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## The Weather.

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## Seventy-Six People Killed In an Air Raid on England

**Big Fleet of German Air Craft Swooped Down on Southeast Coast---Three of the Raiders Afterwards Destroyed by British Craft While Crossing the Channel.**

LONDON, May 26.—German airships to the number of about 16 raided southeast England Friday evening, according to an official statement issued today. Seventy-six persons were killed and one hundred and seventy-four persons injured.

Nearly all the damage occurred in one town, where some bombs fell in the streets, causing considerable casualties among the civilian population. The raiding craft which were brought down were airplanes. This is the second German air raid on England within three days. On Wednesday night four or five German aircraft flew over the eastern English counties and dropped a number of bombs, killing one man. For six previous months no attack on England had been made from the air following two disastrous raids in which Zeppelins were destroyed with their crews, one in the suburbs of London.

The Admiralty makes the following announcement today: "Naval airplanes attacked the airdrome at St. Denis Westre, near Bruges, yesterday morning, dropping many bombs. In the evening, several enemy aircraft returning from the raid on England were engaged over the sea by Royal Naval Air Service machines. An encounter took place between one British and three hostile airplanes in mid-channel, and one of the latter was destroyed. Several encounters also took place off the Belgian coast, in which two large twin-engine hostile machines were shot down. All our machines returned safely."

The following report on the air raid is made by Field Marshal Viscount French: "A large squadron of enemy aircraft, about sixteen, attacked southeast England between 5.15 and 6.30 o'clock last evening. Bombs were dropped at a number of places, but nearly all the damage occurred in one town, where some bombs fell into the streets, causing considerable casualties among the civil population. Some shops and houses also were seriously damaged. The total casualties reported from all districts are: Killed, 76; injured, 174."

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING RECENT

#### FIGHT BETWEEN DESTROYERS OFF FLANDERS

PARIS, May 26.—The ministry of marine has issued the following statement in regard to the naval engagement between French and German destroyers off the coast of Flanders on May 20th:

"According to a fuller report of the engagement of May 20th off Flanders bank, the enemy, superior in force to the French flotilla, opened fire first, but, seeing the French torpedo boats bearing down upon him with the intention of boarding, retired at high speed toward his base. The gun firing lasted for about a quarter of an hour. Lieut. Bijot, commanding the Boucelier, and the navigating officer, were killed; Ensign Peyronnet, although wounded in six places, one wound being serious, took over command during the end of the action and brought the ship back to Dunkirk."

#### FRENCH FLOTILLA SUFFERED ONLY SLIGHT DAMAGE

#### AND UNDOUBTEDLY HAD BEST OF THE ENCOUNTER

"One of our ships succeeded in avoiding a torpedo fired against her, by skilful handling. Attempts made by the enemy to throw our ships into confusion by false signals, failed to work. The French flotilla suffered only slight damage and dominated the adversary, who gave up the object for which he set out."

An official statement issued by the French Admiralty on May 20 stated that a flotilla of German destroyers had been driven back to its base by a patrol of four French torpedo boats. The German official statement declared that the French craft were repeatedly hit and the German ships uninjured.

#### BRITISH HAVE IMPROVED POSITION.

LONDON, May 26.—Increasing activity of the German artillery along the British front between the Scarpe and Croiselles, is reported in today's official statement on the operations in northern France. The British have effected a slight improvement in their position on the right bank of the Scarpe. The statement reads: "Hostile raiding parties were repulsed last night north of Gozeaucourt and east of Armentieres. We improved our positions slightly on the right bank of the Scarpe. Hostile artillery has shown increased activity on our front between Croiselles and the Scarpe."

#### FRENCH MAKE PROGRESS IN CHAMPAGNE.

PARIS, May 26.—Further progress was made by French forces on the Champagne front during the night. Two German counter-attacks were repulsed and 120 prisoners taken, according to the official statement issued by the War Office.

## SIR WILFRID COUNSELS MODERATION

Montreal, May 26.—An Ottawa despatch to the Star says:

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier today sent a message to the organizers of an anti-conscription demonstration planned for tonight in Quebec, urging moderation and stating in effect that if they appreciated liberty they should show it by their actions."

### "The Successful Calamity."

The play entitled "The Successful Calamity" was presented last evening in St. Anthony's Hall at St. Mary's to a large audience. Home made candy was sold between the acts. The proceeds will go to St. Anthony's church. The leading parts were taken by Mr. Joseph Hanebry and Miss Mary McCluskey. Miss Annie Hanebry, the Misses McManus, Miss Alexa McManus and Sergt. Duthie of the 236th, furnished the specialties. The cast included Messrs. Wm. McManus, J. Hanebry, Leo McSorley, Fred Gourley, Hugh Galen, and Misses Evelyn McSorley, Mary McCluskey and Jennie Hayes.

Mrs. L. E. Young and Mrs. Allen of Woodstock, are guests at the Barker House.

## U. S. GOVERNMENT WILL BUILDS SHIPS OF STEEL

**Scheme to Construct Wooden Ships has been Found Impracticable--Iron and Steel Men Pledge Their Hearty Support.**

NEW YORK, May 26.—The ships that the United States government will build to defend the seas against the German submarine campaign and carry supplies to the Entente allies will be constructed of steel instead of wood, and the men who control the output of iron and steel in this country have given their pledge to Major General George W. Goethals to furnish the necessary materials. Informal conferences were expected to be held here today by the iron and steel manufacturers who attended the annual convention of the American Iron and Steel Institute, which closed last night with the annual dinner.

General Goethals' appeal for the co-operation of the iron and steel manufacturers found an enthusiastic and patriotic response at the dinner after he had told them that the proposal to build one thousand 3,000-ton wooden ships in eighteen months "is simply hopeless."

"Gentlemen," said General Goethals, "when we consider that the birds are still nesting in the trees that were to go into these ships, and that these ships must have a speed of not less than ten and a half knots, if they are to escape the submarines, the proposition is simply hopeless."

## WIN-THE-WAR DELEGATES BACK

The delegates from this section of the country who were in attendance at the "Win the War" conference at Montreal this week returned home today. Those who returned to Fredericton were Mr. George F. Burden, ex-M. P. of Pokiok, Mr. Elwood Burr of Burr's Corner, Coun. R. H. Graham of Prince William, Messrs. J. D. Palmer and J. S. Neill of Fredericton. Hon. C. W. Robinson, Hon. F. J. Sweeney and Mr. A. T. LeBlanc represented the Liberals of the Provincial Legislature. The delegates believe that good results will come from the conference. All was not plain sailing at the sessions. One Labor delegate from British Columbia called upon all representatives of organized labor to follow him from the hall. None did and even the speaker failed to leave. His objection was that if a military conscription resolution were passed by the convention that a resolution favoring the conscription of wealth also should be passed. On other resolutions there was also discussion.

Mr. Charles McKinley of Rumford Falls, Me., is spending a few days in this city, a guest at the York.

## PAN-GERMANS ARE ACTIVE

**Have Settled Down to a Summer Offensive Against the Chancellor, Von Bethmann-Hollweg.**

Copenhagen, via London, May 26.—The pan-Germans have settled down to a steady summer offensive against Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg.

The plan of campaign, as disclosed by the German papers, includes a day by day appeal to Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, through telegrams of greeting from local meetings of the pan-German league, to induce him to come out openly for the pan-German scheme of annexations and against the Bethmann-Hollweg peace programme.

The Chancellor's opponents are confident that if they can array Von Hindenburg against Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the fate of the Premier is sealed. The published replies of the field marshal to some of the greetings indicate that he certainly shares the views of the pan-Germans to some extent.

The telegrams, however, have been worked so skilfully that they permit Von Hindenburg to answer sympathetically without committing himself on the questions at issue.

### Enjoyable Dance.

An enjoyable dance was held last night at Marysville. The dance was given by the Ladies' Bowling club in the Dawson club house. A very pleasant evening was spent by all who were present. Officers of the 236th Battalion and their ladies were among the guests.

Capt. T. F. Best of Hamilton, Ont., is a guest at the Barker House. Capt. Best is to give an address in the Opera House tomorrow night.

## GERMAN SPIES ARE STILL ACTIVE IN THE GREAT REPUBLIC

**Were Familiar With the Details of the Departure for Overseas of a Fleet Of Destroyers---Mine Field Was Set But Flotilla Avoided It.**

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Four days before the American flotilla arrived abroad, Berlin knew it was on its way, to what port it was going, and the day before the vessels steamed into Queenstown German submarines had strewn mines about the harbor entrance. This startling information, revealing that German spies not only still are at work in this country, but that they have swift and sure means of communicating America's war secrets to the fatherland, came to the Navy Department today in a cablegram from Rear Admiral Sims at London.

The Admiral said his information was positive. His despatch was not made public, and for obvious reasons nothing will be given out concerning how the news came into his possession, nor about the precautions which defeated the German plans and enabled the flotilla to speed safely through the mine fields.

### May Have a Secret Wireless Plant.

Immediate publicity was given the salient fact, however, the Department making clear that its purposes were to let the people know of the activity and success of Teutonic spies, and to emphasize the necessity for absolute secrecy in connection with naval operations or shipping movements.

No official would comment tonight on the possible means by which the news was conveyed to Germany. If it did not go from a secret wireless plant, it must have been carried in some code despatch which Allied cable censors passed as innocent.

### More Vigilance Required.

The result will be to redouble the vigilance both of the censors and of every agency of the government engaged in rooting out the spy system. Every German known to have been connected with the espionage work of the government is under arrest or under surveillance. Other arrests may follow at any time, and now that the country is at war and the revelation of its secrets may mean death to its sailors and soldiers, swift punishment undoubtedly will be dealt out to any convicted spy. The men now in custody operated when the United States was a neutral. Spying now is likely to lead to the gallows instead of to detention quarters.

## ROGERS DENIES THAT HE WAS IN A CONSPIRACY WITH THE KELLYS

OTTAWA, May 26.—Hon. Robert Rogers made the following statement this morning when asked for his views on the Galt report: "Yes, I have seen the carefully prepared and specially staged report emanating from Liberal headquarters at Winnipeg respecting Volney No. 2, from Commissioner Galt. I do not propose to make any statement covering the whole case until I have seen the full text of this report. This let me say for the present, that my statement to the effect that I was a principal in any conspiracy with Thomas Kelly & Sons is a deliberate and unadulterable falsehood in every particular, and to say that there was an organized atmosphere of laxity to be created by me is equally false and untrue. While I was a minister of the government of Manitoba I had no knowledge of Thomas Kelly contributing one dollar to party funds for Dominion purposes, and as far as I know, no evidence was given before the commission that could be construed as even implying that such was the case, and the only excuse that I can find for this deliberate and dishonest representation is the apparent and immediate need of a bought and paid for Liberal organization to endeavor to destroy anything that appears to them to be a menace to their success."

## PTE. OLMSTEAD WRITES LETTER

Mrs. J. W. Olmstead of this city has received a letter from her son, Private Claude T. Olmsaead, recently wounded in the fighting near Arras, France. Private Olmstead is in hospital at Stomer, France, where he is receiving every care. He expects to be sent to England shortly. The letter was heavily censored. It states that the writer was wounded on April 30th at five o'clock in the afternoon. Extracts are as follows:

"A heavy bombardment opened up at 6 a. m. Another fellow and I got into a six foot hole with our heads in a small 'funk hole' at each end. The first shell that came burst handy to us but the second did the work, hitting me in the head, upper jaw and left hand, but the other poor fellow was killed."

## NO PASSPORTS FOR SOCIALISTS

Stockholm, May 26 (via London).—Leading members of the Socialist international conference expressed surprise at the news that Secretary of State Lansing has refused passports to American delegates.

They have decided not to take formal action until more definite news is received. James Eads How, the so-called "millionaire tramp" of America, has sent a protest to the state department in which he was joined by Mayor Karl Kindhagen and Karl Fries, international secretary of the world church peace alliance and international president of the Young Men's Christian Association. Word has been received that the moderate Russian Socialists will send delegates.

Victor Adler, leader of the Austrian Socialists, arrived today.

## ONION TRUST IS INDICTED

Boston, May 25.—The United States grand jury here has returned indictments against 88 individuals and firms for cornering onions. The investigation shows that the onion trust paid less than two cents a pound for last year's crop. The consumer paid from 10 to 15 cents a pound.

## GLASS BROKEN IN MONTREAL

Montreal, May 26.—The anti-conscription meeting here tonight was a very quiet affair, though attended by about five thousand people, but a portion of the crowd kept up the record of nightly window smashing by breaking the glass in front of a restaurant. Tancrede Marsil, leader of the local anti-conscription movement, spoke in a somewhat modifying tone tonight.

### Began Inquest Today.

Coroner John Murphy of Blissville, began an inquest at Fredericton Junction at ten o'clock this morning, into the death of Marvin Thomas whose remains were found in his house which had been destroyed by fire on May 12th.