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THE GREAT MOLE AT ZEBRUGGE REPORTED TO BE BADLY BREACHED

British Pounding by Heavy Guns—Doors and Windows in Dover Shaken—Khaki Troops Progress in Roex Village

Dover, May 14—The concussion of the bombardment at Zebbrugge was felt here and at neighboring coast places in a quite unusual manner. Windows and doors rattled sharply although the battle was proceeding sixty miles away.

Among the reports of the result current locally was one to the effect that the Great Mole protecting Zebbrugge harbor was badly breached. If this proves true and quick repair is impossible the port is likely to be rendered useless by the rapid siltting up of the sand.

BRITISH PROGRESS. London, May 14—Hostile raids were repulsed last night northeast of Epeby and north of Ypres, says today's official announcement.

HEAVY ENEMY LOSSES. Paris, May 14—The French last night repulsed German reconnoitering parties northeast of Vauxhall, north of Craonne, at Hill 108 and in the Champagne. The war office so reports. The German losses were large.

British Headquarters in France, May 14, via London—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.)—British troops have just about completed the capture of two important villages to which the Germans have clung desperately ever since the battle of Arras began.

As a result of steady fighting during the last forty-eight hours the German position continues to be absolutely untenable. A virtually similar situation exists in Roex. Since the British victory on Saturday, the German counter-attacks have lacked much of their recent ferocity. The number of prisoners taken during this time has been exceptionally large for the character of the operations and the number of troops involved.

These may merely be coincidences, but it may be that the Germans have become tired of sending so many of their troops to their death in massed formations. The German soldiers have been fighting very stoutly since reserves were thrown into the Arras area.

The best news in the fighting district has been temporarily broken by a series of thunder storms.

BERLIN REPORTS CHANCELLOR FULLY SECURE IN POSITION

Berlin, May 13, via London, May 14—While the battling of the imperial chancellor is going on, the reports of the last forty-eight hours would seem to indicate that Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg's position continues to be absolutely secure.

The chancellor returned from left headquarters on Saturday morning after having spent the day in conferring with the Reichstag party leaders with respect to the interpellations on Germany's war aims.

Both his visit to great headquarters and his trip to the Austrian capital were made in connection with the chancellor's declaration covering the war aims, most of which will be submitted to the Reichstag on Tuesday.

Both the government and the middle road parties are desirous of avoiding an extensive or acrimonious debate, and representatives of the latter will unite in a joint statement or present independent conciliating declarations.

It is contended that the chancellor holds enough strong cards in the present military situation, the success of the U-boats, the record sixth war loan and the improvement in the food situation to beat off his opponents, who have been at his heels for months.

CHARLES F. COLEMAN. The death of Charles Freeman Coleman, aged thirty-six years, occurred this morning after an illness of a year at his home, 4 Chubb street. He was engaged as a steamboat engineer on the river before he was taken ill, and was well known along the river. He was a native of Shannon Settlement, but had made his home in St. John for many years.

Surviving are his wife, two children, three sisters and one brother. The funeral will be held on Wednesday at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence.

PROBATE COURT. In the matter of the estate of Mary M. Brothers, the will has been proved in common form and letters testamentary granted to Henry M. Briggs and John L. Conlon, the executors. J. King Kelly, N. E. 18, proctor.

In the matter of the estate of Annie J. Hamilton, the will has been proved in common form and letters testamentary granted to Charles William Hamilton, the executor. J. D. Folland Lewis is proctor.

The American Army. Washington, May 14—Expansion of the regular army to the full war strength contemplated in the administration army bill has been authorized by President Wilson. Organization of the new recruits will begin tomorrow. About 65,000 of the 185,000 men to be added to the army already have been recruited.

Another Zeppelin Is Bagged

London, May 14—British naval forces destroyed Zeppelin L. 22 in the North Sea this morning, according to an official statement issued by the admiralty.

The destruction of the L. 22 marks the fourth attempt at zeppelin raids within the last year, which has ended in disaster. Two of the mammoth airships were shot down during a raid on London on September 21, 1916, and two months later two more Zeppelins were destroyed off the English coast. On March 17 French aviators shot down a zeppelin behind the French lines while it was endeavoring to reach Paris.

ENEMY SHIPS SAID TO BE CARRYING ON BUSINESS AGAIN IN THE NORTH SEA

London, May 14—German and Austrian shipping have lately resumed shipping in the North Sea, according to a Rotterdam despatch to the Daily Mail.

Nine German and one Austrian steamer are said to have entered the Hook of Holland last week, while six sailed. Most of the arrivals were from Hamburg, Bremen and the Baltic.

This is the first despatch to indicate an attempt by the Germans to operate a regular steamship service outside of the Baltic since the early days of the war, although there have been reported isolated instances of German merchant ships being sighted off the Dutch coast.

STOP TRADING IN WHEAT ON CHICAGO BOARD FOR TWO DAYS

Chicago, May 14—All trade in wheat except to close up existing contracts was ordered stopped for two days by directors of the Chicago board today.

Saturday's closing figures were given as the maximum at which settlements may be made. All trade in corn and oats for May delivery was ordered discontinued. May wheat was eliminated on last Saturday.

10,000,000 MEN WILL BE SUBJECT TO DRAFT

Census Man Estimates That Number Between 21 and 30 Years

Washington, May 14—Director Rogers of the census bureau says that ten million men in the United States will be subject to the selective conscription on July 1, within the ages agreed upon in the conference report of the war army bill.

This number of men between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive, represents very nearly ten per cent. of the total estimated population of 108,000,000 and 104,000,000 on July 1.

MR. BALFOUR IN WASHINGTON AGAIN

Washington, May 14—Arthur James Balfour, British foreign secretary, and most of the members of the British mission, arrived in Washington early today following their three days' welcome by New York city. They are to remain here for several days longer before leaving probably for Canada and England.

HUGE RUSSIAN ORDER

J. M. Robinson & Sons, private wire telegram. New York, May 14—Representatives of Bethlehem Steel Corporation in Russia arrive here with orders for steel rails and other materials costing nearly \$1,000,000,000.

Army bill with Roosevelt set goes to conference today. Official reports show that 23 per cent. of the Canadian winter wheat acreage has been killed and condition is lowest since 1909.

BIG LEAGUES ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICE IN ARMY

Chicago, May 14—Approximately fifty-five men from each of the two major leagues are subject to national service under the selective draft, according to an estimate made today by Ben Johnson, president of the American League, who is back today after a trip over the eastern end of his circuit.

TODAY'S BALL GAMES. National League—St. Louis at New York, clear, 3.30 p.m.; Cincinnati at Brooklyn, clear, 3.30 p.m.; Chicago at Boston, clear, 3.15 p.m.; Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, clear, 3.30 p.m.

American League—Philadelphia at Chicago, clear 3 p.m.; New York at St. Louis, clear, 3.30 p.m.; Washington at Detroit, clear, 3.15 p.m.; Boston at Cleveland, clear, 3 p.m.; Baltimore at Philadelphia, clear, 3.15 p.m.; Providence at Buffalo, clear, 3.45 p.m.; Baltimore at Rochester, clear, 4 p.m.; Richmond at Toronto, clear, 3.15 p.m.; other games not scheduled.

Will Prepare City Land For Cultivation

Block in Manawagonish Road to be Opened to Public

The common council has decided to take further steps to encourage the production of food. In doing so, the council, meeting in committee this morning, authorized the commissioner of city land to have twenty-five acres of city land fronting on the Manawagonish road ploughed and harrowed and to give the use of citizens who wish to raise food products. This is in addition to Commissioner Wigmore's scheme to Silver Falls.

The petition for permission to increase the teamsters' rate was granted. Authority was given for the erection of a garage for David Latimer in Duke street, settlement with James Latimer for his claim of \$600 for injuries received while engaged in street work was ordered.

Proposals for the extension of Water street in West St. John to Bridge street along the river bend, were considered but no action taken.

Mayor Hayes presided and all the members of the council were present. The petition of the teamsters for permission to increase their rates to \$4 for single teams and \$6 for double teams was taken up and, on motion, was approved.

After a letter from the Town Planning Commission was presented by Commissioner Fisher, they then considered a survey made in the west end from Water street to Bridge road, as close to the street as possible, with a view to making a street there, as a continuation of Water street. The land to be surveyed is outside the city limits and he thought that the cost, probably less than \$100, might be borne proportionately by the city and county. It would provide a shorter route to the west end and would add to the scenic beauty. One properly owned adjacent property owner expressed his approval but it was decided to delay action until the property owner who has been heard.

New Appointments. An application was received from Garnett Wilson, architect, on behalf of David Watson, for permission to erect a building in Duke street. The site is opposite his stable and the building would be of concrete, two stories in height, with a wooden building in the rear. The concrete floor and concrete walls would be included and it would be given authority to have the land ploughed and open to the public. He also suggested that the city might engage an experienced gardener and so save loss of time, money and labor. Another suggestion was that the city might aid in the purchase of the land.

Commissioner Melan asked for information regarding the status of the claim by James Latimer for injuries received, saying that he understood that there was a difference of only \$15 in the amounts offered and demanded. At the request of Commissioner Fisher the city solicitor was called in to explain the situation. A motion by Commissioner Melan, seconded by Commissioner Wigmore, that the amount asked for, \$600, be paid in full compensation of injuries involving the application of a force as a result of its being run over by a city truck was adopted, Commissioner Fisher and Mayor Hayes dissenting.

W. J. TAIT DEAD. The death of an old and highly respected citizen occurred this morning when W. J. Tait passed away at his home, 29 Union street. In former days when shipbuilding was at its height, Mr. Tait was active in this industry. He was a member of the city fire department. He had been a member for many years of Vernon Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., and had belonged to the R. Y. C. He is survived by his wife, two sons, William W., with the army service corps in France, and three daughters, Mrs. C. Bell, Mrs. A. V. Wright and Miss Gladys. The funeral will take place at 2.30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon from his late residence.

FROM SERGEANT NUTTALL. John Nuttall of this city has received two field cards from his son, Sergeant Major J. P. Nuttall, under the dates of April 18 and 20. In both cards he says that he was enjoying the best of health.

Four Die in Fire

Manchester, N. H., May 14—Four persons lost their lives and more than a score escaped in their night clothes in a fire which destroyed the Weston-Fitz Mercantile and apartment building in Elm street early on Sunday morning. The loss was estimated at \$200,000.

ROGATION DAYS. In the Cathedral met this morning at 9 o'clock high mass was sung by Rev. William M. Duke in connection with the services of Rogation Days. High mass will be said at the same hour tomorrow morning and on Wednesday. These are days of prayer that the Lord will bless the crops of the earth and bring them to an abundant harvest. His Lordship, Bishop LeBlanc and all the priests of the Palace were present in the sanctuary at today's mass. There also was high mass in St. John the Baptist church.

Weather Report

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The eastern disturbance centered south of Cape Cod, causing strong northwesterly winds and showers in the maritime provinces. The temperature was a little higher yesterday in Ontario and the fine warm weather continues in the west.

Ottawa Valley—Fresh northwest winds, fine, Tuesday, westerly winds, fine and a little warmer.

Clearing, warmer. Maritime—Strong, northeast to north-west winds, showery, Tuesday, fresh north and northwest winds, clearing, with a little higher temperature.

New England—Fair tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature, northwest winds.

Germans Said To Have Taken 600,000 Men From Russian Front

Hurried Them to France to Help Stay Allied Rush—Russian War Minister Resigns—Brusiloff Fears For Country Unless Army Discipline is Tightened

New York, May 14—A news agency despatch from Petrograd, published here today, says: Germany has withdrawn forty divisions (approximately 600,000 men) from the Russian east front and hurried them to France to oppose the Franco-British offensive, according to information from Russian headquarters, featured today in Petrograd newspapers.

MUST TIGHTEN DISCIPLINE OR EXPECT RUIN. London, May 14—The Times' Odessa correspondent, telegraphing under date of May 9, says a great impression has been created by a recent speech of General Alexei Brusiloff, commander in chief of the Russian armies on the southwestern front, complaining of the number of desertions from the army and deploring the agitation for a premature peace, the relaxation in discipline, and the lack of discipline in the army and the tendency of the Russian soldiers to fraternize with the enemy.

General Brusiloff, says the correspondent, declared that the enemy had tempted the Russian soldiers by offering them vodka and had tried to deceive them with proclamations. He added that the desertions were having a harmful effect on the morale of the army along the railroads and in villages and that if the lack of discipline was continued it must entail the ruin of Russia.

War Minister Resigns. Petrograd, May 14, via London—General Guchoff, minister of war, has resigned.

CONGRESS MAY BE IN SESSION TILL AUGUST. Important War Measures Still in the Talking Stage Call For More Speed.

New York, May 14—An Associated Press despatch from Washington this morning says:—The United States has been at war with Germany thirty-nine days and practically all the measures through which the American government is to do its part in the world battle for humanity and civilization still are in the talking stage in congress. The accomplishments since President Wilson convened the special war session of April 2 have been the passage of a resolution declaring a state of war with Germany and enactment of a seven billion dollar loan. Those who predicted that congress would provide the nation with the means for making war successfully and adjourn by June now have extended their estimates to the middle of August.

Pleased for speed by the administration on one side, and on the other by the constituencies at home demanding action, the vessels planned by the government, and quickly, if the aid of the United States in the world war is to be of its full value.

The immediate pressing need of the aid of the United States can give the Entente Allies its best known to the president and his closest advisers, who have heard it from the heads of the French and British missions. Those to whom it has been communicated have been impressed with the necessity of more accomplishments.

Strike Paralyzes Motor 'BUS' SERVICE IN LONDON

London, May 14—London is without motor buses today, 10,000 employees of both sexes being out on strike. Many thousands of workers were unable to reach work on time through the congestion of the tram lines, trains and underground systems. All sorts of vehicles were pressed into service to carry workers to the munition centers. At the rail-road stations lines were formed under the supervision of the police.

Government Persuades Coal Owners and Men To Call Off Big Strike

Washington, May 14—The government on Saturday demonstrated its determination not to tolerate labor disturbances which would disrupt war preparations by persuading central Pennsylvania coal miners and operators to reach an agreement to avoid a strike of 25,000 miners threatened for next Tuesday.

Representatives of the workmen and employers, after a conference on Friday night with Secretary Wilson and officials of the federation of labor, on Saturday went to work on a settlement. Though details had not been arranged, an announcement was made that there would be no strike.

Revival of Industry Possible at Calais and St. Stephen—No Fireworks on the Fourth

Calais, May 14—Two gentlemen interested in shipping recently visited Calais and talked with local builders about making an effort to have some of the vessels planned by the government, built at this port. The available sites were examined and the visitors were assured that they could procure all the necessary timber on the St. Croix, and that all the help required would be forthcoming. Wellington Greenlaw, one of the master shipbuilders now residing in Calais, assured the Bangor Commercial correspondent that the timber necessary for the job could be landed in Calais within a reasonable time. An effort is being made by prominent residents of New Brunswick, including G. W. Ganong, of St. Stephen, to revive the shipbuilding industry at St. Stephen, and they will hold a conference with the provincial government at an early date, should this industry be revived in both Calais and St. Stephen, it will mean prosperous times on the St. Croix for at least a year or two.

WANT AMERICANS IN AUSTRALIA FOR COMMONWEALTH ARMY

Melbourne, via London, May 14—Minister of Defense France is taking steps to ascertain if the United States will permit Americans in Australia to enlist in the Australian army.

AT THE HOSPITAL. Forest Hill, who had his right arm amputated in the German Public Hospital on Saturday afternoon following an accident in the Atlantic Sugar Refinery, is reported this afternoon to be doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances.