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TURKEY OFFERS RUSSIA TERMS

Will Open the Straits to Merchantmen and Men-of-War.

DECLARED TO BE DISPOSPOSED

TO GIVE FRIENDLY CONSIDERATION TO ARMENIANS.

The Pope is informed by the Apostolic Delegate at Constantinople that the Turks may raise the Holy City.

Turks May Raze Holy City. Rome, May 15.—The Idea Nationale, the organ of the Nationalist party, prints a report from diplomatic quarters that Turkey has made overtures to Russia through a neutral source for a separate peace on the basis of the complete opening of the straits to Russian navigation, both for war and merchant vessels.

According to this report Turkey also declares herself disposed to give friendly consideration to the Armenian question and suitable recognition to the principle of nationalities.

TERMS OF SETTLEMENT OF IRISH QUESTION

Are to be Transmitted on Wednesday to the Irish Leaders.

London, May 15.—Premier Lloyd George will transmit the terms of a settlement of the Irish question to the Government of the Exchequer Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons today. What the Government's proposals for settlement are were not disclosed by Bonar Law. Those in touch with the situation today said it was by no means certain these proposals would be accepted by the Irish Nationalists, but may lead to further concessions on both sides, when the Government's plans have been made public.

Sir Lyman Melvin Jones, Toronto, died leaving an estate of \$1,143,000 to his widow and his daughter, Mrs. Crawford Brown.

OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

Italian. Rome, May 14.—On the Trentino front yesterday there were artillery duels on the Asiago plateau. Today's War Office report. "Enemy acoepians made repeated attempts to reconnoitre in the Sugana Valley. They were hindered by our air patrols. Enemy detachments were repulsed in the Travignolo Valley and in the San Pellegriano Valley. On the Julian front the artillery was increasingly active. Our artillery heavily engaged the batteries and trenches and important centres in the enemy lines. Fires were reported in the rear of the enemy positions. South-east of Gorizia patrols resulted in the capture of thirty prisoners, two machine guns intact and a quantity of ammunition.

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RETAIN TO COMMAND ALL FRENCH FORCES

Foch Becomes Chief of Staff—Nivelle to Command Certain Army Groups.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, May 15.—Gen. Foch, the French hero of the Marne, who commanded the French centre at that memorable battle, was named to succeed Gen. Pétain as chief of staff. Gen. Nivelle, who has been in command of the French field forces, will have command of the certain army groups. The sweeping changes in the commands of the French fighting forces were decided upon at a session of the council of ministers.

JOSEPH H. CHOATE DEAD

Noted American Ambassador Passes Away Suddenly.



London, May 15.—Joseph H. Choate, former United States ambassador to Great Britain, died last night. Mr. Choate had been ill only since morning. He had taken a very active part in the entertainment in this city of the British and French war missions, and attended services at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine with Foreign Minister Balfour on Sunday.

BATTLEPLANE SENDS ZEPPELIN INTO SEA

L-22 Attacked While Approaching British Coast, Destroyed With Crew.

London, May 15.—British naval forces destroyed Zepelin L-22 in the North Sea yesterday morning, according to an official statement issued by the Admiralty. A despatch to the Star from the east coast says news was received early this morning that the L-22 was approaching the coast. A squadron of naval aircraft went in pursuit. The Zeppelin was attacked by a battleplane, which overhauled it, and it was seen to burst into flames. Two members of the ship's crew jumped into the sea, and the others disappeared with the burning Zeppelin.

NINETY LIVES LOST

When British Liner Abosso Was Torpedoed, April 24th. New York, May 15.—Ninety lives were lost on April 24th in the torpedoing of the T-732-ton British liner Abosso, off Fastnet, according to stories of passengers here today from Europe. She was armed, but the submarine was never even sighted. The ship was torpedoed without warning. Forty-six passengers were lost and 44 of the crew. The Abosso was unable to stop her engines after the German torpedoes struck, and she smashed into three lifeboats, crushing those aboard or drowning them. She was bound from Nigeria to Liverpool.

Brant farmers have formed a co-operative society, with two hundred members.

Austrian.

Vienna, May 14.—Monday's War Office report reads: "Italian theatre—On the Isonzo front the artillery battle continues uninterrupted. The enemy's fire is increasing, sometimes reaching great intensity. Italian infantry tried to carry out an attack in force against one of our height vantage points near Plava, but were repulsed by an immediate counter-thrust. In the other theatres the situation is unchanged."

PTE. BROWNLEE KILLED

Another Kingston Young Man Pays the Supreme Sacrifice. Miss Margaret Brownlee, 258 Princess street, received word on Tuesday that her brother, Pte. Archibald Brownlee, has been officially reported killed in action on April 23rd. Pte. Brownlee enlisted in February of 1915 in the 21st Battalion going into No. 3 Company. Saskatchewan wheat is about three-fourths sown.

HAZARDOUS WORK OF CANADIAN ARTILLERY SIGNALLERS.



The leading man is sticking his head above cover to use binoculars. The second man is using a periscope, a third is using a telephone, and the fourth is probably attending to the wire connections for the telephone. Their job is as near the foe as they can get to watch the effect of their own batteries shells and report back.

GERMANS ATTACK VERY HEAVILY

On Both British and French Fronts But Efforts Fail.

FIGHTING IS VERY HEAVY

Attacking Waves Follow Great Bombardment.

HOLLAND CAN FOREGO IMPORTS FOR A YEAR

Seizure of Crops Urged To Prevent Any Internal Complications.

The Hague, May 15.—A weekly paper, The Haagische Post, dealing with Holland's food situation, says that so far as strictly necessary food without imports for a year to come, it means, eggs, butter, cheese, etc., are distributed with rigid economy. The paper recommends the immediate seizure by the Government of all grain crops, since the greatest danger to the country lies in imports and exports, which may cause international complications.

Foe's Food Lord to Resign

Amsterdam, May 15.—Adolph von Batocki, President of the Food Regulation Board in Germany, has asked permission to resign, according to a Berlin telegram, owing to severe criticism by means of the Reichstag of his administration of the food supply. While permission to retire has been temporarily withheld, the message adds, it is expected his resignation will be shortly announced, constituting a severe setback for the Conservative party leaders.

A SLACKER CONGRESS.

(Special to the Whig.) New York, May 15.—Under the heading, "A Slacker Congress," the New York World today said editorially: "Congress is the one branch of the Government which has broken down in the war and failed of its duty. It is anything but a pleasant spectacle, and if there is any leadership left in Congress it cannot assert itself too soon. Otherwise the American people will find themselves with a broken down Government in the midst of the most calamitous war known to history."

GERMANS CAPTURE FARM

Berlin, via London, May 15.—German forces stormed and captured St. Bertine farm, east of Fort Malsainois, near Monchy today, the official statement declared. British attacks around Monchy were broken down in an annihilating fire.

Fort Malsainois, which the Germans declare they have captured, is on the French front, not the British. Official statement is not confirmed by either the British or the French.

O'BRIEN TO RETIRE

Election Campaign Between Redmonte and Sinn Feiner. London, May 15.—The impending retirement from Parliament of William O'Brien, who sits for the city of Cork, is reported in Cork, should this occur, Lord Mayor Butterfield, of Cork, an adherent of John Redmonte, and ex-Mayor Meade, a Sinn Feiner, will be candidates for the vacancy.

ASK HINDENBURG FOR BIG VICTORY

Junkers' Only Hope of Stopping Reform Wave—Peace Speech Deferred.

The Hague, May 15.—Under the headline "Kaiser, Listen to your People," Germany's Junkers and Monarchists have issued a strong appeal to Emperor William to stop listening to Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and give his own old Court friends and his backers throughout the country some show. In the next sentence they tell the Emperor that if the Chancellor's agents have him so tied up that he cannot or dare not see any Junker representatives, he has only to ask Field Marshal von Hindenburg, and the latter will speedily clear a way for them. This is apparently a direct appeal to Hindenburg to stop the democratic wave of reform by some military coup d'etat. Simultaneously with this hostile move of the reactionaries, the Chancellor is being told by his supporters that he has got to clear the reactionaries out of his Ministry. His principal organ, the powerful Frankfurter Zeitung, publishes a list of Prussian Ministers and permanent officials whom it says Bethmann must throw overboard if he does not want to be thrown overboard himself.

STRONG APPEAL TO RUSSIANS

Called Out That Germany Seeks the Destruction of Free Russia.

CALL FOR A REVOLUTION

OF WORKMEN AND PEASANTS IN TEUTON EMPIRES. Issued by Workmen and Soldiers' Council at Petrograd—An Irreparable Catastrophe For the Working Classes of the Entire World. (Special to the Whig.) Petrograd, May 15.—A powerful appeal to Russian soldiers not to be blind to the fact that Germany is seeking the destruction of free Russia; also calling for a revolution of workmen and peasants in Germany and Austria-Hungary, but again voicing a demand for renunciation by the Allies of any policy of conquest, was issued by the Workmen and Soldiers' Council to-day. "Do not forget that the Kaiser's regiments are destroying revolutionary Russia, says the proclamation. It would be an irreparable catastrophe not only for us, but for the working classes of the entire world."

THIS COLONEL IS VERY SORE

At Remarks Made by Qu'Appelle Member About Political Colonels.

WILL MOVE TO EXPUNGE

The Remarks of Mr. Thompson From Hansard.

MUST FIX FAULT FOR THE WORLD WAR

French Socialists Will Only Share in Conference on That Basis.

Paris, May 15.—L'Humanite says the National Council of the French Socialist party, to be held May 27th will be called upon to vote on a resolution demanding the trial of German and Austrian Socialists who made themselves accomplices of the Governments of the Central Powers, which are held responsible for the war in spite of proposals to submit the questions at issue to arbitration before the Hague Tribunal.

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SABBATH CALM DISTURBED

Protestant Ministers' Association at Its Meeting Yesterday Passed a Resolution protesting strongly against the violation of the Sabbath rest and the infringement of the rights and privileges of the Protestant minority of Montreal" by those who selected the morning and afternoon of Sunday as the times for the civic reception here to Marshal Joffre.

DIED

BROWNLEE—Killed in action, on April 23rd, somewhere in France, Pte. Archibald Brownlee, aged 22 years, son of the late Archibald Brownlee.

JACKSON—In Kingston, Monday, May 14th, 1917, Margaret Ellen Jackson, daughter of the late Joseph Jackson. Funeral from her late residence, William Street West, Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

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Familiar Quotations There is no charity equal to the charity that is charitable to the uncharitable.—Aesop.