

RUSSIA TALKS OVER PEACE WITH UKRAINE

Hostilities Cease and It Is Expected Delegations Will Meet Soon to Sign Pact—Armed Detachments Not Permitted to Enter Country—Trotzky Uses Force Against Invaders.

LONDON, May 11.—A Russian government wireless dispatch announces that peace negotiations with the Ukraine have commenced. It says that hostilities have ceased on the Veronezh, Karsk and Briansk fronts and that a line of demarcation has been established. It is expected, says the dispatch, that the Russian delegation will shortly meet the German-Ukrainian delegation and sign a peace. Meantime the Russians have established on all fronts defensive guards who will not permit armed detachments to enter Russian territory.

The statement, which is signed by Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik minister of war and marine, asserts that many enemy detachments have violated the orders of the central authorities and crossed the frontiers of the Ukraine and invaded the region of the Don Cossacks. These detachments, it says, must be dispersed by the relentless use of force.

With a view to combating such bands, the Don and Kuban regions are declared to be in a state of siege. Guards will be placed at exposed points on the frontier and the military commanders made responsible for a vigorous defense. The statement says severe discipline must be maintained and that reports shall be sent to the high military council regarding obedience to the instructions, as well as information concerning the movement of all bands.

GAINS MADE BY FRANCE.

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on the front south of the Somme, is still secure.

Americans Shell Hoche.

West of Montdidier, American gunners have been bombarding the Germans in the villages of Cantigny and Mesnil St. Georges, fires resulting.

American troops on the sector in rhives of Toul assisted the French in a successful raid into the German positions in Apremont Forest. The American guns aided, and east of the raided section American patrols made a diversion by entering the village of Apremont, which was found to be deserted.

Active artillery fighting is going on in some sectors of the Italian and Macedonian fronts. There also have been patrol engagements on these fronts, but no heavy fighting.

LONDON, May 11.—French troops advanced their lines slightly yesterday east of Loree, on the Flanders front, the war office announces.

PARIS, May 11.—Heavy artillery fighting on the front below Amiens in the region of Grivesnes and Madly-Rimeval is reported in today's official communication.

The French gained ground on the southern side of the Ploisy battle front near Orville-Sured, southeast of Montdidier.

HIGHEST U. S. OFFICER IS GIVEN WAR CROSS



COL. DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

Colonel MacArthur, former war censor and one of the organizers of the Rainbow Division, has been awarded the French Croix de Guerre for gallantry in action. He is the highest officer of the American forces who has been so decorated.

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OSTEND CHANNEL NOT COMPLETELY CLOSED BY BOAT

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Conditions were fairly favorable for the venture. That part of the Belgian coast is heavily armed and the small number of British casualties indicates the enemy was surprised and emphasizes the success of the attempt.

Zeebrugge Also Jammed.

With regard to Zeebrugge the British government is satisfied that German stories of unrestricted ingress and egress are inaccurate. Air photographs taken within the last fortnight are said to demonstrate clearly the futility of the enemy statement.

In the case of Ostend it is computed that at least three or four days must elapse before the channel can be cleared up and buoys placed between the stern of the sunken cruiser and the land. In the meantime the tide and silt will be at work.

Silt Collecting.

In the Zeebrugge case the silt is collecting very fast, despite the work of enemy dredges. The position of the blocking cruisers at Zeebrugge is such that any attempt to blow up the obstruction would be fraught with considerable danger to neighboring permanent structures.

The smallness of the casualties sustained at Ostend Friday, does not indicate that shooting by the Germans. The weather conditions were favorable to the raiders and the Vindictive carried only sufficient men to work her properly.

"Vindictive" Within Piers.

LONDON, May 11.—The old cruiser Vindictive went to her last berth, 150 to 200 yards within the piers forming the entrance to the harbor of Ostend, one of the German submarine bases on the Belgian coast, under a terrific fire from the German naval guns and machine guns on the shore, according to the Central News.

Preparatory to the raid into Ostend the naval air force bombarded the town and dropped bombs continuously on the harbor works, causing fires. Later, the attack was assisted by destroyers and monitors in bombarding the enemy positions heavily.

Used Smoke Screen.

The entire operation was carried out on similar lines to the raid of April 23, when concrete laden cruisers were sunk in the harbor of Zeebrugge, the most important German submarine base. For the second time in a month a smoke screen was used successfully. About 2 o'clock in the morning a large force of destroyers and coastal motor-boats streamed up toward the shore, the motorboats going alongside it. The weather was everything desired until 15 minutes before the Vindictive was sunk when a sea fog drove ashore and reduced the visibility to a range of between 300 and 400 yards.

Object Hard to Find.

The Vindictive experienced the greatest difficulty in finding the entrance to the harbor. The enemy employed star shells and searchlights and for 20 minutes the vessel was in full view of the enemy batteries. As she cruised up and down seeking the entrance she was hit repeatedly and several casualties were sustained. It was 2:20 o'clock when the piers were sighted almost alongside, and then the German machine guns opened a fearful fire.

The captain swung his concrete-laden cruiser around and rammed her stern against the eastern pier. He then discovered that the cruiser was grounded all and that it was impossible to turn her any further. He called his crew from the engine room and stokehold and then set off explosive charges.

Armen, according to the Central News report, say the Vindictive is lying submerged at an angle of 40 degrees at the eastern entrance.

While the vessel was being abandoned two motor launches went

HAS THE SPIRIT OF LINCOLN SPOKEN?

TO DO ALL WHICH MAY ACHIEVE AND CHERISH A JUST AND LASTING PEACE AMONG OURSELVES AND WITH ALL NATIONS



SEN. JAMES E. WATSON, SEN. ROBT. L. OWEN AND DR. JOHN WESLEY HILL

Has Abraham Lincoln spoken to the American people on this war? This is the question suggested by a singular coincidence in the National Capital this week.

Dr. John Wesley Hill, chancellor of Lincoln Memorial University, at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, was in Washington to inspect the new Lincoln Memorial on Potomac Drive for the first time.

The university of which Dr. Hill is chancellor was founded at Abraham Lincoln's personal request by General G. O. Howard, as an institution where both boys and girls might secure an education without

regard to financial circumstances. As chancellor of this institution, Dr. Hill has been chosen to organize and direct the work of the Lincoln Patriotic Army, the big nation wide organization just established to help win the war through the patriotic help of all true American citizens who enlist in it.

When Dr. Hill with two United States senators interested in the Lincoln Patriotic Army—Senator Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma and Senator James E. Watson, of Indiana—was inspecting the yet uncompleted Lincoln Memorial, Senator Owen happened to point to some exquisitely chiseled lettering on one of the walls when it was found that the

words to which the Oklahoma senator had pointed were these:

"STRIVE ON TO FINISH THE WORK WE ARE IN. TO BIND UP THE NATION'S WOUNDS; TO CARE FOR HIM WHO SHALL HAVE BORNE THE BATTLE AND FOR HIS WIDOW AND HIS ORPHAN; TO DO ALL WHICH MAY ACHIEVE AND CHERISH A JUST AND LASTING PEACE AMONG OURSELVES AND WITH ALL NATIONS."

Some of the mere superstitious who heard of the incident are citing it as a message from the spirit of Abraham Lincoln on the present war.

alongside under a heavy machine gun fire and brought off the men, including the wounded.

The large number of the officers and men who took part in the operation against the Zeebrugge mole on April 23, claimed the right to participate in the Ostend operations, says the Central News story of the raid, and their wishes were granted. All the men on the Vindictive were volunteers from the Dover patrol.



GEN. GIARDINO

General Giardino has succeeded General Cadorna as Italy's representative on the new inter-allied war council.

To the Stockholders of the Rogue River Fruit and Produce Association.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the Rogue River Fruit and Produce association for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such meeting, will be held at the public library, on Main street, Medford, Oregon, the 21st day of May, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m.

ROGUE RIVER FRUIT AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION, By R. C. Washburn, President, G. D. Dean, Secretary.

Dated Medford, Oregon, April 20, 1918.

FIT OUT SOLDIER BEFORE EMBARKING

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Altho American troops are going overseas in large numbers the ordnance department has been able to keep up with the new program and every soldier who boards a transport is fully equipped with arms, the ordnance bureau announced today.

Artillery and machine guns already are in France in sufficient quantities it was said to meet immediate needs.

LARGE WOODEN VESEL LAUNCHED IN TEXAS

ORANGE, Tex., May 11.—The city of Bonham, one of the largest wooden ships yet built, was launched successfully here this afternoon. The vessel is 320 feet long and 47 feet wide. It was designed by A. A. Dougherty, whose design of a vessel has been accepted as a model by the United States shipping board.

NEW YORK BANKING RESERVE ON INCREASE

NEW YORK, May 11.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and

KENTUCKY DERBY RACE TO BE RUN

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 11.—An early, steady rain gave promise that the 44th renewal of the historic Kentucky would be run over a heavy track at Churchill Downs this afternoon. Barring withdrawals, ten of the bluest-blooded three-year-olds in the land will contend for supremacy in this, the premier event of the American turf.

The race is for three-year-olds at a mile and a quarter and is worth approximately \$20,000. Of this amount the winner will receive about \$16,000, the horse finishing second \$2500, the horse finishing third \$1000, while the fourth will save his entrance and starting fees.

FRANCE ISSUES DEFENSE BONDS

PARIS, Friday, May 10.—"One month bonds" for the national defense have been created by the ministry of finance. A person investing may collect interest on the first of each month at the rate of 3.60 per cent a year. The bonds, however, may be carried two or three months in which event the investor would receive interest at the rate of four per cent for the period of three months.

Bonds calling for 100,500 and 1000 francs will be placed at the disposal of the public May 31.

MEN KILLED WHEN NITRO GLYCERINE EXPLODES

WELLSBURG, W. Va., May 11.—A number of men are reported dead in an explosion at a nitro glycerine plant owned by the Louis Coal company at Cross creek, five miles from here. Eight men, according to the report, were at work in the building when the explosion occurred.

SHIPBUILDERS OVERCOME BY SMOKE IN SHIP'S HOLD

OAKLAND, Cal., May 11.—Seven of the Hanlon shipyards and two members of the city fire department were overcome by smoke or gas in the hold of the steamship Iris today. They were revived. The ship was not damaged.

trust companies for the week shows that they hold \$102,807,730 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of \$65,608,150 from last week.

TOO WEAK TO FIGHT

The "come-back man" was really never down-and-out. His weakened condition because of overwork, lack of exercise, improper eating and living demands stimulation, to satisfy the cry for a health-giving appetite and the refreshing sleep essential to strength. GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules, the National Remedy of Holland, will do the work. They are wonderful. Three of these capsules each day will put a man on his feet before he knows it; whether his trouble comes from uric acid poisoning, the kidneys, gravel or stone in the bladder, stomach derangement or other ailments that befall the overzealous American. Don't wait until you are entirely down-and-out, but take them today. Your druggist will gladly refund your money if they do not help you. Accept no substitutes. Look for the name GOLD MEDAL on every box, three sizes. They are the pure, original, imported Haarlem Oil Capsules. —Adv.

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