

AUSTRIA MAY LOSE AUTONOMY

THE ALLIES DEPEND ON AMERICANS TO MAKE BIG SMASH

SEPARATE EXISTENCE IN DANGER; FAMINE CAUSE OF OUTBREAKS

Closer Alliance Is Being Planned By Enemy

(Compiled from Associated Press Reports) Internal conditions in Austria have not improved and the existence of a separate Austrian state is reported to be in danger. Baron Burián and the emperor have gone to German great headquarters where, it is said, the foreign minister will discuss plans for the military and commercial alliance of Germany and Austria-Hungary.

The serious lack of food, which has caused outbreaks in Austria and Bohemia, has spread to Galicia and many are reported to be dying of hunger.

It is now two weeks since the disastrous repulse of the Germans north of Mont Kemmel and in that time they have gained hardly a foot, either in Flanders or in Picardy. The British and French, however, have taken some small and locally important positions in limited attacks, the latest advance having been made by the French north of Kemmel village in the capture of Hill 44 and an adjoining farm. It is felt that the Germans cannot delay their attacks in strength much longer and that important sectors southwest of Ypres and between Arras and the Somme will soon resound again to the clash of mighty battles.

Meanwhile, the opposing cannon are firing thousands of shells into and behind the hostile positions.

On the Italian front, the fighting is becoming sharper with the Italians on the offensive. After the successful operation on Monte Corno, south of Asiago, the Italians have wiped out an Austrian advance post on the important heights of Col Del Orso, between the Brenta and the Piave. Austrian patrol parties were repulsed north of Lake Garda and along the line west of the Brenta.

ALLIANCE SOUGHT

Germans In Austria Favor Introduction Of Hun Institutions

(By Associated Press to The Banner) AMSTERDAM, May 13—Resolutions in favor of the extension of Austria's alliance with Germany were adopted at a congress of Germans in the Austrian Tyrol, says a dispatch from Sterzing, Austria, to the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin. The resolutions urge a closer military and economic union and the establishment in Austria of German state institutions and constitutional law.

Vitalize the savings habit, buy War Savings Stamps.

PARIS REPORTS HOT ARTILLERY FIGHTING

(By Associated Press to The Banner) PARIS, May 13—Active artillery fighting in Picardy on both sides of the Aisne river is reported in today's official statement.

HUN ATROCITIES TOWARD ITALIANS ARE NOW KNOWN

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WASHINGTON, May 13—Italian prisoners in Austria are subjected to horrible outrages, a dispatch to the Italian embassy from Rome today says.

The dispatch says Italian prisoners have been stripped and left without food or care if wounded. Many of them die of hunger and of plague. Tuberculosis is raging and thousands of consumptives fill the concentration camps. When their condition becomes desperate the prisoners are returned to Italy in exchange for Austrian prisoners whose condition in Italian camps has improved. The last three hundred prisoners sent back to Italy from Austria all were suffering from tuberculosis in a very advanced stage, the dispatch declares.

PROBE HINDERED BY SEC'Y BAKER BORGLUM CLAIMS

Sculptor Reiterates Charges In Letter To President; Denies Complicity.

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WASHINGTON, May 13—In an open letter to President Wilson published today, Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor, reiterated his charges of misconduct in the government aircraft production organization and denying that he had betrayed the president's friendship and demanded an open and full investigation by the senate military committee of the entire aircraft program. His own investigation, he said, had been hindered "by the war department, under Secretary Baker."

(By Associated Press to The Banner) SPRINGFIELD, O.—Four women are now employed as ticket sellers for the Ohio Electric Railway company here, taking the places of men who have gone to war.

(By Associated Press to The Banner) LONDON—The president of the board of trade has appointed a committee to investigate the question of increasing the supply of flax in the British Empire.

HYMAN ASSISTS IN HOG ISLAND PROBE



Mark Hyman, who for several years has been special assistant to the attorney general for antitrust investigations, is now assisting Assistant Attorney General Todd in the Hog Island inquiry.

BILLIARD TABLES OFFERED

(By Associated Press to The Banner) LONDON—Recently the Young Men's Christian Association sent out an appeal for billiard tables. Three days later 800 tables had arrived at headquarters. Since then others have been received in such numbers that a skating rink has been taken over and still the tables are coming in.

Hindenburg Is Dead Hun Prisoners Say

Failure of Drive is Ascribed to His Death

(By Associated Press to The Banner) LONDON, May 13—All German prisoners captured in France say that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is dead, letters from British officers on the western front report, according to The Daily Express. At the same time the name of General von Mackensen is brought into prominence as that of a great man who is to bring the Germans victory.

The Express assumes that the Hindenburg story is circulated to explain the failure of the great offensive.

DOWAGER EMPRESS AND GRAND DUKES IN HANDS OF HUNS

(By Associated Press to The Banner) AMSTERDAM, May 13—The Ukrainian press bureau has received information from Odessa according to which the former dowager Empress Marie Feodorovna and Grand Duke Nikolaiyevich and Alexander Michailovitch, who had been living at Dubbar, near Ahtodor, in the Crimea are in the hands of the Germans.

(By Associated Press to The Banner) NEW YORK—The Berlin savings banks received deposits in January amounting to 32,000,000 marks, total deposits at the end of January being 540,000,000 marks, according to the Berlin Tageblatt.

AGREE ON THE DRAFT OF YOUTHS

Divinity Students' Exemption Is Reduced

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WASHINGTON, May 13—Final steps towards completion of legislation amending the selective service law were taken today by congress. A complete agreement was reached by senate and house conferees on the bill, extending the law to youths attaining their majority since last June. The dispute over exemption of theological and medical students from registration was compromised with the adoption of a provision exempting them if actually enrolled when the act is passed, but requiring registration of those who enter school afterwards. The provision placing new regulations at the bottom of eligible lists was retained.

MISS DAHM, EXPERT ON FINGER PRINTS



Miss Marie Dahm, twenty-two years old, is one of the navy's leading fingerprint experts, the second of her sex to enter this branch of government service and the first in New York state to enter the naval reserve.

U-BOATS LOSING OUT IN ATTACKS ON ALLIES' SHIPS

French Minister Of Marine Says Allies Sink More Subs Than Huns Can Build.

(By Associated Press to The Banner) PARIS, May 13—The effectiveness of the German submarine campaign is declining. The German government is aware of this fact, declared Georges Leygues, minister of marine, before the naval committee of the chamber of deputies today, but has made the greatest efforts to conceal it. He said the situation was most favorable and that the sinkings of submarines in the first three months of 1918, through allied measures, was greater than the number built by the enemy.

Minister Leygues referred to the statement made in the reichstag on April 17 by Vice Admiral von Capelle, German minister of marine, in which he said 690,000 tons of allied shipping were sunk recently. This figure, the minister said, was incorrect.

It was reached and passed in April, May and June of 1917. In July it declined and in November it fell below 400,000 and since has diminished continuously.

NEW YORK SAVINGS BANKS RECEIVED DEPOSITS IN JANUARY

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WASHINGTON, May 13—Announcement from Paris that in the last three months more submarines have been sunk than have been built, bears out recent unofficial statements here on the submarine situation. It has been no secret that officials here have felt more encouraged within the last few months than at any time since the unrestricted submarine campaign began.

Merchant ship construction by the U. S. and the allies already has passed the real danger point and ships are being launched faster than they are sunk.

As the supply of submarines begins to diminish the biggest part of the shipping problem of the allies begins to vanish. Every submarine sent to the bottom carries with it a trained crew which it becomes increasingly harder to replace.

U. S. TROOPS TO BE HELD UNTIL READY FOR CRUSHING BLOW

ITALIANS REPULSE AUSTRIAN TROOPS

(By Associated Press to The Banner) ROME, May 13—Austro-Hungarian troops yesterday made an attack on Monte Corno, which recently was captured by the Italians. The war office announces that the enemy was repulsed with heavy losses.

96 NAMES GIVEN IN CASUALTY LIST

Ten Ohioans Are Included; Zanesville Sergeant Is Killed In Action.

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WASHINGTON, May 13—The casualty list today contained 96 names, divided as follows:

Killed in action 10, died of wounds 9, died of accident 2, died of disease 5, died other causes 1, wounded severely 12, wounded slightly 19, missing in action 38.

The names of the following Ohio men appear:

Killed in action, Sergeant Lewis W. Sagle, Zanesville; wounded severely, Sergeant Thomas A. Carroll, Cincinnati, and Private Tira N. Castle, Alger, O.; wounded slightly, Sergeant Newton Peters, Elyria, O., Privates William Bartles, Waterloo, Gall B. Clymer, Rawson, Victor B. Inskoep, East Liberty, O., James E. Kristoff and Herbert Leech of Columbus and Harry D. Wolf, Circleville.

NEW GOVERNMENT NOT POPULAR WITH POPULACE AT KIEV

(By Associated Press to The Banner) AMSTERDAM, May 13—The great mass of the population of Kiev is maintaining a cool attitude toward the show of hostility, according to the Berlin Tageblatt. Complete order prevails, however, the newspaper declares.

The arrival of three Russian peace delegates at Kiev is announced by the Tageblatt.

MARINE CORPS LISTS EIGHTEEN CASUALTIES

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WASHINGTON, May 13—A marine corps casualty list containing 18 names was made public today by the navy department. Seventeen were wounded slightly and one is reported missing in action.

Class One May Be Exhausted By This Fall

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WASHINGTON, May 13—Lord Reading, the British ambassador, in a statement here today declared that the announcement, coming by way of Ottawa, that the American army would not be fully utilized on the western front until developed to its full strength, was directly opposite to information he had received from the British war cabinet and that he was in the dark as to its meaning.

He stated that he was convinced that the statement was not issued with the knowledge of the prime minister of the British war cabinet.

The ambassador's statement adds to the puzzle in which American officers found themselves today on reading the announcement from Ottawa. Confidential information reaching here recently, indicated that such a plan as outlined from Ottawa was under discussion.

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WASHINGTON, May 13—The decision not to use the American army in France until it has been built up to proportions of a complete and mighty force, first disclosed to the public in last night's dispatches from Ottawa, based on advices from the war committee of the British cabinet, follows a long period of consideration between two schools of military strategists. From the best information that can be gathered, one school of strategy has contended for forcing the American forces in the battle line as fast as they arrive and for conducting a continuous counter-offensive with the hope of ending the war in 1918.

The other, it is understood, has favored using the American forces very little, holding them back until fully organized with all the necessary complements, and then striking a mighty blow in conjunction with the British and French which would smash the German lines and bring a decision.

There were no official expressions available on the subject today. The knowledge that such a plan was being considered has been very closely held by the few who have known it.

TO RUSH TROOPS

The one thing that seems certain is that the business of rushing American troops to Europe will be pressed rather than retarded and that there will be a redoubling of effort to equip them with all necessary heavy artillery and other engines of war to quickly bring the full strength of a great army to the battle front.

Some officials in touch with the progress of the draft have recently predicted that every available man in Class I would be called to the colors during the summer. Roughly, this means more than 2,000,000 in addition