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## "SUBMARINE IS NO LONGER A PERIL"

BRITISH PREMIER, SPEAKING AT EDINBURGH DESIGNATED THE SUBMARINE AS CONTAINING NO PARALLEL OF SEA PIRACY

## PAID TRIBUTE TO SKILL OF SAILORS

Edinburg, Scotland, May 24.—The Russian collapse, submarine warfare and special adversities in Asiatics were unexpected features with which the British government has been compelled to cope since it took office. Premier Lloyd George declared in a speech delivered here.

The submarine warfare was unprecedented and unexpected, even from Germany. History of piracy contains no parallel.

In 1916 we doubled our production of ships and in 1918 we hope to triple or quadruple our ship out put.

The British Premier paid a tribute to the skill, ingenuity resourcefulness and invincible value of the naval and merchant sailors who have overcome submarine difficulties.

Lloyd George's declaration of the admiralty's report which shows the record of destruction of submarines was greeted with cheer. "The submarine is still a menace" declared the premier "but it is no longer a peril. It is still formidable for inflicting injury, but it cannot cause the winning or the losing of the war."

## CONNAUGHT ON AMERICAN SOIL

At an Atlantic Port, May 24.—Prince Arthur of Connaught, Lieutenant General William Pulteney of the British army, and the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, with their aides arrived here today.

Their vessel was met and boarded by American and British officials.

Colonel E. M. House close friend of President Wilson intends joining them shortly and conduct the party to Washington, afterwards they will journey on to Japan, probably accompanied by Col. House.

## SECTY McADOO NOT DECIDED

Washington May 24.—Secretary McAdoo still unable to give his final answer to congress on the need of the new tax bill this session at noon today.

Following a long conference with treasury officials McAdoo at this hour phoned congressional finance leaders that he could not keep his promise to answer by mid-day and needed more time. He then left for a conference with the president after which it is expected he will make a public decision.

**COTTON MARKET.**

|      | Open  | High  | Low   | Close |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| May  |       |       |       | 23.62 |
| JULY | 23.37 | 24.20 | 23.37 | 23.90 |
| Oct  | 22.88 | 23.32 | 22.88 | 23.04 |
| Dec  | 22.77 | 23.24 | 22.77 | 23.02 |
| Jan  | 22.63 | 23.21 | 22.63 | 23.15 |

Local Market Normal

## CASUALTY LIST HAS 44 NAMES

(By United Press)

Washington May 24.—Forty four casualties were listed by the war department today divided as follows: Four killed in action, ten died of disease, nine from wounds four from accident sixteen severely wounded and one slightly wounded.

## ONE PLANE ONLY REACHES PARIS

(By United Press)

Paris May 24.—An American air squadron is co-operating in the defense of Paris it is officially announced.

Of the thirty German airplanes which participated in the second raid on Paris, Wednesday night only one reached the city so effective was the defense by fifty four planes which opposed them.

The Echo de Paris warns Germany that the British are already beginning to carry out carefully conceived air offensives, and that France's turn will come second.

## WAR BRINGS HUGE DEBTS TO NATIONS

(By United Press)

Washington May 24.—The London Economist places the total gross debt of Great Britain at \$6,678,600,000 pounds (\$27,636,000,000).

The French minister of finance in presenting the budget of 1918 estimated the public debt of France on December 31, 1918, at 115,166,058,000 francs (\$22,227,000,000).

The public debt of Italy at the end of 1917 is estimated at about \$10,000,000,000. The debts of the central Powers are estimated as follows: Germany \$25,408,000,000; Austria, \$13,314,000,000; and Hungary \$5,704,000,000.

Our own debt is now around \$8,000,000,000 but more than half of this amount has been loaned the allies. It is estimated that of the total net expenditures of the United States for the fiscal year 1918, exclusive of our advances to the allies, more than one-half will be defrayed by taxation, according to the Treasury Department.

Miss Selma Twisdale spent the night here with Mrs. Darden.

Mr. Jere Bunch arrived yesterday afternoon from Weldon where he spent the day on business.

## BRITISH PLANES DESTROY BASE

Rome May 24.—A British air- plane squadron successfully bombed an Austrian submarine and sea plane base at Cattaro yesterday setting fire to the piers and barracks, it was officially announced.

## ITALIAN ACE OVER VIRGINIA

(By United Press)

Richmond Va. May 24.—An Italian aviator at Newport News flew over the city this morning celebrating the third anniversary of Italy's entry into the war.

## PATRICK MCGILL TELLS VILE ACTS OF HUNS

AUTHOR OF "THE GREAT PUSH" SAYS THE RUTHLESS ACTS OF THE HUN IS IN THEIR BLOOD TO BE FOUL AND DIRTY

## EVEN A ROSARY ON SHRINE WAS CHARGED

London May 24.—"Dirty dogs they are, and they never will change. It's in their blood to be foul and dirty."

The old soldier ceased, or rather suspended utterance as he sought in his mind for an incident to illustrate his assertion.

The talk in the cafe dealt with the Germans and their methods of warfare, and the men who were in the cafe at that moment had just come back from the front line. While they were there, their cultured enemy had turned a machine gun on two British stretcher bearers who had gone out into No Man's Land to carry in wounded German soldier. They had placed him on the stretcher and were making their way back to the home trench when the machine gun was turned on them, killing the two men as well as the hapless man whom they were carrying to safety.

Other similar happenings were recalled, and it was then that the old man spoke. He had been a regular soldier who had fought many battles and had lived through Mons, Ypres, Loos and the Somme. The old man knew the foe whom he was up against.

**He Knew Their Ways**

"It is in their blood to be foul and dirty," he repeated. "Atrocious and treacherous, they have no code of honor or chivalry in their get-up. I have seen them murder wounded, and kill women and children. That was in the early days when they rushed loose like wild beasts over Belgium. And I've seen the poisoned wells, the poisoned food and the death traps which they leave behind them when they're retreating from our fellows. Last spring, when they ran away with our men at their heels, I was one of the few who followed them."

"Everywhere, in abandoned dugouts, houses, barns and churches, in barrels left outside the doors of farmhouses, in shrines by the roadside, in barbed wire entanglements, there were all kinds of slaughter traps hid."

"I mind coming to one dugout without a soul in it. I just had a peep in and I was careful not to touch anything, for I knew the men had just left the place. But another fellow followed me, and as I went up on the parapet I looked back at him."

"Be careful and don't touch anything in there," I said to him. "You know what the Germans are like with their traps."

"I'll only look in," he shouted back, and as there was a long nar-

row branch blocking the entrance to the door he pulled it aside to have a peep in.

Branch was trigger

I had only gone about a hundred yards when I heard a shot and I looked back to see the remains of the dugout in the air. It was the damnest branch that caused the explosion, and the man who looked in was killed.

"I saw another fellow dead in one of the houses at the corner of a village. He had lifted a book from the table of the front room, and this in some manner sent the table and the soldier up to the roof. And in the same house I saw a bucket of coal mixed with high explosives, and even the very stove was charged to blow up if a fire was lit in it. Even the chairs would explode if you sat on one of them."

"If you saw objects lying about you took no notice of them. Spades, shovels, helmets and souvenirs that were apparently flung away and almost everything else were murder traps. I saw a small boy, a rookie, I suppose, going up to a shrine by the roadside with the intention of taking a rosary from the neck of the wooden statue of the Blessed Virgin."

"Don't touch that! I yelled at him."

"What the devil has it got to do with you?" He roared back at me.

"Everything!" I called to him. "And if you put your hand on it I'll put a bullet through your head."

"I took aim at him with the intention of firing and he got a bit frightened. Anyway he came back from the shrine."

Test discloses trap

"I went up and had a look at the shrine. Round the neck of the Virgin the rosary beads were placed, with a cross hanging to the end of them. I looked at the back, and there I saw that the beads were tied round a little pin which was stuck in the long wood-work. We tested it, by tying a long string to the rosary and getting back twenty yards into a trench and pulling the string. The whole shrine was blown to pieces, for the tugging at the bead had detonated a charge and caused a charge and an explosion."

He paused.

"They're more beasts than men," said one of the listeners.

"They're devils from Hell," said another.

"They're all that," said the old soldier. "But they can't help it. It's in their blood to be foul and dirty."

## NEW GERMAN PLAN OF ATTACK FAILS

HUTIER AND LUDENDORFF'S KOLOSSAL KONCEPTION FAILED IN CONVERTING THE ALLIES INTO SECOND RUSSIA

## NEW METHOD COST HUNS 500,000 MEN

## SEAY PRESENTS STATE EMBLEM

(By United Press)

Richmond May 24 Governor Seay, of the Fifth Federal Reserve District has sent emblems to Richmond and to the State of Virginia denoting that both are oversubscribed in its quota of Third Liberty loan.

## ALL QUIET ON AMERICAN FRONT

(By United Press)

American armies in France May 24 An official communique issued from American headquarters last night stated that all was quiet on all fronts occupied by the Americans.

## SINN FEINERS VERY UNEASY

(By United Press)

Dublin May 24.—Sinn Feiners and nationalists are uneasy awaiting the next move of the government.

Their principal concern seems to be that the government will rest now that the Sinn Fein leaders are interned.

Many Irishmen are applying to get into the American Army, but the nationalists are counselling against this, however, saying that such a move should be put off until home rule has been secured.

Meanwhile the government is rounding up the last of the alleged plotters. About a dozen persons were arrested yesterday and last night and immediately reported.

## BRITISH REPORT SMALL RAIDS

(By United Press)

London May 24.—Bombardment of various British sectors continued, also raiding operations reports Field Marshal Haig.

Hostile artillery was active last night west of Lens & in the neighborhood of Festubert, the statement said also "that in the Nieppe sector the enemy bombarded with gas shells."

"We took a few prisoners in a successful raid southwest of Labesse, and in a patrol encounter north of Ypres and the Comines canal."

"A few men are missing as the result of an enemy raid north of hill 70 yesterday."

"An attempted enemy raid early last night at Avelly wood failed completely."

(By United Press)

By Henry Wood

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

With the French armies, May, 24.—Gen. von Hutier's "new method of assault" constituting the latest production and the latest hope of Prussian militarism, has just met its Waterloo at the hands of the stolid French poilus on the La-Fere-Amiens front.

Successful to an astounding degree in the capture of Riga, this new method applied on the western front has cost the German armies to date half a million men, has shattered Ludendorff's Kolossal Konception of crushing the English army and marching on Paris, and has wrested from Germany her last dream and hope of a successful termination of the war on the western front.

Although Von Hutier's "new method of assault" was known in its general lines to the Allied commanders as a result of its first try-out at Riga, it is only since its application on the French front that all of its details have become known. Its collapse is all the more humiliating owing to the fact that General Von Hutier was called from the Riga front to command himself the troops, that applying his method, were to smash through the English front at St. Quentin and then march down the valley of the Oise on Paris.

**Had Aroused Confidence**

Von Hutier's new method differed in one great fundamental respect from its immediate predecessors with the German imperial command, in that the Germans, having early in the war established the dogma that the only way to crush the enemy's lines was by heavy artillery, came back on Von Hutier's recommendation to the attainment of this end by massed attacks of the human beings.

**How Method Worked**

The detailed application of Von Hutier's method both at Riga and on the western front in the region of St. Quentin was as follows: First of all, the troops to participate in the attack were drilled and rehearsed for months in advance in the part they were to play, until each was letter perfect:

When the hour set for the attack arrived, the German artillery began a short preparation. In order to avoid losing the benefit of a surprise attack by the old time artillery preparation of several days, Von Hutier planned by an astounding concentration of guns to accomplish in a few hours the previous work of days.

In addition to this artillery preparation extended to an extreme depth to the rear, demolishing the second and third lines at the same time as the first. To prevent the enemy's guns from intervening and silencing the German batteries, gas shells were showered all over the enemy's artillery lines rendering it impossible for the gunners for several hours to serve the pieces.

Continued tomorrow