

BRITISH LEADERS SEE PEACE DAWN IN NEW MOVES

Hollweg's and Asquith's Addresses Regarded With Optimism

FINANCIAL RUIN FEARED

LONDON, April 15.—Two weekly newspapers, the Economist and the Nation, both of which have shown a temporary tendency toward conservatism of late, believe that the recent speech of Premier Asquith smoothes a way toward peace.

The editor of the Economist is Francis W. Hires, the financial expert, who has taken an extremely pessimistic view of the war's effects on European finances.

"If all the reasonable hopes of new territory entertained by all the belligerents could be realized few persons would be bold enough to say that realization of these hopes would compensate for the agony and misery, present and to come, of six months' further prolongation of the war.

"Nor must it be forgotten that every month that passes increases the risk of public insolvency on the Continent, which would assuredly plunge thousands of thousands into bankruptcy and indefinitely postpone commencement of economies of recovery.

"The danger of popular revolutions as a result of the war was foreseen by the Foreign Minister, Sir Edward Grey, in his duty of statesmanship to see whether a settlement is possible before a new masque of anarchy supervenes.

"Undoubtedly Mr. Asquith's speech has brought the possibility of settlement near, if the German people and the German Government are, as neutral observers declare, already in the mood to return to the comity of nations."

The Nation, which as the organ of the Advanced Liberals has opposed talk of revenge and the permanent division of Europe into two alliances.

"Europe has this week reverted to international usage known as diplomacy. Cannon go on roaring, but statesmen have begun to talk to each other. Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg has challenged Mr. Asquith to explain himself. Premier Asquith has responded and, in turn, the German Chancellor must deal with the English rejoinder.

The Nation says no trace of envy of Germany's prosperity and no plan of revenge for her "crimes" will be in the words or the spirit of the treaty which she will be asked to sign.

ITALIANS WIN POSITION 10,835 FEET ABOVE SEA

Enemy Attacked and Routed in Storm Amid Adamello Glaciers

ROME, April 15.—The following official communication was issued last night:

In the Adamello zone, while a great storm was raging, our divisions detached Tuesday attacked enemy positions on the steep crest of Lobbia Alta, which rises 3,800 metres (10,835 feet) above the glaciers.

By evening the positions were completely captured by assault and immediately consolidated by our troops. We captured one of the finest and 30 men and one machine gun.

There has been the customary artillery activity in Trentino, in the Fiemme and the Upper Fella region. In the Plesio Basin Wednesday night the enemy renewed his attack against our Plesio positions, but was again repulsed.

On Mrail and Monte Nero enemy attacks commenced yesterday morning and continued throughout the day with fluctuating fortunes.

In the Adamello sector we occupied the ridge of Dossion di Genova. South of Stilfer (Stelvio Pass), an Italian attack against Monte Booruzzo failed.

Italian Alpine detachments have shown new activity in the last few days in the Adamello zone, where the snow is still very high.

SPANIARDS ASK THEIR GOVERNMENT TO ACT

Death of Spanish Composer on Sussex Brings Forth Demand of Reprisals

MADRID, April 15.—Amadeo Hurtado, an authority on the formation of law, has written a letter to Premier Romanones in regard to the damaging of the steamship Sussex and the death of the Spanish composer, Enrique Granados.

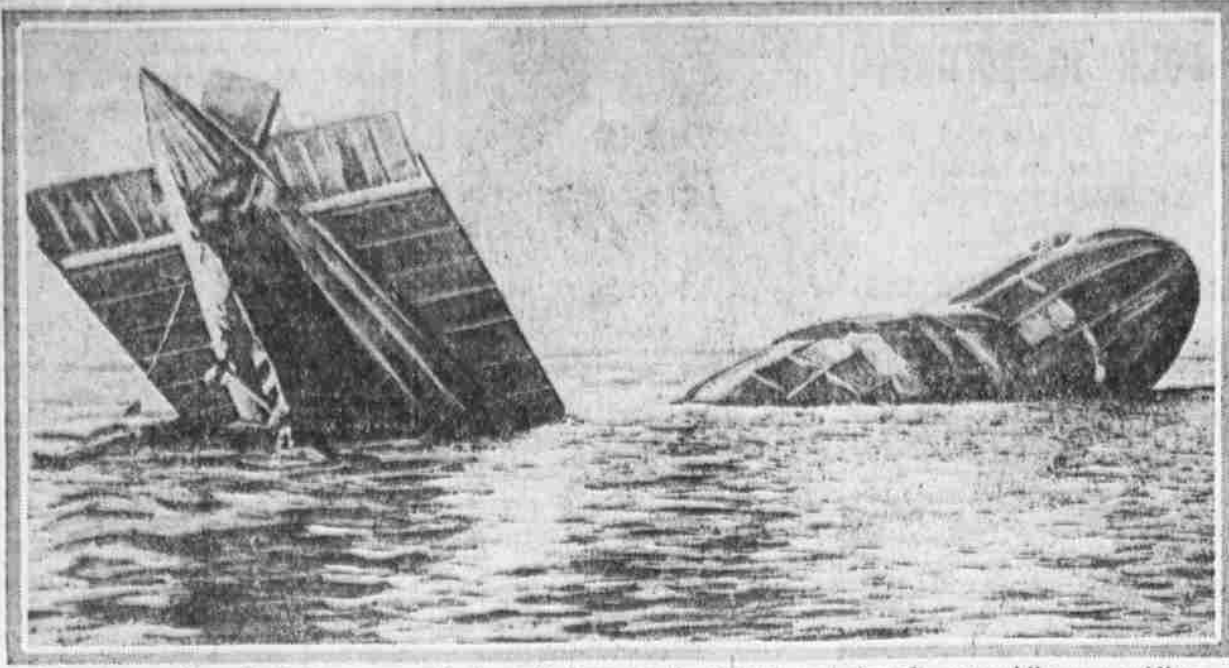
"Spain should take the initiative to bring about joint action of all neutral countries in order to put a stop to the illegal system which has such disastrous consequences for all neutrals. The warships of the allied nations should keep busy protecting their merchant marines and that of neutrals. Germany has no merchant ships at sea, and her warships are engaged in war service while German merchant ships are protected by international neutrality throughout the world.

It is inexcusable with neutrality, and if Germany merchant ships continue to have protection in neutral ports, neutrals should demand of the Germans the protection of their citizens and merchantmen."

PARIS, April 15.—A number of prominent Spaniards who are living in France have formed a committee, which has sent the following telegram to Premier Romanones of Spain:

"The Spanish Committee of Paris protests with the greatest urgency against the attacks on Enrique Granados and other Spaniards aboard the Sussex, Vigo and Brest, and demands that the Government take necessary measures, even reprisals, if necessary, in order to protect the lives and interests of Spanish citizens."

GERMAN ZEPPELIN SINKING OFF KENTISH COAST



The German Zeppelin L-15 was recently brought down by the British anti-aircraft guns while on a raiding expedition off the Kentish coast.

BRITISH MOVE CLOSER TO KUT-EL-AMARA IN BATTLE ON TIGRIS

Force Under General Gorringe Drives Back Turks From One and a Half to Three Miles

FIGHT ON FLOODED FIELD

LONDON, April 15.—The British force under Lieutenant General Gorringe, which is fighting its way back to Kut-el-Amara on the Tigris, forced back the enemy's advanced line over a distance varying from one and a half to three miles.

On the left bank water from the marshes has been driven by a north-west gale into some of the enemy's trenches at Sannayyat. The enemy was heavily punished as he took refuge from the flood in the new position.

The announcement of the British victory came at a time when the public was beginning to fear efforts to relieve the force of General Townshend were doomed to failure, owing to the check suffered by the relieving army a few days ago and the difficult conditions brought about by floods.

Many military writers in England believed the floods had made the relief almost an impossibility, but the official report shows that, instead of hindering the British, the high water has aided the forces of Lieutenant General Gorringe in a task which is one of the most difficult undertaken by the British army.

Each mile the Turks are forced back makes the British operations easier, for as they approach Kut-el-Amara the Turks are compelled to defend a wider front.

From the bend of the Tigris at Umm-el-Henna, which General Gorringe captured last week, to Sannayyat, which the Turks are in danger of losing, if they have not been compelled already to abandon it, both flanks of the Turkish forces are protected by marshes on either side of the river.

Further up the river the area of dry ground winds until the Esamir position is reached. Although this position is very strongly fortified, it is believed that if the relieving forces reach it General Townshend's army will be able to assist them.

BREAK SURE UNLESS BERLIN YIELDS TO U. S.

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A conference during the day had been arranged with Chairman Stone, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Chairman Flood, of the House Committee. It was the purpose of this conference to lay before these congressional leaders the ground on which action was being taken and to discuss possible eventualities.

Whether or not the whole matter should be laid before Congress was discussed. The President was not expected to put the matter before Congress in any event, with the idea of obtaining authorization for the course to be pursued. Rather, he was to announce the steps being taken out of respect for the right of Congress to know.

While containing no threats, it is said the communication as tentatively drafted states the United States' position in such a way that it is believed that very sweeping changes in her submarine policy. No otherwise, it is believed, can she give the assurances asked.

GERMAN OFFICIALS PERTURBED AT U. S. RECEPTION OF SUSSEX NOTE; CABLE TO BERNSTORFF

THE HAGUE, April 15.—Germany's submarine controversy with the United States was discussed at the German Foreign Office in Berlin today by Baron Burian von Rajec, the Austrian Foreign Minister; Doctor von Jagow, the German Foreign Minister; and Doctor

SLAVS BEAT TURKS IN SIX-DAY BATTLE WEST OF ERZERUM

Petrograd Report Says Ottomans Retreating in Disorder Negr Erzintian, Pursued by Russians

COUNTER-STROKE FAILS

PETROGRAD, April 15.—Official information of another battle between the Russian troops of the Grand Duke Nicholas and the Turks in the Armenian mountains west of Erzerum came today with the announcement of a Russian victory. The Turks, rallying around Erzintian, attempted a counter-offensive, it is announced, but were overthrown in a conflict lasting six days.

Fighting continues west of Erzerum. Turkish attacks against the center of the Caucasian army, which lasted six days, were all repulsed. The enemy suffered heavy losses and everywhere is falling back in disorder, energetically pursued by our troops.

Apparently the scene of this battle, which is only given as "west of Erzerum," was laid in the valley of the western Euphrates, on the road to Erzintian. This valley is divided by a lofty mountain range from the basin of the Thorok, further north, where the Russians recently have reported fighting, and also is bordered by another high range to the south.

Although the Russian and Turkish official reports have been silent regarding fighting in this region, there have been intimations from both sides that the Turks had been heavily reinforced and had concentrated about Erzintian, which is 105 miles west of Erzerum.]

SINKING OF BRITISH SHIP WITH AMERICANS ABOARD CREATES SERIOUS QUESTION

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The Aberdeen barge Inverlyon, Portland Ore., to Limerick, Ireland, was sunk by gunfire April 11, but two Americans aboard her escaped safely. Some of the crew were lost.

A paraphrase of the Queenstown Consul's message, reporting the sinking, said: "The Aberdeen barge Inverlyon, Portland Ore., to Limerick, Ireland, was sunk on the eleventh, 110 miles west of Valencia. Unarmed, no attempt to escape. Fifteen minutes allowed to abandon ship.

"One boat, with 12 men, including two Americans, saved. Other boat—no Americans—lost.

Officials admitted there is a serious question involving American rights in the Inverlyon case. In formal notes this Government has demanded "full measure of safety" for Americans on ships attacked. It has plainly declared this "measure of safety" does not consist merely of placing passengers in small boats.

German submarine commanders, Secretary Lansing has clearly explained, must make certain passengers are not too far from land to be subjected to danger, and that the condition of the sea must be taken into consideration.

Officials were inclined to the belief that since one boatload of human beings was lost, those in the boat which landed, although they reached land, were obviously put in danger and not given full measure of safety.

Local Option Primary Fight Planned

The Local Option Committee of Pennsylvania announced yesterday that a "drying" squadron consisting of trained speakers would be organized to tour every Legislative and State Senatorial district in this city and vicinity in an effort to secure votes at the May primary for only those candidates who will pledge themselves to the cause. The speakers will address meetings in churches, Bible classes and civic and business organizations.

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TRINCEE AUSTRIACHE CONQUISTATE A 3300 METRI, TRA' GHIACCIALI

Il Nemico Attacca di Nuovo le Posizioni Italiane sul Mrzli, Ma E' Ricacciato Indietro

L'OFFENSIVA DEI RUSSI

ROMA, 15 Aprile. Teri sera il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava il seguente comunicato ufficiale: "Nella zona del Plesio nella sera del 13 Aprile i nostri reparti di Alpini attaccarono i nemici nelle posizioni di Lobbia Alta, nel centro del gruppo dell'Adamello, e quelle del Dosson di Genova, nell'istesso gruppo, tra i ghiacciai e ad un'altezza di 3300 metri (10,835 piedi).

La sera del 12 Aprile noi avevamo completamente conquistato le posizioni nemiche, e eravamo fortificati in esse ed avevamo preso trentuno prigionieri, di cui uno ufficiale, ed una mitragliatrice.

"Sulla fronte del Trintino, della Carnia e dell'alta valle del Felis si e' avuta la solita attivita' di artiglieria.

"Sul Monte Mrzli l'attacco della sera del 13 Aprile contro le nostre posizioni di Ruavillaz. Esso fu subito respinto.

"Un attacco del nemico che durò per tutta la giornata con varia fortuna. Alla sera le nostre truppe, con un vigoroso contrattacco ed assalti alla baionetta ricacciarono il nemico dalle trincee conquistate.

"Sulle alture a nord-ovest di Gorizia e sul Carso si e' avuta una relativa calma."

NUOVA OFFENSIVA RUSSA

Telegrammi da Petrograd dicono che le forze russe hanno iniziato una nuova grande e vigorosa offensiva sulla loro frontiera meridionale, dal basso corso della Stripa al Dniester ed alle posizioni a sud-est di Czernowitz. Le forze austro-tedesche che difendevano questa linea, attaccate furiosamente, sono state costrette a ripiegare dopo una battaglia violentissima che e' durata molte ore. Gli stessi austriaci ammettono che, attaccati dai russi, si sono ritirati sulle loro posizioni principali. I russi sono rimasti padroni di una importante altura conosciuta con il nome di "Tomba di Popov" e delle trincee che si stendono a sud di questa altura.

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The War Today

The Germans have resumed their bombardment of Hill 304, northwest of Verdun. They are directing a severe fire from hundreds of guns on the hill, which is considered to be the key position of the French in that sector, preparatory to another infantry attack. The French are shelling heavily Crow Wood and Forges. A great artillery duel is proceeding along the entire Verdun line.

Vladivostok admits heavy artillery pounding by the Russians in Galicia and states that the battle along the Stripa River continues.

che pure erano fortemente difese dagli austriaci.

Si dice che le car e' sulla fronte della Buovina ed assiste allo sviluppo di nuova offensiva russa sulla fronte meridionale austriaca. Due aviatori tedeschi, con un grosso carico di bombe, erano partiti per lanciarsi sul quartiere generale dove si trovava il car, ma furono attaccati da aviatori russi ed uno fu costretto a ritirarsi. L'altro riuscì a gettare le sue bombe su Ivanov, dove era il car e dove una sentinella rimase ferita.

Intanto, mentre i russi attaccano a sud, il maresciallo von Hindenburg sviluppa grande attivita' nel settore settentrionale verso Riga. Si ritiene però che i russi sono ben preparati a far fronte alla nuova offensiva di von Hindenburg, se essa dovesse manifestarsi.

Intanto il combattimento sempre ad ovest di Erzerum dove i turchi hanno attaccato i russi per sei giorni continui con perdite enormi. I turchi finalmente si son dovuti ritirare e sono inseguiti dai russi.

CHINESE REBELS WIN OVER YUAN'S CABINET

President's Advisors Urge Him to Establish Legislatures for Popular Representation

TOKIO, April 15.—The Chinese Cabinet has virtually capitulated to the revolutionary leaders, and President Yuan Shikai has been advised to establish at once provincial legislatures for popular representation, says a dispatch received today from a Japanese correspondent in Peking.

It is believed that the long struggle in China will come to an end if Yuan Shikai will grant an extension of civic liberties to the people and at the same time establish legislatures in the provinces.

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