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## England is Playing Square With Allies and America

### Lord Northcliffe Gives United Press Frank Interview as to Work- ings of British Censorship

### SUBMARINE MENACE SERIOUS

But Idea That German Submarines Can Win War  
He Asserts Preposterous.

Sensing a nation-wide doubt as to whether Britain has been telling the full truth regarding the German submarine successes and the campaign on the west front, the United Press today put the question squarely up to the best posted man in the British empire, Lord Northcliffe, and inquired whether America is getting all the facts.

In addition the difficulty of Americans accepting unreservedly Britain's claims of great interest in small nations and democracies, while the Irish question is unsettled, was pointed out and a request made for an authoritative statement of England's attitude.

As an indication of the importance attached to the inquiries by the British office, resulting interview was cabled to the United Press today over the British government's own line, evidently at the suggestion of the foreign office.

(By ED L. KEEN)  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
London, May 4.—America is getting the full and complete facts of every news feature of the British end of the war developments, except the actual figures of submarine losses—and may expect to receive them very soon. The submarine menace is the strongest card Germany has played, but it will never win the war.

The foregoing is on authority of the man whose prophesies and statements on the war have come to carry more weight than those of any other 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 and distrust in America resulting from the belief that British officialdom has 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 had so far but to pretend that the war can be won by the submarine is preposterous.

Certainly there can be no complaint of lack of frankness or of even censorship in the reports of the United Press and the Associated Press correspondents at the British front. In the early part of the war, I was one of the censorship's severest critics. But I am convinced that the present daily reports of the progress of the British advance as published here—in the United States are of the frankest statements made by any of the belligerents.

"The very fact that the Germans are concealing their huge losses in men and our methodical capture of their underground forts in battles around Arras should convince Americans that our successes have been great as to cause them to hide their losses in dead, wounded, prisoners, guns and other booty.

"When they were winning, the Germans are frankness itself. Today they are hiding even such facts as the capture of Bagdad, which they have not even allowed to be published

victories, which have put the proposed Berlin-Bagdad proposition out of action, are merely satires on the truth.

"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 their ships driven from the seas. Last year was the 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 Bavaria are discontented.

"Through the United Press I have repeatedly pointed out at various periods of the war that in my judgment the struggle will be a long one. I have not altered my judgment. A tyranny that has taken so many years to gather strength and has fortified itself by every possible mixture of brute force and science is not easily broken.

"I was talking today with an American citizen who left Austria with your ambassadorial train three weeks ago. He tells me that the Prussians and Bavarians long ago discounted the entrance of the United States into the war, being characteristically ignorant of the speed with which you will be able to make your preparations on the other hand, the Austrians and Hungarians greatly regretted having come to the parting of the ways with America, and their newspapers were permitted to say so.

"You asked about Ireland and I appreciate the stimulus that would be given the campaign in America were the Irish question settled. There is, however, no difficulty between England and Ireland. It should be remembered that the difficulty is between the Ulster protestants and the South and Southwest Catholics. Mr. Lloyd George is devoting a great amount of time in an effort to bring about union among the Irish people themselves. We hope no less than you for an early and satisfactory settlement.

"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 be suspected throughout the



PLAYING GERMAINE IN THE "CHIMES OF NORMANDY," COMIC OPERA BY ROBERT PLANQUETTE, AT CHAUTAQUA.

## PREPARING FOR CHAUTAQUA

COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AND ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR DISPOSING OF SEASON TICKETS

The Guarantors of the Chautauqua Association for 1917, met in the Court House last night at eight o'clock with thirty-five members present.

Dr. B. C. Hening was made Temporary Chairman and C. R. Pugh Temporary Secretary.

The following officers were elected for 1917:

G. R. Little, President.  
Dr. B. C. Hening, Vice President.  
J. C. Sawyer, Secretary.  
W. G. Gaither, Jr., Treasurer.

The following chairmen of the respective committees were elected: Ticket Committee, C. R. Pugh; Advertising Committee, Geo. T. Twiddy.

Junior Committee, Miss Mattie Harney.  
Hospitality Committee, J. W. Wilcox.  
Ground Committee, J. B. Leigh; W. J. Woodley; C. E. Kramer.  
Parade Committee, Miss Merton Woodley.

Tent Decoration, M. Leitch Sheep. Upon motion duly recorded and carried it was decided that each Guarantor should be given his proportionate number of tickets at the opening of the ticket campaign, and pay for the number of tickets which he expects to use in his own family when he first receives the tickets; that he shall be expected to use his efforts to sell his remaining quota of tickets until Friday, June 8th, before the opening of Chautauqua on Wednesday the 13th; that on Friday, June 8th, all tickets will be settled for with the ticket committee. From that date until the opening of Chautauqua the ticket committee will strive to sell the remaining unsold tickets.

The following resolutions were adopted: That all who sell tickets shall keep a record of all persons canvassed and purchasing tickets, by using the blanks provided by the Chautauqua Association for that purpose. That each Guarantor shall purchase and pay for as many tickets as he may reasonably expect to use as soon as the tickets may be offered for sale by the Chairman of the ticket committee.

The following committee appointments have been made: TICKET COMMITTEE: Dr. C. B. Williams, J. W. Wilcox, J. C. Sawyer, J. T. Stallings, Chas. Morgan, J. B. Leigh.

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## DOUBT AS TO WHO FIRED SHOT

DEFENSE IS EXPECTED TO MAKE MUCH OF THIS POINT IN THE SENSATIONAL VAWTER CASE

(By United Press)

Christianburg, May 4.—The defense in the sensational Vawter case rested today after the examination of two more witnesses and court recessed to allow a conference of the commonwealth attorney with Heth's brother.

It is thought possible that in the rebuttal the defense will enlarge upon Mrs. Vawter's statement that she had her finger on the trigger when the shot was fired which killed Heth, since by this statement doubt was created as to who actually fired the pistol and the difficulty of conviction was thereby increased.

Mrs. Vawter was unnerved by yesterday's ordeal on the witness stand when it was over and today remained at home in bed. The two witnesses today testified that Vawter was not drunk on the evening of the killing.

## TO MINE ENTIRE NORTH SEA

Washington, May 4.—The Allies are considering mining the entire North Sea in order to thwart the German submarines.

## DENY MINISTER DEMANDED PASSPORTS

London, May 4.—Berlin dispatches deny that the Chilean minister has demanded his passports.

## THIRTEEN MORE ARE PICKED UP

London, May 4.—Thirteen more survivors of the American Steamer Rockingham have been picked up. Only two are lost.

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## Situation Now Tense At Russian Capital

### Workmen and Soldiers at Logger- heads With Authorities of New Provisional Government and Grave Consequences May Result.

#### CRISIS IS APPARENTLY AVERTED

Petrograd, May 4.—A dramatic speech appealing to the patriotism of the workmen and soldiers was delivered this afternoon from the balcony of the Government building. Apparently the crisis has been staved off.

## DISSENSION IS INDICATED

EITHER GERMANY IS PLAYING PUBLICITY GAME OR IS THREATENED WITH ANARCHY UNLESS MATTERS CAN BE ADJUSTED

(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 relaxation in America's war preparations or Germany, is actually beset by the worst of international dissensions.

Private advices, apparently authentic, emphasize the seriousness of this situation in Germany and Austria and carry the hint that one solution may be the appointment of Bernstorff as successor to Foreign Secretary Zimmermann. The idea is that Bernstorff will attempt a reconciliation with the United States.

The near approach of a crisis is indicated in that bad feeling growing between Prussia and Austria. Anarchy is feared unless the people are shown some signs of peace and hope. The feeling is growing that the submarine campaign has not produced the results anticipated.

Hamburg, with its vast shipping industries now approves the course of the foreign office in opposing submarine ruthlessness. Hamburg holds that Germany's commercial prospects will be injured for years and that the shipping industries demand that Germany announce change of policy.

## LITTLE FOLKS ENTERTAINED

Poplar Branch, N. C., May 2.—The "Little Folks" of the first and second grades of Poplar Branch High School, tutelage of Miss Inez Reid, delightfully entertained a large and appreciative audience Saturday evening, April 28th and was pronounced a success from first to last.

The Dramatization of the Tar Baby which won the prize at the County Commencement, was given again. The minut, by four boys and four girls dressed in the costumes of long ago, was especially charming.

Refreshments were served and the total receipts amounted to \$59.00.

This amount will be added to the treasury of the Betterment Society which will be used in various ways for the new school building.

We of the Society wish to extend a vote of thanks to Miss Reid for the work and time which she has so unselfishly given to both school and community.

## CENSORSHIP CLAUSE KILLED BY HOUSE

(By United Press)

Washington, May 4.—The House

(By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD)

(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Petrograd, May 4.—Open rupture between Department Heads of the Provisional Government heads and committees representing the workmen and soldiers came today when the committees demanded that the government take the workmen and soldiers into their full confidence.

For some time the tension has been growing and the first clash between the two factions came yesterday.

The greatest indignation has been aroused among the workmen and soldiers representative by the announcement that the Provisional Government intended to stand by the Czar's contracts with his allies.

At yesterday's meeting of the Russian Council with the Foreign Minister two thousand soldiers with loaded rifles from the Petrograd garrison guarded the building where the meeting was being held. Thousands of citizens gathered in a gigantic demonstration against Foreign Minister Mulikoff. Speakers from the soldier and sailor delegations exhorted the people to join them in their demand that the Government take all the people into their confidence. A monster mass meeting is planned for tonight. There is no disguising the tenacity of the situation. The soldiers and workmen declare that they will not approve any loans to Russia until they are fully apprised of the complete war aims of the Entente. They disapprove vigorously of the statement credited to Mulikoff that Russia's aim is to crush Germany and Austria.

## BRITISH ADVANCE IS THROWN BACK

GERMAN RESERVES FLUNG VIOLENTLY INTO NEW BRITISH FORCE SLIGHT GIVING OF GROUND BUT LOSS IS COMPENSATED BY OTHER GAINS

(By United Press)

London, May 4.—With tremendous weight the German reserves were flung violently into line today and the British advance was forced to fall back slightly.

British troops from advanced positions captured Yahalk it is reported. The statement however revealed progress in an entirely new sector from that which the British drive centered for the past 48 hours.

## ARMISTICE ON THE BATTLE FRONT

Meantime a virtual armistice exists along almost the entire Russian front. Not a shot has been fired by either side for more than a month and on the entire Russo-German front there is no real activity of any sort. At many places the Russians and Germans are fraternizing, meeting unarmed in no-mans land. This is learned from soldiers here from the front.

WEATHER

Washington, May 4.—The House