

TURKS FAVOR OPENING OF STRAITS AND SING FOR PEACE

TURKISH SENTIMENT IN CONSTANTINOPLE IS SAID TO BE VERY GLOOMY--GOEBEN DISMANTLED

ITALIANS OCCUPY THE IMPORTANT HEIGHT OF ZUGNA, NEAR ALA

Official Statement Tersely Emphasizes the So Far Unbroken Order of Italian Advance--Skirmishes in the Alps Gave Italian Victory.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Paris, June 1.—The following official statement of the operations of the Italian military forces was issued to-night by General Cadorna, chief of the general staff: "The advance of our troops beyond the Alpine frontiers continued and we have occupied the important height of Zugna, about four miles north of Ala, which dominates the region. Upon this height the Austrians some time ago ordered a heavy bombardment. "The vigorous artillery action upon the plateau being followed up, the Italian fort Belvedere, which was bombarded with intensity and our infantry is solidly established upon the heights. "Our front advancing in Val Sugana has arrived within five miles of Borgo and is supported strongly on two slopes of the valley. The mountain of Belvedere which dominates Fiera Di Primieri in the Cismon Valley is also in our hands. "A battalion and a half of Austrians with machine guns attacked our Alpine troops in a defile of Monte Croce on the Carina frontier, May 30. The Alpine troops repulsed five spirited attacks delivered one after the other, after which they took the offensive in a violent rain and thick fog, putting their assailants to flight. "Our losses were light. "The rain continues on the Friuli frontier and the water courses are swollen, but our troops advance in serene confidence to overcome their difficulties."

Statement To-morrow

By Special Wire to the Courier.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—PRESIDENT WILSON ANNOUNCED TO-DAY THAT HE PROBABLY WOULD DEFER MAKING PUBLIC HIS STATEMENT ON MEXICAN AFFAIRS UNTIL TO-MORROW MORNING.

DESPATCH FROM ATHENS TELLS

—TURKS ARE DISHEARTENED—

OF CONDITIONS IN STAMBOUL

By Special Wire to the Courier.

ATHENS, June 1.—The latest advices reaching here from Constantinople are to the effect that the battle cruiser Sultan Selim, formerly the Goeben, has been virtually dismantled.

SUE FOR PEACE

Recent developments at the Dardanelles are described as having cast a gloom over the Turkish capital, where a strong current of opinion is in favor of opening the straits and negotiating for peace.

During the recent British submarine raid in the Sea of Marmora and off Constantinople there was a condition of panic in the city. The people shouted the Russians were coming, and vessels were hastily withdrawn to the far end of the Golden Horn. Troops on board transports were disembarked, and some guns were fired at the submarine.

SOBERED BY RAID.

Italians and Greeks continue to arrive at Dedeagach by rail. They report that Constantinople was sobered by this raid. One of the results was the despatch of all the troops available to the Dardanelles.

Talaat Bey had the Armenian patriarch brought before him. He remonstrated at the behavior of the Armenians and warned the patriarch that conditions must improve.

SHORT, DECISIVE NOTE IS PREDICTED IN MANY QUARTERS

Officials at Washington Regard an Answer as Evading Main Issue—Count Von Bernstorff Has Been Granted an Interview With Wilson.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Washington, June 1.—On to-day's session of President Wilson and his cabinet of ten advisors depends the course which the United States Government will pursue in one of the gravest international situations that has ever confronted it.

Three weeks ago the President and the Cabinet, after two hours of debate decided to send to Germany a note demanding full reparation for the loss of more than 100 American lives when the British steamer Lusitania was torpedoed without warning, and asking for guarantees that American rights on the high seas would not be again violated.

Germany's unyielding answer is regarded by officials as evading the main points at issue, it was before to-day's meeting. A decision to send a second note, brief and emphatic, setting forth the American Government's position on the disputed points raised by Germany's, was generally predicted in executive quarters. What would result in the event of a non-compliance by Germany; whether the United States would, in its communication, indicate its course, or name a time limit within which a reply would be expected, were matters of general speculation in all quarters.

That the note will not be sent before Thursday is the prevailing belief, because Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, has been granted an interview with the president for to-morrow. Its purpose has not been revealed, but in Austro-German quarters he will endeavor by formal discussion to reach an understanding as to the wishes of the

United States for transmission to his government at Berlin.

In view that the German ambassador, because of his difficulties in cable communication, is not closely informed on the attitude of his own government, prevails in quarters close to the White House for which reason it is hardly thought the ambassador's visit will alter whatever determination is reached at the cabinet meeting.

Respective of the seriousness of the delicate point that has been reached in relations with Germany, the President has determined to issue to-day, after discussion with the cabinet his statement to be communicated to all Mexican factions demanding an

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Anti-German Demonstrations

By Special Wire to the Courier.

LONDON, June 1.—The Zeppelin raid on the Metropolitan area last night has brought a recrudescence of the anti-German demonstrations of the mob. The feeling against Germans is acute. Crowds have attacked German shops, and special constables have had to be called out to deal with the people.

PROPOSAL TO HAVE STREET RAILWAY, HYDRO AND OTHER CIVIC BOARDS AMALGAMATED

Much Business Transacted at Council Meeting Last Night--Big Plans Were Discussed--Pool Room License Refused Without Discussion.

The City Council had a short but busy session last evening.

MAIN BUSINESS.

The application for a pool room license on Dalhousie street was finally turned down without any debate.

Consideration of a by-law was suggested for one board regarding public utilities instead of several boards. The condition of Lorne Bridge came in for a good deal of attention in connection with the desire of the residents of West Brantford to have the street car service renewed. The services of an engineering expert will be obtained in connection with further data.

COMMUNICATIONS.

There was a long list of communications read by City Clerk Leonard. These were briefly discussed and passed by the councillors. The time lists of T. H. Jones and John Thresher were ordered to be paid.

A communication was read from Miss Nellie Van Norman, of the Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire, thanking the Mayor and councillors for their contributions towards the field kitchens they were purchasing for the Canadian soldiers at the front.

D. S. Webster and others wrote, asking that the council take steps

concerning the level crossing on Leonard street, which has been closed and traffic obstructed for months by an idle engine of the Lake Erie & Northern Railway. This was moved to be referred to the board of works by Ald Calbeck.

Ald Suddaby, in speaking about this obstruction, stated that the level crossing was in a bad condition and needed attention.

Ald Calbeck replied that the L. E. & N. would lay pavement in the needed places, and they would attend to the improvement of the crossing.

The City Clerk of London, S. Baker, requested the Brantford city council to sign the petition to amend the colonization act of the province. He stated that it would be of great benefit to the province if this amendment was made. Referred to the finance committee.

A letter was read from the City Clerk of Kingston, asking the city council of Brantford to co-operate in asking that standard time be put one hour ahead.

Ald Mrs. E. E. Bertrand sent in a request that they might be granted a license to run a shooting gallery and merry-go-round on the empty lot opposite the Kerby House. Referred to finance committee.

W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., in writing from Ottawa concerning the new

post office opening ceremonies here, requested that a committee be appointed to take charge of the affair, as the Postmaster-General, T. Chas. Casgrain, would probably make a visit to the ceremonies himself.

City Treasurer A. K. Bunnett wrote stating that he had received a communication from the Provincial Treasurer stating Brantford's share of the salary and travelling expenses of the health officer of District No. 3, amounting to \$577.00, had not yet been paid.

It was moved by Ald. Ryerson that the communication from W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., be filed, and that the mayor, finance committee, clerk and treasurer be a committee to act in conjunction with Mr. Cockshutt. Also that the communication of A. K. Bunnett be referred to the finance committee. Carried.

Angus Wilson, an old city teamster, requested that he be permitted to use Patricia street for garden purposes. Arthur F. Dell also asked permission to install a Bower system gasoline tank on the curb outside of his store, at 45 Dalhousie street.

On behalf of the Brantford Hydro-Electric commission, Mr. Ireland requested that seven new 150 watt candle power lights be placed on

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MILLIONS SLEPT THROUGH THE ZEPPELIN RAID ON THE CITY OF LONDON

London is Not Visibly Perturbed—Millions Never Knew of it Until it Was Announced in the Morning Papers.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, June 1.—Zeppelin airships, which reached London last night, did not disturb the several million inhabitants of the Metropolitan area sleeping peacefully through the raid and all they knew this morning are the brief facts of the admiralty announcement which states that the raiders flew over certain outlying sections of the city.

The official announcement makes mention also of numerous fires, which may or may not have been connected with the raid.

None of the evening newspapers have published any information of the details to supplement the bare announcement of the admiralty.

The ordinary life and business of London is being carried on as usual, and the small groups which gathered around discussing the raid.

So far as the public here has been allowed to know, a general lull pervades the different military fronts. It is apparent nevertheless that fighting is still proceeding along the River in the vicinity of Przemyel. This is the extent of the information given by Vienna, which contents itself with the bare mention of the fact, but nothing, either in confirmation or denial of the reported Russian success at this point.

The official announcement from London indicates the resumption of active hostilities against Austria-Hungary, which had been suspended during the Halo-Austrian negotiations.

The near east apparently again is in agreement with a Bulgar-Roumanian front reported as among the probabilities of the near future, and Con-

stantinople said to be excited over the recent British submarine raid and the dismantling of the Cruiser Sultan Selim, formerly the Goeben.

According to a despatch received here from Athens there is a party in the Turkish capital which is demanding the opening of the straits and immediate peace overtures.

"KULTUR" AND COURTESY

By Special Wire to the Courier.

LONDON, June 1.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent sends an article written by George Bernhard in the Vossische Zeitung, in which Bernhard emphasizes what he styles the politeness of the German reply to the American note.

"We would have been thoroughly justified," says Herr Bernhard, "in replying with a sharp protest to the American note."

The writer expresses the opinion that the United States will be convinced of the truth of the information Germany has advanced with regard to the Lusitania, and that instead of protesting further to Germany it will hold the Cunard Line responsible for the disaster.

GAS-FILLED BOMBS OF ENEMY ARE NO LONGER EFFECTIVE

Paris, June 1.—Scientists, aiding the military, have discovered, it is believed, a means whereby the poisonous gas-filled bombs the Germans have rendered ineffective. The representatives of the British War Office here now purchasing hundreds of ordinary garden syringes, such as are used for watering flowers. With these it is planned to squirt hypodermic doses of sodium into the air as the poisonous gases reach the lines. The

soldiers are to be supplied with masks covering the head, soaked in some chemical and which is coated with glycerine to prevent evaporation.

London automobile buses, it is discovered have shown an unexpected utility in the treatment of gas victims. If they can be picked up immediately and rushed to a hospital at a high speed it has been found that the journey through the air is of great benefit.

PTE. GUY WALLACE



Wounded

Professor Leacock's lecture will be given in Victoria Hall Thursday evening, June 3rd, instead of Zion church. Tickets, 50 cents. No reserve.

HAVE YOU SEEN

Money floating in the air in Brantford?

MANY INSTITUTIONS BENEFIT GREATLY

Several Brantford Institutions will benefit under the will of the late Mrs. Eliza Clarke, which is being entered for probate by Messrs. Harley and Sweet, acting on behalf of the Trusts and Guarantee Company, Limited, the executors. The bequests are as follows:

- Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church, Brant Ave aux-iliaries.....\$ 800 00
- Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada..... 500 00
- Huron College, London, Ontario..... 500 00
- Children's Aid Society, Brantford..... 1000 00
- Brantford Young Men's Christian Association..... 500 00
- Widows Home, Brantford..... 1500 00
- Nurses' Home, Brantford..... 500 00
- Trinity Anglican church, Brantford..... 500 00
- Brant Sanitarium..... 500 00

The residue of the estate goes to the Children's Aid Society, Brantford, and will be from \$1,500 to \$2,000, in addition to the above legacy of \$1,000.

Mrs. Clarke was an elderly widow who upon the death of her husband in Ridgeway removed to Brantford, but had latterly resided in Burford.

PTES. ROSS AND NORMAN MACDONALD



Sons of Mr. Geo. Macdonald, 25 Peel Street.

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The falling away of clams in the rivers is likely to cause a scarcity of pearl buttons in the garment trade.

VIOLENT FIGHTING NORTH OF ARRAS AND TO THE EAST OF AIX NOULETTE

German Position to the East of Notre Dame de Lorette Was Taken and Germans Were Repulsed in the Vosges.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

PARIS, June 1, 2.40 p.m.—The French War Office this afternoon gave out a report on the progress of hostilities which reads as follows:

"Violent fighting took place last night in the region to the north of Arras. To the east of the road from Aix Noullette to Souchez we made our way into a grove, and here developed a hand-to-hand fight, in which we had the advantage.

"On the plateau to the east of Notre Dame de Lorette we took possession of a German work.

"A very violent fight developed around the sugar mill at Souchez, in the course of which we took about 60 prisoners.

"In the Vosges, near Fontenelle, north of St. Die, during the night of May 30-31, a German attack, in which two companies participated, was repulsed by us with heavy losses for the enemy."

FRESH GAINS NEAR ARRAS MADE BY THE FRENCH TROOPS

Paris, June 1.—The War Office announced fresh gains last night in the region of Arras on the Souchez-Car-

ency road. Some German trenches were captured near Souchez and 50 prisoners were made.

Otherwise, according to the night official communique, the day was not marked by important infantry engagements, the Germans having contented themselves with an artillery bombardment of the French front, making no attacks.

The following official statement of the Belgian operations of May 30 was made public here last evening:

"During the day the enemy artillery was very active. At night it bombarded our advanced posts one of our bridgeheads and the villages of Noordschoote and Ostvlieteren. Our batteries dispersed the enemy on the Crootegheten and Schoorbakke roads, as well as working parties around Blaufutteken."

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