

BRITONS BLOCK U-BOAT LANE

GUTZON BORGLUM FACES GRAVE CHARGE BRAVE TARS SINK OLD WARSHIP IN OSTEND CHANNEL

AGENT OF PRESIDENT IN AIRCRAFT INQUIRY BROUGHT UNDER FIRE

Investigator Who Accused Officials of Corruption Alleged to Have Sought to Capitalize His Friendship With Wilson and Become Silent Partner in Private Airplane Company.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 10.—Sensational sworn statements, letters and telegrams from the files of the army intelligence service were read into the senate record today to show that Gutzon Borglum, while holding a personal commission from President Wilson to inquire into the government's aviation program, was negotiating secretly for the formation of a private airplane company to take war contracts and capitalize his friendship with the president.

The sculptor, who has been the chief critic of aircraft production officials, is represented as seeking for himself a position as silent partner in the proposed new corporation, his sole asset in the transaction to be "his personal friendship with President Wilson, whom, he stated, he could do anything with."

BRITON IMPLICATED.

With Borglum was associated, according to the documents, Hugo C. Gibson, an employe of the British ministry of munitions of war in the United States, located in New York, who was to share in the deal.

A formal statement by Kenyon W. Mix of the Dodge Manufacturing company of Indiana, setting forth a detailed account of his negotiations with the two men is among the papers put into the congressional record. They were presented by Senator Thomas of Colorado, a member of the senate military committee, who has been particularly active in connection with aircraft agitation.

HALT CALLED BY WILSON.

The Mix statement shows that government officials, including Vice President Marshall and Howard E. Coffin, former head of the aircraft board, have had most of the information disclosed today since last January. There is no indication, however, that it reached President Wilson himself at that time or that the president knew of its existence until several weeks ago, when he called a halt upon the sculptor's investigations in his name.

All of the documents submitted by Senator Thomas, as well as much other data from the War department, have been placed in the hands of Assistant Attorney General Frierson, who has just started the inquiry ordered by the president into charges of graft, disloyalty and incompetence in the government aircraft. These charges, referred to first in capitol cloakroom gossip and finally on the floor of the senate, have been attributed largely to assertions of Borglum.

Charges Filed by Borglum. With the Mix statement there was filed a copy of a formal statement, accusing Borglum of making the military intelligence section of the army general staff late in January by Henry Harrison Suplee, Mix's consulting engineer and who participated in many of the conferences on the subject of the proposed corporation with Borglum and Gibson described by his chief. The latter says he became suspicious when he visited Borglum in

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BULK OF GERMAN RESERVES IN REAR OF SOMME FRONT

British Leaders Expect Enemy's Main Effort to Be Made South of Present Fighting Zone.

(By Associated Press.)

London, May 10.—"The bulk of the German reserve is still in the rear of the Somme front and it must be assumed the enemy's big, main effort will be in that direction," said a representative of General Radcliffe, chief director of military operations at the war office, in summing up the week's war developments today. "It is equally certain that he will not discontinue his attacks in Flanders."

In the period between March 21, when the German offensive was begun, and April 25, the losses of the French were only one-fourth to one-fifth those of the British, General Radcliffe's representative added. Since April 25, he said, there has been no reason to believe the losses of the French have been any heavier than those of the British. (The losses of the British since March 21 were estimated at nearly 250,000.)

This information was given out in refutation of German propagandist assertions that the French have been bearing the brunt of the battle.

GERMANY PLANS MAKING RUSSIA GERMAN COLONY

London, May 10.—Dispatches from Moscow say the newspapers there publish statements that an ultimatum was recently handed to the council of the people's commissaries by the German ambassador, Count von Mirbach, which demands the immediate execution of measures making Russia virtually a German colony. The main points of the ultimatum were the settlement of the prisoner question, complete cessation of arming troops and the disbandment of units recently formed for the occupation of Moscow and other cities of great Russia.

Worthy Dakotan Convicted Of Violating Espionage Act

Aberdeen, S. D., May 10.—The jury in the trial of Edwin S. Reitz, a wealthy retired farmer of Aberdeen, charged with violation of espionage act, returned a verdict of guilty in the United States district court here tonight. Reitz was charged specifically with seditious utterances and attempts to obstruct the draft.

Chicago Court Holds Speeders For Examination as to Sanity

Chicago, May 10.—"Nuttty," said Judge La Buy solemnly in his court today. "Oh, no," expostulated M. Thill, a salesman arrested for speeding. "Any one who drives an automobile 40 miles an hour in Chicago streets is crazy," insisted the judge. "Take him to the psychopathic hospital and have Dr. Hickson examine his head," concluded the judge, turning to a policeman. The next victim was Romann Evonky, who had driven at the rate of 33 miles. "Nuttty," repeated the court with-

"GOOD NIGHT" TO KAISER WHEN U. S. AT WAR IN FORCE

Colonel F. A. Grant Epitomizes Situation at Elks' Patriotic Meeting Before Enthusiastic Company.

"We are not in the fight yet. When we get there, Good Night!"

In the foregoing words, Col. F. A. Grant told an audience gathered at Elks' hall last night his opinion of the war outlook and the fate of the kaiser.

Speeches were made by Col. J. B. Banister and Col. A. F. Pickering, their hearers being roused to a high degree of patriotic enthusiasm.

Just before the speaking in the lodge room the first gold star was added to the Elks' service flag for Sergeant Kenneth Hatch, who died recently in a southern cantonment. The Elks' service flag now carries 147 stars and the one for Sergeant Hatch occupies a conspicuous position in the center of the banner.

Fighting For Our Homes.

It was "Military Night" at Elks' hall. Officers from Fort Crook and Fort Omaha were guests of Omaha Elks as was the 41st infantry band from Fort Crook.

Colonel Banister presided and in his introductory address besought his hearers to waken to the needs of the country and to a realization of what the country faces.

"We are fighting for civilization, for the life of the world, for our manhood and our homes. We are fighting the greatest military machine ever put in existence, the cruel, dastardly, brutal Hun machine. And we will destroy it if it takes 20 years," said the colonel.

Colonel Pickering, commanding officer at Fort Crook, like the presiding officer recently told a son who was fighting for the flag.

"We'll Surprise Germans."

"Our men are up against it, and up against it hard," declared Colonel Pickering, "just the same as England and France have been up against it for several years. Our men on the front now are facing the troops of General Mackensen, one of the greatest German generals."

"I take off my hat to General Mackensen as a military man, but that's all. And when the German offensive is launched against the American sector of the line General Mackensen and his men will find something they don't expect. We are more prepared than the Germans know and we'll surprise them."

"If this war ends inside of three years I will be pleasantly surprised. This country is due for a serious drain during the next few years and we will have to make sacrifices that we haven't even dreamed of yet. I want to congratulate this section of the country on its big-hearted, open-hearted and free giving."

Question of Principle.

Colonel Grant, after explaining that he never talked and did not know how, summed up the whole situation, when he declared that the key to the whole situation was contained recently in a paragraph in a London paper which declared that the war could not be decided on anything except a question of principle.

"We have made too many sacrifices, too many laid down their lives now, to allow us to quit until the German government is whipped and the people subjugated," he said. John McCreary sang "When We Put an Irish Kaiser in the Palace Over There," and after more band selections and a short address by Major Maher, the entire party partook of refreshments served by the members of the lodge.

Earl Curzon Says British Troops May Have to Fall Back

London, May 10.—Speaking to the Primrose league today, Earl Curzon, government leader in the House of Lords and members of the British war council, said that grave times were ahead and that the British soldiers might have to give ground. Encouragement was to be found, however, he said, in the unity of command, in America's effort and in the resolute indomitable spirit of the British people.

KING GEORGE GREETE EACH U. S. SOLDIER

London, May 10.—King George, is sending the following message of welcome to each officer and man of the American forces passing through England:

"Soldiers of the United States: The people of the British Isles welcome you on your way to take your stand beside the armies of the many nations now fighting in the old world the great battle for human freedom."

"The allies will gain new heart and spirit in your company. I wish I could shake hands with each one of you and bid you God speed on your mission."

The American troops who will parade in London tomorrow will march over a route three miles long.

MARKED SLUMP SHOWN IN APRIL SHIPPING LOSSES

Total Allied and Neutral Tonnage Sunk 381,631, Compared With 634,685 Same Month Previous Year.

Washington, May 10.—Official French statistics on the submarine warfare received here in a dispatch from France today show that the total losses of the allied and neutral ships, including accidents at sea, were approximately only one-half as great during April this year as in April, 1917.

In April last year 634,685 gross tons were lost, while this April's figures are 381,631. Submarine attacks now are more costly to the enemy, the dispatch points out, owing to the fact that the attacks are chiefly made with torpedoes instead of gunfire as was the case before merchant ships were adequately and efficiently armed.

Attention also is called to the fact that each time the Germans have made an offensive on land they have made a corresponding effort with their submarines. Thus, during the second half of March, the number and activities of submarines increased. The first half of April marked a very distinct lessening, attributed to the counter efforts of the allies.

AGE DOWNS HUNS IN UNPARALLELED AERIAL EXPLOIT

Paris, May 10.—Six German airplanes were brought down yesterday by Sub-Lieutenant Rene Fonck, the war office announces.

"Yesterday Lieutenant Fonck brought down six German biplanes in the course of two patrols," says the statement. "He downed the first two in 10 seconds, the third five minutes later and the other three in the course of the second patrol."

Lieutenant Fonck's achievement of yesterday has never been equaled. He is the greatest French air battler since the death of Captain Guynemer.

POLISH-FRENCH OFFICIALS WILL COME TO OMAHA

The Polish-French official commission, now making a tour of the United States will be in Omaha next Tuesday and plans are being made for the entertainment of the visitors. The commission is headed by General J. Kozlowski, who with Prince Stanislaus Poniatowski, another member of the party, have been singularly honored by the French government for distinguished services performed during the war.

It is expected that the members of the commission will be entertained at luncheon at one of the clubs.

Mediators Appointed In Telegraphers' Trouble

Washington, May 10.—Former President Taft and Frank P. Walsh, joint chairmen of the war labor board, were instructed by the board today to mediate between the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies and the operators who are being discharged because of their affiliation with the Commercial Telegraphers' union.

Aviator Lost in Flight Over Island of Hawaii

Honolulu, May 10.—Anxiety is felt for the safety of Major Harold Clark, who started today on an inter-island trip by airplane. He was heard, but not seen in flying over the island of Hawaii, and his motor was skipping. The elevation is 5,300 feet and the country mountainous.

CHILD KILLED UNDER WHEELS OF TROLLEY CAR

Five-Year-Old Mary Atkins Crushed as Stumbles in Path of Sherman Avenue Motor.

Mary Atkins, 5 years old, daughter of William A. Atkins, 2202 Sherman avenue, was run over and killed by a southbound Sherman avenue street car at Sixteenth and Burdette streets Friday night. The accident occurred directly in front of the Atkins home.

Madeline Lyons, 7 years old, 2209 Sherman avenue, who had been playing with the little Atkins girl, escaped.

Both girls were crossing the street toward the Atkins home. A northbound street car obstructed their view. The Atkins girl stumbled directly in front of the southbound car and the front trucks ran over her chest before Henry J. Martens, motorman, 211 South Sixteenth street, could apply the brakes. Martens was nearly overcome with grief and excitement at the sight of the victim.

Dr. Landgraf, who was called, said the girl died instantly.

The girl's mother is seriously ill in St. Joseph's hospital and will not be notified of her daughter's death until later.

Mr. Atkins, the father, had kissed his little daughter good-bye but a few minutes before she was killed, as he left the home to visit his wife at the hospital. Two brothers and two sisters survive.

PARALYSIS IN TEXTILE PLANTS, ASSERTS TEUTON

Amsterdam, May 10.—Herr Kraetzig, a socialist member of the Reichstag, asserted in Wednesday's debate on the appropriations for the imperial economic demand that four-fifths of the textile industries of Germany were completely paralyzed and that the position of the idle textile workers was rapidly growing desperate.

He demanded that adequate provision be made for them so as to keep skilled textile workers in readiness for resumption of the industries after the war.

At present, he said, they were being compelled to accept menial employment from the authorities at starvation wages.

State Press Executives Here to Arrange Program

Members of the executive committee of the Nebraska Press association to complete arrangements for the state meeting to be held here June 20 to 22. Among those here were George B. Cass, Ravenna; A. W. Ladd, Albion; Clark Perkins, Aurora; A. D. Scott, Edgar; J. V. O'Faray, Hartington; George C. Atwell, field secretary of the Iowa Press association; Will Israel, Havelock.

G. A. R. Officers Arrange for Encampment at Portland, Ore.

Portland, Ore., May 10.—Orlando A. Somers of Kokomo, Ind., commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, his adjutant general, Robert W. McBride, and Quartermaster General Stowitz, were here today to arrange for the annual encampment of the veterans, which will be held in Portland this year, August 18 to 25.

Mass Meeting of Jews Called for Sunday Night

In the Swedish Auditorium at 8 o'clock Sunday night—Jews of Omaha will hold a mass meeting Sunday, to celebrate the British declaration in favor of a Jewish State in Palestine. The meeting will be addressed by J. L. Malamuth, Jewish writer and lecturer.

Arizona Probe Ends.

Tucson, Ariz., May 10.—The federal grand jury which convened Monday and which has been investigating the deportation of 1,186 copper mine workers from Bisbee, Ariz., last July, completed its investigation today, but the report of its findings will not be made public until warrants have been served.

Americans Assist French Troops in Successful Raid

deserted. This provoked a German barrage while the men were returning. Another patrol cut the enemy's first system of barbed wire and was engaged on the second entanglement 10 yards from the trenches, when it was attacked by 15 Germans, using rifles, bombs and pistols. The Americans fought for 15 minutes and retired without suffering casualties, on the approach of enemy reinforcements. On the Lunerville sector quiet prevailed.

OLD WARSHIP IN OSTEND CHANNEL

German Submarine Operations Seriously Hampered, According to Official Statement By British Admiralty; Germans Claim Hulk Lies Outside Navigation Route; French Make Gain.

(By Associated Press.)

German submarine operations from the harbor of Ostend, Belgium, have been seriously hampered for a time, if not rendered impossible, by a daring raid made upon the harbor by the British Friday morning.

An official statement issued by the British admiralty says the channel leading out of the inner harbor has been completely blocked by the hulk of the old cruiser Vindictive, which was maneuvered into position under heavy fire and then sunk by bombs.

It appears, however, that there is some doubt that the entire channel is blocked, one report saying that the vessel lies at an angle and does not absolutely interrupt the use of the fairway.

DERIDED BY BERLIN.

NINETEEN DEAD, STORM'S TOLL IN IOWA AND ILLINOIS

Injured in Two States Number 150; Property Loss Estimated at \$1,000,000; Half of Calmar Destroyed.

Chicago, May 10.—Nineteen deaths, 12 in Iowa and seven in Illinois and a property loss estimated at more than \$1,000,000 was the total taken by yesterday's tornado, which swept through Iowa and Illinois. Approximately 150 persons were more or less seriously injured.

The tornado, which was felt more in Iowa than in Illinois, played havoc with telegraph and telephone communication and performed many unusual freaks.

Iowa Death List Twelve.

Des Moines, May 10.—Apparently reliable reports from the tornado-stricken district of northeast Iowa tonight increased the death list from yesterday's storm to 12.

Additional dead are: E. G. McMichael, Republic; Farr Bigelow, Republic; Alice Burgeson, Calmar; George Bergsdorm, Calmar; Mrs. Peter Anderson, Calmar.

Dead previously reported, whose deaths were verified tonight are: Theodore Kreiger, Jr., Albert Smith, and Mrs. Thomas Dodd, New Hampton; Peter Anderson and Mrs. P. O. Sandager, Calmar; Roy Husband and Mrs. A. G. Carpenter, near Nashua.

Property damage in the storm district will be not far from the \$1,000,000 mark.

Calmar, Winneshiek county, apparently suffered the heaviest property loss. It was said a large part of the north half of the town, whose population is about 1,000, was practically leveled, with a loss estimated at \$300,000.

New Hungarian Cabinet Formed by Dr. Wekerle

Budapest, May 10.—A new Hungarian cabinet has been formed with Dr. Alexander Wekerle as premier and minister of the interior.

Premier Wekerle has stated that the government intends to introduce small amendments to suffrage proposals, based on compromise, that will make the acceptance of the proposals possible.

The extension of the suffrage will be carried out forthwith and the government will maintain its social and economic program and its plan of army reforms.

Italy Sends Army of 250,000 Men to France

Washington, May 10.—Italy's contribution to the reserve army General Foch is building up behind the lines in France for supreme emergency, uses numbers nearly 250,000 men, official dispatches today say, and the force is being strengthened steadily.

Italy Dependent Upon America for Supplies

Washington, May 10.—In protesting to the shipping board today against any further reduction of the number of ships plying between America and Italy, F. Quattrone, Italian high commissioner, declared such reduction would threaten the Italian people and their army with starvation.

Four Firemen Killed When Wagon Strikes Street Car

Van Couver, B. C., May 10.—Four firemen were killed when a hose wagon, traveling at a high rate of speed while responding to a fire, struck a street car. Six passengers aboard the street car were injured.

The Weather

For Nebraska: Mostly cloudy Saturday, probably showers in southwest portion; warmer in north portion; Sunday fair and warmer.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday. Hour, Day, 5 a. m., 42; 6 a. m., 41; 7 a. m., 41; 8 a. m., 42; 9 a. m., 44; 10 a. m., 45; 11 a. m., 48; 12 m., 50; 1 p. m., 52; 2 p. m., 55; 3 p. m., 57; 4 p. m., 58; 5 p. m., 61; 6 p. m., 62; 7 p. m., 62; 8 p. m., 62; 9 p. m., 62; 10 p. m., 62; 11 p. m., 62; Minimum, 58.

Comparative Local Record. 1918, 1917, 1916, 1915. Highest yesterday, 61; 67; 78; 84. Lowest yesterday, 40; 48; 55; 54. Mean temperature, 50; 58; 66; 65. Precipitation, .00; .00; .00; .00. Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal, .00; .00; .00; .00.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Station and State, High, Rain, Cheyenne, snow, 24, .02; Davenport, clear, 62, .00; Denver, cloudy, 44, .00; Des Moines, cloudy, 60, .01; Dodge City, clear, 60, .00; Grand Island, cloudy, 58, .00; Platt, pt. cloudy, 58, .00; Omaha, pt. cloudy, 59, .01; Park, cloudy, 43, .00; Rapid City, cloudy, 40, .00; Salt Lake, cloudy, 46, .00; Santa Fe, clear, 64, .00; Sioux Falls, cloudy, 42, .00; Sioux City, cloudy, 52, .00; Valentine, cloudy, 44, .00.