

the Norwegian ensign. Upon being signalled by the Bluebell, the vessel replied she was from Bergen, for Genoa. The ship proceeded to follow the Bluebell to harbor, but when she was about a mile and one-half from Santa Rosa light, a small cloud of white smoke issued from her starboard side, and at the same time two German naval engines were broken at the mast. Two boats were lowered.

ASO AND ULSTER HEADS TALK PEACE

Prospect of Settlement Brightens Following Premier's Conference in Belfast.

IRISH CABINET SUGGESTED

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, May 15.—Premier Asquith returned to Dublin this evening after a four hours visit to Belfast, where he discussed the Irish situation with leading Ulster Unionists. The present expectation is that whatever statement the Premier contemplates with regard to his visit to Ireland will not be made before the end of next week.

Casement Talked to Prisoners

The first witness for the Crown was John Robinson, formerly a corporal in the Royal Army Medical Corps, and one of the men who were taken to the camp at Casement. For the first time Sir Roger appeared to take an active interest in the proceedings. He began to take notes of the testimony on a pad which had been provided for him.

Robinson stated that about 4,000 Irish prisoners were in the camp at Limburg when Casement urged them to join his brigade. Only fifty or sixty joined, he said. When Robinson first saw Casement in the camp he was dressed in British military uniform, and he was wearing the Irish Brigade's cap.

The second witness for the Crown, John Cronin, a clerk, testified that he was a member of the Ulster Unionist Club. He testified that he was present when Casement was taken to the camp at Limburg, and that he saw Casement being treated badly before he was taken to the camp.

After the recess for luncheon David O'Brien, another Irish prisoner, said that Casement was treated badly at the camp, and that he was taken to the camp at Limburg, and that he saw Casement being treated badly before he was taken to the camp.

John Wilson, late of the Dublin Fusiliers, stated on the stand that Casement had addressed the Irish prisoners as "fellows countrymen" and was very bitter against John Redmond, the witness added.

POPE DEPLORES REVOLT.

Public Expression of Condemnation Expected in Rome.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. ROME, May 15.—Pope Benedict is expected shortly to voice his condemnation of the recent revolt in Ireland. It is not yet known whether the Pontiff will address a letter to the Irish Episcopate, or whether he will utter a public condemnation of the insurrection on the occasion of the granting of an audience to representatives of the Irish College, but some sort of expression of condemnation is expected.

TAX ON ENGLISH AMUSEMENTS.

London Theatre Patrons Tax War Assessment Cheerfully.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, May 15.—A new war tax on amusements came into operation today, and judging from the reception in the theatres and moving picture houses in London it was met with a good deal of approval.

ALLIES AND GREECE AGREE.

Britain Promises Neutrality Will Not Be Violated.

LONDON, May 15.—The Foreign Office announced today that the agreement between Greece and the Entente Powers had been settled amicably, with the result that there will be no violation of Greek neutrality.

\$25,000,000 FOR WAR RELIEF.

Donated by Americans—Germany Got \$5,000,000.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. PARIS, May 15.—The newspapers state that it is estimated that without counting the gifts made by the United States, the Allies have subscribed \$25,000,000 to the various charity organizations for the Belgians.

Heavy Firing on Macedonian Line.

Paris, May 15.—The Havas correspondent at Salonica reports that heavy firing took place yesterday along the Macedonian front. No further fighting is in progress. French aeroplanes have bombarded the Bulgarian camp at Xanthi.

FRENCH TAKE 217 WARDS OF TRENCHES ON MEUSE

Gain German Positions on Heights in Surprise Attack and Capture Prisoners—British Attempt to Recover Ground at Hulluch Fails.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PARIS, May 15.—A section of trenches 200 meters (217 yards) in length was attacked suddenly by French forces on the heights of the Meuse to-day and was swept clean of German troops before the defenders recovered from their surprise.

The French force brought back some German prisoners. Beyond this action there was no infantry activity. In the night of today the French took the heights of the Meuse to-day and were swept clean of German troops before the defenders recovered from their surprise.

ATTACK AT DIKMUDE.

Belgians Repulse Advance Attempted by Germans.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. HAVRE, May 15.—There was considerable activity on both sides yesterday in the section of the western front held by the British. East of Loos the Germans, after a heavy bombardment, succeeded in capturing a small section of the British trenches, but they were promptly driven out, according to the British official statement.

BRITISH RETAKE CRATER.

With French Mortars They Recover Position Near Loos.

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BRITISH ATTACKS FAIL.

German Defeat Attempted to Retake Positions Near Hulluch.

BRITAIN, via London, May 15.—Vigorous British attempts to win back the heights of Hulluch and the heights of the Meuse, resulted in complete failure, according to the official German statement issued today.

KAISER FOR PEACE IN HIS OWN WAY

Doesn't Want Neutrals to Take Leading Part in Negotiations.

BRITAIN, via Amsterdam, May 15.—What are the Kaiser and Von Buelow talking about at the front? This question, although of great interest here, is not even mentioned in the German press. On the surface of things, the fact has been entirely left to the imagination.

ITALY'S ACTIVITY KEPT AUSTRIANS ON BORDER

Purpose Was to Keep Reserves Out of France, Says Rome.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. ROME, May 15.—The Italian War Office has adopted a system by which it keeps a constant number of troops on the operations on the Austrian front during a specified period.

VON IGEL HEARING DELAYED.

Federal Prosecutor Obtains a Postponement Until Tomorrow.

The arraignment of Von Igel for the murder of Capt. Franz von Papen, was postponed yesterday by the Federal authorities until tomorrow morning.

U. S. FORCE IN SANTO DOMINGO.

400 Marines Land and Take Possession of the Fort.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—American marines have taken possession of Santo Domingo city and the nearby fort. Rear Admiral Caperton reported that 400 marines landed at 7:30 this morning.

ALLIES DEAF TO PEACE TALK.

Germanies is Starting Propaganda, Says Despatch From England.

Semi-official information was received in New York yesterday in regard to the attitude of the Allies toward the peace proposals reported to have been made by Germany. The despatch received here from London was as follows:

GERMAN FOOD TO LUXEMBURG.

Grand Duchy Government Denies Regulation of Supplies.

SAYS ALLIES DELAY AID FOR THE POLES

Once Wealthy Warsaw Man, Here to Get Food, Mystified by Attitude.

AWAITS BRITISH ASSENT

While the plan to send relief to the starving in Poland has not yet been decided, the attitude of the British Government is to remain dormant. Secretary Lansing indicated to-day that a protest would be sent to London against the return of mail from the United States to neutral countries.

Secretary Lansing said negotiations with the British Government concerning the blockade would also be continued, but he added that any action this Government might take would be delayed instead of expedited by the fact that the last German note sought to make abandonment of the blockade a condition of the Russian government's abandonment of submarine warfare.

POLES LOYAL TO THE CAUSE.

"As I say, we cannot understand why they should have been so loyal to the cause when Poland is concerned," he continued. "It was the loyalty of the Poles which gave Russia her chance to make her terms against the first drive."

"Perhaps it is not generally known, but for months before the outbreak of the war, German agents were busy in Poland going through Poland preaching revolution and uprising. They had known that if Poland were to rise Russia would have the opportunity to crush the German army and to drive it out of Poland."

"What happened? Instead of revolting the Russian army and remained faithful to the Russian cause. Their country fought over not once but many times. They saw the land devastated and the people suffering and they accepted it."

"But they had a right to do so in justice. They were not asked to do so. They were asked to do so by those for whom they had fought for whom they had suffered and died. That is all that has happened. Instead of every nation made to send relief to the starving Poland has been asked by the Government to assist against a 'Tenthousand Power.' Can you understand that?"

RUSSIANS DRIVE TURKS BACK.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. PHOTODUJ, May 15.—The Russian advance in Mesopotamia continued steadily with the Turks retreating from Baghdad, eighty-two miles northeast of Mosul, according to the official Russian statement.

GERMANY PREDICTS ABUNDANT HARVEST

Government Issues Optimistic Statement to Calm the Public.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. BERLIN, May 15.—With a view to calming public feeling the German Government has issued the following statement: "The new harvest offers far more favorable prospects than that of last year. The winter crop is comparatively good, and the weather conditions are very favorable for the growth of the new crops."

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SOLDIERS' SMOKES DUTY FREE.

France Takes Off Import on Tobacco Sent to Fighters.

The French Government has notified the Post Office Department that parcels for any of the allied armies or hospitals containing tobacco, cigars or cigarettes will be admitted to France free of duty if addressed directly to the Minister of War. The name of the soldier, sailor, or airman to which the parcels are addressed will be indicated in the address.

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U. S. PREPARES TO PROTEST SEIZURE OF NEUTRAL MAILS

Action on British Blockade, However, Hindered by German Demand for Such Action as a Condition of Ceasing Its Method of Submarine War.

MAIL BLOCKADE TIGHT.

Americans in Berlin Suffer From England's Censorship.

Correspondence of the United Press. BERLIN, April 15.—England is maintaining an absolute mail blockade of Germany. Fewer letters and newspapers are reaching Berlin now than at any time since the beginning of the war.

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G. W. LOPP ACCUSED OF BEATING WOMEN

Mrs. Lopp and Daughter Cause Ambulance Head's Arrest in Paris.

BLAMES WIFE, IS FREED

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. PARIS, May 15.—George Washington Lopp of New York and Paris, a leading member of the Committee of the American Ambulance, was arrested to-night and taken to a police station to answer charges preferred by his wife, Mrs. Lopp, and his stepdaughter, Sofia Costa Machin.

Both women accused Lopp of having assaulted them with a blunt instrument, believed to be either the butt of a revolver or a club, with which they were charged. Mrs. Lopp, who is a well-known society figure, is said to have admitted the assault, which took place early last Thursday morning in the Lopp residence in the Rue de la Boétie.

Mrs. Lopp and Miss Machin are in a hospital recovering from their wounds. They arrived here last night after having been taken to a hospital in Paris. Mrs. Lopp's father, Governor Machin, a former Paraguayan diplomat, is also recovering from his wounds. The women's charges were corroborated by a French doctor, who stated that Lopp had been severely injured, while the doctor and manager of the Sacred and Historic Film Company of New York, the name of Mrs. Machin, who is recovering from her wounds, is also recovering from his wounds.

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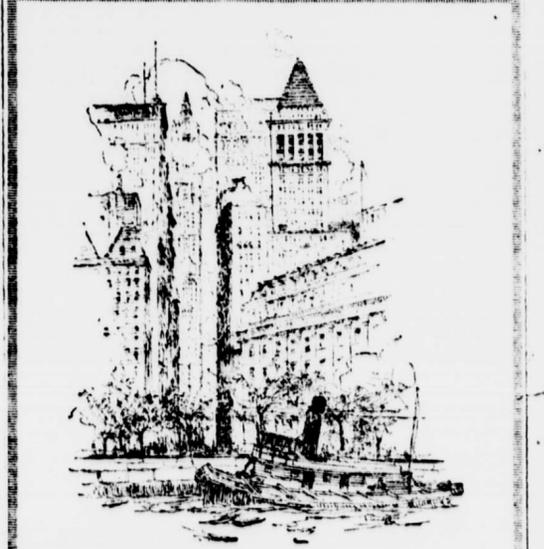
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