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GERMANY ASKS THE UNITED STATES TO DEFER CONSIDERATION

Asks For Time to Probe Into Whether the Lusitania was War Vessel or Merchantman

Berlin, May 29.—On the eve of the delivery to the United States Ambassador of the German reply to the American Note on the destruction of the Lusitania, the exact form and phrasing of the document would take seemed unsettled and a few changes in the details were still under consideration.

ITALIANS CONTINUE THEIR ADVANCE

Now Aiming to Flank the Austrian Fortifications North of Mount Baldo

Austrians are Mounting Heavy Guns on Alpine Passes, Facing Monfalcone

Geneva, May 28.—The Italians are continuing their advance into Corinthia. They have taken three lower mountain passes and fourteen villages. The Italian forces, supported by several gunboats on Lake Garda, captured several hills north of Mount Baldo. Their object is to flank the Austrian fortifications at the mouth of the Adige river, and also advance on

BERLIN DEPRECATES DISCUSSION SINKING STEAMER NEBRASKAN

Gulflight Incident Cleared Up—Main Point Germany's Reply Respecting Lusitania Known at Washington

Berlin, May 29.—The Foreign Office and Admiralty are still without news concerning the reported torpedoing of the American steamship Nebraska and deprecate all discussion possible to effect the German-American negotiations, pending authoritative confirmation of an attack on the ship. German newspapers printed nothing about the Nebraska incident, since the first Rotterdam despatch reported that the ship had been torpedoed, and that she was still afloat with the crew safe in her life boats.

MILAN IN STATE OF SIEGE

Milan, May 29.—Milan is in a virtual state of siege. The entire garrison is being kept in readiness and troops are posted at various points in the town to prevent excesses against Germans and Austrians.

Signal Warning For Neutral Ships

Washington, May 29.—United States Consul-General Skinner, at London, cabled the Bureau of Navigation today, that the British Admiralty has arranged a special signal warning to merchant vessels and others, of German submarines known to be in their vicinity. During daylight the letter "B" of the international code flag, which is red with swallow tail, will be displayed over the ball. At night there will be a continuous flashing of the letter "B" by the light signals.

OFFICIAL

French

Paris, May 28 (official).—The British troops have made progress towards LaFosse. The enemy continued to deliver counter-attacks, increasing in violence. Five times they made these attacks during the day, but every time they were rolled back. During the night two counter-attacks met with the same result. Thus in less than 24 hours, the Germans attacked seven times, but our artillery and infantry made any German progress impossible. We are holding entirely every one of our positions, despite the continuous and very violent shelling.

Russia Denies Loss Of Battleship

Paris, May 28 (official).—The Russian Admiralty denies categorically the Turkish official announcement, according to which the Russian battleship Panteleimon was sent to the bottom in the Black Sea by a submarine. The day when this was supposed to have happened, the Panteleimon was in a Russian port, and no vessel of the Russian Black Sea squadron had been either sent to the bottom or wrecked.

Germany Prepared For Winter Campaign

Berlin, May 29.—Replying to a question at a sitting of the Budget Committee of the Reichstag to-day, as to whether the army administration had taken measures to ensure a supply of raw material and textiles in the event of long duration of the war, Deputy War Minister made this precise statement: "Even a new winter campaign would find us prepared in every way. All the raw materials are at hand in sufficient quantities for it. It must be declared out of the question, therefore, that efficiency of our army could be impeded owing to the same deficiency."

British Steamer Sent To Bottom Five Men Drowned

Falmouth, May 28.—The new British steamer Spennymoor has been sunk by a German submarine off Start Point, Channel Islands. The captain and five men of the crew of the steamer were drowned by the capsizing of the boat while it was being launched. An engineer was badly injured by the bursting of a shell in the engine room. Twenty-three of the survivors of the disaster were landed here.

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Conscription Again Being Talked Of

London, May 28.—Announcement that conscription will be introduced next month, is made by the weekly paper, Town Topic, which says that the Government will propose legislation empowering the military authorities to call up men in four classes, namely:—first class, unmarried men, 18 to 35 years; second class, married men, 18 to 25 years; third class, married men, 25 to 35 years; fourth class, unmarried men, 35 to 45 years. The Town Topics states that pay and separation allowance will be lower than those given voluntary recruits.

GERMANY'S NOTE EXPECTED TO-MORROW

Will Temporarily, and Ask United States Whether the Lusitania Carried Explosives

London, May 28.—The Evening News publishes a despatch from the Hague, giving reports from Berlin that Germany's reply to the American Note will be presented to-morrow. It will be a temporizing character, the despatch continues, and will ask the United States either to affirm or to deny that the Lusitania carried ammunition destined for the Allies.

Will Declare War On Italy

Geneva, May 28.—A despatch received at Basel from Berlin says that Germany will declare war on Italy within the next 48 hours, and that Turkey will make her declaration upon Italy later. Other despatches reaching Geneva set forth that the Italians are bringing up heavier guns for attacking Austrian forts along Monfalcone, which is being bombarded. They are continuing their advances in Isonzo valley.

Advised Sinking All Party Politics

London, May 29.—"The new Cabinet is not a Coalition, but a National Cabinet," said Donald MacMaster, K.C.M.P., addressing a meeting at Chertsey last night. "The recent Government did not lack voting strength and was not defeated," he said, but Asquith had realized that the war could be only successfully waged by a Cabinet representing all parties. "MacMaster said this was the conclusion which he himself had already reached and he now advised the wholehearted support of the Government. The duty of the nation was to insure the attendance of soldiers, who would be provided for at the close of the war. Lieut-General Hutton, who presided, also advised the entire sinking of all party politics."

French Steamer "Champagne" Ashore

Nantes, France, May 28.—The steamer Champagne, of the French trans-Atlantic Line, is ashore near St. Nazaire, badly damaged. The 900 persons on board have been taken off.

Paris, May 28.—Officials of the French line here say all the passengers of the La Champagne have been landed at St. Nazaire, and that there is no need of anxiety as to the safety of the vessel.

They state she was not torpedoed. The stranding of the vessel was an accident. The La Champagne was engaged in trade between Central and South American ports and France.

Germans Forced Backed By Russians

Berlin, May 28.—A reverse at the hands of the Russians in the fighting along the River San in Central Poland is announced in to-day's statement from the War Office. It is said the Germans in the region of Sienawa, on the left bank of the river, were forced back, and lost six cannon.

Military Missions Arrive At Rome

Rome, May 28.—The French and British military missions, which will remain with the Italian General Staff during the war for the purpose of furthering military co-operation among the Allies, arrived at Rome to-day. The Russian mission is expected soon.

GREAT UNEASINESS IN NAVAL CIRCLES OVER THE ACTIVITY GERMAN SUBMARINES

The Shipping Through Suez Threatened—Italians Bombard a Turkish Port—Austro-Germans Continue Advances—French Offensive Slackening—British Engaged on Defensive—Italians Claim Further Successes

London, May 29.—The success of German submarines in their attacks on the British fleet supporting the army on the Gallipoli Peninsula, which resulted in the sinking of the battleships Triumph and Majestic and the ever increasing activity of these boats in the waters around the British Isles and the threat to carry this underwater warfare to the Suez Canal and the trade which passes through that waterway, while they have not caused any great uneasiness in naval circles, have brought officials to a realization of the great danger that will exist.

The trade from British ports goes on as though there were no submarine danger. It is stated there will be no interruption in the Dardanelles. The fleet there will have to assist the army on the Gallipoli Peninsula, taking chances of destruction by submarine and mines or shell fire.

Little or no change in the situation on the Eastern or Western battle fronts. Austrians and Germans claim to have made further advance in their operations, the aim of which is the encircling of Przemysl, although they are meeting with very stubborn resistance on the part of the Russians.

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The spirit of merchantmen is indicated to-day in the reply of a sailor to Lord Marsey's question of inquiry into the sinking of the steamer Falaba by a German submarine some time ago. Asked whether he would go to sea again, the sailor promptly replied, "Yes."

In the West the French offensive north of Arras is still in progress, but the advance by the Allied troops seemingly is not so fast as it was when the attack was first launched. The British are also engaged north of Laassee and are being almost continuously occupied in resisting German attacks around Ypres. The attempt to capture this port is said to have cost the Tontons an enormous number of men.

Geneva, May 28.—The Italians are continuing their advance into Corinthia, and have taken three of the lower mountain passes and fourteen villages.

Unofficial reports reaching here to-day are to the effect that the Italians have landed on the Island of Rhodes, off the coast of Asia Minor, while a cruiser has been bombarding Budrum which is on the Gulf of Kos, on the mainland of Asiatic Turkey, not far from Rhodes. This is believed to be the first step in the attempt to land on the Asia Minor coast. There has been

The Italians claim to have made further advances into Austrian territory at Tyrol, Trentino and Istria, but no important battle has yet been fought in this South-Western theatre of the war.

STEAMER AFIRE IN THE PACIFIC

San Francisco, May 29.—A wireless report received here to-night said the steamer Mackinaw was on fire off Point Reyes, thirty miles north of San Francisco and the U.S. Coastguard cutter McCulloch is preparing to go to her assistance.

The Mackinaw sailed from this port late to-day for Portland, Oregon. The Mackinaw was formerly the British Crown and is owned by the Atlantic Transportation Company, Ltd. Her home port is Liverpool. She was built at Belfast, 1891 and has a net tonnage of 2,050 tons. Captain Krabs commands the vessel.

Paris Expects Bulgaria Next To Enter War

Paris, May 29.—Important changes in the Bulgarian diplomatic service is just announced and it is considered here to be highly significant. The Matin sees in them indication that Bulgaria will be the second neutral to join the Allies. Drizov, Minister to Italy and a firm supporter of the Triple Alliance, has been replaced at Rome by M. Stancioff, diplomatic agent in Paris, who in turn is succeeded by M. Grecoff, Confidential Secy. of King Ferdinand.

Wilson Sends Warning To Mexico

Washington, May 29.—President Wilson has decided to serve notice on all warring factions in Mexico that conditions in that country have become intolerable and that unless they themselves compose the situation soon, some other measures may have to be employed to accomplish the result.

Belgians Repulse German Attacks

Havre, May 29.—An official Belgian statement issued on the 27th states that infantry attacks were made against the bridge head defended by one of our divisions was repulsed during the night. To-day the enemy's artillery bombarded the ground behind the Yser and towards Caeskerke.

No Doubt As To How "Nebraska" Was Wrecked

Liverpool, May 29.—It is learned from authoritative sources that the report on the Nebraska incident is to be sent to Washington signed by Consul-General Lee Washington, Naval Constructor McBride and Lieut. Powers will state unequivocally that the ship was torpedoed.

Scarcity of Beef Compel Butchers Shut Up Shop

Glasgow, May 28.—Two hundred Glasgow butcher shops were closed to-day, for the reason that shortage in cattle has resulted in almost prohibitory prices for beef.

WHAT ABOUT COUNTRIES AT WAR?

London, May 29.—The appointment of a person of Ministerial rank to supervise the dissemination of authentic war news to neutral countries is urged editorially by The Times.

THE ITALIAN FORCES STILL MOVE ONWARD

Trieste Abandoned by Austrians—Artillery Duels Demonstrate Superiority of Italian Guns

Rome, May 29.—All efforts of the Austrians to check the Italian invasion of Trent and Istria have failed and the advance continues successfully at every point. Unofficially reported that Austrian authorities have left Trieste, and that the city has been abandoned to the mercy of turbulent mobs. Italian forces which occupied Gradisca have crossed Isonzo River and are pushing southwards towards Monfalcone.

Severe artillery duel along the heights of the Isonzo demonstrated the superiority of the Italian guns. The Italian army of invasion in Trent has occupied Storo and have stormed the Austrian defences upon Mount Tremalzo. Storo is seven miles inside of the Austrian frontier and lies north-east of Lake Idro. Mount Tremalzo is east of Storo and lies north of Lake Garda.

Turks In Armenia Suffer Heavy Losses

Petrograd, May 29.—Twenty-six guns and numerous other arms of various classes and enormous stores of ammunition and provisions, and all of the Government Treasury for Vitayst of Van were captured by the Russian army, which has occupied Van in Armenia, according to an official announcement to-day. The Turks suffering heavy losses in Armenia are falling back before the continued advance of the Russians. The Russian force has occupied by Vaskin Voskan on the Southern Shores of Lake Van. Turks have been defeated on Seerostyk Biza. Gutavarskaja road and Russians have occupied Buriga.

KILLED IN AIR DUKE

Paris, May 29.—Aviator Lieut. Von Buelow, a relative of Prince Von Buelow, was killed near Fismes in an air duel with a French aeroplane belonging to a newly formed squadron.