

BETTER NEWS FROM RUSSIA IS GIVEN OUT

The Senate Hears The Russian Ambassador on Condition There THE GOVERNMENT GETTING CONTROL

The Process Slow, But Indications Point to Complete Success—No Separate Peace—Internal Affairs Improving, Military Reaction.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 26.—The Russian mission was received today in the Senate, where Ambassador Bakhmeteff made an address which was greeted with a demonstration equalling that in the House.

Mr. Bakhmeteff spoke generally as he did recently in the House, pledging Russia's unflinching adherence to the cause of the grand alliance against German autocracy and rejecting without qualification a separate peace.

In part the Ambassador said: "I am not going to conceal the gravity of the situation that confronts the Russian provisional government. The creation anew of a country of boundless expense on distinctly new principles will of course take time and patience should not be shown.

"We should not forget that in this immense transformation various interests will seek to assert themselves and until the work of settlement is completed a struggle among opposing currents is inevitable. Attempts on the part of disorganizing elements to take advantage of this moment of transition must be met with calmness and confidence. Two considerations make me feel that Russia has passed the stage when the future appeared vague and uncertain.

"My latest advices give joyful confirmation of the establishment of a firm power, strong in its democratic precepts and activity, strong in the trust reposed in it by the people, and its ability to enforce law and order. In the second place and no less important is the growing conviction that the issue of the revolution and the most of Russia's freedom are closely connected with the fighting might of the country.

"There has been a period closely following the revolution of almost total suspension of all military activity, a period of what appeared to be disintegration of the army, a period which gave rise to serious doubts and to gloomy forebodings. At the same time there ensued unlimited freedom of speech and of the press which afforded opportunities for expression of the most extreme and anti-national views.

"Russia is firmly convinced," he said, "that a separate peace would mean the triumph of German autocracy, would render lasting peace impossible, and ever be a threatening menace to the new born freedom of Russia."

Referring to the reorganization of the army, the ambassador said: "Like the nation, the army, on behalf of the people, had to be built on democratic lines. Such work takes time. We live in a democratic epoch where people who sacrifice their lives should fully realize the reasons therefore and the principles for which they are fighting.

"The provisional government is taking measures to promptly restore through the country conditions of life so deeply disorganized by the inefficiency of the previous rulers and to provide for whatever is necessary for military success.

"In close touch with the parliament, the government has taken control of sources of food supplies and is providing for effective transportation and just distribution. The government has undertaken the regulation of the production of main products vital for the country and the army. The government at the same time is making all endeavor to settle labor difficulties.

HEAVY IMPORTS OF CANADIAN GOLD New York, June 26.—Gold amounting to \$9,700,000 has been received from Canada by J. P. Morgan & Co., making the imports on the present movement \$97,231,000 and total imports of the metal from all sources since the first of the year \$492,231,000.

SHIPS EQUIPPED WITH DEVICES FOR LANDING MINES

New Contrivance to Help Safe Passage of Vessels in War Zone.

(By Associated Press.) An Atlantic Port, June 26.—A mine-sweeping device calculated to pick up and safely bring to the surface any mine that may be in the path of vessels is now being attached to a number of ships proceeding through the waters of the war zone. One of these devices was observed on a passenger liner which arrived here today. It is attached to the bows and when let down a netted projection extends a dozen or more feet on either side of the ship. If a mine is encountered it is picked up and brought to the surface at a safe distance from the vessel. The ship to which the device was attached is on her first trip here since April when she was compelled to seek a dry dock in a British port on account of damage from a mine.

Attached to Bows and When Let Down Will Sweep the Waters and Clear Away Mines From the Path.

(By Associated Press.) An English Port, June 26.—American naval gunners successfully fought off a big German submarine which attacked an American passenger liner off the coast of Ireland Sunday night. A torpedo fired by the submarine missed its target by less than 20 feet.

The encounter occurred at midnight after the liner had been in the submarine zone many hours. A large number of the passengers on board were reading in the cabins or lying in chairs on deck, ready for an emergency. A staff correspondent of The Associated Press was talking with the lieutenant in charge of the gun crews when the gunners crowded about among them, and also the ship's officers on the bridge, sighted the wake of a torpedo as it went shipping toward the bow. The lieutenant jumped to his station as the look-out cried "torpedo and submarine off starboard bow."

The ship swung around so sharply that the decks were tilted to an angle of 20 degrees. Immediately there came the bark and flash of a gun. Passengers, binding life belts about themselves swarmed to the decks. The ships officers hurried among them, counselling calmness. Another gun, this time pointed further astern, was fired and the projectile in its flight struck a long boom swung over the side to which a log line was attached. The liner at that moment was wallowing between two great waves. The conning tower of the submarine, outlined for a moment against the sky, was all that was visible to the gunners in the darkness. They soon lost sight of the raider in the darkness, however, and were unable to tell whether any of the shots fired hit the mark.

Two minutes later gunners at the stern of the ship saw a coning tower above the surface of the water, in the wake of the steamer. The vessel was rolling so heavily that the gunners were unable to get their gun pointed before the submarine again disappeared beneath the surface.

Every ounce of steam available was fed to the engines and the ship was quickly out of the danger zone.

FRUITLESS SEARCH FOR CREW OF SHIP Attacked by Submarine—American Destroyer To Rescue on Wireless Call

(By Associated Press.) Base of the American Flotilla in British Waters, June 26.—One of the American destroyers in the patrol flotilla reported this morning that she was unable to find any trace of the 50 members of the crew of a British merchantman who was being attacked by a submarine when the American craft snatched the Britisher's wireless distress call from the air.

"Submarine shelling us," was the first message the destroyer picked up. The position showed the British were 90 miles away, which meant a run of five hours through high seas for the destroyer. The American craft was just getting under full speed when her wireless sounded the second and final message. It read: "Abandoning ship."

Only floating wreckage greeted the American bluejackets when they reached the scene, but they patrolled the vicinity for two days in the hope of finding some survivors. Owing to the high seas it seems doubtful if any of the sunken vessel's crew were rescued by passing ships.

THE WAR RELIEF FUND

The War Relief Commission which has been conducting the campaign for war relief fund just brought to a successful conclusion desires to thank everyone who has contributed to these allied causes, without reference to amount, and to say that the campaign has been made successful only through the true spirit of patriotic desire to serve the country in a national crisis.

The campaign has nominally closed, and the amount realized is \$40,500, but it is hoped that those who have not availed of the privilege of contributing will do so in the next few days, and subscriptions can be made to any one of the canvassing committees, or be sent to Mr. W. H. Sprunt, Treasurer, or Mr. J. B. Huntington, Secretary.

A fund created by popular subscription is always subject to some shrinkage, and in order that the \$40,000 amount may be fully realized it is very desirable that a safe margin of over-subscription be provided, and the creation of this necessary surplus will be the privilege of those who for any reason have not been enrolled among the contributors.

The public response has been very gratifying and thoroughly in keeping with Wilmington's traditional spirit of sacrifice for a worthy cause, and we believe that the community has received a permanent benefit from the spirit of fraternity brought about.

We use the occasion to express our sincere thanks to the press for the invaluable service rendered in the use of their columns without compensation, and their editorial endorsement which has been of great help to the cause.

We reserve to the last our expression of appreciation of the part taken by the ladies, which can only be defined in the language of gratitude.

J. A. TAYLOR, Campaign Leader. REV. T. P. NOE, Chairman. H. LACY HUNT, W. A. MCGIRT, J. W. H. FUCHS, W. H. SPRUNT, REV. W. V. MCRABE, H. C. MCQUEEN, J. B. HUNTINGTON, Secretary. Executive Committee.

AMERICAN LINER ESCAPES U-BOAT EXPORT CONTROL BY THE PRESIDENT

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 26.—Control of American exports, authorized in a clause of the Espionage bill, was assumed today by President Wilson with the appointment of an exports council comprising the Secretaries of State, Agriculture and Commerce and the food administrator. An executive order, creating the council directs the Department of Commerce to administer all details of operation.

President Wilson's statement of the export control policy is in part as follows: "It is important that the country should understand just what is intended in the control of exports which is about to be undertaken, and since the power is vested by the Congress in the President I can speak with authority concerning it. The exports council will be merely advisory to the President.

"There will, of course, be no prohibition of exports. The normal course of trade will be interfered with as little as possible, and, so far as possible, only its abnormal course directed. The whole objects will be to direct exports in such a way that they will go first and by preference where they are most needed and are immediately needed, and temporarily to withhold them, if necessary, where they can best be spared.

"Our primary duty in the matter of foodstuffs and like necessities is to see that the peoples associated with us in the war get as generous a proportion as possible of our surplus; but it will also be our wish and purpose to supply the neutral nations whose people depend upon us for such supplies as nearly in proportion to their need as the amount to be divided permits.

"There will, thus, be little check put upon the volume of exports and the prices obtained for them will not be affected by this regulation. "This policy will be carried out, not by prohibitive regulations here, but by a system of licensing exports which will be as simply organized and administered as possible, so as to constitute no impediment to the normal flow of commerce. In brief, the free play of trade will not be arbitrarily interfered with: It will only be intelligently and systematically directed in the light of full information with regard to needs and market conditions throughout the world and the necessities of our people at home and our armies and the armies of our associates abroad."

TROOPS ARRIVING AT CAMP ROYSSTER Guard Detachments Coming in—Twelve Hundred Soon to be in Camp. Goldsboro, N. C., June 26.—By tomorrow night when they are all expected to arrive, Goldsboro will have about 1,200 soldiers quartered here. The assignment of the Second Infantry, North Carolina National Guard, performing police duty over the railroad bridges in sections of North Carolina began arriving on almost every train today and are stationed at Camp Royster in this city.

IMMENSE DAMAGE DONE PROPERTY BY BROKEN DAM

Water Rusing Down Narrow Canyon Carries Everything Before it.

NO LOSS OF LIFE IS YET REPORTED

Several Towns Washed Away. Railroad Track Torn Up For Miles—Crops Destroyed.

(By Associated Press.) Salt Lake, Utah, June 26.—The damage to railroad trackage and buildings and to crops caused by the bursting of the Price river irrigation dam in Gooseberry creek Sunday was estimated today at more than \$1,500,000. Hundreds of thousands of dollars of additional damage in loss of traffic will be suffered by the Denver and Rio Grande railroad because of the tie up of the coal mines in Carbon county. Thousands of miners were thrown out of employment until the railroad is able to re-build from 15 to 30 miles of track which has been washed away. Three large steel bridges have been washed out and scores of highway bridges have gone.

Hundreds of residents of Castle Gate, Scofield, Helper and other smaller points spent last night on the sides of the steep canyon through which the torrent poured. As yet no loss of life has been reported, but many persons are missing.

The Castle Gate station was washed into the Price river last night. The first intimation that it was threatened by the rushing waters was given by the operator at Castle Gate. He had just reported that the station was surrounded by water and that he feared it would soon be carried away, when he stopped in the middle of a sentence. This was the last word heard from Castle Gate until early today.

The operator at Helper was asked for a report on Castle Gate and replied: "Five houses and the depot passed here a little while ago. No loss of life has been reported as people had plenty of warning. Everybody from Helper has gone to the hills. Expect railroad bridge here to go any minute. When it does, I will too."

EXEMPTION BOARDS NAMED IN MANY STATES

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 26.—Announcements of local exemption boards in 24 States, who will select candidates for the National Army under the draft law, were made here today. The rules governing exemptions have not yet been issued but will be soon, so the work of selecting the army may be begun next week.

In a great majority of the cases the personnel of the boards shows that President Wilson followed the suggestions of army officers that city and county officials be utilized. The President, however, had asked the governors of the various States to nominate candidates for the boards and it may be assumed that the boards, as announced, have the approval not only of the President, but of the State executives.

HOUSE VOTES TONIGHT RIVER AND HARBOR BILL

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 26.—A final vote in the House tonight on the River and Harbor bill, carrying approximately \$20,000,000, seemed probable today. Its passage is expected although opposition is strong. Debate continued under the five-minute rule.

RED CROSS SUBSCRIPTION OVER THE MARK.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 26.—The Red Cross humanity dollars campaign passed its mark today with a total of \$194,000, tabulated at noon and returns still coming in. The Red Cross war council predicted a total of \$110,000 by nightfall. * * * With many cities of that section, including Atlanta, Columbia, Macon, Jacksonville and Mobile yet to report, the South had raised almost its quota of the Red Cross fund, according to figures compiled today. Chairman Lunk of the Southern District, reported to headquarters that most of the cities in his territory will far exceed their apportionment. * * * In North Carolina, Asheville has \$34,000 against \$25,000; Winston-Salem \$51,000 against \$35,000; Charlotte \$50,000 against \$40,000 and Raleigh \$31,000 against \$30,000. * * *

BRILLIANT SUCCESS OF FRENCH TROOPS ON AISNE FRONT

CANADIAN TROOPS DRIVING GERMANS BACK TOWARD LENS

Their Forces Forging Ahead in Desperate Effort to Capture That City.

SIGNAL SUCCESS WITH SLIGHT LOSS

At Gates of City Germans Destroying Buildings to Secure Wider Area of Gun-Fire.

(By Associated Press.) Canadian Army Headquarters in France, June 26.—In their general advance on Lens the Canadians have occupied the strongest outpost in the defense of that place and have pushed their troops toward La Coulotte. The increasing pressure on the enemy in the Souchez valley during the last few weeks has brought signal success to the British arms, with relatively slight losses.

Patrols which were sent out reached the summit of Reservoir hill without opposition and pushed on down the eastern slope and the strong Lens outposts was effectively occupied. Meanwhile south of the Souchez river the Canadians drove forward on the heels of the retreating Germans. Railway embankments east of Lens electric station were occupied. The advance was then continued towards LaCoulotte. As night fell strong parties were sent out to consolidate the positions occupied, while patrols were sent forward to keep in touch with the Germans.

Several days ago the Germans were known to be destroying houses in the western part of Lens with the object of giving wider area of fire for their guns. That may indicate the intention of clinging to the eastern side of the city and prolonging the struggle by house-to-house fighting.

FIRST BALE NEW COTTON MARKETED YESTERDAY.

(By Associated Press.) Houston, Texas, June 26.—A Houston company yesterday paid \$925 at auction for the first bale of 1917 cotton on the Houston cotton market. This was about \$2 a pound over the market price. The bale was grown by Dr. W. P. Webb, of Lyford, and marks the fifth consecutive year Lyford has produced the first bale. It weighed 412 pounds.

FEDERAL CONTROL OF OTHER ARTICLES

Being Considered by the Senate Committee as Amendment to Food Bill.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 26.—Extension of government control to iron and steel and their products, petroleum and its products, farm implements, and sisal, jute and hemp products, such as binding twine, was decided today as an amendment to the Administration Food Control bill by the Senate Agriculture committee. Addition of other articles is under consideration. Other amendments agreed to by the sub-committee, which will remove much opposition to the legislation, provide that the bill shall not apply to farmers, gardeners and stock raisers, products raised upon their own land, and shall not give the food administrator power to impose individual ration or regulate their meals. The committee deferred action upon the prohibition sections.

General Petain Renews Efforts to Reach Laon, Key to German Position. DESPERATE ATTACK ON GERMAN LINE

Results in the Capture of Strong Position—Counter Attacks Repulsed—Greece Likely Join Allies—British Win Over German Aircraft.

General Petain has resumed his dashing operations on the Aisne front and today reports a brilliant success for his troops in a surprise attack northwest of Hurbise. The entire first line of the strong German position there was carried and held against counter-attacks. The Germans were badly cut up, besides losing more than 300 men in prisoners.

It is in this sector, between Craonne and Carney, that the most feasible route lies to the German fortress of Laon, the vital support of the whole German line on the French front. Last night's effort by the French, seems to indicate that their chief command has no idea of letting control of the situation slip from its grip under the nagging tactics recently adopted by Von Hindenburg, who has been trying his best by thrusts here and there to wrest control of dominating points from Petain's forces.

The Entente is proceeding rapidly with the exception of its program in Greece. Former Premier Venizelos, steadfast supporter of the Allies, has arrived in Athens to proceed with the work of forming a cabinet to which King Alexander has summoned him, and it is expected that he will have his new government shaped by Wednesday. A proposition that Greece join the Allies in the war is expected to be presented to the Parliament soon after its convocation, according to special dispatches. These add that three months time may find Greece in the field with her entire forces, after a campaign of educating the people to the facts of the situation which M. Venizelos is expected to conduct.

In the Greek capital there has been some trouble with the reactionary elements, today's dispatches show, and French troops yesterday entered the city and occupied several positions there to assist in the maintenance of order.

British aircraft waged a brilliant fight over Flanders on Monday, 3 naval machines engaging 10 German aeroplanes. In a 16-minute battle the Germans were worsted, one machine being brought down in flames while 2 others were believed to have been driven down out of control. The British came through unscathed.

ARGENTINE STEAMER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

(By Associated Press.) Buenos Aires, June 26.—The Argentine steamer Toro has been torpedoed off Gibraltar, according to information received by the government. The captain and crew of the steamer are Argentinians. The Toro was bound for Genoa with a cargo of Argentine products. The foreign minister has sent a message to the legation at Madrid to institute an inquiry into the matter.

BRITAIN'S EXPENSES MILLIONS DAILY

(By Associated Press.) London, June 26.—The total national expenditure for the nine weeks from October 8 to December 9 last was on a daily average of 6,615,000 pounds, says a statement in detail prepared by Andrew Bonar-Law, the Chancellor of the Exchequer for the House of Commons. For the five weeks from April 1 to May 5, 1917, the statement shows the daily average of expenditure was 7,971,000 pounds, while for the five weeks from May 6 to June 9, it was 7,532,000 pounds.

FROM MESSENGER BOY TO RAILWAY PRESIDENT.

(By Associated Press.) Omaha, Neb., June 26.—William M. Jeffers, who started railroading as a messenger boy at north Platte, Neb., 28 years ago, was yesterday chosen president of the Union Pacific railroad. Mr. Jeffers has been general manager of the road for several years. He retains the general management with his new duties. The appointment becomes effective July 1. Jeffers is about 47 years old.