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DESTROYERS IN SHARP FIGHT NEAR THE FLEMISH COAST

Great Offensive Opened By Allies in Macedonia

British Artillery Roaring Day and Night in Every Section of The Line---Allies Massing Men on French Front For Another Decisive Blow.

Along the entire front in Macedonia, from Monastir to Lake Doiran, a distance of about 100 miles, the Allies have opened a great offensive. On every section of the line General Sarraill's artillery is roaring day and night, but the campaign is in its initiative stage and there is little to indicate as yet where the main attempt at an advance will be made.

Bitter fighting is proceeding in the bend of the Cerna river, and in the neighborhood of the Vardar, the two points on the Macedonian front where the wild barbarous country of mountains and sterile deserts is broken by fertile valleys. Military critics are agreed that it is upon these valleys that the Allied forces must force a way, but the operations have not advanced far enough to indicate which is the chosen point of attack.

In France the deadlock continues, but behind the fighting line the Allies are massing men and guns for another tremendous blow such as that which broke the Hindenburg line, and loosened the grip of the Germans on Champagne. General Maurice, chief director of British military operations, announces that the coming drive will be mightier in force and extent than those which opened the battles of Arras and the Somme, and the indications are that the blow will not be long delayed.

The comparative lull on the fighting front in France has once more directed attention to the political situation, which appears to be rapidly reaching a crisis, or rather a series of crises. The news from Russia is increasingly gloomy in nature, and it becomes more and more a question whether the provisional government can weather the storm which has been precipitated by the radicals, socialists and visionaries. In any event there seems little likelihood of any effective military action on the part of Russia for a long time to come.

An Austrian commission is reported on its way to Switzerland with the object of opening negotiations with France for a separate peace.

HOT FIGHT BETWEEN BRITISH AND GERMAN

DESTROYERS NEAR NORTH HINDER LIGHTSHIP

AMSTERDAM, May 11, via London.—A German torpedo boat was badly hit in the battle between German and British destroyers early yesterday morning, according to the Flushing correspondent of the Telegraaf. The correspondent says that a very hot battle took place near the North Hinder lightship. Great flames were visible and the firing could be heard in Flushing and elsewhere in Holland.

The Germans passed North Hinder light at a great speed about four o'clock, the British pursuing, and both sides firing rapidly. One of the German boats was seen to be severely injured. The British followed their quarry until near the mine field of the Flemish coast, the Germans taking refuge in Zeebrugge. All Thursday night fire signals were being sent up from Zeebrugge and searchlights were flashing continually.

CHINESE PARLIAMENT DECLINES TO PASS

RESOLUTION DECLARING WAR ON GERMANY

PEKING, May 11.—After a riotous session lasting through Thursday night, the house of representatives refused to pass a resolution declaring war on Germany. The house of parliament was surrounded by a mob which demanded war, making threats of violence. Under the orders of Premier Tuan Chi Jui police finally dispersed the mob.

The premier addressed the house urging a declaration of war. He was denounced by members. The press is opposed to the war party, urging parliament to resist military pressure on the ground that it threatens the republic.

COLONIES ARE FIRMEST ALLIES

London, May 11 (via Reuter's Ottawa agency).—Lord Derby, Secretary of State for War, speaking at South Kensington today, said that it would be underestimating the number to say we had eleven allies, because we could no longer look upon the commonwealth and the dominions as simply dependencies of Great Britain,—they were the finest allies that any country could have.

What kept them together? Not Downing Street, not the politicians. What did keep them together was the monarchy and the king to whom this country and our great dependencies look and rightly as the proper head of a great country.

NORWEGIAN SHIPS SUNK

London, May 11.—Two Norwegian steamers, Tiger and Leikanger, have been sunk by German submarines ten miles off the northwest coast of Spain according to information received today. The submarines halted the vessels in Spanish waters and escorted them beyond the territorial limit, and there they were sunk.

The Tiger was a vessel of 3,273 tons, built in 1895. The Leikanger measured 2,226 tons net. Both vessels were engaged in the American trade.

Mr. E. A. Schofield of St. John, who was attending the Increased Production committee meeting here, returned home last night.

SOUTH LONGFORD ELECTION BLOW FOR NATIONALISTS

LONDON, May 11.—The Daily Telegraph, commenting on the result of the South Longford election, refers to the severity of the blow for the Nationalist party, and continues:

"It scarcely falls with less force upon all in this country who have hoped against hope through all the error and tragedy of these last years for the attainment of an Irish settlement and the removal of the outstanding failure of statesmanship in the record of our self-governing empire."

The extreme unionist view, as expressed in the Morning Post, is that the people now know exactly where they stand. It is now undisputable that the sentiment of those ideas is incompatible with the retention of any link between Ireland and Britain.

The Liberal pro-Home Rule press, on the other hand, lays the blame on the Unionists. Thus the Daily Chronicle says: "Our plain interest has strengthened John Redmond's party by every concession in our power. Unfortunately, the reactionary wing of the Tories has been allowed to veto all the concessions, and although the splendid loyalty of Mr. Redmond and his associates has not been altered thereby, their leadership of the Irish has been shaken to the foundations."

The Daily Telegraph's lobby correspondent writes: "The situation is not improved by the rumored desire of Mr. Redmond to retire from the leadership on account of his health. There is some curiosity as to whether the term of McGuinness is valid. It is contended that if the indictment under which he was convicted charged a misdemeanor only, the House cannot disturb his return, but if a felony, it can do so."

According to one statement, he will be declared disqualified from taking his seat, but it is assumed that McGuinness, like Plunkett, will ignore the House of Commons in any case and attempt to attend.

MANY SUBS PUT OUT OF ACTION

Paris, May 11.—Both French and British statistics in submarine sinkings during the last week show a certain improvement in the situation, says Marcel Hutin, a usually well-informed writer on the subject. He adds: I understand that our means of fighting submarines is increasing daily, and, without giving details, I

LITTLE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT CHARGE

Enquiry Into the Alleged Stoning of Troop Trains Going on at Quebec

Quebec, May 11.—Col. Wigle, with Colonel Ostell and Major Barkley continued this afternoon at Fraserville the Federal enquiry into the charge that troop trains had been stoned at Fraserville and that soldiers were abused at that place.

At yesterday morning's session no witnesses had come forth to establish specifically the stoning of troop trains and yesterday afternoon one came out with a sworn statement.

The whole thing turns out so far to have been a "hearsay" statement. H. R. White, manager of the Bank of Montreal at Fraserville, appeared yesterday afternoon and stated he was told that stones had been hurled at a troop train. The president of the commission asked Mr. White to produce the man who had told him of seeing the stoning of the train, but Mr. White said the man did not wish to make it known that he had told of seeing the stoning.

What was established yesterday morning, namely, that civilians had been abused by soldiers because they had not enlisted, was repeated in the afternoon.

New Mill at Lake Utopia.
The Westcott property at Mill Lake, Charlotte county, owned by Mr. Bennett, of Bangor, Maine, has been sold to persons in Danforth. They intend to build a sawmill at the foot of Lake Utopia, where they will manufacture the long lumber. The pulpwood will be shipped to the States.

NEW YORK WILL HONOR MEMBERS OF BRITISH WAR COMMISSION

The Mayor to Receive the Visitors at City Hall---Will be the Guests of Vincent Astor---Italian Commission Has Arrived.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The British war commission, headed by Minister Balfour, is expected to arrive in this city at 2.30 this afternoon. They will land at the Battery and the same programme that attended the arrival of the French commission will be followed. The British will be escorted to City Hall, where the Mayor will receive them. Then will follow a reception in the government room in City Hall and speeches by the mayor, Chairman Joseph H. Choate and Mr. Balfour, after which the visitors will be escorted by mounted police to the residence of Vincent Astor. Mr. Astor will be host to the British envoys during their short visit.

For the trip to New York from Washington the United States government has provided a special train. The British mission included Mr. Balfour, Lieut. General Bridges, Rear-Admiral Sir Dudley R. S. De Chair, Sir Eric Drummond, Ian Malcolm, Colonel Heron and Sir Hardman Lever. The party accompanying them included Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British ambassador, Sir Thomas White, Canadian Minister of Finance, and an escort of U. S. government officials headed by Assistant Secretary of State Phillips.

MEMBERS OF ITALY'S WAR COMMISSION

ARRIVE IN THE UNITED STATES UNHERALDED

Members of a third war commission, that from Italy, reached this country unheralded yesterday. The Italian mission is headed by Enrico Arlotto, Minister of Maritime and Railway Transportation in the Italian cabinet. Besides Mr. Arlotto the commission is composed of General Gugliemotti, representing the Italian army; Commander Vainutelli, representing the navy; Alvise Bragadini, of the transportation department; G. Fardo, of the department of industry and commerce, and Gaetano Pietra, of the agricultural department.

These men have come on the same errand that brought the British and French commissions. The mission will go to Washington in a few days to begin its conferences with the authorities.

GERMAN POSITION NEAR CHEVREUX CAPTURED

PARIS, May 11.—French troops captured a German position in the region of Chevreux yesterday evening, according to an official statement issued by the War Office today.

Heavy counter attacks by the Germans were repulsed. The statement follows: "Yesterday evening we captured a strong German position in the region of Chevreux. Counter-attacks with grenades were repulsed by our fire. A more vigorous attack directed by the enemy against the salient north-east of the California plateau was repulsed after a spirited engagement in the course of which the enemy suffered serious losses. The artillery fighting was rather heavy last night on the front between Cerny and Hurtebise. Surprise attacks by the enemy northeast of Berry-au-Bac, in the sectors of the Navarin farm and Auberive, and south of Ste. Marie Pass, were checked easily. We took prisoners."

"There is nothing to report from the remainder of the western front."

ZEEBRUGGE BOMBARDED BY AIRPLANES.

AMSTERDAM, via London (May 11).—English airplanes bombarded Zeebrugge early this morning. At the same time flotilla of torpedo boats was observed from Flushing bombarding the Belgian coast. The torpedo boat action referred to in this despatch is presumably identical with the destroyer engagement reported yesterday by the British Admiralty.

AUSTRIAN SUBS TAKEN CARE OF

New York, May 11.—A news agency despatch from Washington says: "thirteen Austrian submarines have been sunk in the Mediterranean in the past three weeks by Italian naval forces, it was learned here officially today."

CLUB HOUSE FOR WAR VETS.

Winnipeg, May 11.—Six thousand dollars cash, irrespective of pledges, was contributed by the women of Winnipeg in one evening towards the erection of a club house for the use of the war veterans.