

GERMAN WARSHIPS SHELL DUNKIRK ENGLISH TOWNS RAIDED BY AIRMEN

Paris, April 30, by way of London--German warships have been seen off of the Belgian coast, according to a statement given out in Paris today. Nineteen Large shells have fallen on Dunkirk.

DRIVING OUT ALLIED FORCES, TURKS DECLARE

Entirely Cleared Away on Asiatic Side Is Claim--Also Report Success on Gallipoli.

ALLIED BATTLESHIPS SHELL TURKISH TOWN

Germans Struggling to Retain Gains--Only Property Damage Resulted From the German Air Raid.

Ipswich, England, April 30.--The excited residents of this historic town are taking stock of the damage resulting from bombs dropped by a German airship, generally believed to have been a Zeppelin, which appeared shortly after midnight last night. So far as has been learned there have been no injuries and the property damage was small.

Fires From Bombs.

Bury St. Edmunds, England, April 30.--Shells dropped in last night's aerial raid started four fires but no lives were lost. The property damage was considerable. The aerial raider remained hovering over the town 10 minutes and then disappeared toward the coast. Turks Successful.

Constantinople, April 30.--(Via London)--An official statement issued by the Turkish war office today says:

"The allied forces which landed on the Asiatic side of the Dardanelles have been entirely cleared away. A large part of the troops which invaded Gallipoli peninsula have been driven off and several warships and transports of the allies have been damaged. With Bayonet Only.

Berlin, April 29.--(Via London, April 30.)--In the first battle at Kumkale on the Dardanelles the Turkish troops did not fire a shot but repulsed the invading troops with the bayonet, according to an official statement issued by the German general staff.

"At Gallipoli the Turks fought unceasingly for two days."

The statement says that 40 warships bombarded Seddul Bahr.

"On the eastern and western fronts the situation, generally speaking is unchanged."

Germans on Defensive.

London, April 30.--The German attack along the Yser has ceased, says the Times correspondent in Northern France, under date of Thursday. The Germans have assumed the defensive and are struggling to

defend the small territory they gained recently, he asserted.

London, April 30.--The east coast of England has been subjected to another aerial raid accompanied by the usual infliction of material damage. There were no casualties. There is a difference of opinion as to the type of flying machine used by the German raiders but most agree that it was a Zeppelin. The airship arrived during the small hours of the morning and spent a brief time over Ipswich and Bury-St. Edmunds.

Paris reports the presence of a German fleet off the coast of Belgium and the shelling of Dunkirk with the loss of 20 lives. Details of the attack are anxiously awaited in England.

It is a fact, however, that the air raids, the Dardanelles battle and the German sea attack on Belgium are compelled to give up the limelight for the question of liquor legislation in Great Britain, and the fact that the government for the first time since the beginning of the war has had to meet a division in the house of commons. The strongest opposition was from Ireland. Some idea of the strength of this opposition to the government provision is indicated by the London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, a leading government organ, which declares that the measure proposed by Chancellor Lloyd George will not pass the house.

FRENCH WAR OFFICE CLAIMS GERMANS MISTATE FACTS

Paris, April 30.--An official notice issued by the war office gives details which are designed to show that the Germans are continually misstating facts in regard to recent battles. It is asserted in regard to occupied territory that the statements made in French official statements are absolutely exact. At several places, notably between Henenepel and Anceville, the French advanced between two and two-third miles it is reported. It is contended in the notice that the French continue to make progress in this region and are now not far from the Lorraine boundary.

SERIOUS BREAD RIOTS IN AUSTRIA REPORTED IN LONDON

London, April 30.--Serious bread riots have occurred during the past few days at Trieste, an Austrian coast town, according to mail advices from Budapest to the Post. The police are reported to have charged a mob in the suburbs of Trieste, killing several and wounding 109.

BRITISH VESSEL SUNK WAS STEAMER MOBILE

London, April 30.--The British steamship which was reported last night as having been sunk by a German submarine off the Isle of Lewis, north Scotland, has been identified as the British steamer Mobile, which was carrying a cargo of coal.

ITALY AND ALLIES AGREED ON TERMS

Understanding on Which Italy Will Fight If She Decides to Do So.

Rome, April 30.--(Via Paris)--From persons in close touch with the situation, information has been obtained indicating that Italy has reached an understanding with Great Britain and France concerning the terms on which she will enter the war, if she eventually decides to do so. This information, unofficial, but gathered from close students of the pending negotiations, sets forth the terms of the agreement as follows:

"First. A provision for concerted military action. Italy will refrain from hostilities during the present stage of desultory trench warfare, which would enable Germany and Austria to concentrate a large part of their forces against her. She will time her blow contemporaneously with a general effort by all the opponents of the central empires now in the field.

ASSERTS GERMANS FIRED ON THEIR OWN SOLDIERS

Paper Says 4000 Almost Annihilated When on Point of Surrendering.

Havre, France, April 30.--The virtual annihilation of 4,000 Germans who crossed the Yperlee over the bridge near Steenstraete is described by the newspaper Zingsteme Picie. The Belgian artillery destroyed the bridge and showered the invaders with shrapnel. The Germans tied handkerchiefs to their bayonets as a sign of surrender but their own quick fire opened fire on them and many were mown down pitilessly. Many of the survivors were taken prisoners by the Belgians.

VIOLENT STORM RAGED ON PACIFIC COAST

San Francisco, April 30.--Two persons are known to be dead and it is feared that others lost their lives in a violent wind storm last night which reached the velocity of nearly 100 miles an hour. The Farrallone islands wireless station reported that a launch, containing five men, disappeared to the leeward of the island and that wreckage was later washed ashore.

NEW CHAPTERS IN N. Y. POLITICS

Harvey D. Hinman Takes the Stand for Roosevelt in Suit Brought by Barnes Against Colonel.

REVIEWS CONTEST FOR U. S. SENATOR IN 1911

Tells of Legislative Fights in Support of Colonel Roosevelt's Statement Made About Barnes.

Syracuse, April 30.--New chapters in Albany politics were placed in the record today at the trial of the William Barnes \$50,000 libel suit against Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. Harvey D. Hinman and others active in New York political circles during the past decade declared the legislative fights at the capital were part of Roosevelt's attempts to prove the truth of the offending statement that Barnes exercised undue control over the republican state organization. Mr. Hinman told of a contest in the state senate in 1911 when a United States senator to succeed Chauncey M. Depew was chosen. All the candidates were democrats except Mr. Depew, he said. The early vote read showed William F. Sheehan and Depew close contestants but on later voting the names of James A. O'Gorman appeared. Mr. O'Gorman was victorious.

ALUMNI BANQUET AT BATTERY PARK HOTEL

Former Trinity Students Hold Rally Tonight--Prof. E. C. Brooks Will Speak.

The Asheville and Buncombe County Alumni association of Trinity college holds its first annual banquet tonight at 8 o'clock at the Battery Park hotel. Preparations have been carefully worked out for the occasion and all the Trinity men in the city will attend.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES OF M. P. CHURCH MEET

Special to The Gazette-News. Siler City, April 30.--The seventh annual meeting of the North Carolina Branch Woman's Home missions of the Methodist Protestant church convened in the M. P. church Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Mrs. W. C. Hammer of Asheville is president, and Mrs. A. G. Dixon of High Point secretary.

CLEVELAND DRAINAGE BONDS LEAVE SURPLUS

Special to The Gazette-News. Shelby, April 30.--The drainage of Buffalo district, in which thousands of acres of land is reclaimed, has been completed and a meeting of the board of commissioners, was held winding up the business. A bond issue of \$395,000 was voted, but the commissioners have finished the work with over \$20,000 cash on hand and two good dredge boats from which they hope to realize \$5,000 to \$7,500 in sale.

HARD TO HOLD FOREIGN TRADE

Representative of Morgan Co. Thinks the U. S. Will Have Difficulty Taking Trade After the War.

WAR'S IMPORTANCE TO US IMPETUS GAINED

When War Ends the European Powers Will Aggressively Undertake to Recoup Foreign Trade.

Muskogee, Okla., April 30.--Willard and Straight, of New York, member of J. P. Morgan and company, and representative of the National Foreign Trade council, told the Southern Commercial congress here today that with conditions bound to arise after the European war, negotiation of reciprocal trade arrangements should be facilitated, trade reprisals should be made possible and that a tariff board might be found necessary.

"It is foolish," said he, "for us to talk complacently of capturing British and German trade because Europe is at war and because the Monroe doctrine is supposed to give some sort of hypnotic claim to the profits of South American commerce. Much of the business upon which we are now engaged is directly attributable to the war. Once the war is over, it will not be long before Europe, commercially and industrially better organized than before, will aggressively undertake to recoup itself for its losses by extending and developing its foreign trade."

Mr. Straight declared that when the war ends there may be a political reaction and financial and industrial depression throughout Europe. He said German foreign trade will be disorganized, the Russian market closed as far as possible to German goods, and British foreign trade may not flourish as before because capital will be required at home for a time at least. From the American point of view, he said, the most important result of the war will be the impetus to more effective national organization.

"Industry, finance, commerce and diplomacy will have co-ordinated in Great Britain and France as well as Germany. There will be a new national consciousness in Russia, a consolidated Italy, alert states in the Balkans and Scandinavia and Japan self-confident," said he.

Mr. Straight said the United States now was established a market for foreign loans, but that the inhibition on development of foreign trade by the Sherman and Clayton anti-trust laws must be removed if American industry would successfully compete with foreign combinations which will be developed by the war.

"It is to be hoped," he said, "that the federal trade commission will clarify this problem."

Mr. Straight suggested that heretofore the Monroe doctrine, like the open door in China, has been accepted least any interference disturb the delicately adjusted European balance of power.

"This balance of power," he said, "when this war is over, will be unbalanced for some time to come, for one side or the other will emerge victorious. The nations which have fought will be more, rather than less belligerent; they will be less tolerant of argument and more prone to action. You cannot impose your will upon another nation in China and expect co-operation in settling a dispute in Persia. The activities of our merchants and manufacturers must be encouraged by intelligent, responsibly cordial relations with the rest of the world."

S. A. LYNCH BUYS SCHLOSS CIRCUIT

Mr. Lynch Secures Leases and Franchises for Asheville, Raleigh, Charlotte, Wilmington Theaters.

LARGE SUM FIGURED IN DEAL, IT IS SAID

Theaters Will Be Remodelled and Only Best of Attractions Will Be Booked for the Circuit.

Announcement is made from the offices of S. A. Lynch to the effect that Mr. Lynch has just closed a deal whereby he has purchased the leases and franchises now held by the Schloss Theater circuit in this state, which includes the Auditorium of this city; the Academy of Music at Charlotte; Academy of Music at Raleigh and the Academy of Music at Wilmington.

Although no announcement is made as to the stipulation which changed hands in the deal, it is understood to be a very large sum. The deal is said to have been pending for several days, although it was not closed until a few days ago.

By the terms of the deal which Mr. Lynch made with Mrs. M. B. Schloss, widow of the S. A. Schloss, of Wilmington, he takes over the leases now held by her on the theaters named; the franchises held by her with the Klaw and Erlanger company of New York, one of the largest theatrical producing and booking companies of the United States and all other rights and privileges held by Mrs. Schloss as the lessee of the theaters.

The closing of this deal means that Mr. Lynch will control the four largest legitimate theaters in the state and will practically have the booking of all first class attractions that tour North Carolina. It is stated that he will at once begin the work of putting the theaters in first class condition and will bring only the very best and highest class attractions to the state.

The Asheville Auditorium, owned by the City of Asheville, which was erected in 1904, following the destruction of the Auditorium which occupied the same site, by fire, is the largest theater in the state and has one of the largest stages to be found in the south. The building has a seating capacity of about 2,000.

The Academy of Music at Wilmington is owned by the City of Wilmington and has a seating capacity of about 1,250. Only recently the city authorities spent about \$10,000 in remodeling the theater, the improvements including a heating plant, decorations, new seats, carpets, new flooring and painting. It is the only legitimate theater in Wilmington, there are just three other places of amusement in the city, which are motion picture houses.

The Academy of Music at Raleigh is owned by private parties and has a seating capacity of about 1,500. It, too, is the only legitimate theater in the city and is said to be in splendid condition, having recently been overhauled.

In Charlotte the Academy of Music has a seating capacity of about 1,400 and is also owned by private parties. New boxes were recently installed and \$10,000 was spent in purchasing carpets for the theater. It is said to be the best equipped theater in either of the Carolinas and the attractions which play there are the largest of any of the shows which travel through the state. This is said to have been made possible by the fact that Charlotte is on the direct line from Washington to Atlanta and the larger shows could stop off there for one exhibition without entailing any great expense. With the exception of the Academy of Music there are only smaller theaters, the Piedmont showing vaudeville and the others motion pictures.

The Schloss circuit, as it is called, was organized several years ago by S. A. Schloss of Wilmington, who for many years was the controlling power in the theatrical world as it pertains to

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POLL TAX SHOULD HAVE BEEN PAID

Atty. Gen. Bickett Says Tax Receipt Necessary to Vote in Elections Prior to May 1.

"FISCAL YEAR" CAUSE OF MUCH PERPLEXITY

Inconsistent, Says Atty. Gen. to Require Payment for November Election But None 3 Months Later.

After mature consideration, Attorney General T. W. Bickett is of the opinion that it is necessary for a voter to have a poll tax receipt as one of the qualifications for taking part in an election held before the first day of May. According to this construction of the law, there were probably a large number of illegal votes cast, it is said, in both the commission government election and in the recent primary; but perhaps not enough to render the elections void. The attorney general's interesting contribution to the discussion of this vexed question is made in a letter to Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. Y. Joyner, in regard to qualifications of electors in school tax and bond elections held before May 1, and is to the effect that a poll tax receipt for the previous fiscal year is necessary in order to vote in such elections.

Question Up in March. It will be remembered that just before the election on the commission government in Asheville this question of poll tax qualifications arose and Mayor Rankin asked City Attorney S. G. Bernard for an opinion on the matter. The city attorney ruled that as the constitution gave the voter until May 1 of the year in which he proposed to vote to pay his poll tax, one could not be required, in elections prior to May 1, to exhibit any receipt for any year. This opinion was supported by a brief note from Attorney General Bickett to Judge J. D. Murphy, written just prior to the election of March 16.

County Attorney J. W. Haynes had already questioned this construction of the law which, as he said, made an "open season" for voters.

On March 17 Mr. Haynes wrote to the attorney general that as several important bond elections were to be held in Buncombe county in the month of April he wished to know whether the attorney general's letter to Judge Murphy meant, as it was construed here to mean, that it was not necessary that a person who offered to vote in elections before May 1 should have paid a poll tax. Mr. Haynes stated that he understood the law to mean that if a man is required to exhibit a poll tax receipt eight months in a year he should also show it during the other four months.

Mr. Bickett replied that it was possible that he hastily written note to Judge Murphy did not represent his mature judgment, and that he had after careful deliberation given Superintendent Joyner his opinion as to the proper construction of the law.

Extracts From Letter. The following extract from a copy of the attorney general's letter to Mr. Joyner makes clear his position that poll tax receipts for the previous fiscal year are a necessary qualification for the right of suffrage in elections held prior to May 1:

"The present fiscal year ends on the 30th day of April, 1915. It embraces the poll taxes levied on the first day of May, 1914. The previous fiscal year is the year ending April 30, 1914, and covers the poll taxes levied on the first day of May, 1913. It follows that the poll tax required by the constitution to be paid in order to entitle one to vote in any election held between May 1, 1914, and May 3, 1915, is the poll tax levied on May 1, 1913. This department has from the beginning so held. But recently it has been pointed out that the constitution gives the citizen until 'May 1 of the year in which he proposes to vote' to pay this poll tax.

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