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BELGIUM CHOSEN TO CONTROL TURKEY

Constantinople and Dardanelles Straits to Be Under its Government

CONSIDERED LEAST DANGEROUS

(By Wilber Forest)
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Paris, May 11.—Belgium's flag to fly over Constantinople, and that Belgium should control the Dardanelles is the revised plan for its stated war aims respecting Turkey.

On high authority the change of program has been thoroughly discussed in high official circles of the allied governments.

Since no Russia has renounced the old Russia the dream of dominating the straits channel of Turkey is a problem that has been forced upon the allies, and that to grant arbitrary control to any one of the world's great nations might engender jealousy and endanger the future world peace.

Neither would it promote peace to give the straits and control of Constantinople to any of the Balkan states, so that Belgium is considered the most logical, and less dangerous, of all nations to assume control of that much wanted, and fought for, territory of Europe and Asia.

CAR ACCIDENT NEAR HALIFAX

What might have been a serious accident, but which only resulted in a few scratches to the occupants of the car, and no considerable damage to the car, happened last night half a mile this side of Halifax, when a Ford car, owned by Mrs. J. C. Mullen and driven by Mr. Ed Tillery, skidded in a rut in the road, whereat the driver lost control, the car turning over two or three times and landed against a tree half way down to the swamp.

In the car were the driver, Mr. Ed Tillery, Mr. Albert Madry and Mr. Sherrod Harrell. These gentlemen were brought back to town last night apparently uninjured, but the car was left where it fell until this morning when Mr. Ed Tillery drove down to pull it back to town.

DUMA HEAD FOR ALLIANCE

(By William Shepard)
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Petrograd, May 11.—The Seizelberg munitions district revolted today.

Workmen and citizens of the district announced their intentions of organizing a separate republic.

Representative of the workmen and soldiers committees left here immediately to dissuade the revolt from their announced purpose.

The provisional president of the munitions district has been arrested by the rebels.

How serious is the revolt is not clear at this time.

There apparently has been no violence.

This appears to be another in-

NEWS FROM STATE CAPITAL

Raleigh, N. C. May 11.—Of such great importance does Governor T. W. Bickett consider the cultivation of tenantless and vacant farms in this time of stress and danger that he has addressed a second letter to the boards of county commissioners of the counties of the State urging that there be no delay in this activity. The Governor's letter tells its own story. It is as follows:

"In the emergency we now face not only patriotic duty but the necessity of protecting the people of our own State from want demands that we increase our acreage and production of staple food and feed crops by every means at our command. As the constituted authority in your county, upon you rests the responsibility of doing everything possible to protect your people from threatened hunger and deprivation.

The farmers of the state are rallying to the extent of their ability to the demand for increased food and feed production, but they are handicapped by a shortage of labor and work-stock and they are not going to be able to supply the deficit of food and feedstuffs we shall face. It is imperative therefore that steps be taken to increase acreage and production by other means. The great est opportunity we have for doing this is through the use of our road forces of men and workstock in the cultivation of idle and tenantless farms, many of which exist in practically every county in the state. The production of foodstuffs is more important in this crisis even than the building of good roads, and I am again writing to urge that you take up in your county without delay.

You have ample authority, according to the Attorney General to use the road forces for this purpose and you should not only raise sufficient feed for your stock and food for your workers but a surplus for the market, the proceeds of course to be added to your road fund."

MOVE ON GERMAN POSITION

(By UNITED PRESS)
Paris, May 11.—Another advance on the German positions in the region of Chevreux, and the capture of further ground, was announced.

The gain was held despite violent counter attacks.

stance of friction in the Duma government and is planned as a world "International" project to embarrass the meeting of all varieties of socialists in some neutral nation to discuss world problems.

The backers of the plan insisted at a conference that this was unidentifiable in the slightest degree with the June Meeting of socialists to be held in Stockholm.

PAY INDEMNITY BY INSTALMENTS

(By UNITED PRESS)
Paris, May 11.—By the end of July, 1917, Germany will have incurred liability to the Allies for an after the war indemnity of one hundred and sixty thousand million dollars.

This figure comes today from the pen of Jean Finot, well known French editor, author and statistician writing in the current number of La Revue, of which he is editor.

A peace of a hundred years is the title of the article. This is only possible the author argues by forcing Germany to purge her self of future militarism. The remedy—the only remedy—he points out, is an "Installment indemnity" to the allies from Germany of about two billion four hundred million dollars a year.

On the theory that German militarism was responsible for the world catastrophe and the German people were responsible for militarism, the author says that the German people should accept the lesson of future peace by paying every cent of the damage Germany's national wealth before the war was placed at eight hundred millions of dollars. The "Installment indemnity" is therefore the way for the Allies to exact their toll. The author adds:

"The German people are solidary with the Emperor and his soldiers. Having committed unutterable crimes at the instigation, the people should participate in the reparation for these crimes."

D'YA SUPPOSE IT BURNED ISABEL?

(By United Press)
London, April 22.—(By Mail)—Isabel Reid, a munitions girl, was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for smoking a pipe in a munitions factory. Isabel ditched the boiler in her stocking when the inspector came to her bench, but a woman detective recovered the evidence.

(By United Press)
Berlin, May 11.—A sanguinary attempt to storm Bullecourt by an encircling movement of the British was repulsed.

ENGINEER TROOPS TO FRANCE IMMEDIATELY

Wilmington N. C., May 11.—Major A. E. Waldron, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, the district engineer officer for eastern North Carolina, received instructions today from the war department in Washington to assist the department in securing men for the engineer organization which it is proposed to send to France at once.

This places an opportunity before the citizens of North Carolina to be among the first to go abroad. To these who are desirous of joining this organization which will have the honor of rendering first aid to the allies in their task of driving the Germans from France, immediate action is necessary. All those believing themselves to be qualified should communicate at once with Major Waldron. It is thought that there will be a nation wide answer to the President's call for

WORLD TO KEEP DECORATION DAY

(By J. W. Pegler)
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
London, May 11.—Definite plans were launched today to make American Decoration Day May 30, a general memorial day throughout the allied countries of the world.

Consul Robert P. Skinner has already forwarded to President Wilson such a proposal, together with definite plans for making the idea a reality.

The suggestion first came from Lieut. Col. Bullock, who hopes President Wilson will take the initiative informally inviting the allied countries to join.

Consul Skinner is enthusiastic in backing up the movement and if the plan is carried out, May 30 will be a day of general mourning throughout the countries fighting for liberty and democracy.

Flags of all allied countries will be placed on the graves and burial pits of all those who died in the world war for democracy.

American organizations in London have already lined up in favor of the plan for the world to give over a day of mourning for its dead. They will be invited to decorate the graves of the hundreds of American soldiers who have given up their lives for England's cause.

GATE TAX ON BASEBALL FANS

(By H. C. Hamilton)
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
New York, May 11.—American fans probably will have to pay baseball's share of the war tax.

Magnates in all leagues are bending their energies toward enactment of a federal law which will require the payment of a stamp tax before a fan passes the gate. They claim the requirement of a tax on a club's gross receipts as has been suggested, would ruin many clubs. Baseball in fact would have to go out of business in some sections.

President Tener, of the National League is one supporter of the plan to tax single admissions.

RUSSIAN COMMISSION NOW COMPLETE

Strong Commission Chosen to Aid Provisional Government

ELIHU ROOT TO HEAD PARTY

LANSING WANTS A PRESS GAG

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, May 11.—A muzzle is on the press, in the State Department.

Secretary of State Lansing has ordered that no officials shall talk with the newspapermen even on minor news matters. All news must come from him or from the departmental publicity bureau. Even interpretative matter from expert chiefs of the department is barred.

Lansing does not trust the judgment of department subordinates in matters of publicity.

Lansing's only answer to the charge that he was establishing an iron system of suppression was that, in his opinion, it was quite the contrary that he welcomed criticism and would see that all proper announcements were made to the press.

There was no effort to conceal the fact that he has made himself the absolute dictator of the news of the relations of this country and all foreign nations. He denied that he was paving the way for secret diplomacy but his statements all showed clearly that machinery for the maintenance of such secrets has been completed.

Close tabs have been kept on newspapermen. Embassies have been told to keep quiet and say nothing. Conversations of newspaper men in so far as they affected the State Department strangely enough got back in a short time to department ears. It has been suspected by press members that a real spy system was on their trail, though this has never been fully established.

Some diplomats have been practically reprimanded for discussing business involving a state department tangle.

COTTON MARKET			
	Open.	High.	Low.
May	19.69	19.73	19.55
July	19.46	19.65	19.46
Oct.	18.67	18.95	18.55
Dec.	18.73	19.08	18.73
Jan.	18.80	19.99	18.80
Local Market 18 5-8.			

GERMANS CLAIM BRITISH REPULSE

(By United Press)

London, May 11.—Vigorous German attempts to shake Haig's grip on Arleux, and all lines south of Souchez river, were all repulsed the British commander-in-chief reported today.

The British artillery machine gun fire stopped the enemy's assaults.

Around the Souchez salient the attack was repeated a second time with liquid fire employed by the Germans. This attack was also repulsed.

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, May 11.—The president has completed the personnel of the commission to go to Russia to assist the provisional government, and same will probably be announced today as follows: Root, Cyrus McCormack, C. R. Berton, New York Bankers; Chas Edward Russell, socialist leader; James Duncan, vice president of the federation of labor, Dr. John Mott and Charles Crane, of Chicago.

PEACE MEETING GERMAN MAKE

(By Mann)
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Copenhagen, May 11.—The German newspapers are beginning enthusiastically to "prestage" the so-called socialist conference at Stockholm this coming June.

The propaganda of the scheme is regarded as convincing proof that it is of German character, and in fact is taking the place of the scheduled conference set for last December before the German Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg launched his peace proffer, when the German papers suddenly predicted "approaching happy event."

Today the same sort of movement is under way, the same words "approaching happy event" are being used as an inference that a separate peace with Russia is forming.

The direct mention is this is carefully avoided however of any such hope in connection with the "happy event" expected.

RUSSIA NOT BETRAY ALLIES

(By UNITED PRESS)

Petrograd, May 11.—Only the complete defeat of Germany will assure the world's happiness, and peace now would only be an armistice.

"Russia cannot betray her allies with whom she has been fighting for three years."

Thus president Rodzianko, of the Russian Duma, forcefully pleaded with the Russian governing body for the unwavering continuance of Russia's part in the war.

He warned against the insidious peace move inspired by Germany and pointed out that German workers, however socialistic and who might express themselves as ardently desiring peace, would naturally support their German government in its imperialistic aspirations.

THIRTEEN SUBS SUNK BY ITALY

(By UNITED PRESS)

Washington, May 11.—Thirteen Austrian submarines have been sunk in the Mediterranean sea during the past three weeks by Italian destroyers it was learned officially today.