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RUSS INJECT NEW CRISIS FOR ALLIES

Continued Harassing Course of Socialists Radicals Throws Provisional Government on Verge of Disintegration; British Slowly but Surely Force Back German Lines in France Where Big Battle Continues

While military interest continues to center in the great battle on the French front where the British are continuing slowly but steadily to press the Germans back, the political situation in Russia is demanding increasing attention and causing, if possible, added concern among all the allied nations.

Under the continued harassing course of the radical elements in Petrograd the provisional government which has held Russia together, at least in semblance, since the overthrow of the old regime, now show signs of breaking up.

The first gap in the government ranks was created yesterday when M. Guchkoff the minister of war and marines, handed in his resignation. Goaded by interference with the army and navy to an extent which he declares threatens "the defense, the liberty and even the existence of Russia," he felt it impossible to share longer the responsibility "for the grave sin being committed against the country."

Some Encouragement

Simultaneously there comes from Petrograd news of a more encouraging character in a denial of a report that the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates was favoring an armistice. On the contrary it is declared, it has never raised such a question and in fact is about to appeal to the men to resist any attempt to fraternize with the enemy, and pointing out to them the inadvisability of a separate peace.

In the recent crisis between the provisional government and the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates over the government's foreign policy, the entire ministry threatened to resign. The council at that time gave in, nominally at least, but continued to enforce its claim to direct affairs of state by sitting as a censor over the cabinet and virtually holding the reins over the nation's armed forces.

By a recent close vote in the executive committee of the council the radical body refused to co-operate in the formation of a coalition ministry. The entire significance of M. Guchkoff's resignation is not yet developed but it may prove that his step was taken with the acquiescence of the provisional government in an effort to compel the entire ministry to take their share of the responsibility for the conduct of the government or cease interference with governmental functions.

German Desperate

In the face of blazing oil, liquid fire, poison gas and every other horror known to modern war, the British are slowly and stubbornly fighting their way to the Drocourt-Queant line, the gate to Douai and Cambrai, and the principal link in the fetters welded on northern France by the Germans. General Haig is hammering all along the line but it is around Queant, at the southern extremity, that his success has been most marked and the corresponding menace to the German front.

Queant is virtually pocketed. To the east, west and south the road is clear to the British, as far as natural barriers are concerned, except for part of the village of Bullecourt. After some of the grimmest fighting on the western front the British have driven their force from one-half of Bullecourt, and unless the tide is promptly turned the village is lost to the Germans and the crushing of the southern end of the Drocourt-Queant line is inevitable.

Ray of Sunshine

A ray of sunshine has also fallen on British arms at sea. The great German submarine base at Zebrugg and the naval stronghold at Wilhelmshaven have been assaulted from sea and air, apparently with notable success. Zebrugg is an absolutely artificial harbor, called into existence on the flat, sandy coast of Belgium by the exigencies of submarine warfare and practically depending on its being on a great moor. This moor is said to have been reached by the British guns and the Germans must quickly repair the gap or the sitting

THE WEATHER

Far Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Tuesday; not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Tuesday; little change in temperature; gentle to moderate northwest winds. River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will flow slowly or remain nearly stationary. A stage of about 12 inches is indicated for Harrisburg Tuesday morning. General Conditions Pressure has increased over practically all the country east of the Rocky Mountains during the last forty-eight hours; it is highest over the Plains States, where an extensive area of high pressure is central, and lowest over the North Atlantic coast region, which is still under the influence of the storm that has passed off seaward. Temperatures are 2 to 10 degrees higher than on Saturday morning and are expected to rise to 10 to 15 degrees higher than on Sunday. Normal temperature, 64.

SPECULATORS IN FOOD ARE HIT BY NEW AMENDMENT

Price Raisers Called "Pirates" and "Robbers" in U. S. Senate

TALK OF HANGINGS Favor Grows For Prohibition During Term of the War

Washington, May 14.—Another vote was imminent in the Senate to-day on the amendment to the espionage bill to forbid the use of grain for liquor during the war, but even opponents of the provision hardly hoped to defeat it. The Senate adopted the amendment Saturday night in committee of the whole, and was expected to-day to take up the entire bill and pass it. Since the newspaper censorship provision was voted out of the bill, the fight over this question probably will be thrown into conference, where administration pressure may be brought to bear for its reinstatement.

Senator Overman in charge of the administration espionage bill, announced to-day an effort would be made to restore the press censorship section to the measure before passage.

When the Senate resumed consideration of the espionage bill to-day Senator Thomas, of Colorado, presented his amendment proposing to suspend during the war, all boards of trade, stock exchanges and chambers of commerce which permit "future" speculation in foodstuffs. "Pirates" and "robbers" were terms applied by Senators to food speculators during Senate debate to-day, on proposed legislation to curtail trading in food. Lamp-post hangings as a remedy were again referred to.

Public Demands Action Senator Thomas, who had received scores of demands from the general public that gambling in necessities of life during the war be stopped by Congress, cited the recent soaring of May and July wheat futures in the Chicago market to show the need of immediate action by Congress to stop "food gambling."

Opposing the amendment Senator Overman, of North Carolina, in charge of the bill, pleaded against "irrelevant" amendments. Although he said, the Thomas amendment appealed to him in many respects it could be considered later with the food control bill reported by the agriculture committee. A similar plea was made by Senator Lewis, of Illinois, who said, however, "some provision like this must be made eventually for the benefit of the country."

P. & R. Railroaders Are Arrested on Charge of Stealing Rolls of Leather

George Bamford, 705 South Front street, and Frank C. Jordan, 911 South Tenth street, a conductor and brakeman on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, were arrested this morning at the junk yard of D. Cooper, 411 Verbeke street, charged with stealing more than 200 pounds of leather. James Shuler, Murrane and E. J. Cranford of the Pennsylvania police force, made the arrest. It is believed by the police that the leather was stolen from the Reading freight station. It is rolled in two big bundles of whole hides, each bundle weighing more than 100 pounds. The men were taken to the jail.

All Wheat Trading Is Closed For Two Days to Curb Runaway Prices

Chicago, May 14.—All trade in wheat except to close up existing contracts was ordered stopped for two days by directors of the Board of Trade to-day. Saturday's closing figures were given as the maximum at which settlements may be made. All trading in corn and oats for May delivery was ordered discontinued. May wheat was eliminated last Saturday. The two days' cessation of trading was decided upon to give time for representatives of the boards in the country to come here for a meeting to discuss concerted action to curb the runaway tendency of grain prices. Telegrams were sent last night urging the boards to have representatives here by to-morrow. Extreme declines of from 2 to 12 cents in July and September wheat came as a result of the order of the board.

BALFOUR AT CAPITOL By Associated Press Washington, May 14.—Arthur James Balfour, British foreign secretary and most of the members of the British mission arrived in Washington early to-day following their three days' welcome by New York city. They plan to remain here for several days longer before leaving probably for Canada and England.

"CONFOUND THE BOTTLES AND WHOEVER PUT 'EM THERE"



FARMERS REFUSE PROFFERED HELP OF SCHOLBOYS

600 Agriculturists Queried on Their Needs; Only One Wants Aid

Donald McCormick, chairman of the committee of agriculture of the Chamber of Commerce, is impressed with the fact that the farmers in this section of Pennsylvania are not greatly in need of help at the present time. Of the Technical High School boys, 137 volunteered to go upon the farms to assist in raising food products. The conditions were that they should receive one cent for each hour over sixteen years, and seventy-five cents a day under sixteen years, with two Sundays and two Saturday afternoons as holiday pay for each month. It was also one of the conditions that they should not be worked more than eight hours a day for the first two weeks. A return postal card was sent with the 600 letters addressed to farmers all over this district and to these hundreds of letters but five replies were received, and of these but one wanted help. Also one hundred students of the University of Pennsylvania have tendered their services.

Bank Robbers Murder Three to Make Escape

Pittsburgh, May 14.—Three persons in the First National Bank of Castle Shannon, a suburb, were killed soon after noon to-day when an attempt was made to rob the bank. The robbers cast their bullet for John, a cashier, were working. The shooting began immediately and after securing a sum of money the men ran into the street. They met Nick Yost, a street railway dispatcher, who at once opened fire on them. They returned the fire and Yost fell. Further up the street they encountered George Beltz, a manager, who also began shooting. He, too, was shot. The robbers ran a block further to a waiting automobile into which they jumped and drove rapidly away.

Council All Split Up on the Mayoralty

Council will endeavor to-morrow to elect a mayor to succeed the late E. S. Meals. If it does not succeed the court under the vacancy law will appoint. It is said E. Z. Gross will vote for himself for mayor and that William J. Lyttel, four advanced Keister, former member of the Legislature. It is rumored that S. F. Dunkle, the new commissioner, will vote for Gross and that W. L. Gorman will cast his ballot for John S. Royal, former mayor. There will be no result on the first ballot, that seems sure. "What the outcome will be is not apparent."

Allison Hill Is Being Scoured on First Day of Annual Clean-Up Weeks

Harrisburg's annual spring clean-up began with a rush to-day, all of the teams and men of the Pennsylvania Reduction Company starting in the Hill district north of Market street. The reports had not been received at the health bureau this afternoon, it is expected the total number of loads of ash and refuse hauled away will break all previous records. The men will remain in the same district to-morrow and may finish in time to start in the section south of Market street. The remainder of the schedule will be worked out on Wednesday at the health bureau meeting.

MAN WANTED HERE ESCAPES FROM JAIL Frank Nelson, who was arrested at Westfield, Mass., charged with the theft of a car belonging to Miss Anna Gross, 1600 Market street, has escaped from the jail at that place. Nelson was wanted on at least six charges including the theft of \$5,000 worth of jewelry at Allentown, and another car from Westfield. The car belonging to Miss Gross was recovered and returned to her.

200 DELEGATES ARE ATTENDING SYNOD MEETING

Lutherans Open Semiannual Conference in Augsburg Church

The first session of the semi-annual Harrisburg conference of the East Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, comprising the counties of Dauphin, Berks, Lebanon and Lancaster, began this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Augsburg Lutheran Church, Fifth and Munch streets. More than 200 ministers and delegates are attending the conference.

Baltimore Turns Out to Honor French War Mission

Baltimore, May 14.—Rene Viviani, Marshal Joffre and the remaining survivors of the French war mission, spent an hour in Baltimore to-day as the guests of the city. Arriving on two special trains about half an hour apart the distinguished visitors the streets were lined with cheering crowds. From city hall the guests were taken to Vernon Square where they were formally introduced to the people of Baltimore.

Conscription of Industry Planned by Manufacturers

New York, May 14.—Volunteer conscription of large industrial resources, through contribution of the best efforts of American manufacturers to meet the streets' requirements in the present war, was the general topic of discussion at the twenty-second annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers which began a three-day session here to-day. There also will be a discussion of industrial conservation as a means of bringing about a better understanding and closer co-operation between wage-earner, wage-payer and the community in general.

Russian Radicals Deny They Are Seeking Peace

Petrograd, May 14.—Via London.—The semi-official news agency to-day gave out the following: "The report that the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates has called for an armistice is denied. The question of an armistice has never been raised by the council, which on the contrary is engaged at present in drafting an appeal to the soldiers at the front, pointing out the inadvisability of a separate peace or of fraternizing with the enemy."

EMBRYO OFFICERS BEGIN TRAINING AT FT. NIAGARA

Work and Play Marks Opening of Nation's Big War Camp

Fort Niagara, N. Y., May 14.—More than two thousand men who will be given an intensive training here for three months are now getting their first real taste of military work and labor with a small dash of fun and play thrown in. By this evening it is expected that the entire number called will have been registered. The total will then be 2134 men—all recruits. Three hundred and sixty-six vacancies are being held for the men to be assigned for training for officers' commissions from the Pennsylvania National Guard. These men are all expected to be in by the last of the month.

Senator Penrose Favors Recess For Legislature Instead of Adjournment

Philadelphia, May 14.—Up to early this afternoon nothing developed at political conferences here with regard to the date for ending the present session of the Legislature, to change the opinion of legislators that final adjournment will take place about June 14. Senator Penrose saw Speaker Baldwin and others and afterward said he expected the matter of adjournment would come up in Harrisburg to-night. Because of the war, the senator said, he personally preferred a recess rather than a final adjournment, and added that the leaders probably would leave it to the members to decide. Senator Penrose will see Senators McNichol and Spruill later in the day.

Henry Cluster Gives Farm of 45 Acres For Boys' Camp and Garden

Henry Cluster, the jeweler, has donated the use of his entire farm of forty-five acres near Lingstowner for use of the associated boys camp during the coming summer. The land will be plowed and seeded and the boys will work it during part of each day. The vegetables raised will be supplied first to the families of the boys in Harrisburg and the remainder to the Home for the Friendless, the Children's Industrial Home, Sylvan Heights Orphanage, the Nursery Home and the Florence Crittenden Home. Last year the camp was held near Fayetteville. The committee in charge will be: John P. Geyer, chairman; Stanley G. Jean, Leon Lowenhard, William Strouse, John F. Sweeney, J. P. McCullough, V. Grant Forrer, Howard C. Fry and two others yet to be named.

Infernal Machine Found in Kaiser's Royal Palace

Paris, May 14.—An infernal machine was discovered recently in the Bellevue palace in the Tiergarten in Berlin, where the Imperial German family now is residing, according to a correspondent who sends German news to L'Humanite. The machine, he says, contained enough dynamite to wreck completely the palace and the adjoining buildings.

ZEPPELIN BROUGHT DOWN London, May 4.—British naval forces destroyed Zeppelin L-22 in the North Sea this morning, according to an official statement issued by the admiralty.

WILSON ORDERS ARMY PLACED ON WAR BASIS

Organization of Many New Regiments Will Begin Tomorrow

NEED MORE RECRUITS Four Regiments to Be Trained on the Gettysburg Battlefield

Washington, May 14.—Expansion of the regular army to the full war strength contemplated in the administration army bill has been authorized by President Wilson. Organization of the new regiments will begin to-morrow. About 65,000 of the 133,000 men to be added to the army, already have been recruited. The immediate effect of the order will be to promote nearly two-thirds of the present officers of the regular army.

The following new regiments will be raised in the eastern department: The Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth regiments of infantry at Syracuse, N. Y.; one existing regiment of infantry to be sent there from the southern department and each of its three battalions expanded into a full regiment. The Twelfth field artillery to be raised at Fort Myer, Va., from one battalion of field artillery to be brought from the border. The Forty-seventh, Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth and Fiftieth regiments of infantry to be raised at Gettysburg National park from two existing regiments to be brought from the border. The Nineteenth and Twentieth field artillery to be raised at Montauk Point, L. I., New York, from

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RUSS MINISTER OF WAR RESIGNS UNDER PRESSURE

Radicals Force Army Head Out of Office by Demands

SECOND MAN TO GO Commander of Petrograd Garrison Quits When Socialists Intervene

Petrograd, May 14.—Via London.—General Guchkoff, minister of war, has resigned. The resignation of General Guchkoff follows that of General Korniloff, commander of the Petrograd garrison, and probably is due to similar reasons. General Korniloff said his position had become impossible in account of the efforts of various organizations to control the garrison, the last straw which led to his resignation having been a demand by the executive committee of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates that all his orders be presented to the committee for its endorsement.

General Guchkoff has been a leading figure in the October party for years, but during the war little was heard of him until the time of the revolution, when he was appointed minister of war and navy ad interim. Since that time he has issued many appeals to the troops and the workmen to support the government.

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ALLIES CAPTURE 49,579 GERMANS London, May 14.—According to authoritative figures available the French and British armies between April 9 and May 12 captured 49,579 Germans, including 976 officers, 444 heavy and field cannon, 243 machine guns and 386 trench cannons.

U-BOATS SINK BIG VESSELS New York, May 14.—The British passenger steamship Medina, a 12,350 ton vessel, was sunk by a German submarine April 28, off the coast of Plymouth, according to American passengers arriving here to-day from England. On the same day, the Omrah, 8,130 tons, was sunk, the passengers said. No lives were lost.

FIRE AT HUMMELSTOWN Harrisburg.—Fire from burning brush caught the storage building in the rear of A. D. Hoover's restaurant in Main street shortly afternoon to-day and damaged it slightly. The loss is covered by insurance. When the fire was discovered Mr. Hoover was discussing with a patron the history of the building.

STOP WHEAT TRADING Kansas City, May 14.—Directors of the Kansas City Board of Trade to-day voted to take action in suspending trading temporarily, similar to that of the Chicago Grain Exchange.

FRENCHMEN AGAIN AT CAPITOL Washington, May 14.—Members of the French war commission arrived in Washington to-day after their tour of the country. They will sail for home within the next few days.

FORM NEW BRITISH NAVAL STAFF London, May 14.—The formation of a naval staff of which Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, first sea lord, will be the chief, was announced in the House of Commons to-day by Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty.

FLOUR JUMPS \$1.20 IN TWO DAYS Chicago, May 14.—Popular brands of Minneapolis patent flour jumped 80 cents a barrel to-day to \$17.80. This came on top of a forty-cent raise Saturday.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Landislov Volgan and Frances Heblman, Steelton. Mlle. Giedle and Mary Mucovic, Steelton. Raymond Hall Gorsuch and Lena Eva Zink, Yellow Creek.