

BRYAN RESIGNS AS SECRETARY OF STATE

WITHDRAWAL DUE TO CLASH WITH WILSON O'ER GERMANY

Resignation Accepted by President—Nebraskan Withdraws Because of Differences in Opinion Over Forthcoming Note to Germany, and Does Not Desire to Embarrass President by Opposition to Administration's Policy in the Present Foreign Situation—Utmost Good Feeling.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Secretary Bryan late today submitted his resignation to President Wilson and it was accepted.

It was authoritatively stated that the resignation, which had been under consideration for several days, was accompanied with the utmost good feeling between the secretary and President Wilson.

It is learned that the secretary of state's hour delay in reaching the cabinet meeting today was due to time consumed in preparation of his letter of resignation.

While Secretary Bryan's attitude toward the situation which has arisen between this country and Germany is not definitely known, it has been generally believed that he favored a note of the character which under no circumstances would involve the United States in grave complications.

Secretary Bryan's resignation is to take effect tomorrow, June 9. Robert Lansing, counselor of the state department, automatically will become acting secretary of state.

Outlined His Viewpoint In submitting his resignation, Mr. Bryan outlined his viewpoint on the administration policy. Letters which have passed between the president and Mr. Bryan are said to have fully made known the incidents leading up to the resignation.

Secretary Bryan left the state department at 5:30 o'clock, in company with Mrs. Bryan. Up to that time no formal announcement had been made of the secretary's resignation and he positively refused to make any reference to the subject or to himself.

It was understood that following a formal announcement from the white house Mr. Bryan would probably make public a statement.

Just before leaving the state department the secretary conferred with Counselor Lansing.

In official circles the belief was generally expressed that Counselor Lansing would be appointed secretary of state ad interim. Mr. Lansing is said to be in entire accord with the president's views on the nation's foreign policy.

LONDON, June 8.—An epidemic of typhoid fever is raging among the troops and civilian population of Asia Minor, according to reports from Constantinople, says a Reuter dispatch from Athens. Seventy-five physicians have already succumbed to the disease.

FRENCH ATTACK ENTIRE WESTERN GERMAN FRONT

Series of Offensive Movements Initiated—British Alone Inactive—Russians Push Across Pruth River and Austro-Germans Across Dniester in Galicia.

LONDON, June 8.—Virtually the entire western line of battle, except those portions held by the Belgians and the British, has been the scene of what would appear to be a series of offensive movements initiated by the French. In the region of Arras the French have extended the area of their attack while they are pressing all along the front from the angle of the Aisne and the Oise in a northerly direction as far as the British positions near La Bassée, where the British forces are lying apparently quiescent.

For the last three weeks the French have been advancing slowly but steadily in the country immediately north of Arras. Here they met a determined resistance from the formidable works known as the labyrinth, which now is in their control. The French have been gathering in prisoners.

Desperate Counter Attacks Desperate German counter-attacks, according to the French report, have been made, but without success and with terrible losses to the attackers. The German official announcement makes but brief reference to events on the western front, merely recording the repulses of French attacks.

Rivers figure more or less prominently today in the reports from both sides. From the eastern front the Russians claim to have pushed their offensive movement across the Pruth near Kolomena, while Petrograd has admitted the advance of the Austro-Germans across the river Dniester in Galicia. The river Dubysa changed hands five times in one day, with the Russians finally in possession and the Isonzo is the scene of the most important Italian advance into Austrian territory. There has been little news with regard to this Italian movement, other than the official admission from Vienna that the Italians appear to be advancing against the Isonzo in strong force.

Turks Claim Victory Hungary is experiencing a political crisis similar to that which has just come to an end in England. Although the opposition leaders have expressed their assent, controversies which antedate the war have thus far prevented the formation of a coalition cabinet.

Turkish accounts of the recent fighting on Gallipoli peninsula say that, contrary to British and French claims, state that the allies have met with a serious reverse in their campaign for Constantinople. In the fighting at Seddar Bahr, according to these reports, the British were put to rout and left the field covered with their dead. The present position of the British is described as dangerous.

BALKANS REJECT OFFER OF ALLIES, REMAIN NEUTRAL

COLOGNE, June 8.—The chances that Bulgaria and Rumania will enter the war with the allies are diminishing, says a Berlin dispatch to the Cologne Gazette. The political havens of the Balkans have cleared somewhat, says the dispatch. "Rumania has rejected the first offer of the triple entente as unsatisfactory.

"Bulgaria also has received offers from the entente. It is not known that Bulgaria has formally rejected them, but she is in agreement with Rumania, and since the latter has rejected the offers Bulgaria probably will do likewise.

"This assumption is the more reasonable because Bulgaria's first demand is immediate occupation by her of the Macedonian territory taken from her by Serbia. The entente has not yet offered that. Bulgarian statesmen are keenly conscious that the opportunity regarding Macedonia as one which will come now or never.

The Men, and How They Do It Raising the Sunken Diver, F-4



DARING FEATS BY DIVERS IN RAISING SUNKEN SUBMARINE

At the top is the apparatus by which the sunken submarine F-4 is being brought to the surface at Honolulu, where she plunged to destruction recently, carrying a crew of twenty-one with her. At the left below is Diver Frank Crilly, the man who disentangled Diver W. H. Loughman when his line became fouled while working on the submerged submarine. This was one of the most daring feats that has ever been accomplished by men who work under the surface of the ocean. To Crilly's efforts Loughman (now prostrate with the dread "bends") owes his life. At the right is G. D. Stillson, in charge of the divers who located the submarine. While superintending the work on the sunken boat recently, Stillson was summoned from the bottom of the sea by the newly invented submarine telephone, and dispatched with all possible speed to Brooklyn to inspect diving supplies which the government intends purchasing. Stillson declares that Uncle Sam owns the best diving equipment in the world.

ITALIANS PUSH ADVANCE ACROSS THE ISONZO RIVER

UDINE, June 8.—Italian forces are today engaged with the forces of Austria on the eastern banks of the Isonzo river at a point north of Tolmino. They are fighting also around Gradisca, evidently with the intention of encircling this location.

Caporetto, Cormons, Verso, Cervignano, Terzo, Porto Baso and Grado, stretching in a line roughly north and south from the head of the gulf of Trieste, are today in their possession, and have been since the opening of hostilities. It apparently is the intention of the Italian military leaders to deprive the Austrians of their first line of defense, that along the Isonzo river, on their own territory. To this end Montero also has been occupied, as have the mountains between the Isonzo and Idria rivers. These positions dominate the towns of Volzana, Ronzina, Canale and Desola, all on the Isonzo.

By the sea the operations are being conducted with the idea of gaining possession of the gulf of Panzano, whence it will be easier to attack Monfalcone.

Commander's Statement ROME, June 8.—Italian troops are proceeding methodically to take possession of the most important positions all along the frontier, according to a statement signed by General Cadorna, chief of the general staff, issued at general Italian headquarters. The statement follows:

"Our advanced troops proceeded methodically to take possession of the most important positions beyond the frontier all along the line, meeting with slight resistance. At the same time a closely contested artillery duel continued on the plateaus of Lavaronne and Folzaria.

"The same is the case all along the Isonzo river from Caporetto to the sea, where we are in close contact with the enemy.

VILLA DEFEATED 10,000 LOSSES SAYS OBREGON

Reported Obregon Lost Arm in Battle—Only Small Bodyguards Left Angeles and Villa—Obregon Occupies New Headquarters in City of Leon and Continues Pursuit of Enemy.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Consul Silliman at Vera Cruz reported today that General Obregon's victory over the Villa forces at Leon appeared to be confirmed. He said it was reported Obregon had lost his right arm in the fighting.

Villa's Loss is 10,000 Carranza officials here today received a telegram from General Obregon in Leon approximating Villa's dead, wounded and captured at 10,000. Villa and Angeles, he says, have only small bodyguards with them. He made no mention of injury to himself. From Vera Cruz Carranza dispatches say General Gonzales is continuing his march to Mexico City.

NEW YORK, June 8.—General Alvaro Obregon, in a dispatch received today by F. S. Elias, Carranza consul general here, gives details of the battle of Leon, in which he claims to have signally defeated Generals Villa and Angeles. General Obregon reports that the casualty list of the Villa forces is more than 10,000 men and that he has established his headquarters in Leon. The dispatch, dated from Leon via Vera Cruz, June 8, follows:

Obregon's Message "Have occupied new headquarters in the city of Leon. We are in pursuit of the enemy, who are demoralized from their defeat of yesterday. While it is impossible to give the exact number of dead, wounded, captured and deserted, I expect that the number will reach more than 10,000. Every piece of artillery and all of Villa's trains are in our hands. "This battle means the end of Generals Villa and Angeles' revolt. Both are retreating with small bodyguards to the north. "Artillery was sent from here to General Gonzales to assist the three batteries he has in the advance on Mexico City, which place is expected to be occupied before the end of this week."

SHY APPLE CROP BUMPER WHEAT YIELD INDICATED

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The government's June crop report today shows: Spring wheat—Area planted, 19,248,000 acres; condition, 94.9; acre yield, 14.1; estimated total production, 274,000,000 bushels. Winter wheat—Condition, 85.8; yield, 16.9; production 676,000,000. All wheat—Acreage, 59,417,000; condition, 88.2; yield, 16.0; production, 950,000,000, as against 891,017,000 last year.

Oats—Acreage, 40,193,000; condition, 92.2; yield, 32.4; production, 1,288,000,000, as against 1,141,969,000 last year.

Barley—Acreage, 7,393,000; condition, 94.6; yield, 26.6; production, 197,000,000, as against 194,953,000 last year.

Rye—Condition, 92.0; yield, 16.8. Hay—Condition, 87.8. Pastures—Condition, 91.3.

Apples—Condition, 79.1; production, 191,000,000, as against 253,000,000 last year.

PLANNED TO DESTROY FAMED SIMPLON TUNNEL

GENEVA, June 8.—A dispatch received here from Brig, Switzerland, declares that a man has been arrested at Domodossola, in Italy, charged with the intention of blowing up the famous Simplon tunnel. This individual is presumed to be an Austrian agent. He had a plan of the tunnel, which is 12½ miles long and connects Brig with Domodossola, while in his room the authorities found a powerful bomb.

WAR SMASHES ALL CONVENTIONS OF CIVILIZATION

Russell Investigates "War Babies" and Finds Moral Men Applauding Their Coming—More Than 700,000 Men Already Slain, Millions of Others Maimed and Ruined.

(By Charles Edward Russell.) LONDON, May 20.—Throw out the life line! The grand old ship British Morality, cut adrift by the war, is shipping out to sea amid fog, storm and breakers, and the coast guard is by no means sure that all hands will not be lost.

The very essence of the British system of ethics, its first commandment, is that any such subject as illegitimate children we must pass with stern and averted faces, while with hand uplift in horror we motion sinners to punishment. It is from this safe anchorage, hallowed by tradition, that the national ship has gone adrift in a way to make silence impossible.

When the youths of the land were enlisted for its defense they were placed in training camps scattered about the country. Lately the discovery has been made that in the neighborhood of every training camp a large number of unmarried women expect soon to become mothers. The situation thus created is awkward. By some of the powers that be and eminent statesmen a strong though veiled campaign has been carried on to secure some such result as this, but to secure it under the sacred seal of lawful wedlock. To have babies born without that formality is very different and very embarrassing—in a country priding itself on the strictest morality.

Very Easy to Be a War Bride In a quiet but effective way the unmarried recruit has been urged to take unto himself a wife before he shall depart for the front. "War brides" accordingly have become a familiar and somewhat jocular topic. To make army marriages easy and common, handy clerghymen have been provided, charges reduced and formalities dispensed with. "Better get married before you go, my boy," says the sergeant. "The separation allowance will take care of the wife, you know."

Sir Pandarus is a new role for the government to play, but that has been about the truth of the case here. Newly-weds are not hurried to the front.

Observe then the nation's predicament. In thousands of other cases the ceremony has been omitted. This violates the austere law and all cherished conventions. Out upon the hold-faced jades and all that! Yes, but the fathers of these children are the national heroes that have rallied to the call of the kind and the rescue of the empire. We have just been showering upon them praise and glory. The law provides stern retribution. Yes, but you don't want to punish and disgrace your defenders, you know. The very foundations of morality are attacked. Yes, but the brave, gallant soldier, you know, and so on.

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BELGIAN STEAMER SUBMARINE VICTIM

LONDON, June 8.—The Belgian steamer Nematier has been sent to the bottom by a German torpedo near the North Foreland. Out of twenty-three persons on board only six were saved. The captain, his wife and his daughter, the first mate and the pilot and twelve members of the crew lost their lives.

The Belgian steamer Menapier was of 1425 net tons and was 281 feet long. She was built in Sunderland in 1908 and was owned in Antwerp.

The North Foreland is in Kent county, in the North sea. The survivors from the Menapier were landed today at Margate. One of them, badly injured, was sent to a hospital. The survivors say the Menapier sank within a few minutes of the time the torpedo exploded.