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## RUSSIA CALLS ARMY TO RESIST GERMANS

### AGGRESSION MUST CEASE SAYS SOVIET

Protest and Warning Issued to Germany Notice Given to Mobilize All Necessary Forces to Secure Freedom and Independence of Russia. —Treaty Disregarded by Huns and No Peace Exists—Force Used to Disperse Ukraine Rada.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—A copy of the protest made by the soviet government to the German ministry of foreign affairs on April 26 against German aggression made public today by the state department, shows that the Russians gave notice of their intention to mobilize "all necessary forces in order to secure the freedom and independence of the Russian republic which is now menaced beyond the limits of the Brest-Litovsk treaty."

#### No Peace Exists.

"The Russian government," says the message, "has taken every measure possible strictly to fulfill the treaty from their side and in this way to secure for our people the chief aim of this treaty, a state of peace. "But in reality no such state of peace exists. In the south of the Russian republic there is a further advance northwards by German troops and detachments of Ukrainians. They are advancing upon territory undoubtedly Great Russia. They have crossed into the Crimean peninsula. That frontier line, which was one-sidedly established by the Ukrainian rada itself and officially made known to us by the German government, has been infringed by German and Ukrainian troops. Simultaneously in the north of Finland, Russian military property is being seized by white guard detachments operating in agreement with German landing detachments and under direct instruction from the German general staff.

#### No Reply Received.

"In order to fulfill the Brest treaty, which is the legal basis for the relations between Germany and Russia, the soviet government has officially declared its readiness to open immediate negotiations with the Ukrainian central rada. No answer, however, has come from this government which is now directed by Germany. The German government having likewise proposed the question of a peace treaty has in no way given any answer to our offer to open peace negotiations. Instead of this, the advance of German-Ukrainian troops against Russia continues, as has already been pointed out.

#### Force in Ukraine.

MOSCOW, Wednesday, May 8.— (Continued on Page Two.)

### 14 CONCRETE SHIPS TO BE BUILT AT ONCE

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Immediate construction of 14 concrete tank steamers for the fuel oil trade, with a total capacity of 105,000 tons, and of four concrete cargo vessels with a total capacity of 12,500 tons, was decided on today by the shipping board.

### ITALIANS SINK BIG BATTLESHIP IN DARING RAID

Austrian Warship of 20,000 Tons Torpedoed in Pola Harbor by Italian Naval Forces—Successful Air Attack Made at Same Time and Two Austrians Winged.

ROME, May 16.—An Austrian battleship was torpedoed by the Italian naval forces in Pola harbor early Tuesday morning, it was officially announced today.

The battleship was of the Viribus Unitis type, (20,000 ton vessels.)

The Italian force worked its way into the Austrian naval base by dodging the patrol boats and searchlights of the defenders.

While the naval operation was progressing an Italian seaplane force engaged Austrian battleplanes above Pola. Two of the Austrians were brought down and several others were compelled to descend out of control. The Italian machines all returned safely.

There are four Austrian battleships of the Viribus Unitis class, which comprised the largest and most modern fighting vessels completed for the Austrian navy up to the time the European war broke out. The other ships of the class are the Tegetthof, the Prinz Eugen and the Szent Istvan.

#### Each of the class displaced 20,000 tons, is 525 feet long over all. The complement of the battleships ranges from 902 to 988 men. All are classed as dreadnaughts.

### JEFF BALDWIN REPORTED LOCATED

PORTLAND, May 16.—Word was received here today that Jeff Baldwin, escaped convict from the state penitentiary, had been located between Canby and Oregon City on the Wilsonville road, south of here, and was surrounded by a posse consisting of state military police and deputy sheriffs. His capture was expected within a few hours.

A man believed to be Baldwin was fired on last night when he attempted to cross the Willamette river on the bridge at Wilsonville. He retreated and took refuge in the brush.

### BURBANK PRODUCES A SUPER WHEAT

SANTA ROSA, Calif., May 16.—A "super-wheat," containing 14 per cent gluten, has been evolved by Luther Burbank, the noted horticulturist, after experiments extending over eleven years. It was announced here today. The wheat may be grown from Hudson Bay to Patagonia, and is intended to replace the popular variety with its low content of gluten.

The new wheat is said to be of the winter variety, very hard and producing a very white flour.

Burbank has turned his attention to a new rye and barley in which he hopes to increase the amount of gluten.

### RED CROSS CHIEF HOME FROM EUROPE

AN ATLANTIC PORT, May 16.—Henry P. Davidson, chairman of the American Red Cross council, arrived here today after a tour of inspection of Red Cross work abroad. In London he was received by King George. He also visited France, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy. In Rome he was received by King Victor Emmanuel and Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state.

### GERMANS FAIL TO RECAPTURE HILL NUMBER 44

Local Fighting Dies down Again in Flanders and Picardy and Only Artillery is Active—Raids Conducted by British and French—Prisoners Taken in Patrol Operations.

ROME, May 16.—Italian troops carried out an offensive operation yesterday in which the Austrian trenches on Monte Alone, between the Brenta and Piave rivers were entered at two points. The Italians inflicted heavy casualties and took prisoners.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS, May 19.—Local fighting has died down again in Flanders and Picardy and only the guns are busy.

In Flanders the Germans have been disappointed in their attempts to gain Hill 44, as the French not only drove them from the high ground but also penetrated the enemy positions. German and French artillery fire continues heavy north of the Aves. The enemy bombardment of the French lines here has been most intense for the past two weeks.

#### British Official Report.

LONDON, May 16.—The artillery was active last night in the valleys of the Somme and Amere rivers, east of Arras and on the Flanders battlefields the war officer reports.

#### The statement follows:

"Our troops raided the enemy's trenches last night in the neighborhood of Gayrelle (northeast of Arras) and captured a few prisoners.

"Beyond artillery activity on both sides at different points, particularly in the valleys of the Somme and Amere rivers east of Arras on the northern battlefront, there is nothing further to report."

#### French Official Report.

PARIS, May 16.—Artillery actions occurred last night on the French southeast of Amiens in the Hailles-Castel sector, says today's war office announcement. West of Montdidier a German raiding detachment was driven off. The French took prisoners in patrol operations north of the Ailette.

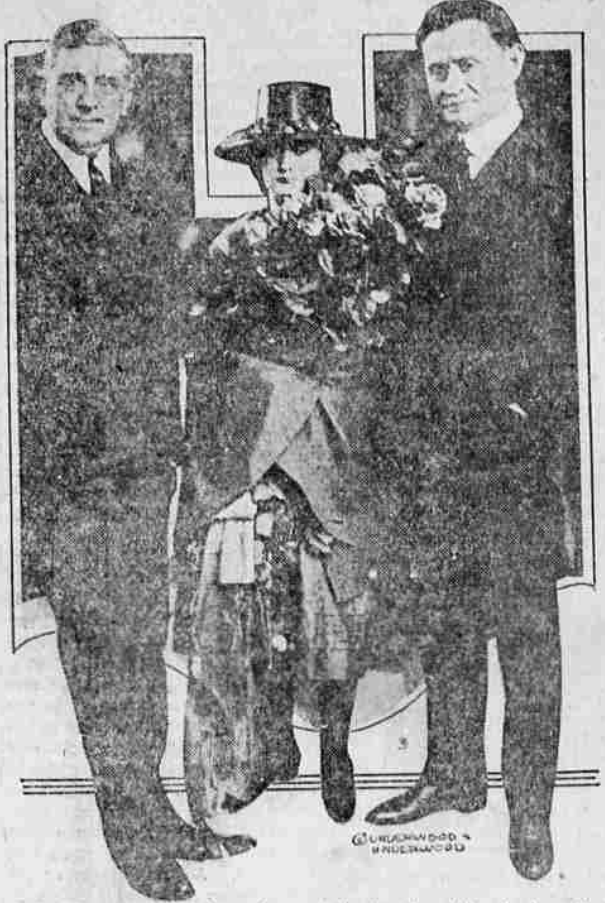
#### The statement reads:

"An artillery duel took place in the Hailles-Castel sector. A German raid west of Montdidier was repulsed by the French fire.

"French patrols operating north of the Ailette brought back prisoners.

"The night was quiet on the remainder of the front."

### TUCKAHOE GETS BIG OFFICIAL SENDOFF



Charles Schwab is shown here at the first launching he has attended since he became director general of ship construction—the launching of the U. S. Collier Tuckahoe. On the right is Chairman E. N. Hurley of the shipping board and in the center is Miss Helen Hurley, daughter of Chairman Hurley, who was sponsor for the Tuckahoe.

### ITALIANS REQUEST AMERICAN TROOPS FOR MORAL EFFECT

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Italy, in an informal way, has made known to the United States that the presence of American troops on the Italian front is greatly to be desired, it became known today. A few thousand men under the American flag, Italian officials feel, would hearten the Italian civilian population and their troops.

Italy has an abundance of man power, but desires the inspiration that would be afforded by the presence of American forces. In the face of a threatened German-Austro offensive on the Italian front, the dispatch of Americans to Italy, it is declared, would convince the Italian people that America stands firmly behind their country.

German propaganda is active in Italy from Sicily to the Alps telling the people they are left to their own resources, that they are fighting hopelessly and that America has been bluffing.

### ASK DEMOCRATS TO WRITE NAMES UPON THE BALLOT

In order to make a full ticket, members of the democratic county central committee suggest that democrats write in the following names on the ballots at the primary election tomorrow:

For representative, Eighth representative district, Jackson county, D. M. Lowe and W. A. Gates.

For representative, Ninth representative district, Douglas and Jackson counties, Rose G. Schieffelin.

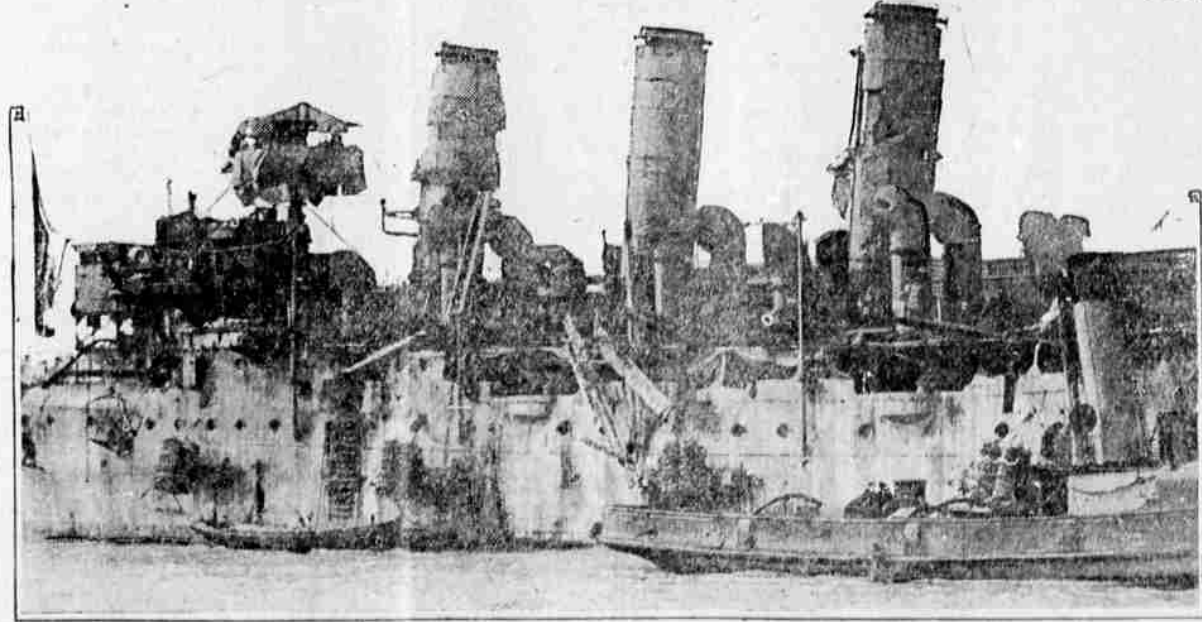
For county commissioner, Horace Pelton.

For county clerk, Horace D. Howard.

For county treasurer, Ben Garnett.

For county coroner, W. H. McElwain.

### BATTLE-SCARRED VINDICTIVE A FT R SHE LED THE BRITISH RAID ON U-BASE.



This photograph shows the famous old British cruiser Vindictive after she returned from the raid on Zebrugge April 23. Note how she's battered. She had led the British raiding ships in the successful blocking attack on the U-boat base, and there was hardly a foot of her old hull that didn't bear the scars from the German shells poured at her. Hardly anyone thought she'd come thru it—she was an "obsolete" ship. But she did. She had performed gallantly. But the Vindictive wasn't thru—she had another good fight left in her. This time she wasn't to land fighting men, or even five guns. She was stuffed with concrete, fitted with bombs, escorted in the darkness to Ostend, another submarine rut-hole, and sunk in the entrance, blocking the harbor and bottling up the U-boats inside.

### WILSON RENEWS FIGHT AGAINST WAR INQUIRY

Amended Resolution Declared Objectionable as it Authorizes a "Drag Net" Inquiry by Military Committee—Seek to Defeat Measure in Senate.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—President Wilson today renewed his fight against adoption by the senate of Senator Chamberlain's resolution for a war inquiry by the senate military committee. He advised Senator Thompson of Kansas that the resolution as amended yesterday by the senate expenditures committee, still is objectionable.

Considering all the circumstances, President Wilson told Senator Thompson, chairman of the expenditures committee, the Chamberlain resolution, even as modified, would in effect authorize a "drag net" investigation by the military committee.

#### To Defeat Measure.

The president informed Senator Martin of Virginia, democratic leader, yesterday, that the Chamberlain resolution calling for an investigation of aircraft production and other war activities constituted a vote of lack of confidence in the administration and the expenditures committee amended it to eliminate all reference to an investigation of the "conduct of the war."

"We are going to do all we can to defeat the resolution, even as revised," said Senator Thompson, after a conference at the White House. "The president authorized me to say that he is just as much opposed to the amended resolution as he was to the original."

#### Too Broadly Drawn.

Senator Thompson said he might offer a substitute proposing to limit the military committee's inquiry to the aircraft situation alone. The president, he said, feels that the revised resolution is too broadly drawn and still is subject to construction that would authorize the general inquiry by the senate military committee into the conduct of the war.

The original Chamberlain resolution authorized an inquiry into aircraft, ordnance and quartermaster affairs and into "conduct of the war by or through the war department."

Charles E. Hughes, who was appointed by the president to act with Attorney General Gregory in the investigation of criminal charges in connection with aircraft program, is expected in Washington within a few days, to go over the plans of the department of justice.

### BRITAN READY TO HEAR REAL PEACE PROPOSAL

Balfour Discusses Austrian Emperor's Letter to Prince Sixtus—Says Moves of Central Empires Not in Interest of Fair and Honorable Peace No Secrets From Wilson.

LONDON, May 16.—Great Britain is prepared to consider proposals from the enemy, provided they are put forward by accredited persons in a straight forward manner, Foreign Secretary Balfour declared today in the house of commons.

"If any representative of any belligerent country desires seriously to lay before us any proposals," he said, "we are ready to listen to them." The British government was desirous of an honorable termination of the war, he added, but the peace moves of the central powers heretofore had not been in the interests of fair and honorable peace.

#### Prince Sixtus' Letter.

Foreign Secretary Balfour was asked in the house of commons today whether Prince Sixtus of Bourbon, to whom Emperor Charles of Austria addressed the letters last year in which peace was offered to France, paid two visits to England in connection with the peace proposals and whether he was in communication on this subject with Premier Lloyd George. The question was brought up by Robert Outthwaite, a liberal member. Mr. Balfour replied that the subject was not one which could be dealt with by question and answer.

Mr. Balfour said that Emperor Charles wrote a letter to a relative (Prince Sixtus is a brother-in-law of the emperor) and that it was conveyed by this relative to the president and premier of France. No permission was given to communicate the letter to anyone except the sovereign and premier of this country. (This answers the question which has been raised as to why the emperor's proposals were not communicated to President Wilson.)

#### No Secrets From Wilson.

Mr. Balfour said he had no secrets from President Wilson. Every thought he had on the war or in regard to questions of diplomacy was open to the president.

He said he did not think it would be possible for the United States and Great Britain to carry on the great work in which they were engaged or to deal with the complicated day-to-day problems without complete confidence. So far as he was concerned, complete confidence would always be given. He said that no effort at conversations which had been made by the central powers had ever been made in the interests of fair and honorable peace, that their only object had been to divide the allies.

### AUSTRIAN PEOPLE LONG FOR PEACE

AMSTERDAM, May 16.—The Tidd prints the following significant and much censored letter from its Vienna correspondent:

"The reason why all classes of the population have regretted Count Czernin's departure (from the foreign office) is that in him they saw the herald of peace and the people want peace, above all. This is not surprising, because the misery is extreme. (This part is censored.) The people will probably hold out thru the next difficult months until the Ukraine grain arrives in sufficient quantities. But it is natural that everybody yearns for peace. (Censored.) Hundreds of times daily one hears the lament 'how long is this crazy destruction to last?'"

"Only the conviction that the emperor honestly desires peace and has given evidence of this in recent incidents keeps the people going."