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BRITISH NAVY BLOCKS ANOTHER GERMAN NAVAL BASE

French Troops Capture Park And More Than Two Hundred Prisoners

Seven Soldiers Killed Out-right, Ten Seriously Wounded In Troop Train Wreck

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 10 (By the United Press.)—Seven soldiers are known to be dead, ten others are seriously wounded and some expected to die. The troop train carrying the advance guard of the 321st Infantry, leaving Camp Jackson, at Columbia, for Camp Sevier, Greenville, was wrecked about 10 o'clock this morning on a high trestle near Camp Jackson. One of the wheels under a coach broke just as the train reached the trestle. This caused the car to drop, finally going over the trestle and pulling two others with it. One old wooden coach and the steel trucks from another fell on top of the first coach, smashing the men inside. There were thirty-five men in this coach.

Bombardment of German Positions by American Artillery Does Great Damage

With the Americans in Picardy, May 10. (By the United Press.)—The fierce bombardment of the German positions by the American artillery demolished the church at Cantigny and several adjacent buildings. They blew up the machine gun emplacements and post command positions at Fontaine, Montdidier and Coulemarche. Many buildings at Mesnil and the observation post were set on fire. The bombardment lasted all night. The concussion of the guns rocked the entire front. The Germans are making unsuccessful attempts to capture American prisoners, not a single one has been captured so far on this front. An attempted enemy raid was repulsed before they penetrated the barbed-wire entanglements.

Who Ever Continues at Head of The British Government Must Be For the Continuation of the War

(For the United Press by Mason.) New York, May 10.—Indications all point to the Lloyd George ministry winning a democratic victory in the house of commons today by defeating militaristic effort to make Major General Asquith superior to disciplinary measures imposed by the high civilian authorities. The overthrow of the government will result only if the premier and the chancellor of the exchequer are proven to have deliberately deceived the British nation concerning grave military matters. To assist in creating throughout the world an impression of unreliability of British ministerial declarations will weaken any British politician who sides with General Maurice unless the charges are conclusively maintained. For this reason, ex-Premier Asquith may reconsider his initial hostility to the government as today's debate proceeds, and may in the end withdraw his motion, which amounts to a demand for a formal inquiry into the honor of members of the ministry. It, however, the government should fall as a result of today's proceedings, Asquith would undoubtedly

be the first to be requested by the king to form a new cabinet. This would accord with British precedence which requires that the leader of the opposition be offered the premiership when the house of commons overthrows the ministers in power. Asquith has been in reality the leader of the opposition since his own resignation of the premiership, but to the present, he has directed no more than a benevolent opposition against the government. His return to power on a question so closely connected with the militaristic issues as the present dispute would result in many difficulties and it is probably Asquith would decline the premiership because of this fact. Who the alternative choice of premier would be, it is impossible to say, but nobody could continue in office as head of a new British government who had not pledged himself to a whole-hearted continuation of the war. On this point the house of commons would insist. However, the Maurice incident ends, therefore, Great Britain's support of the allies' cause as fully in the future as in the past, will not be affected in the slightest degree.

Necessity For War Tax Law Is Being Discussed

(By the United Press.) Washington, May 10.—Expenditures for the aircraft have been exceeded by one hundred and fifty-seven million dollars, according to the report submitted to the Senate today by Senator Thomas, of Colorado.

Aircraft Expenditures Have Been Exceeded

(By the United Press.) Washington, May 10.—Information that Secretary McAdoo considers the passage of the new war tax law imperatively necessary at this session of congress, acted like a bombshell today in both houses, and the hottest opposition immediately developed.

British Naval Forces Make Another Raid On Hun Naval Base; Blockade Entrance

London, May 10. (By the United Press.)—The British naval forces again raided the German naval base at Ostend, on the Belgian coast, and blockaded the entrance to the harbor by sinking an old cruiser, the Vindictive, which participated in the recent Zeebrugge raid, it has been officially announced. The Vindictive was filled with concrete. The British lost only one motor launch. The casualties were light.

FRENCH TROOPS CAPTURE PARK TOGETHER WITH MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED PRISONERS

Paris, May 10.—The French Troops completely captured a park at Grivesnes yesterday afternoon, capturing two hundred and twenty-five prisoners and a quantity of material, the French war office reported.

BRITISH RECAPTURE SMALL PORTION OF TRENCH.

London, May 10.—The British troops last night re-captured a small portion of the trench which the Germans took north of Albert in the morning, Haig reported. Elsewhere there is only artillery activity.

GERMAN OPPOSITE AMERICANS SHOW EVIDENCE OF UNEASINESS

American Army in Lorraine, May 10.—The Germans opposite the American lines in Lorraine continue to show evidence of uneasiness. They are speeding up their machine gun and artillery fire and increasing their gas bombardments, evidently seeking to forestall any aggressive action by our men.

MAY SEEK NEW LOCATIONS FOR GERMAN NAVAL BASES

Washington, May 10.—The conclusion of the second successful effort to cork up the U-boat nests, Ostend and Zeebrugge, was followed here today by suggestions by the naval officers that the British aggressive naval action would eventually force a relocation of the German bases.

Americans Laugh At the Enemy Gas On Picardy Front

Their Force Becomes Stronger Every Day, They Are Better Intrenched, and They Harass Foe by Continued Fire.

With the American Army in France May 9.—Except for artillery firing and patrolling, there is little new in Picardy.

Every day Americans become stronger. Apparently they are better entrenched than the Germans, who are being continually harassed, day and night. Despite the enemy's heavy expenditure in gas, he has obtained no advantage in this sector, the Americans discounting his every move.

A letter which seemed to be freshly written, found in the clothing of a German killed by the Americans in Picardy, discloses the effectiveness of the American fire against the enemy and the difficulties the Germans are having in bringing up supplies. The letter read:

Germany's Food is Scant. "Here we live in a village which has been completely demolished by artillery fire. The village is near Montdidier. We dare not show ourselves. We live in the cellar. We have to go and get our food at night. Last night I went out with a detail which brought back food. We got a direct hit. A shell hit our party, which killed some men and wounded several. I hope we will soon be taken from the western army."

Patriotism Above Politics

Second Ward Meeting Tonight at 8 O'clock in High School Auditorium.

Every voter in the Second ward is requested to come out to-night for the purpose of conferring, one with the other, as to the selection of a non-partisan ticket in the coming municipal election.

There will be no cut and dried plans. Every man entitled to vote in the coming election will have his say and equal rights with all others in the selection of a ticket.

The meeting will be opened by singing "America," and with a prayer by Rev. J. B. Ely. It will be a "get-together" meeting in a fair and open way. A majority of the people have a right to manage their own affairs and their will shall be respected.

This is no time for politics and bitterness, let every man who loves his town, respects his neighbors, and is willing to accord to others the same privileges he claims for himself, come out to this Citizen's meeting and assist in naming a ticket for Aldermen in the Second ward.

Let every voter in the ward, regardless of his political affiliations, be on hand promptly at 8 o'clock and in friendly cooperation do his part in helping to unite our people in all good works, and in looking after the interests of the town in which we live. CITIZENS OF SECOND WARD.

Forty Per Cent of Men in Class One Are to Be Called This Year

Washington, May 10. (By the United Press.)—Approximately forty per cent of the men in the United States now in Class 1 will be called to colors this year. The total number available is two million, thirteen thousand, four hundred and ninety-five. This information was made public today by Provost Marshal General Crowder, following the decision in the House late yesterday determining that the draft quotas shall be based upon the number in this class, no credit being given for volunteers.

Tennessee has seventeen thousand, one hundred and fifty-four in the second draft quota.

Americans Fight Huns With Knives

Raid Foe Silently, Killing Two and Capturing Four of Enemy.

With the American Forces on French Front, May 9.—The official French report of the patrol action in which American troops in the Lorraine sector of the battle front carried out a brilliant little operation on May 5, in the vicinity of the hamlet of Anservillers, shows the wonderfully enterprising spirit of the American troops.

This report says the Americans, whose activity never relaxes, and whose audacity is remarkable, wanted to see what the Germans opposite them were doing. At 3 o'clock in the morning of May 5, without artillery preparation, three American patrols left the village of Anservillers, which is in the entente allied lines.

Two of the patrols took a position on the right and left flank, while the third, composed of eight men under command of Lieut. Cassidy, executed a clever turning movement and entered Anservillers hamlet from the rear and fell upon the German advanced post.

The patrol fired only one shot, and then attacked the Germans with trench knives. A fierce battle ensued, the Germans using the butts of their rifles against the American knives. The fight ended with the death of two Germans and the wounding of their corporal, who, with three other men, were brought back to the American lines. There were no casualties among the Americans.

PERSHING URGES SOLDIERS TO WRITE ON MOTHERS' DAY

With the American Army in France May 9.—Gen. Pershing has issued the following order to all units of the American expeditionary forces in France:

To All Commanding Officers: "I wish every officer and soldier in the American expeditionary forces would write a letter home on Mothers' day. This is a little thing for each to do, but these letters will carry back our courage and our affection to the patriotic women whose love and prayers inspire us and cheer us on to victory. (Signed) "PERSHING."

TWENTY-ONE NAMES IN CASUALTY LIST

(By the United Press.) Washington, May 10.—Today's casualty list contains twenty-one names. Four killed in action, one missing, one lost at sea, one died of wounds, three dead of disease, one death from accident, three severely wounded, seven slightly wounded.

500,000 U. S. Troops Are Now in France

Baker Issues First Official Figures on Men Abroad.

1,500,000 THERE IN 1918

Steady Stream Flowing Faster Than Recruits Reach Camp.

Washington, May 9.—More than 500,000 American troops have already been dispatched to France, according to an official announcement made by Secretary of War Baker.

The statement, which is the first official disclosure of the strength of America's present fighting strength abroad, was as follows:

Recalls His Promises. "In January I told the Senate committee that the strong likelihood was that early in the present year 500,000 American troops would be dispatched to France. I cannot, either now or perhaps later, discuss in detail the number of American troops in France but I am glad to be able to say that the forecast I made in January has been surpassed."

Thrills Military Circles. Mr. Baker, in predicting that 500,000 troops would be sent overseas early in the year, added that the government would be ready to send 1,500,000 troops to Europe before the end of 1918.

The fulfillment of the first part of Mr. Baker's forecast is an augury that the latter part will be fulfilled.

DEATH IN WAKE OF STORM

Six Known to Be Dead and Property Damage Heavy.

Chicago, May 9.—Reports reaching Chicago at midnight tonight increased to six the toll of dead in the tornado which late this afternoon swept the central portions of Illinois and Iowa.

At Franklin, Ill., two women were killed when the chimney in their home fell, and throughout Christian, Shelby, Mason and Morgan counties, in central Illinois, the property damage appeared to have been great, with 500 residents reported injured. One farmer, residing near Nashua, Ia., was killed by the storm.

BIG CITY TRACTOR HAS ARRIVED

The large 7-ton tractor, purchased by the city some months ago, has arrived and will be ready for service at once. The big truck is to be used for pulling the street flusher, street sweeper, and for removing all street accumulations. Our officials tell us that they can now keep the paved streets clean throughout the city at all times.