

BELGIAN CARDINAL SAYS GOD IS GUIDE

Reply to German Governor Admits No Duty to Obey Unjust Demands.

HOMAGE PAID TO FORCE

Mercier Declares Atrocious Crimes Suffered by Belgians Were Not Denounced to World Without Reflection.

BRUSSELS, via London, April 14.—Cardinal Mercier, Primate of Belgium, has sent a reply to the letter of General von Bisping, Governor-General in the occupied portions of Belgium, protesting against statements in the Lenten pastoral of the cardinal, and warning the prelate that he must cease his alleged political activity. The cardinal's letter says:

"Allow us even smitten as we are by admiration before the warlike pomp surrounding us and the brilliant staff, which like King Saul, you have attached to your person, nevertheless to retain our liberty of judgment. We shall follow the teaching of the noble successor of St. Peter, his holiness, Leo XIII. In his encyclical he instructed us for obeying the civil authorities when they give orders manifestly contrary to the natural divine law, if anyone distinctly finds himself faced with the alternative of breaking the commands of God or those of a Prince he must follow the precepts of Jesus Christ. It is better to obey God than man.

"Respect Not Due Injustice. Excellence, your authority cannot be exercised except in accordance with justice. Ecce in iustitia regnabit rex (Behold, in justice the King will reign). When a Prince casts aside justice we no longer owe him either obedience, respect or loyalty. Placed by the will of God on the archiepiscopal throne of Malines, we are only answerable to our conscience, and, if in the discharge of our holy office we are obliged to raise our voice, we believe ourselves to be following the teachings of our divine master.

"We render unto Caesar those things which are Caesar's" for we pay you the silent homage due to strength, but we keep closed to your encroachments the sacred domain of our conscience, the last refuge of the oppressed. It was not, your excellency may be sure, without deep reflection that we denounced to the world the acts with which our brothers and sisters are overwhelmed—fraternal evils, indeed, atrocious crimes, the tragic horror of which could reason refuse to admit.

"But had we not done so we should not have felt ourselves worthy to be the successor of the apostles who converted the Belgian Gaels nor the spiritual sons of those who by their labor made illustrious the See of Malines, of which the liberty of Louvain formed the purest—the inestimable, priceless treasure. All laborerent et vim in laboribus carnis introfuit. In the almost fatal position in which our people are plunged, we made our voice heard and hoped that our thoughts would be pondered on by you. But a Prince should have thoughts worthy of a Prince and shall keep his authority over the chiefs of his people.

"Belgian, we have heard the cries of sorrow of our people; patriot, we have sought to heal the wounds of our country; bishop, we have denounced crimes committed against our innocent priests."

Official War Reports

German.

BERLIN, via London, April 15.—The text of the official statement, issued at German army headquarters today, said:

"Western front.—A strong English advance against our crater positions south of St. Etienne, Belgium, was completely repulsed after a hand grenade engagement.

"In the Argonne and east of that region there were lively local artillery and mine duels.

"On the left bank of the Meuse, enemy attacks against our positions on Dead Man's Hill, south of the Bois des Corbeaux and in the Bois des Camieres could only be carried by a few battalions against Dead Man's Hill. The attacking enemy waves broke down with the heaviest losses before our lines. The few men who penetrated our trenches were killed in hand-to-hand fighting.

"On the right bank of the Meuse and on the Weverre Plain, the fighting activity chiefly was limited to violent artillery duels. Two weak enemy hand grenade attacks southwest of Fort Douaumont failed.

"Eastern theater.—Attempts made by the Russians yesterday to deliver local attacks northwest of Dvinsk were unsuccessful."

Austrian.

BERLIN, April 15, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—The text of the official Austrian statement, received here today, is:

"Russian front.—Russian artillery shelled our positions on the lower Stripa, along the Dnieper and northeast of Chernowitz. Near the mouth of the lower Stripa and southeast of Bugzaz there were lively engagements for advanced positions, some of which are still in progress. The occupants of one trench, which formed a salient were thrown back to the main positions.

"Northeast of Jaslovica the enemy entered an advanced position, but was ejected immediately by a counter attack. One Russian officer, three engineers and 190 men were captured. An Austro-Hungarian detachment by a surprise attack occupied an advanced Russian position on the road between Bugzaz and Cortkow. On the front

held by Archduke Joseph Ferdinand, the enemy's artillery was active. "Italian front.—The artillery duels continued, insofar as the weather permitted. The Austro-Hungarians captured an Italian position at Mrzlivrh and repulsed their counter attacks. The Italians suffered heavy losses. "Our artillery vigorously shelled the Italian positions at Filtisch and Fontebra. Attempts by Italian troops in the Sufina sector to occupy our positions on the heights of Movable failed. On the Fofora road our troops evacuated a defensive position south of Sperone. In the Adamello sector Alpini occupied the Dosson-Digenova ridge. An Italian attack against Monte Boertazzo, south of Stilfer, failed."

French.

PARIS, April 15.—The text of today's official statement is: "North of Roy's a reconnaissance on the part of the enemy who were endeavoring to occupy our trenches in the region of Parvillers was dispersed by our fire.

"There was no infantry fighting last night anywhere in the Verdun region. West of the Meuse there has been a fairly spirited bombardment of our positions between the wood of Malancourt and Hill No. 204. Our batteries evidenced great activity along this part of the front, particularly west of Corbeaux wood and at various points along the Forge Brook.

"East of the Meuse and in the Weverre there have been intermittent bombardments. "In the Vosges there have been en-

PARIS GIVES PROOF

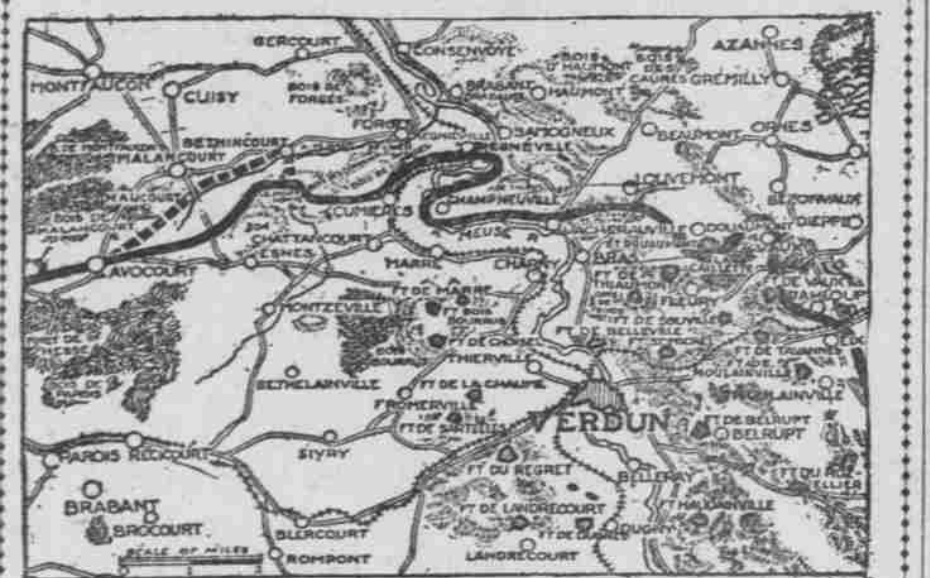
German Version Held Admission in Sussex Case.

TIME AND PLACE CITED

No Other Vessel Reported Sunk in Channel—Prisoners From Sister Submarine Said to Have Confirmed the Details.

PARIS, April 15.—Inquiries of the Ministry of Marine concerning the circumstances of the attack on the steamship Sussex have developed precise information which has been given to The Associated Press from authentic sources in the following statement: "This information is not based on suppositions or probabilities, and in

VERDUN SALIENT TAKEN BY GERMANS.



The Dotted Line Indicates the Front as it Existed Before the Last German Attack; the Heavy Black Line the Positions to Which the French Withdrew.

counters between patrols. A reconnaissance on the part of the enemy was checked by our fire at a point south of Sainte Marie-aux-Mines."

HOQUIAM SEEKS CITY PARK

Protest Is Made Against Sale of Timber on School Tract.

HOQUIAM, Wash., April 15.—(Special.)—Whaling operations at the South Bay plant of the American-Pacific Company, near here, will be resumed May 1, according to an announcement just made by the manager, Captain Le Marquand. The plant will operate its full season with a fair season expects a catch this year comparing with the record one of 340 of last season.

"The land is heavily timbered and has been sought as a park by many in Hoquiam for a number of years. Four years ago a bill was passed by the State Legislature permitting the city to lease the land for 99 years for park purposes, but this was held to conflict with the Federal laws.

WHALING FLEET PREPARES

Hoquiam Company Is Now Having Vessels Overhauled.

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CHARLES L. THRASHER DIES

Albany Railroad Man Says "I'm Climbing My Last Hill."

ALBANY, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—Charles L. Thrasher, a resident of Albany and vicinity for the past five years, died today in St. Mary's Hospital here at the age of 55 years. He had been ill some time and underwent an operation recently. "I am climbing the last hill," Mr. Thrasher remarked last night, using a railroad expression. He was a railroad man most of his life, at one time being master mechanic of the shops at Fort Scott, Kan. He was born in Illinois and resided most of his life in that state and Kansas. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is survived by a widow and two daughters.

Logging Road Taps Rich Country.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 15.—(Special.)—Approximately 200 men are being employed eight miles west of here building a logging railroad into a rich timber area, owned by the Wynocose Timber Company, of which F. H. Lamb, of Hoquiam, is the head. About a mile of track so far has been laid. The timber to be tapped recently was purchased by this company, and the new concern it is said, will be one of the largest in the county. The track now being built is a spur to the Northern Pacific road.

\$2000 INJURY SUIT LOST

Assistant Land Commissioner Fails to Get Damages for Accident.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 15.—(Special.)—The jury in the damage suit of W. W. Hopkins, of Olympia, Assistant State Land Commissioner, against the Copalis Lumber Company for \$2000 damages returned a verdict for the defendant today. The plaintiff alleged he sustained injuries because of the negligence of the lumber company's switching crew in not giving due warning of the approach of cars to the crossing. Hopkins' automobile was damaged.

JESSE GOFF IS INDICTED

Dynamiting Fish and Extorting Money Are Charged.

PENDELTON, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—The two remaining indictments returned a week ago were made public today when Jesse Goff was arraigned in the Circuit Court on the two charges. Goff is indicted with dynamiting fish in the John Day River and with extorting money from Mrs. Maggie Walker, one of his neighbors. It is asserted that he demanded \$200 from her to refrain from prosecuting her boys, who entered his house. Goff's wife recently filed suit here for divorce.

MOOSE ASSERT PRINCIPLES

Nomination of T. R. Hoped to End Problems, Spokane Keynote.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 15.—(Special.)—About 100 members of the Progressive party assembled at the Court-house this afternoon for what probably will be the last convention held here by the members of that party. They elected N. W. Durham permanent

chairman, organized for the election of delegates to the state convention to be held at Seattle May 1, and adopted a platform.

"We trust that the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt at Chicago by the United Republican and Progressive parties will end for us the immediate political problems," said Mr. Durham in the keynote speech. "We also stand ready to renew the political movement of 1912."

Kenewick Ready for Trade Visitors

KENNEWICK, Wash., April 15.—(Special.)—Arrangements are being made by the Commercial Club to entertain the Portland trade excursionists who will be in Kennewick April 21 from 7 P. M. to 11:30 P. M. The entertainment committee is W. R. Crawford, M. W. Mattheck, J. M. Holmes, G. R. Bradshaw and J. J. Rucklin.

Mail between two cities on a river in Colombia 3000 feet apart will be carried by a light-draft, high-speed boat driven by aerial propellers.

Nights of Sleep vs. Nights of Agony

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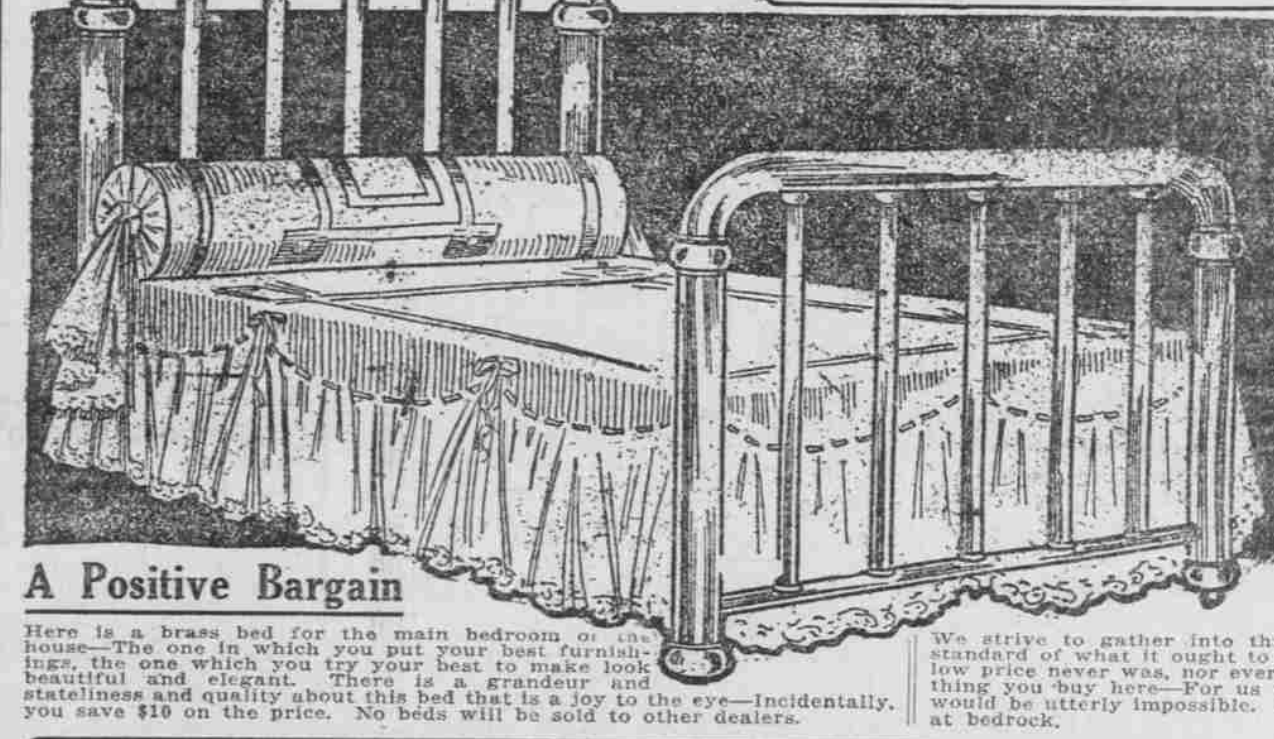
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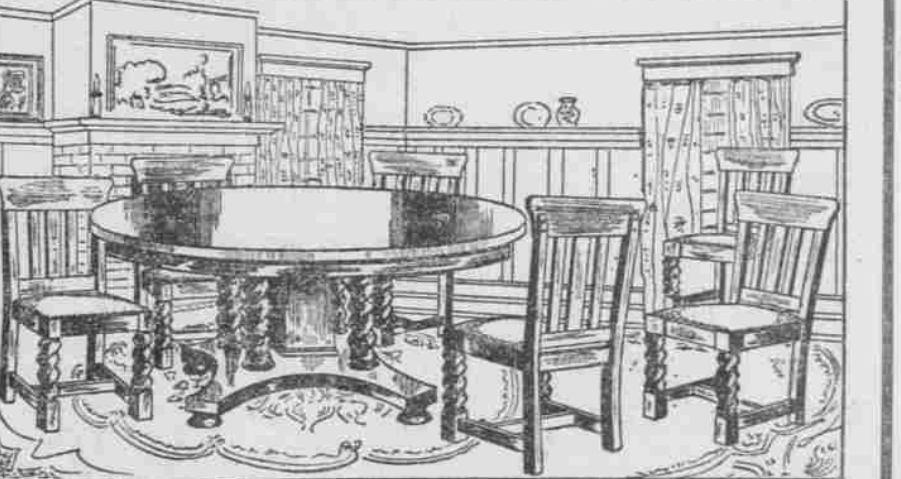
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DR. J. V. REFERENCE: Third National Bank, Seattle, Wash. Send this notice to some eczema sufferer.