

ALLIES READY SAYS BONAR LAW

Great Many Lives are Lost in a U. S. Steamer Disaster

THE COMING GERMAN BLOW WILL NOT BE LESS DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF LONG DELAY

British Chancellor of the Exchequer so Informs Delegates of a Parliamentary Conference-- Trembles to Think of Consequences Had the States Not Taken Place of Russia

By Courier Leased Wire.

LONDON, July 6.—The coming German blow will not be less dangerous because of the time employed in preparing for it, but it is comforting to know that the men are prepared, and that the Allied armies are confident of the result, said A. Bonar Law, chancellor of the Exchequer, at a dinner of the delegates of the Parliamentary Commercial Conference.

"It is impossible to foresee the future," he said, "but I do believe the fateful hour of this war is upon us, and if in another three months our enemies have won no strategic object, then their campaign will, I hope, be a decisive failure."

The Germans possessed the most perfect military machine that ever existed, but the chancellor said he believed that when the history of the war was written, it would be seen that Germany had made greater military mistakes than any other power. He instanced the submarine warfare which had brought the United States into the war. He doubted whether Germany would get as much out of Russia as she expected. Wherever the German soldier had planted his root, the name of Germany was loathed for generations.

Mr. Bonar Law said he trembled to think what would have been the position of the Allies after Russia went out of the war, but for the help of the United States. He had not despaired of Russia, who was like a patient in a delirium. It was impossible from hour to hour to tell what the future might bring there.

The population of the enemy powers was 154,000,000, that of the Entente Alliance 1,200,000,000. That in itself was a league of nations with a military force that was terrible, but the economic force also was strong.

Of one thing, he said, there was no doubt, just as the Allies were standing together now, so would they stand when the war was over, to repair the ravages of war. The chancellor concluded:

"I see no immediate hope of peace. There is no road to it, I fear, except the rugged road through victory. It will be fatal to the world and fatal to the Germans themselves, if they are not taught the lesson that war does not pay."

GERMAN TROOPS WERE REPULSED

In An Attempted Raid on the American Sector

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, July 6.—German troops last night attempted to raid the American sector in Lorraine at Xivray. The War Office announced to-day that the enemy was completely repulsed in this effort as he was in raiding attempts at points on the French front. The text of the statement reads:

"French detachments penetrated the German lines and brought back prisoners. Several raiding thrusts by the Germans at Chaume Wood, upon the American sector at Xivray and in the Vosges were completely repulsed. The night was quiet on the remainder of the front."

DENIES AIMS IN INDIA

Statement of German Foreign Secretary Causes Laughter

By Courier Leased Wire. Amsterdam, July 6.—The German government has no intention of undertaking a campaign into India, Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann told a questioner in the Reichstag. "As regards a campaign in the direction of India," he said, "I regret to have to tell the inquirer that brilliant as are the prospects which he thinks might be opened up for our food supply, an Indian campaign forms no part of our official policy." The foreign secretary's remarks were greeted with laughter.

NEW YORK FORMER MAYOR

Is Instantly Killed in Flying Mishap

By Courier Leased Wire. Lake Charles, La., July 6.—Major John Purroy Mitchell, former Mayor of New York City, and an officer in the army aviation service, was instantly killed this morning at Gerstner aviation field here, while flying in a scout machine. The accident occurred at 7:30 a.m. on the flying field, according to reports received here. Gerstner field is 15 miles from Lake Charles. John Purroy Mitchell, killed in an aviation accident to-day, became a flyer for the army after having been defeated last fall for re-election as mayor of New York. He had served one term as the chief executive of this city, the youngest mayor ever elected to that office. On July 19, 1917, next he would have been 38 years old. Major Mitchell went into army service with previous military training, having taken the course at Plattsburg, while he was mayor. Upon joining the aviation corps he was transferred to San Diego, Cal., where after successfully covering the cadet training he became a full fledged flyer. Despite shortage of tonnage, Canadian factories have increased their shipments of goods to South Africa. A large sawmill and box factory at Little Current, owned by the Collins Lumber Co. was destroyed by fire.

A VERY SAD DISASTER TO UNITED STATES EXCURSION STEAMER IS REPORTED

Hit an Obstruction in the Illinois River--The Death List is Believed to be Between 150 and 200--Most of the Victims Were on the Dance Floor at the Time

By Courier Leased Wire.

PEORIA, Ill., July 6.—Approximately 150 people were drowned or trampled to death at midnight last night when the excursion steamer Columbia, carrying more than 500 people, struck an obstruction in the Illinois River and sank.

The excursion party started from Pekin, 15 miles distant from here early in the evening, spent several hours at an amusement park near this city, and when the return trip to Pekin was about half completed, the steamer ran into an obstruction on the Peoria shore in the fog, smashing a big hole in her bow. The pilot signalled full speed astern, and as soon as the vessel pulled clear of the big log or rock, she began to settle, and within a few minutes sank, carrying many persons down.

Soon after the steamer struck, a panic occurred among the passengers and many men, women and children jumped into the water without securing life preservers. Those who could swim reached shore, which was only a few feet away. The second deck of the boat, where the dance hall was located, was crowded when the crash came, and it was there that many were crushed to death in the panic.

Ray Jones, fireman on the steamer, estimated that between 150 and 200 persons were on the dance floor when the boat struck, and many of these perished.

When the boat settled on the bottom the water reached the staterooms, immediately below the pilot house on the listed side. When the pilot found his boat sinking, he sent distress signals, and within a short time boats from various directions came to the rescue, and began to pick up those struggling in the water, but on account of the darkness, their efforts were badly hampered.

Search for the bodies was abandoned at 4 o'clock this morning until daylight came. Approximately 20 had been recovered, only a portion of whom had been identified.

This morning only the hurricane deck of the steamer is visible above the water.

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SUMMARY OF THE LATEST WAR FEATURES

Successful Allied thrusts in local actions have not yet drawn from the enemy a resumption of his strong offensive movements, but there is little doubt that another German blow is in the making. But for the moment, at least, a lull has come in on the western front.

Germany's offensive begun on March 21, is not completed and the Germans have yet to win a strategically vital point. Another strong effort, probably greater than any this year, has been awaited by the Allies for several weeks.

General Foch has employed the past week or more successfully by improving his positions at various points along the main front. British, French and American troops helping in taking valuable ground and more than five thousand prisoners from the enemy.

Except north of Albert, where the Germans regained some ground, the enemy has not been successful in attempted counter-attacks. In several instances, no effort was made to dislodge the Allies from their gains along the Somme, north of the Aisne, and between the Aisne and the Marne.

Australian and American forces hold strongly to the recent gains south of the Somme and the French are improving the ground recently taken north of the Aisne. The strongest enemy artillery fire is being directed against other sectors than these, namely, southwest of Ypres and south of the Aisne.

General Foch probably will continue to harass the enemy in minor operations, but the belief is held by some military observers that he will surprise the German command by striking in force at a vital point. His man power is increasing and his artillery and aerial forces predominate over the same services on the enemy side. In the past week British airmen alone have accounted for 105 German machines, which 52 of their own failed to return.

Fighting activity on the Italian front is becoming more general, but is not very severe at any one point. Near the mouth of the Piave the Italians have gained further ground and taken 400 more prisoners. Between the Brenta and the Piave, on the mountain front, the Italians have made a slight advance and repulsed enemy efforts. Austrian attacks on the Asiago plateau, west of the Brenta, were broken up by the Italians.

Another American transport has been sunk by a German submarine, while returning from France. The vessel, the Covington, remained afloat for several hours and only six men are missing. The Covington was a former German steamship and measured 16,000 tons.

Twenty firms in Winnipeg have conceded the job printers an increase in wages of five dollars a week.

Arthur Leavoy, sixteen years old, of Valleyfield, Que., was drowned off a wharf at Kingston while chasing a rat.

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CIVIC GALA DAY FOR SOLDIERS' FAMILIES

Monster Picnic Will be Held at Mohawk Park on July 27—Plans Already Well Under Way

Plans for the civic picnic in honor of the wives, children and other kin of Brantford soldiers were laid at a meeting in the city hall last night, when the picnic committee from the city council, Ald. Hill, chairman, met representatives from the Patriotic Fund, the Kith and Kin associations and other organizations. The date of the event, which will be a general civic gala day, was set for July 27, and a committee was appointed to approach the Rotary Club with a view to securing part of the soldiers' wives and children to Mohawk Park. Harry Harrup, secretary of the Independent Labor party, was elected secretary of the committee in charge, and the presidents of the district Kith and Kin associations were appointed to the executive. The committee has three full weeks before it, but is losing no time in completing all necessary arrangements. The full program of sports has been drafted, as follows:

- Boys' race, under seven; girls' race, under seven. Boys' race, 7 to 10 years. Boys' race, 10 to 15. Boys' wheelbarrow race, open. Boys' shoe race, under 15 years. Girls' race, 7 to 10. Girls' race, 10 to 15. Girls' egg race, under 15 years. Girls' open race. Throw the needle race, girls under 15. Ladies' open race for soldiers, wives or mothers. Soap race for ladies, 50 yards. Fat Ladies' race. Slippery race, 50 yards. Ladies' tug of war, open to Kith and Kin members. Six pinning-ball game, open to ladies of city. Veterans' wheelbarrow race lady in wheelbarrow. Veterans' tug of war.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, July 6.—The disturbance which was centred just north of the Great Lakes yesterday has passed to the eastward of the Ottawa valley and the barometer is now rising in Ontario. The weather continues unsettled in the Maritime Provinces and Gulf and fine in other parts of the Dominion. Forecasts. Westerly winds, fine and moderately warm to-day and on Sunday.

A CANADIAN TROOP SHIP

Goes Ashore on the Atlantic Coast—All Taken Off

Ottawa, July 6.—It is officially announced through the office of the chief press censor that the City of Vienna, a Canadian troop ship, having troops on board, has gone ashore on the Atlantic coast during a dense fog. The troops and crew have all been safely taken off and it is thought that the ship herself may become a total loss.



BASBALL ROOTERS IN GREAT BRITAIN. They are not English enthusiasts, but American sailors, watching their national game being played at Highbury, between an Epsom team and one from a United States vessel.

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