

TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED ON NAVAL BASE

Thrilling Description of English Fleet's Action Is Given.

SHELLS RAINED ON OLD CRUISER

Enemy Naval Guns Tried Hard To Prevent Closing Port.

London, May 11—The old cruiser Vindictive went to her last berth 150 to 200 yards within the piers forming the entrance to the harbor of Ostend, one of the German submarine bases on the Belgian coast, under a terrific fire from the German naval guns and machine guns on the shore, according to the Central News.

Preparatory to the raid into Ostend the naval air force bombed the town and dropped bombs continuously on the harbor works, causing fires. Later the airmen were assisted by destroyers and monitors in bombarding the enemy positions heavily.

The entire operation was carried out on lines similar to the raid of April 23, when concrete laden cruisers were sunk in the harbor of Zeebrugge, the most important German submarine base. For the second time in a month a smoke screen was used successfully. About 2 o'clock in the morning a large force of destroyers and coastal motor boats steamed up toward the shore, the motor boats going alongside it. The weather was everything desirable until 15 minutes before the Vindictive was sunk, when a sea fog drove in shore and reduced the visibility to a range of between 300 and 400 yards.

The Vindictive experienced the greatest difficulty in finding the entrance to the harbor. The enemy employed star shells and searchlights extensively and for 20 minutes the vessel was in full view of the enemy batteries. As she remained up and down seeking the entrance she was hit repeatedly and several casualties were suffered. It was 2:20 o'clock when the piers were sighted almost alongside and then the German machine guns opened fire.

Having found his bearings, the captain called the crew from the engine room and stoke hold and then set off the explosive charges.

It is declared on unquestioned authority that the sunken cruiser Vindictive lies in the neck of the channel at an angle of about 40 degrees. It is obvious that a vessel 300 feet long at this angle does not effectively block a channel some 320 feet wide, but a very useful purpose has been served.

A part and very serious blockade has been achieved and under the conditions of tide and rapid silt movement prevailing on the Belgian coast, the obstruction will certainly tend to increase. It is not claimed that the sunken cruiser will prevent the egress of submarines or even entirely stop that of destroyers. However, it will materially hamper both and that is important. German light craft will not be able when pursued by British forces to rush full speed into the harbor as they have done heretofore.

EDITH F. RANGER SURRENDERS TO STAMFORD COURT

Stamford, May 11—Edith F. Ranger of New York city, voluntarily surrendering herself, demurred to a complaint alleging conspiracy in the making of a fraudulent will of her brother, in the city court today, and furnished \$2,500 for trial in the Superior Court, when this was overruled. The bond was provided by Elizabeth A. Rechelle of Redding Center.

The will case is that of the late Henry W. Ranger. The alleged conspiracy was to defraud the National Academy of Design out of \$250,000. Charles N. Wexler and Richard H. G. Cunningham of this city, are now awaiting trial, and a bench warrant will probably be issued, if he does not appear. The attorneys of New York city, all three being attorneys who figured in the making of a fake will.

BAKERS MUST FILE WEEKLY REPORTS NOW

Hartford, May 11—Every licensed baker in Connecticut, beginning today, is required to make a weekly report of his baking operations in addition to the monthly report which he has been making for some time. The weekly report will be in triplicate, one copy being retained by the baker, one going to Mr. Scoville and the third to the local inspector.

Lose War Supplies In Brooklyn Fire

New York, May 11—Fire today destroyed the New York Dock Co.'s one-story brick building known as the Baltic terminal, on the Brooklyn water front, with a loss of war supplies estimated at \$50,000. A cargo of foodstuffs, cotton and general merchandise valued at twice that amount was saved from the flames. Early reports of incendiarism were declared to be baseless, investigators expressing the opinion that the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion in cotton.

STRIKE OF MACHINISTS IS ENDED

AMERICAN ARMY TODAY TOTALS 1,300,000 MEN

UNITED STATES INTENDS TO HAVE A TOTAL OF FROM 3,000,000 TO 5,000,000 MEN UNDER ARMS WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR.

Washington, May 11—More than 1,300,000 men have been called in the draft so far, and are either in France, in camp or under call to go into service before June 1.

The total of 1,300,000 includes all men summoned in the May contingent. There is every indication that even a larger increment will be summoned in June than was summoned in May, and a progressive monthly mobilization will continue through the summer and fall months as the cantonments are expanded. It is expected that at such a rate the army will reach well over 2,000,000 within the next 12 or 13 months. It is possible, some officers say, that the number will be closer to 5,000,000 than 3,000,000.

CHEER AMERICAN TROOPS THROUGH LONDON STREETS

London, May 11—Five trains loaded with American troops arrived in London this morning. They were marshaled at the Wellington barracks for their march through the streets of London.

The troops will be reviewed by Ambassador Page at the American Embassy and later by King George at Buckingham Palace. The American troops came through the archway of the Horse Guard parade into Whitehall to begin the march through the West End streets and thence to the Embassy and Buckingham Palace. Members of the War Cabinet, including Premier Lloyd-George, Chancellor Bonar Law, Viscount Milner and J. Austen Chamberlain, came out on the balcony at the War Office and watched the scene with interest.

The Premier, hands in pockets, looked down intently until the last American was out of sight.

PNEUMONIA TAKES BIG TOLL DURING MONTH OF APRIL

Deaths in Bridgeport during April as reported to Dr. W. H. Brown, Health Officer, number 229. Of these the principal causes were: Pneumonia, 83; heart disease, 21; tuberculosis, 19; Bright's disease, 16; violence, 15; apoplexy, 13; premature births, 12; cancer, 9.

Excluding tuberculosis and pneumonia none of the deaths were caused by communicable diseases. During the month 150 cases of communicable diseases were reported to the board of health, including a number of cases of diphtheria, which is prevalent, although not epidemic. The cases are widely separated. Whooping cough and measles are also prevalent. The city is entirely free from typhoid.

JEALOUS HUSBAND SHOTS HIS WIFE WHILE AT WORK

Belfast, Me., May 11—Mrs. Ellen Cooper Pease, night operator in the telephone office in North Searmont, was shot to death while at work early today. Roy Pease, the young woman's husband, was arrested later and was charged with the murder. Mrs. Pease was 35 years old.

Miss Marie Jackson, day operator, who witnessed the shooting, told the police she was awakened by Mrs. Pease and that Pease was standing in the doorway with a revolver in his hand. He fired two shots, she said, the first lodging in the wall and the second in the woman's head. Mrs. Pease's baby was asleep in a bed near which the mother was killed.

Pease, a farm hand, refused to make a statement. The couple had separated recently after being married two years, and the police attribute the shooting to jealousy.

FATHER M'GIVNEY ARRIVES IN PARIS

Paris, May 11—The Rev. P. J. McGivney, national chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, and William Mulligan, who are in charge of the war work of the society, have arrived in Paris. Twelve field headquarters of the Knights of Columbus have been established already and \$10,000,000 is to be expended.

British Put Down 27 German Planes

London, May 11—Cloudless weather on Thursday favored the British aviators, according to an official statement today dealing with air activities.

Twenty-seven German machines were downed, 12 were driven down out of control and four hostile observation balloons were destroyed. Six of our machines are missing.

GOVERNMENT TO BUILD MONSTER ORDNANCE PLANT

New York, May 11—The vast plans of the United States government for the conduct of the war to victory are emphasized through information made public by Eibert H. Gary, chairman of the Steel Corporation, in respect to the construction of a giant ordnance plant. The project has been hinted at in government circles for several weeks, but Judge Gary's announcement was the first authoritative discussion of it.

"At the solicitation of the Secretary of War," said he, "the United States Steel Corporation has undertaken to construct and equip for, and at the expense of the government, upon a site in the interior of the country, a plant for the manufacture of cannon and projectiles of large sizes and in great quantities, and to operate the same when finished."

"At best, the time required will extend over a considerable period, and the cost will be large, but the work will progress with all practicable speed, and economy in the use of money will be practiced. It is hoped and expected the results will be creditable to the country."

"Officers of the corporation and of the subsidiary companies will receive no compensation for their services. Accurate books of account will be kept which, with all records, files, and other documents and papers, will be open and subject to examination by government officials or other properly appointed representatives."

Judge Gary limited his discussion of the new plant to the formal statement, and would not be asked where the works were to be located. It has been reported that the site would be near Pittsburgh, close to existing plants of the Steel Corporation which would facilitate quick deliveries of construction material and assure an adequate supply of fuel at all times.

GEN. MAHON TO LEAVE IRELAND HE ANNOUNCES

London, May 10—Lieut. Gen. Sir Bryan Mahon, commander in chief of the forces in Ireland, announced publicly last night that he was to leave Ireland. He said he did not know who his successor would be.

This confirms rumors current for several days that important changes in the military command in Ireland are pending. The departure of Gen. Mahon, it is believed, will be regarded in Ireland as an indication that the government has decided to proceed with Irish conscription.

No Irish Nationalist member participated in the division in the house of commons last night on the Asquith motion.

STUDENT AVIATOR BURNED TO DEATH

Pensacola, Fla., May 11—Richard C. McCulla of Toledo, O., student aviator, was burned to death and George I. Henderson, of Pawtucket, R. I., student aviator, was severely burned when their aeroplane fell on Santa Rosa island yesterday. Henderson will recover.

CUTS HIS THROAT AT MOTHER'S HOME

West Mystic, May 11—Howard Shute, 35, unmarried, cut his throat this morning at the home of his mother here. He died so much that death is expected. He was sent to the Lawrence hospital in New London.

SIGN IS SEIZED BY AGENT WODELL

New Haven, May 11—To stop ridicule of the thrift stamp campaign which has occasionally cropped out here, the agents of the Department of Justice will cause removal of objectionable advertising signs. This announcement, made today, follows the seizure by Agent Wodell of a sign in a confectioner's window which had on it: "Buy thrift stamps and win the war."

The woman manager of the store claimed the error was made by the painter, but the latter, according to Mr. Wodell, claimed that the word "thrift" was copy and that his correction of the word was rejected. No further action will be taken.

BOYS SENTENCED FOR AUTO THEFTS

New Britain, May 11—Three boys were sent to the Cheshire reformatory and two were committed to the state school for boys in Meriden for theft of automobiles by the police court today. They admitted that their activities were continued for this last month, machines in Hartford and this city being taken and later abandoned.

Shipworker Dies From Fall At Work

Stonington, May 11—Bernard Meyer of Noank, who was severely injured late yesterday by a fall from a vessel in course of construction died during the night in the Lawrence hospital, New London. He leaves a widow to whom he was recently married.

BAVARIAN CAVALRY IS BEING DISPATCHED TO SUPPRESS REVOLUTION

BRITISH DOWN 27 GERMAN AIRPLANES AND LOSE BUT 6 MACHINES IN ONE DAY'S FIGHTING—FRENCH PUSH LINE FORWARD IN FLANDERS.

Whatever big move the Germans may be preparing for on the western battle front, they are finding an active and alert foe confronting them.

The French official statement in particular fairly bristles with accounts of intensive artillery and raiding activities and more important minor thrusts against the Germans in various sectors. In addition the latest British aviation report indicates such thorough command of the air that in one day's fighting 27 German machines were brought down while the British losses were only six machines.

French troops figured in the most telling strokes delivered by the infantry last night, both in Flanders and south of the Somme.

In the former area an operation was carried out which advanced the French line somewhat in the region of Loere, an important holding point against flanking operations directed at Mont Rouge. British troops made a successful raid near Meriville, to the west of this area.

On the southern battle front, besides carrying out several profitable raids, the French bit into the German line on the front between Montdidier and Noyon. An appreciable gain of ground was made here northwest of Orvillers Sorel, seven miles southeast of Montdidier.

There are indications that the Germans have run into serious trouble as a result of their recent high handed action in the Ukraine. The people are reported to have turned against the occupying forces.

The situation in Ukraine has become so disturbed that the Germans have dispatched large detachments of Bavarian cavalry from Flanders on the way to Ukraina, the correspondent in Amsterdam of the Exchange Telegraph Co. reports. Word that fighting is to be resumed in Ukraine has been received from Liege, Belgium. The Bavarian cavalry detachments are said to have arrived in that city.

On the southern leg of the Lys salient the Germans are bombarding the Robecq sector and are paying attention to the British positions about Vimy ridge, on the Arras front. On the Somme battle field the British have engaged in some local fighting around Aveluy wood, between Albert and Arras and Berlin claims the repulse of a local British attack here.

The French hold on Grievens park, on the front south of the Somme, is still secure. The Germans are shelling the new French positions intensely, but have not yet attempted counter attacks in force. West of Montdidier American gunners have been bombarding the Germans in the villages of Cantigny and Mesnil St. Georges, fire resulting. South of this sector the German guns have been active between Noyon and Lassigny.

American troops on the sector northwest of Toul assisted the French in a successful raid into the German positions in Apremont forest Friday. The American guns aided the French and east of the raided section American patrols made a diversion by entering the village of Apremont, which was found to be deserted.

Active artillery firing is going on on some sectors of the Italian and Macedonian fronts. There also have been patrol engagements on these fronts, but no heavy fighting.

Lying 150 to 200 yards within the entrance of the harbor of Ostend, the old cruiser Vindictive, it is believed, will hamper the passage of German destroyers. Whether she will be able to keep the submarines from passing in and out is not yet certain, but she serves a useful purpose in narrowing the submarine passage. The action of the tides and the movement of silt against the old hulk will tend to eventually close up the passage unless the Germans can remove the obstruction readily.

With the American Forces in France, Friday, May 10—(By the Associated Press)—American batteries bombarded the enemy lines heavily last night, the shells causing fires in the village of Cantigny and Mesnil St. Georges (west of Montdidier) held by the Germans.

German patrols continue active along the front. One attempted to rush American outposts, but was driven off by brisk rifle fire.

An American outpost caught a German trench dog. The pouch about his neck contained a message that the German retaliatory fire was falling short and that many of their own shells were landing in Cantigny. This confirmed previous information reported by American outposts.

JAIL CONSUL FOR BOLSHEVIK TALK

Edinburgh, May 10—For making speeches prejudicial to recruiting, John MacLean, consul in Glasgow of the Russian Bolsheviki government, in the High court yesterday, was sentenced to five years' penal servitude on the defense of the realm law. The evidence showed that MacLean publicly had urged workmen to break all laws and to replace Parliament by an organization patterned after the Russian Soviets.

EARL WILLIAMS REPORTED KILLED

New Haven, May 10—Death of Lieut. Earl T. Williams, 1910, in Northampton, Mass., was announced at Yale today. He was struck by a tree bough during a wind storm. Williams was in athletics during his college years, a member of Scroll and Keys and was in business in Brooklyn and Buffalo.

MANY REPORTED KILLED

Wellsburg, W. Va., May 11—A number of men are reported dead in an explosion at a nitroglycerine plant owned by the Louise Coal Co. in Cross Creek, five miles from here. Eight men, according to the report, were at work in the building when the explosion occurred.

Framingham, Mass., May 11—A large mess hall on the grounds of the state military camp here, used for storage purposes since the departure of Massachusetts troops last year, was burned yesterday. The entire building was in flames when the alarm was sounded.

Storrs, Conn., May 10—Honorary degrees of master of science will be conferred on Federal Food Administrator Robert Scoville and George M. Landers, chairman of the executive committee on food supply of the council of defense, by the Connecticut Agricultural College at its commencement exercises tomorrow.

Waterbury, May 10—The bursting of a flue in the engine on the regular morning train from Danbury to this city over the Highland division of the New Haven road, due here at 8:02, delayed the arrival of the train 43 minutes today. Reports that had preceded the train led to a quick inquiry by both the railroad officials and the police. They reported that no one was hurt and the mishap was of such character as is frequent in the operation of trains. The point of the accident was in Oxford.