GERMAN DRIVE ON BRITISH FORECAST

Prodigious Effort to Bring End of War by Deadly Blow in West Expected.

FRONTIERS ARE CLOSED

Demonstrations Against Britain, Including Irish Revolt, Part of Plan to Throw British War Office Into Confusion.

PARIS, April 27.—(Special Cable.)—Germany is now believed to be practically ready to deal a tremendous blow at the British line in Flanders. This has been apparent for many days and is shown in various unmistakable ways. It is believed that the next 30 days will be the most vital of the entire war and may result in early peace.

The Germans are predicting peace on or before the end of Summer. They are also predicting that Verdun will fall within two months, but Verdun may be passed for a more important stroke. According to the best information, a logical sequence of events indicates the German plan for a colossal stroke that may mean the beginning of the end:

Eastern Campaign Broken Down.

First—In consequence of the breakdown of Germany's New Eastern campaign, caused by Premier Briand's Saloniki coup and Russia's successful invasion of Armenia, the Kaiser decided to attempt to smash the allies' western front this Spring.

Second—The Verdun offensive was the first stroke of the imperial staff's plan. The Crown Prince's bloody failure has gravely compromised the whole plan, but the staff accepts the chance that remains and will strike a second blow. This, Paris experts say, will fall on the British front.

Third—Recent news included the item that the German frontier had been closed since Monday, that mails cannot pass, and that even foreigners cannot quit Germany at present. A similar measure preceded the Verdun attack.

Events in Britain Prearranged.

Fourth—In order to strike the British army a deadly blow, the imperial staff has preceded it with demonstrations against the British Isles designed to throw the London War Office into disarray. The filibustering affair off Tralee Bay, the Dublin insurrection and the combined naval and air demonstrations against the east coast of England may be regarded as preliminary to a battle in Flanders quite as furious as the Verdun battle.

A British official bulletin published today records determined efforts by the Germans to drive back reconnoitering war planes.

Sixth—The Kaiser remains on the western front with General von Falkenhayn, the chief of the general staff, during the crisis with the United States. It is believed he will observe the opening of the forthcoming battle.

Sop to Public Desired.

Reports of the Kaiser's impending concessions to President Wilson can be accepted as "probably true" in view of the fact that the Kaiser intends to solace the German disappointment by a terrific attempt on the British lines. If the German Emperor could smash the British army he could afford to call off his submarines from the British overseas routes.

The whole of this elaborate scheme was foreshadowed by the German government, when in calling for subscriptions to the fourth war loan, it said: "Germany is gathering all her forces to strike a colossal blow. That it may fall with German precision and German force, dealing destruction and annihilation like the thunderbolt, such is the call to all."

Paris is confident that the plan will fail.

STRIKERS UPHOLD DRUNKS

Railway Concedes Demands, but Twine Factory Doesn't.

CHICAGO, April 27.—Fourteen hundred employes of the International Harvester Company's twine factory here went on strike today, according to the leaders, because several workers, alleged to have been intoxicated, were sent home by the foreman.

Officials of the company said that not more than 800 men struck. Operations at the factory were suspended.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., April 27.—Two hours after engineers, firemen and trainmen of the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf Railway were called out on strike tonight, the railroad management conceded the men's demands and they returned to work immediately. The strike came after lengthy negotiations over the reinstatement of an engineer who had been discharged for alleged intoxication.

Vancouver Releases Baker.

SPOKANE, April 27.—Catcher Baker was released by the Vancouver Northwestern League baseball team today by Manager Brown, who recently obtained the services of Harry Cheek. Cheek and Cress will work behind the bat for the Canucks.

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OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

German.

BERLIN, via London, April 27.—The German army headquarters today issued the following statement:

"Western theater — Southwest of Ypres we subjected the English positions to a heavy fire, the good effect of which was noticed later by our patrols. South of St. Eloi a strong enemy hand-grenade attack ended in failure because of our fire.

"In the Givenchy-en-Gohelle-Neuville St. Vaast sector we successfully exploded numerous mines, and in a hand-grenade attack near Givenchy we wrested from the enemy a portion of one of his trenches and repulsed the counter attack.

"English attacks north of the Somme were fruitless.

"In the Meuse region only on the left bank of the river were there infantry attacks. These were accompanied by heavy artillery duels and were preceded by hand-grenade attacks by French detachments. All were repulsed.

"At various places on the front, German patrols made hostile incursions. Those in the northeast of Armentieres and between Vailly and Craonne were successful.

"An enemy machine was brought down near Souchez and another south of Tahure. Both were shot down by anti-aircraft guns. A third machine was shot down south of Parroy.

"Numerous bombs were dropped by a German air squadron on the railway lines in Noblette Valley, south of Suippes.

"Last night an attack was made by an airship on the port and railway depots at Margate, on the east coast of England.

"Eastern theater—The situation is unchanged. One of our airships dropped bombs on the railway depots at Dunamunde, at the mouth of the Dvinsk River."

Italian.

ROME, April 26.—(Delayed in Transmission.)—The War Office tonight issued the following statement:

"In the Lagarina Valley enemy shells caused a conflagration in Mori, which was promptly extinguished. Our batteries caused the explosion of munitions depots at Manzano and Nomesino.

"In the Upper Cordevole we repulsed an attack against our advanced positions at Col di Lana.

"On the Isonza front there was artillery activity. In the Carso and Selz zone the enemy concentrated a violent demolition fire against the trenches we captured Saturday. In the evening and throughout night infantry in massed formation attempted to rush the positions, but were always repulsed with heavy losses."

French.

PARIS, April 27.—The text of today's official statement by the War Office is:

"North of the Aisne several German patrols were repulsed with hand grenades.

"In the region of Verdun there was an intense bombardment of the redoubt of Avocourt and of our organizations on the Cote du Poivre. A small enemy attack directed upon an element of our trenches to the north of the Vaux fort was immediately stopped by our curtains of fire.

"In Lorraine we dispersed a German reconnoitering party which attempted to reach our positions to the east of Le Mesnil.

"On the rest of the front there was no event of importance to report beyond the usual cannonading."

Tonight's supplementary official statement says:

"On the left bank of the Meuse there has been intense artillery activity in the region of Avocourt, Esnes and Cumieres.

"On the right bank of the Meuse the enemy made two semblances of attack, accompanied by violent bombardments, one on the front of Haudremont and the Thiaumont farm, the other between Douaumont and Vaux. Arrested by our curtain of fire, the Germans were not able to leave their trenches.

"On the rest of the front the day was comparatively calm, save in the region of Roye and in the sectors to the west of Pont-a-Mousson, where our batteries displayed great activity.

"An aeroplane of the enemy, brought down by the fire of our auto cannon yesterday, fell in front of Vaux. Last night three of our dirigibles carried out bombing operations. Numerous projectiles of large caliber were dropped by them on the stations at Etains and Bensdorf and on the railway at Arnaville."

Austrian.

BERLIN, April 27, by wireless to Sayville.—In minor engagements on the Austro-Italian front yesterday, ground was gained by the Austrians, the official statement issued today at Vienna says. The announcement says:

"On the Isonzo front the enemy directed drum fire against the trenches east of Selz, which we recaptured. Mount San Michele was shelled.

"At the Tolmino bridgehead and north of that point our artillery shelled Italian positions vigorously. Near Flitsch our troops drove the enemy from a point of support and captured part of the troops defending the position."

The Austrian statement of April 25 says Austrian troops entered Italian positions northwest of San Martino, caused explosions, destroyed mine throwers and returned to their own trenches as planned.

The Austrian statement of April 24 says several attacks led by bersaglieri on the Doberdo plateau broke down under Austrian fire. This statement also points to a diminution of activity on the Russian front.

Thursday's War Moves

THE whole of Ireland is under martial law as a result of the attempted revolution in Dublin. The disaffection has spread to points in the west and south of the island, but here, as in Dublin, strong military activities are under way to put down the movement.

The submarine issue between the United States and Germany is still being considered by the German government. James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador to Germany, is to visit Emperor William at army headquarters and discuss the situation with him.

The sectors of Avocourt, Esnes and Cumieres, northwest of Verdun, are still under the same heavy bombardment that has been in progress for several days. No infantry attacks by the Germans have been attempted here, according to the Paris official communication, but an attempt at an advance probably is imminent, as these artillery preparations usually presage an attack.

The Germans to the northeast of Verdun to the front of Haudemont and the Thiaumont farm, and between Douaumont and Vaux, essayed attacks following violent bombardments, but the French curtain of fire held them to their trenches.

Artillery engagements have featured the fighting on the other parts of the line in France and Belgium, although the French aircraft have carried out bombing operations against numerous German positions.

The German guns are keeping up their heavy bombardment of the Russian position at the Ikskull bridgehead. Farther south the Teutons launched an infantry attack near Baranovichi but were repulsed. Still farther south the Russians have captured the village of Chromiakoua, along the Rovno-Kovel railway.

In Asia Minor, to the south of Bitlis, the Russians have dislodged the Turks from their positions in the mountains, says the Petrograd communication.

DEADLOCK IS CAUSED

SITUATION OVER VON IGEL PAPERS REMAINS IN STATU QUO.

German Ambassador Waits on Berlin. Lansing Denies Foreknowledge of Irish Expedition.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The State Department and the German Embassy apparently are at a deadlock over the disposition of papers seized by agents of the Department of Justice, when they raided the offices in New York of Wolfe von Igel, former secretary to Captain von Papen, recalled military attache of the Embassy.

The State Department is willing to return the papers, as demanded by the German Ambassador, if he or some other responsible official of the Embassy will identify them as being official. Count von Bernstorff insists on having all the documents removed from the office and refuses to identify any of them personally unless directed to do so by his Government. He has asked the Berlin foreign office for instructions.

Regarding published reports that the State Department had made possible the capture of Sir Roger Casement by turning over information to the British Government, Secretary Lansing said emphatically today that the Department had no knowledge of Sir Roger's expedition until after he had been captured. In other official quarters it was said that there was nothing in the papers taken from Von Igel which would have shown that such an expedition was on foot.

KAISER MAY WRITE LETTER

(Continued From First Page.)

ment of merchant ships, made public yesterday, had been sent to all American embassies and legations in Europe for their information and guidance. Copies for Ambassadors Gerard, at Berlin, and Page, at London, were sent by cable.

Secretary Lansing announced that he had received from the British government a copy of the confidential instructions to captains of British merchant ships, now said to be in operation. The Secretary has not yet compared the British version of the instructions with the German version, which was submitted with the German declaration of intention to regard as warships enemy merchant ships carrying armament.

It was said, however, that the British version appeared to be nearly if not wholly identical with that which was given out in London last February and cabled to the United States in press dispatches. It was indicated that some statement might be issued later by the State Department for the guidance of Americans traveling at sea.

BERLIN CONTINUES TO HOPE

Chancellor's Conferences With Gerard Regarded Optimistically.

BERLIN, via London, April 27.—The Frankfurter Zeitung's Berlin dispatch takes a more hopeful view of the German-American situation today. After referring to the various conferences on the matter it adds:

"It is naturally impossible to say what will come from these. But outward circumstances confirm the opinion that hope need not yet be surrendered—that a way to reach an understanding and avoidance of a conflict between Germany and the United States can be found.

"The views of political circles vary slightly regarding the significance of such a conflict in connection with the world war in which we are involved. The group of politicians and publicists who now, as formerly, are endeavoring to prove that the conflict is American and that as a consequence submarine warfare carried on by us without scruples would mean an advantageous development for us is, after all, very small."

The Frankfurter Zeitung names the Tages Zeitung and the Kreuz Zeitung as the principal exponents of this theory, and continues:

It is of especial, even of decisive importance, to know whether the imperial government has become convinced that President Wilson in his heart of hearts desires to avoid a breach. In this connection, the repeated conferences which the imperial Chancellor has had with the American Ambassador are of indisputable interest. One can derive from the course of the councils following these conferences what opinion the imperial government has probably come to regarding President Wilson's final desire."

The Berlin newspapers refrain from all comment with the exception of a brief polemic in the Tages Zeitung against the Tageblatt and a leader in the Kreuz Zeitung, in which the writer says that a service can be done to the government by the press giving expression to the people's indignation at the attitude of the United States. The article is a sharp attack on Americans who are termed hypocrites and are accused of unneutral motives in assuming the stand they have taken.

The Hamburger Nachrichten and the Rhenish Westphalian Gazette publish characteristic articles, but while the latter advocates and apparently still expects refusal of the American demands, the Nachrichten seems inwardly concerned that the demands may be accepted.

SHOP WORKERS LOCKED OUT

Cloak and Suit Makers to Send 60,000 Employes Home Today.

NEW YORK, April 27.—Formal notice of a lockout in the cloak and suit industry was given tonight by the Cloak, Suit and Shirt Manufacturers' Protective Association. About 60,000 operators employed in 409 shops in Greater New York will be notified tomorrow not to report for work until further notice.

In a printed statement, which will be handed to the operators, the employers declare that because of friction with the union they feel it "unsafe and unwise to begin the new season until this condition comes to an end."

Miners Have Hookworm.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—Out of 1000 California miners examined by state and Federal sanitary inspectors, approximately 40 per cent were found to be infected with hookworm, according to a preliminary report of an official survey of sanitary conditions in California mines.

The survey, made by state and Federal health officials, was said to be the first of its kind ever undertaken in the mines of this country.

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BAKER PLEADS FOR FULL PREPARATION

Secretary Points Out That Military Must Have Industrial Foundation.

RESPONSE IS INSPIRING

Europe's Experience Declared to Have Shown Necessity for Mobilization of Factories in Advance of Conflict.

NEW YORK, April 27.—Mobilization of American industries and commerce as a prime factor of preparedness for National defense was urged here tonight by Secretary Baker, of the War Department, in an address before the annual banquet of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association. He declared that the necessity of such a mobilization was one of the great lessons learned from the European war.

"At first this question (preparedness) revolved around mere military preparation in the narrowest sense," said Mr. Baker, "but as the war developed in Europe we learned that these things are but a part of preparation, and a relatively useless part unless they are based upon other things much more difficult to secure; things which must be secured in advance of a crisis or else be then obtainable only with peril and fearful unnecessary loss.

Military Response Inspiring.

"In the first place, there must be, of course, arms and soldiers, ships and sailors, and these must be modern and adequate. On this subject, however, Congress is at present legislating and whatever be the outcome of its deliberations, the executive branch of the Government will act in sympathetic cooperation, using what is given with a view to making it the best, and I may incidentally say that throughout the whole country there is an inspiring response to the country's military needs. Young men in colleges, young men in business, at the bench and in the professions, are offering themselves for training, in a fine democratic and enthusiastic way.

"The second mobilization necessary is that of our industries and commerce. The war in Europe had been under way more than a year before some of the countries were able to equip the men who volunteered for their armies. With all the zeal which their Governments could display the mobilization of their industries yet lagged.

Spiritual Preparation Urged.

"The third mobilization that is necessary is spiritual. In order to make sacrifices for America we must be sure that our stake in the country justifies it. Our institutions must be so just, our arrangements so fair that every man in this Nation will realize how completely his opportunity and that of those who come after him rests upon the continuing prosperity of the Nation as a whole. That when the hour of trial really comes, the banker who has gold to protect, the captain of industry who has great mills in danger, will be joined by the workmen from the factories and the farmer from the field, with all lesser interests abated and all minor conflicts forgotten, with one sentiment animating them all—that the civilization, the liberty and the hope of America must be preserved and that the sacrifice of each in his order, in his place and according to his strength is justified by his stake in the country, wherever it may be."

Secretary Baker said that American newspapers were in a large sense an institution of representative government in their broad informative sphere.

PRESS IS FOR AMERICA

PUBLISHERS ASSURE WILSON OF THEIR PATRIOTISM.

Governor Whitman Says There Is No Greater Preparedness Than Confidence in Nation's Destiny.

NEW YORK, April 27.—A message from President Wilson expressing the hope that the press of the United States may always use its influence for "fair play, right understanding and the peace, prosperity and glory of America" was read at a banquet tonight, which brought to an end the annual meeting of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association.

In reply to the President's telegram a message signed by Herbert L. Bridgeman, president of the association, was sent to the White House, assuring Mr. Wilson that the American Newspaper Publishers' Association "stands for the first word of its name and will defend it against all comers."

Governor Whitman, in his address, declared the press to be "the great interpretative factor in American life."

"From the day when the European war shook us from our dream of world-peace, our boast of security," he said, "the best thought of this land has been for preparedness for National defense. We can prepare for peace as well as for war, but working free institutions even while we protect them. There is no greater preparedness than the restoration of our ancient confidence in the high destiny of America, the rekindling of our hopes and faiths, the banishment of every decisive prejudice that has arisen to plague and to retard."

Mayor Mitchel said good government in this country depended on good newspapers, "because we depend on them for our knowledge of current events." He declared that this responsibility is grave at present.

Defunct Bank Creditors Meet.

Creditors of the defunct American Bank & Trust Company met in the Courthouse last night and heard a report of a special committee that has investigated various disbursements made in connection with the liquidation of the institution. Most of the expenditures heretofore made were approved. Final approval of the work done to date will be a question at issue before Judge Kavanaugh in the Circuit Court this morning.

Taxpayers' Committee Named.

CHEHALIS, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—The temporary executive committee named to draft a constitution and plan of organization for the Lewis County Taxpayers' League is composed of Mayor John Galvin, of Centralia; Francis Donahoe, of Chehalis; Dr. J. H. Dumon, B. H. Rhodes, J. E. Lease, L. Proffitt, M. L. Carrier and Mr. Swartwood, of Centralia; C. O. Gingrich, George R. Sibley, of Chehalis; W. A. Carlisle, of Onalaska, and V. L. Revington, of R. F. D. No. 2, Chehalis. This committee will meet next Monday night in Chehalis to make up a report for the meeting to be held May 13, when the league will be formally organized.

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