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Huns Make Violent Attacks On French Lines in the West

The Enemy Driven Back at the Point of the Bayonet With Heavy Losses---Biplane Makes Trip Direct From London To Rome---Churchill May Enter Government.

PARIS, May 31.—The Germans attacked the French lines in the Champagne with extreme violence at several points last night. The attacking forces were checked at some places by the French fire and at others at the point of the bayonet, the Germans retiring each time after heavy losses, the War Office announced today.

The fighting was particularly desperate in the region of the Teton, the Casque and Mont Haut, the attack being launched in four successive waves, after a heavy bombardment from large calibre guns and suffocating gas shells. The French took prisoners during the fighting.

ROME, via Paris, May 31.—A British bi-plane with five persons on board arrived here today direct from London, having stopped only at Paris, Turin and Pasa on the way. The aviators on their arrival here were given an enthusiastic reception by a crowd of officers assembled at the Centrelle airdrome.

LONDON, May 31.—A hostile raiding party was driven off early this morning south of Armentieres," says today's official report on the Franco-Belgian front operations. "We secured a few prisoners. There was considerable artillery activity on both sides during the night in the neighborhood of Bullecourt and on the right bank of the Scarpe."

LONDON, May 31.—The Daily Chronicle says Winston Spencer Churchill, former First Lord of the Admiralty, recently has been offered an important post in the government. The newspapers, however, say nothing concerning Col. Churchill's acceptance of the offer.

British casualties as published in May show a total of 5,092 officers and 106,331 men.

LARGE INCREASE IN BRITISH CASUALTIES IN MAY OVER THE INACTIVE WINTER SEASON

LONDON, May 31.—The British offensive on the Arras front, involving some of the severest fighting of the war, naturally has resulted in a large increase in casualties over the inactive winter season. Casualties for the last few months have not been received, but in February the total recorded was only 1,243 officers and 17,185 men. The assertion of the British that their losses are 50 per cent. smaller than in the battles of the Somme, notwithstanding the fact that larger forces are engaged, is not borne out by the May figures, although in the absence of the casualties for April, early in which month the offensive was launched, the showing is not conclusive.

The casualties recorded in the first three months of the Somme drive were 307,169 officers and men. In August of last year, the second month of the Somme battle, their casualties were 127,946, as compared with 112,233 for May, the second month of the Arras battle.

SEVERE PENALTIES IMPOSED ON BELGIANS

WHO PICK UP OBJECTS DROPPED BY AIRCRAFT

HAVRE, May 16 (correspondence of the Associated Press).—A fine of ten thousand marks and three years' imprisonment were the penalties imposed by the German authorities on Belgians who dare to pick up proclamations or objects of any nature dropped by Allied aviators in invaded territory.

The inhabitants are forbidden to approach any flying machine that may alight in Belgian territory, and are obliged, whenever an aviator lets fall any object whatever, to notify the burgomaster, who in turn must report immediately to the kommandatur. This measure is supposed in Belgium to be intended to put an end to propaganda by the aviators of the Belgian, French and British flying corps, who have until now succeeded in keeping the Belgians remaining in occupied territory more or less posted on the military situation.

PARDONS FOR FINNISH CITIZENS.

PETROGRAD, May 31 (via London).—The provisional government, on the proposal of the Finnish Senate, has proclaimed the complete or partial remission of sentences pronounced on all Finnish citizens for crimes or offences committed prior to March 20, 1917. The government has also decreed repressive measures against the abuse of alcohol, persons getting drunk or drinking to excess in public places being liable to eighteen months imprisonment.

VON BUELOW'S NEW POST.

COPENHAGEN, via London, May 31.—The German Emperor on his recent visit to the western front, was received at Douai by General Von Buelow. Von Buelow was formerly in command of the German forces on the Monastir front, and has recently been brought across Europe to command one of the armies on the battle line near Arras.

SUBMARINES MAY NEVER COME BACK

London, May 31.—The Daily News naval correspondent writes:

"Although official secrecy must be stringently observed, it is regarded as significant that a strong impression prevails in outside circles that there is now a greater element of certainty as to the fate of enemy submarines.

"These theorists, who lately have been discussing in the press the probability of the present comparative inactivity of submarines being due to many having returned to port for overhauling with a view to coming out again in force and repeating their earlier performances, are not generally credited in influential circles.

"Greater favor is accorded to the supposition that they will never come back, for the simple reason that they have been trapped on their way home."

ITALIANS ARE FORGING AHEAD

Rome, May 31, via London.—Italian troops in Albania have occupied the villages of Cerevoda, Velisest, Osoja and Cafa, the War Office announced today.

Mr. J. Howe Dickson, K. C., clerk of the executive council chamber, is confined to his home by illness.

LIBERALS INVITED TO ENTER THE BORDEN CABINET

Sir Lomer Guion, Hon. G. H. Murray and Mr. N. W. Rowell Have Doubtful Honor Thrust Upon Them ---Election Talk at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, May 31.—Sir Lomer Guion, Premier of Quebec, Hon. George H. Murray, Premier of Nova Scotia, and Newton Rowell, Liberal opposition leader in the Ontario Legislature, have been invited to enter the Dominion cabinet, according to an article on the political situation published in this morning's Journal-Press. If they refuse, the article contends, there will in all probability be a general election within a few months.

ELECTION TALK AT THE CAPITAL.

The rumor that an election will follow upon a failure of the coalition scheme which Sir Robert Borden is said to have under consideration caused plenty of excitement in Ottawa today.

The official silence maintained since the Premier's conscription announcement in the House was in force today. Sir Wilfrid Laurier returned last night from his conference with Sir Lomer Guion in Montreal; the unofficial gossip about the result of that conference is not favorable to the alleged coalition scheme. Reports of utterances of Mr. Murray in Halifax seem to indicate that he is not unfavorable to a coalition government. It is recalled that Mr. Rowell is not against conscription.

MANY RUMORS ARE AFLOAT.

There is plenty of talk around the House, all unauthoritative, of course, that if coalition fails the Premier will decide upon a cabinet reconstruction, taking new material from the ranks of his own party, and jamming through parliament the extension measure and conscription as well, the conscription bill to be enforced after the voluntary recruiting system has been given a final chance. The band of gossips discount the election talk.

Meanwhile it is agreed in some parliamentary quarters that Sir Robert is waiting till the situation clears one way or the other before going on with consideration of the conscription bill, which is said to be ready for introduction to the House.

THE CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, May 31.—Excellent crop reports had a decided bearish effect today on the wheat market, according to one authority Texas and Oklahoma have the finest crop ever produced in these States. Opening prices, which ranged from ½ to 9 cents lower, with July at 1.94 to 2.00, were followed by reactions from the extreme bottom figures and comparative steadiness at 2½ to 3 cents under yesterday's close.

NOTED SINGER PASSES AWAY

Copenhagen, May 31.—A despatch to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger from Posen says Edouard de Reszke, famous as a grand opera singer and well known in America, is dead at his estate in Erietrikov, Poland.

STEAMER WAS DESTROYED

San Francisco, May 31.—The S. S. Hamakua, of the Inter-Island Steamship Navigation Company, Honolulu, Hawaii, was destroyed by fire caused by explosions, off the Island of Maui of the Hawaiian group yesterday, according to a cablegram received today by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

Geo. Nystrom, first officer, was killed while directing the fighting of the flames. The boatswain is missing and is believed to have perished.

The Hamakua was of 446 gross tons.

Mr. C. T. Munroe of Petticoat is a guest at the Barker House.

Mr. E. G. Howe of St. John, is at the Barker House.

Misses Elsie Jardine and Gladys Smith of Shediac, are guests at the Queen.

Mr. B. W. Allan of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

PRESIDENTS WILSON'S STRIKING ADDRESS ON MEMORIAL DAY

Declares America's Response to the Call of Liberty Will Hold the Attention Of Mankind---Envies Those Who Died For Their Country.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—America's response to the call of liberty in the struggle of the world will hold the attention of all mankind, President Wilson said yesterday in a Memorial Day address at Arlington National Cemetery. In observing the, he said, the natural touch of sorrow is tightened with assurance because, knowing how the men of America have responded to the call of liberty, there is perfect assurance that the new response "will come again in equal measure, with equal majesty." The President spoke in the natural amphitheatre in the cemetery at a meeting arranged by the local Grand Army of the Republic, and attended by a crowd of thousands.

He said he did not pity the men in whose honor the ceremonies were held. "I envy them, rather," he went on, "because theirs is a great work for liberty accomplished, and we are in the midst of a work unfinished, testing our strength where their strength has already been tested. The time for action," he said, "has come, and in the providence of God America will come once more to have an opportunity to show to the world that she was born to serve mankind."

DEATH CAUSED BY TORNADO IN THE MIDDLE WEST

Ten Lives Lost in Illinois and Mississippi---Earthquake Shocks Recorded at Several Observatories.

ST. LOUIS, May 31.—Tornadoes in Mississippi and southern Illinois yesterday caused the death of at least ten persons and the injury of fifty or more, according to advices today from the various communities over which the storm passed.

At Mineral Point, Mo., four were killed and thirty injured. At Palmer three are known to be dead and a number injured, and at Eye one man was killed.

In Alexander county, Ill., two men were killed and another fatally hurt. Four other Missouri towns, Graniteville, Bonne Terre, Diehlstadt and Bismarck were reported struck by the storm, but definite information has not yet come from these points. The twister which took four lives at Mineral Point flattened every structure in the village with the exception of the school house.

Earthquake Shock Felt.

CLEVELAND, May 31.—Earth shocks were recorded at St. Ignatius College observatory early today. Beginning at 4.30 a.m., they reached the maximum of 4.15 and subsided at 5.10 a.m. No estimate as to distance or location is given.

Earthquake tremors lasting over a period of two hours were recorded this morning by the Georgetown University seismograph. They began at 3.57 o'clock, reached their maximum at 4.20 and ceased at 6 o'clock. University experts estimated the centre of the disturbance at 4,000 miles distant.

MR. BAXTER PUTS ON A GALLERY STUNT IN THE LEGISLATURE

Ex-Attorney General Baxter, according to his newspaper organ, sprung a sensation in the House yesterday. He is alleged to have discovered that Hon. Robert Murray is a Master of the Supreme Court for Northumberland, and that Mr. Allison Dysart, M. P. P. for Kent, holds the exalted position of Parish Court Commissioner in the county of Kent. He takes the ground that because of this they are disqualified to hold the seats in the Legislature to which they were elected by the people. The Standard contends that those men are on the government pay roll, a statement which of course is false. They were appointed to these petty offices by the late government, which is in itself good evidence of the fact that there was not much in the positions in the way of remuneration.

The general impression about the House is that Mr. Baxter is barking up the wrong tree by his petty tactics, and is only making himself and his party ridiculous. If there were anything in his contention, a commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the supreme court would also be disqualified, and one of these is Mr. Baxter himself.

Mr. Tilley, acting director of National Service, is another.

Mrs. T. Carleton Allen is giving a large tea this afternoon for the members' wives.

Mrs. J. Roy Campbell of St. John, is at the Barker House for a few days.

Miss Celia Armstrong of St. John, is her guest.

Mrs. W. S. Carter is giving a luncheon today for the wives of members of the Legislature.

Ven. Archdeacon and Mrs. Raymond of Vancouver, are the guests of the Bishop and Mrs. Richardson at Bishop's Court.

Substantial Increases.

The Customs returns for the month of May as prepared by Collector L. C. Macnutt show an increase in total value of imports as compared with May 1916, \$254,161. The increase in duty collected was \$11,489.25.

BAND CONCERT TONIGHT.

Fredericton Brass Band Will Play at Parliament Square.

The Fredericton Brass Band will play the first week-night open-air concert at the Parliament Square tonight beginning at 8.15.