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RUSSIA HAS PASSED CRISIS

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FACTIONS MELTING AWAY INTO FORMATION OF CABINET COMMANDING SUPPORT OF ALL

(By United Press)

Petrograd, May 17.—The Workmen's and Soldier's delegates today nominated five Radicals for the proposed coalition cabinet, as follows: Minister of Justice, M. Malgantochche, social democrat; Minister of Agriculture, Tohernov, revolutionary socialist; Minister of Munitions, Pjeshe honor, Peoples Socialist; Minister without portfolio, Skobeloff, social democrat; and Avksjentev, revolutionary socialist.

Petrograd, May 17.—Russia appeared today to have passed the crisis in her political sickness and to have started on the road to convalescence.

Differences between the Duma government and the soldiers and workmen delegates are melting away in the formation of a cabinet which it seems certain will be supported by all factions.

The executive committee of soldiers and workmen met with the Duma yesterday and asked the ministry to include in the reorganized cabinet three social-democrats and three national socialists,—six out of the twelve cabinet posts.

Alarmist reports of anarchy at Vladivostok are officially denied.

One of the things that seemed to have had great effect in stopping strife was the statements printed in Russian newspapers from prominent Americans urging complete democracy and unity of effort to oust autocratic Germany. The statement of Hamilton Holt, New York editor, and a number of American socialists saying that the United States seeks neither favor nor aggrandizement in the war was received with especial favor.

MORE PROGRESS AT BULLECOURT

(By United Press)

London, May 17.—More progress at Bullecourt is reported by General Haig today. His forces advanced further through the village, reaching the western edge.

Paris, May 17.—For the second successive night the German troops last night threw violent attacking waves against French positions north of Moulin and Lefaux. These attacks were again repulsed. Three waves of the Germans were likewise checked northeast of Bray En Lannais.

EXPORTATION OF WHEAT BARRED

Buenos Aires May 17.—Argentine today announced the prohibition of the export of wheat.

This is the second announcement of an embargo on wheat but the first was held in abeyance because of British protest backed by the United States.

EIGHTEEN CAMPS IN THE SOUTH

(By United Press)

Washington, May 17. Thirty two provisional camps are to be established to house the National Guard and troops of the New National Army.

Eighteen of these will be in southern territory to allow training all the year around.

PAY TRIBUTE TO CHOATE

(By United Press)

New York, May 17.—A crowd that included both the humble and the exalted paid tribute to the memory of Joseph Choate, former ambassador to Britain, at the simple funeral service held at St. Bartholomew Church here today.

ALLIES TRADE CONGRESS TODAY

Rome, May 17.—The economic Union of the Entente Allies, for trade cooperation during and after the war will be tightened by the Inter-parliamentary Commercial Congress scheduled to hold its first session today. American cooperation in the plans under way will be

SPIRES—JACOBS

Mr. Edward Woodruff Spires, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Office here and Miss Hazel Lei Jacobs were married Thursday morning at five o'clock by Rev. D. P. Harris at his residence on Cherry street. Miss Pearl Duncan of South Mills was the Brides Maid and Mr. R. G. Rollinson was Mr. Spire's best man.

They left on the six o'clock train for their bridal tour to Baltimore, Md., Washington, D. C., and other cities.

Mr. Spires is the son of Mrs. Sadie Mae Wood on Hunter street and Miss Jacobs is the daughter of Mr. Carl Jacobs, proprietor of the Carolina Hotel.

MAY LESSEN SALT IN N. C. SOUND

BUT ON OTHER HAND SHOULD SOUND BECOME SALT AGAIN CERTAIN ADVANTAGES FIRST POINTED OUT BY MR. PUGH OF THIS CITY WOULD ACCRUE

Washington, D. C., May 17.—J. P. Jerve, Lieutenant Colonel of the Corps of U S Engineers with headquarters at Norfolk, has filed the following report concerning the cause and the possible effects of the brackishness of the water of Currituck sound since the purchase by the Government of the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal:

A study covering the advisability of dispensing with a tidal lock at the north end of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal at Great Bridge, Va., has been in progress for some time and is nearing completion. The effect of the opening of the present lock on currents, water elevations, abutting lands and tributary waters is being noted in connection with this study. The observations taken and the probable effect of the omission of the lock will be made the subject of a special report when the necessary data shall have been collected and fully digested.

The lock referred to is a tidal lock, with two sets of gates. One set of gates excludes the flood tide of the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River from the canal, and the other set of gates excludes the water of the canal from the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River when the latter stream is at ebb. The lock was old and in bad repair when the United States purchased the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal. Early in 1916 a part of the timber floor rose about eighteen inches above its proper elevation at a point traversed by the set of gates designed to exclude the flood tide of the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River, and made the operation of these gates impossible unless very expensive pairs were undertaken. In view of the fact that a tidal lock can probably be dispensed with and that if it cannot be dispensed with a new lock must be built in the near future, the repairs required to operate the set of gates which have been rendered inoperative were not undertaken and the flood tide of the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River was admitted into the canal. But in order to provide navigation with the greatest depth of water possible in the unimproved portion of the canal, the water in the canal was not allowed to ebb. This mode of operating the lock introduced a prism of salt water in the canal twice in every twenty-four hours and confined it therein.

The North end of Currituck Sound is about 23 miles south of the tidal lock at Great Bridge and all the water admitted into the canal under the above method of lock operation found its way into Currituck Sound, the waters of which have become brackish in the past year.

Further progress in deepening the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal has now made it practicable to allow the gates of the tidal lock to remain open continuously. This mode of operation was put into effect on the first day of the present month. It is possible that the free ebb and flow of the current in the canal will diminish the degree of salinity in Currituck Sound or perhaps permit it to remain fresh.

The effect of brackish water on the fishing industry in Currituck Sound may or may not be detrimental. Some residents of the section affected take the view that it would cause consid-

NEXT SESSION TA WILMINGTON

EPISCOPAL COUNCIL ADJOURNED WEDNESDAY NIGHT AFTER MOST SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYABLE SESSION

The Annual Council of the Diocese of East Carolina closed its three day session last night. The session was most successful and enjoyable on account of the efficiency of the various committees during the past year and the generous response of the Parishes of the Diocese throughout East Carolina. Marked progress was evident in every branch of the work.

The next meeting of the Council will be held at Wilmington in St. John's Church beginning its session on the third Wednesday in May 1918.

At Wednesday afternoon's meeting the Pension fund was discussed and it was decided that this fund should be raised under the supervision of the Diocese. The finance committee made its report which showed that the Diocese in a better financial condition than at any previous annual report.

On Wednesday night an informal Devotional Service was held in which many laymen as well as ministers made five minute speeches.

The Council passed resolutions expressing its appreciation of the splendid entertainment given by the people of Elizabeth City.

All services and the business meetings of the Council were opened to the public and many visitors from other denominations in the city attended its sessions.

IRISH REJECT PREMIER'S PLAN

(By United Press)

London, May 17.—Irish Nationalists rejected the Premier's plan of the partition of Ulster in settlement of the Home Rule controversy today but agreed to adopt his suggestion to have a convention of Irish men of all parties to devise a system of government.

CENSORS HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE

Whether or not the Administration will press for censorship by law depends on the conduct of the voluntary censorship for the next few weeks, it was learned today.

President Wilson is disposed to give voluntary censorship another chance.

LOSE HOMES IN BIG FIRE

Danville, May 17.—In a fire this morning in the residential section E. W. Dodson, J. T. Galtin, and Townes Wimbish, prominent business men, lost their beautiful homes on West Main street. The loss is estimated at fifty thousand. The fire started from a faulty flue.

KIGHT—NEEDHAM

Mr. Milton Kight of Riddle and Miss Nannie Needham of Old Trap were married Thursday by Justice of the Peace, Mr. J. W. Munden, at his office.

be beneficial. No damage of consequence, if any at all, has been done as yet, to either fishing or hunting. Should the water of Currituck Sound become very brackish, it is certain that fish which inhabit fresh water, only will be driven from this sound, but on the other hand salt water fish will take their places and oysters and crabs will then exist in these waters, from which they are now absent.

Prior to the time when the inlet on Currituck Beach which connected the Atlantic Ocean with Currituck Sound closed itself through the operation of natural causes, the water of Currituck Sound was salty, and according to local history, the inhabitants of the section were then as concerned about the change to fresh water as some of them now appear to be about a possible change from fresh water to salt water. It is said that efforts were made to reopen the inlet by ditching after it had silted up.

This office is investigating the subject in an impartial manner and will take into consideration all interests concerned in making a recommendation as to the need of a

MRS. BETTIE NORMAN DIED AT NORFOLK

Sister of N. G. Grandy of This City Passed Away Wednesday Afternoon at Age of 71.

Mr. N. G. Grandy of this city received word Wednesday evening of the death at her home in that city of his sister, Mrs. Bettie F. Norman of Norfolk.

Mrs. Norman died Wednesday afternoon at the age of 71 years. The funeral was conducted at her residence, 729 Duke street, Norfolk at three o'clock Thursday afternoon. Interment followed in Elmwood.

OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE SHEEP

West Raleigh, May 17.—Returning from a sheep and wool conference held at Philadelphia recently, Mr. R. S. Curtis, Animal Husbandman, North Carolina Experiment Station says that farmers of the South now have an opportunity to purchase western range breeding ewes at a reasonable price. These will be distributed by car lots due to an arrangement made with western breeders by the Philadelphia Wool and Textile Association. The great value of the western range animal is the comparative freedom from stomach worm, as all farmers know, is one of the most serious pests effecting the sheep industry of North Carolina.

Mr. Curtis states that these ewes are also valuable breeders, and would do well under North Carolina conditions. The meeting at Philadelphia was largely attended by sheep and wool men from over the entire United States and it was agreed that the western range ewe would suit our conditions better than any other. Mr. Curtis would be glad to have all men interested in the matter of sheep raising to write him at once so that arrangements may be made to have a shipment of the animals made to this state. Many inquiries have been received in regard to the matter and others should take up the matter at an early date if interested.

Tonight's Show At Alkrama

Thursday at the Alkrama Paramount pictures presents the extraordinary star Vivian Martin in one of the best pictures ever shown here. Vivian Martin is one of the favorites in Elizabeth City, and in this new play, "The Spirit of Romance" she has every opportunity to display her vivaciousness, and versatility of character. Friday is special feature day at the Alkrama and Charles Ray and other Triangle stars have been booked to present "The Honorable Algy" which Manager Kramer says is one of the pictures that you can't afford to miss. Pearl White in "Pearl of the Army" is another picture for Friday night, and one that is sure to please.

The Alkrama takes great pleasure in announcing that it has secured William Fox's great picture "The Sins of Her Parents" for the Saturday special. This picture features Gladys Brockwell, and is a picture that every mother ought to see. Remember Saturday is the day. Also Musty Suffer in "The Pirate Bold." Fancy Musty being a Pirate.

NEW THEATRE MAY 17th

"The Phantom Buccaneer," one of the most thrilling screen attractions ever produced, is a new Essanay's feature. Adapted from Victor Bridges' gripping novel, "Another Man's Shoes," this vivid picture is a masterpiece of photoplay. Opening with an exciting battle scene which makes the audience clutch its seats, it carries this tense, dramatic action thru to the end. In scenic splendor, as well as acting, this great feature is a marvel of the camera's art.

"The Phantom Buccaneer," is being released through the Kleino-Edison-Selig-Essanay service. The screen time is 1 hour, 20 minutes.

Its cast is notable, Richard Travers, one of the most widely known stars in motion pictures, is seen in the lead. Appearing with him is Miss Gertrude Glover. An excellent company of more than 100 persons sup-

ITALY UNCOVERS BIG GERMAN PLOT

TALE OF INTRIGUE REACHING INTO THE INNER CIRCLES OF THE VATICAN AND INVOLVING A CARDINAL TOLD FOR FIRST TIME

(By FRANK GETTY)

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

London, May 17.—A tale of German intrigue reaching into the inner circles of the Vatican, involving the hasty flight of Cardinal Gerlach from Italy, the cracking of a safe in the secret headquarters of the German Embassy at Vienna, and the mysterious escape from prison of Italy's two most notorious criminals, was told for the first time today to the United Press by a reliable authority.

Stranger than fiction, the true story of the inside workings of the Italian secret service in tracking down the pro-German element of the Pope's court forms a dramatic chapter in the secret history of the war.

On the sixth of April, Vienna dispatches announced the burglary of a house, adjoining "but having no connection with," the German Embassy. A large sum of money was said to have been secured by the robbers, who escaped.

The same night a sensation was caused in Rome by the flight of Cardinal Gerlach across the Swiss border. Italian secret service agents burst in the doors of His Eminence's house two hours after his escape and discovered the machinations of a score of pro-German plots. The next day more than three hundred arrests resulted throughout Italy.

This, for ten days, was all the world knew concerning the workings of the German espionage system. No one connected an insignificant robbery in the Austrian capitol with the Cardinal's disappearance and the wholesale arrests of German agents.

Another event which caused little interest at the time of its occurrence, yet which had direct bearing on the successful breaking up of the Teuton spy-net, was the reported "escape" early in January, of two of Italy's most notorious safe-crackers, who had been incarcerated for life in prison at Rome.

What has never been disclosed until today is the fact that a warrant for their release was signed by the Prefect of all the Italian police himself, and that each of the criminals was later given \$10,000 by the Italian government. The service they rendered the government proved well-worth the price.

For more than two years the Italian secret service, extending its research over a far greater ground than one realizes even today, had succeeded in tracing certain pro-German plots and intrigue in Italy to Vienna. In the Austrian capital, spies succeeded in narrowing the search down to a certain house, adjoining "but having no connection with," the German Embassy.

Had they acted hastily, the spies might have burgled the house, robbed the safe, and even laid hands on a certain set of precious papers the Italian government was keenly interested in. But that is as far as they would have gotten. For attached to the bundle of documents so highly desired by three governments was an intricate series of wires. With almost devilish ingenuity the Germans had provided that if the safe were opened and the papers moved, a cloud of poison gas, deadly in effect, would envelop the disturber and render the entire room in which the safe was located uninhabitable. At the same time a cleverly devised burglar alarm would call sufficient military police to the scene to deal with any number of intruders.

When every detail of the hiding-place of the papers had been learned, the secret service agents reported in detail to Rome. On a favorable dark night the "escape" of the famous safe crackers from the prison outside of the Italian capital was arranged and effected. Promised their freedom and ten thousand dollars apiece if they succeeded, the criminals had agreed to undertake the dangerous mission.

How they were smuggled into Vienna, no one will ever know, but when they did undertake the robbery of the safe, they were provided with gas-masks and every tool for safe-opening known to the police or crim-

IT'S WAR NOW TO THE END

THIS IS GERMANY'S NEW ATTITUDE AND SHE NO LONGER SEEKS TO THROW OUT FALSE HINTS OF PEACE

(By United Press)

Copenhagen, May 17.—Germany is no longer playing possum by letting hints creep out through her censorship showing alleged popular waves for peace, thus seeking to lull her enemies into the belief that she is weakening.

On the contrary, her attitude now is war, uncompromisingly and bitterly to the end.

Americans here see in this new development the necessity for throwing all of America's weight immediately into the fray.

Holweg's speech is regarded here by Americans as that of a leader victorious in a small sized encounter with antagonistic political elements but they are not sure even that a serious political crisis threatened Holweg. It was possibly mere propaganda to spread authenticated reports of internal dissension with the idea that reports of unrest might influence Russia as well as the United States.

FRATERNIZING HAS CEASED

RUSSIAN AND TEUTONIC SOLDIERS STOP FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH SUDDEN FURY

Petrograd, May 17.—Fraternizing between Russian and Teutonic soldiers, has stopped along practically all the northern front, according to dispatches received here today.

A single incident brought about this change. One Russian regiment refused to fraternize and the Germans retaliated by overwhelming that regiment with gas and intense rifle and artillery fire. The German guns are now roaring on the greater part of the front.

MILLIONS OF DISEASE GERMS ON EXHIBITION

New York, May 17.—A food and Hygiene exhibit, to instruct the public in war problems of economical feeding and in health measures, opened today at the American Museum of Natural History. Included in the exhibit will be the largest collection of disease germs in the world and a miniature model of Columbia University's proposed \$700,000 war hospital.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY MEETS IN DALLAS

Dallas, Tex., May 17.—Nearly two thousand delegates are expected to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church which opened a week's convention here today. An entire hotel has been chartered by the committee on arrangements.

evading the certain death of the alarm signals was a comparatively simple matter for these Jimmy Valentine's of Italy, and the papers, which incriminated prominent personages throughout Italy were soon in the possession of the secret service.

For obvious reasons they could not instantly communicate their knowledge to headquarters at Rome, and in the meantime, while announcing the robbery of a "large sum of money" the Austrians succeeded, by means of a secret wireless, in communicating with Cardinal Gerlach, who departed unceremoniously from the papal court. With the evidence in hand, however the Italian police were able to round up several hundred of the most dangerous German plotters, and to strike into the heart of a Teutonic element in the highest church circles of Rome.

Special prices on ladies coats, suits and dresses at MITCHELL'S. Value up to \$25.00.....now \$12.50