

# THE DAILY NEWS

## HINDENBURG'S NEXT MOVE NOW AWAITED

### VAST GERMAN FORCES AGAIN READY -- ITALIANS GET AUSTRIAN BATTLESHIP

#### HINDENBURG'S WAR MACHINE PATCHED AND RUNNING AGAIN

ENEMY HAS 125 DIVISIONS FACING ALLIED FORCES IN LINE ON WESTERN FRONT—BATTLEFRONT REMAINS QUIET MEANTIME, ALTHOUGH RESUMPTION MAY COME AT ANY TIME

(Special to The Daily News.)

With the British Armies in France, May 17.—Nearly one hundred rested or fresh German infantry divisions, amounting to 1,200,000 men, are on the western front, now ready for immediate battle. Hindenburg has slowly patched up his sadly battered war machine, which is reported to be again in something like running order.

About 125 German divisions are facing the British, French, Belgian and American forces in actual line. About eighty divisions are in reserve, not yet having participated in the present campaign. Meantime the battlefront remains moderately quiet, although there was some fighting north of Kemmel, where the French in a snappy counter attack regained possession of Hill 14.

#### In Picardy.

London, May 17.—The artillery was active last night in the valleys of the Somme and the Ancre rivers, also east of Arras, and in Flanders. The war office statement reads: "Our troops raided the enemy's trenches last night in the neighborhood of Gavrelle, and captured a few prisoners." Behind artillery activity on both sides at different points, there is nothing further to report.

#### U. S. Front.

Headquarters of the American Forces in France, May 17.—North of Toul and in Lorraine, there was a marked increase in the artillery fire on both sides. Today our aviators brought down three German machines.

#### Attack on Paris.

Paris, May 17.—Enemy aircraft dropped bombs on the outlying suburbs of Paris, late last night. Not one of the enemy machines was able to penetrate the defences of the city proper.

#### NO CHANGE IN HIGH COMMAND OF BRITAIN

London, May 17.—The reports that have been in circulation to the effect that a change was imminent in the high command of the British army in France were denied in the House of Commons by Bonar Law, speaking for the War Cabinet. In replying to the question, Bonar Law said that no change in the Higher Command had taken place, nor was any in contemplation.

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#### BALFOUR'S STATEMENT RE PEACE PROPOSALS

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, May 17.—Great Britain is prepared to consider proposals from the enemy, provided that such are put forward by accredited persons in a straightforward manner, declared Mr. Arthur Balfour in the House of Commons yesterday. "If any representative of any belligerent country desires seriously to lay before us any proposals," he went on, "we are ready to listen to them."

While the British government was desirous of an honorable termination of the war, the peace moves of the General Powers heretofore had not been in the interests of a fair and honorable peace.

#### CONTROL BUYING AND PRODUCTION OF BRITAIN'S FOOD

London, May 16.—The government purposes to place under the control of the food ministry the purchase and production of food so that stocks may be assured and distribution made more equitable, says the Daily Mail.

"It is felt that by arresting competition in various markets," the paper continues, "prices will be reduced for the benefit of consumers and rationing made easier. Andrew Weir, surveyor-general of the food supply at the war office, has been invited to co-operate owing to his great experience in the buying of food in the world's markets and shipping it. The government has been conferring with the Allied powers with a view to arranging a combination of interests so that meat, grain and other essential food-stuffs can be bought for joint account and placed under one control. Information concerning the plan probably will be given to parliament the coming week."

#### AUSTRIANS TO HAVE BREADLESS DAY NOW

London, May 16.—The food situation in Galicia is absolutely insupportable and the population is dying of hunger, Socialist deputies of Galicia have telegraphed to Dr. von Seydler, the Austrian premier, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Zurich says. The deputies demand the immediate importation of grain from Poland. Popular exasperation, they add, is growing to such an extent that the deputies decline to be responsible in the event of grave developments.

#### A Breadless Day.

London, May 16.—The Austrian food controller is considering the introduction of one breadless day a week, according to a dispatch from Geneva to the Daily News. Vienna newspapers say the government is forced to take this action owing to the rapid diminution of the flour supply and the small prospects of obtaining more wheat before the next harvest.

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#### FINEST BATTLE SHIPS IN THE ALLIED FLEET ARE FROM U. S.

London, May 16.—Archibald Hurd, the naval expert, writing in the Daily Telegraph on the new situation in the North Sea resulting from the Zeebrugge and Ostend raids, the extension of British mine fields and the generally increasing naval pressure against Germany, says:

"When the war is over the nation will form some conception of the extent of the debt which we owe the American navy for the manner in which it has co-operated, not only in connection with the convoy system, but in fighting the submarines."

"If the naval position is improving today, as it is, it is due to the fact that the British and

American fleets are working in close accord, supported by an immense body of skilled workers on both sides of the Atlantic, who are turning out destroyers and other craft for dealing with the submarines as well as mines and bombs."

"The Germans can have a battle whenever they want it. The strength of the Grand Fleet has been well maintained. Some of the finest battleships of the United States navy are now associated with it. They are not only splendid fighting ships, but they are well officered and manned. The conditions under which the Germans would engage us, therefore, are less favorable to them than two years ago."

#### G.T.P. PLANS AFFECTED BY LABOR SHORTAGE

"So far as the present scarcity of labor will permit us," said Mr. H. McCall, general superintendent of the G. T. P., this morning upon his return from Edmonton, "our plans for this summer will be carried out. Our tie renewals are already in progress. We will have to replace some two hundred and fifty thousand ties this season, and ballasting will be also carried out as far as possible. But our great difficulty is in procuring sufficient labor to enable us to get this work done. It is the same all through the prairie country too. Lots of work to be done, and not enough men to do it. But we will do the best we can under the circumstances."

Mr. McCall has been east, where he had a conference with Mr. Hinton, and going over the programme for the summer's work. Many of the plans of the company will depend upon the result of the negotiations which are at present under way with regard to the shipbuilding operations that are hoped to be started here in the near future. Naturally, this happy consummation would mean a great deal to the railway company as well as to the whole community, and certain details will have to await the result. So far as Mr. McCall is aware, everything is progressing favorably.

#### TURKS MAKING WAR ON CHRISTIAN PEOPLE

Washington, May 15.—Systematic efforts by the Turks to destroy Hellenism in Turkey are reported to the Greek legation here in dispatches from Athens. Since the end of 1917 more than 200,000 Greeks have been impressed into the Turkish army. More than a million and a half have been taken from Thrace to Asia Minor. The entire population of Greek villages have been killed or carried away. Turkish officers have declared that no Christian may any longer live in Turkey unless he embraces Islamism. More than five billion francs are said to have been taken away from the Greeks and streets of the larger cities are declared to be lined with orphaned and begging Greek children.

Sign the launch petition.

Silk dress skirts and under-skirts.—Wallace's.

Mr. Hugh Smith, of the fire department, left last evening for Vancouver on a vacation.

#### LIEUT. ALEC YOUNG WAS IN OSTEND RAID

Writing home to his parents, Judge F. McB. Young and Mrs. Young, Lieutenant Alec Young tells of his experience during the Ostend raid, in which he took part. His letter is dated from France on April 23 and he says:

"I wrote you a letter yesterday, and when I wrote it, although I didn't say so, I fully expected it would be the last one you would ever receive from me, as I took part last night in probably the biggest naval operations of the war; to wit: we blocked the harbors of Zeebrugge and Ostend under terrific shell fire, and machine gun fire. I was first lieutenant on one of the three volunteer ships that went in under the guns and rescued the survivors of the 'block ships' at Ostend. It was a sight that one will probably never see again and one I will never forget as long as I live, and when I saw the bravery displayed by the men of those ships, who had one chance in a thousand of being rescued, I thought to myself, 'God help the German navy when it comes out.' We had great luck, and although our ship was filled full of holes and we were making water (we had some of the holes plugged up with scrubbing brushes) we managed to get most of the crew of one of the ships and the other two boats got the rest. How we got away, God only knows, as no one ever expected any of us to get through a barrage like the Germans put up. I could tell you of some very amusing incidents that happened, but I was on deck for about fourteen of the most exciting hours of my life and I am very tired and think I will turn in. So cheerio for the present."

#### MANUFACTURING IN U. S. CONTROLLED

Washington, May 16.—Control of the manufacture of articles intended for export to the European Allies has been instituted by the war trade board in agreement with the Allied missions, the war industries board and the food administration.

The regulations are "for the purpose of preventing the useless consumption of materials and labor in making articles for export which for the present may not be exported."

#### NOTICE

Will all those receiving Launch Petitions please sign them up and either mail them to the minister of marine and fisheries at Ottawa, or to me at Box 109, Prince Rupert, before May 18, and oblige,

HOOMES K. FREEMAN

#### AUSTRIAN BATTLESHIP IS TORPEDOED IN POLA HARBOR

ITALIAN NAVAL FORCES GET INTO ENEMY NAVAL BASE AND DESTROY BIG VESSEL—SEAPLANES ALSO ATTACK AUSTRIAN MACHINES IN THE AIR AND BRING DOWN MANY

(Special to The Daily News.)

#### WIFE OF DR. BELAND DIED IN BELGIUM

Ottawa, May 17.—It is expected that the Hon. Dr. Beland will soon be back in Canada. He is at present resting in Holland, after his exchange for Prince von Buelow and preparatory to the trip across the Atlantic. Dr. Beland is a former postmaster-general of Canada, having occupied that post for a few months previously to the general election of 1911, which resulted in defeat of the Laurier administration. He is still the member for Beauce county, having been elected by acclamation in his absence in December last.

Just before the outbreak of the war Dr. Beland was married to a Belgian lady. He was on his honeymoon trip in Belgium when the Germans overran the country in August, 1914. He could have got away but remained to give succor to the Belgians and German wounded. With characteristic indifference to his labors of mercy, the Germans made him a prisoner despite repeated efforts on the part of the Imperial authorities and the Dominion government to secure his release. His freedom comes now as the result of a recent agreement between the British and German governments made neutral agencies for the release of prisoners upwards of forty-five years of age.

Dr. Beland's health, never too robust, failed steadily during his stay in Germany and some time ago he was given some measure of freedom. About a year ago his wife became ill in Belgium but he was not permitted by the German authorities to visit her. The illness terminated fatally.

#### JAPAN WANTS A FREE HAND IN SIBERIA

London, May 15.—A despatch to The London Times from Tokio says:—"The chaotic situation in Siberia is to some extent reflected in Tokio, which is suffering from a sort of political paralysis, for the Government is plainly puzzled how to deal with the problem of rampant Bolshevism, although Japanese refugees from all parts of Russia, at Irkutsk and farther east, have fallen victims to the Bolsheviks, and have been subjected to indignities and arrest."

"The cause of this stagnation is undoubtedly to be found in the American stand against intervention. While the apparent success of American dealings with the Bolsheviks seems to go to extremes in the effort to conciliate the Russians, politically Japan at the present moment is in a state of suspended animation. She is prepared to restore order in Siberia, but the allies' mandate must give her an absolutely free hand. The Japanese strongly resent the tone of recent messages from Europe exhorting Japan to intervene in Siberia and so worded as to suggest that Japan would be acting in obedience to the allies' bidding."

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Rome, May 17.—An Austrian battleship has been torpedoed in Pola harbor by the Italian naval forces, according to an official announcement made here today. The battleship was of the Viribus Unis type, of twenty thousand tons displacement. The Italian force worked its way into the Austrian naval base by dodging the patrol boats and searchlights of the defenders. Consisting of small swift craft, the squadron sneaked its way along in the darkness and succeeded in making its way inside Pola harbor undetected, when the torpedo was loosed off which hit the big battleship.

During the same time this attack was being made from the sea, an Italian squadron of seaplanes engaged the Austrian battle planes above Pola, and there was stiff fighting in the air for some time. Two Austrian machines were brought down, and several others were compelled to descend out of control. The Italian machines all returned safely.

#### SOVIETS FEARED PEASANTS WOULD AID ROMANOFFS

London, May 16.—The Soviet government, according to a Times dispatch from Petrograd dated last Friday, confirms the report that Nicholas Romanoff, the former Emperor, together with the former empress and one of their daughters, was removed to Ekaterinburg, Tobolsk, as a result of the discovery of a peasant conspiracy to assist in his escape from captivity. Alexis Romanoff, the former heir apparent, remains at Tobolsk owing to ill health.

The former emperor is now confined in a small house with only one or two attendants, and no strangers are allowed to approach him. He complains that the guards recently have been rude and meddlesome. M. Sverdloff, of the Bolshevik cabinet, says that Nicholas must reconcile himself to the fact that he is a prisoner of the Soviet.

The question of the ultimate disposal of the emperor, the dispatch adds, will soon be brought to a decision.

Dresses.—Silk Poplin, Duchess, Taffetas.—Wallace's.

Mr. and Mrs. MacKenzie of Naden Harbor, left last evening for Vancouver. Mr. MacKenzie has been manager of the cannery at Naden Harbor for the last year or two. He has now been transferred to another cannery belonging to the same company on Vancouver Island.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams sailed last evening by the Prince George for Vancouver and Victoria, on a visit for a few days.

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Major Cawley was among the passengers leaving for Victoria last evening.

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