

German Preparations Methodically

TO RESUME OFFENSIVE ON WESTERN BATTLEFRONTS

Indication Is Attack Will Come Simultaneously Between Labassee and Front South Amiens, and in Flanders Between Montdidier and Noyon.

(Associated Press.)
With the French Army in France, May 14.—The Germans are preparing most methodically for resumption of their offensive. Signs seem to show that they will attack between Labassee and the front south of Amiens, but it is also probable they will execute secondary operations simultaneously in Flanders, between Montdidier and Noyon, and possibly on other parts of the front, in the hope of attracting the allied reserves away from the center.
It is regarded as possible that these lesser assaults will be delivered before the principal attack. Whenever the Germans decide to engage in battle, however, they will find facing them French, British and American troops ready to meet the shock. In whatever strength it may be delivered.
The enemy's searchings for weakness in various parts of the allied lines has brought him only defeats, such as that southwest of Maillly-Raineval, on Saturday morning. The special shock battalion which the Germans threw in there left behind ninety-six prisoners, including an officer and fourteen non-commissioned officers, when it retired beaten. The ground facing the position was covered with dead, almost the entire attacking party being destroyed.
In preparing for resumption of the fighting, the Germans are reconstituting their used-up divisions and bringing up others which have not participated previously in the great battle.
They also are reinforcing their artillery powerfully and forming large supply depots behind the lines.
For the present the German military authorities declare through the press that the delay in carrying out their plans is due to bad weather and the consequent condition of the ground which has hindered their preparations.
Undoubtedly they are waiting until everything is in the greatest state of readiness, well making the test of the weather outcome so much depends for them, in view of their promises of a decisive victory to the German public.

NEVILLE ISLAND PLANT TO BE LARGEST IN WORLD

To Surpass Even Krupp Works in Germany—Site Near Pittsburgh.

(Associated Press.)
Washington, May 14.—Neville Island, in the Ohio river, near Pittsburgh, was selected today by the war department as the site for the great government ordnance plant to be built and operated in the interior. Work will be pushed as rapidly as possible.
The Neville Island plant will be the largest in the world, surpassing even that of the Krupp in Germany. It will be built and operated by the United States Steel corporation, an emergency war corporation, announced this afternoon. One contract already has been awarded. The company is to establish a four-way yard, it was also announced.

CONTRACT LET FOR SEVEN MORE CONCRETE SHIPS

(International News Service.)
Washington, May 14.—Seven additional contracts for concrete ships are to be awarded the San Francisco Concrete Shipbuilding company, C. A. Piez, vice-president, announced this afternoon. One contract already has been awarded. The company is to establish a four-way yard, it was also announced.

PITTSBURG TO GET ORDNANCE PLANT

(International News Service.)
Washington, May 14.—Neville Island, in the Ohio river, near Pittsburgh, Pa., has been selected as the site of the enormous ordnance plant that will be built by the United States Steel corporation for the war department, it was announced this afternoon. The plant will be used for the manufacture of big artillery.

MORE GERMANS TO OGLETHORPE

Washington, May 14.—The 2,200 Germans now interned at Hot Springs, N. C., will be taken over by the war department and sent to Fort Oglethorpe and Fort McPherson, Ga., between now and July 1, it became known today.
These men are now under the jurisdiction of the immigration division of the department of labor, but will be turned over to the war department on July 1.
The Hot Springs camp has been used since the outbreak of the war and has been maintained with an appropriation of \$1,000,000. This appropriation is now nearing exhaustion, and it has been decided to transfer all interned enemies to the war department, which already has in custody several hundred Germans who have been apprehended through the department of justice.

When interviewed concerning the new arrivals, officials of the prison camp stated that new barracks would have to be constructed for the incoming prisoners, and it is possible that even the two enclosures, composed of barbed wire, will have to be enlarged.
No official information has yet been received at the prison camp that the prisoners are coming, but unofficial information has been received of that fact.

THREE BANK OFFICERS GUILTY EMBEZZLEMENT

(Associated Press.)
Chicago, May 14.—Three officers of the Auburn State bank, Chicago, which was wrecked a year ago, were found guilty of embezzling the bank's funds today. Under the indeterminate sentence law, they are subject to imprisonment from one to ten years. The convicted men are Thomas McFarland, Mark P. Braunsfeld and William J. Cline.

TRIPE ENEMY BLOW PENDING

On Sea, in France and in Italy, Opinion of Military Experts.

REICHSTAG IS IMPATIENT

American Naval Units Would Take Part in Battle If One Is Puffed Off.

(By Henry G. Wales, International News Service Staff Correspondent.)
London, May 14.—Military experts are unanimous in the belief that a tripe enemy blow is impending on the sea, in France and in Italy.

It is believed that the war council attended by the Kaiser and Emperor Charles, and which had representation from the army and navy as well, resulted in the ramification of Ludendorff's plans until they now embrace a drive by the German high seas fleet while all the German and Austrian reserves on land are thrown into the fighting.
The Hindenburg-Ludendorff combination commands the navy, as well as the army. Being a soldier of the land, Hindenburg is naturally willing to sacrifice the navy to increase the chances of a military success.
The bottling up of Ostend and Zeebrugge has cut in half the enemy's opportunities for naval operations, leaving only points of departure for refugees considerably northward; but on the other hand, Germany is freed of concern from the Baltic and is able to concentrate all her sea strength in the North sea.
The German reichstag is reported to be clamoring over the inactivity of the fleet and the failure of the submarines to starve England or prevent American armies from arriving in France.
It is particularly certain that American naval units would take part in the battle if it takes place.
German mine fields planted in the Skagerrack indicate preparations for a retreat if the German fleet is defeated.
Gothenburg fishermen refuse to brave the German mine fields, remaining in port. Twenty-one Swedish trawlers returned to port, fearing to risk themselves among the mines.
Archibald Firth, the famous naval expert on the Daily Telegraph, declares that the answer to the German submarine is the destroyer and the mine. The allies, including the United States, were formerly the weakest in that direction. After the war, however, they will learn the debt caused by the co-operation of the American navy not only in conveying but in fighting submarines. If the naval position is improved, writes Mr. Firth, it is due to the American and British fleets.
Regarding the possibility of a naval battle, the strength of the grand fleet has been maintained and some of the most of America's battle ships are now associated with it.

Twenty-seven Men of a Casualty List of Seventy-two Reported Missing in Action, Including One Captain and Two Lieutenants

Washington, May 14.—Twenty-seven men are reported missing in action in the casualty list announced today by the war department. Of the total of 72 on the list, 14, including a captain and 2 lieutenants, were killed in action; 7 died of wounds and 3 of disease. Twenty-one were slightly wounded in action.
The list follows:
Killed in Action.
Lloyd E. Russell, Manchester, Okla.
LIEUTENANTS.
Herbert Boyer, San Francisco, Cal.
Stephen E. Fitzgerald, Dorchester, Mass.
PRIVATE.
Ezra Barrows, Chandler, Minn.
Harry R. Bartlett, East Haven, Conn.
Magnus M. Brams, Scotts Bluff, Neb.
Aaron Chimeroseky, Chicago, Ill.
John M. Davidson, Somers, Mo.
Samuel Fierberg, Hartford, Conn.
Leo Harnetz, Ashton, Neb.
Louis J. Landry, Hartford, Conn.
Thomas McKinley, Council Bluffs, Ia.
Gordon Rulien, New Richmond, Wis.
Willie B. Sanders, Converse, S. C.
Died of Disease.
SERGEANT.
Theron E. Dalrymple, Rochester, N. Y.
MECHANIC.
Frederick E. Ruckelshausen, New Haven, Conn.
PRIVATE.
Walter S. Auer, Canton, O.
William J. Bishop, West Springfield, Mass.
Wilmer M. Childers, Paragould, Ark.
Frank Daniels, Highland Park, Ill.
Willie J. Jones, Starke, Fla.
Died of Disease.
PRIVATE.
Seguire A. Arnold, Greenville, Miss.
Clement T. Duffey, Delaware, O.
George T. Paicurich, Minneapolis, Minn.
Wounded Slightly.
MAJOR.
John L. Haskins, Minneapolis, Minn.
CAPTAIN.
Michael J. O'Connor, Boston, Mass.
LIEUTENANTS.
Edward M. Guild, Nahant, Mass.
William A. Murphy, Chicago, Ill.
Ray E. Smith, Rutland, Vt.
SERGEANT.
South McIntosh, Jackson, Ky.

SECOND LIBERTY LOAN BONDS DRAW INTEREST FRIDAY

(Associated Press.)
Washington, May 14.—In preparation for the first semiannual interest payment on second liberty loan bonds, due tomorrow, banks today were flooded with interest coupons. The payments will total \$76,175,999.

CONDITIONS INTOLERABLE Samuel Gompers Forwards Plan of Pan-American Labor Federation.

(International News Service.)
Washington, May 14.—As a part of a comprehensive plan to establish a pan-American federation of labor among South American countries, Samuel Gompers this afternoon appointed a committee to visit Mexico City. The committee is composed of James Lord, president of the mining department, American Federation of Labor; John Murray, secretary of the pan-American federation conference

Looked Like Bomb

But Proved to Be Just Some Samples of Ore and Appeal for Loan.

(International News Service.)
Washington, May 14.—Secretary McAdoo's war finance corporation had visions of getting to a flying start today when an ambitious package resembling an amateur bomb was received for W. P. G. Harding, one of the directors. The thing was sealed tight and its contents shifted with an uneasy sickening noise. The governor's "atom" looked the object over and over, and then conferred at a respectful distance. While they were debating a very brief emergency messenger stepped forth, took his life in one hand and the can in the other, and opened the lid.
The "bomb" was filled with ore sent as a sample when the ambitious and enterprising mine owner, who said he had seen boxes containing a few hundred dollars to work his mine and help win the war.

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Deliver the Goods.

Holmes testified he had never seen the articles, but had talked with an engineer named Francis L. Judd, who said he had seen boxes containing 250,000 rifles. Two months ago, Holmes said, the United States tried to buy them, but they were not produced. Gustav Lussing was named by Holmes as the man who was said by various intermediaries to be able to deliver the goods.

BISHOPS VETO LAITY RIGHTS OF WOMEN

College Also Disapproves of Striking Out "Holy Catholic Church" From Creed.

(Associated Press.)
Atlanta, Ga., May 14.—The college of bishops has vetoed the action of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, in granting laity rights to women and in changing the ritual from "Holy Catholic Church" to "Christ's Holy Church." It was announced today. The bishops held that a two-thirds vote of the annual conference was necessary to make such action legal.
Heated discussion followed the reading of the bishops' veto.
On a motion to adhere to the action of the general conference on laity rights for women, Dr. E. W. Alderson, of Texas, took the floor. He was aided of order by Bishop Hendrix. Dr. Alderson appealed from the decision of the chair and was sustained by the conference. The conference in turn voted to ratify its former action and both resolutions will be submitted to the annual conference.
One ballot for the election of bishops was taken at the morning session and the result probably will be announced at the afternoon session.
Resolutions were passed enabling ministers to retain their memberships in annual conferences while engaged in war work.

GERMAN GUN SHOTS 80.7 MILES, SAYS EXPERT

(International News Service.)
London, May 14.—The following statement of the sinking of the old British cruiser Vindictive at the entrance to the Ostend harbor, which was issued by the German admiralty, has been received here:
"Examination of the hull of the Vindictive sunk before Ostend proved that the vessel did not contain a cargo of cement. She was not blown up by the English, but was sunk by the first German submarine batteries."
The British admiralty, upon seeing the German claim, issued this official statement:
"The British statement of May 10 that the ship was filled with concrete was absolutely correct. Every detail of the German message, therefore, is entirely false."

EXORBITANT PRICES CHARGED FOR MINERALS

(International News Service.)
Washington, May 14.—Charges that mineral producers are exacting exorbitant prices were made to the senate committee on mines and mining today by R. M. Rice, purchasing agent of the Laclede Iron Works, of Steubenville, O., today.
The embargo placed upon manganese will produce a serious situation in the steel industry unless steps are taken to produce manganese in this country, Rice added.
The senate committee is considering a bill to encourage the production of minerals in the United States.

FAIR, SAYS BILLY 'POSSUM

The first shall be last, the last shall be first, this saying has come true, as shirtings of celebrities are all the cry and hue; 'twas once we turned our backs on them, but now they're to the fore. I've some I'll sell quite reasonably for aporns for the war. The weather? Fair and moderately cool tonight; Wednesday fair and slightly warmer.

KRUPP RIFLES BROUGHT TO U.S.

By Thousands Secretly—Part of "Germanizing" Propaganda, Witness Says.

HOARDING OF ARMS

By German Interests Investigated by Attorney-General Lewis.

New York, May 14.—Reports that thousands of rifles had been secretly imported from the Krupp works at Essen, in order to "Germanize" the United States, were related today at an inquiry conducted by State's Atty.-Gen. Lewis into rumors of hoarding of arms by German interests in the United States.
Edward A. Holmes, a witness, credited the reports to a man named James H. Crossley. Holmes, as a broker, tried to buy the rifles, but was unsuccessful, he said. During the negotiations, he said, Crossley told him that some 1,000,000 rifles had been imported from Essen via the Hoboken docks of two German steamship companies and were to be used in the United States if the Germans were successful in reaching the English channel ports.

FORMER FRENCH PREMIER CALLED

Caillaux Brought From Cell to Testify in Treason Trial.

HEARST CALLS TEDDY AMERICA'S ASQUITH

(Associated Press.)
Paris, May 14.—Former Premier Caillaux was brought into court from his prison cell today to testify in the treason trials growing out of the Bonnet-Rouge affair. He was called at the request of counsel for M. Landau, one of the accused, who was a reporter for the Bonnet-Rouge.

NEW LOANS TO ALLIES

(Associated Press.)
Washington, May 14.—Secretary McAdoo today authorized loans of \$200,000,000 to Great Britain, \$100,000,000 to France and \$100,000,000 to Italy, making the total loans to all the allies \$500,000,000.
Total loans to Great Britain now amount to \$2,935,000,000; to France, \$1,165,000,000; and to Italy \$450,000,000.

ACQUIT 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL OF WOMAN'S MURDER

(Associated Press.)
Richmond, Va., May 14.—Luella Foley, the 14-year-old girl who last week shot and killed Mrs. Mark Alexander, was acquitted in the juvenile court today.
The girl, who is the daughter of William T. Foley, contended that she shot Mrs. Alexander to save her own life after being attacked by the woman. Alexander, husband of the dead woman, testified he had seen his wife attack the child some months ago.

ALABAMA PREACHER ARRESTED FOR SEDITION

(International News Service.)
Sylva, Ala., May 14.—Rev. S. A. Owen, of Weogufka, was arrested on a charge of sedition. The charge was that he said he would raise a white flag before he would fight the Germans.
The minister was given a hearing before Mayor Howard and then the preacher was turned over to the postmaster, Mr. Smith, for further investigation.

ENTIRE CABINET OF RUMANIA RESIGNS

(Associated Press.)
London, May 14.—Premier Marghiloman, of Rumania, and his entire cabinet has resigned, according to German reports received in Amsterdam, by the Reuter News agency.

PERCY LONG SENTENCED TO GEORGIA CHANGANG

Temporarily Disbarred from State and Federal Courts, Young Chattanooga Lawyer Undertakes to Recoup His Losses in Practice by a Bootlegging Venture and Gets Caught.

Caught near Trenton with a barrel of whisky in his automobile, Percy Long, a young Chattanooga attorney, pleaded guilty of "possessing liquor" at Dalton today and was sentenced to three months on the changang and fined \$100 and costs.
The young lawyer will be remembered as having been temporarily suspended from practicing in the courts of Chattanooga, both state and federal, on account of certain unethical practice.
He is declared to have been intercepted in the vicinity of Trenton with a negro and the barrel of liquor in his car. The automobile is being held to secure the fine. The court's sentence, however, provides that in the event the defendant does not pay his fine he shall serve six months rather than three on the changang. After his arrest at Trenton, Long was taken to Dalton and arraigned.
Long was arrested about noon Monday at Trenton. He was taken to Dalton, where he was granted a hearing before Judge Tarver, superior court judge there. Interviewed Tuesday afternoon, the young lawyer expressed deep regret over his plight, saying that he would not have had it happen for the world. His story was that he went to Trenton to get a Ford car, which he was to bring back to Chattanooga. While there, he says, he was approached by someone he did not know and asked to carry a cask of liquor to certain parties in Chattanooga, which he refused to disclose, saying he does not want to mix anyone else up with the case. He said that he did not expect to sell the liquor; denied that he is a bootlegger and says that he would not care for the shame of it if he were guilty of any criminal intention. "I was only doing someone a favor," he is quoted as saying to a representative of The News at Dalton.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ELECTS TWO BISHOPS

Atlanta, Ga., May 14.—The Rev. W. F. McMurry, of Louisville, Ky., and the Rev. John M. Moore, of Nashville, Tenn., were elected bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, on the first ballot taken at the general conference today. Four more bishops remain to be elected.
Dr. Moore received 133 votes, while Dr. McMurry received 167, the required number for election.
The next highest candidates were Dr. U. V. W. Darlington, Babourville, W. Va., 132; Dr. James Cannon, Jr., Blackstone, Va., 117; Dr. F. N. Parker, Emory University, Ga., 106; and Dr. H. N. Duhose, Nashville, 97.

HEARST CALLS TEDDY AMERICA'S ASQUITH

Maunt Clemens, Mich., May 14.—In a statement today, William R. Hearst said:
"Mr. Roosevelt, though notably less able and less respectable, is emphatically the Asquith of American politics. He is out of power, and he is greater than I am. He is a power, and he does not scruple at any methods, no matter how unfair to the administration or how harmful to the country, in order to accomplish his purely selfish political purposes."
"The attack which Mr. Roosevelt now makes upon the administration is just as baseless as the attack which Asquith made upon Lloyd George, and it will prove to be just as futile as the effect upon the administration and just as fatal in its effect upon Mr. Roosevelt."
"The immediate cause of Mr. Roosevelt's present outburst are two in number."
"The first cause is the fact that the magazine which hires Mr. Roosevelt at \$1 per word to make vicious attacks upon the government of the United States during wartime, was excluded from the mails in one issue for a wholly false and unjustified attack upon the president of the United States and the diplomacy of the United States, calculated to bring our government and our people into contempt, and consequently to injure our cause."
"The second cause of Mr. Roosevelt's immediate agitation is the fact that the small and lonely New York newspaper which is supporting Mr. Roosevelt's desperate aspiration for the presidency was recently rebuked as a public enemy by the representatives of the United States government for printing as news certain articles which had no foundation in fact and which discredited the officers of the United States army and held them up to ridicule and contempt without the slightest basis of truth or justice in the allegations."
"Mr. Roosevelt's attempted reflections upon the Hearst publications are unimportant."

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS TO BE CONDUCTED AT KIEV

(Associated Press.)
Amsterdam, May 14.—The Ukrainian and Russian governments have agreed to conduct peace negotiations at Kiev shortly, according to information from that city. It is denied in Berlin that an ultimatum was sent to Russia declaring that the proceedings are voluntary.

AMERICANS FINEST BODY FIGHTERS, SAYS OFFICIAL

(International News Service.)
New York, May 14.—The following extract from a report made by the American military attaché at Paris on May 5, was given out today at the headquarters of the United States marines in this country:
"A high official at the (French) ministry of war who has just returned from the Verdun sector, stated to me that in passing a regiment of the United States marine corps on the road, he found them, in his opinion, the finest body of fighting men he had yet seen in the war."

APPOINTS BUFFALO MAN PRODUCTION DIRECTOR

(Associated Press.)
Washington, May 14.—Archer A. London, of Buffalo, was appointed today director of the division of production of the aircraft board.

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