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Austria Tired of War, Wants Bernstorff Appointed as Foreign Minister

Another Russian Revolution Likely

Soldiers and Workmen Demand Confidence of the Government

2000 GUARDS PROTECT MINISTERS

By William Shepard
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Petrograd, May 4.—An open rupture between the provisional government heads and the workmen and soldiers committee came today.

The workmen and soldiers demanded that the government take them into their confidence. The tension is growing hourly.

The first clash between the elements of the new government came yesterday when the greatest feeling of indignation was aroused among workmen and soldiers by the announcement that the provisional government intended standing by the czar's contract with the allies.

At yesterday's meeting of the council and ministers two thousand soldiers with loaded rifles, drawn from the Petrograd guards, guarded the buildings where the government leaders met.

Thousands of citizens there and there was a gigantic demonstration against foreign minister Milyukoff.

Speakers from the soldiers exhorted the people to join them in their demands upon the government to take the people into their confidence.

A great mass meeting of protest has been arranged for tonight.

There is no disguising the tenaciousness of the situation.

Petrograd May 4.—The soldiers and workmen have formerly declared that they will not approve of any loans to Russia until they have been fully informed of the complete war aims of

Germany Denies Chilean Withdrawal

(BY UNITED PRESS)
London, May 4.—That the Chilean minister's pass ports have been demanded is denied from Berlin today.

MEETING OF ALL THE LADIES OF THE CITY SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT FOUR O'CLOCK

The ladies of the Round Table Club request the ladies of the town who are interested in the war relief fund to meet with them at the school auditorium on Saturday afternoon May 5, at four o'clock.

MRS. G. HOFFMAN Sec.
the entente, and all the details of the compacts entered into by the Czar, and his ministers have been made plain.

They disapprove vigorously with the statement credited to Milyukoff that Russia aims to crush Germany and Austria.

Petrograd, May 4.—Virtual armistice exists along almost the entire Russian front. Not a shot has been fired on the Austro-Russian front for more than a month.

No real activity of the German-Russian sector, and in many places the Russian and German soldiers fraternize, meeting unarmed in no man's land.

General Gourka has issued a warning to beware of a German ruse.

Soldiers are arriving for the Duma meetings, and they are the authority for the statement that absolutely no fighting is taking place along the Austrian front.

Mrs. Vawter Says She Fired Gun

(BY UNITED PRESS)
Christianburg, May 4.—The defence rested today after the examination of only two more witnesses after Mrs. Vawter testified last night.

The court recessed to allow a conference of the commonwealth's attorneys with Heth's brothers as to a possible rebuttal of the defence which was enlarged by the statement of Mrs. Vawter that she had her finger on the trigger when the shot was fired that killed Heth.

This creates a doubt as to who fired the pistol and increases the difficulty of securing a conviction of the accused.

Mrs. Vawter, upset by yesterday's ordeal, remained at home, in bed, today.

The two last witnesses for the defence today testified that Vawter was not drunk on the evening of the killing of Heth.

Richmond Patriotically Wears Old Glory

(BY UNITED PRESS)
Richmond, May 4.—Marines, sailors, infantrymen, artillerymen, etc. on duty before the recruiting stations stride their beats with eyes open for the almost persuaded. It's up to these out posts to help the would-be recruit to finally make up his mind to offer himself for his country's service.

Ninety per cent of the buildings of Richmond fly old glory. Occasionally a Union Jack and the Tri-Color of France is to be seen. However its not lack of pride in the allies but a lack in allied flags that prevents their appearance in numbers here.

Most every man wears a small flag in his coat lapel.

The Red White and Blue has come into Richmond.

Hamburg Wants U-Boat Cessation

Central Powers Fear Anarchy Unless Peace Comes Quickly

HOLLWEGG ASKED TO EXPLAIN

Twenty-three Billions Wasted at Verdun

(BY UNITED PRESS)
London, April 28.—Millions of shells from German and French guns of various calibres have left the battlefield of Verdun holding a veritable mine of ready refined steel. So great is the store of scrap metal that the steel industry is figuring the advantages of trying to rake the blood-soaked area of France's supreme resistance.

A total weight of 1,350,000 tons, is believed to await profitable redemption from the area of the fortress. At the present price of scrap steel \$17.50 a ton, the deposit is worth \$23,625,000.

ONLY TWO LOST OF THE ROCKINGHAM CREW

(BY UNITED PRESS)
London, May 4.—Thirteen more survivors of the American steamer Rockingham have been reported to have been picked up. Only two are said to have been lost.

NATIONAL BANK STATEMENTS ARE CALLED FOR

Washington, May 4.—The comptroller of the currency has called for a statement of the condition of all the National Banks up to the close of the first of May.

Richmond, May 4.—Everyone in Richmond will be wearing a tag by night. This is annual "tag day" for the Instructive Visiting Nurses Association.

COTTON MARKET

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	19.66	19.91	19.66	19.85
July	19.50	19.75	19.50	19.67
Oct.	18.73	18.94	18.73	18.85
Dec.	18.80	18.98	18.80	19.92
Jan.	18.88	19.19	18.86	18.93
Local Market	19 1-2			

By Arthur Mann
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Copenhagen, May 4.—Either Germany's war managers are playing the shrewdest publicity game for the purpose of causing a relaxation of America's war preparation, or Germany is actually beset by the worst internal dissensions.

Private advices which appear to be authentic, emphasize the seriousness of this situation in Germany.

Austria carried a hint on the solution by stating that Germany may appoint Count Von Bernstorff, the former Ambassador to the United States the successor to foreign secretary Zimmermann the idea being that Bernstorff would at once attempt a reconciliation with the United States.

The near approach to a crisis is indicated in the news summarized.

A bad feeling is growing between Prussia and Austria Hungary, in which both countries fear are entertained of anarchy unless the governments show the people that there is some hope of peace.

Another idea has laid hold of the people, though not widely expressed, that the Germans submarine policy is not producing the results anticipated.

Hamburg, with vast shipping industries, is now approving the course of the foreign office in opposing submarine ruthlessness.

The leading men of the city hold that Germany's commercial prospects have been injured for years.

Shipping industries demand Germany immediately announce that it has no idea of annexing any territory.

Washington, May 4.—The opinion is rife that German socialists here who attempt to force, or influence, a separate Russian peace should be punished to the limit.

Submarine Won't Win the War

Northcliffe Says Full U-Boat Results will be Published

AMERICA RECEIVES THE NEWS

By Ed L. Keen
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

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London, May 3.—America is getting the full and complete facts of every news feature of the British end of the war diplomats except the actual figures of submarine losses—and may expect to receive the mvery soon. The submarine menace is the strongest card Germany has played, but it will never win the war.

The foregoing is on the authority of the man whose prophecies and statements on the war have come to carry more weight than those of any figure in the allied countries—Lord Northcliffe.

Northcliffe is probably the squarest facer of facts in England. He never dodges. Today the United Press put squarely up to him the proposition of the gathering doubt of distrust in America resulting from the belief that British officialdom had not been frank with America in its statement of submarine losses—and possibly had not been told the full truth regarding the allies successes on the west front.

"In regard to the loss of tonnage by submarines" said Lord Northcliffe, "there is no doubt that the figures are serious. The government does not prevent our newspapers from saying so, nor prevent American correspondents from saying so. The government will, I believe, very soon publish the full facts and figures, as soon as they can arrange the matter with our French and Italian allies.

"I do not hesitate to say in my newspapers that the submarine menace is the greatest difficulty we have so far, but to pretend that the war can be won by the

submarine is preposterous.

"The whole situation of the war is that in 1914 and 1915 the Prussians, owing to their many years of preparation were successful in certain areas, though they lost all their colonies and had all their ships driven from the seas. Last year of final preparation by the allies, but during 1916 the fight resembled that point in a tug of war when neither side seems able to pull the other over the line. Today Turkey is on its last legs, Austria and Hungary are crying out for peace and Prussia and Rrevaria are discontented.

"Throughout the British dominions and in France and Italy there is a complete understanding of the fact that the entry of the United States is the most important event in the war since the days of August 1914. I am sure that our government quite understands that lack of frankness between the allies would be disastrous. They know too that in any case truth and the news can only be held up for a week or two, and that truth suppressed would eventually leak out and sow suspicion throughout the United States

"Save for the submarine tonnage figures which I believe will very shortly be made public, I know of nothing in the way of news of importance on land or sea that has been withheld by the British censorship during many months, except the details of one or two signal successes with certain new war instruments the nature of which the government is wisely hiding from the enemy in the same way that it kept the great secret of the tanks."

2 Billions of Liberty Bonds Offered

Secretary McAdoo Wires Scotland Neck Bank to Aid in Floatation of Bonds

LISTS TO CLOSE ON JUNE 15TH

The Scotland Neck Bank received today the following telegram from treasurer, W. G. McAdoo, which should be of interest to our citizens in view of the fact that many want to subscribe to the issue if the denomination are small enough to meet the needs of our people.

Mr. J. H. Aleander, Jr., cashier of the Scotland Neck Bank, probably communicate with Secretary McAdoo to find out the denominations that the government proposes to issue these certificates. The telegram is as follows:

Scotland Neck Bank, Scotland Neck, N. C.,
"The government will receive subscriptions until June the fifteenth for two billion dollars of three and one half per cent liberty loan bonds.
"You can render invaluable service to your country by receiving subscriptions and co-operating with the Federal Reserve Bank of your district.
Will you kindly do this and telegraph me, at the government's expense, as soon as practicable, a rough estimate of the amount of bonds you think will be subscribed by you and your customers.
W. G. McADOO, Sec. of the Treas.
The governor of the fifth federal reserve district, Geo. J. Seay, of which this section is a part, has also sent out a similar call.