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GERMAN CHANCELLOR IS STILL WHISTLING

Declares Socialists' Programme of No Annexations and No Indemnities is Unacceptable to Germany. She Must Fight and Conquer. Declares She Can Continue War Indefinitely and Win in the End.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) BERNE.—According to Berlin newspapers, German Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg said to the members of the Reichstag, "I repeat that the formula of peace without annexations is unacceptable to us. We cannot declare our terms of peace; we must fight and conquer."

The Chancellor firmly refused to subscribe to the Socialists' principle of no annexations and no indemnities. His stand apparently was that Germany would be able to continue the war indefinitely and this being so Germany could win in the end.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) BERLIN.—Unless all present indications fall in the course of the next few days, the German empire is on the event of a momentous if not historical parliamentary upheaval. Developments under the gilded dome of the Reichstag building in the last 48 hours point squarely to a significant realignment of various factions in fa-

vor of sweeping electoral and parliamentary reforms, in spite of the present stubborn resistance of the reactionary old guard.

The recent discussions have been of gravely significant import is indicated clearly by the sudden decision to postpone the Saturday plenary session which was to have marked the opening of the general debate and the expected speech of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg. The absence of the chancellor from the sessions of the main and constitutional committees in the last few days has caused general comment in parliamentary circles as exceptional in view of the confidential character of the discussions. Late Saturday it was announced that the desire of the chancellor to inform himself more thoroughly on the nature of the committee conferences was responsible for the delay of the general sessions. The session promises to be one of the most memorable in the history of the empire.

FIELD CROP REPORTS

Interesting Prospectus of Canada's Field Crops. Maritime Provinces Give Excellent Promise.

Ottawa, July 5.—A special press bulletin issued today by the Census and Statistics Office gives the following report on the condition of field crops throughout Canada at the end of June, as summarized from telegrams from selected correspondents, including the Superintendents of the Dominion Experimental Farms by arrangement with the Department of Agriculture. The reports for Saskatchewan and Alberta are furnished by the respective Departments of Agriculture for those provinces.

Atlantic Provinces.—In PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND the weather conditions have been favourable for maximum growth and a heavy hay crop is assured in most districts. Cereal crops are sturdy and healthy in appearance, while early wheat is two feet high. Roots, corn and potatoes germinated well and are growing rapidly. Fruit of all kinds is most promising as no frost occurred since the bloom opened. In NOVA SCOTIA seedling wheat is retarded by the wet weather; but crops since June 12 have been making rapid progress. Fruit prospects are good. In NEW BRUNSWICK a wet cold May was followed by a wet June. The grain acreage is short and the stand poor. The potato acreage is probably above average, though low expectation, owing to wet and shortness of fertilizers. Large hay crop assured; pastures are luxuriant and the milk flow large.

Quebec.—Vegetation is very backward, and the crops have suffered from excessive rains during June, especially those on lowlands and strong soils. Hay promises to be a big crop. Potatoes look well in some parts seven inches of rain fell during June, and the acreage under field crops will be considerably increased owing to the failure of grain.

Ontario.—OTTAWA: The grain crops promise well, having a good stand and being well stooled. Hay is an average crop. Corn is good and roots are first class. All crops are from ten days to two weeks late. PETERBOROUGH: Fall wheat will average only half a crop. Early sown spring grains are promising but from 10 to 15 days late. The hay crop is light; corn, potatoes, and roots are doing well. WATERLOO, N. R.: Wheat crop small, just heading out. Spring crops promise well. Corn shows poor growth. Potatoes look fairly well. HYDE PARK: All crops making great headway though six weeks late. Potatoes variable, bugs voracious. No apples. A great crop of strawberries. PETROLIA: Season late. Fall wheat and spring apples promise a heavy crop. Hay, clover and alfalfa average. Winter apples not over 5 per cent. Fall apples 15 per cent. peaches only fair. Jun wet. NEW LISKEARD: In Temiskaming district crops are slightly below average, and later than last year. Fall wheat, peas and hay are good; oats fair; spring wheat average; clover and pasture excellent. With good growing weather future prospects are good.

Manitoba.—DAUPHIN: Wheat two weeks later than last year, cut one-

third by dry seed bed. May frosts and prolonged dry weather. Plenty of moisture now. Wheat very ragged. Much in short blade and some just coming through. Oats good and barley very good. MILLWOOD: Since rains commenced on 19th all crops made good growth. Wheat uneven germination; 50 p. c., in shot blade. DOMINION CITY: Average wheat crop almost assured. With favourable weather and prospects are there should be an abundance of coarse grains and fodders and a big yield of potatoes and vegetables. ELM CREEK: Grain crops in good shape. Light showers ideal for the formation of wheat heads. Hood crops uneven and pastures very light. MANTOU: Not sufficient rain. Severe frost night of 21st froze wheat and some oats in low lands. Early sown wheat and oats very short and heading out. FRANKLIN: Crops two weeks late. Good showers lately, but lack of heat. A fair promise on present appearances. BRANDON: Only two thirds of an inch rainfall before last week of June. Severe late frosts and high winds make the crop conditions the worst in many years. Grain at least three weeks late and uneven. Almost no growth of hay and fodder crops. Prospects improved by showers last week. BERSFORD: Crops two weeks later than average through repeated frosts and wet weather. Favourable rains have fallen recently, and prospects are for a good half crop. Hay light and pastures poor. PIERSON: Late frosts have done great damage. 75 per cent of wheat frozen; coarse grain late. With best of condition may get 12 bushels per acre of wheat. Prospects better for barley, oats and flax. Root crops damaged by frost.

Saskatchewan.—The Provincial Department of Agriculture reports that the crops are from seven to ten days later than last year. Some wheat is in shot blade. The straw will be short except on summer fallows where abundant rains and warm days have caused rapid growth. About half the summer fallowing is completed, and the acreage of new breaking and summer-fallows shows slight increase over last year. The Dominion Experimental Stations report that at ROSTHERN rains all the month have worked favourably for all crops. Hay crops not fully recovered from drought in May, but grain and hood crops are excellent. At the SCOTT Station crops were injured by both frost and drought. The total rainfall for June was less than one inch. Hay crops promise to be very light and grain crops short in straw. Many vegetables gardens proving failures. At INDIAN HEAD the weather during June was warm and showery. Grain crops have made good progress.

Alberta.—The Provincial Department of Agriculture reports that the crop conditions during June were very encouraging. The first two weeks were cool and the late sown crops appeared very backward. During the last two weeks the weather has been ideal over the whole province. Growing showers visited a large percentage of crop area, and

KRUPP PLANT WAS BADLY DAMAGED

One Quarter of Plant Destroyed by Friday's Air Raid. One Hundred Employees Killed and Hundreds Injured, Including 45 French Prisoners.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) AMSTERDAM.—A Dutch newspaper reports that Dutch workmen were laid off at the Krupp works because about the one quarter of the

Essen Plant was destroyed by the aerial raid on Friday. It says the damage is placed at millions of francs with one hundred employees killed and hundreds of others including 45 French prisoners wounded.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE ANOTHER THOUSAND

Also Captured Guns and Munitions. In Past Two Days They Have Penetrated Over Six Miles into Enemy Positions and Put Enemy to Flight.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PETROGRAD.—Yesterday the Russians captured several additional villages together with 1,000 prisoners, three field guns, many trench mortars, machine guns and much war material. The enemy have retreated to the Lombica River. During the past two days the Russians penetrated to a depth of 6.23 miles through the enemy positions west of Stanislaw.

time to give up all hope of maintaining equality in the air. At Messines the British mastery in the flying service was so complete that prisoners bitterly lamented the refusal of the German airmen to provide efficient observation for their guns or to cope with the British fighting planes. On our own front the same conditions existed, and continued until about a week ago.

Enemy Stronger in Air.

During the past week there was a notable renewal of enemy aerial activity in co-operation with greatly increased gun fire. During a trip behind the front yesterday a trip between France and Belgium the correspondent heard the "archis," or anti-aircraft guns, potting away at enemy planes at numerous points.

Deprived of direct observation by the loss of high ground, the German general staff has evidently ordered every available aeroplane into active service on the western front. The observation thus obtained has resulted in a corresponding increase in German artillery fire, especially in the Lens and other sectors. Yesterday, in the Lens sector alone, many air fights took place, during which two enemy machines were shot down out of control and several others were brought down damaged. One British plane, an artillery observation machine, was damaged. Aerial bombing expeditions by night are assuming great proportions.

Twelve Canadians Worst 50 Germans.

While chief activity during the past few days in this region of the western front has been carried out by the artillery and aviators, the Canadian infantry have not been idle. The strip on "No Man's Land" on the southern part of their front, continues to be lessened by Canadian enterprise. This is being done by sending out patrols to establish outposts, toward which line trenches. These outposts are afterwards connected with one another and thus become a new advanced trench.

In one of these outpost affairs last night twelve Canadians tackled a party of at least fifty of the enemy and, after a skirmish, remained in possession of the disputed ground, with a prisoner of the guards grenadiers to their credit.

The use of gas shells on both sides is steadily increasing. The Germans threw a lot of this kind of shells into Lievin Sunday morning. In retaliation our gunners put over even more than were dropped into our territory by the Germans.

heavy rains with warmer weather where most needed. Slight frost, and hail first part of month, none since.

The Dominion Experimental Farms report that at LACOMBE the weather during June will average below normal temperature. Wheat 35, oats 24, barley 22 inches high. Hay prospects good. At LETHEBRIDGE the rains during June has been light, only about one-third of the average for the last fifteen years. All but late sown grain is in excellent condition, but in imperative need of immediate moisture. The total area in crop is greater than last year, the largest increase being in flax.

British Columbia. AGASSIZ: Most crops good, later than average, but earlier than last year. INVERMERE: Crops backward, but promise well. Root crops damaged by cutworms. SUMMERLAND: Apple crop 20 per cent higher than last year. Grain making good growth. Hay good. SIDNEY: Hay crop about average, autumn cereals developing well, spring cereals, potatoes, roots and beans doing well. Orchard fruits, except cherries abundant. Small fruits average, with strawberries excellent.

PEOPLE GATHER HAIL TO MAKE ICE CREAM

HOPEWELL HILL.—A hail storm of great violence passed over this locality Friday afternoon. The radius of the storm, so far as the hail was concerned, was small, not more than half a mile with this village as a centre, but heavy rain and thunder extended over a larger area. Hail stones of large size and in such quantities, as to cover the ground to considerable depth, pelted down with such force that it was feared windows would be broken. In some places where the hail drifted, it fell to the depth of from three to five inches and could be scooped up by the bushel. Some residents took advantage of the downfall to gather ice for ice cream. Gardens were more or less damaged.

GERMAN SUBMARINE WITH DEAD CREW TOWED INTO PORT

(Canadian Press Despatch.) GALVESTON, TEXAS.—A British captain states that off the Irish coast a most modern German submarine was picked up. The crew were all dead apparently suffocated by some accident when under water. The submarine was towed into a British port.

ARMED BRITISH TRAWLER GETS TWO HUN PLANES

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON.—(Official)—The British armed trawler Iceland in the North Sea has destroyed two enemy seaplanes and brought four prisoners into port. The enemy evidently caught a Tartar.

FRENCH STEAMER SUNK BY MINE

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PARIS.—On June 30th the French S. S. Caledonia was sunk by a mine or torpedo in the Mediterranean. Fifty one lives were lost and 380 saved.

CHINESE LEADER WITHDRAWS TROOPS

(Canadian Press Despatch.) WASHINGTON.—General Chang Shun, leader of the attempt to restore the Manchu dynasty in China was reported by U. S. Minister Reisch to have withdrawn his troops into the Imperial City and the Temple of Heaven, the two most historic and beautiful sections of Peking.

ANOTHER FIRE IN MONCTON

(Canadian Press Despatch.) MONCTON.—The W.C.T.U. Hall on Main Street was partially destroyed by fire early this evening. The other sufferers were Murdoch McLeod Jr., Tailor, and the Ladies' Art store.

ROGERS CASE NOW IN COMMISSIONERS' HANDS

(Canadian Press Despatch.) MONTREAL.—The public enquiry into the charges against Hon. Robert Rogers opened this morning. The Hon. Mr. Rogers was questioned on matters affecting the sending of a telegram from North Bay in 1911. Then Counsel for Mr. Rogers announced that they would forego oral argument contending themselves with submitting a written statement of the case as they weighed it. This statement was turned over to the investigating commissioners, Sir Ezekiel McLeod and Hon. Mr. T. Elliot, Ex-Judge of the Superior Court of the province.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

\*\*The classes are well fitted for the races at Garfield. Train will stop until 6.15 for Murray Harbour. 1549-7-11M3IE3I.

\*\*Reserve July 25th for a Strawberry festival at East Royalty on the grounds of Mr. Allison Holmes. Proceeds in aid of Red Cross. 1561.

\*\*Reserve Wednesday, July 25, for the strawberry and ice cream festival to be held at Union Road near the church from 6 to 10 p. m. Proceeds in aid of Red Cross Work. If not fine next fine night. 1542.

\*\*Still another advance. The latest Remington model advances one step further—still in front of the front rank in the Typewriter Army. A. Milne Fraser, Halifax, N. S. 1540

\*\*L. O. A.—Ice cream social and tea under the auspices of King George Lodge, on Monday afternoon, and evening, July 16th inst, commencing at 8 o'clock, next, Harrington Hall, Harrington, a first class time is expected. A big outing for a little money. City visitors will especially enjoy the beautiful scenery of the section of our country. Everybody come. 1555-7-11M4I.

FAIR PROGRESS MADE ON SECOND READING

Frank Oliver Disgusted Even His Friends by Partisan Exhibition. Pugsley Made Ridiculous Time Wasting and Impossible Suggestions. Union Government About Consummated and Extension will Follow.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) OTTAWA.—Fair progress was made today on the Military Service Bill. Hon. F. Oliver gave the House an exhibition of extreme partisanship that disgusted even his fellow anti-conscriptionists. The member for Edmonton has become impossible as a member of any assembly.

He was followed by Hon. Wm. Pugsley whose buffoonery has also ceased to amuse. Mr. Pugsley would have all exemptions work at respective occupations at the price fixed by the government. This carried into ef-

fect would put every farm, factory, mine, mill, railroad and ship under government operation. It is expected that the bill will pass the committee stage this week, with the third reading immediately. There is a strong feeling that a union government is nearly consummated to be followed by parliamentary extension.

The breach in the Liberal party is steadily widening. In the event of a union government all vacancies will be filled in the Commons. Most of the vacant constituencies outside Quebec will be filled by acclamation.

FATAL EXPLOSION OF CHEMICAL TANK

(Canadian Press Despatch.) CINCINNATI.—Three were burned to death and four injured by the explosion of a chemical tank in the Interstate Sanitation plant here.

SIX KILLED, 31 INJURED IN MAGAZINE EXPLOSION

(Canadian Press Despatch.) VELLEJO.—A Powder magazine at Mare Island navy yard, San Francisco Bay, blew up yesterday killing six persons and injuring thirty-one.

FATAL DERAILMENT ON BOSTON RAILWAY

(Canadian Press Despatch.) BOSTON.—One man was killed and eight injured, none probably fatally, in a derailment at Winthrop today of a passenger train on the Boston-Revere Beach and Lynn Railway narrow gauge line, loaded with Beach residents on their way to work in Boston. The locomotive and three cars had passed over the loop switch leading to the single track when the fourth car in centre of the train jumped the track and turned over. The man killed was riding on the platform. He was caught under the car and his body cut in half.

IN CASUALTY LIST

The following Islanders appear in the Casualty List of July 7th:

INFANTRY.

Wounded—C. H. McAlliff, Alberton.

ARTILLERY.

Gassed—Gunner J. A. Revell, Charlottetown; J. T. Strain, Charlottetown; Wounded—D. E. Rog, Pinette Bridge; L. A. Chaisson, Rollo Bay.

ENGINEERS.

Wounded—Sapper G. W. Ross, Vernon Bridge.

WALDRON B. VANDERSTINE.

Mr. and Mrs. Cephas B. Vanderstine of this city have received the sad news that their son Gunner Waldron Brewer Vanderstine died in the Borden Military Hospital, Lewisham, England, July 8th, from phthisis. The deceased enlisted here in the 98th Siege Battery, and went over to France under Major Prowse. He fought with the Battery from the time they went into action until the middle of April, when he was admitted to the Hospital in France, suffering from the effects of gas. On May 24th, he was transferred to the Military Hospital in England. Gunner Vanderstine was twenty-seven years of age and was assistant accountant in the Bank of Nova Scotia here, before donning the khaki. Only a little over a month ago, his brother Chester died at his home in Charlottetown. Both these young men, in what may be termed the threshold of their manhood, have passed away. They were well and most favorably known in this community and beyond its bounds. In their boyhood they engaged in athletics here and were most affectionately regarded by their companions, for their many qualities and honourable lives. There are left to mourn, besides the parents, two brothers, Beverley at Carvell Bros. and Frank at home. The sorrowing parents, relatives and friends will have the deep sympathy of all in the double grief and burden of sorrow they have been called upon to bear.

ARCHBISHOP OF N.S. WILL BE MARRIED

HALIFAX.—The engagement is announced of Most Rev. Dr. Clare L. Worrell, archbishop of Nova Scotia, and Miss Abbott, daughter of the late Rev. John Abbott, formerly rector of St. Luke's church, this city. Miss Abbott is a sister of Very Rev. Dean Abbott, of the Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio.

GERMAN PLOTTING BEFORE WAR IN U.S. NOW INVESTIGATED

SAN FRANCISCO.—Preparations for war with England were being made in the United States by German agents and Hindu agitators more than a year prior to the outbreak of the European war, according to a statement made here by United States District-Attorney Preston. That assertion was made in connection with the filing of 139 indictments in the United States court here yesterday in connection with violations of American neutrality. Telegraphic warrants prepared by United States Attorney John W. Preston were sent broadcast to federal agents and it was expected that many arrests in various parts of the country would be made. The government charges that the conspiracy dated from the outbreak of the war in 1914, was organized in Berlin and financed with German gold. The indictments charge the defendants with assisting in the carrying of German warships in the Pacific Ocean with arms, ammunition, coal and supplies, to have used in the proposed revolution of India. It was alleged these activities extended from August 1, 1914, to January, 1916. Those indicted also included members of crews of various vessels connected with the alleged conspiracy.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, July 11.—Fresh easterly winds; showers.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 63 degrees above. At 10 a. m., it was 60 above; at 9 p. m., it was 59 above. The coldest the previous night was 68 degrees.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 3.51 and tomorrow at 5.02; it will be high tomorrow morning at 4.16 and Friday at 5.05.

The sun sets this evening and tomorrow at 8.04; it rises tomorrow morning and Friday at 4.43.

The moon rises tonight at 12. The moon was full on Wednesday, July 4th at 4.41 p. m.

The last quarter of the moon will be on Wednesday, July 11th at 7.12 a. m.

The length of today will be fifteen hours and twenty-four minutes.

Minard's Liniment cures colds, etc.