

FIRE RUINS A LARGE PART OF ATLANTA

ONE OF THE WORST FIRES SOUTH HAS EVER KNOWN SWEEP'S RESIDENCE DISTRICT

TEN THOUSAND ARE HOMELESS

Only by Using Large Quantities of Dynamite Was All-night Fire Put Under Control

Atlanta, Ga., May 22.—Having burned through the heart of Atlanta's residence district, making 10,000 persons homeless and destroying at least three million dollars worth of property, one of the worst fires the south has ever known, was finally gotten under control here early today. There was only one death. Miss Bessie Hodges died from shock. Sixty persons were injured. The cause of the fire, which started in a storage house on Decatur street, is unknown. Fire authorities believe it was incendiary. Mayor Candler believes it was accidental.

Today's great task is caring for the thousands of homeless and destitute, who lost everything in the flames. Vandalism was throttled before dawn by the arrival of student reserve officers from Fort S. P. Pherson, who are in control of the situation.

Residential sections untouched by the blaze threw open their doors to the sufferers and Mayor Candler announced that while outside offers were appreciated, the city would take care of its own. The fire was brought under control only by the liberal use of dynamite.

Families and individuals got away in every sort of conveyance and on foot. Many of them thought the city was doomed. Hundreds came straggling back along country roads this morning.

Acres of beautiful homes were blown from their foundations in the twelve-hour fighting. The heavy detonations thundered and shook the city through the night, adding to the terror and misery of the homeless folks hurrying off into the darkness from the great blaze.

Fire fighting apparatus from the neighboring cities rendered able service and today continued to direct streams of water on the long line of smoldering ruins.

WAR SPIRIT CONTROLS PRESIDIO RECRUITS

San Francisco, May 22.—Uncle Sam has 50 more commissioned officers in his reserve corps today. A half hundred men serving at the presidio training camp, received commissions last night. They will continue their training, but receive the pay of their rank.

A general stiffening up of drill together with some 1,300 sore arms as a result of Saturday's vaccinations, made the opening days of the second week more arduous than last week, but, the men, despite the medical corps, are getting the army spirit.

BRAZIL IS EXPECTED TO MAKE WAR ON GERMANY

Rio de Janeiro, May 22.—Brazil may declare war on Germany today. Such a course by the government was predicted by newspapers and officials today. The greatest interest was manifest in the text of a special message to congress which President Braz announced would be transmitted late today.

PROBE ON BAD NAVY SHELLS

Two Serious Accidents on American Ships Start Inquiry on Quality of Munitions Furnished

Washington, May 22.—The whole subject of shells supplied the navy may be probed, as a result of two recent strange occurrences aboard armed American merchant ships.

The Mongolia incident, wherein two nurses were killed and the case of the worthless shells aboard the liner St. Louis have perplexed navy ordnance experts. As a result a thorough investigation in both cases is under way today. The Mongolia case appears to be, on the whole, an unaccountable accident; the St. Louis case suspiciously like an incident of malicious tampering with the shells.

There is some talk in both cases that faulty ammunition may have been supplied the government, though if inspection was proper, this theory could not hold. It is known that there have been complaints from abroad in the haste that American munitions makers were turning out ammunition that failed to function properly. Whether this same brand of munitions is being foisted on the government, will be determined undoubtedly as a result of probes now under way.

BILL WOULD MAKE FOOD DICTATORSHIP

Washington, May 22.—A re-draft of the administration food bill, even more drastic in its terms than the original, was to be introduced in the house today by Chairman Lever of the Agriculture committee. Appointment of Herbert C. Hoover to be food administrator, was one reason for the re-draft of the bill.

In the new bill President Wilson will be given practically every conceivable power to control food—and food prices.

Chairman Lever expects formally to report out the new bill to the house late this week. It will be considered probably next week after passage of the revenue bill and the bill to permit a food census and to provide money for buying garden seeds.

MEXICO PROTESTS ON SUBMARINE WARFARE

London, May 22.—Mexico has presented a formal note of protest against the submarine warfare to the German foreign office, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam today. The Mexican minister in Berlin held a lengthy conference with the foreign office yesterday.

BRITISH MAKE GOOD THEIR NEW POSITIONS

London, May 22.—British forces spent today consolidating their newly won positions on the Hindenburg line and in scattered raids, aimed to discover the strength and the nature of the opposing German forces. General Haig's report revealed no major fighting actions, but showed effective shelling by British guns.

"On the Arras-Cambrai road north-east of Queant yesterday evening, a large German ammunition dump wagon was destroyed," he said. "The shock of the explosion was felt a great distance behind our lines."

"Northeast of Epéhy and north of Armentières we carried out successful raids during the night. East of Bullecourt, south of the Arras-Cambrai road and west of Lens, the enemy artillery was active all night."

FRENCH GAIN VANTAGE ON HIGH CREST

MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND GERMANS LOST IN LATEST FRENCH ADVANCE

STRATEGIC POINTS ARE HELD

Fierce Night Counter-attacks With Heavy Cannonading by Teutons Are Repulsed

With the French Armies in France, May 22.—Since Sunday Germany has lost more than 15,000 men in killed, wounded and missing, in the fighting by which the French had today gained full possession of all important points on all dominating crests of the Moronvilliers crest. The figures are those of headquarters. They give an adequate idea of the full extent of the victory achieved in the latest French double-advance. General Nivelle's men are now in command of all important points between Mounts Cornillet and Teton. They are within half a mile of Moronvilliers itself.

From where the French lines were pushing forward today there is a clear way down the valley of the Sulphe. The new positions were attained after fierce fighting in an advance smash executed on both the eastern and western extremities of the Moronvilliers crest.

Paris, May 22.—One thousand prisoners were taken by French forces in the advance by which they are now holding the Moronvilliers crest, today's official statement said. The heavy German counter-attacks against positions in this sector conquered yesterday, were repulsed during last night.

The war office reported violent cannonading on the plateau Vauciere sector.

B. W. Radcliffe, of Portland, spent a few days in the city leaving this morning for Roseburg.

GERMAN HAND BEHIND MEET AT STOCKHOLM

GOVERNMENT GRANTS EXTRAORDINARY PRIVILEGES TO GERMAN DELEGATES

OTHER NATIONS KNOW OF PLOT

Russian Socialists Plan a Counter Meeting Free From Any Taint of Teuton Domination

Amsterdam, May 22.—All German socialists—except one—of both majority and minority parties, who have been designated by their two organizations as delegates to Stockholm peace conference, were granted passports by the German government today. The lone exception was Adolf Hoffman, of the radical socialist group. It was announced that his application to leave Germany had been refused because of his recent connection with the general strike agitation.

Granting of permission to leave Germany to these socialist delegates is an extraordinary concession by the government and strengthens still more the belief of German plotting in the pseudo-"socialist" peace conference at Stockholm. Since the latter part of April all permission to depart from Germany has been refused travelers. From the exclusion of Hoffman it is apparent the German government is only credentialing those on whose pro-government leanings they can depend.

The Stockholm conference is to be held in June. Russian socialists, realizing the German domination of the "peace" conference, originally agitated by Philip Scheidemann, German majority socialist leader, recently issued a call for a Stockholm conference of their own which was to be fully representative of socialists of the world and which would be free from suspicion of any German tinge.

WIFE SUICIDES AT PORTLAND

Prominent Physician's Office Scene of Family Tragedy Because of Too Much Company

Portland, May 22.—Mrs. Hazel Fisher died this morning from the effects of lodyne poisoning, taken with suicidal intent, and her husband, Dr. Ralph Fisher, prominent Portland physician, and once football star, faces charges of violating the prohibition law and of disorderly conduct. Fisher was captain of the Leland Stanford university football team several years ago. Mrs. Fisher went to her husband's office Monday night and found him entertaining two nurses. These women, Mary S. Cain and Mary J. Roy, are held in jail today without bail. Mrs. Fisher assailed her husband vigorously, the police say, and she finally called the officers. When the police arrived she stepped into her husband's surgery room and was lifting a bottle to her lips when one of the officers knocked it from her hand. She turned, picked up another bottle and drank deeply before the officers could interfere. She threw the partly empty bottle at one of the officers, shattering the lodyne on his clothes and face. The tragedy enacted in Fisher's office Monday night was not made public until today.

SLAVS WANT REVISION OF PEACE CONDITIONS

New York, May 22.—Russia is planning exactly to define the term "peace without annexations and contributions" in her war aims and is making ready to call for a revision of war ideals by the allies, according to a special Petrograd dispatch, published today by the New York Times.

Commenting on the revision of war aims statement, the Times' article says:

"It is thought here the allies will call a conference to consider the whole question of Russia's future in the war. We are on the eve of a series of important and far-reaching negotiations between Russia and the allies on the question of a revision of war aims as outlined in their reply to President Wilson. Tereschenko, who entered on his duties at the foreign office yesterday, saw the allied ambassadors the same afternoon, and I understand the matter was formally discussed."

LIBERTY LOAN BONDS OVER STORE COUNTERS

Chicago, May 22.—Liberty loan bonds soon will be sold over the counter of big department stores here, if plans suggested at a meeting of Chicago bankers are adopted.

SEN. HARRY LANE IS NEAR DEATH'S DOOR

San Francisco, May 22.—United States Senator Harry Lane, of Oregon, is fighting for his life at St. Francis hospital, where he has been lying ill for several days. It was stated at the hospital early today that his condition was unchanged, after attending physicians who held a consultation, had indicated that his condition was growing worse and that there was little hope for his recovery. He is suffering from heart trouble and a nervous breakdown resulting from the strain of his work during the present special session of congress. He has been ill for nearly a year, but his condition did not become serious until last week when he was stricken while en route from Washington to Portland.

GOVERNMENT FACES FIRST HARD TESTS

NEW FRENCH CABINET MUST WEATHER STORM OF QUESTIONS AND OPPOSITION

MILITARY CONDITIONS GOOD

Marshal Joffre is Still the Most Popular War Figure in the Republic Today

Paris, May 22.—Premier Ribot faces tomorrow the first test of strength of his new cabinet when the chamber of deputies reconvenes. A secret session is likely at once to discuss the multitudinous interpellations already announced. All refer to the military situation and particularly the French offensive of this spring.

Blaise Daigue, one of the three negro deputies in the French lower house, is to ask about disposition of French colored troops. M. Renaudel, who since Jaures' assassination and elevation of Albert Thomas to the cabinet, has been leader of the hundred or so socialist deputies, has announced his intention of interpellating government leaders on the general subject of future military operations.

Other questions will touch on distribution and conservation of food supplies and the sanitary service.

While normally such questions would prove highly embarrassing to the government in power, it is believed that the last reorganization of the military command will appease the most critical opponents of the government and forestall a crisis.

Parliamentary experts believed Ribot would weather the storm safely.

One source of speculation today was whether the popularity of Marshal Joffre might not exert some effect in this discussion of military commands. Joffre is the most popular military figure in France today. He had his opponents in and out of the chamber, because of his methods, which were "slow," but he has retrieved his popularity of late, and is regarded as a soldier without any political strings. Newspapers once inclined to be critical of Joffre, now talk of him as "notre Joffre," ("Our Joffre.")

LISBON FOOD RIOTS BRING OUT TROOPS

Madrid, May 22.—Ten persons were killed and fifty injured in serious food riots at Lisbon today, according to word received here. Troops had difficulty in quelling the disturbance.

A number of bakeries in the city were sacked by the townspeople. Another dispatch from Badjos today said that rioting is spreading all over Portugal several provinces reporting disturbances. The strict censorship is preventing details.

REPUBLICANS OPPOSED TO CENSORSHIP PLANS

Washington, May 22.—House republicans today agreed, practically unanimously, to oppose all censorship provisions of the administration spy bill, when a conference report on the measure is reported to the house.

Petrograd, May 22.—A general congress of workmen and soldiers from all over Russia has been called for June 14, to discuss war, peace and other problems, according to announcement today.

THE ONLY PIECE OF LAND HE WANTS.



—Evans in Baltimore American.