



AMERICANS STOP HUN RUSH; BOHEMIAN TROOPS DESERT

GERMAN RESERVES HURRIED TO FRONT TO RENEW ATTACK

Another Furious Drive at Ypres Foreshadowed by Terrific Bombardment; Allied Line Stable and in No Immediate Danger, Says French Premier After Visit to Army.

(By Associated Press.)

Having been defeated with enormous losses in every phase of the fighting around Ypres, the Germans have attempted no further onslaughts. Inaction prevailed Wednesday before the positions held by the British and French troops, especially those in the hands of the British, which it had been the ambition of the Germans to capture.

Since Monday what activity there has been in this region was carried out by the British and French, both of whom have materially bettered their positions—the French near Loivre and the British at Meteren. On both sectors ground was captured and prisoners taken.

BIG GUNS ROARING.

The pause in the offensive, however, apparently is not to be taken as meaning the end of the German attempts to crack the allied line. All along the front the big guns are roaring and shells of all calibers are plowing the terrain and areas far behind them, and fresh German reserves, to take the places of the thousands of men killed, wounded or made prisoner, are being hurried to the front.

Indeed, advices from the British front in Flanders are that another furious drive by Von Arnim is in immediate prospect. Emperor William has been at the front delivering flamboyant speeches to the troops in an endeavor to spur them on to victory.

Shell Mont Kemmel.

Meanwhile British and French artillery is sending a veritable rain of shells on Mont Kemmel, the chief point of vantage gained by the Germans in the Ypres sector. Thus far the allied guns have held back all attempts by the enemy to reinforce his men on the hill and if the good work is kept up the hilltop is likely soon to prove to be a death trap for its captors.

Nothing as yet has been vouchsafed regarding the inter-allied war council which is holding sessions at Versailles, which are expected to bring forth decisions of great moment. Representatives of all the allies are in attendance.

Great faith in the ability of General Foch and the allied commanders on the western front has been expressed by M. Clemenceau, the French premier. Returning from a visit to the front, the premier said he considered the line stable, and that as a result of the steps taken by the various commanders, it was outside the realm of immediate danger.

British Defeat Turks.

The fighting on all the other fronts, except in Palestine and Mesopotamia, continues of a minor character. In both the latter theaters, however, the British have returned to the attack and gained important successes over the Turks. Progress has been made north of Baghdad along the Tigris river and in Palestine several positions have been captured and prisoners taken.

German newspapers have taken another tangent in their talk of peace. It is asserted by a Cologne journal that Pope Benedict on Whitsunday, May 19, will put forward concrete efforts to mediate between the warring factions.

The Weather

Nebraska—Generally fair Thursday and Friday; cooler in north portion Thursday.

Table with columns: Hours, Temp., Wind, etc. for various times of day.

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AUSTRIAN FIGHTERS IN REVOLT; LINE UP WITH THE ROMAN ARMY

Several Detachments of Emperor Charles' Forces Now on Italian Fighting Line Wearing Italian Uniforms; Defection Explains Delay in Launching Long-Heralded Offensive.

By Associated Press.

London, May 2.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Italian headquarters says that Bohemian troops are joining the Italian troops against Austria and that several detachments are already on the Italian fighting line wearing Italian uniforms.

This information has passed through the hands of both Italian and British censors and would therefore appear to be authentic.

The defection of the Bohemians would in a measure explain the delay in the proposed great offensive, long heralded, of the Austrians against the Italians.



EMPEROR AND EMPRESS OF AUSTRIA

Emperor Charles and Empress Zita, of Austria-Hungary, whose sympathy for the house of Bourbon has raised a protest in court circles in Vienna. Empress Zita is a sister of Prince Sixtus of Bourbon, to whom the emperor's famous peace letter was addressed. The archdukes of the house of Hapsburg have held a conference, at which it was resolved to call on the emperor to end his friendly relations with the Bourbons as a pledge of loyalty to the Teutonic cause.

Winter Wheat Conditions Favorable in Nebraska

Washington, May 1.—Winter wheat made good progress in growth during the last week in all parts of the country, although the crop was heading short in parts of California and rain was needed in Washington and Oregon, the national weather and crop bulletin today announced. Conditions continued favorable in Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and the Ohio valley.

Under the good conditions that have prevailed the Department of Agriculture's production forecast, to be issued May 8 and based on conditions existing today, it is expected to show a larger quantity than 560,000,000 bushels, forecast from April 1 condition.

Iron Workers' Wages Raised Under Bi-Monthly Settlement

Youngstown, O., May 1.—Thirty thousand iron workers of the United States will receive increases in wages, effective today, as the result of the bi-monthly wage settlement here today between representatives of the Western Bar Iron association and the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, Puddlers will receive an increase of \$1 per ton and bar iron finishers' wages will be raised 10 per cent. Puddlers, under the new scale, will receive \$16.50 a ton.

PREMIER OF HUNGARY SPIES CAUGHT IN FEDERAL TOILS

"Lieutenant Commander X" Captured in New York After Arrest of Alleged Assistant.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, May 1.—Carl Rodiger, known also as Karl Schroeder, said to be a lieutenant commander in the German navy and believed by agents of the department of justice to be paymaster of German agents in this country, central and South America was arrested here today and held in \$15,000 bail. One of his chief purposes is believed to have been to induce Irishmen to enlist in the British navy in the hope that they would plant bombs on war ships. Rodiger denied that he was a German. His examination was set for May 8.

Hold Woman Assistant.

The arrest of the German naval officer, who has thus far figured in the records of the federal authorities as "Lieutenant Commander X," follows on the heels of the apprehension Saturday of Marie D'Victoria, alleged to have been one of his most valuable lieutenants.

The woman, who is detained at Bellevue hospital, where she was taken after her arrest suffering from the effects of a narcotic, confessed that she had received about \$40,000 from the German naval officer since her arrival here in January, 1917. She denied the charge that she used the money in furthering the dissemination of Sinn Fein and pro-German propaganda here, but said she spent the money for living expenses at hotels. She claimed she owns a large estate in Chile, and that the money she received represented interest on her properties.

Foreign Born Officers to Man New Merchant Fleet

Washington, May 1.—The shipping board plans to employ foreign-born ship officers, if necessary, to man the new merchant fleet now building.

Henry Howard, head of the board's recruiting service, today told a conference of ship owners and leaders of seamen's unions that it might be necessary to take foreign officers, because many licensed American officers have left the sea and will not return.

The shipping board's training schools have enrolled 762 men studying for officers. Not less than 4,000 additional sailors will be needed each month to operate the new merchant fleet.

Approximately 7,000 recruiting officers soon will begin the enrollment of young Americans who desire to go to sea.

Governor Catts Halts Federal Labor Agents Recruiting in Florida

Tallahassee, Fla., May 1.—Governor Catts has called a halt on the operations of federal labor recruiting agents in Florida by ordering sheriffs to arrest them if they have no state licenses. License fees are practically prohibitive.

Governor Catts declared he does not wish to hamper the government's labor program but must protect the essential industries of the state. Some federal agents arrested have been released by district attorneys but the governor has ordered their re-arrest.

"SHELLPROOF MACK'S" Gripping Story of French Fighting is continued on Page Five of The Bee Today.

SLAV REVOLT FORESEEN.

The deserting detachments belonged to a Czech-Slovak army, which is being formed in many centers from former subjects of Emperor Charles. They already occupy positions at various points.

It is known, adds the correspondent of the Daily Mail, that their arrival already has caused perturbation among the Austro-Hungarian commanders, who fear the effect on their Slav troops. Now that the enemy Slav troops know their fellow Slavs are fighting under the Italian banner in complete accord with the Italians and with a definite program of winning absolute independence for their common country, their whole attitude toward the war, he adds, may undergo an important change.

The new position of affairs is being explained adequately to them by airplane propaganda and committees of their own race are accredited and co-operating with the Italian command.

RIOTING AT PRAGUE.

Prague, capital of the crownland of Bohemia, recently has been the center of riotous demonstrations against Germany and the Germans. The Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, Count Czernin, has been strongly denounced, and President Wilson and the entente allies have been cheered. The Czech members of Parliament, together with the Slovene and Serbo-Croat delegates, have been leaders in the opposition to German rule.

DYNASTY MENACED.

London, May 1.—Prince Sixtus of Bourbon-Parma, to whom the famous letter written by Emperor Charles offering peace to France was addressed, the Times says, visited King Alfonso of Spain Monday, according to the Madrid Sol. The Spanish newspaper understands that he gave to King Alfonso explanations concerning his correspondence with his Hapsburg relatives. (His sister Zita is empress of Austria-Hungary.)

Simultaneously a report reached Stockholm that Emperor Charles was making a fresh peace attempt and that he was appealing to Italy to consider it in her own interests. All that can be said about these rumors, the Times adds, is that they are not inherently incredible.

The dual monarchy and its ruler are unquestionably in a highly critical position, the newspaper continues and it may well be that the youthful emperor is trying to tempt Italy, possibly also Belgium, as he tried to tempt France.

The result of such efforts would of course, it is added, be the same. They would interest the allies only as fresh indications that the emperor is conscious of dangers which menace him and is seeking for a way of escape.

French Celebrities Will Honor American Labor

Paris, May 1.—Premier Clemenceau, Marshal Joffre and others of France's notable men will take part in the receptions to the American labor delegation about to arrive in Paris from England. Numerous organized bodies of workers will also participate in the functions.

German Musical Steins Will Be In Liberty Bombardment

Did you ever see a musical stein? No? Well, you've lost your chance for the only ones in captivity were salvaged by the Red Cross, and no more will they eek out the unearthly grim tale of German rhythm, "Die Wacht Am Rhein," while thirsty individuals imbibe of lager from their stony depths.

The steins, by means of a small mechanism attached to the bottom, played a dreamy, German tune while the imbiber of the contents drank freely. Red Cross workers expect a high bid will be made at the Red Cross auction sale by some intensely anti-German persons who want to break the souvenirs.

Several salvage workers brought in a collection of vari-colored steins which were immediately placed in the salvage department show window. A large number of the steins will be

YANKEES REPULSE TERRIFIC ASSAULT WITH HEAVY LOSS

Three Battalions of Infantry Thrown Against U. S. Line, Following Intense Bombardment; Yankees Thrust Back Enemy After Hand-to-Hand Fighting and Win Frenchmen's Praise.

By Associated Press.

With the French Army in France, May 1.—A heavy German attack launched yesterday against the Americans in the vicinity of Villers-Bretonneux was repulsed with heavy losses for the enemy.

The German preliminary bombardment lasted two hours and then the infantry rushed forward only to be driven back, leaving large numbers of dead on the ground in front of the American lines.

The German bombardment opened at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and was directed especially against the Americans who were supported on the north and south by the French.

ENEMY THRUST BACK.

The fire was intense, and at the end of two hours the German commander sent forward three battalions of infantry. There was hand to hand fighting all along the line, as a result which the enemy was thrust back, his dead and wounded lying on the ground in all directions. Five prisoners remained in American hands.

The struggle, which lasted a considerable time, was extremely violent and the Americans displayed marked bravery throughout.

It was the first occasion in which the Americans were engaged in the battle, which has been raging since March 21, and their French comrades are full praise for the manner in which they conducted themselves under trying circumstances, especially in view of the fact that they are fighting at one of the most difficult points on the battle front.

Souvenirs Dangerous.

With the American Army in France, May 1.—Knowing that the Americans are persistent souvenir hunters, the Germans in the Toul sector have been strewn No Man's land with all sorts of infernal devices. These consist of electric wires attached to helmets, rifles and other paraphernalia connecting with concealed bombs. In a number of instances American soldiers have tripped over these and escaped.

Dinner Given Polish Volunteers Soon to Leave

A dinner was given in honor of Polish volunteers to the Polish-French army at Pola'ski's hall, Tarry, third and L streets, Wednesday noon. The following women were in charge: Mrs. Mary Demicki, Mrs. Katie Nabolski, and Mrs. Katie Beister. The recruits left Omaha at 6 p. m. for Chicago from where they will be sent to a concentration camp in Canada. After a few months' training they will go overseas.

The following committee escorted the men to the station: Father Michael Gluba, Father Grzeszkowski, Felix Saniuk, Frank I. Madura, Henry Onij, Joe Nabolski, Peter Wozniak, Thomas Kozio.

Prussian Franchise Reform Measure Denounced as Sham

Stockholm, May 1.—The Prussian franchise reform measure conceals a cunningly devised provision which will render the whole reform illusory, even if it should be adopted, according to Herr Stroebel, a socialist member of the Prussian diet. In an article in the Independent Socialist organ, the Leipzig Volk Zeitung, Herr Stroebel says the bill is an attempt "to smuggle the plural franchise in through the reader and thus render the 'equal' franchise utterly worthless."

Kaiser Bill Full of Brag On Trip to Flanders Front

With the British Army in Flanders, May 1.—Emperor William appears to have been an interested and active visitor in the Flanders region yesterday. According to prisoners, he has been making his usual flamboyant speeches to troops, and he stated the other day that the Germans were trying to separate the French and British armies, adding characteristically that the Germans were going to "put the British back on the English channel where they belonged."

Democrats of Wyoming Declare for Prohibition

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 1.—Wyoming democrats endorsed state-wide prohibition here tonight by resolutions adopted by the state democratic committee in session here. Stroebel, a socialist member of the Prussian diet. The committee also adopted resolutions endorsing the national administration's war program.

66 DROWNED; BOAT SINKS AFTER CRASH

City of Athens Rammed by French Cruiser Off Delaware Coast; Passengers Are Trapped in Berths.

(By Associated Press.)

An Atlantic Port, May 1.—Sixty-six persons lost their lives when the steamship City of Athens bound from New York for Savannah, was ramméd and sunk by a French cruiser off the Delaware coast at 1 o'clock this morning. The missing include 10 men and two women who were passengers, seven out of 24 U. S. marines who were on board, 14 out of 20 French sailors and 33 members of the crew.

All the passengers and many of the crew were in their berths when the bow of the warship plunged into the side of the 7,300 ton coastwise vessel. Fire broke out almost immediately afterwards in hold No. 1, but it had no bearing on the fate of the ship for the flames were quickly quenched by the rush of water which poured in.

TRAPPED IN BERTHS.

Captain J. Forward, one of the veteran commanders in the service of the Ocean Steamship company, owner of the vessel, did his best to avert a panic and man the lifeboats. So quickly did the doomed vessel sink, however, that there was no time to get the boats away and many of those who perished were trapped in their berths.

Those of the passengers and crew who were able to reach the dock, all of them thinly clad and many without life preservers, plunged into the sea. The cruiser launched lifeboats immediately after the crash and turned (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

Senate Passes Housing Bill Appropriating \$60,000,000

Washington, May 1.—The housing bill, appropriating \$60,000,000 for the lease, construction or requisition of quarters for war workers, was passed late today by the senate with many modifications in the form as passed by the house. It now goes to conference.

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