

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.

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 Chiese 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 Sares, 3354 meters; Lares Pass, 3255 meters, and Convento 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 Pizzo 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 stores 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. Suspecting Uhr, he employed the Bryant Detective Agency to watch the clerk. Today five operatives from the agency entered the store at different times and purchased goods valued at \$240. Of this amount the operatives testified that Uhr "rang up" only 98 cents in the cash register. The goods recovered at Uhr's home included safety razors, talcum powder, lamp shades and electrical appliances.

GRAIN MEN LOSE RATE PLEA

Philadelphians' Objection to Export Loading Charge Not Upheld by Commerce Board

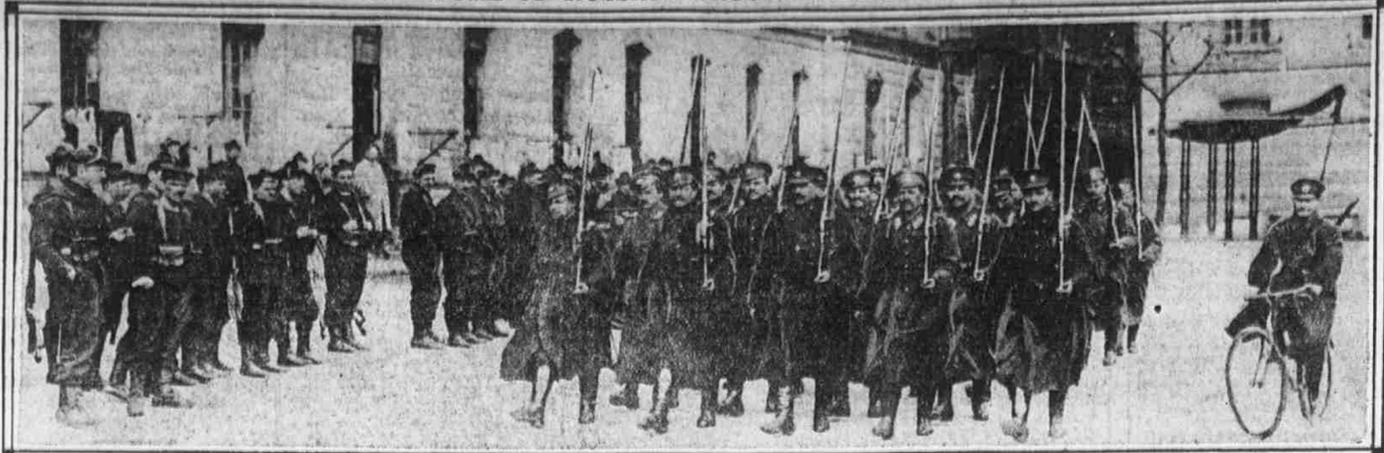
WASHINGTON, May 3.—Philadelphia grain men today lost in their attempt to have declared unreasonable a rate of three-fourths of one cent a bushel for loading export grain from elevators into ocean-going vessels. The rates at New York for this service are one-half of one cent. The Philadelphia Commercial Exchange told the Interstate Commerce Commission this rate was discriminatory as compared with the Philadelphia rate.

A. B. Cleemer, secretary of the Commercial Exchange, said today that no amendment on the commission's decision would be given until the decision could be read in full, except that he would say it was "too bad." The case had been before the Interstate Commerce Commission for more than a year, he said. The difference in the rates, he said, kept the export business of this port down.

Vincent Astor Deputy Sheriff

PHILADELPHIA, N. Y., May 3.—Vincent Astor has been appointed a deputy sheriff of Dutchess county, Dutchess county, New York.

FIRST PICTURE OF RUSSIAN TROOPS ARRIVING IN FRANCE



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 criticised 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 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.

New Owner Takes Petty's Island

Record was made yesterday in Camden of the conveyance of Petty's Island, in the Delaware River, comprising 350 acres, by David E. Dullam to Martin J. Nestal for \$55,000. The latter will convey it to George C. Priestly. The island was purchased by Anthony C. Zane for George C. Priestly.

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.

BRITISH DEFEAT TURKISH FORCE ON RIVER TIGRIS

Attack Enemy Strongly Intrenched and Drive Them Off

LONDON, May 3.—The British Official Bureau announces that Lieutenant General Lake, commander of the British forces in Mesopotamia, has reported as follows: "A small British force moved out of

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Newton D. Baker, a practical scholar who served his city well and is now the most boyish-looking Secretary of War we ever had, is sketched by Fred C. Kelly in this week's



Riders in Stolen Car Come to Grief

Fifteen minutes' joy-riding in a stolen automobile wore out the control of the man at the wheel and the car, owned by Charles Dickinson, of Lanserc, plunged into a ditch on Powell Avenue near West Chester pike, at Fernwood, Pa. 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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