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OSTEND, GERMAN BASE FOR SUBMARINES, WAS SUCCESSFULLY BLOCKED

Operation at Zeebrugge Has Been Repeated at Ostend---Bruges Canal Cannot be Used---Dashing Naval Exploit.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, May 10.—The German submarine base of Ostend, on the Belgian coast, has been blockaded as the result of a new raid by British naval forces, the Admiralty announces. The obsolete cruiser Vindictive, filled with concrete, has been sunk across the entrance to the harbor. The British lost one motor boat. The casualties were light.

The announcement follows: "Operations designed to close the ports of Ostend and Zeebrugge were successfully completed last night, when the obsolete cruiser Vindictive was sunk between the piers and across the entrance to Ostend harbor. Since the attack on Zeebrugge on April 23, the Vindictive had been filled with concrete and fitted as a block ship for this purpose. Our light forces have returned to their base with the loss of one motor launch, which had been damaged and was sunk by orders of the Vice-Admiral to prevent it from falling into the hands of the enemy. Our casualties were light."

In the raid on Zeebrugge and Ostend on April 23, the light cruiser Vindictive landed British storming parties on the Mole at Zeebrugge, the attackers doing considerable damage to the Mole after storming German batteries. Commander Carpenter was promoted to captain for bravery in action. The Vindictive was damaged severely in the action at Zeebrugge. She was built in 1897 and displaced 5,750 tons.

EVIDENCES THAT BRUGES CANAL AT ZEEBRUGGE IS ENTIRELY BLOCKED AS RESULT OF THE RAID

LONDON, May 10.—Regarding reports that the German submarines have been unable to enter Flemish ports, and have had to return to Germany, Reuter's Limited says it is unable to confirm the report in naval quarters.

Telegraphic word and other evidences at Zeebrugge show that the Bruges canal is still entirely blocked as a result of the British raid of April 23, and that it cannot be used.

The obstacles, it has been found, were better placed than at first supposed. German attempts to clear the waterway are meeting with no success, as a result of the British activity and other causes.

BRITAIN'S LATEST NAVAL EXPLOIT, LIKE THE PREVIOUS RAID, WAS KEPT A WELL GUARDED SECRET

DOVER, May 10.—The decision to send the Vindictive to Ostend was made a few days after her return from the Zeebrugge raid, and the task of filling her with concrete was begun immediately. As in the joint raid on Zeebrugge and Ostend, the British naval exploit was kept a well guarded secret. As an evidence of this, it is recalled that after the battle-scarred cruiser returned from Zeebrugge an urgent request was made that she be sent up the Thames to London for public view. The authorities did not encourage the proposal, however, and the agitation subsided. All the time the old vessel was being overhauled for her last voyage.

BRITISH MAKE SMALL BUT IMPORTANT GAIN ON HIGH GROUND IN THE VICINITY OF ALBERT

LONDON, May 10.—The Official statement today says: "A small portion of our front trench northwest of Albert, gained by the enemy in his attack yesterday morning, was recaptured by us during a counter attack in the evening. We took a few prisoners."

The correspondent of the Associated Press with the British army in France says: "The operation by which the British regained in a counter attack the small portion of trench north of Albert, which the Germans had captured yesterday, while a small one, was important. The positions in question lay on high ground which had been hotly contested ever since the Germans stormed their way into Albert."

Airmen Bombed Zeebrugge.

Amsterdam, May 10.—Strong Allied flying squadrons bombed the Mole and village of Zeebrugge at noon and in the evening on Thursday. No military damage was done, according to the official statement of Berlin. Two of the hostile airplanes were shot down by German airmen.

SUSSEX MAN FINISHED FIRST

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Montreal, May 10.—Only twenty-three students graduated in applied science at McGill University and 35 men and women in arts, so it was announced today. In the second year law Max B. Singer of Sussex, N. B., finished first.

GEN. LEMAN IS IMPROVING

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Nice, May 10.—General Leman, the hero of the defence of Liege, who underwent a three years captivity in Germany, has sufficiently recovered from illness caused by imprisonment to leave for Paris. He will proceed to Rouen, where he will enter a Belgian hospital, to undergo an operation on his right foot.

GEN. MEWBURN EXPLAINS IN THE FEDERAL HOUSE

DID NOT APPOINT COL. R. H. LABATT

Position of This Officer on the Pension Board will be Discussed Later in the House.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Ottawa, May 10.—Sir George Foster submitted a bill to the House this morning amending the Daylight Saving Act. The purpose of the amendment is to insure that the time shall not be advanced more than one hour beyond standard time in each province.

Major General Mewburn rose to a question of privilege in regard to a statement which he said had appeared in certain newspapers in which his name was referred to in connection with the appointment of Col. R. H. Labatt on the Board of Pension Commissioners.

Col. Labatt, Major General Mewburn said, was not his brother-in-law, and his appointment was made in 1916 before he became a member of the present government.

The Minister of Militia added that he had nothing to do, directly or indirectly, with the appointment of Col. Labatt, although then Col. Labatt was offered the appointment the Colonel had informed him of the fact, and he had advised him not to take it because he had a large practice and he thought the strain would be too much for him.

Major General Mewburn added that Colonel Labatt served through the Northwest rebellion as a private and was one of the most experienced Canadian officers.

Sir Robert Borden told Sir Wilfrid Laurier that an opportunity would be given the House to discuss Colonel Labatt's position.

FIVE YEARS FOR UNPATRIOTIC DISTURBER

Edinburgh, May 10.—For making speeches prejudicial to England, John MacLean, consul in Glasgow of the Russian Bolshevik government, in the high court yesterday was sentenced to five years' penal servitude under the Defense of Realm Act. The evidence showed that MacLean publicly asked working men to break all laws and to defeat parliament by an organization patterned after the Russian Soviets.

TORNADO IN MIDDLE WEST

Chicago, May 10.—At least eleven persons were killed and more than 150 more or less seriously injured by a tornado which struck central and northeastern Iowa and central Illinois late yesterday, according to advices received here early today.

Hundreds of houses and farm buildings were blown down and live stock were killed in many districts.

HIS HOLINESS ADDRESSES MESSAGE TO THE WORLD

Advices Special Prayer June 29, Day of St. Peter and St. Paul---Nothing Unattempted to Relieve Conditions.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
ROME, May 10.—Fervent prayer for the cessation of the evils to humanity during Mass on St. Peter's Day, June 29, is urged by Pope Benedict in a special message addressed to the whole world.

"The end of the fourth year approaches since Europe is in conflagration," says the message. "During this time the violence has never diminished, but increased, so that we never have had moments of relief from ever-increasing ills and afflictions."

Continuing, the Pope says that owing to the ministry entrusted to him by Providence and animated by the charity of Jesus Christ, nothing has been left unattempted to remedy these afflictions. The Pope urges the world to trust in God, who is the arbiter of the will of men and human events, and to trust in his mercifulness to put a speedy end to so many storms, hastening peace and restoring among men a reign of justice and charity. Above everything, God, who is wrathful at such persistent sins, must be placated. Humble entreaties and persevering prayers are the best means to do this. He urges the clergy throughout the world to divide the sacrifice for this purpose on June 29, a day sacred to the Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul, supplicating that the supreme desire of all be granted and that "justice be restored."

Lloyd George Keen Political Strategist

BELANGER HAS RESIGNED FROM DOM. POLICE

Says Military Police Have Interfered With Working of M. S. A.—Resignation Not Accepted.

Montreal, May 9.—Chief Inspector Belanger, of the Dominion police, returned to this city today from Ottawa where he placed his resignation in the hands of Commissioner Hervey of the Dominion Police. The resignation has not yet been accepted, and Inspector Belanger will continue to carry on his duties here. "The whole position he said in an interview, 'is simply that I will not work with the military.'"

Inspector Belanger said he had been promised that interference of the Military Police with his work would cease, but it had continued, and this was why he had tendered his resignation. He claimed that his work in all departments was being nullified by the Military Police, because the latter insulted the men they took. Although at first his men had been met by men and women at houses with revolvers drawn, the inspector said, the Dominion Police had carried out their work so tactfully that all ill-feeling had passed, and only last Saturday fifty men voluntarily submitted themselves to him, but had to be refused because the barracks were not ready to receive them. "If this work is left with the Military Police I know there will be trouble, because of the methods they use," said Inspector Belanger.

Coming Event.

Rumor has it that local and prominent young business man of this city is soon to 'jump the gap' landing somewhere in the matrimonial circle.

At Bebbington's.

Mothers' Day flowers at Bebbington's—carnations, roses, sweet peas, snapdragons, nice geraniums, red, pink and white, to set out. J. Bebbington, the florist.

In City Today.

Capt. S. H. Boyd, Deputy Commissioner of the Invalided Soldiers' Commission, arrived in the city last night from St. John, where he had been on military business, and is registered at the Queen Hotel.

GEN. MAHON LEAVING IRELAND.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
London, May 10.—Lieut. General Sir Bryan Mahon, commander-in-chief of the forces in Ireland, announced publicly last night that he was to leave Ireland. He said he did not know who his successor would be.

This confirms rumors current for several days that important changes in the military command in Ireland are pending.

The departure of General Mahon, it is believed, will be regarded in Ireland as an indication that the government has decided to proceed boldly with conscription.

No Irish Nationalist members participated in the division in the House of Commons last night on the Asquith motion.

Imperial Government Sustained 293 to 106---Majority Larger Than Was Expected---Premier's Speech Favorably Commented Upon.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, May 10.—The evident successful manner in which the Lloyd George ministry in the House of Commons yesterday dealt with an unpleasant incident which had caused more political bitterness than any preceding chapter of this troubled administration, was brought about by a sudden change of tactics on the part of the cabinet.

Premier Lloyd George again showed himself a keen political strategist and a strong pleader for his own cause. He withdrew the cabinet's plan for a court of honor to deal with the charges of Major General Maurice, which Andrew Bonar Law on Tuesday said concerned the honor of the ministers.

The Premier made it clear that adoption of former Premier Asquith's motion for a select committee to investigate the matter would be regarded as a vote of confidence which would be followed by the government's resignation. Mr. Lloyd George declared in a burning speech his version of the controversy which Major General Maurice began.

THE DEBATE WAS BRIEF AND THE CABINET'S MAJORITY WAS LARGER EVEN THAN PREDICTED

The debate was brief and the Premier's explanation was its dominating feature. The cabinet rode safely over the crisis by a vote of 293 to 106. The majority was even larger than newspapers had predicted, and shows that the House of Commons, at least, is not for a change of government.

Judging from the newspapers, the country is tired of parliamentary strife and the present government is much criticized. There was a considerable amount of cross-voting in the House on division, although according to lobbyists, few mixed motives. A great majority of the Conservatives supported the government, which also had the votes of more than half the Liberals and the bulk of the laborites. In the minority were several members of the government and several other Liberals, including the Pacifist section.

DEFEAT OF ASQUITH'S MOTION IS IN ACCORD WITH VIEWS EXPRESSED BY MANY NEWSPAPERS

The action of the House of Commons in turning down the Asquith motion by a large majority generally accords with the views various newspapers expressed previous to the Premier's statement in the House. The papers which urged an inquiry treat the speech as having a restricted value, though they admit it was a good effort. Among the papers supporting the Premier is the Daily Mail, which says that not a rag of General Maurice's pretentious indictment is left, and asks who again will ever pay the least attention to anything he says.

The Premier's answer, says the Daily Telegraph, was complete and overwhelming and showed that General Maurice had not a shadow of justification for any of his charges.

CHRONICLE CLAIMS THE ISSUE IS UNCHANGED, AND TIMES SAYS THE CASE GOES BY DEFAULT

The Daily Chronicle says the issues were left in the same mischievous observatory as before the Premier spoke, because of the uncertainty in the mind of the public.

The Daily News refers to the Premier's withdrawal of the plan of a judicial inquiry as political jugglery, and says: "Major General Maurice's charges remain unaffected by this melodrama, and the public is left to laugh or weep, according to its humor at the latest achievement of political wizardry."

The Times, apparently converted from some of its previous expressed views, refers to the Premier's "staggering and startling revelations." With reference to the statements of Major General Maurice, it says his whole case goes by default.

WOMEN CAN STUDY SCIENCE AT M'GILL

Montreal, May 9.—McGill University has let down the bars to women so far to admit them to study of medicine and dentistry the corporation of McGill announced today. It is stipulated that the women who are to be admitted to these courses must have taken a degree in arts from a recognized university or must take the double course of B. A. and M. D. or B. C. and M. D. at McGill university, or have taken the first and second years in arts at McGill, "and thus give evidence that they are sufficiently mature and otherwise qualified to take up the study of the professional branches."

Mr. J. T. Prescott of Sussex, is a guest at the Barker House. Mr. J. Attman of Toronto, is registered at the Barker House.

ANARCHISTS AND BOLSHEVIKI IN CONFLICT

Zurich, May 9.—Kiev newspapers received here describe an all-day battle between the anarchists and the Bolsheviks at Moscow resulting from the imprisonment of four hundred anarchists in the Kremlin. The fighting was caused by a refusal of the anarchists to surrender great quantities of munitions and machine guns. The Bolshevik forces stormed the places where the munitions were stored. The newspapers estimate that there are sixty thousand anarchists living in Moscow.

On the Officers' Square. The Fredericton Brass Band and the European War Veterans' Association will combine to hold a fair on the Officers' Square on Victoria Day. Many attractive prizes will be given. See advertisement on page five.