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PREMIER AND LAW ACCUSED IN COMMONS

LACK OF VERACITY IN VITAL MATTERS IS CHARGE—QUIET PREVAILS AT FRONT

LLOYD GEORGE IS ACCUSED OF LACK OF VERACITY

Crisis Impending in British Parliament—Situation Grave—Bonar Law Proposes Court of Honor.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, May 8.—Andrew Bonar Law, the government spokesman in the House of Commons, announced today that the government proposed to ask two judges to act as a court of honor to investigate the charges made by General Frederick B. Maurice, who was recently removed from the post of director of military operations in the British War Office. General Maurice published a letter, charging Premier Lloyd George and Chancellor Bonar Law with lack of veracity concerning vital matters. His charge admittedly created a grave situation. Mr. Asquith, the former premier, bluntly asked the government what steps it intended to take regarding General Maurice's letter.

NORTH SEA SHUT IN BY THE GREATEST MINEFIELDS EVER

London, May 6.—According to Archibald Hurd in the Daily Telegraph, the area in the North Sea, recently announced by the British government as prohibited as dangerous to shipping after May 15, will be the greatest minefield ever laid for the special purpose of foiling submarines.

It will embrace 121,782 square miles, the base forming a line between Norway and Scotland and the peak extending northward into the Arctic Circle.

Archibald Hurd, who is an authority on naval subjects, says that there has been a vast improvement in British mines since Admiral Jellicoe became first Sea Lord. He points out that the creating of this barrier across the northern exit of the North Sea was an enormous task, involving twelve or more months, and estimates that tens of thousands of mines were required to cover the area.

He suggests that when Admiral Jellicoe made his famous prophecy that the submarine menace would be met by August that he had this mine field in his mind.

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GAZETTE — COMEDY

QUIETEST DAY AT THE FRONT FOR WEEKS PAST

Lull in Fighting—Effective British Gunfire Harasses the Enemy Reorganizations in The Rear.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, May 8.—The trench raid and aerial reconnaissance phase of Ludendorff's great offensive has begun. The lull in the active fighting still continues and yesterday has been the quietest day at the front since the great German offensive started on March 21. Our harassing fire is undoubtedly interfering a great deal with the organization behind the enemy's lines, making it extremely difficult for him to relieve and reorganize his divisions and bring up ammunition and gather all the supplies he needs for the next phase of his offensive.

Many Casualties.

London, May 8.—The British casualties reported during the week ending today have reached the total of 38,691. Of this number 6,555 are officers and men killed or died of wounds, and 32,136 are wounded, or reported missing.

Offensive Crushed.

Rome, May 8.—The German press is preparing the German people for the abandonment of the great "March to Paris" idea. The Vossische Zeitung declares it is "time to recognize that the German offensive in the west has been crushed."

ESTIMATED BRITISH LOSSES ARE MANY

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, May 7.—The British losses in men killed, wounded, captured and missing on the west front since the German offensive began March 21 are estimated by the British military mission here at nearly 250,000.

This estimate would appear to be in remarkable contrast to the enormous German losses in the drive. The German war office, of course, has not disclosed to the world what its losses in the great battle have been but the estimates of Allied observers have placed the loss of German life at a staggering figure. From the very nature of the fight, military experts have pointed out that the loss of German life is bound to be heavier than those of the defenders. But in addition to that the method of German attack, advancing troops in waves faster than machine guns could mow them down, must, military experts say, have entailed enormous loss.

An inkling of how serious the German losses are came some time ago when it was reported that the German military chiefs dared not disclose their extent to the German people, and they were sending the wounded to Belgium.

MAKES DIRECT HIT ON LONG-RANGE GUN

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, May 6.—News has just been received from the front that a French gun made a direct hit yesterday on one of the long-range German cannon with which Paris is being bombarded, and put it out of action.

The fish packers at the Cold Storage are out on strike today for higher wages and shorter hours. Negotiations for a settlement are in progress.

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TERMS OF PEACE AGAIN TALKED OF BY NEUTRALS

Dutch Minister Said to Offer the Allies Better Proposals Than Ever, in Eight Clauses.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, May 8.—Peace kites are again being sent up and neutral emissaries who are anxious to see an end of bloodshed and incidentally obtain honor, are attending to the mission. From The Hague comes the report that the following terms will be presented to the Allies by Colyn, former Dutch war minister.

1. Germany will renounce all claims in the west.

2. Belgium will be restored as an independent state fully autonomous.

3. Alsace-Lorraine will receive full autonomy within German Federation.

4. The status in the East will remain as at present.

5. Austria will make certain concessions to Italy in Trentino.

6. The Balkan questions will be solved by international conference.

7. All colonial questions affecting Africa and Asia Minor will be solved by conference of all belligerents.

8. Germany will abandon all claims to Kaio-Chau but will in exchange require certain economic concessions of China.

PREMIER STATES THERE IS URGENT NEED FOR TROOPS

Ottawa, May 6.—With great deliberation, Sir Robert Borden told about 300 farmers at the House today that after giving serious consideration to the question of drafting farmers between the ages of 20 and 22 for service overseas, the government has decided that the necessity for reinforcements was more pressing than the need for increased production.

The farmers, who came from all sections of Ontario, were headed by C. J. Thornton, ex-M.P. for Durham, and after an organization meeting this morning waited on Mr. Borden, Hon. N. W. Rowell, Major-General Mewburn, Hon. T. A. Cregar and Hon. Hugh Guthrie. Five of their number presented arguments against the conscription of young farmers, stating that their appeal was prompted in no sense by disloyalty, but rather by a desire to serve the country and the men at the front in a way which they considered the best way.

Borden Speaks Plainly.

The prime minister did not mince matters, but told them that reinforcements must be obtained, and that the government had decided on the only plan possible under the circumstances. He appreciated the difficulties the farmers would be placed in, but called their attention to the fact that the hardships suffered by the people of Canada were not to be compared to those endured by the people in Great Britain and France.

GERMANS ADMIT SUCCESS OF THE ZEEBRUGGE RAID

Frankfurter Zeitung Exhorts the German Navy to Deal With Enemy of "Remarkable Boldness."

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, May 8.—That the recent British attack on the German submarine base at Zeebrugge was successful, is admitted by the Frankfurter Zeitung in commenting on the affair. This newspaper urges that Germany's navy take measures to deal "with an antagonist of remarkable boldness. It would be foolish to deny," it says, "that the British fleet scored a great success through its audacious stroke in penetrating one of the most important strongholds over which the German flag floats. However unpleasant it may be, we must frankly admit that the enemy ships actually entered the port of Zeebrugge. That being so, there is no reason why they should not achieve a similar feat at other times. Therefore, it behooves our navy commanders to be alert, for we have to deal with an antagonist of remarkable boldness."

NICARAGUA JOINS ALLIES IN WAR ON GERMANY

(Special to The Daily News.)

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, May 8.—The government of Nicaragua has decided to throw in its lot with the Allies by declaring war upon Germany. The German minister has left the capital with his suit, and stringent measures have been taken with regard to the numerous Germans who are in business throughout the country. There are many German owners of plantations, and interested in the rubber and mahogany export trades, and steps are being taken to have them rounded up, and prevented from creating mischief.

Representations have been made to the Allied authorities through their ministers here as to the best manner in which the state of Nicaragua can best assist in the war.

GERMANS EMPLOYING THEIR LAST RESERVES

Geneva, May 7.—The German military authorities are sending direct to the front lines all youths from the reserve depots in Alsace-Lorraine, according to an Alsatian chemist, who has just arrived here from Mulhausen. The chemist has already lost four sons, the latest aged 18, having been killed at Loere, in the Flanders battle.

"The Germans are employing their last reserves," said the Alsatian, "especially the soldiers from Alsace-Lorraine. It is the German manner of settling the question of the two provinces. If a referendum is taken after the war, only a few Alsatian electors will be left."

ALLIED AIRMEN BLOW UP HUN AMMUNITION

Inflict Great Damage on German Canal Traffic—Direct Hit on Ammunition Train in Belgium.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Amsterdam, May 7.—The effective work of Allied airmen in harassing the German supply service is described by the newspaper Les Nouvelles of The Hague, which says that Allied aviators recently sank, in one day, twenty-three Belgian boats laden with gravel and road material for the German front in Picardy. The vessels at the time were twelve kilometres from the enemy rear line. The newspaper adds:

"Three weeks ago the Luxembourg bridge at Namur was again badly damaged by aircraft. Two arches were destroyed and one boat was sunk."

Les Nouvelles ascertains that it was bombs dropped by Allied aircraft that destroyed a railway station in the Province of Hainaut, Belgium, on March 22. A munitions train of sixty-four cars was in the station and forty cars blew up in succession, killing and wounding many Germans.

Rigorous measures were taken immediately to keep onlookers away from the scene of the disaster. A German officer estimates the loss in shells at one million marks.

A MEAN THEFT ON THE WATERFRONT

One of the meanest of thefts was perpetrated two nights ago on the waterfront near Cow Bay by some person or persons whom there are good grounds for believing are not unknown, when a poor man, in poor health, was robbed of his visible means of subsistence for the next few weeks. The blacksmith who has been working for Messrs. Ackersburg Thomson & Co., has been in poor shape physically for some time past, and his intention was to go up to the Hot Springs north of here for several weeks to try and get better. He owned a little boat, and in order to get company and a guide for the voyage up north, had to leave early in the morning. He had to have two or three weeks' stock of provisions to last until his return. His boat was an open one, and in order to protect these from the weather during the night, he stored them on their arrival from the store in the gasboat Beate, belonging to his firm, overnight.

Sometime during the hours of darkness, however, thieves broke through and stole. The hatch of the gasboat was forced, and not a thing was left. When the owner came down in the early hours of daylight, he found that he had been forestalled, and the whereabouts for his cure had gone.

Had it not been for the kindness of his fellow workmen, who chipped in to purchase another supply, this man would have been unable to make his trip.

Theft is a crime at any time, but in a case of this kind, it is doubly criminal, when a poor man's only possessions are taken from him in the night. The police have been informed of the matter and it is hoped that the culprit will be brought to his deserts.

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CANADIANS RAID ENEMY FRONT LINES

Cause Great Destruction to German Defence Works—Enemy Raid Repulsed After Bombardment.

(Special to The Daily News.)

At the British Headquarters in France, May 7.—There was one of the most terrific bombardments last night which lasted for the space of two hours. Every big gun on each side seemed to be firing at once. The object was to cover a raid which was contemplated from both the British and the German lines at the same time. The enemy raid proved to be unsuccessful when it was made, the enemy parties returning through their own wire hurriedly, and leaving many casualties on the ground.

The other raid made by the Canadians resulted in severe hand to hand fighting, in which the Germans suffered many casualties. Many of the enemy were killed and wounded in the scrimmages which took place, and at the same time great destruction was done to the enemy defense works. Their dugouts were blown up, and their trenches flattened by the bombardment and things generally were made very uncomfortable for Fritz.

GENERAL ROBERTSON SAID WILL SUCCEED VISCOUNT FRENCH

London, May 7.—It is rumored persistently in the Parliamentary lobbies that General Sir William Robertson, formerly chief of the Imperial General Staff at Headquarters, will succeed Field Marshal Viscount French as commander of the home forces. Field Marshal French has recently been appointed to the onerous position of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and his official residence will henceforth be at Dublin Castle.

"THE CALL OF THE EAST"

Demure Tsuru Aoki, the tiny wife of Sessue Hayakawa, the famous Japanese actor, and who has co-starred with him in many of his most famous productions, appears again in support of her husband in the play to be screened at the Westholme Theatre this evening. This story is filled with all the exotic mystery of the East and has imparted into it by its makers, with a witchery known only to themselves, the true charm and lure of the Orient. It is a thrilling drama of the Orient and America, and the clear call of the race, which rings through and around all human relationships. It is filled with exciting scenes, and the lover of thrills will find in this play enough to satisfy him. There will be in addition a gazette and a comedy to round off the programme.

The Prince Rupert and the Prince George passed each other a few miles south of here this morning. They were quite close, but failed to make each other out in the heavy mirning mist.

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