

BRITISH MISSION TO RUSSIA

Representatives of the Different Political Opinions Included in Delegation to Russia.

A despatch from London says:—In connection with the approaching visit of George H. Roberts, Lord Commissioner of the Treasury; James Ramsay MacDonald, chairman of the Labor party, and Frederick W. Jowett, president of the Independent Labor party to Russia, the following authorized statement has been issued:

"Sincerely desirous of meeting the views of the Russian Government that they should be enabled to learn at first hand the opinions of all sections of British thought, the Government is facilitating the journey to Russia of the representatives of different political opinion. Among these are factions with a very small following, who latterly have not been over-enthusiastic in the vigorous prosecution of the war.

"The British Government has nothing to hide. They entered the war in defence of the rights of small nations and democracies, freedom and justice—a brutal war was forced upon the allies, who were in a state of total unpreparedness—and now they are in a very different position. They can not allow Germany to profit by the gains wrested from them unscrupulously and in defiance of all right.

HUN MAP OF BRITISH WATERS

How Enemy Subs Are Advised of the Presence of Merchantmen.

A despatch from London says:—A despatch from Christiania says that the Tidens Tegn publishes a map found on a spy taker at Gothenburg showing the seas about the British Isles, Norway, Sweden and the Baltic. The map is marked in numbered squares and has a telegraphic code attached.

In this code "barrel" means torpedo boat, and nationality is conveyed by "quality." Thus an apparently innocent business message reading "Six hundred barrels, first quality," would mean "British torpedo boats in square 600." A message reading "Six hundred black," would be a notification that a Norwegian merchantman was in square 600.

The paper also publishes details of how the Germans obtain and maintain agents everywhere, providing information about shipping and naval movements, helping submarines to sink merchantmen and escape warships.

BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR MONTH OF MAY.

A despatch from London says: British casualties as published in May show a total of 5,902 officers and 106,331 men, as follows:

	Officers.	Men.	Total.
Killed	1,552	25,838	27,390
Wounded	3,762	75,718	79,480
Missing	828	6,428	7,256
The total of casualties is 114,118.			

The British offensive on the Arras front, involving some of the severest fighting of the war, naturally has resulted in a large increase in casualties over the inactive winter season. Casualties for the last few months have not been received, but in February the total reported was only 1,243 officers and 17,185 men.

The assertion of the British that their losses are fifty per cent. smaller than in the Battle of the Somme, notwithstanding the fact that larger forces are engaged, is not borne out by the May figures, although in the absence of the casualty report for April, early in which month the offensive was launched, the showing is not conclusive. The casualties recorded in the first three months of the Somme drive were 307,169 officers and men. In August of last year, the second month of the Somme battle, the casualties were 127,945, as compared with 112,238 for May, the second month of the Arras battle.

Lord Bacon reminds us that "God Almighty first planted a garden," and man, made in the image of his Creator can do no better now.

TRUCE NOW OVER RUSSIA WILL FIGHT

Germans Look for Renewal of Hostilities on Eastern Front.

A despatch from the Hague says: The Germans undoubtedly expect heavy fighting on the Eastern front. Recent arrivals in Holland state that numerous transports of men and naval guns are going eastward. The latter feature is novel, and appears to indicate a shortage of heavy and high-angle field artillery. The latest German communique continues to refer to the increasing artillery duel along the whole Eastern front. The Frankfurter-Gazette Thursday morning published a leading article emphatically warning the public that the so-called unofficial truce is now over, and the Entente apparently succeeded in arranging for a simultaneous offensive on all fronts. The paper says the Kaiser's warning to the troops on the Western front that a decision is now at hand referred to the coming combined offensive. It is significant that Theodore Wolf again warns the German public to abandon all hopes of a separate peace with Russia, whilst the Dutch pacifist press Thursday night accuses the German Chancellor of clumsiness in his treatment of the Russian situation.

BRITISH DESTROYER SAVES NORSE SHIP.

Intercepts a German Submarine and Forces it to Submerge.

A despatch from Boston says: The Norwegian steamer Noruega, which arrived at an American port on Wednesday, reported an escape from attack by a submarine while 300 miles off the Norwegian coast. The Norwegian was accompanied by a British destroyer when the Noruega's lookout sighted a periscope dead ahead. The destroyer was notified and slipped in between the steamer and the submarine in an attempt to ram the underwater boat, but the submarine plunged in time to save itself.

LINER FROM HOLLAND REACHES ATLANTIC PORT

A despatch from New York says:—The first liner from Holland since January 23 has arrived at an Atlantic port with 223 first, 341 second and 974 third-class passengers, via Halifax, where she was detained two days for examination. There were 119 Americans among the passengers, of whom 72 were survivors of submarine sinkings in the North Sea and the English Channel.

CUSTOMS REVENUE FOR MAY IS RECORD

A despatch from Ottawa says:—The customs revenue for May amounted to \$17,144,368, the largest monthly return in the history of the country. The revenue increased by \$4,089,987, as compared with the corresponding month last year. For the two months of the fiscal year, which have now elapsed the total customs revenue was \$31,293,525, as compared with \$23,400,953 for the corresponding period during the past fiscal year.

FELONY TO HOARD FOOD IN THE STATES.

A despatch from Washington says: A stringent amendment to the Gore food bill, making it a felony to hoard food products or other necessities of life or to resort to any scheme to create a shortage, was adopted by the Senate on Thursday by a viva voce vote. It is regarded by the Senate as by far the most potent of all the food legislation considered by Congress, and is interpreted by Senators as carrying the real solution of the food problem.

RUSSIANS DRIVE BACK TURKS

A despatch from Petrograd says:—Troops of the Russian Caucasus army have successfully beaten off hostile attacks at several points in Armenia and on the Mesopotamian front, according to Thursday's War Office statement.

He (relating thrilling experience): "We were having a terrible time until the French brought up their 75's." She: "I do think it's splendid for men that age to be fighting, don't you?"



Right Hon. Arthur J. Balfour,

British Foreign Secretary, leader of the British Commission sent to the United States to confer with Washington authorities regarding the conduct of the war. Mr. Balfour and the members of the Commission visited Niagara Falls, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and the industrial districts of Ontario.

FREIGHT TRAFFIC TO ATLANTIC PORTS

Wooden Vessels Being Built at Vancouver for This Service

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Two wooden vessels are now being built in Vancouver for the Dominion Government as the nucleus of a freight-carrying service between Vancouver and Canadian Atlantic ports. A statement to this effect was made in the Commons Tuesday night by Hon. Dr. Reid during a discussion of the estimates of the Customs Department.

The Minister expressed his belief that Canadian ships could handle freight from Canadian ports just as cheaply as it could be handled from New York. The start would be made with the two ships ordered, and upon the success of the experiment depended further action. The ships ordered would be auxiliary vessels with a speed of eight or nine knots an hour.

DANGER FROM ZEPPELINS

Only when the Aerial Monster is Approaching is There Cause for Alarm.

The citizen of the old land who sees a Zeppelin overhead travelling at normal speed need have little fear of the aerial monster and death-dealer, and may, if he please, satisfy his curiosity by gazing skyward and watching its flight.

The explanation of this immunity is that the height from which a Zepp. must necessarily operate, and the speed at which it travels, militates greatly against accuracy of aim. Thus a Zepp. seldom finds the bull's-eye.

Further, a bomb dropped from a height of 8,000 feet, whilst the airship is speeding along at the rate of the Flying Scotchman, would strike the ground not less than three-eighths of a mile in front of the spot over which the Zepp. was at that moment travelling.

BRAZIL JOINS ENTENTE ALLIES

Indications That Chile Will Follow Brazil's Example.

A despatch from Rio de Janeiro says:—The Brazilian Senate voted on Thursday authorizing an alliance of Brazil with "other States to defend the American republics against the world."

A despatch from Washington says:—Despatches to the State Department from Chile indicate that the course of Brazil in relation to the war between Germany and the United States has created a profound impression upon the Chilean press. There were indications that public sentiment in Chile favors action on the part of the Chilean Government similar to Brazil's. The Chilean press is insisting that the solidarity of American republics ought not to be broken up.

GREATER PRODUCTION.

Increased Output From Canada's Fisheries to be Undertaken.

The Canadian Fisheries' Association is to be commended for its commercial enterprise and patriotic service in undertaking an extensive campaign for an increased output from Canada's fisheries. It is the intention of the Association to not only have the splendid fisheries of the Dominion contribute as largely as possible to the relief of the immediate grave shortage of food, but also to promote permanent development of our fisheries on a much greater scale.

In serving the particular interests which it represents, the Canadian Fisheries' Association, like the Canadian Forestry Association, Canadian Mining Institute, Pulp and Paper Association, the great farmers' organizations and numerous other influential bodies identified with promoting and protecting primary production in its various phases, can at the same time be of great service in assisting more proportionate national development than Canada has been securing during the present century.

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DR. HENDERSON'S Herb Treatment, in tablet form, will cure rheumatism, constipation, eczema, stomach trouble, kidney and liver trouble, three month treatment with our certified guarantee, for one dollar, postpaid. Henderson Herb Co., 173 Spadina Ave., Toronto; agents wanted.

Markets of the World

Breadstuffs
 Toronto, June 5—Manitoba wheat—No official quotations.
 Manitoba oats—No official quotations.
 American corn—No official quotations.
 Ontario oats—No official quotations.
 No. 3 white, no official quotations.
 Ontario wheat—No. 2 Winter, per car lot, \$2.50 to \$2.55; No. 3 do., \$2.48 to \$2.53, according to freights outside, to \$2.53.
 Peas—No. 2, nominal, according to freights outside.
 Barley—Malt, nominal, according to freights outside.
 Rye—No. 2, \$2.90, nominal, according to freights outside.
 Manitoba flour—First patents, in jute bags, \$12.50; second patents, in jute bags, \$13.00; strong bakers', in jute bags, \$12.60, Toronto.
 Ontario flour—Winter, according to sample, \$11.00 to \$11.10, in bags, track Toronto, prompt shipment.
 Millfeed—Car lots, delivered Montreal freights, bags included—Bran, per ton, \$37; shorts, per ton, \$43; middlings, per ton, \$46; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.80 to \$2.90.
 Hay—Extra No. 1, per ton, \$12.50 to \$13.50; mixed, per ton, \$9 to \$11.50, track Toronto.
 Straw—Car lots, per ton, \$9, track Toronto.

Country Produce—Wholesale
 Butter—Fresh dairy, choice, 39 to 40c; creamery prints, 43 to 45c; solids, 42 to 43c.
 Eggs—New-laid, in cartons, 45 to 46c; out of cartons, 43c.
 Dressed poultry—Spring chickens, 60c; fowls, 25c; ducks, 22 to 25c; squabs, per doz., \$4.00 to \$4.50; turkeys, 30 to 32c.
 Live poultry—Spring chickens, lb. 40 to 45c; hens, lb. 22 to 25c.
 Cheese—New-laid, 26 to 27c; twins, 28 to 27c; triplets, 27 to 27c; old, large, 25c; twins, 24c.
 Honey—Comb—Extra fine and heavy weight, per doz., \$2.75; select, \$2.50 to \$2.75; No. 2, \$2 to \$2.25.
 Maple syrup—Imperial gallon, \$1.75.
 Potatoes—On track Ontario, per bag, \$4.25; New Brunswick Delawares, per bag, \$4.40; Albertas, per bag, \$4.00; P. E. I. whites, bag, \$4.00.
 Beans—Imported, hand-picked, Manichurian, \$8.00 to \$8.50 per bush; Limas, per lb., 19 to 20c.

Provisions—Wholesale
 Smoked meats—Hams, medium, 30 to 31c; do. heavy, 25 to 26c; cooked, 41 to 42c; rolls, 25 to 27c; breakfast bacon, 33 to 35c; backs, plain, 36c; boneless, 39c.
 Lard—Pure lard, tierces, 26 1/2 to 27c; tubs, 27 to 27 1/2c; pails, 27 1/2 to 28c; compound, tierces, 21c; tubs, 21c; pails, 22c.
 Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 24 to 25c per lb.; clear bellies, 24 to 25c.

Montreal Markets
 Montreal, June 5—Oats—Canadian western No. 2, 80c; do. No. 3, 77c; extra No. 1 feed, 77c. Barley—Malt, \$1.18. Flour—Man. Spring wheat patents, \$12.60; seconds, \$13.10; strong bakers', \$12.90; Winter patents, choice, \$14.25; straight rollers, \$13.50 to \$13.80; \$5.50 to \$5.65. Rolled oats, barrels, \$8.75 to \$9.25; do. bags, 60 lbs., \$4.25 to \$4.60. Bran, \$38. Shorts, \$44. Middlings, \$46 to \$50. Mouille, \$50 to \$55. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$13 to \$13.50. Cheese—Finest westerns, 23 to 24c; do. easterns, 22 to 22 1/2c. Butter—Choice creamery, 23c; seconds, 22c. Eggs—Fresh, 45c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, \$3.75 to \$4.00.

Winnipeg Grain
 Winnipeg, June 5—Cash prices:—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$2.38; No. 2, \$2.23; No. 3, \$2.23; No. 4, \$2.15; No. 5, \$1.91; No. 6, \$1.60; feed, \$1.15; basis contract—May, \$2.36; June, \$2.31; July, \$2.24. Oats—No. 2 C.W., 67c; No. 3, do., 64c; extra No. 1 feed, 64c. Barley—No. 2, \$1.18; No. 4, \$1.12; selected, \$1.02; \$1. Flax—No. 3 N.W.C., \$2.94; No. 2 C.W., \$2.76; No. 3, do., \$2.56.

Live Stock Markets
 Toronto, June 5—Choice heavy steers, \$12.50 to \$12.60; good heavy steers, \$11.85 to \$12; butchers' cattle, choice, \$11.90 to \$12; do. good, \$11 to \$11.50; do. medium, \$10 to \$10.25; do. common, \$9 to \$9.40; butchers' bulls, choice, \$10.50 to \$11; do. good, \$9.75 to \$10; do. medium, \$8.50 to \$9; do. rough, \$6.40 to \$6.50; butchers' cows, choice, \$10.25 to \$10.75; do. good, \$9.25 to \$10; do. medium, \$8 to \$8.75; stock cows, \$7.50 to \$9.00; feeders, \$9.50 to \$10.25; canners and cutters, \$5.50 to \$6.50; milkers, good to choice, \$35 to \$119; do. com and med, each, \$10 to \$60; springers, \$60 to \$110; light ewes, \$12 to \$13; sheep, heavy, \$8.50 to \$9.50; calves, good to choice, \$12 to \$14; spring lambs, each, \$8 to \$11; lambs, choice, \$15 to \$16; do. medium, \$11 to \$12.50; hogs, C and W, \$16.50; do. weighted off cars, \$16.75; do. F. O. B., \$15.75.
 Montreal, June 5—Spring lambs, \$7 to \$12; old sheep, \$11.10 to \$13; selected hogs, \$17.00 to \$17.50.

312,503 CANADIAN TROOPS OVERSEAS

Sum of Forces Which Had Sailed For England Up To May 1st.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—The total number of officers and men of the Canadian Expeditionary Force who had sailed for England up to May 1st last was 312,503, according to information furnished by Hon. J. D. Reid on behalf of the Minister of Militia to Hon. Frank Oliver in the Commons on Wednesday. The total number, who were on duty in Canada on May 1st was 25,475.

U.S. COLORS IN ST. PAUL'S

American Legion on Leave From Front Conduct Notable Ceremony.

A despatch from London says: When the first Canadian expeditionary force was formed many Americans crossed the border and enlisted for service in Europe. There was a sprinkling from every state in the Union. They were drafted into special battalions, and for a time wore the distinctive badges which proclaimed their nationality. Representations, however, were made by the United States Government to have the badge altered and the men merged into the Canadian force. After over two years' waiting they may now reclaim their nationality. These battalions will be styled "The American Legion." The title is unofficial, but means a great deal.

On Wednesday this legion deposited its colors in St. Paul's Cathedral. The ceremony was impressive, and will go down in history as the first ceremony in which American and British troops attended Church services together during the war. A majority of the members of the American Red Cross unit, officers, nurses and men, attended. All the American members of the Canadian force in the London command were allowed leave so that they could be present. The colors were deposited on the altar after being handed to Dean Inge by a color party of American citizens enlisted in the Canadian force, who had come over with the first Canadian division. The standards were carried from the altar to the north transept while "Onward, Christian Soldiers," was sung by the choir and congregation. The colors were deposited in the north transept, and there will remain until another ceremony is performed, when a party removes them and conveys them overseas again.

SECOND STAGE OF ITALIAN ADVANCE

Hold All Gains and Occupy Hills on Left Bank of the Isonzo.

A despatch from London says: The second stage of the Italian advance on the Isonzo front, which began on May 23, has been conducted with as great a determination and conspicuous success as the first stage, which won for Italy the Kuk and Vodice heights.

Developments of Cadorna's plans show he is attacking in force on a broad front of 25 miles from the sea on the right to Plava on the left, and the second and third Italian armies are already committed to this attack. Both armies have done famously. The second army has held all its gains on Kuk and Vodice heights, and even extended them, while it has defeated with signal success numerous powerful counter-attacks by the enemy, to whom the loss of this position has evidently been a most unpleasant surprise. The whole crest of the line of hills on the left bank of the Isonzo is now in Italian occupation from between Vodice and Monte Santo to the height between Plava and Daska, while Monte Santo itself, though not yet captured, is being seriously assailed. San Gabrielle is coming in for a good hammering from the guns.

POISONING THE CHILDREN.

Racial Poisons Reap Ghastly Toll Among the Babies.

The number of babies under one year old who died in the British Isles last year far exceeded the total fatalities of the British forces on land and sea, according to statistics presented by Mrs. Duncan Harris in an address upon child welfare at the Bishopsgate Institute, London.

"The tragedy of this record," said Mrs. Harris, "lies in the fact that these little ones lost their lives from largely preventable causes."
 Referring to the three great racial poisons of civilized countries—alcohol, consumption and syphilis—Mrs. Harris declared that the last-named poison was taking a ghastly toll of the children. "Out of the 100,000 children who die each year before they are a twelve-month old," she said, "it is estimated that 60,000 die, directly or indirectly, from the effects of this disease."

The Doings of the Duffs.

