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Germans Continue Their Assaults on Verdun Line

French Troops Compelled to Abandon a First Line Trench Which Had Been Levelled by Shell Fire---Made Stubborn Resistance to the Huns.

PARIS, May 31.—In the course of a violent struggle last night on the Verdun front, the Germans compelled the French to evacuate a first line trench near the Caurettes wood, south of Cumieres, the War Office announced today. After two days of especially severe bombardment, the Germans launched infantry attacks repeatedly in great force over a considerable section of the Verdun line. The French resisted stubbornly, and the official statement says repulsed the Germans everywhere except near the Caurettes wood. The trench which was evacuated had been levelled by the German shell fire.

Under cover of a fog, detachments of German troops made their way to the vicinity of Chattancourt, where they were annihilated by the French fire. East of the Meuse there were intermittent artillery encounters.

The official statement tells of a ferocious battle last night between Dead Man Hill and the Meuse. The Germans, after a two days bombardment, delivered repeated attacks which were everywhere resisted and repulsed. The enemy suffered important losses.

Germans Will Make Another Supreme Effort to Gain a Decision Against the French

LONDON, May 31.—The Daily Telegraph correspondent at Amsterdam cables:

"From the information reaching me it may be accepted that the German general staff has decided on another supreme effort to secure a decision against the French armies.

"To this end all the existing efforts and energies are being devoted. There is taking place a concentration of forces in leadership and in men and material probably unparalleled, even in the opening stages of the offensive against Verdun not long ago.

"Preparations were well in hand for action against the Russians on the Dvina front. These preparations have ceased, or at least have taken on a much smaller character than their beginnings suggested. In fact, everything in the nature of minor operations is being carried on on an immaterial scale.

"All that might dissipate energies has been swept aside. Hit or miss, a great blow is to be struck, and behind that blow will be all the remaining power at the command of the German general staff.

"Verdun, of course, is the immediate objective. The transfer of troops already recorded last week was continuing up to Saturday, the latest to which my information goes.

"The Russian front is being denuded almost to the last possible man. Vast quantities of munitions are in transit, and in the last few days also a large number of new heavy guns have been sent to supplement the tremendous array which struck the first blow last February.

Reported that Germans Have Brought Austrian Troops to the Verdun Front

"It comes from reliable sources that among the troops brought to the Verdun front are several thousand Austrians.

"This illustrates not merely Austria's complete subordination to the German general staff, but also the degree to which the supreme command of the Central powers is prepared to go when it has once taken a decision."

A Rotterdam despatch to the Daily News says: "According to the lowest estimate, the Austrians transferred to the Verdun front number 60,000. The highest estimate, which comes from Vienna, places the number at 120,000."

BRITAIN'S PROPOSAL...

Britain's Proposal for Relief of Starving Poland is Not Acceptable to Germany

BERLIN, May 30 (via London, May 31).—Germany will not accept Great Britain's counter proposals for the relief of Poland. This decision, which was expected, was reached at a conference at the American Embassy today, which was attended by Ambassador Gerard, Dr. Theodore Leald, director of the ministry of the interior; Prince Lubekki, the Polish leader, and the representative of the Rockefeller Association.

The British proposals were found to be unacceptable to Germany, largely on account of the fact that this country is unable to give the guarantee demanded by Great Britain for the simultaneous feeding of Serbia, Montenegro and the section of Poland occupied by Austria, as a condition for permitting food for Poland to pass the British blockade.

Germany is willing to use her best efforts to have the system of rationing introduced there, but those countries are outside her sphere of control and it would be necessary to obtain the sanction of the Austrian and Bulgarian authorities.

LAST TRIBUTE TO THE LATE JAMES J. HILL

St. Paul, Minn., May 31.—All trains on three railroad systems in which the interest of James J. Hill predominated are under orders to stop for five minutes today during the funeral services of the Empire Builder, which are to be held from the Hill Mansion at 2 p.m. Public schools in St. Paul were closed throughout the day as a mark of respect, and business establishments, manufacturing plants and all street cars will pause for five minutes. Friends of the late financial were invited to attend the burial services at North Oaks Farm, on the Hill estate, but the services at the home will be attended by relatives and intimate friends only.

Very Rev. Thomas J. Gibbons, Vicar General, will conduct the rites at the home and also at the grave.

Manitoba Goes Dry This Evening

Winnipeg, May 31.—At 7 o'clock the lawful sale of liquor as a beverage ceases in Manitoba. The stock of liquor remaining in this province is small and several stores and bars have closed already. A majority of the hotels will continue in business, some of them using their bars as lunch counters.

THE IRISH SITUATION IS LOOKING MORE HOPEFUL

Home Rule Bill May be Put Into Operation in the Whole of Ireland Until the End of the War--Lloyd George Meets Irish Leaders.

(Canadian Press) London, May 31.—The Chronicle's parliamentary correspondent says that good news is to hand regarding Irish negotiations.

There is now strong hope of an agreement being arrived at. A statement on the subject will be made in House of Commons on Thursday by David Lloyd George. If, as is confidently hoped, that statement should be satisfactory, the Irish members will return to Ireland for Whitsuntide in far better spirits than they left there after the terrible events of Easter week.

The basis for the settlement includes putting into operation immediately the terms of the Home Rule bill for the whole of Ireland, including Ulster, the same to hold good during the term of

the war, with option to Ulster at the termination of the war, to withdraw from the arrangement, and revert to the present standing.

In anticipation of the settlement of the Irish question, a group of Federal Home Rulers, including Scotch and Welsh members, exchanged ideas at a conference held in the House of Commons. The London Times says:

"It is not anticipated that Lloyd George's statement will be more than an interim report, with the prospect of a larger issue later. Meanwhile hope almost amounting to confidence, has risen in a surprising degree in a few hours.

Lloyd George had several important conferences with Irish political leaders yesterday, and at the end a highly optimistic feeling prevailed.

Japanese Rioters Under Arrest

Amoy, China, May 31.—Thirty Japanese from Formosa were arrested today by Chinese and Japanese police after serious rioting in which two of the rioters were killed and others were wounded. All of the streets are now guarded by heavily armed patrols. The United States cruiser Cincinnati is in port.

Amoy has been a centre of rebel activity for some time. On May 1 a quantity of bombs were discovered on an island in the harbor and destroyed by a Chinese cruiser. There have been several minor outbreaks and on one occasion a mob attacked and looted the government offices.

Choosing a Name For Berlin, Ont.

Berlin, Ont., May 30.—A storm of protest has been elicited following the publication of the six names selected by committee of 99, of which the citizens are expected to choose one as the new name of the city.

The council is being strongly urged to request the committee to think again, and it is expected that additional names will be offered for selection.

Toronto to Have Daylight Saving

Toronto, May 31.—Citizens of Toronto are to have the benefit of an extra hour of daylight from June 23rd to October 2nd this year, if the decision of the board of control on motion of Mayor Church is ratified by the city council at its next meeting on June 12.

Hamilton, Ont., May 30.—Hamilton has adopted the daylight saving plan, and the clocks in this city will be moved forward an hour on June 4.

Upset Canoe And Was Drowned

Parry Sound, Ont., May 31.—The second drowning accident within a short time in this harbor, occurred this afternoon when two young men, one a Russian waiter about 23 years of age, and the other Joseph Decarne, of this place, were upset from a canoe while changing places. Decarne clung to the canoe, but the other man started to swim ashore and when about half way he sunk.

Mr. F. P. Hunter of St. Stephen, is in the city. Mr. M. R. Hanson of Montreal, is at the Barker House.

LORD CROMER REFERS TO RECENT UTTERANCES OF PRESIDENT WILSON

Great Britain Will Listen to Any Practical Proposals Likely to Diminish the Risk of Future Wars---Work of the Navy Highly Praised.

(By Lord Cromer.)

LONDON, May 31.—It would appear advisable that President Wilson and those associated with him should be left under no doubt as to the views on the subject of his most recent utterances, which are held by many who, as in my own case, throughout their lives have entertained and still entertain the most friendly feeling towards the United States and Americans. I can state only my personal opinions, but I believe those opinions are shared by many of my countrymen.

President Wilson cannot too clearly understand that, desirous as the people of this country are to bring this terrible war to a close, and willing as they would eventually be to listen to any rational and practical proposals having for their object a diminution in the risk of future wars, they would altogether reject the idea of concluding peace except on terms wholly acceptable to themselves and their Allies.

PEACE FEELERS PUT FORWARD BY GERMANS NOT WORTHY OF A MOMENT'S CONSIDERATION

We know nothing very definite as to the terms Germany is prepared to propose or accept, but from feelers put forward by an inspired German press, we come to the conclusion that they are not worthy of a moment's consideration or discussion. It is well President Wilson should fully realize the fact that the meaningless and misleading phrase invented in Berlin about her freedom of the seas is generally regarded in this country as a mere euphemism for the destruction of the naval supremacy of Great Britain.

THE NAVY HAS KEPT THE SHORES OF GREAT BRITAIN IMMUNE FROM INVASION BY ENEMY

If, as I feel assured will be the case, we merge victoriously from the present contest, the victory will be mainly due to the British navy. Not only do we owe to the fleet that our shores are immune from invasion, that German warships have been swept from the seas, and that steady steps in the interest of peace are being kept by curtailing the supplies obtainable by Germany, but the vigilance and foresight of the Admiralty have to some extent saved us from disastrous consequences in Ireland. With such evidence of proved services, it is inconceivable that any reasonable British government official would be disposed to listen to, or any nation be prepared to accept, any proposals having for their object the diminution of the relative naval strength of this country.

GERMANY'S FOOD PROBLEM.

BERLIN, via Amsterdam to London, May 31.—The new committee for the feeding of the population by means of central kitchens has held its first meeting today under the presidency of the Mayor of Berlin. The city will be divided into between 25 and 30 districts, each of which will have several kitchens for wholesale feeding at cheap prices. The population will shortly be asked to decide whether they will participate in the new scheme.

KILLED IN ACTION.

LONDON, May 31.—Lieutenant Gerald Spring-Rice, the younger brother of the British ambassador to the United States, Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, has been killed in action. He was 52 years of age.

BRITISH CASUALTIES HEAVY.

LONDON, May 31.—British casualties were much heavier in May than in either of the two preceding months. The total from all fields of operations, as compiled from published lists, is 1,767 officers and 28,470 men. The total in March, including officers and men, was 20,424, and in April, 20,511.

TO TIGHTEN BLOCKADE.

PARIS, May 31.—Lord Robert Cecil, British trade minister, arrived here today to confer with Premer Briand and Denys Cochin, French blockade minister, as to the best methods of tightening the blockade of Germany.

A ZEEPILIN DESTROYED.

LONDON, May 31.—A Central News despatch from Amsterdam says a German Zeppelin, descending near Veles, on the Saloniki front, came in contact with trees and was wrecked.