

RAISE WILSON PLAN IN EAST—OTHER SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCHES FROM THE WAR FRONTS

THE MEN'S FLESH, CHARGE IN VIENNA

Town Council Investigates Report of Cannibalism Among Prisoners

OFFICIALLY HUSHED UP

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

London, May 22.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Annemasse, on the Franco-Swiss frontier, says:

"I have just received from sources I must not reveal, but for the honesty and authentic nature of which I can personally vouch, a series of oral statements direct from Vienna and Styria recording observations made in Austria up to almost the end of April. My informant said:

"The great masses of the Austrian people are more than warlike. No longer do they talk of their success or non-success but they talk of their peace because it will give them bread. The morale is so low that the Government is afraid of Bolshevism. I cannot tell you what we in Austria have suffered this last year, and of deeds done through hunger that are whispered about."

"One whole issue of the Arbeiter Zeitung was confiscated last March, lest it should speak of events abominable to hear. It demanded an investigation of two horrible cases of murder of prisoners of war by their fellow-workmen in gas works in the sixteenth municipal district of Vienna, and accused the workmen of eating part of the bodies. I do not think this is a sensation-mongering or the fantastic invention of the mob. I am appointed to inquire into the matter, and it was clear, he maintained, that at least two such instances of cannibalism occurred at the gas works at the end of December and other last March. It was referred to in Parliament, but it was hushed up in the press of Vienna."

Government Fears Bolshevism
 "The Austrian Government fears nothing more than the spread of Bolshevism ideas among these people, and it is a matter of common knowledge in Austria that all Austrian prisoners of war, during their stay in the hands of the enemy, are kept at the frontier to make sure that they are politically clean and unlikely to infect their comrades at home with the leprosy of Bolshevism."

"I was present at the five weeks' march on a journey through Styria, when food riots broke out there. The workmen in munition factories struck. They marched to the town hall and flung their loaves at the windows as a protest against the bad stuff that was in the bread, which was made of maize plentifully mixed with flour got from the bark of trees and ground into powder. Other workmen marched through the town, and with loaves smashed the windows of all cafes and shops and other plundered buildings and scattered their contents in the street. Similar outbreaks had taken place in other towns and not a word of it do they dare put in the papers."

"The police afterward gathered up the loaves lying in the mud, and they were served out as an extra ration to the population."

Sauerkraut and Pickles
 "In Vienna there were whole weeks when the people eat nothing but sauerkraut for the principal meals day, followed by other weeks when we had only pickled cucumbers and gherkins, and others again when we had nothing for dinner but the various preserved wares, things they usually give only to cattle, together with a little maize bread. Sometimes, but at the end of hours and hours of standing in queues, one could get a couple of pounds of potatoes in a week."

"My family and I have lived for weeks on hardly anything but some mushrooms which we gathered in a forest near the town."

"People often faint in the streets from inanition. I tell you there is not only hunger—there is famine in Austria. The health of many of the people is so sunk that they can hardly stand, let alone work, and things are getting worse every day."

"Even soldiers get insufficient food. They too are not only sick of the war, but also thoroughly anæmic. It is a common sight to see troops begging for bread and food from the inhabitants, and on railway journeys during the last few weeks I have seen soldiers in positions where we stopped, imploring the people in the train to give them even peelings and remnants of food."

"Austria is shuddering at the prospect of the next three months. The people, as far as they can whisper, say at Hinderburg's promise of smashing the English and French with a big offensive and getting a German peace."

"You have humbugged us too often already," they say, "with your U-boats promises, your Brest-Litovsk and all the rest of it, and the only consolation you beautiful U-boat war is that you brought America in as a new enemy."

"At first everybody in Austria made fun of President Wilson as a mere Don Quixote and pedant, but now they are changing their tune and are afraid America means business."

POLA RAIDERS CAPTURED

Four Italian Heroes Who Sank Battleship Are Prisoners

London, May 22.—The four Italian naval heroes who sank the blockade runner Pola and sank an Austrian torpedo battleship of the Viribus Sicilias type, were captured by the British. A dispatch from Rome says:

An official report issued by the Italian Ministry of Marine stated that Commander Pellegriani and his three companions advanced alone into the harbor of Pola and the only explosion that was a luminous signal announcing that the battleship had been torpedoed. The intention was to sink to sea capture. (Pola is the chief Austro-Hungarian naval base on the Adriatic Sea.)

TURKS MUTINY IN ASIA

Two Thousand Soldiers, Sent to Quell Revolt, Desert

Athens, May 22.—Two thousand Turkish soldiers sent from Manissa, twenty miles northeast of Smyrna, to quell the mutiny at Adana, in Asia Minor, have deserted.

Numerous desertions also are reported from the coast garrisons.

Conditions in Canadian List

Major-General Sir ...

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GERMANS CAN'T RULE WORLD

Victory Now Would Only Bring More Horrible War

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Rome, May 22.—For the sake of argument, let us admit the realization of the hope that the Anglo-Franco-American forces can be defeated by Germany on the European Continent," said a prominent personage to the editor of the Tribune, adding:

"A more terrible war, with greater sufferings, with more terrible catastrophes, will ensue, as the British Empire, backed by America—these other two great oceanic empires of the west and east—can never accept a European peace dictated by Germany, which would be a monstrous threat to their future and the beginning of the decadence of their whole history. This second phase of the war might continue indefinitely, not less than ten years."

FRENCH EXPEL BRITISH NEWSPAPER WRITER

Manchester Guardian Man, Who Wrote of Austrian Peace Letter, Sent Home

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Paris, May 22.—Robert Dell, the Paris correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, has been expelled from France. Writing in his paper, he says that on Saturday morning he was notified that a decree of expulsion had been signed by the Minister of the Interior on May 21, and that he must leave Paris that afternoon. The customary three days' notice was not allowed him, neither was he permitted to return home from the police commissary's office to fetch his baggage.

Two inspectors accompanied him to Havre, whence he left for England on Saturday night.

The reason why the decree was not notified to me until Saturday morning, although it had been signed a week before, says Dell, probably was that two influential persons who certainly have protested against my expulsion had both left Paris on Friday and had probably known they intended doing so.

There was an evident desire in particular to prevent me from communicating with the British ambassador, Mr. Le Grand, and special police commissary, categorically declared had not been consulted about the matter.

The French police impressed upon me that mine was not a case of expulsion recommended by the police to the Minister of the Interior, but was purely a political expedient. In the instance of the Prime Minister, decided upon at a cabinet council."

The Paris correspondence of the Manchester Guardian has of late dealt with the circumstances attending the discussion of the letters of the Austrian Emperor to President Wilson, and the paper was that knowledge of the first letter had not been imparted to President Wilson at the time. In reply to this, one correspondent expressed in a letter, was delivered in confidence on condition that it should not be shown to any one other than the British Prime Minister and the King.

BERLIN SOFTENS ITS TONE TOWARD RUSSIA

Germany's Reply to Russian Protest Against Violation of Conciliatory

Moscow, May 22.—A conciliatory tone is being assumed in Berlin in its reply to the protest against Toulon invasion of Russian territory, in violation of the Brest-Litovsk treaty. The German role in Ukraine and Finland is explained, and there is no intention to carry out further aggression, the note says. Germany, it adds, will help Russia in the negotiations with the new nation and emphasizes the wish to maintain Russia a friendly ally.

Germany's changed attitude, Premier Lenin told the central executive committee, was due to the international situation and to unexpected developments in Ukraine, but he cautioned the committee against undue optimism, saying that peace is insecure, as treaties are scraps of paper and the Soviet government must utilize to the utmost the rapids offered by the temporary differences between the capitalist Powers to strengthen its own position. He said the present situation may suddenly change and today's enemies may become friends tomorrow.

He said it was difficult to maintain neutrality for a country which had not the power to prevent it.

The possibility of a German-Japanese understanding regarding the Far East is intimated. In this connection the latest published extracts from German papers purporting to prove that this will eventually take place. The Vasche Zeitung says:

Events are now ripening in the Far East which show five German politicians a clear hint, Japan and Germany are two world Powers between which there is not the least conflict of interests because Germany has no military interests in the Pacific. She wants only to satisfy her commercial interest in eastern Asia and for many years has not been competing with Japan, but rather furnish her useful sources of income. Therefore we do not doubt for a minute that these two Powers will within a short time understand each other politically and economically and thereby solve the problem of the identity of their interests.

The League concluded, from German utterances that Germany is supporting the Japanese expedition in Siberia independently of a possibility of an understanding between them, and says:

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FRENCH SOON AVENGE DEATH OF LUFBERY

Boche Battleplane Which Downed American "Ace" Is Brought to Earth

FULL HONORS FOR FLIER

Peace This Year Talk Is Depreciated—Not Wanted by U. S. Army

By EDWIN L. JAMES

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At the funeral of Major Lufbery it was announced by the American general that the boche battleplane which brought down the American "Ace" yesterday had been found by the French.

This avenging of Lufbery's death by a Frenchman was a fitting climax to the life story of the American whose career epitomized the heroism of the two great republics. Lufbery's father was an American, his mother was French. He fought in the French army until his own nation entered the war and then he was sent to France.

The boche battleplane that brought down Lufbery was shot by the French a few miles away. After one French pilot had been lost, another succeeded in getting a lucky bullet home through the steel armor to the pilot. The German plane was shot down when it was carrying a mail carrier to a sniper's post in an exposed outpost.

agree that the Soviet leaders are thoroughly alarmed by the German infiltration into the whole of Poland and by the progress of German propaganda in Siberia. It is added that the Soviet Government has but to indicate a desire for help in resisting the German invasion in order to obtain it. Washington, it is declared, would welcome the opportunity to serve Russia in cooperation with Japan, China and the other Allies.

"We are sure all the Allies would welcome such an opportunity, for all of them have refused to let the Russian people as a whole answer for the calamities which the policy of Bolshevism have brought upon Russia and upon her friends. The invitation has only to come from some body of men qualified to speak for the real Russia, for the millions who are now partly themselves, partly to be gladly and effectively met."

But every hour that the practical help of the Allies is delayed strengthens the German grip on Russian territory and enlarges the area of the German penetration. Unless it is soon, the opportunity of giving it at all may be lost forever."

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WILSON'S JUDGMENT CONFIRMED IN RUSSIA

British See Events Toward Allied Intervention as President Predicted

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London, May 22.—The Times, commenting upon the significance of the Chinese-Japanese defensive alliance against Germany, after pointing out that its purpose is to defeat the German scheme of penetration of Asia, says:

"Long before the advent of the Bolsheviks, Japan foresees that the less ambitious projects then entertained in Berlin were fraught with danger to the peace of the Far East. The wish of vision which marks many of President Wilson's judgments led him to discern the bearing of these earlier German designs upon world politics nearly a year ago. Even then, he perceived that Germany intended to extend her military power and her political control into the heart of Asia."

The secret of this forecast has been singularly confirmed by all that has happened. Before Brest-Litovsk he saw that Germany would have won the war could she keep what she had acquired in the East, and the Brest-Litovsk peace reduced 135,000 square miles of Russian territory under her vassalage. He has always put defense of a liberated and orderly Russia in the forefront of his policy, only on Saturday he stated that her helplessness and friendliness gave her fresh claim to sympathy and to support, and he affirmed once more that he intended to stand by her as well as by France."

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AMERICANS DON'T WANT TO QUIT

Americans Don't Want to Quit

A healthy spirit generally pervades our army, the boys in the trenches have difficulty in understanding the evidently spreading belief that the war will end very soon. The American soldier does not want the war to end very soon. Not only does he want to see the Kaiser defeated, but he wants to see America have a big share in doing it.

In reality, no mother of an American soldier wants her boy to come home before he has completed the job he came here to do. Now the boys always read their mothers' letters many times and only harm can be done by off-repeated longings for early peace.

I feel confident in making the statement that an announcement of peace would bring a strong wave of bitter regret throughout the American forces. Every American fighter is possessed of an innate confidence in the great power of his country and confidence that the Allies will completely beat the boche. He wants the folks back home to understand that this is the only way the war can end, and most of all, he asks for a chance to carry the Stars and Stripes across the Rhine.

GARRY AIR FIGHTS TO FOE
 New York, May 22.—A cable message from the British Ministry of Information stated that 50 per cent of boches in which British airplanes are now engaged take place entirely over the German lines. "It has been exceptional," the message adds, "for any British aviator to be brought down over British lines since March 21."

In letters from home received by American soldiers there has been of late considerable talk of the war's ending this year and the expression of fond hopes of the boys being back by next

Christmas. This is not doing any good. It is not helping to win the war. The United States fighter himself does not want the war to end this year, because he wants the Kaiser well beaten, and knows there is small chance of that being done this year.

These accounts give details of the brotherly welcome extended to the Americans by the British. Americans here, who have known of the location of these troops through officers visiting Paris, are glad to see the facts verified. Nearly everybody here has friends among the officers of the new army, many of whom are Flattburg graduates and representative of the finest young manhood in America.

These units are the early arrivals under the new plan for brigading Americans with the English. Their presence behind the Stouper-Spreng-Kemmel front and the probability of their use by General Foch in the actual fighting after their training is completed brings home vividly the narrowness of America to Flanders battlefront, and the prompt working of the arrangements for sending American infantry direct to the Franco-British commands.

The pushing of great bodies of American youth, freshly gathered from professional and business life and from the farm and workshop, straight to Armageddon is a romance which thrills war-weary Europe. All reports from the freshly arrived troops are of a kind to gratify the pride of families and friends at home. They are worthy of association with the French and English and fit example for the great cause for the human freedom.

U. S. MEN WELCOMED GLADLY IN FLANDERS

Americans to Complete Training and Help Guard Channel Ports

By CHARLES H. GRASTY

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Paris, May 22.—The loss of membership has been partly lifted, and today Paris newspapers publish the fact, known and discussed privately for several weeks, that the new American armies have arrived in the zone of the British forces in northern France, and are now completing their training in the area occupied by the troops blocking the way to the channel ports.

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