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BRITISH LOSE DREADNAUGHT IN MEDITERRANEAN

Battleship Russel, Flying Admiral's Flag, Strikes Mine—700 Aboard Saved, 124 Missing—German Submarine Sunk Off East Coast by British—Germans Sink Guardship.

LONDON, April 28.—The British battleship Russel has been sunk by a mine in the Mediterranean. Admiral Fremantle, the captain of the Russel, 24 officers and 676 men were saved. About 124 are missing.

A German submarine was sunk off the east coast yesterday, it was announced officially today. Eighteen men on the submarine were captured.

The sinking of the Russel and of the German submarine was announced in the following official statement:

Official Account

"H. M. S. Russel, carrying William Howden Smith, R. N., flying the flag of Rear Admiral Fremantle, struck a mine in the Mediterranean yesterday and was sunk. The admiral, captain, 24 officers and 676 men were saved. There are about 124 officers and men missing.

"A German submarine was sunk off the east coast yesterday. One officer and seventeen men of the crew were captured and were made prisoner.

Under ordinary conditions the Russel carried between 750 and 800 men. The Russel was laid down in 1899 and completed in 1901. She was 365 feet long, 75 feet beam, 26 feet deep and displaced 14,000 tons. She was armed with four 12-inch, twelve 6-inch, twelve 4-inch and six 3-pound guns and four torpedo tubes. She cost about \$5,000,000.

The Russel is the eleventh British battleship which has been lost during the war. The others were the Audacious, Balaclava, Formidable, Irresistible, Ocean, Goltzard, Triumph, Majestic, Natalis and King Edward VII.

In addition about thirty-five other British warships of various classes have been destroyed.

German Captures

BERLIN, April 28, via London.—The admiralty announced today that on the night of April 26-27 German naval forces destroyed a large British guard vessel on Dogger bank and brought in a fishing steamer as a prize.

LONDON, April 27.—The British steamship Indevor has been sunk by a submarine which left the crew of the vessel in open boats 120 miles from land. The crew was picked up by the American liner Finland.

The Finland sailed from Liverpool for New York Wednesday.

The Indevor was a 100-foot boat of 1914 tonnage, built in Britain in 1888 and owned in Liverpool. She was last reported as having sailed on April 17 from Newport News for St. Nazaire, France.

736 MERCHANT SHIPS DESTROYED EUROPEAN WAR

WASHINGTON, April 28.—British estimates of the European war's toll of merchant ships, given in figures today by the department of commerce, put the number at 736 with a tonnage of more than 2,000,000.

Allied vessels lost number 528 and neutral 198.

The estimates, made by a British admiral, give British losses as 419 ships; French 241; Russian 27; Italian 27; Belgian 19; and Japanese 2. This does not include the loss of 277 trawlers by the British, given by the French and two by the Belgians.

Norway, with 81 vessels destroyed, leads the neutral nations in losses. Sweden with 49 is second and Denmark with 24 is third. Holland has lost 21 and the United States 7.

British losses amount to four per cent of the total tonnage in service and six per cent of the tonnage. Despite these losses, it is declared, the aggregate of ships owned by the allies is being rapidly increased by building.

GERARD INVITED TO VISIT KAISER AT THE FRONT

Invitation From Emperor Without an Explanation—Indications Germany Will Attempt to Meet American Demands for Abandonment of Its Practices in Submarine Warfare.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Dispatches received at the German embassy today from the Berlin foreign office indicate that Germany will attempt to meet the American demands for immediate abandonment of its practices in submarine warfare. The nature of the proposals was not disclosed.

Count Von Bernstorff has not been advised whether the suggestions he recently made to his government at the invitation of the foreign office have been adopted.

A visit of Ambassador Gerard to Emperor William was a topic of broad interest in official and diplomatic quarters.

Summoned by Kaiser

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Secretary Lansing announced late today that Ambassador Gerard in a cable dispatch telling of his invitation to visit Emperor William of grand headquarters, declared that he did not know the purpose of the conference.

The emperor, Mr. Lansing added, had invited Mr. Gerard to visit him at the front without giving him any explanation.

Expect a Solution

BERLIN, April 28.—A feeling of confidence that a solution will be found to the pending German-American difficulties and that the present tension will be ended exerted an evident effect upon the Berlin stock exchange. The market was quiet, but steady, and the dealers who yesterday unloaded various lines of stocks were today repurchasing. This feeling was strengthened by the reports of a recovery on the New York stock market yesterday for the same reason.

The chancellor, Dr. Von Hoffmann-Hollweg, and Admiral Von Holtzendorff, chief of the naval general staff, are now at the general headquarters, but it may come tonight or tomorrow morning, which will indicate how the chancellor's report on the possibility of a settlement was received in governing circles there.

QUIET PREVAILS ON FRENCH FRONT

PARIS, April 28.—No important events are reported during last night along the whole French front. There has been intermittent artillery fire about Arras and Compiègne and some trench fighting in the sector of Jegerbult, west of Pont-a-Mousson.

Several aerial combats are reported in the course of which a Fokker plane was driven to the earth in the enemy's lines near Nesles-Champan.

This information is contained in the French official report issued this afternoon, the text of which follows:

"Last night witnessed no event of importance, with the exception of an intermittent bombardment in the regions of Arras and Esnes, and a certain activity on the part of our French guns in the sector of Regnevillers, west of P. de la Motte.

MORE RUSSIANS ARRIVE IN FRANCE

PARIS, April 28.—A Havas dispatch from Marseilles reports the arrival there of a further contingent of Russian troops, the number of which is not given.

The dispatches received Marseilles this morning, the dispatch says and disembarked immediately. They were received with the same military honors which were accorded the previous Russian detachments and were cheered by the people as they marched to Camp Miramboul. They will be sent in a few days to the front.

THE BEAR THAT WALKS LIKE A MAN!



The third contingent of Russian troops landed in France today to aid the allies.

GERMANS PLAN BIG OFFENSIVE ON LAND AND SEA

PARIS, April 28.—That the German military and naval staffs are preparing a great offensive both against the combined Anglo-French army on the continent and the fleets on the coast of Great Britain in a last desperate bid for victory, is the conclusion arrived at by Major de Clichoux, the military critic of the Matin, after a close study of the military factors of the situation.

"The simultaneous occurrence," he adds, "of Zeppelin raids, the fishy North sea naval expedition and the unexpected outbreak in Dublin are not mere coincidences. At the same time," he points out, "the Swiss frontier has been closed for three weeks while on the French front in Lorraine and in the Vosges the Germans are giving bombardments in the hope of diverting the attention of the French staff.

"There is one principle that the German staff will never abandon," Major Clichoux concludes, "unless under absolute necessity, and that is the retention of strategic initiative."

DEMOCRATS SPEED UP AGRICULTURAL BILL

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Thousands of democratic house leaders to the vote tomorrow to enforce speedy consideration of the administration legislative program took concrete commodity in a special rule adopted by a vote of 184 to 86 for consideration of three far-reaching amendments embodied in a rider on the agricultural appropriation bill. It could allow a little more than five hours' debate on the grain granting, federal warehouse and cotton futures proposals, ruled on by points of order raised by Republicans.

Still more drastic rules for consideration of other administrative necessities are being considered.

BRITISH RELIEF SHIP GROUNDS IN TIGRIS

LONDON, April 28.—A relief ship sent by the British navy to assist the garrison at Kut-al-Amara has grounded in the Tigris four miles to the east of Kut. It was overcome by the official statement this afternoon.

ATTACKS OF IRISH UPON PRESIDENT BEING INVESTIGATED

NEW YORK, April 28.—An investigation was begun today at the office of the United States district attorney to determine whether a crime had been committed by persons responsible for attacks on President Wilson and the national administration that have appeared in Irish-American papers published here since the outbreak of the revolution in Dublin.

The attention of the federal authorities was first attracted by an editorial statement that information which led to the sinking of the German ship which attempted to land arms and ammunition in Irish soil came from a member of the Washington administration. "In order of President Wilson," the declaration has been authoritatively stated in Washington.

Columb Patrick J. Wallace, commander of a Customs boat of the Irish volunteers, who is now in New York, is authority for the statement that the present situation in Ireland was not known in Germany prior to August.

"The plan of the Irish volunteers," he said, "has been ready ever since the first day of conscription was introduced in Ireland. At the time of the recent three-year 500,000 strike and fully realized independence in Dublin."

"But throughout the strike there were 60,000 men with the nearest border there are only 100 men left, who will take the fight against the law."

An official note is attributed to the Ministry of Ireland for this year's year of Ireland. Lord Aberdeen, who is now in New York, said that while he did not understand the seriousness of the situation, he was nevertheless convinced that the outbreak would be of short duration.

TURKS ANNIHILATE BRITISH CAVALRY

BERLIN, April 28.—Turkish troops annihilated four British cavalry squadrons, about 2000 men, in a battle April 26 near Tuzla, about 20 miles east of the Tigris river. This information was contained in an official report issued by the British war department under date of April 27th.

PASSES REQUESTED BY LEGISLATORS FROM RAILROADS

NAKIVILLE, April 28.—Letters to the Louisville and Nashville, and Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railroads, requesting passes for judges, legislators, witnesses and newspapers were read today into the record of the interstate commerce commission's investigation of alleged corrupt practices by these carriers.

Casey Williamson, a former legislator, said he voted for a full crew law, an electric headlight bill and other measures opposed by railroads and that after these votes in 1904 his pass was not renewed. Senator McKinney testified he had requested more than five hundred trip passes in 1915.

Advocate Carlton of the commission read copies of letters from the files of the two roads, showing the use of passes in Tennessee and Kentucky. One letter from a legislator, requesting a pass for a friend over the Chattanooga road, concluded, "what do you want me to do with the railroad bills now before the commission?"

REPUBLIC RUBBER PLANT IS CLOSED

YOUNGSTOWN, O., April 28.—The Republic Rubber company's plant here, established 1898 and was closed today. President Thomas L. Davidson and the plant was closed for months but would not reopen because of the demands of the market. He said:

"We will remain with the men here willing to work under present shop conditions and pay rates to be fixed."

Marbleists have demanded an eight hour day and ten hours pay and a closed shop.

BISSELL CONFESSES TO MURDERING CHILD

LANSDOWNE, Pa., April 28.—Fred Bissell, held on a charge of murdering the 10-year-old John Divinsky in Torgona last Tuesday, confessed late today, according to a statement of J. S. Gooding, warden of the Kansas state penitentiary.

OBREGON SAYS VILLA ALIVE BUT SHORN OF POWER

Carranza's Minister of War at Juarez for Conference With Scott—Has 40,000 Troops in North and American Aid Not Needed—Says Villa Wounded in Mountains.

EL PASO, Tex., April 28.—General Alvaro Obregon, minister of war of the de facto government, is in Juarez today waiting to confer with Major General Scott and Finston on the military questions that are involved in the American punitive expedition into Mexico.

General Obregon, accompanied by General Jacinto Trevino, military governor of Chihuahua; General Samuel S. Santos, Governor Enriquez of Chihuahua and President Jose Luis Herrera of Parral, reached Juarez on a special train this morning.

General Scott and General Finston are due to reach here tonight, when it is expected that arrangements will be made for the first conference to be held in Juarez tomorrow.

Has Plenary Powers

General Obregon anticipated a satisfactory conference, and while he did not say so, it was indicated that he was vested with plenary powers by First Chief Carranza to effect an adjustment of the military situation that now obtains along the Mexican border.

After a conference with the military and civil authorities in the customs house, General Obregon met the newspapermen, but he added but little to the information already given out on his journey north. The minister of war said he did not care to talk about the conference. Asked what he would do in case the American troops were kept in Mexico, General Obregon replied through an interpreter:

"That is a matter which we hope to arrange in conference."

"It has been said that the American government would like to keep the troops in Chihuahua more as a guard for the frontier so as to help the Carranza government?" was asked.

"I do not wish to say anything about that, as it might be prejudicial to the success of the conference," replied the minister of war.

Thinks Villa Alive

General Obregon in reply to a question said that he thought the de facto government had sufficient troops to take care of Villa and his bands without aid from the United States.

"General Obregon, do you think Villa is dead?"

"I do not believe Villa is dead," was the quiet reply; "but I am positive that he is wounded and suffers for lack of medical attention and therefore has small chance to be personally active again in any campaign."

"Have you sufficient troops to capture Villa?" was the next question.

"Yes," answered Obregon. "That will be easy. The bands are broken up and it is now only a question of hunting one man. Villa with a few of his followers, I believe, is near the boundary of Sonora and Sonora."

General Obregon declined to talk about the financial situation in Mexico, saying that he was a military man and those questions should only be considered by the minister of finance. He laughed loudly when asked about the report of friction between the first chief and himself.

"There never has been any friction between General Carranza and myself and there is less reason now than ever for any friction," remarked General Obregon as he closed the talk.

Registration totals 240,000 for state.

NEWS OF IRISH REVOLT HELD UP BY GOVERNMENT

Nothing Concerning Dublin Uprising Given Out—Nationalists Deny the Withdrawal of Support on Recruiting Question—Lenience in Dealing With Conspirators Advocated.

LONDON, April 28.—The nationalist members of parliament today denied a report published in morning newspapers that they intended to withdraw their support of the coalition government on the recruiting question. No news concerning the progress of the Irish revolt or its suppression was given out today. The situation is said to be under control.

Short-Sighted Reluctance

Dealing with the Irish situation, the Daily Chronicle urges the government against the adoption of too harsh measures, adding:

"The immediate military situation ought not to present great difficulties. It is hard to understand how the Sinn Feiners have been able to hold out for days in Dublin. We should have thought that all military arguments would favor crushing the movement in the capital with the utmost rapidity, for every day that it protracts its resistance must add to the risk of its finding imitators elsewhere. If reluctance to destroy bricks and mortar has delayed the bombardment of buildings it has been very short-sighted reluctance. But, while strong military action must be the first essential, we hope trials under martial law and the use of the military for any but strictly military operations will be avoided as far as possible.

Seek Prompt Inquiry

"We hope, too, there will be a prompt and honest inquiry into the motives of the rebels and the best means for bringing them back to their senses. A commission composed of acknowledged Irish leaders to assist in dealing with the rebels and negotiate their surrender might be of great service. Sir Edward Carson and John Redmond are ready to cooperate in this way. The object to be aimed at is the restoration of order as soon as possible with the least bloodshed. There is a place for mediation as well as for repression, and leading Irishmen should be invited to undertake it unobtrusively and unoffensively without delay."

JAPAN'S PROTEST GIVEN PROMINENCE

TOKYO, Japan, April 28.—Dispatches from America concerning Japan's protest against the Burnett immigration bill are given prominence by the Japanese newspapers but no anti-American sentiment has been voiced. The dominating note in the slight press comment is a calm confidence that the American legislators will not adopt a law unjust to Japan or offensive to Japanese dignity and honor.

The Japanese government resents the proposal to enact into law the Root-Takahira agreement restricting immigration of Japanese laborers and also objects to a provision in the pending immigration bill which by inference would class Japanese with excluded Hindus. The senate immigration committee yesterday agreed to modify the bill by eliminating reference to the Root-Takahira agreement.

BROWN OF MIAMI TO COACH CORVALLIS

CORVALLIS, Or., April 28.—A. D. Brown, professor of physical education at Miami University, Ohio, today accepted the appointment as director of physical education at the Oregon agricultural college to succeed Dr. E. J. Stewart who goes to a similar position with the University of Nebraska.

REGISTRATION TOTALS 240,000 FOR STATE

SACRAMENTO, Calif., April 28.—According to estimates made today by the office of the secretary of state, the total registration for the coming primary election in Oregon will be over 240,000, an increase of more than 10,000 over the registration for the last primary election.

It was estimated that the registration for the coming primary election will be over 240,000, an increase of more than 24,000 over the last primary election.