Europe Keeps Close Censorship Over Its May-day Labor Demonstrations

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WORLD AWAITS NEWS OF MAY DAY STRIKES

Berlin Censor Isolates Teutonic Empires So As to Prevent Outside Public From Learning Extent of Labor Troubles; Armed Hosts Locked Fast in Most Tremendous Struggle of the War

The Hague, Netherlands, May 1.—Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Imperial chancellor, will make another peace offer in the Reichstag on Thursday of this week, according to an announcement made to-day by the Berliner Tageblatt.

London, May 1. — "In the Rhine provinces more than half the munition workers decided to strike to-day," wires the correspondent at The Hague of the Exchange Telegraph Company. "Essen (home of the great Krupp works) is shut off from the rest of Germany and completely isolated from the world in order to prevent the slightest information about strikes at the Krupp works works, is shut off from the rest of Germany and comthe Dutch frontier."

May Day has dawned with the armed hosts of England, France and Germany still locked fast in the most tremendous struggles of the whole tremendous world war. But the eyes of the world are fixed for the moment on the stage behind the battle line where, inside the closely-guarded frontiers of the central powers, the bursting of the long brewing storm of discontent is awaited with a mingling of fear and hope.

Extraordinary measures have been taken by the rulers of the central empires to prevent the outside world from knowing what is transpiring within their borders. No German newspaper is allowed to pass into a neutral country and for the last ten days all persons have been forbidden to leave Germany. Thus the scanty and dubious news formerly gleaned from the censored German press or from casual travelers has been completely cut off and the Teutonic empires are almost as isolated from the rest of the world as was ancient Japan.

Rumor of Plague

Reports from Switzerland of vague and indefinite authority, assert that the troubled conditions in Germany have been intensified by a widespread outbreak of typhus, said to be especially prevalent in the great industrial regions. The epidemic is attributed to the growing food scarcity but the story, like many other similar ones, lacks confirmation from any reliable source.

The same veil which has been drawn over events in Germany and Austria obscures the situation in Sweden where a great nation-wide demonstration by the workers was also planned for to-day. Since the outbreak of a couple of weeks ago when rioting took place in Stockholm the only news received as to conditions in Sweden has been the bare announcement that a general strike had been ordered by the labor leaders for May Day coupled with a warning to the government against undue interference.

French Strike Hard

On the fighting front in France little change has taken place for some days. The French are striking hard in Champagne and have made some gains, but without as far as the official communication go, materially altering the situation. The fighting in Macedonia, which was resumed on a wide front last week, is still in progress, but information regarding it remains too indefinite to judge whether the allies are engaged in a major offensive. In Mesopotamia the British are pushing steadily forward, but here, too, details are too meager to throw a light on the extent of the campaign or the immediate objective of the British commanders.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled weather this afternoon and to-night, probably with some light rain; Wednesday fair; continued cool.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Showers to-night; Wednesday fair; fresh to strong south to west winds.

River

The Susquehanna river and all its branches will remain nearly stationary. A stage of about 4.3 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning.

General Conditions

The Southwest disturbance of the last few days has moved rapidly northeastward during the last twenty-four hours, with increasing energy and is now central over the northern portion of the Lake Region; it has caused showers generally in central and northern districts from the Plains States eastward to the Atlantic coast, and was attended by thunderstorms, shifting gales in the Ohio and Middle Mississippi valleys and the Lake Region. Snows and rains have continued in the northern Rocky Mountains and thence westward to the Pacific ocean.

Temperatures have risen 2 to 12 degrees in the Atlantic States from Virginia southward, elsewhere east of the Mississippi, including the West Gulf States.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 48 degrees.
Sun: Rises, 4:58 a. m.
Moon: Full moon, May 6.
River Stage: 4.3 feet.

Yesterday's Weather

Highest temperature, 72.
Lowest temperature, 51.
Mean temperature, 62.
Normal temperature, 56.

CHAS. A. SNYDER AUDITOR GENERAL AT NOON TODAY

All Attaches Dismissed With Two Weeks' Vacation Pay; Other Appointments Made

IS CONGRATULATED

CHARLES A. SNYDER.

Auditor General Snyder, an hour after taking office, closed his department for the day, sending all clerks and attaches home with the request for their resignations immediately, adding that he would notify those who were to be re-employed. Those who will be dropped from the roll will receive two weeks' annual vacation pay.

When Mr. Snyder reached his office he found his private office filled

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Holland Town Attacked With Bombs by Airplane; Dutch in Great Panic

London, May 1. — Bombs were dropped by an airplane Sunday night Zigrikzee, in the Dutch province of Zeeland, says a Reuter dispatch from the Hague under Monday's date. Three persons were killed and much material damage was done, the message states.

The Hague, May 1. — The Telegraaf of Amsterdam states that the bombs which were dropped on Zigrikzee did such extensive damage that the village is in ruins, more than 100 houses being smashed or damaged. A terrible panic prevailed in the town, says the newspaper, intensified by the play of the searchlights operated by the airmen.

It is declared that the bombs were not dropped by mistake, but were purposely launched. The nationality of the airplane has not been established. Advices from Sluyskil state that last evening two German airplanes appeared above Hasvengent and disappeared in a southwesterly direction.

GIVE UP HOPE FOR AMERICANS ADRIFT AT SEA

Naval Gunners Skipped on Torpedoed Vacuum Now Regarded as Lost

INTERVIEW SURVIVORS

All Official Information of Disaster Is Sent to Washington

By Associated Press

Washington, May 1.—Consul General Skinner at London, reporting the destruction of the Vacuum confirmed that Lieut. Thomas, commander of the naval gun crew, some of his men, Captain Harris and some of his crew, still are missing and probably lost.

Seventee nof the ship's crew and three of the naval gunners all in one boat were rescued.

Pending receipt of more detailed official information, the Navy Department will not make public the names of the gun crew.

Reported Drowned

New York, May 1.—Officials of the Vacuum Oil Company here in response to a cabel to London, asking further details on the sinking of their steamship, to-day received the following:

"Harris, captain, unofficially reported drowned. Further details later."

Have Full Details

London, May 1.—The survivors of the American oil tank steamer Vacuum, who will arrive in Liverpool at midnight include Robert Williams, Oscar Gailes, W. Lundgren, A. Byl and Raymond Nunez.

The details of the sinking on April 28 of the Vacuum have been received at the American embassy here but cannot be made public, it was explained, to-day. The full particulars are in the hands of Rear Admiral Sims and the American naval attache, who presumably have made reports upo nthem to Washington. The American consular officials will obtain the customary full affidavits from the officers and members of the crew who have already landed.

Race Against Time Is British and French View of Great World War

Washington, May 1. — The British and French have presented the military problem to the American authorities as a race against time. At the present moment the contestants are neck and neck in tis race, and the chances are as nearly even as such vast chances can be.

The French and the British, appalled by the satisfied and unhurried confidence displayed by the American authorities, are bending every effort toward speeding things up. This was bluntly admitted to-day by a prominent member of one of the missions. They have been delighted at the tremendous vote of credit and the quick passage of the conscription bill. They are pleased at the wooden ship program and the schemes for conservations of food supplies. But, as things look to the visiting foreigners, America even now hardly realizes that this is her war and that she must win it or eventually fight Germany alone.

The general public, it is believed, is getting the idea that dispatches out of Washington are doctored when the government considers it necessary.

The first case in point concerns the Sunday statement of Grand Marshal Joffre to the Washington newspaper representatives. The version of this statement as given out by the State Department was an expurgated version. It did not contain the most vital parts of Marshal Joffre's message to the American people. So much has been said and printed about what Joffre said that it is now no violation of agreements to state that the part eliminated was an urgent recommendation for the immediate dispatch of American troops to France, there to be intensively trained "within sound of the guns." Units as small as a division or even smaller were urged.

Dauphin Turnpike's Purchase by State Proposed by Urich

State purchase of the historic Berks and Dauphin Turnpike Road between Hummelstown and Wernersville is proposed in a bill introduced in the House to-day by Mr. Urich, Lebanon. This company owns the toll gates from Hummelstown to near Wernersville, including those which dot the main highway in Lebanon county. The bill carries an appropriation of $100,000.

The turnpike company is given in the act as created in 1805 and it is stated that it is part of the State highway system and an important segment of the William Penn highway. The bill also says that abolition of tolls on this section would mean a continuous main highway between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia that can be traveled without paying tolls.

After purchase or condemnation the State Highway Department is to improve the road.

Mr. Urich also presented bills to authorize employment of prisoners on roads and to establish a system of physical education in the public schools.

New Highway Bill Calls For $18,885,000

Chairman Woodward, of the House Appropriations Committee, to-day introduced the new highway bill, calling for $18,885,000.

The principal items are State highway construction, $12,000,000; State aid roads, $3,000,000; State highway construction in boroughs, $2,000,000; acquisition of toll roads, $500,000; for township dirt roads, $1,350,000

LEARNING HOW TO LIVE IN THE OPEN

BOY SCOUT CAMPAIGN POINTERS

Every penny raised for the Boy Scout Campaign in Harrisburg stays in Harrisburg, Lewis Buddy, National Field Scout Commissioner and Organizer, does not get one cent of the funds.

The Harrisburg Rotary Club has guaranteed every cent of the expenses of the campaign.

The $12,000 campaign fund to be raised will be used for the organization of permanent Boy Scout troops.

Every organization, and every man and woman in Harrisburg is asked to co-operate in the movement.

Military qualifications or service are not required nor requested of Boy Scouts. There are no Boy Scouts now serving in military organizations and none will be asked to serve. Scouts carry no weapons and do not receive military drill.

Read "Before and After" on page 6.

The only weapons the Boy Scout will use during the present crisis will be the hoe, rake and shovel.

EVERY ANGLE OF SCOUT CAMPAIGN IS DISCUSSED

Field Commissioner Body Tells Citizens Committee of Aim and Aspirations

Every angle of the financial campaign to be waged in Harrisburg May 9, 10, 11 and 12, in the interest of the Boy Scout movement was discussed and explained to the citizens committee by Lewis C. Buddy, field commissioner of the Boy Scouts, at the first meeting in the Harrisburg Club at noon to-day.

Plans for the organization of a local council was also outlined by Mr. Buddy. The local council will appoint a man to take charge of the work after Mr. Buddy has put the Boy Scouts on the map for good.

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PARK EXTENSION BILL CARRYING HALF MILLION IN

Prompt Action on Improvement Measure Is Promised by Chairman Woodward

The bill to appropriate $500,000 for Capitol Park Extension improvement, which was presented in the House last night by Representative Woodward, chairman of the House appropriations committee, will be sent to a subcommittee late to-day and there will be prompt action, Mr. Woodward said to-day.

The other Capitol Park bills will be presented in the Senate.

Provisions of Bill

The Woodward bill provides that the appropriation shall be made for two years beginning June 1 "for the payment of the cost of work and materials necessary in the treatment of the Capitol Park Extension zone, as shown on the plans and drawings of Arnold W. Brunner, landscape architect, and now on file in the office of the Board of Commissioners of Public Grounds and Buildings, including the cost and expenses of the necessary grading, filling, tunneling for pipes, wires and conduits leading to and from the proposed new power plant, terracing and the planting of trees and shrubbery, etc."

Germans Planned to Blow Up Morgan's Office to Frighten Stock Market

By Associated Press

New York, May 1.—Confession was made in court to-day by Wolf Hirsch, arrested last night with George Meyringer, both Germans, that they were on their way to blow up the offices of J. P. Morgan and Company with a bomb when intercepted by the police.

Hirsch supplemented before the court an alleged confession he had made earlier to the police that the explosion of a bomb at the Morgan office was a part of a scheme to create a stock market reversal from which he and Meyringer could profit financially.

Hirsch added that Meyringer had induced him to speculate in Wall Street and had suggested as a quicker way of getting profits a scheme to frighten the stock market. The plan includeded blowing up the Morgan office and the sending out over tapped telegraph wires of false news that President Wilson had been assassinated. The men were held in $10,000 bail each.

GRANT MORE FOOD

London, May 1. — As a result of recent strikes among the German workers in the war industries, considerable concessions in foodstuffs have been granted, according to a dispatch to the Daily News from Rotterdam. The meat ration has been raised by a half pound weekly, while the potato ration has been increased to five pounds

U. S. SILENT ON PLAN TO SEND ARMY ABROAD

Secretary of War Refuses to Comment on Administration's Next Step

By Associated Press

Washington, May 1. — With the judgment of the French war mission and the American army general staff seemingly in conflict as to when American troops should be sent to France, particular interest attached to a conference at the White House yesterday between President Wilson and Rene Viviani, head of the French mission.

Decision rests with the President, through his constitutional function as commander-in-chief of the United States army. It was generally assumed that the views of the French officials, disclosed in Marshal Joffre's statement yesterday advising that American forces be sent to the battle front soon, were formally presented to Mr. Wilson during the conference.

No Real Information

No information as to that discussion was given out, however, and no administration official would comment upon the statement of the great French soldier.

"Upon that subject, I have no comment to make," was the reply with which Secretary Baker met all interrogations.

There is no question, however, that the general staff disapproves any suggestion that American forces be sent abroad until they are fully trained and equipped for the task before them with the exception of final touches to be given behind the battle lines. That has been made evident by testimony given by many staff officers before Congressional committees within the last two years and by the administration selective draft bill, under whose provisions no element of the army, regular, National Guard of conscript would be ready for service for many months.

Volunteers Not Wanted

So far as volunteers are concerned there has been no indication that the administration would favor the proposal that a separate provisional volunteer army be raised for early service in France. The administration measure did not include any such provision, although the request of Colonel Roosevelt to organize a division for immediate duty abroad was on file at the War Department when the bill was framed.

SWARTZ BILL AMENDED

The Swartz bills to establish the decedents' code were amended to correct twpographical errors in the House and passed on third reading. They will be on final passage tomorrow. The House passed finally the Crow Senate bills amending the nominating petition act to reduce the period for filing from 60 to 40 days. The bill requiring employers to deduct taxes from wages was edfeated.

GROSS SHATTERS HOPES FOR RELIEF IN ASH PROBLEM

Finds He Can Not Ask For Contract Award Without Appropriation

Hopes of residents of the city for the promised relief in the ash situation and that provision would be made to-day, after much delay, for a complete survey of the ash and garbage disposal system, were shattered when Commissioner E. Z. Gross found he could not ask Council to award a contract without first making an appropriation to pay for the work to be done.

Two weeks ago proposals from

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Employes of Bethlehem and Central Iron and Steel Get Raises Today

An increase in wages of ten per cent. went into effect at the Steelton plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company and at the Central Iron and Steel Company to-day. A majority of the 7,000 steel workers at Steelton are affected by the increase, which is the third since the Bethlehem Steel interests purchased the Pennsylvania Steel Company property.

A majority of the workers at the Central Iron and Steel Company are affected by the increase. This is the second increase at these works in eight months. The last ten per cent. raise was made December 16.

Wage adjustments were made in several other trades to-day. Threatened trouble was amicably adjusted by patriotic pleas to the men.

11,000 Ton Troop Ship Sunk by Submarine; Trawlers Save Lives

London, May 1. — The Peninsular and Oriental Line steamship Ballarat of 11,120 gross tons, which was used as a troop ship, was sunk recently by a German submarine. All the troops were saved.

The Ballarat was carrying troops from Australia to England. The soldiers were rescued by British torpedo boat destroyers and trawlers.

The behavior of the troops on board the Ballarat was splendid, according to the reports made by the commanders on board and recalls the heroism displayed by the soldiers at the time of the sinking of the British troop ship Birkenhead, off the African coast in 1852.

BERLIN FEARS LABOR

London, May 1. — The Daily Mail's Hague correspondent ascribes to the Koelnische Volks Zeitung the statement that the Socialist leaders have announced that they are u nable to take responsibility for the maintenance of peace and order in Germany after May Day.

SAM'L F. DUNKLE IS ELECTED TO CITY COMMISSION

Former Sheriff and Prominent Businessman Will Fill Bowman's Place

NO ACTION ON MAYOR

John T. Brady Is Elected to Succeed Mr. Umberger on Planning Body

Samuel F. Dunkle, ex-Sheriff of Dauphin county, president of the Harrisburg Manufacturing and Boiler Company and the Ferriday Paper Box Company, this morning was elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Commissioner Harry F. Bowman.

The nomination was made by Commissioner W. L. Gorgas. Commissioners Gorgas and E. Z. Gross voted for Mr. Dunkle and Commissioner W. H. Lynch for William Pavord, of the Harrisburg Shoe Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Dunkle, before he had received official notification of his election, said:

"My election came to me as a surprise. I haven't fully decided what I intend to do, but will make a speedy decision when I am officially notified, as I realize Council has only until May 6 to fill the vacancy."

Friends of Mr. Dunkle anticipated

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Norway Loses 23 Ships in Week From German Submarine Activities

London, May 1. — A Christiania dispatch to the Daily Mail says twenty-three Norwegian ships, aggregating 36,000 tons, were sunk by submarines last week. This is a record for Norwegian losses.

The correspondent says an experiment is about to be made with two more ships, the hulls of which are constructed of ferro concrete to test the fitness of such vessels for North Sea trade. The boats will be of 1,000 tons and 600 tons, respectively.

Ferro concrete lighters have been used successfully for some time in Swedish coast traffic. The Norwegian boats can be built in four or five months and are cheaper than those of steel or wood.

GENERAL JOFFRE, HERO OF MARNE, AND HIS PARTY COMING TO CITY

Idol of French People in This Country on War Mission Will Stop Off Here on Tour of Nation; Royal Welcome Is Being Planned

PARTY WILL REACH HERE NEXT TUESDAY

Chamber of Commerce to Name Committees to Insure Appropriate Reception for IllustriousFrenchman Who Saved Paris

General Joffre, hero of the Marne and idol of the French people, who arrived in this country several days ago to discuss war problems, will be in Harrisburg, next Tuesday. He will be accompanied by his aids and Rene Viviani, member of the French Cabinet.

The Chamber of Commerce is planning a big reception for the illustrious Frenchmen. Committees are being appointed and preparations are being hastened for a royal welcome.

The French party will leave Washington Thursday to visit Chicago and later will go to Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield, Ill., Philadelphia, NewsYork and Boston. At the conclusion of the tour, which will last a week or ten days the party will return to Washington.

Members of the mission, including Viviani, Marshal Joffre, Admiral Chocheprat and the Marquis de Chambrun, descendant of General Lafayette, will travel on a special train as the guests of the United States government.

The party will include among others the members of Marshal Joffre's staff, headed by Colonel Jean Fabry, "the Blue Devil of France," who says he is half American because he has an American wooden leg, replacing a limb shot away in action.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS FAVOR SENDING U. S. TROOPS TO FRANCE

WASHINGTON, MAY 1. — IT BECAME KNOWN DEFINITELY TO-DAY AT A MEETING OF THE CABINET THAT THE PREVAILING VIEW AMONG ADMINISTRATON OFFCIALS IS THAT AN AMERCAN FORCE SHOULD BE SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO FRANCE FOR ERVICE N THE TRENCHES.

SENATE PASSES ARMY BILL

Washington, May 1.—The administration army bill with the conscription provision retained was passed anew to-day by the Senate without a roll, virtually as it was approved last Saturday. The bill now goes to conference with the House.

CENSORSHIP BILL OUT AGAIN

Harrisburg.—The Snyder bill creating a board of moving picture censorship in the department of internal affairs was placed on the Senate Calendar again to-day after having been killed last week.

PENN-HARRIS COMPANY CHARTERED

Harrisburg. — The Penn-Harris company, which will lease, operate and maintain the new Penn-Harris Hotel to be erected by the Harrisburg Hotel company, was chartered to-day. The nominal capital being $5,000. The incorporators: F. A. Dudley, Niagra, Charles A. Carrigan, Newark, and Spenser Gilbert Nauman, Lancaster.

GOVERNOR ISSUES PROCLAMATION

Harrisburg.—Governor Brumbaugh to-day issued a proclamation to the Committee of Safety calling upon State an dlocal members to mobilize as many men as possible on the fields of the State in the next thirty days and to get as many acres plowed now as possible. "These are our days of opportunity," he says, "let us not miss one of them."

WORK ON ARMY BILL

Washington, May 1.—The problem of findng a suitable compromise on the army bill was taken up again this afternoon in the United States Senate.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John William Mathias and Carrie Estelle Wagner, Harrisburg.
James Branch and Margaret De Vare, Indianapolis, Ind.
Thomas Ritchereck and Carrie Ann Kipple, Royalton.
Russell Leroy Matchett and Lettie Grass, Harrisburg.
Harry Wilson Henning, Steelton, and Bonnie Matilda Eckels, Harrisburg.
Charles T. Hoot and Laura R. Huston, Harrisburg.