

INFANTRY LULL MARKS VERDUN BATTLE FRONT

Crown Prince Shifts Attacks Westward to the Argonne

GUNS ROAR ON MEUSE

German Assault at La Hazaree Beaten Back by French

PARIS, May 3.—The War Office today reported a lull in infantry operations at Verdun, while the German Crown Prince shifted his attack farther westward to the Argonne.

At La Hazaree, where the French on Monday dispersed a Toulon reconnoitering party, the Germans launched an assault on the French positions.

In this assault the Crown Prince's soldiers used poisonous gas in their effort to overwhelm the French. The official communique issued this afternoon states, however, that this assault was repulsed and that the Germans suffered heavy losses.

Though infantry action at Verdun has been lacking during the recent hours, violent artillery combats have continued about the positions on the Meuse River.

The text of the official communique follows: In the Argonne after a sharp bombardment with gaseous shells, the enemy attempted yesterday evening a feeble attack with three companies against our trenches between Le Hazaree and Four de Paris.

The Germans momentarily gained a foothold in our advanced trench element, but were unable to maintain themselves. They were repulsed, suffering severe losses from our fire.

In the regions about Verdun there was great activity by the artillery on both sides in the sectors of Le Mort Homme and Douaumont.

One of our long range pieces bombarded the railway station at Sebastopol. Fire broke out in the station buildings.

In Lorraine patrol forces were in contact in the region of Moncel. The night was quiet on the rest of the front.

BERLIN, May 3.—Local successes against the Belgians and the French in the Argonne are reported in today's official announcement by the German War Office.

The text of the official statement follows: North of Dixmude German detachments made a surprise attack and following a cannonade entered the Belgian line and captured several dozen soldiers.

In the Argonne, in the sector of Four de Paris, our patrols advanced as far as the second French line and returned with several prisoners.

On both sides of the Meuse River the situation is unchanged. First Lieutenant von Althaus, while flying above Callette forest, shot down an enemy aeroplane, the sixth which he has destroyed.

Another French aeroplane was brought down in an aerial combat south of Thiaumont. Two more aeroplanes were shot down by anti-aircraft guns south of Talou ridge, and a fifth by machine-gun fire near Hardaumont.

The pilot of the fifth aeroplane was killed and the observer severely wounded.

ITALIANS WIN TWO DAYS' BATTLE AMONG GLACIERS Take Passes and Mountain Positions in Adamello Zone

ROME, May 3.—The official statement, issued from the General Headquarters last night, reads: In the Adamello zone on Saturday our Alpine troops crossed Lobbia Fumo ridge and a deep ravine in the upper Clesse and attacked the enemy on the rocky crags of Crozzon Pargorid and the Convento Pass.

After two days of fierce fighting on the glaciers we took Crozzon at an altitude of 3082 meters, Crozzon di Sarea, 3354 meters; Lares Pass, 3255 meters, and Covento Pass, 3195 meters, capturing 103 prisoners, including officers, and taking in addition two machine guns, rifles and ammunition.

Yesterday the artillery was active along the whole front, especially in the upper Cortovole against the Vabracolona bridgehead. We repulsed small enemy attacks against Marmolada, in the Piezzo Basin, Podgora, and east of Solz.

Yesterday the Vienna War Office announced that the Austrians had repulsed Italian attacks in the Adamello Mountains zone and had captured 87 Italian Alpines.

CLERK HELD FOR \$3000 THEFT Nathan Uhr Accused of Stealing Goods and Robbing Employer's Till

Nathan Uhr, 32 years old, 2428 South 2d street, was arrested today charged with having stolen a store of Frank Price, 257 Market street, of more than \$3000 worth of merchandise.

According to the police, two suitcases filled with goods valued at \$200 were recovered at Uhr's home. Uhr was held in \$1500 bail by Magistrate Harris for a further hearing May 10.

Uhr was a clerk in the Price store, and several weeks ago Mr. Price noticed that large quantities of goods were missing. He also observed that his receipts were falling off to a large extent.



This exclusive picture was taken early in April, when the first contingent of Russians were landed secretly at Toulon under the name of "Serbian refugees." Since then four more detachments have been landed at Marseilles.

NEW DRAFT BILL TESTS STRENGTH OF ASQUITH; LABOR TO FIGHT HARD

Great Crowds Throng Parliament Galleries in Expectation of Stormy Session Over Conscription

CABINET IS CRITICISED

LONDON, May 3.—Despite violent opposition on the part of labor leaders in Parliament, the Government will push its efforts to extend conscription to all men of military age forthwith.

The announcement by Premier Asquith that a new military service bill extending conscription would be introduced in the House of Commons this afternoon contained the promise of stormy scenes, and great crowds flocked into the spectators' galleries, filling them to overflowing.

There is no doubt of the fact that the Asquith Government, against which severe attacks have been leveled since the early days of the war, is now getting its supreme test of strength.

It was necessary to introduce the bill under adverse circumstances, for the Government is being criticized for its leniency in Ireland and for the reverses suffered by the English forces in Mesopotamia.

The introduction of legislation as unpopular as the conscription bill is in many quarters, does not tend to strengthen the position of the Government in the eyes of its critics.

Although the country has 5,000,000 men under arms, the War Office insists that this is not enough. Every available fighting man must be recruited before Lord Kitchener, the Secretary of State for War, will be satisfied.

It is estimated that the new conscription bill, if enacted into law, would increase the British army by about a quarter of a million men.

BRITISH HOLDING UP REPLY ON SEIZURE FROM CHINA

American Memorandum Receiving "Sympathetic Consideration"

LONDON, May 3.—No definite date can be set for the reply of the British Government to the third demand which Washington has made for the release of the 38 Austrians, Germans and Turks seized on the American steamship China near Shanghai, as the note must be submitted to the Admiralty and War Office before a final decision is reached.

The latest American memorandum on the subject, according to the Foreign Office, "is receiving sympathetic consideration."

Lord Robert Cecil, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, discussing the memorandum recently, declared, "If Great Britain is wrong in the China affair we are ready to make the necessary amends."

These expressions are considered significant by those familiar with the contents of the note, which reiterates the demand for the unconditional release of the men seized on the ground that none of the British arguments in favor of their detention has any validity.

The State Department declines to consider any argument respecting their detention which does not seek to prove that these persons were combatants, actually on the way to the scene of fighting, and has therefore refused to discuss the charge that they were engaged in plots designed to harm the British Empire.

The American Ambassador, Walter H. Page, has had several long conferences during the past week with the Marquis of Crewe, Lord President of the Council, with reference to this subject.

FIVE ZEPPELINS RAID BRITISH EAST COAST; ONE MAY BE DAMAGED

High-Angle Guns and Aeroplanes Fire on Air Invaders of North England and Southern Scotland

IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES

LONDON, May 3.—Fire from high-angle guns and British aeroplanes is believed to have damaged badly one of the German Zeppelins that took part in the raid over the northeast coast of England and the southeast coast of Scotland late last night.

The objective of the German raiders was evidently Hull, Grimsby, Hartlepool and Newcastle, all of which are important points for maritime shipping.

A number of bombs were dropped in Yorkshire and Northumberlandshire. A detailed statement from the War Office on the raid is anxiously awaited.

BERLIN, May 3.—An official communication issued last night tells of the bombing of several Russian positions in the Gulf of Riga and on the Russian coast by German airships and aeroplanes and of a Russian aerial attack on German positions at Wipdau, Courland. The statement says: On Monday naval airships attacked successfully Russian military installations in Moon Sound (north of Oesel Island) and at Pernau (on the eastern coast of the Gulf of Riga). The airships returned uninjured.

Simultaneously a squadron of our seaplanes dropped bombs on military installations and the Papeholm aerodrome on Oesel Island. The seaplanes returned undamaged. Good effects of their raid were observed.

A hostile air squadron the same day attacked our naval installations at Wipdau, Courland, but was compelled by our anti-aircraft guns to return without having met with success.

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Two youths jumped out and ran across fields, but a third, who appeared near the wreckage, was arrested and taken to the Fernwood police headquarters. The prisoner, who said he was Leo Errigay, of North 53d street, Philadelphia, denied he was in the car. Dickinson, who claimed his car today, said it had been taken from 60th and Spruce streets about midnight.

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