

GERMAN-FOMENTED UPRISING IN IRELAND NIPPED IN THE BUD

Sinn Fein Leaders and Others are Placed Under Arrest

Drastic Measures Taken by Chief Secretary, Together With Lord Lieutenant of Ireland; Belief Abroad That Conscriptioin Policy May Yet be Abandoned by Government

By Courier Leased Wire. LONDON, May 18.—Chief Secretary Short, says a Press Association dispatch from Dublin, referring to the Irish plot proclamation, authorizes the statement that measures for which he accepts full responsibility with the lord-lieutenant, Viscount French, are directed solely against a dangerous German intrigue, of which they have knowledge.

The Irish Government, it is added, are fully aware that the number of Irishmen and Irishwomen in active co-operation with the Germany enemy is very small, but many might unknowingly become involved, and they believe therefore, they can rely upon the support of the Irish without regard to creed or political views in the measures they have taken. The Irish Government are determined to take every necessary step to stamp out the German plot.

The proclamation was posted throughout Ireland today, and the arrest of the supposed leaders are expected to follow immediately.

MANY ARRESTS MADE

LONDON, May 18.—(Bulletin).—Considerable number of arrests have been made in Dublin and throughout Ireland, according to a dispatch to The Times from Dublin, timed two o'clock Saturday morning.

LONDON, May 18.—Prof. Edward De Valera, president of the Sinn Fein; Arthur Griffiths, founder of the Sinn Fein, Countess Markievicz, Dr. Dillon and William Cosgrave, Sinn Fein M. P. for Kilkenny have been arrested, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Dublin.

PLOT DISCOVERED

LONDON, May 18.—Ireland and Irish affairs again have come to the fore. Discovery of a German plot involving certain persons in Ireland, was announced last night in Dublin by the issuance of a proclamation signed by Edward Short, chief secretary for Ireland, in the name of the lord-lieutenant, Viscount French.

The proclamation says that British subjects resident in Ireland have entered into treasonable communication with the German enemy, and calls for drastic measures to put down the German plot. Voluntary recruiting is urged in order that compulsion may be avoided, and that the Irish may assist in putting down the conspiracy.

Communication with Dublin is slow, but a despatch to The Times says that a large number of persons already have been arrested in Dublin and other parts of Ireland. The number of Irish in co-operation with the enemy is said to be very small. There have been various hints recently of German activity in the Sinn Fein ranks and there has been no full explanation of recent arrests, including that of a man who landed on the Irish coast from a German submarine in a collapsible boat. The reference to voluntary enlistment in the proclamation appears to concern predictions that the Government has changed its policy concerning conscription in Ireland owing to Nationalist and Sinn Fein opposition.

A report became current in Ireland Friday that the Government contemplated launching a recruiting scheme on the lines of that formerly conducted by the Earl of Derby in England. It gained much prominence in Irish newspapers and was discussed widely. However, a Dublin despatch to The Daily News says the report met only with ridicule. The despatch adds: "The atmosphere is completely unsuitable and it is doubtful if a single public man with real influence could be found to back the scheme."

Opposition to conscription has come from some unexpected quarters. An instance is an article in the current number of the Church of Ireland Gazette, the leading organ of the Irish Protestant Church outside Ulster, in which the writer believes he is speaking the mind of all good Irishmen in telling the Government force is no

remedy and that no good can be derived from a sanguinary conflict with any section of the Irish people, while any Government which recklessly added civil war in Ireland to the anxieties already confronting the Empire would be executed by the conscience of all Christian men.

Another report is to the effect that the general could only succeed if the Government gave Ireland a Home Rule Parliament. The proclamation says that British subjects resident in Ireland have entered into treasonable communication with the German enemy, and calls for drastic measures to put down the German plot. Voluntary recruiting is urged in order that compulsion may be avoided, and that the Irish may assist in putting down the conspiracy.

THE PROCLAMATION Dublin, May 18.—The proclamation of the Lord Lieutenant says: "Whereas it has come to our knowledge that certain subjects of His Majesty, the King, domiciled in Ireland, have conspired to enter and have entered into treasonable communication with the German enemy and."

"Whereas such treachery is a menace to the fair name of Ireland and its glorious military record, a record which is a source of intense pride to a country whose sons always distinguished themselves and fought with such historic valor in the past, in the same way as thousands of them are now fighting in the war."

"And, whereas drastic measures must be taken to put down this German plot which means will be solely directed against that plot now, therefore, we the lord-lieutenant of Ireland, and governor-general of Ireland, have thought it fit to issue this proclamation, declaring as follows: "That it is the duty of all loyal subjects of His Majesty to assist in every way His Majesty's Government in Ireland to suppress this treasonable conspiracy and to defeat the treacherous attempt of Germany to defend the honor of Irishmen for their own ends."

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INFANTRY ACTIVITY IS HALTED

No Resumption of Heavy Fighting Despite Advent of Fair Weather

ARTILLERY ACTIVE Enemy May be Planning Offensive of Colossal Proportions

AERIAL FIGHTING

By Courier Leased Wire. Fair weather during the past few days and a great increase in aerial activity have not resulted in a renewal of heavy infantry fighting. The artillery duels go on, most violent on important sectors, but neither the German infantry nor artillery displays the activity which usually marks the coming of a blow against the Allied lines.

The enemy, it is believed in London, is preparing for a mighty attack, greater in force, if possible, than the crash on March 21 along the fifty mile front southward from Arras. The Germans however, are having difficulty in filling up their greatly depleted ranks some divisions having lost more than 50 per cent—some severely—of their effectives in the recent fighting. In addition, the allied artillery is causing havoc with German preparations near the front. Mines, while their railway stations and billets behind the lines are under an almost continuous rain of bombs dropped by allied airmen.

Enemy activity and man power concentrations probably become stronger as Field-Marshal von Hindenburg delays a new advance, but the Allied defense gain strength in the same ratio, and a new source of fighting power, the American army, grows in power. General Pershing's battle front more flexible and clearly, but in what numbers it is not disclosed. Aerial activity is the most prominent feature of the news from the fighting zones. French and British airmen have dropped many more tons of explosives on enemy military targets, while the Germans are becoming more active in attempts to get behind the Allied lines. In aerial fighting the British have brought down 35 German machines, while British guns accounted for 10 more Berlin claims the destruction of 18 Allied airplanes. Another attempt to raid Paris Friday night failed.

C.O.R. READY TO LEAVE

Will Take Their Departure From City Before End of Present Month

Next Saturday Major Clark leaves with the advance party of the 2nd Central Postal Directory for Niagara Camp. The C.O.R. is strong, will be followed on the 29th by the Battalion. Including the Oshawa Company there are altogether 1600 men in the unit. Many of these are away on seeding leave back in equal quotas on the 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd of the month, and the others away on leave; will report until June 10th, when they will go direct to Niagara-on-the-Lake. During the 15 more days in which the men will be here, no special program has been arranged for. The 24th will be spent quietly by the battalion, nothing having been booked for that date with the exception of the sergeants' farewell dance.

COUSIN MARI ALI EX-GOVERNOR

Amsterdam, May 17.—Nikolai Romanoff, former emperor of Russia, according to The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin, will be tried by a court-martial in Moscow, the latter part of June. The trial will be secret.

NEW GOVT. RECOGNIZED

By Courier Leased Wire. Lisbon, Portugal, Friday, May 17.—The new secretary of foreign affairs, Espirito Santo Lima, to-day received the members of the diplomatic corps, all of whom declared formally that their governments recognized the new Portuguese Government.



KING GEORGE VISITS THE ARMIES IN FRANCE. Recently King George V. paid a visit to France to inspect the British Armies who held steadfast against all attempts of the Germans to break through in their determined drive. He is shown stopped by the side of a Red Cross Train, questioning one of the soldiers who was wounded in the recent great battle.

HERTLING STILL HOPES FOR PEACE THIS YEAR

Believes Events in West Will Bring Speedy End to War —German Desire To Win And Preserve Peace, Declares C Chancellor.

By Courier Leased Wire. Amsterdam, May 17.—"I am still optimistic enough to believe we shall have peace this year," said the German chancellor, Count von Hertling, in an interview with the Berlin correspondent of the Budapest newspaper Az Est. "I cherish firm confidence that further events in the west will bring us nearer a speedy end of the war."

ENTIRE HUN DIVISIONS WERE ANNIHILATED IN OFFENSIVE

Full Enormity of Teuton Losses is Only Now Becoming Definitely Known; One Division Lost Seventy Per Cent and Many Others Fifty

By Courier Leased Wire. London, May 18.—The most definite figures yet announced regarding German losses on the Western front this spring have been given to the Associated Press. Since the beginning of the offensive on March 21, 206 German divisions have been on the Western front, of which 128 actually have been engaged on the Somme and Armentieres fronts.

The 206th German division, which was one of those suffering most heavily, lost 70 per cent of its effectives. Several other divisions are known to have lost more than fifty per cent, and at least seven other divisions are named as having lost 40 to 50 per cent. Only forty men to the company were left in the 119th division after the fighting of March 22 and 23. The first division was in similar straits after reaching Sally-Laurette on March 28 and the 23rd division was weakened similarly on April 6. One regiment of the fourth Ersatz division virtually was annihilated on April 9 and there are scores of instances of companies and battalions which disappeared almost completely.

In a five-page, closely-typed list of losses to German regiments and divisions engaged in the offensive which have been substantiated by British intelligence officers, there is scarcely a single instance where the losses were not so large as to cause serious crippling of efficiency of the unit.

While it is impossible to make from these figures any exact estimate of the total German losses, it is sufficiently evident that the heavy casualties have been exceeded.

FIRE IN CARBO

By Courier Leased Wire. A Canadian Atlantic Port, May 18.—A steamer with a cargo of butter, cheese and other food stuffs, valued at a million pounds sterling, was brought into port yesterday with fire in the bunkers and cargo. Before dark the fire was under control, but all the cargo will have to be taken from the steamer.

ATTEMPT TO RAID PARIS A FAILURE

German Airplanes Sought In Vain to Attack French Capital

SUBURBS BOMBED

Artillery Fire Continues Active on All West Front Sectors

Bulletin, Paris, May 18.—German airplanes attempted to bombard Paris again last night, but did not reach the city. Bombs, however, were dropped on outlying suburbs. The following official statement was issued last midnight: "Enemy airplanes crossed our line and bombarded several localities behind the front. Several machines made for Paris. The alarm was given at 10.35 p.m., and all clear at 11 p.m. Bombs were thrown on more distant suburbs."

WITH U.S. FORCES. With the American army in France, May 17.—An official statement issued from American headquarters at 9 o'clock to-night reads: "Today the fighting was limited to reconnaissance and intermittently active artillery fire. There was increased aerial activity northwest of Toul and in Loeraine."

FRENCH OFFICIAL. Paris, May 18.—Violent artillery fighting north and south of the Aves River on the front below Amiens is reported in today's official statement. The statement follows: "There were violent bombardments at various points on the front north and south of the Aves."

German raids near Meuse (Champagne) and north of Vier de Paris (Argonne) were without results. "Everywhere else the night was calm."

BRITISH OFFICIAL. London, May 18.—Heavy artillery fighting last night between Ghenvy and Robecq, on the southern side of the Flanders salient is reported by the war office.

The statement follows: "There were considerable artillery activity last night on both sides between Ghenvy and Robecq. The hostile artillery has shown some activity at the Lens, Hazebrouck and Ypres sectors."

"There is nothing further to report."

debauched and attacked the enemy's infantry positions on a ridge, rolling up the German line from the north. It developed that this ridge was held by a line of machine gun posts, while beyond the crest a large German force was massing in the open for an attack. The whippets ran from shell hole to shell hole, inflicting serious casualties and completely disorganizing the enemy's preparations for attack.

Entire Take three. These seven tanks, each with a full crew of twenty men, inflicted more than four hundred casualties on the enemy in this engagement, while the casualties on board the tanks were only five men. The tanks left their base shortly before noon and were back at their base again by 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

One officer of the general staff, commenting on this engagement to the Associated Press, said: "The British tank has justified itself. The Germans have adopted them, but there is yet no evidence that they have any large number available. With the start which we have in tank construction, we should be able to preserve our superiority without difficulty."

The results of our employment of tanks are most encouraging in view of the man power question, and we ought to derive still more benefit from them in the future."

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WEATHER BULLETIN Toronto, May 18.—Showers are reported from Lake Superior and some light local snow and rain in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Warm weather prevails from the Georgian Bay to the Maritime Provinces. Forecasts. Moderate fresh south to southwest winds, fair and warm to dry, some local showers or thunderstorms to-night and Sunday.