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GERMANS IN NEW YORK START PROJECT TO DETHRONE KAISER AND FORM REPUBLIC

New York, May 28.—Germans here have formed an organization called the "Friends of the German Republic," whose object is the dethronement of Emperor William and the establishment of a German republic.

ROUSING CALL TO THE RUSSIANS TO ADVANCE

War Minister Sends Out a Last Appeal

HE HAS STRONG BACKING

Only Extreme Letters Fail to Applaud New Order to Army to Fight—Political Parties, Generals and Newspapers Say Troops Must Fight

Petrograd, May 27, via London, May 28.—Virtually all the divergent political factions, all class organizations, councils and even the socialist leaders, with the exception of the extreme Leftists, today re-echo an appeal made by Minister of War Kerensky to the troops and appeal the new order of the day "Advance."

Constant efforts have been made during the last two months by representatives, not only of the government but of the soldiers, to bring home to the army the abandonment of active warfare would not only mean treachery to the Allies but the inevitable loss of all that has been gained in the revolution.

General Brusilov said: "It is necessary to annihilate freedom. The soldiers must overthrow and defeat the enemy. Shame and dishonor to those who have a weak spirit."

General Dragomiroff is less laconic: "An advance upon the enemy," he says, "is an immediate necessity. The enemy is taking advantage of our passivity to leave this front open and send forces westward. The French and British are honestly doing their duty as our allies. They are saving our new freedom, which otherwise would be annihilated. But soon their advance must wear itself out and then there will be no one to help us."

The newspapers contain similar appeals from the heads of the government, Premier Lvov writes: "Honor demands our activity. We are drowned in speech and words. The muscles of our organism are being atrophied. Further passivity will mean ruin."

M. Skobelev, the new socialist minister of labor, joins the chorus with the declaration: "Our present task is to advance."

Kerensky's Address.—The Russian minister of war, A. F. Kerensky, according to Reuter's Petrograd correspondent, in the course of a striking address to the army, said:

"You advance in serried ranks, united by discipline, duty and unlimited love for the revolution and the country. Let the army and navy, which are the freest in the world, prove that liberty is a pledge of strength, not a weakness, and that they are forging new discipline of iron and duty and are increasing the combative power of the country."

"Remember that whoever looks behind, stops, or withdraws will lose all and forget not that if you defend not the honor, liberty and dignity of the country your names will be cursed. The will of the people must ride the country and the world of violators and usurpers. Such is the high duty that calls you."

BRAZIL EXPECTING WAR DECLARATION BY GERMANY

Rio Janeiro, May 28.—A Notice says that in German circles it is asserted that Germany will declare war on Brazil within two or three days.

IN MEMORY OF SOLDIERS A memorial service was held in Portland Methodist church last evening in honor of six young men of the congregation who had crossed overseas and who had made the supreme sacrifice on the battle fields of France. Rev. Nell McLaughlin, pastor of the church, officiated at the services and spoke feelingly about the six young heroes who had died fighting for right.

Service in memory of Driver Gilbert Clino was held last night in St. John's (Stone) church. Special music was provided by the choir. During the course of his sermon, Rev. Gustav A. Kubring spoke in glowing terms of the heroic young man. At the close of the sermon the dead march was played and the last note sounded.

Enemy Fails In Attacks On French And Raids On Line Held By Haig

Paris, May 28.—The Germans delivered three attacks last night and this morning in the Champagne, in the regions of the Casque, the Teton and Mont Blond. All were repulsed.

The Germans are bombarding heavily French positions in the region of Dead Man Hill and Hill 304, and the Verdun front. A French detachment of the 1st Battalion of the 1st Infantry, in Alsace and found many dead in the trenches. Prisoners were brought back.

BRITISH REPORT. London, May 28.—"Hostile raiding parties were repulsed last night north-west of Cherley and south of Lens," says today's official report on the Franco-Belgian front operations.

"We inflicted casualties on the enemy by rifle and machine gun fire and secured prisoners. Successful raids were made by us north of Arras and in the neighborhood of Wytschate. Our troops reached the German support line and captured between twenty and thirty prisoners."

GERMANS SAY THIS. Berlin, May 28, via London.—German troops yesterday captured a line of French trenches on the Poperinghe front, south of Moronvillers, in the Champagne region, together with more than 200 prisoners. Army headquarters so announced today.

Enemy Losing Airplanes. Paris, May 28.—"There was very great aerial activity yesterday and last night," says today's French report. "Enemy airplanes dropped bombs in the regions of Baccarat, Nancy and Font-Venot, causing no important damage. Our squadrons made numerous sorties in the course of which they destroyed a number of enemy airplanes and destroyed military establishments and railways particularly in the Champagne and in the region of Chonville. Nine enemy airplanes were brought down and two were compelled to land within our lines. Others badly damaged and were forced to land back of the enemy lines."

SAY THEY HAVE REPELLED ITALIANS. London, May 28.—"The complete repulse of all Italian attacks after most furious fighting is claimed in an official report issued by our infantry corps on Sunday. The statement also asserts that more than 13,000 unwounded Italian soldiers were captured in the last sixteen days. The text of the announcement follows:

"The prisoners' numbers yesterday's operations were confined to the southern wing of the Isonzo army. North of the Vittoriano, with the exception of an attack on the heights near Vodice, which was quickly beaten off, there were only artillery duels of varying intensity."

"On the Carso plateau the enemy applied his mightiest masses for an assault. At Fajli and near Castagnizza the fighting came to a standstill. Our troops repulsed the attack in the firm manner in which the brunt of the battle was borne by our infantry above all praise. Three Hunved regiments repulsed seventeen attacks in the course of which our soldiers inflicted a heavy loss on the enemy. Lieutenant Arciduke Leopold, with a handful of men, repulsed an infantry regiment in a front line assault and brought back two machine guns.

"The prisoners brought in on the Carso plateau since May 23, now number 250 officers and more than 7,000 men. In addition, since the beginning of the battle, more than 13,000 unwounded Italian soldiers have been captured. The enemy in sixteen days of battle has not achieved any advantage of importance and a substantial share of our success on thousands of men and women at home who perform locally and untrudging the arduous labors on which the army depends."

Where is Leak From U. S.? New York, May 27.—An Associated Press despatch from Washington today says: "An official investigation was under way today to discover whether the leak on the sailing of American destroyers to the Atlantic or whether German spies got it in England."

Admiral Sims has reported that the German admiralty knew of the departure of the ships and their port of arrival four days before the fact, and had opportunity to mine their path."

"Some navy officials are inclined to suspect the German spy system in England, despite the statement of Secretary Daniels that the incident emphasizes the fact that the German spy system still is in operation."

It was stated officially today that only a few officers in the office of Admiral Benson, chief of operations, knew the destination of the destroyers. The commanders themselves were ignorant of the port until they opened sealed orders, probably twelve hours at sea.

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Deaths In Wind Storms Are 250

Seven States Are Swept By Tornado DESTRUCTION WIDE-SPREAD

Thousands of Homes Wrecked, Thousands of Acres of Crops Devastated, Hundreds of Head of Live Stock Killed

Chicago, May 28.—Tornadoes during the last three days in seven states of the middle west and the south have killed nearly 250 people, injured more than 1,200, wrecked thousands of houses, killed hundreds of head of live stock and devastated many thousands of acres of growing crops, according to summaries early today.

The latest in the series of tornadoes started on Sunday afternoon, apparently in the vicinity of Hillville, southwestern Illinois, and swept southward across the river into Kentucky, down the Mississippi into Arkansas and Tennessee, and finally struck eastward toward Alabama, where the storm apparently spent itself. The dead in the four southern states was roughly estimated at 100, and the injured at several hundred.

Wire communication into the districts swept by the storm on Sunday is demoralized and only meagre reports of the loss of life and the property damage have been received. The destruction began last night in Andale, Kansas, where twenty-six people were killed and sixty injured. Late on Saturday a twister probably the most severe of the series, struck the rich corn belt of Central Illinois, killing fifty-four persons and injuring perhaps 500 in Mattoon. In Charleston, ten miles east of Mattoon, thirty-seven were killed and 120 injured. The property damage in the two cities is estimated at \$2,000,000.

Another destructive storm late on Saturday crossed a territory approximately 100 miles north of the center of Illinois, reaching into Northern Indiana and caused the loss of a dozen lives, the injury of more than 200 people and a heavy property damage.

SOMETHING BIG EXPECTED IN THIS LIQUOR CASE

The finding of a suit case containing liquor at the station Friday night by sub-inspector Crawford is said to have led to the working up of substantial evidence against a number of persons an alleged chain of illegal liquor traffic between this city and Halifax. When the case reaches court in premises to unfold some interesting features of the new act and also some of the resources of those attempting to beat the law.

INSURANCE FOR AMERICAN SOLDIERS GOING OVERSEAS

Washington, May 28.—Every soldier, sailor and marine who leaves American shores to participate in the war in Europe may be insured against death or disability, according to plans now being formulated by the council of national defense.

Preliminary steps have been taken by the council to establish the insurance system. It is believed that the plan decided upon is the most advanced step of its kind ever undertaken by any government. At the request of the council, Assistant Secretary of Commerce Sewell has the formulation of a bill to be introduced in congress. Prominent insurance men will be called in consultation in order to establish the system. The plan is first to put the proposal squarely before the insurance companies, and if they cannot handle it the government itself may undertake it.

GUNNER F. McAVITY HOME

Gunner F. McAvity, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. McAvity, 605 Main street, has arrived in the city on sick leave. He was invalided home on account of wounds in the shoulder and thigh which he received in last September. Since being wounded he has spent his time in various hospitals and now has been sent home to recuperate.

After a short visit to his home, he will enter the hospital for further treatment. He enlisted more than two years ago and received his training at Fort-ridge Island and in Halifax before going overseas with a heavy sapper battery.

WIFE OF MAJOR C. ERNEST GREGORY DIES SUDDENLY

Fredericton, May 28.—On Saturday afternoon about five o'clock, Mrs. C. Ernest Gregory, who had been living at the Colwell house with her son, died suddenly from heart trouble. She had been in delicate health for some time but there was no apprehension of approaching death.

Mrs. Gregory was the wife of Major C. Ernest Gregory, O.C., an artillery detachment in Regina and a niece of Sir Wallace Graham, chief justice of Nova Scotia. Her only son, C. Ronald Gregory, has been a member of the Canadian Bank of Commerce staff here for the last year, but recently enlisted with the 9th Siege Battery.

The sad news was telegraphed to Major Gregory in time to enable him to catch a train coming east on Saturday night and he will probably reach Antigonish, N.S., on Thursday morning. The funeral will take place here.

POLICE COURT In the police court this morning Arthur Johnson pleaded guilty to theft of a watch from an employe of Robinson's Bakery. The magistrate allowed him to go with a recruiting sergeant of the 23rd Battalion with the understanding that the necessary medical examination or he be brought back to the court and there await an order of the police magistrate.

Peter Petroff was committed for trial on the charge of theft of several bags from the Atlantic Sugar Refinery. A woman with whom he boarded, a clerk from the sugary refinery and the police gave evidence.

NOT READY YET TO BEGIN PAVING ON WEST SIDE

City Solicitor Tells Council That Commissioner Fisher is Within His Rights—Oil Company Wants Sea Wall Built—City Lease Tangle

The pavement plans for Union street, West St. John, again occupied the attention of the council meeting this morning. The city solicitor assured the council that Commissioner Fisher's proposals were well within his rights. As no representative of the company was present, Commissioner Fisher promised a report on Clarendon street for tomorrow.

Mayor Hayes presided and all the members of the council were present. Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, city solicitor, was present when the committee came to order. He reviewed the relations between the city and the street railway company with regard to street and railway repairs and assured the council that Commissioner Fisher not only was within his rights with regard to the proposed work in Union street, West St. John, but was offering to do more than the company could ask.

Commissioner Fisher said he had expected that H. M. Hopper would be at the meeting so that a final understanding could be reached.

G. N. Hatfield, road engineer, asked whether or not he should proceed with the plans, including the raising of the street, and was informed that it would be necessary to wait until the company's decision had been announced.

A communication was received from the Canadian Oil Company, Ltd., informing the council that the company was encroaching on the city lots on Courtenay Bay, leased by the city, in a way which endangers their buildings. They asked if the city would erect a sea wall and offer to co-operate in any way such as paying increased rental.

The city engineer reported that four city lots, with a frontage of 160 feet on the south side of the eastern end of Queen street, have been under lease to Miss Jane Wilson at a rental of \$5 a year, but the lease has been allowed to lapse. A sub-lease, Mr. McGinn, who has built a house on one of the lots, has asked for a direct lease from the city, and in order to straighten out the matter, he recommended that arbitrators be appointed to fix a valuation on the lots which the improvements should be taken over by the city.

Commissioner Russell's recommendation that the city appoint an appraiser for the purpose was adopted. In reply to Commissioner McEllan's customary question "What about Clarendon street?" Commissioner Fisher said that he intends to report on the work to be undertaken there at a meeting of the council on Tuesday.

ASK MAYOR'S CO-OPERATION Mayor Hayes has received a communication from the secretary of A. Boulliez, principal baritone at the Covent Garden Theatre, London, asking his co-operation in arranging for a concert to be put on in St. John by Belgian artists in aid of the Belgian Red Cross fund. The mayor is asked to act as patron and to select a local committee to aid in the arrangements.

Phebe and Ferdinand WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, Director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure is high over Quebec and the maritime provinces, while a fairly important disturbance is centered over Ohio. Local showers have occurred in the western provinces and near Lake Erie. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

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DIED LEADING HIS PLATOON TO ATTACK

Heroic Death of Lieut. D. B. Clarkson on Battlefield This Month

It was reported last week that Lieutenant D. B. Clarkson, son of Joseph Clarkson, who was for several years manager of the Hartington Pulp and Paper Company, Fairville, had been killed in action. Lieut. Clarkson, soon after his arrival in England, transferred to a wireless unit, with which he was at the time of being killed. Today a friend of Lieut. Clarkson's platoon, in his letter to his father, George E. Clarkson, tells how Mr. Clarkson met his death. He writes:

"Lieut. Clarkson was leading his platoon in an attack on a German trench on the evening of May 5, when he met his death. Our advance was seriously threatened by the grenades of the enemy, so it was decided that these men would have to be bombed out of the trench. Mr. Clarkson called for volunteers, and, after scouring enough men, we climbed the intervening embankment. We had hardly reached the top when Lieut. Clarkson was mortally wounded. He was immediately removed to a quiet spot, and fifteen minutes later passed away. He was buried in the company with his father, George E. Clarkson, who was Lieut. Clarkson's last words were "Good-bye."

PITCHED BATTLE IN CLEVELAND STREETS

Police Attacked When They Break Up Socialists' Anti-War Meeting

Cleveland, Ohio, May 28.—Police attempting to prevent anti-war speeches by socialists on the public square were attacked by a crowd of about 800 yesterday afternoon and a pitched battle ensued. Just previous to the trouble a recruiting party of the police dragged one of the socialist orators off a stone structure and the crowd attacked them. The crowd, which was led by a man named Brown, clubbed the crowd back and a half a dozen men were arrested. The crowd had been thrown at the police station, breaking several windows.

CASE OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

The first case of its kind in the police court for a long time was heard by Recorder Ritchie this morning. Gordon Selig was reported by Policeman Hogg for cruel treatment of two calves on May 22. The policeman said that on that day some people leaving a street car at the corner of Meath and Mill streets complained to him of cruel treatment being meted out to two calves by the defendant. He found two small calves with their front feet tied together, a rope running around their necks and tied to the front seat of a low express wagon. When the rope was removed from the calves' necks, the policeman said, the animals collapsed.

The magistrate commented strongly on the case and referred to the great amount of good accomplished since the law with respect to cruelty to animals came into effect. The fine was \$30 and was a big factor in the protection of dumb animals.

The defendant said that he did not know that the animals were being injured in any way. He had never treated any animal cruelly before and he was ignorant of the circumstances in this case. He had so tied the calves to keep them from jumping out of the wagon. A fine of \$50 struck but a small amount was taken in its stead.

TODAY'S CASUALTY LIST HAS 156 NAMES

Ottawa, May 28.—In today's casualty list of 156 names, there are twenty-five killed in action, ten dead of wounds, and forty-one missing.

Of the latter, two are believed killed and four wounded. Two previously missing men have been located.