

GERMANS HIT A STONEWALL

Crown Prince Rupprecht Is Wasting Many Men East of Ypres

TO NO ADVANTAGE IN COUNTER-ATTACKS

British Lines Reported by Field Marshal Haig to Be Holding

London, Sept. 22.—The troops of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria countered last night to launch heavy counter-attacks against the new British lines east of Ypres on the Belgian front.

ARGENTINA WILL BREAK OFF TO-DAY

New Developments in the Situation with Germany Are Expected to Hasten the Action.

Buenos Aires, Sept. 22.—Argentina probably will sever relations with Germany to-day as the result of new developments yesterday, the Associated Press learned from official sources.

Buenos Aires, Sept. 22.—The Chamber of Deputies late yesterday postponed until to-day discussion of the crisis with Germany caused by the unfriendly action of Count Von Luxburg, the dismissed German minister.

BLISS CHIEF OF STAFF

Succeeds Major General Hugh L. Scott From To-day.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Major General Tasker H. Bliss yesterday was named chief of staff of the army to succeed Major General Hugh L. Scott, who retires from office to-day.

General Scott, who is 64 years old, has reached the age of retirement, but he immediately will be recalled to active service.

Secretary Baker said that for the present the general would be assigned to duty in connection with the training of troops in the United States, but would not specify the command.

General Bliss has been acting chief of staff since General Scott left for Russia several months ago as a member of the American mission. He also will reach the age of retirement on Dec. 31, next, but before his appointment yesterday there were intimations that he would remain as chief of staff for at least those three months.

When asked concerning reports that Major General Kuhn, former head of the war college and now commanding the national army cantonment at Annapolis Junction, Md., would succeed General Bliss, Secretary Baker said that the question was not now under consideration.

GIVEN MILITARY CROSS

Two British Airmen Accounted for Dozen of Enemy Planes.

London, Sept. 22.—The latest list of recipients of the military cross includes two British airmen, one of whom accounted for five German airplanes in a single day and the other for seven.

The award to Captain Anthony Wall is accompanied by the following explanation: "By his initiative and skillful maneuvering he led six hostile machines into an encounter with our own formation, during which five were destroyed. He had been equally successful the day before in misleading hostile aircraft."

The award to Captain Brian Baker says: "He led his patrol with great skill against a hostile formation, accounting for five enemy machines. Later he drove another hostile machine down in flames and destroyed another by diving 7,000 feet onto it and firing at such close range as to nearly collide with it."

GOLD HOARDED IN FRANCE

But Much of It Is Being Turned Into Paris Banks.

Paris, Sept. 22.—Receipts of the Bank of France show there is still a considerable amount of gold in private hands in France. It is coming out at present at the rate of about 2,000,000 francs a week.

In searching the residence of a recently interned Austrian subject at Nice the other day, the police found 22,000 francs in gold coins of several different countries. This gold was turned over to the Bank of France, while more than 1,000,000 francs' worth of securities were put under seal.

LAFOLLETTE STIRS WRATH OF AUDIENCE

Defends Sinking of Lusitania in Address at St. Paul Convention.

St. Paul, Sept. 22.—Cries of disapproval were shouted at Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin when, speaking at the closing session of the producers and consumers' conference here Thursday night, he declared the United States never should have been at war and sought to defend the sinking of the Lusitania. The disturbance subsided almost immediately and the senator proceeded with his address.

"Who is abroad crying in the loudest tones?" asked the senator. "Business, which is making money. The new projects of patriotism are masquerading in the livery of heaven while you are serving the devil."

"I have just come from Washington where with a little handful of men I have been waging a fight demanding that taxation should be laid, according to the ability to pay."

"I wasn't in favor of beginning this war. We had no grievance. The German government had interfered with our rights to travel on the high seas—as passengers on the munition ships of Great Britain."

"On these grievances, which were insignificant considering the rights and consequences involved, we went to war. We had a right to ship munitions, but I wasn't in favor of the riding."

MAY ARREST LA FOLLETTE

For His Remarks at Conference Held in St. Paul.

St. Paul, Sept. 22.—Governor Burnquist announced last night that if an official investigation of the alleged disloyal statements made by Senator La Follette at the closing session of the non-partisan high cost of living conference here Thursday night reveal that his remarks were seditious, the Minnesota public safety commission, of which the governor is chairman, will ask for the senator's arrest.

GERMAN INTRIGUE POWERFUL

It Served to Keep Japan and United States Apart.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 22.—German intrigue and propaganda, cleverly applied in both countries, have prevented a full understanding between America and Japan. Viscount Ishii, head of the Japanese mission to the United States, declared in an address here last night at the national press club.

"Since the agents have been hard at work," the viscount continued. "They were at work yesterday and they are at work to-day. Every prejudice, every sympathy, every available argument has been appealed to and used to show to your people and to ours what a low-cunning enemy we have each in the other and how much dependent we are on the future friendship, support and good will of Germany."

"Let me tell you a piece of secret history. When it became known to us that the American and British governments were alike desirous of entering into a general treaty of arbitration, but that they found the making of such a treaty was precluded by the terms of the British alliance with Japan, as they then stood, it was not with the consent of Japan, but it was because of Japan's seditious offer, that the stipulations of that alliance be put in the way of the proposed treaty. As you know, article four of the new Anglo-Japanese treaty now in effect, excludes the United States from its operation. This is a true account of the genesis of that clause. It was Japan's own idea—her own contribution to the cause of universal peace."

"Now, if Japan had the remotest intention of appealing to arms against America, how could she thus voluntarily have renounced the all-important co-operation of Great Britain? It would have been widely Quixotic."

LABOR VOTES AGAINST TRAFFIC

Trades and Labor Congress, 135 to 105 Reaffirms Opposition.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 22.—The trades and labor congress Thursday night passed a resolution by a vote of 135 to 105 reaffirming unqualified opposition of the congress to the principle of conscription.

The resolution added that the congress does not "deem it right, patriotic or in the interests of the labor movement in the Dominion of Canada, to do or say anything that might prevent the government of Canada from obtaining the result they anticipate in the raising of reinforcements for the Canadian expeditionary force by the enforcement of the law."

Emphatic opposition was expressed in the resolution to any development in the enforcement of the conscription legislation "which will make for industrial obstruction or the interference with the trade union movement in the taking care of the interest of the organized workers of the Dominion."

SUES FOR WATER RIGHTS

Burlington Traction Company Brings Important Action.

Burlington, Sept. 22.—A chancery case whereby the Burlington Traction company prays that the city of Vergennes, the L. F. Benton company, E. G. Norton and A. W. Norton be enjoined by order and injunction from entering the Otter creek river above the plant and water privileges of the plaintiff company for the purpose of widening, deepening or changing the channel or from obstructing, changing or affecting the flow of the river to which the plaintiff is entitled, was entered in Chittenden county court yesterday.

All of the defendants are at present using water from the river at a point above the plaintiff's power plant and the latter claims its rights are being infringed upon.

VAGUE PLEA FOR PEACE

Is Contained in Germany's Reply to the Pope's Proposal

SUGGESTS RIGHT SUCCEED MIGHT

And Wants Her Enemies to View Situation with Reason

Amsterdam, Sept. 22.—The German reply to Pope Benedict's peace proposal declares that the special measures taken by the government in close contact with the representatives of the German people to discuss answering the question raised prove how earnestly it desires to find a practical basis for a just and lasting peace.

The reply says the imperial government greets with special sympathy the leading idea in which His Holiness clearly expresses the conviction that in the future the material power of arms must be succeeded by the moral power of right.

Continuing, the reply says that Germany fully recognizes with His Holiness the peace-producing effect of arbitration on peaceful intercourse with her neighbors and in this respect Germany is ready to support every proposal compatible with the vital interests of the German empire and people.

"Germany owing to her geographical situation and economic requirements," the note says in conclusion, "has to rely on peaceful intercourse with her neighbors and with distant countries. No people, therefore, has more reason than the German people to wish that instead of universal hatred and battle a conciliatory fraternal spirit should prevail between nations."

"If the nations are guided by this spirit it will be recognized to their advantage that the important thing is to lay more stress upon what unites them in their relations."

"They will also succeed in settling individual points of conflict still undecided in such a way that the conditions of existence will be created which will be satisfactory to every nation thereby repetition of this great world catastrophe would appear impossible. Only on this condition can lasting peace be founded which would promote intellectual approach and the return to economic prosperity of human society."

"This serious and sincere conviction encourages our confidence that our enemies also may see a suitable basis in the ideas submitted by His Holiness for approaching nearer to preparations of future peace under conditions corresponding to the spirit of reasonableness and to the situation in Europe."

The document is signed by Imperial Chancellor Michaelis and is addressed to Cardinal Gaspari, papal secretary of state.

AUSTRIA SEES PEACE BASIS

Thinks Pope's Plan Suitable for Beginning Negotiations.

Amsterdam, Sept. 22.—Peace would come from the recent proposal of Pope Benedict if the belligerent nations would enter into negotiations in the sense of the pontiff's suggestions, Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary says in his reply to the Vatican note. The emperor sees in the pope's peace plan a suitable basis for initiating negotiations toward a just and lasting peace and expresses the hope that the nations opposing his own may be animated by the same ideas.

The reply, received here in a dispatch from Vienna, was handed to Monsignor T. Valfrè Di Bonzo, the papal nuncio at Vienna, on Thursday.

Austria-Hungary's ruler, the reply said, received the pontiff's note with a thankful heart and with an expression of hope that the pontiff's efforts may lead to the realization of the emperor's desire for a lasting and honorable peace for all parties.

Freedom of the seas is one of the peace hopes of Emperor Charles in order that heavy material burdens could be taken from the nations of the earth and new sources of prosperity opened to them.

The Austrian emperor admits that the future arrangement of the world must be based on the elimination of armed force and on the rule of international justice and legality.

Austria is prepared, the reply states, to enter into negotiations for the submission of international disputes to compulsory arbitration.

The pope's idea of negotiation between the belligerents for an understanding for simultaneous and reciprocal reduction of armaments on land and sea and in the air by which the high seas which rightfully belong to all nations will be opened equally to the use of all is supported by Emperor Charles.

The text of the reply follows: "Holy Father: With due veneration and deep emotion we take cognizance of the new representations your holiness in fulfillment of the holy office entrusted to you by God to make to us and the heads of the other belligerent states with the noble intention of leading the heavily tried nations to a unity that will restore peace to them."

"With a thankful heart we received this fresh gift of fatherly care which you, holy father, always bestow on all peoples without distinction and from the depth of our heart we greet the moving exhortations which your holiness has addressed to the governments of the belligerent peoples. During this cruel war we have always looked up to your holiness as to the highest personage who in virtue of his mission which reaches beyond earthly things and thanks to the high conception of his duties laid on him stands high above belligerents and who is inaccessible to all influence was able to find a way which may lead to the realization of our own desire for peace, lasting and honorable for all parties."

"If as we most heartily desire, agreements should be arrived at between the belligerents which would realize this sublime idea and thereby give security to the Austro-Hungarian monarchy for its unhampered future development it can then not be difficult to find a satisfactory solution of the other questions which still remain to be settled between the belligerents in a spirit of justice and of a reasonable consideration of the conditions for existence of both parties."

"If the nations of the earth were to enter with a desire for peace into negotiations with one another in the sense of your holiness' proposals then peace could blossom forth from them. The nations could attain complete freedom of movement on the high seas, heavy material burdens could be taken from them and new sources of prosperity opened to them."

"Guided by a spirit of moderation and conciliation we see in the proposals of your holiness a suitable basis for initiating negotiations with a view to preparing a peace just to all and lasting, and we earnestly hope our present enemies may be animated by the same ideas. In this spirit we beg that the Almighty may bless the work of peace begun by your holiness."

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Regular meeting Barre branch, G. C. I. A., Monday evening at 7 o'clock in the opera house. J. D. Will, secretary.

The Barton Congregational church is celebrating its centennial this week, the society having been formed 100 years ago by Rev. Levi Parsons, an uncle of Levi Parsons Morton, a former vice-president.

ARMY OF 1,000 CERTIFIED TO

Vermont's Quota of New National Army Has Nearly Been Completed.

OLD FRANCHISE WAS FAVORED

Most of Citizens Speaking at Public Meeting Opposed Trolley's Proffer

UNFAIR DEALING ONLY CHARGED

No Vote Taken, but Sentiment Supported Council in Tabling Franchise

The net result of the citizens' meeting held in the opera house last night to consider a proposed new franchise for the Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power Co. must have been to confirm the city council in the belief that they represented the majority sentiment of the city when they tabled the franchise proposed by the traction company, a franchise which would remove the regulation of the company from the city's power and place it in the hands of the state public service commission. No vote was taken pro or con, although one was suggested, but by far the majority sentiment of the speakers, excepting the officials of the traction company, was in favor of the retention of the present franchise for the remainder of its natural life, which is nine years.

BENNINGTON COUNTY

Wilmet C. Lister, Newport; Samuel P. Mills, Cambridge, Mass.; John A. Miller, West Glover; Robert W. Sherman, Derby; Warren E. Brown, Newport; William P. Barrows, Barton; Geo. W. Bassett, Cambridge Junction; Earl R. Buck, Newport; George G. Barton, Barton; Charles H. Chaffee, Greensboro; Ervin C. Elliott, Newport Center; Lisle P. Fitzpatrick, Newport; Homer W. Locke, Hudson, Mass.

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Alphonse Allaire, Williamstown. Franklin County. William D. Evans, E. Fairfield. Washington County. Ai Henry Ellis, Cabot. Rutland, Division No. 1. Raymond J. Thomas, Brandon; Harry W. Liguad, 114 East street, Rutland; Frank Stall, Proctor; Emgo A. Johnson, West Rutland; Robert E. Salkel, Rutland; Francis J. Rafferty, 50 River street, Rutland; William J. White, 37 Kendall avenue, Rutland; Edward D. Wiltse, Rutland; William M. Clifford, 9 East Washington street, Rutland.

CASE SHORTENED

By Agreement of Counsel on Phases of Damage Suit.

That the case of Dodge brothers against the Central Vermont railway would be completed in Washington county court to-day was expected this morning when court convened. This was largely due to the fact that S. H. Jackson made a statement to the jury Friday afternoon upon the facts which the attorneys had agreed upon, which materially shortened the trial of the case. He told the jury that if they should decide to return a verdict in favor of the plaintiff that they would award the plaintiff \$700 damages, because the parties involved had agreed upon that sum; further that it was agreed that the passenger train of the defendant killed the five colts, further that it was agreed that the colts got out of the pasture through a gate, which the jury would learn about when the evidence was submitted. Then C. S. Black for the defendant stated that it was agreed that the gate was found open the morning following the incident. This simmered the case down to the issue of whether the gate, which was constructed and maintained by the defendant, was of sufficient construction, and the testimony Friday afternoon by Clarence and Harvey Dodge was presented to show that it was not, their testimony being that it had been proven that by the flopping of a handkerchief the lasp on the gate could be opened.

SHIPBUILDERS' CONFERENCE

To Frame Voluntary Agreements on Industrial Evils.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 22.—The first indication that the government plans systematic action to discourage employers from enticing workmen from other plants, thus preventing industrial evils caused by large floating populations, came yesterday in an announcement by Chairman Hurley of the federal shipping board, that conferences of shipbuilders would be called soon to frame voluntary agreements on the subject.

Labor disputes in Pacific coast shipyards, causing suspension of the government building program, constitute the immediate reason for this course. Application of the principle to other industries in all parts of the country has been considered, however, by officials, who have observed the serious possibilities arising out of competition of employers for workmen in war industries. It is considered certain that if shipbuilders agree not to bid against rival companies for men, steps will be taken to secure similar agreements in other industries.

Although Mr. Hurley has not decided when or where he will call the first conference, it is probable that it will be on the Pacific coast, where a Seattle shipyard, by agreeing to a 33 per cent wage increase, has caused a movement of the best workmen to that plant and precipitated many demands for the same wage scale on companies making lower profits.

Labor men do not look with entire favor on the general plan, but it was said that the force of their opposition would depend on whether guarantees were given that their privileges to demand higher wages or strike would not be abridged.

WHY SOLDIERS AREN'T PAID

Because the Payrolls Have Not Been Received by State Treasurer.

State Treasurer Walter F. Scott says that the delay in paying Vermont soldiers in August was due to the lack of information concerning the payrolls. Treasurer Scott's statement is as follows: "Up to August this office made payments to soldiers' assignees from payrolls furnished by company officers."

"Payrolls for the month of August have not been received, with one exception, and this office, with the approval of his excellency, the governor, and the adjutant general, is holding back the pay for August until such time as information is received, showing transfers, discharges and casualties, from which payment can be properly made."

"Just as soon as this information is received, checks will be forwarded from month to month."

"This delay is unavoidable and it is likely that future remittances may be delayed if reports are not forwarded promptly from the front."

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

By Vermont Library Association at a Meeting in Rutland.

Rutland, Sept. 22.—The Vermont Library association and the Vermont free library commission were entertained at luncheon at the Berkwick yesterday by the trustees of the Rutland Free Library association and at a tea by the officers of the Baxter Memorial library. The state association re-elected last year's officers as follows: President, Miss Fanny R. Fletcher, Proctorsville; vice-president, Miss Eleanor Eggleston, Manchester; secretary and treasurer, Miss Alice Eaton, Woodstock.

A. A. Protsman, a member of the national war library council, yesterday outlined the methods to be used in the campaign to raise a million dollars to equip libraries in each national army cantonment, to provide traveling libraries for the 185 smaller training camps and to send books to Pershing's army. He emphasized that it was the use to which the men put their leisure hours which would determine what kind of men they would be when they came out of the army, and proper reading matter could be relied upon to keep them physically sound.

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