

Entente Allies Harass The Enemy; Von Kuehlmann Resigns His Office

SUDDEN THRUST AT GERMAN LINES IN EASTERN FRANCE BY ALLIES

While Waiting For the German High Command To Show Its Hand in Starting a New Assault, Entente Forces on Western Front Worry the Teutons.

French Strike Blow West of Oise and North of the Matz River — Spirited Fighting on British Front in Flanders—Progress in Albania — Dr. Von Kuehlmann Quits.

(Undated war lead by The Associated Press.) While waiting for the German high command to show its hand in bringing a new assault, the allied forces on the western front are giving the enemy little opportunity to perfect his arrangements for launching his expected but still deferred attack. From the Lys sector, on the north, to the Champagne front, in eastern France, there have been sudden thrusts at the German lines, at least one of which has made considerable ground.

This particular blow was struck by the French, west of the Oise and north of the Matz river, on the battle field where the Germans were stopped short in their attempts to hew their way through to Compiègne early in June. The French advanced along the Compiègne road northwest of Authueil and occupied the logs and Porte Farms on each side of the highway. The ground they have taken is important from a defensive standpoint and cuts down the area in which the Germans must manoeuvre in this part of the battle area.

German Strongholds Are Well Bombed

British Airmen Bring Down Seven Hun Machines and Put Six More Out of Control — Italians' Splendid Record.

London, July 9.—Aerial operations are described in the official communication issued tonight as follows: "In spite of low clouds in the morning of July 8 and thunderstorms later in the day our airplanes accomplished a good deal of photographic observation and reconnaissance work during the intervals of fine weather. The enemy activity in the air was light. "Seven German machines were destroyed and six driven out of control. Four of our machines are missing. "Nineteen tons of bombs were dropped, principally on railway connections at Roulers, Tournai and Wavrin and on dumps at Warneton and Bac St. Maur. "Practically no flying is possible at night."

BRITISH SHIPPING LOSSES ONE PER CENT.

Result of Convoy System Is Improvement in Situation.

London, July 9.—Speaking in the House of Commons today Sir Leo Money, parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Shipping, said the percentage of ships lost while homeward bound to the United Kingdom since January 1, 1918, was rather more than one per cent. The losses of food ships for the same period was less than 1.4 per cent.

The result of the convoy system, Sir Leo said, continued to improve. Since January, 1917, when the system was put into effect, 42,000,000 gross tons had been conveyed to British and French ports with a loss up to June 29 of 1.25 per cent. This included loss by the dispersal of convoys through bad weather.

UPHOLDS CAPTAIN

A Canadian Atlantic Port, July 9.—The marine court of inquiry into the recent stranding of the Canadian troop ship City of Vienna on the Atlantic coast rendered a finding this afternoon by which Captain John Perrington, master of the steamer, was practically exonerated from all blame.

A SEA FIGHT OFF E. COAST OF ENGLAND

British Submarines Damaged and One Officer and Five Men Killed.

FIVE HUN SEAPLANES ATTACK SUBMARINE

Berlin Claims That Two Under-Water Boats Were Badly Damaged.

London, July 9.—A British submarine was slightly damaged and one officer and five men killed when the craft was attacked by German seaplanes off the east coast of England on July 8, according to an admiralty statement issued today. The text of the statement reads: "A British submarine was attacked off the east coast of England on July 8 by five enemy seaplanes which dropped bombs and directed machine gun fire at the boat. One officer and five men were killed. The submarine, slightly damaged, was towed back to her harbor."

Amsterdam, July 9.—Two British submarines were badly damaged by bombs and machine gun fire during an encounter with German seaplanes on Saturday afternoon off the mouth of the Thames, according to an official statement issued at Berlin. The statement reads: "Two squadrons of seaplanes severely damaged British submarines C35 and C51 by bombs and machine gun fire off the mouth of the Thames Saturday afternoon. Enemy destroyers endeavored to tow in the submarines but the C35, when last seen, was in a sinking condition."

WILL GIVE BELAND ROUSING WELCOME

M. P. For Beauce Will Arrive Home in Short Time.

Quebec, July 9.—The citizens of Beauce county are preparing a big reception for Hon. Dr. Beland, former Postmaster General, on his return to his home in Beauce county, Quebec, in Germany. J. T. Ferron, Mayor of St. Joseph de Beauce and Perfect of the County, will officially welcome him home to the representatives of Beauce county and to the federal house.

TORRENTIAL RAINS IN QUEBEC PROVINCE

Much Damage Done — Hay Fields in Some Sections Ruined.

Quebec, July 9.—Torrential rains recently have caused much damage to crops in the Beauce district and in some places affected the hay yield which looked very promising has been completely ruined. The Chaudière river rose 3 ft., 9 ins. between 11 in the evening and 7.30 next morning. If the rain continues the situation may assume a serious aspect.

TEXTILE STRIKES IN N. E. STATES ON

Lowell Trouble Settled But Strikes Occur in Lawrence.

Boston, July 9.—Although the Lowell cotton mill strike has been settled there are still other labor disturbances on. The weavers of the Wood, Washinton and Ayer mills of the American Woolen Co., are on strike for more pay. These mills employ 20,000 operatives. The 20,000 cotton operatives of Manchester are still on strike. The 700 employees of the Saco and Pattee Co. Newlon cotton mill machinery are on strike for more pay.

U. S. BUSINESS MEN MAY HELP THE RUSSIANS

New Plan To Relieve Critical Situation in Russia Decided Upon At Washington — If Americans Are Sent International Guard Will Protect Them From Germany and Care Will Be Taken To Impress Russians Their Country Will Not Be Exploited.

Washington, July 9.—Entente governments through their embassies in Washington are fully advised of the Washington administration's views as to the best means of carrying out President Wilson's pledge to "stand behind Russia." It is understood that a project is taking shape which it is hoped will counteract German influence and lead the people to rehabilitate themselves without exciting distrust of the unselfish motives which lie behind it.

While any official statement of the administration's policy still is withheld, there is reason to believe that the proposal to send American business men to Russia to carry material aid to the people with armed guards to insure the safety of the personnel and supplies from German aggression is forming the basis of the negotiations now proceeding with unusual rapidity between Washington and the Entente capitals.

Disarm Suspicion.

Only it has assumed a new phase through injection of the idea to make the commission and armed guards international in composition, thus tending to disarm any suspicion on the part of the Russians that their country is to be exploited in the interests of a single power.

This measure is far short of the original desires of the Entente governments which frankly favored the dispatch into Siberia and perhaps into European Russia through the Archangel or Jor Kola route, of a 100,000 man expedition. But it is believed that in the absence of full American approval of this plan the Entente powers have been brought to the point where they are willing to let least penetration and that negotiations are now in progress to arrange the details of this enterprise. At any rate, the fact developed today that some action is imminent.

Relief to Russia.

Possibilities of sending relief to Russia by the northern route, using Kola and Archangel as bases was strengthened today by reports reaching the state department. From Swedish press sources it was stated that the population of Mourmansk Coast had repudiated the Bolshevik government and declared their adherence to the Entente forces which now are stationed on the coast.

Intimations also have come from Finland that strong opposition to German control is developing there and it is quite probable that any military force can be raised in that country to attack the Entente and American marines and blue jackets now at Kola and vicinity. It was assumed that in view of its importance and the urgency expressed by the Entente powers, the Russian programme was discussed at the regular cabinet meeting today, but there was no official announcement on the subject.

KING GEORGE CUTS OUT SHIRTS FOR FIFTY SOLDIERS

His Majesty Tries a Hand At Running Machine in Shirt Factory.

London, June 28. (Correspondence of The Associated Press).—Fifty British soldiers will soon be wearing shirts cut by the King.

King George and Queen Mary recently visited several clothing factories in the London district where shirts are being made for soldiers. In one of the plants the king became interested in the cutting process and accepted an invitation to try his hand. An electric cutter was given him and within a few seconds shirts lengths on a pile of material fifty thicknesses deep were severed, the flannel then being transferred to other machines which finished the detail work of cutting out.

RAILWAY WAGE ISSUE

Montreal, July 9.—No meeting will take place until Thursday between the railway war board and the representatives of the Federated Railway Trades. It was stated today at the end of the meeting. An answer is then expected from the men in regard to the offer of the McAdoo schedule.

IMPORTANT EVIDENCE AT CURRIE HEARING

Much Interest in Enquiry Into Charges By Hon. Dr. Baxter That Speaker of Legislature Defrauded Province in Lumber Scaling Arrangement—Charges Based on Affidavit By Archibald Murchie.

Mr. Murchie, Charles Purvis and Joseph Lapointe Testified Yesterday—Three Other Witnesses To Be Summoned To Stand Today — Enquiry Will Probably Be Transferred To Fredericton Later on.

Special to The Standard. Campbellton, July 9.—The evidence brought forward at the first day's session of the enquiry into the charges against Hon. Wm. Currie, speaker of the legislature of the Province of New Brunswick, to the effect that he as manager of the Continental Lumber Company paid stumpage on a smaller quantity of lumber than was actually cut for the company on leased lands, was of distinct importance. It will be recalled that in the affidavit of Archibald Murchie, lumber scaler, on which the charges were based the allegation was made that in consequence of a conversation with Hon. William Currie, Murchie agreed to reduce his return of the Continental Company's cut and did so reduce it. It was on this statement that the company paid stumpage whereas the amount of the cut as scaled by Murchie and before the reductions were made at Currie's request was 6,780,852 feet. The difference between the two statements, viz. 2,168,290 feet, is the amount of cut which Murchie lopped off his statement and it is for the amount of stumpage on this quantity of lumber that it is claimed Mr. Currie defrauded the province.

WAR IN ALBANIA IS LOOMING UP

Rome, July 9.—The Allied offensive in Albania is continuing, the war office announced today. New progress has been made along the left wing, on the Adriatic coast, the land forces being assisted by British monitors. "The action in Albania is continuing. On the left wing, after artillery preparation in which monitors of the British navy took part from the Lower Vojussa, carried after a bitter struggle the heights between Levani and the Monastery of Pohani."

DR. VON KUEHLMANN RESIGNS HIS POST

German Emperor Accepts Resignation of Foreign Secretary Who Made Sensational Address.

Paris, July 9.—The German Emperor has accepted the resignation of Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, according to a Basle dispatch to the Havas Agency. It is expected that Admiral Von Hintze, the German minister at Christiania and formerly minister to Mexico, will succeed him.

Count Von Kuehlmann became foreign minister in August 1917 succeeding Dr. Alfred F. M. Zimmermann, whose retirement closely followed the exposure of his plot to involve the United States in war with Mexico and Japan in the event that this country showed any inclination to join the entente allies. Dr. Von Kuehlmann's conduct of the foreign office appeared to be more than usually successful until June 25th last, when he appeared before the Reichstag to discuss the political aspects of the situation facing Germany. During his address he said:

"In view of the magnitude of this war and the number of powers, including those from overseas, that are engaged, its end can hardly be expected through purely military decisions with sharp criticism by the country.

DRAFT TROUBLES IN THE WEST

Court and Militia Authorities Clash—Twelve Men Must Be Produced.

Calgary, July 9.—Col. P. A. Moore, in charge of the Depot Battalion here, must appear before the chief justice of Alberta Wednesday morning, according to a court order, and produce the bodies of twelve men for whom applications for writs of habeas corpus have been asked.

These twelve men are now on their way to France, having gone from here last Friday with the last draft. If Col. Moore does not produce these men, it is alleged, he will be charged with contempt of court, and a writ will be reached in connection with the case, which has been the centre of attraction ever since the appeal of the supreme court granted a writ of habeas corpus to a man named Lewis.

DENIES STATEMENT.

E. W. Wolfe denies that he obtained liquor as a local director as published yesterday. The clerk of the court states that a subpoena for him has been issued.