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FAVOR THE RETURN OF ALSACE AND LORRAINE

U.S. VIEWS TO BE MADE

FORMAL STATEMENT SOON TO BE MADE REGARDING ANNEXATION AND INDEMNITY.

ACCORD WITH ALLIES

American Statement Will Be An Individual Pronouncement But Will Be In Thorough Accord With Allied Nations.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The United States government plans are long to make a formal statement on its attitude toward the German soldiers' and workmen's demand for "no annexation and no indemnities."

This statement, while it is not revealed, will doubtless take form similar to that of the French Premier Ribot's statement in Paris.

The state department let it be known officially today that it sympathizes with Ribot's remarks. This was, judging from Ribot's remarks, that the United States favors the return of Alsace and Lorraine to France and restorations of indemnities for small nations, including Belgium which Germany ruthlessly overrun.

The American statement will be an individual pronouncement of the state department, but it will be in accord with the general ideas of the allies. The statement of America's views probably will include a more definite concrete announcement of the state's aims than anything to date.

THE TOMMIES ARE JUBILANT

GIVE THEIR FIRST WORD THAT AMERICAN TROOPS WILL SOON BE FIGHTING.

EXPRESSIONS OF DELIGHT

The British Soldiers Were Overjoyed to Learn That Pershing's Troops Would Be Fighting With Them Early Date.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, May 23.—The Tommies got word today that General Pershing's seasoned veterans were to be fighting with them at the front.

Well, the kaiser has got another terrible surprise coming to him. He remarked one of the mud-covered soldiers as he clamored out of the trench and crawled back to a rest.

"Probably did not figure on this quickly the United States could force into the fighting," commented the soldier.

The soldier and officer at the front hailed the announcement that American troops are coming with delight. The Russian guns have been busy in the region today and a small raid near Villiers Guizland reported, but otherwise there was no fighting.

MEXICAN SMUGGLERS CAUGHT BY UNITED STATES TROOPS

PASO, Texas, May 23.—Five Mexicans, two of whom are reported to be colonels in the Villista army, were captured by troops of the United States cavalry last night near Paso, Texas, it became known today.

CLASSIC DANCER BITTEN ON LEG BY A PET SNAKE.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 23.—Gertrude Hoffman, classic dancer, is considering the advisability of muzzling her pet snake. While she was dancing last night the reptile bit her on the left leg.

RENEW FIGHT REVENUE BILL

REPUBLICANS ANNOUNCE THEIR INTENTION OF FIGHTING MAIL INCREASES.

MAY VOTE LATE TODAY

Minority Leader Mann Threatens Roll Call Several Times Before Measure Comes To Final Vote. Would Delay Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The fight against increasing second class mail matter rates in the big revenue bill was renewed today.

The house action of late last night when a provision increasing rates on newspapers and publications was adopted by that body while sitting as a committee of the whole failed to deter the republican leaders from fighting any increases. These republicans planned to force a roll call today on the Mondell amendment, which strikes out all of the second class mail matter increases. This was defeated last night by a teller vote, which does not place those voting on record.

Minority Leader Mann said today that he intends forcing several roll calls and if this threat is carried out it will delay a vote on the measure until late this afternoon.

BRAZIL NEARING VERGE OF WAR

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CABINET CALLED FOR TODAY BY PRESIDENT BRAZ.

Excitement Is At High Pitch Over Belief That Break With Germany Will Be Changed To War Declaration.

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 23.—President Braz called a special meeting of the cabinet today to discuss the sinking, presumably, by a German submarine of the Brazilian steamship Tijuca.

Public excitement is at the highest pitch in view of the almost universal belief that Brazil will change her break with Germany into a declaration of war.

"Brazil is not declaring war on anybody," declared Foreign Minister Picanha today. "She is only defending herself. It was Germany who declared war when she announced her purpose of sinking neutral ships."

Want ads give results.

FRENCH HOLD AILETT VALLEY

THREE GERMAN LINES TRENCHES CAPTURED IN LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTING.

MATERIAL GAINS MADE

All Commanding Points of the Ailet Valley Captured By the French. German Counter Attacks Were Repulsed.

PARIS, May 23.—Gen. Nivelle's resumed offensive has won for the French forces complete domination of the Ailet valley in the capture of three German lines of trenches east of Chevreux and other advances on the sector from the plateau of Vaucleire to Calvernie.

The French official statement detailed the offensive as being thus far successfully prosecuted in three violent attacks at different points on this front.

"The attacks were most successful," the statement declared. "From the plateau of Vaucleire to Calvernie the French captured all commanding points dominating the Ailet valley and also achieved splendid progress on the northern slopes. In the region east of Chevreux we captured three German lines of trenches in the course of the night and smashed the German counter attacks on our new positions by heavy artillery fire, the enemy losing heavily. Three hundred and fifty prisoners were taken. Around Esparges a German attack failed."

LULL IS APPARENT

ON BRITISH FRONT

LONDON, May 23.—Another lull seemed to prevail today on the British front. Field Marshal Haig's report indicated a heavy German bombardment of positions on the Hindenburg line firmly held by the British with a return of British shells, but otherwise there was only isolated fighting. Around Bullecourt thru-out the evening and night our positions on the Hindenburg line were heavily bombarded," the statement said. "Our artillery replied vigorously. No hostile attacks developed. Southeast of Gavrelle early this morning we carried out a successful raid. A number of Germans were killed. Our forces returned without any casualties. North of Armentieres we took a few prisoners as the result of patrol encounters at various points."

CONSIDER BIG REVENUE BILL

A NUMBER OF PROVISIONS OF WAR MEASURE ARE STILL BEING DEBATED.

LONG FIGHT LOOMS UP

A Bitter Fight Is Expected When the War Staff Section of the Bill Is Reached—Increase Newspaper Postage.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—With only small portions of the \$1,800,000,000 war revenue measure still to consider the White House planned its passage finally today. In a session lasting until early this morning the house adopted a plan whereby second class mail rates are boosted, with the highest figures at six cents per pound under the zone system. Many representatives opposed the increase, holding that it imposed a tax on newspapers which are of an educational value. A tax on advertising is still to be considered.

A long fight is expected when the house reaches the war stamp section of the war revenue bill, probably tomorrow. A large number of amendments have been prepared which will probably bring on another such fight as resulted over the introduction of the amendment to tax cotton. Chairman Kitchin of the ways and means committee said the stamp section was modeled after the measure in force two years ago, over which fierce contest was waged in the house for several weeks.

FRENCH LEADER HONORS FRANKLIN'S MEMORY.



One of the most interesting ceremonies former President Rene Viviani and General Joffre have taken part in since they arrived in the United States was the placing of a wreath on the tomb of Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia. This photograph shows the French leader placing a wreath over the grave while General Joffre watches in the background.

SEVEN POINTS ABOUT REGISTRATION

1. There is only ONE day for registration, June 5, 1917.
2. Every male resident of the United States who has reached his 21st and has not reached his 31st birthday MUST register on the day set, June 5, 1917. The only exceptions are officers and enlisted men of the regular army, the navy, the marine corps, and the national guard and naval militia while in the service of the United States, and officers in the officers' reserve corps and enlisted men in the enlisted reserve corps while in active service.
3. Registration is distinct from Draft. No matter what just claim you have for exemption, you must register.
4. Registration is a public DUTY. For those not responsive to the sense of this duty, the penalty of imprisonment, not fine, is provided in the Draft Act.
5. Those who through sickness shall be unable to register should cause a representative to apply to the county or city clerk for a copy of the registration card. The clerk will give instructions as to how this card should be filled out. The card should then be mailed by the sick person, or delivered by his agent, to the registrar of his voting precinct. The sick person will enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for the return to him of his registration certificate.
6. Any person who expects to be absent from his voting precinct on registration day should apply as soon as practicable for a registration card to the county clerk of the county where he may be stopping, or if he is in a city of over 30,000, to the city clerk. The clerk will record the answers on the card and turn it over to the absentee. The absentee should mail this card to the registrar of his home voting precinct so that it will reach that official by registration day. A self-addressed stamped envelope should be enclosed with the card to insure the return to the absentee of a registration certificate.
7. Registration booths will be open from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. on registration day, June 5, 1917.

WOULD RETAIN ALL TERRITORY

PEACE MOVE OF GENERAL HINDENBURG MEETING WITH FAVOR IN GERMANY.

POLICY OF ANNEXATION

According to This Plan the Belgian Coast, Belgian Coal Mines and the Iron Districts Would Be Retained.

AMSTERDAM, May 23.—A Hindenburg peace movement demanding that Germany retain the "Brey and Longwy iron districts, Antwerp, the Belgian coast and Belgian coal mines," is on foot in Germany. Copies of the Cologne Catholic organ, the Volks Zeitung, received here today featured the plan, urging the signatures of the people to such a recommendation to the government. The newspaper's blank form for signatures declares the Germans are opposed to "war of conquest and policies of annexation," but it is not clear how this is reconciled with the demand for retention of the French and Belgian territory specified.

The Daily Light gives all the

SOCIALISTS FEAR RETURN

DELEGATES TO PEACE CONFERENCE IN STOCKHOLM WORRY ABOUT AFTERMATH.

MIGHT LOSE FREEDOM

Central Powers Will Have Representation But What of the Others Is Yet Unknown—Daily Conferences Held.

By ARTHUR E. MANN. STOCKHOLM, May 23.—Delegates already here in advance for the German so-called socialist peace conference began figuring today on the possibility that representative socialists from belligerent countries might lose their freedom, if not their lives, when they return home as the price for attendance upon the meeting.

So far the delegates from Scandinavian nations, Bulgaria and Austria are here. Daily conferences are being held between these groups. Every persuasive effort is being made to coax attendance of English and French delegates. The socialists would also like to know exactly how the American delegates will stand at the meeting.

Secretary Huysman of the Inter-

TO TRAIN OFFICERS FOR FIELD ARTILLERY

FAMOUS BAND MAN WILL ORGANIZE JACKIE MUSICIANS

CHICAGO, Ill., May 23.—John Philip Sousa, "the man who invented bands," will arrive here Sunday to organize one for the jackies at the Great Lakes naval training station. Sousa is coming at the invitation of John Alden Carpenter, whose first symphony will be played this week at the Norfolk (Conn.) festival by the Chicago Orchestra.

national Socialist bureau cabled Morris Hillquitt, chairman of the American delegation, today, seeking light in advance on the American feeling. In the meantime the Dutch and Scandinavian socialist leaders said they were obtaining written peace terms of all the belligerent nations from their respective socialist delegates. These terms are to be announced at the conference.

Lack of information from German and Russian delegates as to the date of their arrival here still prevented announcement today of the exact date of the meeting.

The fact that the allied nations have driven home repeatedly that the Stockholm meeting was called by German socialists and that German interests would dominate the session led some of the neutral delegates to privately express the belief today that the attendance of allied socialists was fraught with considerable peril to them personally.

Americans in Stockholm pointed out as likely to increase the suspicion of the allied nations that the Stockholm conference was a German move that the German government had credentialed all its delegates, that the Austrian and Bulgarian representatives are here and that the Turkish legation has especially designated the Turkish committee. The Central powers, therefore, are all represented. So far it appears certain that only the Russian delegates of the allies will be on hand.

RESTORE FIGHTING SPIRIT IN ARMY

THE RUSSIAN ARMY AND NAVY CALLED UPON TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT.

Commander In Chief Declares That Army Must Be Rendered Again Capable of Marching On To Victory.

PETROGRAD, May 23.—The congress of army and navy officers was pledged to every effort in restoring the fighting spirit in the Russian troops by its presiding officer, Col. Novitsky, today. He spoke after Col. Alexieff, commander in chief of the Russian armies, had dramatically urged a supreme effort to end internal quarrels in Russia as a whole, as well as in the army, and to restore discipline. "We must eliminate discussion and distrust of the officers by the men," he declared, "and we must render the army again capable of marching on to victory."

AMERICAN STEAMER SUNK IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

PARIS, May 23.—An 8,000 ton American ship with cargo for Switzerland has been torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean sea, it was announced today. The name of the ship was not specified.

Inquiry of American ship experts

OPEN THREE NEW CAMPS

THREE ADDITIONAL TRAINING CAMPS TO BE ESTABLISHED AT LEON SPRINGS.

FORM NEW REGIMENTS

The Seventh, Nineteenth and Twentieth Regiments to Be Created in Field Artillery Branch—Organizing Signal Corps.

LEON SPRINGS, Texas, May 23.—Three new officers' training camps are to be established here, it became known today.

The Seventh field artillery, now at Camp Wilson, will be sent here and from this three regiments will be formed, it is said.

The new organizations will be the Seventh, Nineteenth and Twentieth regiments.

Also a reserve officers' signal corps training course and school for reserve telegraphers is to be established here. One regiment of army engineers will also be formed here. It was stated today that dry regulations for the army will be enforced rigidly in the southern department and the ban will be put on gambling.

FRENCH COMMISSION RETURNS TO PARIS

PARIS, March 23.—Marshal Joffre and former Premier Rene Viviani arrived in Paris this evening, completing their mission to the United States.

BIG REVENUE BILL NEAR FINAL VOTE

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The government's \$1,800,000,000 revenue bill came near enactment into a law today when Chairman Kitchin reported it to the house and asked its passage without opposition. The vote is expected to come this afternoon or tonight.

MINISTRY OF COUNT TISZA HAS RESIGNED

AMSTERDAM, May 23.—Count Tisza's ministry has resigned according to Budapest dispatches received here today by the Central News agency.

There have been frequent rumors of late of friction in the Hungarian cabinet, responding to the unrest in Hungary, and the progress of the peace movement. Count Stephen Tisza has been privy counselor and president of the council—as the Hungarian cabinet is called—since 1913.

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developed the belief this afternoon that the ship must have been one of the German liners recently seized and pressed into service by the United States as merchant marine. The only vessel anywhere near the 8,000 ton class in the Mediterranean was one of these German ships bearing a cargo for Italy.