action, if any is taken, from the Sussex case itself to the accumulation of ships destroyed without warning since Germany gave assurance governing the submarine campaign.

Before the next step is taken the collection of evidence, intended to prove legally that the Sussex was destroyed by a German submarine will have to proceed further. Additional evidence in the form of affidavits and statements gathered by the American embassy in Paris is expected to be in President Wilson's hands Monday.

The situation will be thoroughly discussed at Tuesday's cabinet meeting, and soon afterward a decision on the next step is expected.

The apparent difficulty of proving the Sussex case alone leads many here close to the President to believe the decision will hinge on cumulative evidence that Germany's promises are being disregarded by her submarine commanders. Upon the strength of that evidence, as it finally is judged by the President and the cabinet, will depend what steps, if any, the United States will take at this time.

While it will be difficult for the United States to question the good faith of Germany, the administration is prepared to act upon circumstantial evidence of sufficient strength should it be secured.

All the evidence thus far obtained indicates that the Sussex was torpedoed. There are two weaknesses in the case of the United States at this time, however. One is that no American citizen saw the wake of a torpedo before the bow of the channel steamer was torn off by an explosion. The other is that, while American naval officers declare that the pieces of metal removed from the hull are parts of a German torpedo, there is, so far as is known, no conclusive evidence at this time that the metal fragments actually were removed from the Sussex.

Every effort is being made to secure evidence which will establish beyond all doubt the origin of the fragments.

British Steamer Sunk.
London, April 9.—Lloyd's announces that the British steamer Avon, of 670 tons, has been sunk.

140TH NEW BRUNSWICK BATTALION

We are pleased to note that all the out of town societies have not overlooked our appeals on behalf of the Band Fund. The 140th is a New Brunswick and not a St. John battalion, thus the following letter was very welcome:

Albert, N. B.
"I enclose Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) voted by the Albert Women's Institute for the 140th New Brunswick Battalion Band Fund. We regret not being able to give enough for one instrument, but hope that this will at least help along in the good cause."
"Yours very truly,
"MRS. I. C. PRESCOTT, Secretary."

Contributions received Saturday are herewith acknowledged:

Amt. previously acknowledged	\$1,061.17
Albert Women's Institute, Albert, N. B.	20.00
R. W. W. Frink, City	3.00
G. A. Horton, City	10.00
F. A. Dykeman, City	5.00
Mayor J. H. Frink, City	20.00
John Russell, City	15.00
Total	\$1,134.17

CONFERENCE AT BERLIN TO WRESTLE WITH FOOD PROBLEM

Berlin, via London, April 9.—Maximum meat prices and the amount of meat to be allotted daily in the future to each individual, and the manner of distribution, will be agreed upon tomorrow, when representatives of all the greater Berlin municipalities gather for a discussion of the food problem.

A decision, however, may have to be contingent on a census of the existing live stock in the empire, which begins next Saturday. The census will include horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, tame rabbits and poultry. Counters from each municipality will be appointed to take the census.

London, April 9.—Lloyd's announced tonight that the French fishing vessel *Sainte Marie* has been sunk. The crew was saved. The additional information concerning the sinking of the steamer *Chantala* was two men killed.

Malta, via London, April 9.—One engineer and eight lascars of the crew of the steamer *Chantala*, a vessel of 4,948 tons gross, which sailed from London, March 10, for Calcutta, was reported yesterday in a despatch received by Lloyd's at London.

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A cablegram to Lloyd's from Kobe, Japan, states that the Japanese steamer *Ide Maru*, 4,542 tons, Seattle, Feb. 22, for Vladivostok, is twelve days overdue at the latter port. The cablegram says there are reasons to fear for the worst concerning the *Ide Maru's* fate.

GENEROUS BEQUESTS BY LATE MR. FRASER

Estate to Provide Funds for New Building to Replace Auld Kirke, also for Proposed Annex for Victoria Hospital.

Fredericton, April 9.—At St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, this morning, Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith, pastor, announced that provision had been made by the late Donald Fraser for the construction by his estate of a modern new building to take the place of the Auld Kirke which is now utilized as a Sunday school and auditorium for church purposes. It is estimated that the new building will cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000 and it is expected that it will be constructed during the coming summer.

The late Mr. Fraser, it is also stated, provided that his estate should also pay for the construction of the proposed new annex for the Victoria Hospital, to provide that institution with much needed additional accommodations. Plans have already been prepared for this building, which, it is estimated will cost about \$30,000.

PEACE MEETING BROKEN UP

Banners Torn to Shreds and Speakers Bombarded with Flour — Sylvia Pankhurst Prominent Among Leaders.

London, April 9.—An attempt to hold a non-conscripted and peace meeting in Trafalgar Square today was unceremoniously broken up by thousands of persons who charged and dispersed the procession and tore up the banners and flags.

Various peace societies had organized the demonstration. Sylvia Pankhurst, the militant suffragette, was prominent among the promoters. After the procession had been dispersed the leaders in the movement mounted the Nelson column and endeavored to make speeches, but the crowd pelted them with flour and red and yellow ochre. The speakers faced the ordeal for five minutes and then beat a hasty retreat.

Thousand Shells Fell on City of Rheims in a Day

Paris, April 9, 10.50 a. m.—The systematic bombardment of the city of Rheims was resumed three weeks ago, and continues with increasing intensity. A thousand shells fell in the town on Friday. The prefect has sent away all the families of homes for the aged, and taken other measures to avoid further loss of life.

GOVT. CRISIS AT HAND IN THE DUAL MONARCHY

Economic Federation Rock on Which Tisza Govt. will Likely Smash.

VON PAPAN ON SECRET MISSION TO HOLLAND.

Count Tisza's Fall Will Place Hungarians who See in Him Hindrance to Early Peace Settlement.

London, April 10.—Captain Franz Von Papan, former military attaché of the German embassy at Washington, whose recall was requested by the United States government last year, has been sent from Berlin on a secret service mission to Holland, according to the Daily Chronicle's Amsterdam correspondent.

Crisis in Dual Monarchy.
London, April 10.—A despatch to the Morning Post from Budapest says: "Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, and Baron Burian, the Austrian foreign minister, are expected to resign. The Tisza government is expected to fall owing to the opposition of Austria-Hungary and Turkey to the proposed German plan of establishing a customs union and economic federation between the Central Powers and their allies."

"According to reports in Budapest, Count Tisza has already been summoned to the royal palace and informed that the Tisza government is expected to fall owing to the opposition of Austria-Hungary and Turkey to the proposed German plan of establishing a customs union and economic federation between the Central Powers and their allies."

"There has been much speculation regarding a possible successor to the premier, the general opinion prevailing that it will be necessary to form a cabinet composed, for the most part of soldiers, as few, if any of the leading politicians would be willing to undertake the task in face of Count Tisza's opposition."

YARMOUTH CO. MAN DIES OF LOCKJAW

Injury in Saw Mill Necessitated Amputation of Thumb—Two Other Well Known Residents Pass Away.

Special to The Standard.
Yarmouth, April 9.—Henry Rose, one of the best known and highly respected of our county farmers, died at his home in South Chequogan, about noon today, under very distressing circumstances, the cause of death being lockjaw. A week ago Saturday while operating his circular saw which is driven by a gasoline engine, he mutilated one of his thumbs; a doctor was called and the injured member was amputated. Rose was progressing nicely until Thursday when lockjaw set in and he suffered greatly until his death this afternoon. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters.

Miss Maggie Viets, aged 74, died today after quite a long illness. She was a sister of the late E. M. Viets, and he suffered greatly until his death so many years ago of Yarmouth's leading merchants. She was of Loyalist descent and belonged to the old

FIVE CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH AT PERFORMANCE IN AID OF SOLDIERS

London, April 8.—Five child performers were burned to death on the stage of the Garrick theatre at Herford Friday night. It was a children's entertainment to provide comforts for the soldiers. The curtain fell on the final scene and the audience was departing when the cry of fire was raised. A panic ensued. Many in the audience were crushed, but none seriously injured. The fire was confined to the stage, where the performers were wearing dresses covered with cotton wool for a special scene. The flames spread furiously, and the children ran frantically about the stage with their garments on fire.

SESSION MAY BE PROLONGED UNTIL MAY

Legacies of Grit Regime Not Done with Yet—C. N. R. and G.T.P. After More Help

Ottawa, April 9.—All signs on the political horizon today point to a session well prolonged into May. In the first place the Liberals are believed to have something further to say in connection with shell transactions, and it is expected that General Hughes will have something to say when he returns which will call for comment to say the least. But the development which promises to add most to the length of session is the railway situation. It is now pretty generally taken for granted that the Canadian Northerners is back in the capital seeking further financial assistance; and the story goes that the Grand Trunk Pacific is in even more serious straits, and it is reported that the condition of both these railways is so bad that immediate action on the part of the government in some direction is imperative, and whatever is done is certain to give rise to a great deal of debate.

The legacies of the late government are the most serious domestic troubles this government has had to face.

GREEK FINANCE MINISTER QUILTS

Resigns from the Cabinet Following an Incident During the Discussion of Fiscal Measures.

London, April 9, 10.45 p. m.—Stephen Dragomiris, Greek minister of finance, has resigned his portfolio, says a Reuters despatch from Athens today. He is succeeded by D. G. Rhalis, minister of justice and communications, who retains the communications portfolio, M. Hatzakos becoming minister of justice.

Followed Row on Fiscal Question.
Paris, April 9.—The resignation of Stephen Dragomiris, Greek minister of finance, occurred after an incident during a discussion of fiscal measures in the Greek parliament, according to a Havas despatch from Athens under date of April 8.

SON-IN-LAW OF FRENCH PRESIDENT A WAR PRISONER

Berlin, April 8, via London.—The Taefliche Rundschau publishes a report that the son-in-law of President Poincaré, of France, is a prisoner of war at Erding, near Munich.

family of Viets who settled in Digby many years ago.

Graham Burrill, youngest son of the late Ex-Mayor James Burrill and cousin of Blake G. Burrill, the well known financier of Halifax, died last evening after a long illness.

FRENCH CAPTURE 150 METRES OF THE ENEMY'S TRENCHES SOUTHWEST OF DAUAMONT

Evacuation of Bethincourt Salient Enables French to Establish New and Stronger Line—Germans Repeat Drives at our Line, at Several Points, Gain Footing Northeast of Avocourt but Almost Immediately Driven Out—Fierce Battle to West of Meuse on Whole Line from Avocourt to Cumieres Continued all Day Saturday.

Paris, April 9.—The capture by French troops of about 150 metres of a German trench southwest of Douaumont village, northeast of Verdun, was announced by the war office this afternoon. Progress in communicating trenches south of the village also was reported.

The Germans made two hand grenade attacks on French positions in the Caillette wood in this region, but both were repulsed. West of the Meuse there was only feeble artillery activity. The text of the statement is as follows:

GERMAN SUBMARINE RAMMED BY RUSSIAN WARSHIP NEAR SPOT WHERE HOSPITAL SHIP WAS SUNK.

Petrograd, April 9, via London, April 10.—The torpedo boat destroyer *Strogi* has rammed an enemy submarine near the spot where the hospital ship *Portugal* was sunk (in the Black Sea), according to the official announcement tonight.

The Bethincourt salient, which for several days had been a wedge into the German lines northwest of Verdun, has been evacuated by the French.

The evacuation was carried out under cover of darkness, and without incident, and the French, through the move, have been enabled to straighten out their line, which now runs from the corner of the Avocourt wood to the south of the crossing of the Bethincourt-Esnes and Bethincourt-Chattancourt roads.

Violent attacks delivered by the Germans against the new positions found the French line unwavering, and all of them were repulsed, except between the Avocourt wood and the Forges brook, where the Germans succeeded in entering the French trenches but were almost immediately driven out.

Northeast of Verdun, around Pepper Hill, and on the Douaumont-Vaux sector the Germans heavily bombarded French positions, but were unable to launch an infantry attack in the face of the fire of the French guns. The capture of 150 metres of German trenches southwest of Douaumont is reported by Paris.

On the rest of the lines in France and Belgium artillery duels alone have been in progress.

The offensive of the Russians against the Germans in North West Russia has simmered down to mutual bombardments and bombing attacks by the German and Russian aviators.

Artillery actions in the Lake Narocz region continue and an infantry attack by the Germans here was repulsed by the Russians.

Considerable fighting between the Turks and the Russians has taken place in the Black Sea littoral, with the Turks the aggressors. Three attacks against the Russian entrenchments on the right bank of the Karadere were without result. The Russians are pushing their advance against the Ottoman lines in the Upper Tchouk river region.

Along the entire Austro-Italian front the artillery of both sides has been active. An unofficial despatch from Saloniki reports an exchange of shots between German and French cavalry on the Macedonian front, and the shelling, but without effect, of French trenches by the Germans in the region of Glovra and Doiran.

The British steamers *Adamton* and *Avon* have been sunk, presumably by submarines, while the Danish steamer *Asger Rye*, supposedly torpedoed, has been sighted badly damaged south of the Isle of Wight.

The communication says: "In the Argonne our artillery concentrated its fire on the enemy's communications. Our heavy batteries during these operations shelled a sector in the neighborhood where important troop gatherings and columns on the march were observed in the region of Montfaucou and Nantillois. Near Hill 285 we exploded a mine which crumbled the enemy's trench for quite a considerable length, and destroyed a small post."

"To the west of the Meuse a violent battle, which lasted the entire day, was engaged on the whole of the front from Avocourt to Cumieres, and even

spread to the eastern bank of the river.

"The premeditated evacuation of the Bethincourt salient, which was carried out last night, had enabled us to establish a continuous line, beginning at the Avocourt corner and running along the southern bank of the Forges brook to the northeast of Haucourt, and reaching our positions a little to the south of Bethincourt-Esnes roads and Bethincourt-Chattancourt.

"The whole line was violently attacked by the enemy, but withstood the fiercest onslaughts.

"On the front of Le Mort Homme-Cumieres, the German attack met with a sanguinary setback. The attacking columns which debouched in close formation from the Cumieres wood, were caught under the fire of our troops and repulsed, leaving hundreds of bodies on the ground.

"All attempts against Le Mort Homme were also repulsed with heavy losses.

"A simultaneous offensive movement against our positions between the Avocourt wood and the Forges brook met with fierce resistance on the part of our troops, which everywhere repulsed the enemy. Finally the enemy, through an attack against one of our works to the northeast of Avocourt, at the southern outskirts of the wood, succeeded momentarily in gaining a foothold in our trenches, but were thrown out at once through a counter-attack.

"To the east of the Meuse the enemy's artillery was very active against our organizations at the Côte Du Poivre and the region of Douaumont-Vaux, as well as on the whole of our second line. We kept in check by our curtain fires, the infantry attackers were unable to debouch.

"In the Woivre there has been an intermittent bombardment."

Belgian communication: "There has been considerable artillery activity especially in the region of Dixmude, and bomb fighting around Steenstraete."

French Straighten Line.
Bulletin — Paris, April 9.—The French evacuated the Bethincourt salient Saturday night, and the Germans today attacked, with great violence, their new line from Avocourt to Cumieres, but were repulsed with sanguinary losses. Only at one point, northeast of Avocourt, did the Germans succeed in entering the French trenches, and from this position they were immediately ejected through a counter-attack, according to the French official communication issued tonight.

British Hold Ground Won.
London, April 9.—The British war office tonight issued the following official communication: "A fokker monoplane descended inside our lines yesterday. The pilot, who was unharmed, was taken prisoner."

"Today there was artillery activity about Neuville-St. Vaast, Souchez, the Hohenzollern redoubt and Wycheaste. The enemy sapped a mine in the Hohenzollern sector.

"At St. Eloi our troops hold a considerable portion of the ground gained March 27, including three out of four of the main line craters."