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ALLIES PREPARED FOR NEW OFFENSIVE

Believe the New Offensive is Imminent, and Allies are Fully Prepared. Heavy Artillery Activity Now in Progress.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 21.—The enemy's new offensive against the western front is deemed here to be imminent. The French and British are fully prepared to meet the new onslaught, which they know will have the same character as the offensive launched on March 21.

BRITISH CAPTURE VILLE SUR ANCRE AND 360 PRISONERS

LONDON, May 21.—The village of Ville-sur-Ancre, north of Morelancourt on the Amiens front has been recaptured by the British, and Australian troops making a successful raid during the night, in which they took 360 prisoners and 20 machine guns, according to Field Marshal Haig's report. The casualties on the British side were light.

GERMANS OCCUPY BJORKO ISLAND

(Special to The Guardian)
PETROGRAD, May 21.—German troops have occupied Bjorko, an island in the Gulf of Finland, south of Viborg, and thirty miles northwest of Petrograd.

MUSSULMANS AND BOLSHIVIKI IN DEADLY CONFLICT

A deadly conflict is proceeding between Mussulmans and the Bolshiviki on the Caspian sea coast, 2,000 persons having been killed and 3,000 are wounded.

AUSTRIANS AGAIN BECOMING ACTIVE

PARIS, May 21.—Military critics in the French press think that the new German offensive will extend to the Italian front where the Austrians lately have shown so much artillery activity.

AUSTRIA PREPARES FOR WAR LOAN

(Special to The Guardian)
AMSTERDAM, May 21.—Austria is preparing to float her eighth war loan. The interest will be 5½ per cent.

WINNIPEGGER ELECTED VETERANS' PRESIDENT

WINNIPEG, May 20.—W. T. Papp, recently elected president of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association of Winnipeg, has been unanimously elected first president of the Dominion-wide organization which has been formed during the convention of veterans which has been in session in the city. Lieut.-Col. George B. Carruthers, of Winnipeg, was made first honorary president of the new organization. Dr. D. P. Evans, of Kingston, Ont., was unanimously chosen vice-president.

PERMANENT OFFICERS CAN GO OVERSEAS

MONTREAL, May 20.—Major-General E. W. Mason, C.M.C., announced this morning that he had received advice from Ottawa that officers of the permanent force, were to be allowed to go overseas. The communication to General Wilson read as follows: "It is considered that the time has arrived when officers of the permanent force who have been retained in Canada should proceed overseas with drafts, and with special letters to the Adjutant General overseas requesting that these officers be retained. Wherever such officers are now employed in Canada, it is requested that the District Officer Commanding should replace them with suitable returned officers who have had actual experience in the theatre of war, so as to render the officers of the permanent force, available to proceed at the earliest possible date."

THE WEATHER

TEMPERATURE.
TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, May 20.—Showery and thunderstorms.

The tide will be high this morning at 8.13 and tomorrow at 8.53; it will be high this evening at 8.58 and tomorrow at 9.54.

The sun sets this evening at 8.42 and tomorrow at 8.43; it rises tomorrow morning at 5.45 and Thursday at 5.45.

The moon sets tomorrow morning at 3.39.

The first quarter of the moon was on Friday, May 17th at 3.14 p.m.

There will be a full moon on Saturday, May 25th, at 5.32 p.m.

The length of today will be fourteen hours and fifty-six minutes.

MANY SINN FEINERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED

President and Number of Officers of Sinn Fein Have Been Arrested. Evidence Showing Collusion with Germans Discovered.

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, May 20.—Professor Edward D. Valera, President of the Sinn Fein, Arthur Graffin, founder of the Sinn Fein, Countess Markievicz, Dr. Dillon and Killiam Cosgrave, Sinn Fein M.P. for Kilkenny, have been arrested, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Dublin. A considerable number of arrests have been made in Dublin and throughout Ireland, according to a despatch to The Times from Dublin, dated 2 o'clock Saturday morning. A later despatch from Dublin adds to the list of those arrested the names of H. McIlwaine and half a dozen others, who have not been identified here.

Professor Valera is president of the Sinn Fein; Mr. Griffin is vice-president; Mr. Cosgrave one of the treasurers; Mr. Pigg is one of the secretaries, and Mr. Dillon and the Countess Markievicz are members of the executive committee of the Sinn Fein organization. Several of them were arrested or interned in connection with the Dublin revolt of two years ago, at Easter time.

Oddly enough today's events occur on the occasion of another festival of the church in Ireland, and Irish affairs again have come to the fore. The discovery of a German plot involving certain persons in Ireland was announced last night in Dublin by the issuance of a proclamation signed by Edward Shortt, chief secretary for Ireland, Vincent French.

The proclamation asserts that British subjects resident in Ireland have entered into treasonable communication with the German enemy, and calls for drastic measures to put down the German plot. Voluntary recruiting is urged in order that col-

lusion may be avoided and that the Irish may assist in putting down the conspiracy.

SUSPECTS TAKEN FROM THEIR BEDS

(Special to The Guardian)
The arrest of all the prominent Sinn Feiners was carried out smoothly and successfully. Many were taken from their beds.

Reports of arrests are coming in from Galway, Cork, Sligo, Athlone, Dundalk, Casel, Enniscorthy, Kilkenny, Tullamore, Drogheda, Athlery, Westport, Longhore and Roscommon. Men employed in the last Sinn Fein Election Campaign have been arrested.

ACTION TAKEN NONE TOO SOON

DUBLIN, May 20.—The Irish Times of Saturday says the Government has not acted a moment too soon as all the signs pointed to another outbreak of armed violence possibly in connection with the landing of German troops on Irish shores.

WAS A COMPLETE SURPRISE
LONDON, May 21.—The policy of the iron hand has been adopted in the dealing with Sinn Fein in Ireland. The movement was apparently a complete surprise, and most of those arrested were quickly placed aboard ships.

Documents of great importance in connection with the conspiracy have fallen into the hands of the Government through the arrest by coast guards of a man with certain evidence upon him. The reality of the plot was known for some time. It is available that Sinn Feiners have been in reasonable touch with the enemy and supplying the U-boats. Practically all the rebels have been rounded up.

ANOTHER AIR RAID MADE ON LONDON

Four of the Hostile Planes Were Brought Down. A Number of Bombs Were Dropped. No Report of the Casualties Sustained.

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, May 21.—Hostile aircraft crossed the east of Kent and Essex shortly after eleven o'clock last evening and proceeded towards London.

OVER \$12,000,000 FOR THE RED CROSS

LONDON, May 20.—According to Reuters' Limited, the report of the British Red Cross fund for 1917, just issued, shows that the response to the appeal for overseas aid at home resulted in a gross amount of £2,577,888, as compared with £1,210,037 in 1916. With the exception of enemy countries, virtually every country in the world figures in the list. The collection throughout the Indian Empire realized £280,000. The home return shows an increase over 1916, being more than £700,000, as against £400,000. The result in Ireland was particularly good, the total £113,967, being nearly five times the amount collected in 1916.

AERIAL MAIL SERVICE ACCOMPLISHED FACT

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—Aerial mail service in the United States has become an accomplished fact. Three hours and twenty minutes after a machine piloted by Lieut. Torrey H. Webb, left the Belmont Flying Field, near New York City, today, the mail it carried was landed in Washington, and within thirty-three minutes Boy Scouts had completed delivery of the 735 parcels consigned to Washington, including nineteen pieces for the White House.

236,490 POUNDS OF FOOD DESTROYED

OTTAWA, May 20.—The results of the Food Controller's investigation of reports that 236,490 pounds of food were destroyed in Toronto between April 4th and April 29th last, are contained in a return tabled in the Commons today in response to a motion by Edmund Probyn, of Prescott. The investigation indicated that the loss had been due chiefly to freezing of the foodstuffs during shipment. Eleven thousand pounds of onions were frozen en route from New York and a quantity of apples from Nova Scotia arrived in Toronto unfit for consumption. Warehouses in Toronto are now being regularly inspected and steps are taken by the inspectors to place on the market any food in danger of being wasted. At present the Food Board is putting on the market 800 barrels of apples in storage in Toronto.

RUSSIA IS DETERMINED

Will Mobilize all Forces to Resist the Huns
WASHINGTON, May 20.—A copy of the protest made by the Soviet Government to the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs on April 20, against German aggressions, made public today by the State Department, shows that the Russians gave notice of their intention to mobilize "all necessary forces in order to secure the freedom and independence of the Russian Republic, which is now menaced beyond the limits established by the Brest Treaty."

\$2,900,000 ADVANCED FOR SOLDIER SETTLEMENT

Dominion Government Will Co-operate With Provincial Governments.

(From our own Correspondent.)
OTTAWA, May 21.—A vote of \$2,900,000 for advances to soldiers settling up on the land and the cost of administering the Soldier Settlement Act passed in the House of Commons.

Hon. Arthur Meighen explained that this was the first vote under the act which provided for money being advanced to soldiers settling upon the land in order that they might buy seeds, etc. The number of applications disposed of under the Act so far was 272 and the total amount advanced amounted to \$341,888. The average advance to settlers had been \$1,256. As a matter of general policy the Dominion government proposed to work toward co-operative arrangements with the various provinces in the treatment of soldiers desiring to settle upon the land.

KING THANKS U.S. FOR RED CROSS HELP

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 21.—King George, in a telegram to President Wilson on the eve of the second Red Cross appeal, says:

"I thank you in the name of my people for the assistance already afforded the sick and wounded in Allied countries. The unexampled munificence of America's first response provided a noble record in charitable work and I feel sure that her generous-hearted people will again respond to an extent that that great country alone can command."

PRESIDENT WILSON ADDRESSES FRANCE

(Special to The Guardian)
WASHINGTON, May 21.—President Wilson, in an address to the people of France, said: "American hearts go with the armies amidst the blood-stained battlefields of valiant France. Americans are your brothers in the great, holy common cause."

TELEGRAPHERS STRIKE IS THREATENED

(Special to The Guardian)
TORONTO, May 21.—Leaders of organized telegraphers here declared that a strike of the Great North Western Telegraph operators, all over the system is imminent. This is a result of the refusal of the company to re-employ Thomas Taylor and George Thompson, general operators who were yesterday acquitted by a jury of conspiracy in regard to the sending of telegrams relating to betting. Telegraphers have been received from the chairman of the Eastern and Western districts of the G. N. W. today, demanding compensation of the men with full pay for lost time.

CERTIFICATE OF HONOR FOR DISCHARGED MEN

LONDON, May 20.—The War Office announces the award of a special certificate of honor, called "King's Certificate of Discharge," to all ranks, except the officers of the navy, army and air force, discharged through wounds or disabilities incurred on active service or through other enemy action. A second discharge certificate is awarded where the recipients of the first voluntarily re-enlist and are re-discharged.

TEUTON WOMAN STOLE FORTUNE

AMSTERDAM, May 20.—Newspapers received here from Breslau, Germany tell of a woman, whose criminal career reached its sensational height in the empire, being sentenced to six years' imprisonment for filching millions from the credulous, the court in sentencing the woman said her punishment would have been made severe, if it had not been for the fact that her dupes were also criminal, expecting to profit by violations of the law. The woman now serving her time is the wife of a humble clerk employed in a municipal department. His name is Gohl. The woman is forty-eight years old, but still handsome and of striking figure. She was for years a regular first nighter. She would appear bedecked with diamonds worth a million marks. When her daughter was married recently she paid 100,000 marks for her trousseau.

CZECHS THREATEN REVOLUTION IN BOHEMIA

WASHINGTON, May 20.—According to an official despatch from Paris today quoting a telegram to the Math. from Zurich, it is asserted that the Czech delegation in Vienna, through their leader, Deputy Stanek, has declared that if the Austrian Government proceeds to establish German districts in Bohemia, the Czech nation will answer with bloody revolution. The despatch says Judoslav circles are preparing for a struggle.

ANARCHISTS WERE TOOLS OF GERMAN BOMB PLOTTERS

But Supply Designed for Distribution in Italy was Seized by Zurich Police.—Editor Under Arrest
WASHINGTON, May 20.—Revolutionary documents and bombs and fragments of German origin destined for distribution in Italy have been seized recently by the Zurich police, says an official despatch to the Italian embassy.

The munitions were found in chests consigned to Gino Andreis, editor of the anarchist newspaper, *Marche*, who has been under arrest charged with espionage in Switzerland since last November. The report said also that Andreis' brother and three other suspects of implication in the plot escaped to Germany.

PREMIER BORDEN GOES TO ENGLAND

Will Probably be Accompanied by Hons. Rowell, Meighen and Calder to be Followed Later by C. C. Ballantyne and General Mewburn.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, May 21.—According to present arrangements Parliament will prorogue next Wednesday.

There is talk of a fall session, but this will not be settled until Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues return from London. The developments at the imperial war conference or the negotiations with the Grand Trunk directors, may call for a further session in the fall.

Sir Robert will not be long absent from Canada, and expects to be back in Ottawa within six weeks after his departure, unless there is a last minute change. Sir Robert will be accompanied by Hon. N. W. Rowell, Hon. Arthur Meighen and Hon. J. A. Calder. Mr. Rowell is going as the chairman of the war committee of the cabinet. Mr. Meighen and Mr. Calder

GOVT. IN STRONG POSITION

(From our own Correspondent.)
OTTAWA, May 21.—The Government has wound up the session in a strong position. There is no question as to the continuation of Sir Robert Borden as leader of the new Unionist party, and Liberal Unionists within the cabinet and the House have every confidence in the Prime Minister.

ALLIED AVIATORS NOW RULE THE AIR ON THE WESTERN FRONT

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, May 20.—The ideal flying weather yesterday on the British front in Flanders constituted a bad period for the enemy air service. One British brigade alone up to three o'clock in the afternoon had destroyed five German planes, and had driven six others down out of control, according to unofficial but reliable figures which the correspondent learned, and at least five other hostile machines were sent crashing down.

Today is another perfect day and it is certain to see many bitter clashes in the air.

GERMANS DISAPPOINTED

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, May 16.—(via Reuters' Ottawa Agency)—Most of the fighting of the past twenty-four hours has been aerial. Last night, taking advantage of a clear moonlight atmosphere the Germans carried out a series of bombing raids against the back areas of the Allied zone. Our airships are ceaselessly busy over the territory where the Germans are thickest and where their communications are most vulnerable.

A German non-commissioned officer captured lately throws light on the disappointment the Germans sustained in their unsuccessful attack on the Belgian front on April 17. He says the operation was designed to develop into a great tank movement. So certain was the High Command of success that the Kaiser came to Yser to witness the attack and having in his pocket the "sichel" the next highest German decoration to the Order Pour Merit, which he designed to bestow upon the General directing the attack. But

CANNED GOODS AND SUGAR ARE SCARCE

TORONTO, May 20.—Supplies of sugar in wholesalers' hands are limited. Otherwise trade in this line is moderately active.

KAISER WOULD HAVE USURPED SCYPTRE FROM DYING HAND

James Gordon Bennett's Death Leaves Story Showing Unnatural Spirit of the Present Ruler
PARIS, May 20.—The death of Jas. Gordon Bennett permits the release of the following story, which he told to a friend in January.

JESS WILLARD LOSING FRIENDS

NEW YORK, May 20.—Jess Willard can now stay in seclusion on his Kansas ranch until the war is over. Jess earned the public opposition that showed up so strongly when he wanted to fight a prize bout with Fulton. There never has been a time when Willard wasn't all for little Jess. He wanted all the money for everything he had anything to do with. When he was with his circus, and happened to be in town with a Red Cross show, he flatly refused to even appear at the Red Cross affair and allow himself to be introduced. He wanted money for showing himself to the public. No money—no show.

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