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LYNDON GEORGE REPLIES TO MICHAELIS

ENTHUSIASTIC TROOPS FORCE FURTHER RETREAT FOR RUSSIANS

FINN DIET PASSES MEASURE CUTTING LOOSE FROM RUSSIA; CONFLICT SEEMS INEVITABLE

Bill Giving Nation Complete Independence Adopted Unanimously.

Helsingfors, July 19.—The bill whereby Finland seeks to wrest complete independence from Russia was adopted by the Diet amid scenes of unexampled enthusiasm and solemnity.

"Long Live Finland." The announcement of the vote was received by prolonged cheering and cries of "Long live Finland" and "Long live Russia." The Diet thereafter rejected, 104 against 87, a proposal by M. Talas, member of the Young Finnish party, that the law, as prescribed by the constitution, be submitted for Russian approval or veto.

A final vote was taken on a resolution of M. Hornberg, member of the Swedish party, the import of which was that the Diet reserve the right to break the last bonds with Russia. The Hornberg resolution was defeated chiefly by the vote of the Socialists themselves, who stand for this policy but object to following the initiative of the non-Socialist parties.

Senate Resigns. After the vote on the bill, the Senate prepared a statement to be read by Premier Tokoi, announcing its resignation. The motive was that the Senate was appointed by the Russian Provisional Government as the inheritor of the Grand Duke of Finland's prerogatives, but as the Provisional Government's power in Finland was now abolished the Senate lost legal standing. It would remain in power until the Diet appointed a new Senate.

The president of the Diet refused to accept the statement on the ground that it was out of order. The statement will be made later. The general expectation is that M. Tokoi will be reappointed by the Diet with a Cabinet consisting of representatives of the parties, pro rata as heretofore.

As the Diet dispersed there was a patriotic demonstration in the streets. M. Tokoi expressed his satisfaction at the Diet's coup d'etat, saying: "We may be sure of Finland's independence guaranteed for all time."

Helsingfors, Thursday, July 19.—A conflict with Russia is regarded as inevitable because of the action of the Finnish Diet in adopting a bill granting independence to the country. The Socialist members of Parliament asserted, however, that Petrograd has its hands too full with its own troubles to attempt repression.

Before the adoption of the bill a decision was taken on the question whether the measure should be treated as urgent or postponed until the next session. The decision in favor of urgency required a five-sixths majority under article 60 of the constitution which the Socialist majority had agreed to respect. The decision involved the immediate voting on the bill, the result giving a two-thirds majority necessary for the alteration of fundamental laws.

HAIG NIGHT RAIDS REPORTED SUCCESSSES

London, July 21.—Local successes were gained by the British last night at several points. It is announced officially. The statement follows: "We raided the enemy's trenches last night at Greenhill Hill, north of Roubaix. The hostile garrison hurriedly withdrew on the approach of our troops. "Successful raids were made by us southwest of La Bassée and south of Arras. German positions were entered on a wide front, a number of the enemy were killed and his dugouts were bombed. Hostile raiding parties were repulsed. The enemy's trenching and wood and south of Arras."

MORE ACTIVITY ALONG JULIAN FRONT IS THE ITALIAN REPORT

Rome, July 21.—Increased activity on the Julian front all the way from the Adriatic to the Alpine area, to the Adriatic, is reported in today's official statement, which says: "On the Trentino and Carnia fronts there was activity on the part of the enemy, and of numerous detachments. In the Poena region one of our morning detachments, sent to fight enemy pickets, destroyed their trenches and brought back war material, including ammunition. The enemy's trenching attempted to reach several of our advanced positions were repulsed. "On the Julian front the enemy's fighting was more intense from Verfolo to the sea. One of our gallant firms attacked a squadron of five enemy machines above Oppocissella and brought down two of them, one in flames, in our line."

SIBERIAN CORPS STOPS TEUTONS; GREAT GUN DUEL

Russians Have Mastery in Intense Artillery Battle.

Petrograd, July 20.—Dispatches say that a most intense artillery battle is being waged on the Smolensk-Krevo front. Several hundred German heavy guns are said to be engaged. The Germans sought to advance were driven back by the Russian fire, a crack Siberian corps bearing the brunt of the fighting. It is said the Russian guns are obtaining the mastery.

WIDE GERMAN ADVANCE. Berlin, July 21.—The German troops in Eastern Galicia have crossed the Zioch-off-Tarnopol line on a front of forty kilometers, army headquarters announced today. They found burning villages and great destruction in their path.

"DON'T WASTE FOOD," MOTTO AT FRONT, BUT TOMMY IS WELL FED

Foodstuffs Conservation Has Reached the Trenches.

British Headquarters in France, June 20.—By Mail.—The British army in the field is consuming about fifteen per cent less of foodstuffs per capita than it did eighteen months ago. This is not due to any studied diminution of rations, but to a more judicious distribution and the prevention of waste. It is very easy for a generous soldier to waste food, but the army is now being taught to be more economical. The policy of over-supply was well known when foodstuffs were fairly plentiful, but nowadays, when the result of the war may depend on the conservation of foodstuffs, nothing is being left undone to prevent waste.

Tommy the Best Fed. The British soldier is still the best fed soldier in Europe, but the supply of foodstuffs is gradually becoming more scarce. The soldier is being taught to be more economical. The policy of over-supply was well known when foodstuffs were fairly plentiful, but nowadays, when the result of the war may depend on the conservation of foodstuffs, nothing is being left undone to prevent waste.

TRANSMISSION ERROR GAVE WRONG FIGURES OF U-BOATS' SINKINGS

Times Man Cabled "600,000 Tons," Not "1,600,000," As Sent Out.

New York, July 21.—The New York Times this morning publishes the following: "An error in the transmission of Charles H. Grasty's cable dispatch to the Times, printed in Thursday morning's paper, in which Mr. Grasty called attention to the seriousness of the submarine situation, made the dispatch state the loss of ships by submarines as '1,600,000 tons a month,' instead of '600,000 tons a month,' as Mr. Grasty wrote it."

Not in Dispatch. The error came to light yesterday through a dispatch from Mr. Grasty to the Times, sent in reply to inquiries based on the startling figures received as coming from him. In reply to these inquiries he cabled: "The figure 1,600,000 did not appear in my dispatch as filed on Wednesday. The passage should read as follows: 'The loss of ships by submarine has totalled 600,000 tons per month, or from two to three times the total of new constructions.' I have instructed the Western Union to repeat this message to you as filed."

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 86; lowest, 63. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 77; lowest, 63.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARMER. Toronto, July 21—8 a.m. Forecast. Moderate southwest and south winds, a few scattered thunderstorms, but mostly fair and decidedly warmer today and on Sunday.

THE WEATHER. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria. 68. 59. Clear. Calgary. 80. 52. Clear. Winnipeg. 82. 54. Cloudy. Port Arthur. 82. 54. Cloudy. Port Sound. 78. 62. Clear. Port Stanley. 78. 62. Clear. Buffalo. 78. 66. Fair. Toronto. 84. 64. Cloudy. Kingston. 76. 64. Fair. Ottawa. 80. 64. Fair. Montreal. 82. 64. Clear. Quebec. 78. 62. Cloudy. Pather Point. 70. 52. Clear. Local thunderstorms were occurred in Ontario and Quebec, while in the West the weather has been fair and warm.

FIVE SONS IN KHAKI, TWO ARE KILLED



MR. AND MRS. C. E. PERKINS, Orchard street, who were awarded prize at soldiers' picnic for having the greatest number of sons in khaki.

GOVT. SETS THE PRICE OF WHEAT; SHALL NOT EXCEED \$2.40 BUSHEL DATING FROM FIRST OF AUGUST

Toronto, July 21.—The board of grain supervisors for Canada, in session in Toronto yesterday, have ruled that, dating from August 1, 1917, the maximum price of wheat, basis on northern in store at Fort William, shall not exceed \$2.40 per bushel. This holds until further notice, and applies to the balance of the present crop.

That the Government price of wheat, \$2.40 per bushel at Fort William, set yesterday in Toronto by the board of grain commissioners, would have little or no effect on the price of flour and bread prices in London was the statement made this afternoon by several millers and bakers.

They stated that the price was about what they had been paying for some time, and that there was little likelihood that bread would go any lower than 11 cents for a pound and a half loaf. Taking everything into consideration the millers interviewed declared that the price was fair in every way.

Mixed Feelings With Farmers of Prairies As To Service Bill

Premier Martin Says Opposition Is Due To Lack of Farm Help.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Winnipeg, Man. July 21.—W. M. Martin, premier of Saskatchewan, interviewed here on his way home from the east with his family, stated that though the cities of the prairies favored conscription, there was mixed feeling and considerable opposition to it in rural sections, owing to the shortage of farm help.

FRENCH HAVE BETTER OF VIOLENT FIGHTING ALONG AISNE FRONT

Germans Penetrate Trenches, But Are Immediately Expelled.

Paris, July 21.—In the course of violent fighting last night on the Aisne front, southeast of Cerny, the Germans twice penetrated French trenches, and were driven out by counter-attacks, the war office announced. Several other attacks at different parts of the front were repulsed by the French, who inflicted heavy losses on the Germans.

CHANGE COLOR OF CAR.—Inspector McCallum's motor car will be painted a beautiful wine color. It will be remembered that he was given the little red car formerly driven by Fire Chief Aitken. Mr. McCallum objected to the lurid hue of the vehicle, and the city will have it repainted. It will be marked "City of London," as the other motor cars owned by the city are decorated.

MICHAELIS PROMISES ALL SHAMS, ANSWER OF BRITISH PREMIER; ALLIES TO FIGHT TO FINISH

RUSSIANS REPORT FURTHER RETREAT

Petrograd, July 21.—A further retreat has been made by the Russians in East Galicia, the war office announces, because the troops did not show the necessary stability and at points did not fulfill commands.

KERENSKY BERATES CABINET MINISTERS

Tells His Colleagues They Lack "Pep" in Handling Anarchy.

Petrograd, July 21.—The cabinet meeting leading to the announced resignation of Premier Lvov sat until dawn yesterday, and was somewhat stormy. Minister of War Kerensky criticized the minister and military authorities for the responsibility of changing the original orders of Gen. Polovtsov, which they considered were fraught with danger to the Russian army.

SPEED UP BUILDING OF VAST AIR FLEET

England Organizing on Same Scale as Munition Making.

London, July 20.—Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.—The Daily Mail publishes a general outline of the air board's plan for airplane construction, which that journal declares will be organized before long on a scale commensurate with shell production after Lord George's declaration that the British government will be a vast concentration of energy for this purpose, a process of amalgamation of securing large works and employing thousands instead of hundreds.

So vast are the requirements of our air fleets that a whole year's output of aircraft would be insufficient for the requirements of this great effort.

The United States and Canada will take an important part in the supply of raw material. The only doubt is whether the manpower of this country is equal to the task.

DISTRICT NO. 2 IS LEADING IN CONTEST FOR "GRAND PRIZE"

Many Hundreds of New Subscriptions Handed In During Past Week—Winners of Three Cash Prizes Will Be Announced Next Week.

If the contest department had had another five hours before the paper went to press, a full and complete standing would have been published today.

This is no apology, as the staff of the contest department has worked day and night this week in order to complete the count and were disappointed when the midnight hour rolled round and the record of the candidates as it appeared on the ledger at that hour had to be taken off.

This has been a very busy week for the staff of the contest department, and it is expected that the next few weeks will be a good deal busier, judging by the business the several hundred candidates have turned in. The number of new subscriptions that have been ordered daily indicates clearly that candidates are finding it comparatively easy to get new subscribers. A great many subscriptions were handed into the office this week, so when the complete count is given, some candidates will be richer by several thousands of votes.

Some subscribers did not know how to give their votes, so it is expected that there are a number of possible subscribers whom you might get. Mr. Candidate, if you canvassed your territory more thoroughly.

Now that the contest is half over, every candidate should make every minute count and not pass by any chance of getting a new subscriber, as it is now subscribers that will send your vote.

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Lloyd George Declares Germany Victorious Means Annexation All Round and Military Autocracy More Firmly Established.

U-BOATS GRADUALLY BEING SUBDUED WHILE SHIPYARDS INCREASE OUTPUT

Food Supply For the 1917-18 Period Already Secured, and Program of Cultivation Insures Plenty For the Following Year.

London, July 21.—Premier Lloyd George said today that the speech in the Reichstag of Dr. Michaelis, the new German chancellor, meant that if Germany were victorious there would be annexation all around and that the military autocracy would be established more firmly than ever. The speech showed, the premier asserted, that those in charge of affairs in Germany had for the moment made the choice for war.

German Shams. The premier said the statement of Dr. Michaelis contained phrases which would be understood by the military powers of Germany. Unless these were wiped out, he added, they would again plunge Europe into a welter of blood.

"I have read Chancellor Michaelis' speech three times," said the premier. "I see in it only sham independence for Belgium, sham democracy for Germany, sham peace for Europe."

The Submarine Menace. At another point in his speech, which was delivered in London, the premier said: "Regarding the submarine menace, I must disagree with Chancellor Michaelis. Gradually but surely we are increasing our protection and diminishing our losses."

Speaking of the shipbuilding program, Lloyd George said: "Great Britain this year would turn out four times as many ships as last year. In the last two months of 1917 as many ships will be finished as in all of 1916."

No Hope For Belgium. The chancellor's speech, Lloyd George said, offered no hope for Belgium. The determination of the Allies was that Belgium must be restored as a free and independent people, not a German protectorate.

Food Supply Secure. Lloyd George said the food supply for the 1917-18 period had already been secured, and that a program of cultivation had been arranged to make the supply for the following year secure, even if losses increased.

Struggle Between Ideals. "We can't make peace with a Germany dominated by autocracy," declared Premier Lloyd George. "The war now becomes a struggle between two definite groups of national ideals. Significant in this respect is the news announced today of the accession of that brilliant Russian statesman, Kerensky, to the leadership of Russian democracy."

A Tip For Michaelis. "I don't wish Germany to harbor delusions," Lloyd George continued. "That Great Britain will be put out of the fight until full liberty has been established. I predict it will not be long before the German chancellor delivers a different speech, and that is the one for which we are waiting."

Entente Allies Will Fight to the End. "The Entente Allies will fight to the end, and to the end of mankind," he said, "and to the end of mankind."

CONTEST NOTES. Candidates who have been holding back anticipating a larger vote will be disappointed, as there will be no larger vote at this time.

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