



PALL OF SILENCE COVERS CRISIS IN CENTRAL EMPIRES

Cutting Off of Communications Serves to Accentuate Reports of Grave Internal Troubles in Germany and Austria; 300,000 Munitions Workers in Berlin Refuse to Quit Strike and Return to Work

VIENNA STOPS ALL NEWS FOLLOWING PERSISTENT REPORTS OF HUNGARIAN PREMIER'S RESIGNATION

Revolutionary Spirit Gives Sensational Demonstration in Sweden; Workers Storm Parliament Calling For Establishment of a Republic; Demand For Food Used as Basis For New Movement

A pall of silence has fallen over the central empires, serving to accentuate the reports of grave internal troubles. Despite the assertions of the German press that the great Berlin strike, which involved at least 300,000 workers is over, there is evidence that the agitation is continuing.

The meager light which sifts through the veil of the German censorship disappears entirely in the case of Austria. Following persistent reports that Count Tisza, premier of Hungary, and foremost exponent in the dual monarchy of the German idea, had resigned, all information as to conditions in Vienna or Budapest ceased.

In the meantime, the revolutionary spirit which is rampant throughout Europe has given a sensational demonstration in Sweden. The food situation is ostensibly the cause of the remarkable events in Stockholm where a great multitude of workers tried to force their way into the parliament building.

Allies Mass Guns While the revolutionists gather headway and audacity in the monarchial kingdoms of Europe the armies of the British and French democracies are massing their guns and shells for another tremendous thrust against the German lines in France.

South of the Arras-Cambrai road the line has been straightened out by the capture of the village of Guemene. Already more than 1,000 additional Germans have been taken prisoners. Meanwhile the French infantry is being held in check along the Aisne front and in the Champagne by General Nivelle, while the work of consolidating the notable gains of the past week is in progress.

While momentous battles are being fought on the western front a new movement of possible vital importance has been initiated by the Germans in the eastern theater of war. A news agency dispatch from Petrograd to-day reports the departure from Liban, on the Baltic south of the gulf of Riga, of German transports for an unknown destination.

In Mesopotamia the Turks are still in retreat up the Tigris, northwest of Bagdad, before the victorious British. They have evacuated their Iztzibala position, ten miles below Samara, and moved to a position six miles nearer the river. A report of the British commander, reports they are now being attacked there.

Applicants For Garden Plots Throng Office of Chamber of Commerce

Applicants for Chamber of Commerce garden plots in Bellevue Park thronged the Chamber of Commerce office today to receive their assignments.

Supervisor Shirley B. Watts, of the Agricultural Committee, who has charge of the distribution of the lots assigned fifty-six before 2 o'clock this afternoon and expected that the entire Bellevue Park section would be distributed before night. The Chamber office will be open until 8 o'clock tonight.

Serious Conditions Facing All Newspaper Publishers

A. G. McIntyre, special representative of the paper committee of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, which is now in session at New York, says of the news print situation: "The United States is facing an enormous increased demand for print paper, which the present equipment is helpless to supply. Publishers must seek redress themselves in every possible way by selling their paper at not less than 2 cents a copy by cutting out returns, using economical sizes of make-up, and in every way attempt to give a service to the public in the most efficient and business-like way. It is the greatest folly for publishers to think they can continue selling their commodity to the public at increased prices."

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Shows this afternoon; probably fair to-night and Tuesday; cooler. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Shows to-night and in south portion Tuesday; moderate northerly winds.

General Conditions The lake disturbance of Saturday has passed off to the north. It is 2 to 14 degrees cooler in North Carolina, Virginia and East Tennessee; over nearly all the rest of the country temperatures have risen 2 to 20 degrees.

BRITISH OPEN NEW OFFENSIVE ON WIDE FRONT

Big Guns Brought Up to Rake German Defensive Lines

PUSH STEADILY AHEAD

General Haig Forces Gaps on Both Sides of River Scarpe

By Associated Press

London, April 23.—After a week's interlude, during which they had been busy consolidating the gains of the first week's offensive and bringing up their guns, the British at dawn this morning began another phase of the operations against the formidable German defenses on the front in Northern France. General Sir Douglas Haig reports that the forces under his command attacked on a wide front on both sides of the river Scarpe where a portion of the Hindenburg line forms a barrier defending Cambrai and that they are making satisfactory progress.

Further South British troops have captured the remainder of the village of Trescault and occupied the greater part of Havrincourt woods which formed a two-mile bulge in their line. From this point to St. Quentin the line approaches closely the Cambrai-St. Quentin road and canal. The correspondents at the front had prepared the public for the renewal of the more active operations which have entered a new phase with each succeeding Monday. The British began their great offensive on Monday a fortnight ago and the French followed this with their stroke along the Aisne a week ago. The third Monday finds the British again on the move.

A success along the Scarpe not only would threaten the German line but would further outflank Lens on the south.

Russian Peasants Want Land Given to Workers

By Associated Press

London, April 23.—A Petrograd dispatch says that the peasants of Saratov, a Volga government, have elected all the Social revolutionist candidates to the district Zemstvo. An congress of the peasants passed a resolution in favor of the land being shared by everybody on condition that each person who takes up a section personally works thereon.

Another American Falls Fighting For France

By Associated Press

Paris, April 23.—Sergeant William Dugan, one of the American aviators with the French army reported missing. Lieut. William Thaw says that it is feared Sergeant Dugan was one of the aviators who were seen to fall during a battle over the German lines. Dr. Edmund Gros, one of the organizers of the American squadrons, thinks however, that there is a possibility that the sergeant was taken a prisoner or even landed in the British lines.

Bulgaria Declares It Will Stick to the End

By Associated Press

Amsterdam, via London, April 23.—A semi-official Bulgarian statement which has been received here, referring to the manifesto of the Russian provisional government of April 10 says: "The Bulgarian government is always ready to support steps calculated to secure peace. On the other hand it is firmly resolved, in union with its allies, to continue the war to a termination which shall guarantee to Bulgaria the complete union of all her nationalities."

Despondent Man Kills Self With Towels

Fran K.E. Taylor, aged about 65, committed suicide, the police say, this morning in his room at 15 North Fifth street. He had tied two towels together and then tied the one end around the top of a closet door after it had been firmly knotted about his neck. He evidently jumped from a chair and then held his feet from the floor until death came by strangulation.

Chester's Town Hall Oldest in the State, to Be Kept Forever

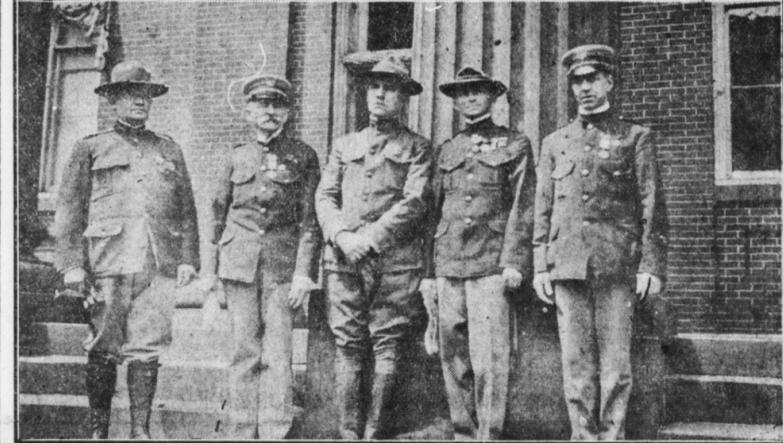
By Associated Press

Chester, Pa., April 23.—Chester's ancient town hall, said to be the oldest building in Pennsylvania, is to be preserved as a public building forever. At this morning's meeting of City Council it was voted to accept a proposition from State Senator William C. Sproul to restore the structure to its original appearance at his own expense and fit up the interior as it was in Colonial days under an agreement with the city that it shall be maintained with suitable surroundings for public use for all time. The modern buildings around it will be removed and a plaza formed, at the rear of which will be erected a new city hall, also of Colonial pattern. The town hall was built in 1724, during the reign of George I of England.

MAY TRY TO FILL VACANCY

Council may make another effort to-morrow to elect a successor to Councilman Harry F. Bowman, although nobody cared to-day to say who the candidates might be. There is little likelihood of an effort to choose a Mayor to fill the vacancy although it is the opinion of City Solicitor Fox that the new law permits council to elect a Mayor as well as councilmen in case of vacancies.

CITY PLEDGES SELF TO BACK SACRED CAUSE OF UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD



The etching shows Thomas P. Moran, originator of the Everybody's Patriotic Parade idea; Captain E. Laubenstein, Captain Henry M. Stine, Captain William L. Laubenstein and Commander Edward Dapp. To these men is much of the credit due for the success of the demonstration.

City Proclaims Its Readiness to Sacrifice Its Lives and Its Fortunes For the Sacred Cause of Universal Peace and World-Wide Freedom in Patriotic Pageant; Men, Women and Children Never Falter as Rain Pours Down

The great, patriotic heart of Harrisburg beat true to the Flag Saturday when, shaken to its very foundation by the mighty tread of 14,000 marching patriots, the thunderous cheering and applause of countless other thousands and the blare of two scores of bands, the city made public profession of its loyalty to the Nation.

It was a fervid yet solemn proclaiming of the city's ardent devotion to the principles upon which this Nation was founded and of its willingness to sacrifice its lives and its fortunes for the sacred cause of universal peace and world-wide freedom. Throughout that gigantic column of marching hosts and among the multitudes that crowded the streets along the line of the procession there was one preeminent thought that was voiced by a rain-soaked, bare-headed woman, well past 40 years, as she struggled resolutely onward with the downpour at its worst, when she called out: "We'll do our bit though heaven falls!"

Will Be Long Remembered "Everybody's Patriotic Day" will be remembered alike by the gray-haired veterans of many battles and the fresh, snappy hosts of Boy Scouts as one of the greatest events of their lives. The old soldiers were spared to see the banner they fought under for the preservation of the Union.

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TURKEY BREAKS OFF RELATIONS WITH AMERICA

Ottoman Government Follows Example Set by Dual Monarchy

Washington, April 23.—Official notification of the Turkish government breaking off diplomatic relations with the United States was received to-day by the State department in a dispatch from American Minister Stovall, at Bern, Switzerland.

PARK EXTENSION BILLS WILL GO IN EARLY THIS WEEK

Brunner and Manning Will Explain Plans For the Great Improvement

The two bills prepared by City Solicitor John E. Fox, on behalf of the city of Harrisburg, and Deputy Attorney General W. H. Keller, on behalf of the State, which provide for the co-operation of the Commonwealth and the municipality in development of the Capitol Park extension will be submitted to the Legislature this week. To-morrow night Arnold W. Brunner, of New York, and Warren H. Manning, of Boston, the architects in charge of the landscape work will explain plans recently adopted by the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings for the monumental Capitol Park improvements at a special session of the House Appropriations Committee.

The bills which will be presented this week will provide for the development of the park extension under direction of a State commission, similar to that which handled the

UNITED STATES GETS GAS MASK By Associated Press Washington, April 23.—Experts of the Bureau of Mines are designing an apparatus to combat poisonous gases, which it is declared, promises to be superior to any now in use on the European battlefields. Details of the invention, however, are being withheld for obvious reasons.

COUNTRY PAYS HONORS TO ITS BRITISH GUESTS

War Commissioners Visit U. S. Cabinet Members on Formal Calls

TO DINE WITH WILSON

Balfour Pays First Visit to State Department and Mr. Lansing

Washington, April 23.—Calls of courtesy filled part of the program to-day of Foreign Minister Balfour and other distinguished members of the British commission who arrived here yesterday to confer with American officials on the nation's joint task of beating Germany. To-morrow also the visitors will be entertained with all the honor the nation can show to guests of such high rank, on a mission of such tremendous significance and then will come series of official conferences for the

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Infernal Machine Burns Four in York Burn

York, Pa., April 23.—Four persons were injured this morning by an infernal machine left on the porch of the suburban residence of Wade W. McClure, former representative of York county, McClure and Charles H. Still, a young attorney, who resided with the family, are in the York hospital, the latter in a critical condition. Both of the men, as well as McClure's wife and his daughter, Jessie, suffer from burns, as the bomb was evidently loaded with black powder and flared rather than exploded. A package bearing a scrawl "To Charlie From Bill" was discovered this morning and carried into the house where it was found to contain a cigar box which McClure and Still were opening when it went off. Jessie leaped through a window and Mrs. McClure was rescued.

NEED MORE SHIPS By Associated Press Washington, April 23.—Diversely of ships from coastwise to trans-Atlantic trade was discussed today at a conference of number of heads of steamship lines and railroads with the council of National Defense. To the railroad men emphasis was laid on the necessity for rearranging their schedules to accommodate the increased shipping which would be thrown upon them by withdrawal of coastwise vessels.

PROVISIONAL GUARD BILL READY

Harrisburg.—The bill for a provisional militia force for home-guard duty following the call of the National Guard for war service will be introduced to-night. It will call for three regiments of infantry and one regiment of cavalry, the locations of which have not been determined.

PREPARE RIP-RAPPING SPECIFICATIONS

Harrisburg.—Specifications for rip-rapping the river front were prepared to-day in the office of Park Commissioner E. Z. Gross. They will be submitted to Council to-morrow and as soon as approved, bids will be advertised for. It is expected that the work will start early in May.

BRYAN TO PROD FARMERS

Washington, April 23.—William J. Bryan paid a visit of courtesy to-day to British Foreign Minister Balfour and then left for a tour of the far west, to help spread the Department of Agriculture's appeal for increased food production.

MARKET CLOSING IRREGULAR

New York, April 23.—Munitions, motors and gas shares were strong with United States Steel in the last hour. Steel Springs, however, lost ground. The closing was irregular. Specialties were under bearish pressure the greater part of to-day's dull session. There were general recoveries later on the inc increased dividends declared by Ohio Gas. Sales were estimated at 450,000 shares.

OPEN BIDS FOR FIRE HOUSE

Harrisburg.—Bids were opened this afternoon for remodeling the Washington Hose House on Chestnut street. Two bids were presented to Park Commissioner E. Z. Gross. C. H. Miller bid, \$2,373, the Horace G. Hipple, \$1,215. Council will be asked to approve the contract of the lowest bidder to-morrow.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Louis Zieger, Steelton, and Mary Sabuhla, Steelton. Harry Light Spangler, Lebanon, Helen Jane Bright, Harrisburg. Franklin Sims Miller, Landisburg, and Elizabeth Kary Shadock, Landisburg.

FOOD STAPLES AND COAL ARE SOARING HIGH

Flour, Sugar, Molasses, Practically All Groceries Are Going Up

FUEL GROWING SCARCER

Situation Worse Now Than It Was During Great Strike in 1902

The high cost of living is soaring higher and higher daily and the end is not in sight local grocers, coal dealers and other merchants say. Flour has increased in price until at the present time it is higher than it has been for fifty years, the same is true of other materials. The coal situation is perhaps the most serious of all. E. Montgomery, one of the dealers, said this morning: "The coal situation in this city and all over the country is more serious to-day than it has been since the famine in 1902. Dealers have

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Sarah Bernhardt Rallies When at Death's Door

By Associated Press New York, April 23.—The condition of Sarah Bernhardt improved during the night. Last evening the physicians attending the actress held out scant hope for her recovery. A bulletin issued this morning reads: "After having passed a poor day yesterday Madame Bernhardt showed an improvement last night and her improvement has continued. She spent a comfortable night."

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