

British Forces Meet Defeat in Mesopotamia Asquith Postpones Statement on Recruiting Sir Sam Hughes Makes His Defence To-day

SAMUEL M'CLURE RETURNS FROM GERMANY TO NEW YORK AND GIVES HUN STATEMENT OF SUB WARFARE

Most Amazing Document is this Statement Which Says Germany Respects "The Principles of Humanity".

Forgetting the Lusitania, the Statement Claims Liners Are Never Sunk Without Warning

By Special Wire to the Courier.
The Hague, April 18, via London.—Samuel S. McClure of New York has returned here after a three months tour of Germany, Belgium, Poland, Austria and Turkey during which he met in all the countries high officials in all the governments and various military and naval officers.

HEALTHIER THAN EVER
Mr. McClure says he made it a point to investigate reports in circulation that German babies are dying from lack of milk. He qualifies these reports as ludicrously untrue. Far from being true, he says, German babies were never in better health, and infant mortality at the present time is lower than ever before in the history of the empire. The same thing is true with regard to orphan children and the people generally because health conditions are now more closely watched by the government.

Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, told Mr. McClure that the health of the soldiers was actually better than it would have been if they had followed the ordinary civilian occupations.

INFANT MORTALITY DECREASING
Voluminous government statistics from twenty-five of the larger cities in Germany secured by Mr. McClure, show that the infant mortality, roughly speaking, was ten per cent. less in 1915 than in 1914. For Berlin it was 27 per cent. less. The last quarter of 1915 shows a record low figure of infant mortality in Berlin of 11 per cent., compared with 16.5 per cent. for the third quarter of 1914.

Mr. McClure also made a special study of Germany's submarine policy on which he secured an exact and authoritative statement, which defines Germany's standpoint since the resignation of Admiral Von Tirpitz as minister of marine. This statement, which is dated April 15, follows:

STATEMENT NO. 1.
"First: In using her submarine weapon, Germany distinguishes between hostile and neutral ships. Enemy men of war are torpedoed without warning. Armed enemy merchantmen are considered warships. This is done for the reason that their commanders received orders, published in the German memorandum of February 8, to open fire on every German submarine at sight even before any hostile act has been committed. This makes impossible a warning from a submarine. Enemy merchantmen are also sunk without warning in the war zones—that is the waters around the British



QUEEN ALEXANDRA IN THE TRENCHES.
Queen Mother inspecting the earthworks dug by returned and partially disabled soldiers at the Earl's Court Exhibition. The "exhibits" included everything military, from a big fort to a string of cordite. It is said to have been a great aid to recruiting.—(Exclusive Courier Pictorial Service, in conjunction with the London Daily Mirror.)

WOLFE VON ISEL ARRESTED TO-DAY IN NEW YORK

Secretary of Von Papen Gathered in For Plotting in U. S.

FOUGHT CAPTORS WITH HIS FISTS

By Special Wire to the Courier.
New York, April 18.—Wolfe Von Igel, secretary of Franz Von Papen, former military attaché to the German embassy, was arrested here to-day in Captain Von Papen's office at 60 Wall street after a fist fight with four agents of the department of justice.

Von Igel's name had been withheld by the federal authorities pending his arrest. When the four agents of the department of justice entered his office to-day he put up a fight, in which he was assisted by George Von Skall, an employee. Von Igel, before he was overpowered, succeeded in reaching a safe in the far corner of the room, banging the door shut and turning the combination.

Von Igel was brought to the Federal building for arraignment. The Federal agents said that Von Igel was not finally subdued until they pointed revolvers at him. He then declared that he was on German territory and protested that the United States authorities had no right to invade that territory.

"Go ahead and shoot," his captors report him as saying. "It will only cause war between the United States and Germany. You have no right to invade this office. It is German territory. These are Russian methods." Von Igel made a similar statement when arraigned later before Judge Howe. Lacking a lawyer, Von Igel was told by the court that his arraignment would be postponed until later in the day, when his plea that he had been illegally arrested could be formally entered.

SIR SAM HUGHES TO-DAY WILL MAKE STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Extraordinary Interest Being Taken in Forthcoming Speech and Record Number Will Try to be Present to Hear His Defence.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Ottawa, Ont., April 18.—Major General Sir Sam Hughes, the Minister of Militia, will make his promised statement in the House of Commons this afternoon in reply to the false charges of G. W. Kyste, of Richmond, N.S. The appearance of Sir Sam in the House is most eagerly awaited here and a large crowd, much larger than the temporary parliament building along these lines may be made will hold, will be on hand to great and listen to him. This is evidenced by the demand for passes to the house.

The suggestion that Sir Sam may ask to be temporarily relieved of the actual charge of his department, the better to devote himself to the work of the Royal Commission, which will investigate the charges, was still being debated in the lobbies of the House this morning, despite denials, and it was hinted that an announcement along these lines may be made by the Premier to-day.

BRITISH FORCES MEET DEFEAT ON SOUTH BANK OF TIGRIS

Driven Back Anywhere From 500 to 800 Yards by the Turks, is the Official Word From London.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
London, April 18, 1.45 p.m.—British lines on the south bank of the Tigris in Mesopotamia have been forced back by the Turks for a distance in some places of from 500 yards to 800 yards, says an official statement given to-day by the official press bureau.

CAPTAIN WOODS DIED OF WOUNDS

Casualty List of To-day Contains the Sad Intelligence.
The Canadian casualty list contains "Died of wounds—Capt. Thomas Z. Woods."
The above refers to a son of the late F. S. Woods, who formerly lived on the River Road, West of Brantford. Relatives still live in the city.

NOTE BEING CODED TO-DAY

The "Last Word" to Germany Will be Sent Immediately.
By Special Wire to the Courier.
Washington, April 18.—The American Government communication to Germany, designed as the last word of the Washington Government in the submarine controversy was being put into diplomatic code to-day for immediate transmission to Berlin. It is expected to go forward during the day.
The document is said to be the most vigorous diplomatic paper President Wilson and Secretary Lansing ever have drafted. It covers the activities of German submarines since the Lusitania affair and is intended to force the question of a speedy settlement of the submarine issue by making plain that only an immediate change in Berlin's policy can prevent a rupture in the friendly relations between the two countries.

FRANCE BECOMING UNEASY THAT BRITAIN DOES NOT DO MORE TO RELIEVE PRESSURE

"Asquith Remains Quiet and Feeds us With Words" Writes Clemenceau in His Paper.

Premier of Britain Postpones Statement on Recruiting to Commons and Evidently Cabinet is Divided.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
LONDON, April 18, 12.20 p.m.—Premier Asquith will not make his expected statement in the House of Commons on the recruiting question to-day, according to an official announcement made at 12 Downing street.

LOYD GEORGE FOR COM-PULSION.
The special committee consisted of David Lloyd-George, minister of munitions, who, putting all his old principles behind him, has come out strongly for compulsory service for all men of military age, Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, secretary for war, who also favors conscription; General Sir William Robertson, who is expected to follow the course of his chief; Walter Hume Long, president of the local government board, representing the Unionist members in the cabinet and Arthur Henderson, president of the Board of Education, who like the labor party, is opposed to any further extension of conscription.

Premier Asquith is expected to explain in the House of Commons the reasons for the postponement of his statement. Upon his answer will depend whether Sir Edward Carson will move his resolution demanding service for all men of military age.

CAPTURED THE SUB.
By Special Wire to the Courier.
LONDON, April 18.—The French have captured the submarine which torpedoed the Sussex and have made prisoner the captain and crew," says the Daily Mail.

Bombarded Doiran.
By Special Wire to the Courier.
Athens, April 18.—Twenty-two French aeroplanes bombarded the headquarters of the Bulgarian staff at Doiran at 3 o'clock this morning. The raid was an entire success, the French officers say. A German squadron which attempted to engage the bombing French aircraft was attacked by special French rapid fighting machines which forced it to abandon the attack.

German's Claim Gain.
By Special Wire to the Courier.
Berlin, via London, April 18.—French positions in Steinbrück, 700 yards south of Haudremont farm, in the Verdun region, were captured by the Germans in their attack yesterday, the war office announced to-day. The Germans took prisoner 1,646 wounded men.

Explosion in Torpedo Works
By Special Wire to the Courier.
LONDON, April 18.—A Reuter despatch from Copenhagen says: "A despatch to the Kieler Zeitung from Wilhelmshaven says there was a great explosion on Friday night last in the torpedo works there, a number of persons being killed and others wounded. The works were recently finished and were inspected by Emperor William on February 25.

Huns Have Again Begun Great Attack on Verdun

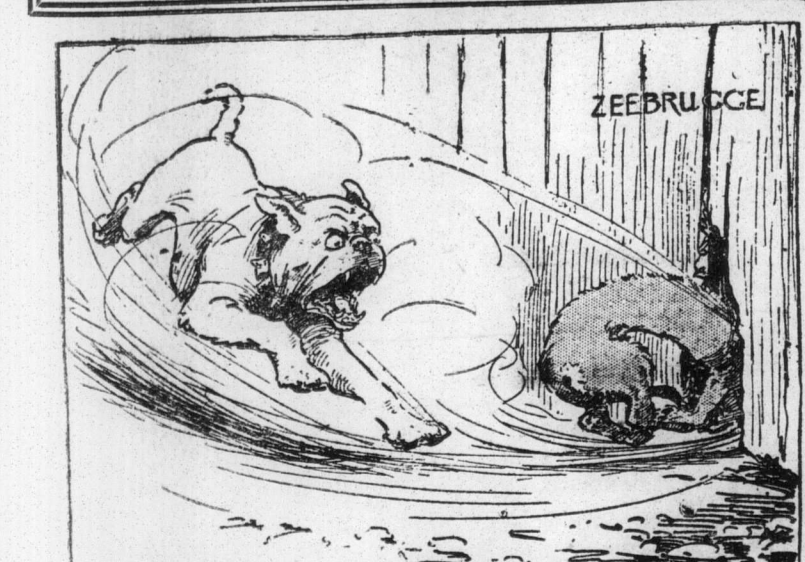
French First Line Trenches West of the Meuse Bombarded Yesterday by the Enemy.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Paris, April 18.—French first line trenches in the Verdun region west of the Meuse, from Dead Man's Hill to Cumierres, were bombarded yesterday by the Germans, East of the river, a calm prevailed.

Yesterday the attack between Douaumont and the Meuse was very violent. The German forces include troops from five different divisions. East of the Chaufour salient the Germans penetrated a front line trench, but were partially ejected. After six days' rest, while effectives were made up and stocks and ammunition replenished, the Germans have again begun concentrated attacks upon different points of the French defence at Verdun. The first point selected was the one mile section between the Meuse and Douaumont which forms a salient that seriously impedes the enemy. It includes the famous Pepper Hill.

Approaches to this position are further amplified by the French batteries on the west bank of the Meuse and it was with the view of facilitating operations against the salient that the Germans made their recent offensive against Cumierres and Dead Man's Hill. That having failed, they now are trying the effect of direct wearing tactics, employing dense masses of infantry in small places but so far with little success. The net result of their efforts has been the gain of a small salient west of Douaumont which, the French claim, is unimportant.

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



A "BRUSH" IN THE NORTH SEA.
German reports of the above state that the British disappeared in the mist (dust)—Newcastle Chronicle.

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