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BELGIUM ASKS WORLD TO JUDGE HER CASE

The Belgian Legation in Washington Issues an Official Statement in Which a Moving Appeal to "Universal Conscience" is Made Against Germany's Violation of Her Neutrality—Belgium "Would Rather Die With Honor Than Live Dishonored," and Humanity Will Uphold Her Stand For Right

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—The Belgian Legation has compiled the following statement of the Belgian case in the present war to answer the many inquiries that have been received on the subject: "By the treaty of April 19th, 1839, Prussia, France, England, Austria and Russia, declared themselves guarantors of that treaty concluded on the same day between the King of the Belgians and the King of the Netherlands. This treaty provides: "Belgium forms an independent state of perpetual neutrality. "That is to say, Belgium was forbidden, in case of war, to take the part of any of the belligerents. "Since then Belgium has fulfilled all her neutrality obligations; she has acted in a spirit of meticulous impartiality. She has left nothing undone to maintain and make respected her neutrality. Germany's obligation to respect her neutrality was even more emphatically affirmed by one of Germany's greatest men by the creator of the Empire France, then Count, Bismarck, wrote a letter to Baron Nothomb, Belgian Minister in Berlin, on the 22nd of July, 1870, as follows: "In confirmation of my verbal assurances, I have the honor to give in writing a declaration which, in view of the treaties in force, is quite superfluous, that the confederation of the north and its allies will respect the neutrality of Belgium on the understanding, of course, that it is respected by the other belligerent. (Sgd.) "VON BISMARCK."

"On August 2nd last, in the course of the day, the German Minister in Brussels, M. De Below Saleske, gave an interview to the reporters of the newspaper 'Le Soir,' and declared to them that Belgium had nothing to fear from Germany. He went so far as to employ this expression: 'You will see, perhaps, your neighbour's house on fire, but your house will remain intact.' The same day at 7 p.m. he communicated the following note to the Belgian Government: "The German Government has received unimpeachable news to the effect that the French forces have the intention of marching on the Meuse by Givet and Namur. This news leaves no doubt as to the intention of France to march upon Germany from Belgian territory. "Feared French Invasion. "The Imperial Government of Germany cannot help fearing that Belgium in spite of the best intentions will not be in a position to repulse without help an incursion by the French of such great magnitude. In this case it is sufficiently certain that Germany is seriously threatened. It is the urgent business of Germany to forestall this attack on the part of the enemy. The German Government would be filled with lively regret if Belgium were to regard as an act of hostility against her the fact that her precautionary measures oblige her to violate on her side the Belgian territory. "In order to avoid the possibility of misunderstanding the German Government made the following comment: Word and Deed. "First—Germany contemplates no act of hostility toward Belgium. If Belgium consents to assume in the war which is about to commence the attitude of friendly neutrality toward Germany the German Government on its side engages, when peace is restored, to guarantee the integrity of the Kingdom and its possessions. "Second—Germany engages herself on the aforesaid conditions to evacuate Belgian territory as soon as peace is concluded. "Third—If Belgium observes a friendly attitude Germany is ready to co-operate with the authorities to buy for cash everything that is necessary for her troops and to pay indemnities for damage done in Belgium, but if Belgium behaves in a hostile manner against the troops and in particular places difficulties in the way of advance by opposition by the

BRITISH TAR IS LUCKY MAN

Escapes With His Life From Two War Ship Disasters From Submarines

London, Oct. 17.—Sydney Austin, a boatsman of the Hawke, who was saved, bears a charmed life according to his way of thinking. He was one of the few survivors of the cruiser Hogue, and after the sinking of this vessel he was transferred to the Hawk. Thus, within a few weeks he has survived two submarine attacks.

ALLIED LINE HOLDS FIRMLY

Germans Launched Unsuccessful Attack Northeast of Verdun

Paris, Oct. 16 (Official).—On our left wing the action continues vigorously; everywhere we have held our own. At certain points we have gained ground and occupied Lavenex. At the East of Etaires in the direction of Lille, there is no important incidents to mention on other parts of the front, except an unsuccessful attack by Germans in the region of Malancourt, Northeast of Verdun.

RUSSIANS MAKE MORE CAPTURES

Collar Three Austrian Companies With Six Officers Near Przemysl

Petrograd, Oct. 17.—An official communication from the Chief of General Staff, given out last night, says: "Small engagements have taken place at the front in East Prussia. The Austro-German troops on Oct. 15, assumed the offensive all along the front between the Vistula River and Galicia to the South of Przemysl. "We have captured three Austrian companies and six officers."

British Capture German Gunboat

London, Oct. 17.—A despatch from Melbourne says that advice of the capture of a German gunboat has been received by the Government from New Guinea.

LABOR UNITED AGAINST ENEMY

Washington, Oct. 16.—A despatch to the British Embassy, today, gave an abstract of manifestoes issued by the leaders of the Labor Party, declaring their sympathy with the action of the British Government in the present war. The Labor leaders urged that a German victory would mean the death of Democracy in Europe.

MORE SURVIVORS FROM THE HAWKE

London, Oct. 16.—The Admiralty has announced the names of additional survivors of the cruiser Hawke, consisting of Lieut. Commander Robert R. Rosoman, and twenty men.

OSTEND IS SAID TO HAVE FALLEN

London, Oct. 16.—A news despatch from Amsterdam says that fugitives who arrived at the Dutch frontier declare that Ostend has fallen into the hands of the Germans.

ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DEAD

Rome, Oct. 16.—The Italian Foreign Minister, Marchese San Giuliano, is dead.

ARE READY FOR FIGHT

Belgian Army, Recuperating at Unnamed Base, In Fine Shape

London, Oct. 17.—The Times' Antwerp correspondent who accompanied the Belgian army in its retreat to France, telegraphs from the present headquarters of the Belgians, which is unnamed saying that far from the army being demoralized, the troops, though fatigued, are in the best of spirits and anxious to meet the Germans again.

ALLIES FIGHT CONFIDENTLY

Soldiers Fight With Unshaken Confidence in their Ultimate Success

At the Battlefront, Oct. 17.—Belief in their final success appears have taken firm hold on the Allies. All the men display confidence in their commanders who are doing everything possible to spare their troops. The Allied soldiers are fighting with vigor. They often perform marches which seem beyond human power, while on the battle-field their ardor is unrestrainable.

LILLE TAKEN FROM GERMANS?

London, Oct. 17.—A despatch from Bologne to The Daily Mail says it is reported there that the Germans have been driven from Lille.

PATRIOTIC ACT OF BANK OF N.S.

Paying Volunteer Members of Staff Salary in Full

The Bank of Nova Scotia is paying in full the salaries of those members of its staff who are with our Newfoundland Volunteers. This arrangement has been made for six months at the end of which time the management will consider its further extension.

BRITISH AIRMEN WERE SHOT DOWN

London, Oct. 17.—A despatch from Amsterdam says that according to the German paper Der Tag an English aeroplane was shot down near Peronne, France, inside the German line. The two aviators aboard were captured.

Herring Plentiful

Word was received from Bay of Islands yesterday that herrings are plentiful. The Portia left Burin at 5.30 a.m.

CITY FATHERS HONOR THE LATE ARCHBISHOP

Held a Short Meeting Last Night to Pass a Resolution of Condolence—High Tributes Paid to Memory of Dead Prelate

THE regular weekly meeting of the Civic Commission last night was brought to an early termination, as the meeting was devoted to the passing of Resolutions of Sympathy occasioned by the death of His Grace Archbishop Howley, and was marked by brilliant speeches by Messrs. Gosling and Withers. The full board was present. After the reading of the minutes, the Chairman, Mr. Gosling rose to present the resolutions. The community was shocked by the death of His Grace Archbishop Howley, and while we all knew of his serious illness and that to all death is inevitable, yet death is terrible and in this case particularly so. His Grace had achieved great success in the church, first as missionary priest, then bishop and Archbishop. He filled his high office with dignity, charity and distinguished piety. He was always genial and affable. A Prominent Citizen. Apart from his distinction in the church he was a distinguished citizen and took the deepest interest in the affairs of St. John's and the country generally, and was well able to express an opinion on any subject. As an historian he had achieved great notoriety. Mr. Gosling would like to say that the last time he had the pleasure to converse with the late Archbishop he expressed the greatest interest in the welfare of the city and hoped the Board would meet with success. He was especially interested in the housing of the poor. Unfortunately the Board has not been able to do much in this direction, but the speaker expressed the hope that they would be able to do so in the future. He expressed the hope that their successors could achieve something and if anything be done he would suggest that it be done in some way associated with the late Archbishop's name. Resolution of Sympathy. Mr. Gosling then read the following Resolution: "The members of the St. John's Municipal Board having learned of the death of His Grace Most Rev. M. P. Howley, Archbishop of St. John's, and head of the Roman Catholic Church in Newfoundland, desire to place on Record their deep sense of sorrow in the loss of so distinguished a native of the country and highly accomplished Churchman. "His Grace had a long and brilliant career as missionary priest and Bishop, was widely known as a patriotic Newfoundland and a prolific and graceful writer. Self-sacrificing, straightforward, endowed with the higher qualities of priestly virtues, he endeared himself to his people and was highly regarded and appreciated by all classes of the community. "Many monuments of his zeal and activity remain as the result of his labours in the Ministry. He was a man of great public spirit, an exempl-

GERMAN FORT IN BRITAIN

Police Make Interesting Discovery in a Suburb of London

London, Oct. 16.—The police found at Willesden, a suburb to the north-west of London, a building occupied by Germans, with foundations and roof of concrete. They arrested 22 Germans on the premises. The premises were being used by C. G. Roeber, a German music publisher, as a factory. The police laid their plans, and conducted a successful raid, in large force they surrounded the building, and then entered it, and took into custody the twenty-two German subjects. The factory is of one storey. They found very thick concrete foundations. It was discovered that the roof was of concrete, between three and four feet thick. The site of this factory commands several important railroad junctions. The premises of the same firm in Paris were blown up recently on orders issued by the French Government. ary citizen and above all things a generous, kind and courteous gentleman. "RESOLVED that the Board place on record their expression of profound sorrow in the loss this community and country sustain in the death of the Archbishop. "FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Administrator, Rt. Rev. Mons. Roche, V.G. and to the family of the deceased and that also a copy be entered on the Minutes of this Meeting. "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased Archbishop, this regular meeting do stand adjourned." Mr. Withers' Tribute. Commissioner Withers proposed the Resolution and in doing so delivered one of the most brilliant and touching speeches we have ever had the pleasure of listening to from any of our public men. It was a beautiful effort, and the only regret is that the audience was not much larger, only the Commissioners and Press representatives being present. It was with a feeling of personal bereavement almost that Mr. Withers rose to move the suite of Resolutions for he had been a close friend of the late Archbishop's from infancy. He spoke of the Michael Francis Howley as a boy in his teens, when with the Simms, the Frazer's, the Winter's and himself they would meet on Quidi Vidi Pond to play 'hurley,' and the boy Howley, who later became such a shining light in literature and in Church circles, was always in the thickest of the game. Of these boys of the fifties, who congregated in winter time on historic old Quidi Vidi, only

RUSSIANS SOW MINES

Are Forced to Fight the Germans With Their Own Weapons

Petrograd, Oct. 17.—The Russian Government announces that because of presence of German submarines in the Gulf of Finland and the sowing of mines in Russian waters by the enemy it has been compelled in turn to have recourse to similar measures, consequently certain zones of Russian waters, especially those near the Gulf of Riga and Finland, must be considered as dangerous.

LONDON HOTELS NOW ALL-BRITISH

Get Rid of all Their German Employes

London, Oct. 16.—The agitation in the London press against the employment of thousands of Germans in the hotels of the city, resulted today in the announcement that five fashionable houses were free of Germans. Several important hotels, notably in the Strand, are managed by Germans, and English help is not desired. Many English employes were dismissed by the German proprietors at the outbreak of the war.

GEORGE STREET BIBLE CLASS

The George St. Bible Class are holding a Patriotic Service in George St. Church tomorrow afternoon, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Hon. J. A. Robinson will be the speaker and a special programme has been prepared. Visitors will receive a hearty welcome and especially outport friends now in the city. The Prospero left Catalina at 8.30 a.m. and is due here at 7 p.m.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Moderate winds and fine today. Sunday fresh south-east winds; showery.

himself was left. The others have passed to their reward, and if the Archbishop had reached the evening of his life, the twilight must fast be closing in on the speaker. He then traced the deceased prelate through his college and university career, referring to his wonderful powers of learning. The Archbishop was a brilliant member of a brilliant family as was shown by the speakers reference to his brothers. A great man (Continued on page 6)

BUT LITTLE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED, BY THE PEOPLE OF THE BRITISH ISLES TO CAPTURE OF OSTEND BY GERMANS

Harbour Is Useless To The Enemy, Because The Waters Along The Coast Have Been Sown With Mines By The British.—May Be Used As a Base For a Zeppelin Attack On Great Britain

London, Oct. 17.—All reports reaching London say that the German imagination has been fired by the taking of Ostend and the cry now is not only "On to Calais," but "On to Boulogne."

What progress, if any, the Germans have made since they entered Ostend on Thursday morning is not known here but their next object is apparently Dunkirk. Opinion in England seems to differ as to what part the British fleet would play should the battle continue to skirt the coastline and reports that the British dreadnoughts would back up the French, British and Belgian forces from the Straits of Dover seem to originate in German sources. Capture of Little Use. London, Oct. 17.—The papers generally depreciate the importance of the German occupation of the Belgian coast line, pointing out that the British mine field prevents the enemy bringing ships to operate from the none-too-spacious harbor of Ostend. The fact remains, however, that as the fighting gets geographically nearer to England, the public, heretofore discussing and speculating on the Zeppelin raid, is bound to ask itself what will come next. The Allied left is holding its ground; at some points it is even moving forward, having occupied Laventie and driving the Germans back in the direction of Lille. Report Not Confirmed. One report had it that the Germans had been driven out of Lille, but this has not been confirmed. Little definite news came during the morning of the fighting along the Vistula River, where the Russians claim to have repulsed a German attack. Whether the German advance on Warsaw has been permanently checked only the future can show. One version has it that the Germans are preparing to winter in Poland.

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