

WHERE IS LAURIER ON CONSCRIPTION?

Memorial Day Observed in All Parts of United States Today || **Artillery Fighting of Heavy Nature Upon French Front Last Night** || **Conspirators Against Registration Arrested in Large Numbers in Chicago**

Desperate Fighting of Foe Nets Only Heavy Losses

MEMORIAL DAY IN U.S. OBSERVED

Special Gravity Cast Over Devotional Exercises by Dark War Clouds

CONGRESS ADJOURNS

Country Unites in Observance of Great Holiday of National Moment

WAR MEASURES UP

Washington, May 30.—War clouds cast a special gravity today over Memorial Day exercises here in which President Wilson and many other high Government officials participated.

Down Pennsylvania avenue and across the Potomac to Arlington National Cemetery marched veterans of the past two wars at the head of a column of National Guardsmen and regulars who may see service in France within a year.

President Wilson arranged to attend the exercises at Arlington this afternoon, but did not count on making an address.

Both houses of Congress adjourned for the day and all Government departments were closed.

Washington, May 30.—Congress was not in session today, both houses having adjourned over the holiday, but leaders took the opportunity to survey progress on war measures.

Chairman Simmons of the Senate finance committee, in a conference with Treasury officials, pointed out that the principal questions of the war revenue bill yet to be determined relate to the Administration's proposed automobile license taxes, excise taxes on coffee and tea, higher second class postal rates and taxes on public utilities.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo is urging the committee to report out a bill carrying about \$1,800,000,000 as provided in the House measure, but committee sentiment apparently is in favor of reducing it to around \$1,500,000,000 the difference to be raised by short term bonds.

Conferees of the Senate and House on the \$42,000,000 war budget bill to-day still had further changes to consider, notably the provision to regulate the acquisition of an American merchant marine, for which \$750,000,000 is authorized.

The administration's food survey and production bill will be taken up in the Senate again tomorrow and its early passage is looked for. The bill is the House substitute for the measure of the Senate has been considering.

MUSICIANS OF GERMANY BOYCOTT U.S.

Strive to Prevent Singers From Accepting American Engagements

Copenhagen, via London, May 30.—The German Stage League will this week pass upon the so-called American treaty pledging the German operatic stage to boycott for five years any singer who leaves Germany to accept a more profitable engagement in the United States. The boycott is fathered by Count von Seebach, director of the Royal Theatres, which have been particularly unfortunate in losing stars not only to America but also to other German theatres which pay better salaries.

Advocates of the boycott hope that it will have a deterrent effect through causing singers to lose profitable engagements before and after the American season. The singer would also face the responsibility of being stranded if he or she failed to win American favor.

GERMANY FIGHTING TO BE FREE

War Forced Upon Teutons by Their Foes, Says Kaiser Wilhelm

FRESH BLASPHEMIES

Emperor Calls Upon God of Armies for Blessings in War

DECISION VERY NEAR

Kaiser Urges His Troops to Save Future of Fatherland

Amsterdam, via London, May 30.—According to the Deutsche Tageszeitung, Emperor Wilhelm concluded his recent speech to the soldiers on the Arras front with the following words:

"We will continue to fight until we secure a complete victory against those who have attacked us. May the God of armies give us blessing in the war which has been forced upon us that our children and grandchildren may live free in the German Fatherland."

Addressed Delegations Copenhagen, via London, May 30.—The correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt on the western front reports that Emperor Wilhelm during his recent visit to the Arras line addressed delegations of the troops fighting on the Aisne. He thanked them with evident emotion for their heroism in meeting French attacks and said in part:

"The decision lies near at hand. You will turn it in our favor as you have on every previous occasion, because you realize what you are fighting for—the future of your children and grandchildren, the future of the beloved Fatherland of us all."

See the new sport model Pops bicycles at C. J. Mitchell's, 80 Dalhousie street.

ASKS ALLIES TO REASSURE RUSS ARMY

Fighters Desire to Feel Certainty That Allies' Aims Are Theirs

Paris, May 30.—Mercel Cashin, one of the Russian Socialist delegates attending the meeting of the National Council of the French Socialist party writing in The Parisian says:

"Sure from now onward that the objects of the Russian republican government are the same as its own, the Russian army wishes to feel the same certainty as regards the allied governments. Premier Ribot's speech in the Chamber of Deputies will be very useful from this point of view, but more must be done. It will be necessary for the combined allied powers, in complete agreement to express themselves in the same way."

U. S. COLORS DEPOSITED

Flags of American Battalions in Canadian Forces Placed in St. Paul's

London, May 30.—At St. Paul's today the colors of the American Legion in the Canadian contingents were placed beside the altar to remain there until after the war. There were five flags, one from each battalion, the 97th, 211th, 212th, 213th and 237th. They were escorted to the Cathedral by 500 Canadian soldiers.

As the troops passed up the central aisle, the crowd which filled the edifice sang "My eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord," and later "Onward Christian Soldiers." At the conclusion of the service "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung, followed by "God Save the King."

The service was attended by Ambassador Page, Consul-General Skinner, high officers of the Canadian forces and physicians and nurses from the Red Cross units which have arrived here most recently.

VEGETABLES RESTRICTED IN BRITAIN

Imported Cheese Requisitioned, and Prices on Vegetables Fixed

London, May 30.—Bacon Devonport, the food controller, beginning to-day, ordered all cheese imported from Canada, Australia and the United States requisitioned and henceforth will control all dealings in it. Cheese will be put on the market at a price enabling retailers to sell it at sixteen pence per pound.

AUTOMATIC REDUCTIONS.

The food controller has also fixed the retail prices on all beans, peas and pulse and arranged an automatic reduction in the price of beans, averaging two cents a pound in July, with a similar reduction in August.

SAFE PASSAGE IS ACCORDED NORSE SHIPS

Concessions Made by Germany to Swedish and Norwegian Vessels

London May 30.—A Stockholm despatch to Reuter's says that the German Government has announced that Swedish and Norwegian steamers now in British ports will have a safe passage home from July 1.

Amsterdam, May 30.—via London—According to news received from the Dutch delegates at Stockholm, the Socialist conference has been postponed until July 15 or possibly later. Everything depends on the date of the arrival of the French and Italian delegations.

Copenhagen, via London, May 30.—A delegation of eight German majority Socialists, headed by Philip Schniedemann, has arrived here on its way to Stockholm. Included in the party are Dr. Eduard David, Friedrich Ebert and Hermann Molkenbuhr.

ELIGIBLES REGISTER NEXT WEEK

American Men Between Ages of 21 and 30 liable for War Draft

MEASURE IS OPPOSED

Anti Conscription Propaganda Spread Through Various Cities

ARRESTS IN CHICAGO

Washington, May 30.—Despite anti-conscription in many cities in which department of justice suspect as German propaganda, the department expects virtually all men between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive to register for the war draft next Tuesday. To insure this, further steps were taken to-day, looking to the prosecution of persons seeking to hinder registration plans and to the detection of those who may avoid registering. Criminal action is likely to be taken against slackers, and United States Marshals and Attorneys have instructions to watch closely for indications of anti-registration conspiracies and to assure the protection of registrars.

Chicago, May 30.—More than 30 persons, including several women suspected of conspiring to interfere with army registration next Tuesday, were taken to the federal building last night and questioned and many others are expected to be taken into custody to-day by Government operatives.

Clinton G. Clabaugh, head of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice has been in Wisconsin, but is expected to return here to-day when it is said that he will ask United States District Attorney Clyne to issue warrants for a number of persons arrested during the last few days on charges of attempting to thwart army registration.

APPEAL OF SOLDIERS' DELEGATES

Take Every Measure to End as Soon as Possible International Carnage

PROTECTION NEEDED

Claim the Russians Have Fought Under Worse Conditions Than Others

Petrograd, via London, May 30.—The Congress of Delegates from the front after a debate on the war, has unanimously voted the following resolutions:

First, the army in the trenches declares that it is indispensable to take every measure to put an end as quickly as possible to the international carnage and conclude without annexations or indemnities, on the basis of the right of all nations to dispose of themselves, proclaiming at the same time, the watchword, "whoever wishes for peace must prepare for war"; second, the army pointing out that the Russian soldiers have been fighting hitherto under conditions infinitely worse than those of the allies, that the Russian second line has had to march almost unprotected against the enemy's bullets and break with bare arms the barbed entanglements, which the allies and the enemy pass freely after artillery preparation, declares that the Russian front must be provided with munitions and everything necessary to maintain the principle, "the more metal, the less gun fodder."

In conclusion, the congress declares that the army appeals to all to whom free Russia is dear to rally around the Council of Soldiers and Workmen's Delegates and the provisional government and not to permit "adventurers to let the army become manure for foreign fields."

Amsterdam, via London, May 30.—George Bernhard in the Vossische Zeitung tries hard to prove to the Russians that England is really Russia's enemy and that an equally weakened Russia and Germany would best suit England's book. He continues:

"The United States has consistently supported England's standpoint. On various occasions we personally discussed peace aims in detail with Ambassador Gerard, the last time shortly before his departure. He emphasized to us, not once but repeatedly, that President Wilson felt the greatest interest in the restoration of Belgium, but that the United States would raise no objection to German annexation in the east."

Herr Bernhard advances the foregoing as clear proof of the complete indifference of Russia's allies to her interests and hopes that Russia will realize this fact. He adds:

"American financial interests are already getting their firm and octopus-like grip on Russia's economic body. Instead of developing the national popular economic system so ardently desired by Russians, their country will soon be like a lemon squeezed dry by the Americans. It is Germany alone that can save Russia from such financial serfdom."

Liberty Loan.

Petrograd, via London, May 30.—The executive committee of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates has issued a stirring appeal to peasants, workmen and other citizens to subscribe to the "liberty loan." The support of the loan is urged as a means of strengthening the confidence of the provisional government.

ARTILLERY BATTLE RAGING ON ST. QUENTIN LINE, FRENCH FRONT

Violent Fighting Occurred Last Night Without Gains for Foe; German Attempt Upon French Trenches Repulsed With Losses; British Also Repulsed Foe Attacks

Paris, May 30.—Noon—Violent artillery firing occurred on the French front south of St. Quentin during the night, according to an official statement issued by the French war office this morning. A German attack at Monte Blond in Champagne was repulsed, the Germans leaving dead and wounded on the field.

The statement follows: "Violent artillery fighting and patrol encounters occurred south of St. Quentin. In the Champagne a German attack, delivered by special units in an attempt to approach our trenches south of Mont Blond, was repulsed. Driven back by the violence of our fire, the enemy abandoned dead and wounded. We took prisoners and also captured one machine gun and a flame-projecting device.

"On the left bank of the Meuse we attacked the German lines at Hill 304, destroying important defense works, and bringing back ten prisoners. Elsewhere the night was calm.

"Two German airplanes were brought down by our pilots yesterday. It is learned that a German machine was sent to earth on Sunday in the region of Flain.

BRITISH OFFICIAL

London, May 30.—12.35 p.m.—Hostile raiding parties were repulsed last night in the neighborhood of Fontaine-les-Croisilles and west of Lens," says to-day's war office report. South of Neuve Chapelle our patrols entered the enemy's trenches and inflicted casualties.

"Nothing else of special interest occurred."

FRESH PHASE IN WAR MAY BE FORECAST BY PAUSE IN BATTLE

Operations on Western Front Have Dwindled in Magnitude, Although Cadorna Continues His Sweeping Advance Against the Austrians; Renewal of Franco-British Drive Anticipated

There has come such a pronounced pause in the major activities of the great war as to give the impression that preparations for a new phase of the movement may be in progress.

Only on the Austro-Italian front, where General Cadorna is determinedly pushing his campaign for Trieste is any sustained offensive movement going on. The great battles which developed last month on the front in northern France have come to a halt. Even counter-attacks by the Germans have virtually ceased along the British front, while on the French front they have lessened in number and violence.

The recent pronounced aerial activity also has subsided. Yesterday, it is learned that a German machine was sent to earth on Sunday in the region of Flain.

When the next blow is to be delivered can only be surmised. Indications are multiplying that the Germans are looking for some new development. They have mentioned the Russo-Romanian front as the place of expected attacks. The trend of the news from the Entente side of that front, however, has not been such as to lead to the belief that an effective stroke could be delivered upon the Teutonic lines there at present.

Emperor William has been addressing his troops on the front in northern France recently, exhorting them to stand fast in the decisive time he pictured "near at hand." Apparently, thus a renewal of the Franco-British attack, possibly on a large scale than ever, is anticipated.

As for some time recently the fighting on the western front yesterday and last night was of a local character. London reports only trench raids. Paris announces the repulse of a German attack on a narrow front near Mont Blond, in the Champagne, and an important raid by the French at the famous Hill 304 in the Verdun region.

Rome, May 30.—via London—Further gains by the Italians on the Trieste front are announced in today's official statement. The Italian lines have been extended west of Medeazza.

The statement reads: "The artillery was not so active yesterday on the Trentino front in Carnia, but was very heavy on the Julian front, particularly in the sector from Mount Cucco to Mount Vodice and east of Gorizia. The enemy again persisted in his attacks upon our trenches on Hill 652. Three successive attacks after distinct artillery fire failed completely. We captured some 30 prisoners.

"On the Carso the work of strengthening our lines is proceeding actively. An enemy assault attempted east of Bescomano was broken by our battery fire.

"Between Jamiano and the coast we extended by local offensive actions our occupation of ground west of Medeazza.

"On Monday afternoon one enemy airplane was brought down in severe air fights east of Mount San Marco."

Tenton Official

Berlin, via London, May 30.—The German official announcement to-day follows:

"Western front: During the day the artillery activity was lively only in the Wytschotte sector. In the evening the firing increased at other places.

"British reconnoitering advances on the Artois front were repulsed, as were similar activities by the French on the Chemin-des-Dames. Patrol engagements southwest of St. Quentin resulted in the capture of a number of prisoners by us.

"Eastern front:

"The situation is unchanged.

"Macedonian front:

"There were no important developments."

Russian Official

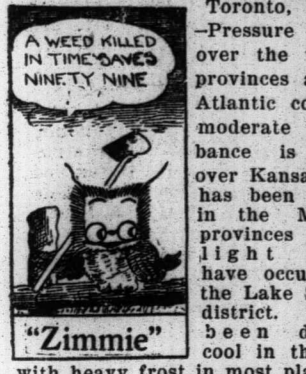
Petrograd, May 30, via London—

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, May 30.—Pressure is high over the western provinces and the Atlantic coast, a moderate disturbance is centred over Kansas. Rain has been general in the Maritime provinces and light showers have occurred in the Lake Superior district. It has been decidedly cool in the west with heavy frost in most places.

Forecast.

Moderately winds, fair and warmer. Thursday—Fresh to strong south-east and south winds with showers.



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