

TO DAY IS MOMENTOUS ONE IN BRITISH POLITICS

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL PROBABLY WEATHER THE STORM

It Has Decided to Treat Mr. Asquith's Motion on General Maurice's Charges Against Premier Lloyd George and Chancellor Bonar Law as a Vote of Censure and Has Issued Call to Supporters to Attend Today's Session — Premier Will Explain to Commons.

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His statement about the St. Quentin extension of front corroborates the charge that Colonel Repington first published, though the figures as he gave them had been widely circulated previously. Three weeks ago Maurice gave his last interview with the correspondents.

At that time the British were being hammered severely south of Ypres and the French reserves were marching to their assistance. The chief of military operations emphasized the seriousness of the situation and the army's superiority in numbers and the need for French reinforcements.

From German Press.

In the German press of April 24 appears the following statement circulated by the government: "Lloyd George said in bringing in a bill for the extension of military service that the British forces in the Balkans had been reduced by two divisions. There were on the Mesopotamian front only three white divisions as long ago as the summer of 1917.

"These divisions were transferred to Palestine. During the winter no less than seven British infantry divisions have been operating here and only one of them is composed of mixed British Indian troops. It was quite recently verified that there were four infantry divisions in the Balkans and that the divisions mentioned were in Palestine."

A Test Vote Today.

London, May 8.—The government has decided to treat Mr. Asquith's motion on the General Maurice affair as a vote of censure and has issued a call to its supporters to attend the House of Commons on Thursday for a division. This is taken to imply that the proposed inquiry, whether by judges or a parliamentary committee, has been abandoned and that the matter has been left entirely to the judgment of the house.

As a consequence of the political situation brought about by General Maurice's letter to the press, Premier Lloyd George, according to the lobby correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, considers it unavoidable to disclose the facts which have been withheld up to this time for military reasons. The premier, it is added, intends to give facts and figures when he speaks on the Asquith motion on Thursday.

Will Meet Charges.

The Evening News which is credited with being in very close touch with Premier Lloyd George, says of the letter written by General Maurice: "We understand that both Bonar Law and Lloyd George are anxious to meet the General's charges at once and consider they have a very good answer indeed to them. The prime minister, when he made his statement as to the strength of the forces in France and Flanders at the beginning of the year and as to the number of white divisions in Palestine and Mesopotamia, was basing it on figures supplied to him by the war office authorities. It is said that he has had no reason since to doubt the correctness of the figures."

The Limerick.

The most talked-of man in England today is General B. Maurice. If some volunteer general, or some soldier who had graduated from politics or business into soldiering, had defied and trampled upon all the laws and traditions of the British army and all armies, he would not have excited such enormous surprise as has General Maurice in his newly famous letter impugning the veracity of the military maps, and some less well-trained officer written the letter, it would have been put down to lack of tradition and a disregard of the conventionalities by a citizen soldier.

His reception to the correspondents have not been interviews, but lectures. The correspondents filed in to the sanctuary at the war office at the appointed minute. Any man who was late found the door barred against him. Military usage demanded promptness, and General Maurice would not forgive or excuse a lack of it.

Tall Blonde Gentleman.

A tall, blonde gentleman with a fresh pink complexion and a moustache, surrounded by maps of all sorts—contour maps, flat maps, maps of elevations—all marked with flags with numbers and with red, blue and yellow pencil marks, faced the correspondents. Gen. Maurice dealt with all those maps as Paderewski deals with the keys of a piano. He knew every detail of them.

"Good afternoon, gentlemen," was the greeting. Standing before the maps with a professional manner and in language so precise that his stenographer would not need to correct it, the General stated the military situation.

Having finished, the General paused for questions. All answerable questions were replied to promptly and in a few minutes with no elaboration. He was not of those "who suffer fools badly." Foolish questions occasionally were asked by amateur strategists. He crushed them quickly and curtly. He did not perry with them.

DEVON WOULD DISTURB THE HARMLESS INDIAN

Lo it is a Hard World and the Red Man is Not Wanted in the Pale Face Town Any more.

Fredericton, May 8.—The town of Devon is moving for the removal of the Indian reserve from that town to some more suitable locality. The town council has taken up the matter, and has asked the Fredericton city council for its support, which has been granted. The Dominion authorities will be approached shortly in this connection. It is stated that many of the Indians living on the St. Mary's reserve, now part of the town of Devon, are desirous to be transferred. Oromocto and the French village reserves have each been suggested as suitable places to which the Indian population could be removed. The St. Mary's reserve is located within a few yards of the principal street of Devon, and its removal is desired on various grounds.

N. W. STEWART NOW SECRETARY G.W.V.A.

Succeeds N. F. Knight who Recently Relinquished Office—Enlisted in Vancouver

Ottawa, May 8.—Mr. N. W. Stewart, who served two years overseas with the 16th Battalion from British Columbia and was wounded, has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada, Dominion Board, in succession to Mr. N. F. Knight, who has relinquished the office owing to ill-health. Mr. Stewart will carry out the duties until the annual convention of the association in Toronto next July, when his appointment will likely be confirmed. He is a native of Aylmer, Que., but enlisted for overseas service in Vancouver.

CAMPAIGN FOR KING'S COLLEGE IN KINGS

Rev. Dr. Boyle and Canon Vernon Making Financial Drive in Nova Scotia County Across Bay.

Kentville, May 8.—Rev. Dr. T. Stannage Boyle and Canon Vernon of Halifax arrived yesterday in connection with the King's College Advance Movement. With the possible exception of a few minor details everything is in readiness for a financial drive in Kings County. Owing to the number of residents who have sent their children to Kings in bygone days from this community and the many who are interested in the welfare of the university it is expected that the campaign will meet with a liberal response.

Dublin, May 8.—Archbishop Crozier, Irish Church Primate of Ireland, commenting upon the relations between Roman Catholics and Protestants in this country and upon the "no Popery" cry in England, said today:

"I do not attribute the present situation in the slightest degree to the agency of the Vatican. There is enough to account for it here. Ireland without going so far afield. The vast majority of Irish Protestants favor or conscription; the vast majority of Catholics oppose it. From the transition to religious warfare is easy. The manner in which the conscription proposal was brought forward was calculated to produce anything but the desired result.

"Upon the subject of Home Rule I am one with Cardinal Logue in standing for an ideal, or all Ireland from Cape Clear to the Giant's Causeway. My heart's desire is to find some scheme which will gratify the legitimate aspirations of the Irish party, lay the fears of the non-sectarianists and win even the reluctant consent of north-east Ulster."

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ALLIED FORCES STRENGTHENING POSITIONS ON WESTERN FRONT

Another Great German attack is Practically Certain — Australians Make Another Advance, Pushing Forward Their Lines 500 Yards on Amiens Sector—Heavy Artillery Active on all lines

Washington, May 8.—The allied forces are strengthening their positions all along the line in Northern France, said a statement today by the British military mission.

"Were we not practically certain that another great attack will be delivered by the Germans in the very near future one might be misled, by the number of small operations and successful raids, into thinking that the situation had settled down in the old stationary trench warfare phase again," said the statement. "The enemy is experiencing great difficulty with his transportation and communication service. In addition to our harassing fire heavy rain has fallen in Flanders and the Germans are now realising in the old Ypres salient what Flanders mud really is."

Australians Advance.

With the British Army in France, May 8.—(By the Associated Press)—The Australians last night made another advance, pushing forward their lines 500 yards along a front of 800 yards near Salby Le Sec, on the sector of Amiens. They also pushed back the Germans 300 yards along a front of 500 yards west of Morlancoeur, just above Salby de Sec. Notwithstanding a heavy barrage, the Germans were unable to prevent their advance.

Minor Raids.

London, May 8.—Successful minor operations last night resulted in the advance of the British lines a short distance.

CIPHER MESSAGES IN RUSSIA PERMITTED

Embassies in Volgor Deprived of Privilege for Time Recently Through Mistake.

Vologda, Russia, May 5.—(By the Associated Press)—The privilege of sending cipher despatches was restored to all embassies in Vologda today and they were informed officially by the telegraph officials that the order made Friday prohibiting such despatches was a mistake. The order, it was said, was intended to apply only to Siberia and was misinterpreted by the telegraph officials in this district.

distance in three localities in the Amiens sector, between the Somme and Ancre rivers. Increased activity was developed by the hostile artillery early this morning on the Flanders battle front between Meteran and Kemmel. The hostile artillery has been active during the night between Looon and Robecoq and in the neighborhood of St. Julien.

French Front.

Paris, May 8.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night on both sides of the Aves river, southeast of Amiens.

The American Front.

With the American Army in Picardy, Monday, May 6.—(By the Associated Press)—The artillery fighting continues along the sector held by American troops on the Picardy battlefield. There is no change in the situation. Premier Clemenceau visited the Americans yesterday afternoon and congratulated them on the fine showing they have already made.

Churchill Confident.

London, May 8.—(Via Reuter's Limited)—The Anglo-French front in France will stand firm and husband its strength throughout the summer while waiting for aid to come from the United States, says Winston Churchill, minister of munitions, in reply to a resolution of the executive of the National Brass Workers and Metal Mechanics' Union.

\$2,223,835,000 FOR U. S. SHIPPING BOARD

Estimates Submitted to Congress will Provide for Enormous Undertaking.

Washington, May 8.—Estimates submitted to Congress today by the shipping board call for an appropriation of \$2,223,835,000.

For the cost of construction of ships authorized by the urgent deficiency bill of 1917, the board has requested an appropriation of \$1,586,100,000, and for the purchase and requisitioning of plants and materials, \$637,735,000.

ITALIAN WOMEN AND MEN ARE DEPORTED

Enemy Sending Part of Population of Invaded Districts to Austria.

Washington, May 8.—Wholesale deportations of the civilian population from the invaded districts of Northern Italy have started again, the Italian embassy was advised today from Rome. Men and women between the ages of sixteen and fifty-five are directed to distant Austrian centres, the message said. It added that outrages are committed against the women and families are purposely separated and the members scattered in different localities.

AMERICANS ON THE FRONT IN ITALY

Austrian Despatch Says Bohemian Legion (Austrians) is Also There, Presumably in Italian Ranks.

New York, May 8.—The presence of "an American contingent" and a Bohemian legion on the Italian front is reported in a despatch from Austrian war press headquarters, dated April 8, to the Berliner Tageblatt, a copy of which has been received here. The number of supposed Americans or to what arm of the service they belong is not reported by the newspaper's correspondent, who adds that British and French auxiliary troops are no longer on the Italian front.

A BOHEMIAN REGIMENT PUNISHED FOR MUTINY

Fifty Officers Shot and Men Sentenced to Twenty Years or More at Hard Labor.

Rome, May 8.—A Bohemian regiment has mutinied at Lebach, according to news reaching here. Fifty officers who refused to order their men to entrain, were tried by court martial, sentenced to death, and shot within twenty-four hours. Their men were present at the executions. The enlisted troops were sentenced to terms of from twenty to thirty years at hard labor.

A BRAVE MONK.

Quebec, May 8.—Father Gregoire, a capuchin monk, and for years a well known Lenten preacher here, has been cited anew in the orders of the day of the French army for conspicuous bravery on the field of battle. The reiterated honor comes as a reward for his conduct on the course of the recent retirement of the British and French armies on the occasion of the German offensive.

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KAISER SUMMONED.

Berne, Switzerland, May 8.—(British Admiralty, per Wireless Press)—Emperor William has returned to Potsdam owing to a political crisis resulting from the rejection of suffrage reforms by the Prussian Diet. Count Von Hertling, the imperial chancellor, has been summoned to Potsdam to report on the situation.

RICHIBUCTO

Richibucto, May 6.—Mrs. T. J. Bourque and Miss Edith are spending a few weeks in Ottawa.

Mrs. King of Moncton spent a few days in town this week, the guest of her sister, Mrs. B. E. Johnson.

Captain Pocock of Chatham was in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. Jas. Wood and children of St. John are visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Wm. Murray of Bathurst was in town this week.

The many friends of Mrs. Irving MacNeill will be pleased to hear she has successfully undergone an operation in the Moncton hospital.

The concert given by the ladies of the Methodist church in the Globe Theatre on Thursday evening was largely attended. The "Kitchen Orchestra" being a special feature. The proceeds amounted to eighty dollars and will be used for church purposes.

The Rev. Captain Hudson Stewart spent a few days with his parents here on leave from France.

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