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THE CABINET CRISIS IN RUSSIA IS NOW PRACTICALLY SETTLED

German Attacks Withered Before British Artillery

The Sapping of the Famous Hindenburg Line Goes Steadily On---Efforts of the Huns to Regain the Initiative Have Utterly Failed.

The Germans have piled high their dead on the British lines, but failed to stop the advance. The most furious and sustained counter attacks have withered before the blast of the British artillery, and the sapping of the Hindenburg line goes on, slowly but without a halt. The tremendous efforts made by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg to stem the tide of victory which was steadily setting against him have given the battle of Arras an appearance of ebb and flow, but the net result is that the most violent efforts of the Germans to regain the initiative on the western front have failed again and again.

Possibly more ominous for Berlin, in view of the wobbly condition of her Austrian ally, is the news of the great blow struck by Italy in the direction of Trieste. The Italians have opened their spring offensive in brilliant fashion, attacking on a wider front and with apparently greater forces than at any other previous operation. The Isonzo, a turbulent mountain stream bordered by heights and cliffs, is in their hands for a distance of 15 to 20 miles north of Gorizia. General Cadorna appears to plan a great flanking movement against the Corso plateau, nature's great rampart defending Trieste. The operation, however, is in too early a stage to permit judgment of its exact importance.

The Allied offensive in Macedonia continues with considerable success for the British forces, but the fighting is on such an extended front and so sporadic in character that its meaning is obscured. Reports from Bulgaria of national discontent and weariness of the war may be significant in connection with General Sarrail's campaign.

The Russian factions have patched up a truce, but the outcome is still dubious. The news of the resignations of Generals Gurko and Brussiloff is now supplemented by a disquieting rumor that General Alexieff, Russia's commander in chief, and generally credited as her most brilliant strategist, is also about to abandon his office. In any event it seems certain that little can be expected from Russia in a military way for a long time to come.

GERMAN GIRL TOOK PLACE OF HER FIANCEE AS AN AVIATOR AND HAS BROUGHT DOWN THREE PLANES

GENEVA, May 3 (correspondence).—A German girl aviator, belonging to a rich family at Constance, whose fiancée was a member of the flying corps and killed in France during an aerial raid last November, has taken up his work as aviator and aerial scout. Fraulein L—— who is 24 years of age, has the rank of lieutenant in the army, dresses like an officer and few know her secret. According to the Konstancer Zeitung she has brought down three enemy machines on the Vosges-Belfort front and has learned to handle a machine gun in an aeroplane like a man. With hair cut short and a strong face, the journal adds, the young woman cannot be distinguished from other young officers. She has been fighting in the air for four months and has had two narrow escapes, being forced to land within the German lines, but has not been wounded.

NEW MINISTER TO THE VATICAN.

PARIS, May 17.—A despatch to the Havas agency from Rome says: "The imminent arrival of a new Russian minister to the Vatican is announced. This action by the new Russian government is regarded at the Vatican as a favorable indication that the principle of freedom from realization proclaimed by the revolutionary party will not encounter obstacles in being applied."

GERMAN ATTACK REPULSED.

PARIS, May 17.—Six assaults by the Germans on the French lines have been repulsed with heavy losses, according to an official statement issued by the French War Office today. Three attacks were made north of Moulin de Laffaux, and three northeast of Braye-en-Laonnais.

ANOTHER PEACE OFFER COMING

London, May 17.—John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists in the House of Commons, today rejected the proposal of Premier Lloyd George for a settlement of the Home Rule question, but accepted the proposal for the immediate calling of a convention to decide on a government for Ireland.

Valley Railway Directors.

The directors of the St. John Valley Railway met here this morning and organized. The following officers were selected: Hon. W. P. Jones, president and general solicitor; Mr. E. S. Carter, secretary; Mr. C. O. Foss, chief engineer.

IN THE CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, May 17.—Wheat prices broke as much as 16 cents a bushel on account mainly of assertions that Great Britain and other Entente countries would sell back huge amounts of future delivery that they had bought in the United States.

Opening prices, which ranged from 7 to 1 cent lower with July at 2.14 to 2.22 and September at 1.95 to 2.00, was followed by many fluctuations within that range, but then by relative steady initial top figures.

Miss Ethel Shaw, formerly of St. John, a returned missionary from Japan, is visiting Miss Smith at the Queen Hotel.

A RETURNED OFFICER MEETS TRAGIC DEATH

Montreal, May 17.—Lieut. Harold Brown of Ottawa, twice wounded at the front and latterly appointed to the pensions board in Montreal, accidentally shot himself in the abdomen in his rooms at 245 Bishop Street yesterday morning, and died last evening in the general hospital.

He remained conscious to the last, but grew weaker as the day passed.

To his brother, who was called hurriedly to the hospital, he declared that he had been cleaning his revolver when it accidentally discharged.

Brown was 24 years of age and was for many years on the editorial staff of the Star and Herald.

He enlisted with the 14th Battalion in the first months of the war as a private, and went overseas with the first contingent. He was twice wounded and won the military medal at the battle of Messines for conspicuous bravery and also his commission.

DELEGATION BEFORE GOV'T

A representative delegation composed of Senator Thorne, Mr. T. H. Estabrooks and Mr. J. A. Likely of St. John; Mr. G. W. Ganong of St. Stephen, and Mayor Snowball of Chatham waited upon the Provincial Government this morning in connection with the revival of shipbuilding in New Brunswick. The delegation presented much information concerning the industry and urged that necessary legislation be passed at this session of the legislature in order to assist the industry as soon as possible.

Mr. F. J. G. Knowlton, chairman of the commission appointed by the former administration to investigate the matter of Workmen's Compensation also was before the Government this morning and explained what work the commission had done and the information it had secured.

ENCOENIA OF U. N. B. WAS LARGELY ATTENDED

Twenty-Five Degrees Conferred by the Provincial University This Afternoon--Dr. W. W. White and Dr. Murray MacLaren Honorary LL. D's--A. Gordon Leavitt of St John Honorary M. Sc.

The University of New Brunswick Encoenia this afternoon was attended by many persons from all sections of the province who were interested in the institution and the students attending it.

Twenty-five degrees were conferred, twenty-two in course and three as honorary degrees. Those receiving honorary degrees were Dr. Murray MacLaren, of St. John, who has been with the Canadian Expeditionary Force since the early stages of the war as lieutenant colonel of the Army Medical Corps, Dr. W. W. White, of St. John, and Mr. A. Gordon Leavitt, of St. John. Both Dr. MacLaren and Dr. White are distinguished alumni of the University who have done much on her behalf. Of the other degrees three were masters' degrees and nineteen bachelors'.

The size of the graduating class was much below the average, but the fact is due to the toll enlistment in the army has taken of the male students of the college.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor took the chair at 2.30, the academical procession having been formed previously and having entered the library where the exercises took place.

The Address in Praise of the Founders was then delivered by Prof. John A. Stiles.

The distribution of prizes, medals and honor certificates and the conferring of degrees followed:

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.

The Douglas Gold Medal was presented by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, the Alumni Medal by Dr. W. W. White, the Brydone Jack Memorial Scholarship by Dr. H. V. B. Bridges, the Ketchum Medal by Dr. Thomas Walker, the City of Fredericton Medal by Ald. James M. Lemont, the Alumnae Society's prize by Mrs. C. McN. Steeves, the William Crockett Memorial Prize by Dr. H. S. Bridges, Dr. W. W. White's special prize by Judge Barry, the Sir Frederic Williams-Taylor Medal by Mrs. Wood, and Purves Loggie Memorial Prize by Dr. W. C. Crockett, M.P.P.

Sir Ezekiel McLeod, Chief Justice of New Brunswick, delivered the address to the graduating class and was followed by Dr. W. S. Carter, Chief Superintendent of Education, who dealt with the problem of Increased Production. It was greatly regretted that Hon. J. D. Hazen, who had been selected as the Alumni orator, was unable to be present. The valedictory by Mr. Charles R. Smith, of Lower Coverdale, Albert county, completed the exercises. During the afternoon the winners of the Alumni Gold Medal for translation of English into Latin and the Douglas Gold Medal for English composition, read portions of their essays.

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SOME PROSPECTS OF RUSSIA HAVING A COALITION MINISTRY

The Cabinet and Representatives of the Council of Soldiers and Workers Held an all Day Discussion--Some Concessions Offered.

PETROGRAD, Wednesday, May 16, via London, May 17.—After an all day discussion between the cabinet and representatives of the council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates, the ministerial crisis was still unadjusted at a late hour tonight, and no definite ministerial appointment had been made.

Nevertheless, as the result of two important events today, the prospects of a coalition ministry being formed were materially improved. First, the constitutional democratic party, which practically controls the government, has consented to its two ministers, Prof. Manuiloff, minister of public instruction, and I. Shingareff, minister of agriculture, remaining in office. This in spite of the resignation of foreign minister Milukoff, which is now definite. The second new factor is that the temporary government has made large concessions to the council of deputies on questions of general policy which hitherto have been the most serious obstacle to a settlement.

CABINET THREATENS TO RESIGN UNLESS THE COUNCIL ACCEPTS THE CONCESSIONS

The government today drafted a declaration describing these concessions, and it is understood that this declaration has been handed to the council with a threat that in the event of non-acceptance the entire cabinet will resign. The most important points covered are in connection with the foreign policy. The document begins with a statement that the government's aim is the attainment of a general peace without conquest of other nations, depriving them of their national sovereignty or their territory. In a word, peace without annexation or contributions.

NOTED GENERALS NOW AT PETROGRAD FOR A CONFERENCE ON THE MILITARY SITUATION

PETROGRAD, via London, May 17.—Generals Alexieff, Dragomiroff, Gurko and Brussiloff arrived in Petrograd today for a conference on the military situation. They declared the formation of a coalition ministry was indispensable, as it would make possible strong measures to re-establish discipline and the fighting spirit in the army. The generals expressed opinion that the appointment of Kerensky as minister of war would be received by the army with great enthusiasm, as he is very popular among the soldiers. There are rumors that General Alexieff has resigned as commander-in-chief or that his resignation is impending.

LATEST WORD FROM PETRO- GRAD IS MORE HOPEFUL

Cabinet Crisis is Now Considered Settled--Social istic Groups to Have Adequate Representation In the Cabinet.

PETROGRAD, via London, May 17.—The cabinet crisis may be considered as settled. A declaration of the government's policy, accepted by the representatives of the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates with merely verbal alterations, will be signed by both parties without delay. It has been decided to take into the cabinet five representatives of different socialist groups, which with A. F. Kerensky, who assumes the war portfolio, will make a total of six of these groups sharing in the government. Three of the appointees will be social democrats and three, including M. Kerensky, socialist populists. Of the former, M. Skobelev, vice-president of the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates, and M. Malantovich, an Odessa lawyer, have been chosen definitely. The third appointment has not been made yet, two of the socialist populist ministers will be M. Tchernoff and M. Pechkonoff.