

LITTLE ENTHUSIASM OVER NEW MINISTRY

Coalition Cabinet Which Succeeds Usual Party Government Arouses But Small Rejoicing.

TEUTONS HAMMER RUSS LINES

LONDON, May 26.—The approval of King George has made the coalition government, as announced this morning, an accomplished fact, and it is generally accepted as the best solution of a bad middle. Nevertheless, the country shows no great enthusiasm over this compromise for the usual party cabinet.

The great onslaught of General Von Mackensen against the Russian line north of Przemysl and around Jaroslau indicates that the powers of the Austro-German offensive are not exhausted and verifies the belief generally in London that the Russians are not well equipped for the defense of this position.

In the Balkans the allies are officially reported to be slowly advancing against the stubborn opposition of the Turks, who have been granted an armistice to bury 3,000 of their dead in front of their trenches.

Along the western line the Germans hold a trench east of Ypres which they captured from the British and held against counter attacks during the day. Yesterday the French offensive north of Arras developed new vigor with the result that a number of German positions were captured.

The official Italian announcement reviewing the first thirty-six hours of war claims the capture of several Austrian towns just across the border and the occupancy of all frontier passes in Cadore, together with a continuation of the successful advance on the Carniola and Tyrol frontiers.

The Russian activity continues in Central Galicia on both sides of the San river between Jaroslau and Przemysl, the Russians assert they now have the situation well in hand. They state that the German drive from Craoow through Galicia and also the parallel movement on the left side of the Vistula which reached the Kielce and Radom districts have lost their impetus and that the Russians are now ready to take the initiative.

Less optimistic observers believe the checking of the German move is due to the necessity of bringing up fresh supplies of ammunition after which their aggressive will resume its former intensity.

In the district between Przemysl and the Dniester marshes, the Russians already have begun a successful advance, capturing a number of small villages on the west bank of the Dniester. On the right side of the river the struggle of the opposing forces still swings forward and backward without definite gain for either side. On Monday the Germans captured Russian trenches near Sirozko, following up an intense artillery fire with a bayonet charge. The Russian troops, however, recovered the trenches on the same day.

On the Dolina-Kolomea front there has been a violent and prolonged artillery duel without change in the positions of either side.

The Russians estimate that more than 7,000 prisoners have been taken between the Vistula and the Dniester in the last three days.

German Official Report. BELLIN, May 26.—(Via London)—The German general army headquarters staff today gave out the following statement: "Western theater: A night advance by the enemy against our newly acquired position west of the forest of Belleward easily was repulsed. The number of machine guns taken from the English was increased to 100."

"Northeast of Givenchy colored British troops succeeded last night in capturing a projecting part of our outmost trenches. Further south between Levin and the Lorette hills an extensive French attack, commenced in the afternoon, failed completely."

"In the region to the north and to the south of the high road between Souchez and Bethune the enemy had first succeeded in penetrating our trenches, but our counter attacks again put us in full possession of our positions. One hundred Frenchmen remained in our hands."

"In the region south of Souchez several strong attacks directed by white and colored French troops against our lines completely broke down before our entrenchments. Our opponents suffered heavy losses everywhere. During the battle in the Lorette hills a Russian infantry regiment especially distinguished itself."

"An advance of the enemy in the eastern part of the forest in the Forest was easily repulsed. A hostile flying machine was brought down at a point south of Lens by our aviators."

"Eastern theater: Weak night attacks were repulsed."

"Southern theater: The attack being made by the army under General Von Mackensen is making good progress. The capture of Iadymno, the village of Swiato was taken after fierce fighting. East of Iadymno a crossing over the San river was captured after Austrian troops had taken a bridgehead to the west of the San by storm."

"Further to the south our troops after a battle reached the district east of Laska and they also continued the line at Koreszenia-Kapalov. The booty in prisoners and war materials increases."

King of Greece is Still Critically Ill. LONDON, May 26.—The condition of King Constantine of Greece continues critical according to a dispatch received today by the Exchange Telegraph company from its correspondent at Athens.

County Assessor's Office Open Evenings. The county assessor will be at his office nights from 7:30 to 10 p. m. of this week, May 24 to 26, for the purpose of considering notices of proposed raises of personal assessment schedules for the current year. H. G. COUSMANN, County Assessor.

Apartment, flat, houses and cottages can be rented quickly and cheaply by a "For Rent" card.

PROMINENT BRITISH STATESMEN figuring in the reorganization of the ministry to meet changing requirements of the war.



Population of Cass County Increases

ATLANTIC, Ia., May 26.—(Special).—The complete census return of Cass county shows that the county gained in population since 1910 nearly 700, but that the loss since 1905, at the time the last state census was taken, nearly 200. The return shows that since 1910 there has been an increase in the cities and towns of the county of 312, but a decrease in the townships of the county of 22. Nearly all of the towns of the county show a satisfactory gain, while the townships of the county nearly all show some loss. The total population for the county is 15,736. In 1910 it was 15,047 and in 1905 it was 15,235.

Atlantic Railroad May Be Torn Up

ATLANTIC, Ia., May 26.—(Special).—De Roe Weber, general manager of the Atlantic southern railroad, is here from St. Louis, with a prospective buyer of the steel in the local road, with a view of selling the track and tearing it up. The road ceased operations on January 3, 1915, after Abner S. Tammis, by whom Mr. Weber is employed, had operated it for eighteen months and had found it losing. The Ables & Tammis company, the owners of the road, purchased it originally at receivers' sale to protect a claim they had against it for ties sold it at the time of original construction.

LIGHTNING STARTS \$50,000 FIRE IN SOUTH DAKOTA

SIOUX CITY, Ia., May 26.—Lightning started a fire which caused a \$50,000 loss.

TRAMP FREIGHTER HITS LINER RYNDAN

Dutch Steamship and the Joseph J. Cuneo Damaged in Collision Off Island of Nantucket

WARSHIP TAKES PASSENGERS

NEW YORK, May 26.—The Dutch liner Ryndan, which sailed from this port yesterday for Rotterdam with seventy-seven passengers and a million-dollar cargo, was badly damaged in a collision fifteen miles southwest of the Nantucket Shoals lightship at 4 o'clock this morning. The liner collided with the tramp freighter, Joseph J. Cuneo, which sailed from Boston last night for Baracoa, Cuba.

Both vessels were injured seriously. The Ryndan, wireless reports indicate, was struck aft with such force that hold No. 5 filled almost immediately and water flowed freely into the engine room and began to creep up in hold No. 6. The Cuneo's bows were smashed in badly.

U. S. S. signals were flashed from the Ryndan and its passengers were transferred hastily to the Cuneo. One hundred and sixty of the Ryndan's crew of 200 likewise were put aboard the freighter, leaving only forty men aboard the liner to navigate it.

United States battleships in the vicinity answered the wireless calls. At 7 o'clock three hours after the collision, the battleship South Carolina was standing alongside the Cuneo.

Battleship Takes Passengers. The Ryndan's passengers and those of its crew who had been transferred to the Cuneo were taken off by the South Carolina. The battleship was directed by wireless from the Newport navy yard to convey the stricken liner to this port.

With the South Carolina alongside, the battleship Texas ten miles astern, the battleship Louisiana nearby and the Cuneo slowly following, the Ryndan was steaming at slow speed for this port, 124 miles east of the Ambrose channel lightship at 10 o'clock. At that hour its captain sent a wireless message to the Holland American line, its owners, saying that the Ryndan's engines were much strained, but still holding out.

Previous messages from Captain Van der Heuvel asserted that the water was gaining in No. 6 hold and that the ship would have to be abandoned if the water gained much more. So far as the line knew there were only six Americans among the passengers and the other passengers, it was said, were Europeans returning home.

Ryndan Built at Belfast. The Ryndan, a vessel of 7,978 tons register net, was built in Belfast in 1901. Its length is 450 feet and its beam 60 feet. The Cuneo is a steamer of about 500 tons registry. It carried a crew of twenty men and no passengers. Its length is 210 feet.

Dispatches sent during the forenoon by the South Carolina said the Ryndan was making thirteen knots on its way to this port. This speed if maintained would bring it to New York late tonight or early tomorrow.

SHELL OR MINE HITS AMERICAN SHIP NEBRASKAN

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the period between 8 and 9 o'clock is the twilight hour in the British islands at this season.

A message to Lloyd's says that an armed trawler went to the assistance of the Nebraska and stood by it all night.

The German submarine campaign is continuing actively. Dispatches from Norway say the people of that country have been aroused by the sinking last week of the Norwegian steamer Minerva and the attempt to torpedo the Iris, which went to its assistance. The steamer Cromer, loaded with passengers, had a narrow escape from being torpedoed near the North Hinder lightship, while bound for Rotterdam yesterday. A torpedo fired without warning from a submarine missed the Cromer only fifteen yards.

Message from Captain. NEW YORK, May 26.—The American Hawaiian Steamship company, owners of the Nebraska, received wireless message from the Nebraska's captain, relayed by cable, in which the captain said the vessel had been struck by either a mine or a torpedo.

The text of the message, which was dated yesterday and signed by Captain John S. Green, was as follows: "Struck either by mine or torpedo forty-eight miles west of Fastnet, and steaming to Liverpool. Water in lower hold. No one injured."

The Nebraska was under charter on this trip to the White Star line of the International Mercantile marine. It was built at Camden, N. J., in 1905, and is registered at 4,697 tons gross, 2,837 ton net. It is 300 feet long, 42.5 feet beam, has a depth of 24.5 feet and was built with eight watertight bulkheads. Its fuel being oil.

With its sister ship, Minnesotan, from May to August, 1914, it was under charter to the United States as a transport, and was fitted up to carry horses from Galveston to General Funston's troops at Vera Cruz. After being released from government service it was sent through the Panama canal, being one of the first ships to bring a cargo from the Pacific coast through the new waterway.

Destination of Ship. PHILADELPHIA, May 26.—The Nebraska, it was said here, is bound for Delaware breakwater in ballast for orders.

Previous to the war the ship has been in service between northern ports and Galveston, but since the outbreak of hostilities has made one voyage to London and one to Bremen.

Subsea Seen Off Coast. CROOKHAVEN, Ireland, May 26.—It was learned today that a submarine was seen last night off the southern coast of Ireland. It was sighted shortly after 9 p. m. near Galley Cove, which is just south of here and about ten miles from Fastnet. No connection has been established between this incident and the mishap to the steamer Nebraska, which is reported to have occurred shortly before 8 o'clock at a point about forty miles from Fastnet.

A steamer was seen outside of Crookhaven at about 9 o'clock last night. As it approached the sinking out of Fastnet lighthouse two loud reports of gun were heard. A boat in Crookhaven harbor went in the direction of the steamer, which put about and was lost to sight.

Several residents of Crookhaven went along the shore, keeping a sharp lookout. They sighted a submarine off Galley Cove. One of the men on shore fired two shots with a rifle at the men in the conning tower of the submarine. The submarine dived immediately.

Washington, May 26.—Coming close on the Lusitania disaster, the news that another American ship had been endangered aroused more than ordinary attention, but all officials were disposed to hear details before making comment. Some officials could not understand why a ship bound for the United States in ballast and therefore carrying no contraband should have been endangered by a torpedo and they considered it among the possibilities that the Nebraska struck a drifting mine.

Secretary Bryan said the State department's information was much too meager to permit the forming of an opinion. He said a full report with details of the attack was expected soon.

MRS. STUYVESANT FISH DIES OF HEMORRHAGE

GARRISON, N. Y., May 26.—Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, leader of New York's social set, died last night of cerebral hemorrhage at Glencliff, her summer home. She had been ill only a few hours. Her husband was with her when she died. Mrs. Fish was about 60 years old. She was born in New York. Her maiden name was Marion Graves Anthon. On June 1, 1875, she was married to Stuyvesant Fish, railroad magnate and financier and son of Hamilton Fish, secretary of state in the cabinet of President Grant.

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