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CANADIAN WAR INDUSTRIES MAY BE PARALYZED BY STRIKE

BRITISH Take 3412 Prisoners on Western Front in May—French Fight Successful Battle Near Moulin de Laffaux—German Army's Food Rations Cut Down to Three-fifths of British Allowance—Italians Win Stubborn Action With Austrians—Artillery Fire Greatly Increases on Russian Front.

PEACE PALAVER NOT OPPORTUNE, RIBOT ASSERTS

"Peace Can Come From Victory Alone," He Impresses on Socialists. DENIES SECRET PACTS. Curtain is Drawn Over Session to Discuss Situation in Russia.

Paris, June 1.—Premier Ribot announced in the chamber of deputies today on behalf of the government that passports would not be issued to French Socialist delegates to the Stockholm conference, and that passports for Petrograd would be given to Socialists only when there was no longer danger of their meeting enemy delegates in Stockholm.

The premier's declaration brought three-fourths of the members of the chamber to their feet in a demonstration unsurpassed in enthusiasm since the beginning of the war, except in the historic session of August 4, 1914, and the manifestation in honor of the intervention of the United States in the war.

No Peace Without Victory. All the deputies, except the Socialists stood up and cheered when Premier Ribot added: "Peace can come from victory alone." Continuing, the premier said: "It is certain that in peace negotiations no party can take the place of the government. The peace of tomorrow cannot be a peace of any party, neither of the Socialist party, nor of the Catholic party. As it concerns France, it should be a French peace. When the hour comes the government will ask the advice of your committee and it will tell everything. The government has a complete knowledge of its responsibility.

"It would be laughable if one sought to make the country and army believe that peace could come from such conferences. Victory alone can bring peace. What would you think of us in the United States if we allowed Americans to believe there was weariness among us after three years of war? Our energy must continue indomitable."

Infamous Falsehoods. Premier Ribot then referred to what he termed an "audacious and dangerous campaign" to spread reports that secret agreements had been signed with Russia, adding: "We shall ask the Russian Government to publish all the documents in question at an early date. It is even said that a secret convention with Russia, which is offensive and non-defensible, exists, and that it was executed by the president of the republic himself. Gentlemen, that is an infamy."

PROSPECT NOW BRIGHT FOR COALITION CABINET

Borden Stated to Have Offered Liberals Equal Representation With Conservatives in Ministry—Pardee Leaves for Second Conference With Gouin.

Ottawa, June 1.—After twenty-four hours of high tension and uncertainty, the chances for coalition look brighter tonight than at any time since the prime minister made his proposals to the opposition leader. Although the situation is still somewhat blurred by un-informed speculation and corridor rumor, there are certain things which can be discerned as indicating a strong tide of coalition probability. In the first place, there have been renewed conferences between the prime minister and Sir Wilfrid Laurier. In the second place, and equally encouraging for the prospects of union, is the fact that Chief Liberal Whip Pardee left tonight for Quebec, for a second conference with Sir Lomer Gouin.

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PROLETARIAT ASSUMING CONTROL OF KRONSTADT

Workmen's and Soldiers' Council Votes to Wrest Authority Over Great Fortress From Provisional Government.

Petrograd, via London, June 1.—The fateful decision of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates to assume control of Kronstadt, the great fortress which defends Petrograd, was carried by 210 votes against 40, with eight of the delegates abstaining from voting. It is announced by the workmen's and soldiers' delegates that henceforth the relations of Kronstadt with Petrograd and the remainder of Russia will be only that of intermediary of the Petrograd branch of the delegates. The local workmen's and soldiers' council at Kronstadt announces that it has taken in its hands the effective power of Kronstadt, that it does not recognize the provisional government and that it has removed all the government's representatives.

MANY PRISONERS FALL TO BRITISH OFFENSIVE

Thirty-Four Hundred Germans Are Captured During May—Artillery Activity Increases Before Arras and Ypres.

London, June 1.—During May the British forces in France captured 3412 Germans, says the official statement from British headquarters issued tonight. There has been increased artillery activity on both banks of the Scarpe, on the Arras front, and in the Ypres sector. The statement follows: "During the month of May we captured in operations in the battle area and in raids and minor operations on other portions of the front 3412 German prisoners, including 65 officers. We also took one German field gun, sixty machine guns and 21 trench mortars. On early this morning northwest of Bourisies, on the Espaunne-Cambrai road, a party of our troops entered the enemy's positions south of Ypres and successfully bombed a number of occupied dugouts.

ENEMY'S RATIONS CUT TO EXISTENCE'S POINT

Best Fed German Troops Have to Subsist on Food Allowance Only Three-fifth of British Army's Rations.

By R. T. Small, Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press. With the British armies in France, via London, June 1.—The conditions as to food supplies in Germany may be conjectured from the fact that it is now definitely settled that the best fed of the German fighting units subsist upon a ration which equals only three-fifths in weight and value that which is issued to the British troops. The best nourished German troops are those in reserve just back of the fighting lines. They receive the maximum ration. Since the spring of 1916, however, their bread allowance has been cut down one-third. The greater part



Houses in the Dutch town of Zierikzee, Holland, where three people were killed and many wounded by bombs dropped from an aeroplane of unknown nationality.

GREAT TIE-UP OF INDUSTRY IN CANADA IS THREATENED

SERIOUS ECONOMIC CRISIS DISRUPTS RUSSIAN CABINET

Konovaloff, Minister of Trade and Commerce, Resigns Owing to Difference With Labor Minister.

London, June 1.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Petrograd says A. I. Konovaloff, minister of commerce and trade, has resigned, owing to a complete divergence in views with M. Skobeloff, minister of labor, concerning the economic and financial measures necessary in the present crisis.

CANADIANS SPLENDID, SAYS LIEUT.-GEN. BYNG

Resistance at Vimy Ridge Not Feeble, Heavy Losses Show.

Ottawa, June 1.—Lieut.-Gen. Sir Julian Byng, commander of the Canadian corps in the field, wrote Sir Geo. Perley, following the battle of Vimy Ridge, expressing his pride in his men. The following extract from his letter was issued from the militia department tonight: "The corps was splendid last week. I knew they would do well, but could not have imagined that the attack could possibly go as smoothly and up to the time as it did. I see a good deal has been written that the resistance was feeble. This is by no means the case, as is evidenced by the enormous number of dead Germans and our heavy casualties. The two flank divisions had heavy fighting (the 1st and 4th) in the centre of the fourth division, where we were checked for some hours, but otherwise nothing disturbed the accuracy of the timetable. Naturally one's pride in the corps can hardly be described by words, and it would be impossible for me to do so."

AUSTRIANS ENGAGE IN HEAVIER FIGHTING

Use of Strong Forces by Italians Reported by Enemy.

Vienna, via London, June 1.—The repulse of Italian attacks on the Isonzo front is announced in the official statement of the war office today. It reads: "There was relative calm on the Isonzo front yesterday. Toward evening the Italians again attempted to pierce our front near the Vodice, by the use of strong forces, but the attack broke down under our fire. "The Italian advances were resumed this morning, but suffered a similar fate near Jamiano. "There is nothing of importance to report in the Carnia or Tyrol sectors."

LIEUT. ROBINSON, V.C., TAKEN TO FREIBURG

Germans Resort to Step Because of Allies' Air Raid on City.

London, June 1.—Lieut. William Leeft Robinson, of the Royal Flying Corps, who is a prisoner in Germany, recently was transferred to Freiburg, as a reprisal for air raids against the city by entente aviators, according to the Central News.

U-BOATS IN COLLISION WHILE UNDER WATER

German Paper Reports Encounter Without Precedent in Channel.

Amsterdam, via London, June 1.—A submarine collision of a British submarine and a German U-boat is reported by the Rheinische Westfalische Zeitung, of Essen, which describes the incident as unprecedented. The paper states that the collision took place "in the channel" on April 19, and declares that a German U-boat, while submerged, rammed a British submarine, that the British boat emerged, bringing up the German boat and the submarine lying across the bow of the British vessel. The German slid off into the water and both vessels started by about 50 yards, both divided. The commander of the German U-boat did not see the British submarine again. The paper asserts that both submarines were anxious to fight, but that it was impossible under the circumstances.

GERMANS SEE PEACE SIGN IN AUSTRIAN ACT

Germans See New Peace Move in Calling Parliament.

ACKNOWLEDGE UNREST

Berlin Papers Admit Russian Revolution Has Big Effect.

Washington, June 1.—In the first session of the Austrian parliament in three years a few of the German papers predicted to see one of the elements that may make for peace. Official advice say it has caused much comment in the Berlin press. The Tagblatt remarking that the war had done much to arouse the national passion of the various peoples living under the Austro-Hungarian flag, and that up to now the government has done nothing about bringing about a better understanding among the various nationalities. It has, on the contrary, according to the Tagblatt, directed its policy toward advancing the authority of the Austrian emperor. A new line-up in Austrian politics is suggested by Vorwaerts, which adds that the Austrians, irrespective of nationality or party, "are today united in their strong desire for peace." It adds: "It is possible for the parliament to become a peace instrument of the greatest importance if the people and parties are able to find a way to their goal. The opening of the parliament comes at a time when the national feeling of the Slavs is very strong. The event, however, around which things centre, is the Russian revolution. This has had the result of freeing the Slavic peoples from the yoke of autocracy and in a manner which has aroused the feelings of self-consciousness and self-government. To satisfy this feeling within the limits of Austrian national life and government and in a manner which will also preserve the self-governing rights of the Germans—that is the problem today in Austrian politics."

CHASED HUSBAND ACROSS CANADA

Hired Detectives to Wrest Little Daughter From Him in Toronto.

LIKE MAGAZINE STORY

Western Newspaperman and His Wife Trailing Each Other in Autos.

Harry Patrick Brennan, a Winnipeg newspaperman, his wife, Myrtle, and their three-year-old daughter participated in a cross-country tour which began at Winnipeg and ended in Toronto last night. The story reads like a novel. According to the police, domestic trouble ensued between Brennan, who is a Roman Catholic, and his wife, a Protestant. Following a quarrel at their home in Winnipeg, Mrs. Brennan left surreptitiously with her daughter and journeyed to Stratford, Ont., the home of relatives. Brennan followed her, and by some means or other managed to prevail upon the police authorities of that place to allow him the custody of the child. He then left Stratford for Toronto. His wife followed, secured the services of two private detectives, and instituted a search for her husband and daughter. In a motor car driven by a man named Joseph Myers he trailed the city, and in a accident happened to hit Brennan's trail on York street, while he was proceeding to the Savoy Hotel. Instantly the detectives leaped from the car, leaving Mrs. Brennan concealed in the tunnel, breathlessly watching operations. The officers accosted Brennan, and when one of them suddenly seized him by the wrists and held him prisoner, the other snatched up the child, bundled it into the car, and sped away. Brennan immediately secured another car driven by Leonard Dodge, and followed the runaway, but lost their trail before they had gone very far. So Brennan drove to Court street to the Elliott house, where he was met by the police, and by patriotic motives. Myers was located, and confessed that he had driven his car to the Elliott house. There Brennan repaired late last night, where friends are trying to effect a reconciliation between the couple.

Sir Richard McBride Will Return to British Columbia

London, June 1.—Sir Richard McBride, who resigned as agent-general for British Columbia owing to illness, is expected to return to British Columbia. J. H. Turner is getting temporarily.

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