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STARVATION FACED WHOLE GARRISON

British at Kut-el-Amara Suffered For Want of Food—When Capitulation Was Signed Six Mules Were Left to Feed Army and Civilians

NEW YORK, May 30.—The Evening World to-day publishes the following: "Hondubay, India.—Stories of the terrible suffering of British and Indian soldiers and inhabitants of Kut el Amara, before General Townshend gave up the gallant defence of the place, have been brought here by wounded and diseased prisoners, who were exchanged for Turkish prisoners. They were frightfully emaciated. The whole garrison would have perished if Townshend held out a few days longer. When capitulation was signed, only six mules were left to feed the army and 20,000 of a civil population. When Townshend tried to send Turkish civilians out into the Turkish lines, they hanged forty of them, warning the others to stay and consume the British food. Diary of the siege shows that the only suffering was for food. Before surrender, dead officers' kits were sold. Eighty dollars was paid for a box of cigars, and \$20.00 for fifty American cigarettes. In February, rations only consisted of a pound of barley meal and bread, and a pound and a quarter of muel or horseflesh. In April it was four ounces of bread and a pound of flesh. The supply of bread for British soldiers was even lower, since the Indians would not eat meat because of their religion. Disease spread among horses and hundreds had to be shot; 2,000 being killed because there was no grain for them. The fattest were kept forty-five days for food. In February scurvy appeared. Then British aeroplanes dropped seeds. Townshend turned the army into gardeners. Mill-stones, too, were dropped from aeroplanes to grind flour. Stray cats furnished delicate "wild rabbit" supper. Grass was cooked as vegetables, and ginger root boiled acted as a substitute for tea and coffee. Later the aeroplanes dropped some corn flour, cocoa, sugar, tea and cigarettes, but this went to the wounded alone."

RUNCIMAN OBLIGED TO TAKE REST

President of Board of Trade Has Been ill of Late—Is Suffering From Strain of Public Duties—Will Take a Six Weeks Rest

LONDON, May 31.—Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, has been made ill by the strain of public duties, and probably will be obliged to rest six weeks. It is expected he will be unable to attend the forthcoming Economic Conference in Paris. Lewis Harcourt, First Commissioner of Works, has been appointed to take charge of the Board of Trade during Runciman's illness.

TOWNS HARD HIT BY WAR SEEK HELP

Distress in East Coast Towns is Ventilated in Commons—Grimms by Folk Are in Bad Way and Have no Means of Obtaining a Livelihood

LONDON, May 30.—Distress in East Coast towns as the result of the war, was discussed in the Commons to-day. Members for the constituencies affected made an appeal for the relief by the Government. It came out during the debate that Zeppelins had visited Yarmouth more than thirty times. Tourists at Yarmouth and other resorts, who in former years numbered thousands, have dwindled almost to none. Many residents of the towns have departed, with others, chiefly with children, proceeded to interior places each night. Arthur Fell, Conservative member for Great Yarmouth, pointed out that forty per cent. of the people of Grimmsby, dependent in the past on visitors for a living, are now without this means of obtaining a livelihood; and thirty per cent. dependent upon fishing, which also has been interfered with. Shopkeepers had been hard hit. Sir Edward Beauchamp, Liberal member for Lowestoft, said that the town had been ruined by the loss of visitors.

British Make Further Progress In East Africa

LONDON, May 30.—The British force which is invading German East Africa from the south-west, and which yesterday was reported to have penetrated 20 miles into German territory on the front between Lakes Tanganyika and Nyassa, has made still further progress, according to an official statement issued to-night. The statement says:

"Continuing his report of operations sent on May 25th, Brigadier-General Northey telegraphs his operations against New Langenberg have been successful. The enemy have been compelled to evacuate the town. We occupied it to-day, capturing large quantities of ammunition, food and stores of all kinds. The enemy garrison, which is holding Maroma, 25 miles E.N.E. of Abercorn on the Rhodesian border, has been invested."

Bulgarians Active

LONDON, May 30.—Great activity on the part of Bulgarians following their occupation of several Greek forts in the vicinity of Demir Hissar, is reported in a despatch from Salonika. Official information has been received to the effect that important Bulgarian forces are being concentrated at Neuroko, in the Bulgarian-Greek border, as well as at Xanbika. There have been no further developments in the Demir Hissar region. The town remains in the hands of the Greeks, although the inhabitants have departed. The advance lines of the Entente Allies on the Vardar and the hamlet of Killindir are being bombarded.

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FRENCH

PARIS, via St. Pierre, May 30.—On the left bank of the Meuse bombardment increased yesterday during the evening between Mort Homme and Cumieres. The enemy shortly after launched a very strong infantry attack, in which was engaged a new division recently arrived on this front. On our left all the enemy's assaults launched on the east slope of Mort Homme, where we established our lines, have all been shattered by our fire. Further east in Caurettes Wood region, after several unsuccessful attempts, in which the enemy suffered very heavy losses, we have brought back our advanced elements south of the Bethincourt-Cumieres Road.

Finally, at our right, the Germans did not succeed, though they repeated their efforts to dislodge us from the borders of Cumieres Village. Bombardment continued fiercely during the night. On the right bank of the Meuse was activity of artillery in the region west of Douaumont Fort. A relatively calm night on the remainder of the front.

After two days of especially severe bombardment the Germans launched infantry attacks repeatedly in great force over a considerable section of the Verdun line. The French resisted stubbornly, and the official statement says, repulsed the German everywhere. Near Caurettes Wood trench, which was evacuated under cover of a fog, detachments of German troops made their way to the vicinity of Chattenbourg, where they were annihilated by the French fire. East of the Meuse there were intermittent artillery encounters.

ITALIAN

ROME, May 30.—The Austrians have resumed the offensive in the Posina zone along the Upper Astico, in Southern Tyrol. They attacked the Italian positions south of Posina after violent artillery preparation, but, according to to-night's official statement from the War Office, were unable to dislodge the defenders.

AIRCRAFT WAS ACTIVE YESTERDAY

German Aircraft Very Active Yesterday—British Plane Shot Down by Germans Who Also Lose a Machine—Nothing New is Reported From Either Front

LONDON, May 31st.—A British official communication issued at midnight says the enemy's aircraft was more active than usual yesterday (Monday). They shot down one of our machines in an air combat, but it fell in our lines. A hostile machine was brought down out of control within the German lines. During the night we successfully exploded a mine southeast of Culinchy. Two German mines near Souchez, northeast of Neuville St. Vaast failed to do any appreciable damage to our trenches. To-day (Tuesday) was quiet. There were no infantry actions, and little artillery activity. Near Fricourt and Mametz there was an unimportant artillery duel. Our trenches, southeast of Neuville St. Vaast were shelled, but between Neuville St. Vaast and the La Basse Canal there was marked a decrease of artillery activity. There was some shooting about Richsburgs. North of Loos our counter batteries engaged successfully the enemy's artillery near Messines. Excepting unimportant shelling near Dicketbusch and Ypres there is nothing to report from the north.

FIRST BIG ORE BOAT.

A large steamer arrived at Bell Island coal-lead from Sydney this evening, and will land ore for Europe, sailing to-morrow likely. She is the first boat this season to take ore to the other side.

DETECTIVE AT BELL ISLAND

Detective Byrne left here Monday last and proceeded to Bell Island, where he has been since engaged in investigating some larcenies which occurred there not long since. The Portia left Fortune at 7.30 a.m. to-day and is due here Friday.



FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE. MRS. MICAWBER (Bonar Law): "Mr. Micawber has his faults. I do not deny that he is improvident. I do not deny that he has kept me in the dark as to his resources and his liabilities, but I never will desert Mr. Micawber."—David Copperfield.

Every Hope Now Held Out For the Settlement Of the Irish Question

The Basis For the Settlement Includes the Putting Into Operation Immediately the Terms of the Home Rule Bill For the Whole of Ireland, Including Ulster, the Same to Hold Good During the Term of War—Highly Optimistic Feeling Now Prevails

LONDON, May 31.—The Chronicle's Parliamentary correspondent says good news is to hand regarding the Irish negotiations. There is now a strong hope of an agreement being arrived at, according to a statement on the subject to be made in the Commons on Thursday by Lloyd George. It is confidently hoped that the statement should be satisfactory. Irish members will return to Ireland for Whitentide in far better spirits than they left there after the terrible events of Easter week. The basis for the settlement includes the putting into operation immediately the terms of the Home Rule Bill for the whole of Ireland, including Ulster, the same to hold good during the term of war with the option to Ulster at the termination of the war to withdraw from the arrangement and revert to its present standing.

Requiem Mass For Irish Volunteer Leaders

NEW YORK, May 31.—Solemn Mass of Requiem for Irishmen who fell in the recent revolt in Ireland, or who were executed for taking part in it, was celebrated in All Saints Cathedral Church to-day. Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians attended. Inside the altar rail stood color bearers, with the American flag, the green flag of Ireland, and the flag of the short-lived Irish republic proclaimed by Sinn Feiners.

Boosting "Teddy" As in 1913 But It Won't Work

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 30.—An open pocket knife was thrown at Colonel Roosevelt here to-day, as his motor car turned into 23rd Street during the Memorial Day parade. The knife struck the rear of his automobile, and was found later in the street. Roosevelt was not told of the occurrence. The police had no report of the matter, and no arrests are expected.

French Repulse All German Attacks

PARIS, May 30.—All attempts of Germans to gain ground on the remainder of the positions under attack were repulsed. The Germans maintained heavy artillery fire west of Fort Douaumont.

Zeppelin Destroyed

LONDON, May 31.—A despatch from Amsterdam says that a German Zeppelin descending near Veleo, on a whole cargo of salt stored there, the Salonika front, came in contact with some trees and was destroyed.

URGED CLOSER UNION OF ALL DOMINIONS

Sir Richard McBride in Speech Touching Imperial Problems Urges a Close Union—Hints Overseas Dominions Not Treated as They Had Right to Expect

LONDON, May 31.—Speaking at a dinner given by the Ladies' Lyceum Club last night to Overseas visitors, Sir Richard McBride, touching upon Imperial problems urged that now was the time to establish a close union. He went so far as to hint if the Overseas Dominions were not treated as they had a right to expect at the hands of the Mother Country, the solidarity of the Empire would be endangered.

Sir Charles Lucas, another speaker, regretted this attitude on the part of the Agent-General for British Columbia and suggested the Old Country awaited overtures from the Dominions, Canada, as Princess Royal of the Imperial family, was looked to, to give the lead.

Huns to Make Another Effort Secure Decision Against French Armies

LONDON, May 31.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Rotterdam cables:

"From information reaching me it may be accepted that the German General Staff has decided on another supreme effort to secure a decision against the French armies. To this end all existing efforts and energies are being devoted. There is taking place the concentration of forces in leadership and in men, probably unparalleled even in the opening stages of the offensive against Verdun not long ago."

On the Banks Of the Meuse

PARIS, via St. Pierre, May 31.—On the left bank of the Meuse very violent artillery activity in the Mort Homme-Cumieres region. On the right bank and in Woivre, medium artillery activity.

Germans Compel The French To Evacuate Trench

PARIS, May 31.—In the course of a violent struggle last night on the Verdu front the Germans compelled the French to evacuate a first line trench near Caurettes Wood, south of Cumieres, the War Office announced to-day.

The Crisis In Greece

PARIS, May 30.—The Havas correspondent at Athens reports that the Greeks are fortifying Demir-Hissar section with great haste. Bulgarian and German officers are said to have entered the town. The Bulgarians continue their concentration of troops. Engagements between patrols are occurring in the Killindir-Orsoro sector.

SOUNDS NOTE OF WARNING TO ALL FOREIGN BORN

President Wilson in Memorial Day Address Defined Spirit of America—Warns Citizens of Foreign Birth Not to Set Themselves Against Purposes of the Nation

WASHINGTON, May 31.—President Wilson delivered a Memorial Day address here to-day in which he defined the spirit of America, and warned citizens of foreign birth not to set themselves against the purposes of the nation. He called upon young men to perform voluntary military service, and defended his recent suggestion for an alliance of nations to preserve peace.

He spoke at Arlington National Cemetery before an audience made up largely of Civil War veterans. While he declared he had no hardlines in his heart for Americans of foreign birth and expected them to still love the sources of their origin, the President said "America must come first in every purpose we entertain, and every man must count upon being cast out of our confidence, cast out even of our tolerance, who does not submit to that great ruling principle."

TWO MORE STEAMERS ARE SUNK

Lloyds Announce the Sinking of Two More British Steamers Totalling 4679 Tons—Scenes of Disasters Not Mentioned—One Ship's Crew Have Been Picked Up

LONDON, May 31.—Lloyds announces the sinking of two British steamers, the South Garth and Delegharh. 22 members of the crews of the South Garth have been picked up. The fate of the crew of the Delegharh is not stated. The scenes of the disasters are not mentioned.

The South Garth was a vessel of 2,414 tons, built in 1891. Her home port was North Shields. Her recent movements are not given in available shipping records. The Delegharh was 2,265 tons and owned in Newcastle. The last reports of the steamer showed her in the Tyne on April 14.

Another Irish Leader Gets Life Imprisonment

DUBLIN, May 30.—Professor John MacNeill, President of the Sinn Fein Volunteers, who last week was found guilty of complicity in the Irish revolt, has been sentenced to life imprisonment. The sentence is confirmed.

British Casualties During May Are Very Heavy

LONDON, May 31.—British casualties in May were much heavier than either of the two preceding months.

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OPORTO MARKET.
This week:
Nfd. Stocks 8,930
Consumption 4,875
Last week:
Nfd. Stocks 16,360
Consumption 5,345

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