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GENERAL MAURICE'S LETTER SENSATION OF HOUR IN BRITAIN

Motion of Asquith's for Thursday Considered Vote of Censure by Government---Ministerial Press States Letter is Political in Its Nature.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, May 8.—The statement of General Maurice, former chief director of military operations at the War Office, in impugning the veracity of ministers of the government, has created a most serious political situation and one which is of vital importance to the cabinet, according to the opinion expressed by several of the morning newspapers.

Papers which have consistently supported the present administration rally to its side and insinuate that ex-Premier Asquith and his followers are back of General Maurice and the affair is a manoeuvre to oust the Lloyd George cabinet and put in its place a cabinet headed by Mr. Asquith, Viscount Grey and the Marquis of Lansdowne.

THE GOVERNMENT FACES A SITUATION THAT INVOLVES ITS CONTINUATION IN POWER

The debate, the Daily Telegraph thinks, will be the most serious that any government has had to face, involving the question of its continuance in power. The paper is convinced that the ministers acted in perfect good faith when they made the statements which General Maurice contradicts, and believes their merely repeated information supplied by their military advisers. The Daily Telegraph believes the country has complete and justifiable confidence in the government, but adds: "There is no doubt that the opposition led by Mr. Asquith regards the time as ripe for it to accept the responsibility of office. It is for the House of Commons to choose. The alternative government would be exclusively a radical one."

DEBATE AFFORDS MR. ASQUITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING ABOUT A PARLIAMENTARY CRISIS

The Daily Mail, which strongly supports Premier Lloyd George and is as inimical to former Premier Asquith, says the debate on Mr. Asquith's motion will afford him the necessary opportunity for an attempt to bring about a parliamentary crisis. It remarks that when General Maurice said that no soldier had censured or seen his letter, he did not say that no politician had seen it. "This omission," the Daily Mail adds, "coupled with Mr. Asquith's manoeuvres in Parliament on Tuesday, suggests that the old gang bases its foundation upon a weapon which will destroy the government. We believe these infatuated partisans have made more than a miscalculation. The nation has no confidence in the discredited and dilatory politicians and their pacifist hangers-on who were driven from office months ago."

DAILY GRAPHIC SAYS MR. ASQUITH'S INTERVENTION INDICATES THE END OF THE POLITICAL TRUCE

The Daily Graphic says: "Mr. Asquith's intervention indicates that the political truce is now at an end. We must anticipate a new political struggle centering around the question of the Premier's honor."

The Conservative Morning Post says that the Premier's own act brought the government to the present phase. It declined to take the advice of soldiers, the Germans took advantage of the situation, and the Premier threw the blame on the soldiers. The paper continues: "The hand of Nemesis is now stretched out. Lloyd George will need all his followers to avoid being cracked in the wheel of destiny. He has had his chance and has proved unfit for the work. But nobody can rejoice who considers the alternative at the prospect offered."

ALL COMMENT IN THE LONDON PRESS LEANS STRONGLY ON THE SIDE OF THE GOVERNMENT

The radical Daily News, which is opposed to the Premier, rejoices that the government will not accept the Asquith motion, but will treat it as a vote of censure, so that parliament on Thursday must make a decision involving the life of the government.

The Daily News adds: "The course of months past has created in the public mind a condition of disquiet and which is a menace to the country."

General Maurice is attacked by the Daily Express, which hopes and believes that "the government will dispose of this latest mare's nest in such an unmistakable manner that the unrestricted warfare which lately has been an unedifying feature of political life, will disappear."

Government Must be Firm.
 The Times editorially urges the government to stand firmly on their proposal of a judicial inquiry into the statements of General Maurice.

While not attacking the ministers, the paper says: "General Maurice's challenge is one which no government can afford to ignore or merely rebut. Unless and until it is disproved, it will profoundly shake public confidence in every statement of the government and revive the mischievous

controversies of last winter which were the greatest stumbling block in our preparations for the German offensive."

Premier Will Give Facts.

As a consequence of the political situation brought about by General Maurice's letter to the press, Premier Lloyd George, according to lobby correspondents of the Daily Telegraph, considers it unavoidable to disclose facts which have been withheld up to this time for military reasons.

The Premier, it is added, intends to give facts and figures when he speaks on the Asquith motion on Thursday. The government has decided to treat Mr. Asquith's motion on the General Maurice affair as a vote of censure and has issued a call to its supporters to attend the House of Commons on Thursday for a division. This is taken to imply that the proposed enquiry, whether by judges or by parliamentary committee, has been abandoned and that the matter has been left entirely to the judgment of the House.

The Evening News, which is credited with being in very close touch with Premier Lloyd George, says of the letter of General Maurice:

CHURCHILL APPEALS TO THE METAL WORKERS

SUPPORT FOR TROOPS WILL WIN THE WAR

Minister of Munitions Confident That Onslaught of the Huns will be Repelled—Crisis is Grave.

London, May 8. (via Reuter's Limited.)—The Anglo-French front in France will stand firm and husband its strength throughout the summer while waiting for aid to come from the United States, says Winston Churchill, minister of munitions, in reply to a resolution of the executive of the brass workers and metal mechanics' union. The resolution exhorted all workers at home to help the soldiers in the trenches, not only by sympathy but by doing their utmost to increase the supply of war munitions and to swell the fighting forces. Mr. Churchill, in his reply, after expressing appreciation of the worthy part played by the metal workers, says:

"Although the German command will continue so for many weeks, I have profound confidence that we will not be beaten down; that right and freedom will not be beaten down."

"In the present battle Germans are attempting to destroy armies nearly as numerous as their own, and quite as well armed. We are seeking to maintain ourselves against them, which is a very different thing. I do not believe the German reserves are sufficient for their ambitious program. "Although the German commanders declare their readiness to sacrifice a million men, or if necessary, a million and a half, yet the French and British armies will not be overcome. They will maintain a firm front through the summer, using their deadly weapons upon the German masses and husbanding their own strength. Meanwhile our kith and kin from the United States are coming to our aid as fast as steamers can bring them."

"If we hold, we win. If we win the cruel system which let loose these horrors on the world will perish amid the execrations of those who are its dupes or slaves. Then, and then only will there be lasting peace."

GERMAN PRINCE TO BE MONARCH ON FINLAND

Adolph Frederick of Mecklenburg-Schwerin the Candidate---Spirit of Reaction Has Set in on Account Bolshevik Spirit.

LONDON, May 8.—There seems little doubt that a monarchy will be proclaimed in Finland, says a Stockholm despatch to the Times, and that the German candidate, Duke Adolph Frederick of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, uncle of the Crown Princess of Germany, will be king.

A spirit of reaction has spread throughout the country, it is added, and the Finnish constitution, which was the most democratic in Europe, is to be remodelled on more or less autocratic lines. The socialists and democrats are under the ban for having favored the rebellion.

The natural reaction against all who with the aid of the Russian Bolshevik soldiers created a reign of terror and anarchy, it is declared, is telling against those who still cling to principles of democratic freedom and who would vote for a republic. Finland, the despatch continues, is still far from being completely pacified. Desultory fighting with the rebels continues at many points.

Anarchy in the Ukraine.

London, May 8.—Anarchy is spreading throughout the Ukraine as a result of the German action in overthrowing the government and replacing it with another one, according to an Exchange telegram from Copenhagen. There have been riots in various places and during a serious outbreak in Kiev a large number of persons were killed. An attempt was made to kill the Ukrainian premier, who, however, escaped.

The socialist paper Vorwaerts of Berlin publishes an official statement regarding the events in Kiev on April 26. German soldiers entered the Rada at four o'clock in the afternoon, surrounding the members and shouting "Hands up!" The president of the Rada, who protested, was thrown to the ground, and other members were ill-treated. Examination of the members last four hours, and all documents were seized.

"We understand that both Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Lloyd George are anxious to meet the General's charges at once, and consider they have a very good answer indeed to them. The Prime Minister, when he made his statement as to the strength of the forces in France and Flanders at the

British Line Advanced In the Amiens Sector

SOLDIERS OF SOIL ARE NOT NUMEROUS

Little Response in Fredericton and Vicinity—Expected That More will be Secured in Province.

Mr. W. E. McMullin, who has charge of the Soldiers of the Soil movement in this city and vicinity states that the number of boys enrolled in this city for farm work was exceedingly small, there being not more than thirty enrolments.

Mr. W. R. Reek, deputy minister of agriculture, states that the applications from farmers for boy help this year were very few but that the number of enrolments for Soldiers of the Soil would be more than enough to supply the farmers' wants. It is expected that Prince Edward Island will need help from a large number of the Soldiers of the Soil and no doubt there will be a large number from New Brunswick to go there.

In the Province.

The Soldiers of the Soil movement in New Brunswick is showing encouraging signs already. There are 1,500 teachers in the province of New Brunswick and about one-third of that number have already reported and these say that to date they have enrolled 500 youths who are willing to go with farmers throughout the province and plant potatoes, pull weeds and become generally useful during the summer season. New Brunswick had figured on securing 1,000 boys to enlist in the Soldiers of the Soil movement and if this first effort is any criterion of the general results it will mean that 1,500 lads will respond to the call for duty in the second line of defense. The early results are looked upon very favorably by those interested particularly in the movement.

Australian Troops are Prominent in the Movement---Hostile Artillery Active--French Break up Raids by the Huns---Allied Minor Operations Successful.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, May 8.—Successful minor operations last night resulted in the advance of the British lines a short distance in the Amiens sector, between the Somme and Ancre rivers, the War Office announced today. The statement reads:

"As the result of successful minor operations carried out last night our line between the Somme and Ancre rivers has been advanced a short distance in three localities. We captured several prisoners. The hostile artillery has been active during the night between Locon and Robecq and in the neighborhood of St. Julien. Early this morning the enemy's artillery developed increased activity in Meteren and Kemmel sectors. Raids attempted by the enemy west of Montdidier and in the region of Thennes and Grivesnes were broken up by the French who took prisoners. There is nothing to report from the rest of the front."

AUSTRALIANS MADE ANOTHER ADVANCE AND PUSHED FORWARD THEIR LINES 500 YARDS

With the British Army in France, May 8.—The Australians last night made another advance, pushing forward their lines five hundred yards along a front of six hundred yards near Saily le Sec, on the sector of Amiens. They also pushed back the Germans three hundred yards along a front of five hundred yards west of Morlancourt, just above Saily le Sec. Notwithstanding a heavy barrage, the Germans were unable to prevent their advance.

SIX HOSTILE AIRPLANES DOWNED AND 100 BOMBS WERE DROPPED IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF BAPAUME

LONDON, May 7.—The British official communication dealing with aviation issued tonight says: "Rain prevented flying Monday until five o'clock in the afternoon. After this some fighting occurred, in which six hostile machines were downed. One of our machines is missing. After dark one hundred bombs were dropped in the neighborhood of Bapaume. One machine did not return."

Political Crisis Takes Kaiser Home.

BERNE, May 8.—Emperor William has returned to Potsdam owing to the political crisis resulting from the rejection of suffrage reforms by the Prussian Diet. Count Von Hertling, the Imperial Chancellor, has been summoned to Potsdam to repair the situation.

Only Artillery Fighting Reported.

Paris, May 8.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night on both sides of the Avre river, southeast of Amiens, the War Office announces.

CONDITIONS IN DUAL MONARCHY REPORTED BAD

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Stockholm, May 7.—The Politiken today publishes an interview with "a person in an important position who has just travelled through the lands of the Central Powers, where he came in contact with a large number of influential persons from different classes of political parties and professions, including also Russians, Lithuanians, Ukrainians, Poles, Rumanians, Czechs and Hungarians."

In the interview this person gives a very dark picture of conditions in the Dual Monarchy. He declared that Austria especially is in a bad situation. Famine conditions prevail and general discontent was never so great, he says. "The different nationalities regard each other like hungry wolves the interview continues."

The informant declares that the labor unrest is most acute, especially in Vienna and Petrograd.

NEW DEPT. FOR EASTERN HUN POLICY

Amsterdam, May 7.—Herr Von Peyer, the Imperial German Vice-Chancellor, announced in the Reichstag that a special department will be established to uniformly regulate Germany's whole eastern policy. The department will direct the border states under ordinary government and administrative conditions. The department, von Payer added, will be incorporated in some imperial department.

SUFFRAGE BILL REJECTED BY UNTERHOUS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Amsterdam, May 7.—The Prussian Unterhaus has passed the second reading of the bill amending the constitution as it was received from the committee of the House, but rejected the bill proposed by the Centre party for Suffrage reform.

GROUND GLASS IN PRESERVES

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Kingston, May 7.—Examination is being made by the inland revenue department at Ottawa of a jar of strawberry jam which is supposed to contain ground glass. A resident of Raglan Road bought the preserves in a local store and shortly after eating some of the berries his little daughter was taken ill. On examining the jam the farmer found what appeared like ground glass mixed with it, and reported the matter to Mayor Hughes, who turned the fruit over to the inland revenue department for examination.

SOLDIERS WERE ABOARD

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, May 7.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's information as to the destruction of the steamer Medora is that she was sunk while outward bound from an European port with passengers, some of whom were probably returning soldiers, and that all the passengers and crew were reported saved.