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RUSSIAN CABINET CRISIS SETTLED

Six Socialists Are to be Taken Into the Government.

AIM OF THE GOVERNMENT

TO ATTAIN GENERAL PEACE WITHOUT CONQUEST.

But It Believes That Revolutionary Russia Will Not Permit the Defeat of Its Allies in the West.

Petrograd, May 17.—The Cabinet crisis may be considered as settled. A declaration of the government's policy, accepted by the representatives of the Council of Workmen and Soldiers' delegates, with merely verbal alterations, will be signed by both parties without delay.

It has been decided to take into cabinet five representatives of different Socialist groups which, with A. F. Kerensky, who assumes the war portfolio, will make a total of six of these groups sharing in the government.

The Government's aim is the attainment of general peace without the conquest of other nations, or depriving them of their national sovereignty or their territory. In a word, peace without annexations or contributions, but believes firmly that revolutionary Russia will not permit the defeat of its allies in the west.

Generals Alexieff, Dragomiroff, Gurko and Brusiloff arrived in Petrograd to-day for a conference on the military situation. They declared the formation of a coalition ministry was indispensable.

NATIONALISTS REJECT THE PARTITION PLAN

But They Agree to a Convention of All Irish Parties.

(Special to the Whig.) London, May 17.—The Irish Nationalists formally today voted rejection of Premier Lloyd George's plan for the partition of Ulster in the settlement of the Irish Home Rule plan, but agreed to adopt his suggestion for a convention of Irishmen of all parties to devise a system of government for the island.

THERE'S NO CONFIRMATION

Of Story That Race Track Gambling is to be Prohibited.

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, May 17.—There's no official confirmation here of the story that the Government will introduce legislation prohibiting race track gambling, although the delegation which saw Sir Robert Borden yesterday seems satisfied that this is the intention. The whole subject of race tracks is in hands of a special committee under Oliver Wilcox, M.P., North Essex, but he has been ill lately.

TO MEET EVERY YEAR.

The Imperial Cabinet to Discuss Matters Affecting Empire.

(Special to the Whig.) London, May 17.—At least once a year, from now on Britain will call a meeting of the Imperial Cabinet, which includes the British Cabinet, Prime Ministers of all England's dominions and a representative of India, according to announcement in the House of Commons by Premier Lloyd-George to-day. Such meetings, the Prime Minister said, would be for the purpose of discussing all matters affecting the Empire as well as its foreign policies.

OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

Russian. Petrograd, May 17.—Wednesday's War Office report said: "Western and Rumanian front: There have been fusillades and scouting operations. "Caucasus front: In Mesopotamia on May 14th our detachments once more crossed the River Diale, near Umar, north of Khanikan, but on proceeding further met with strong opposition north of Kibrakidze, and were forced to retire.

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CANADIANS ADVANCING THROUGH BROKEN GERMAN WIRE DURING THE GREAT DRIVE IN FRANCE



The picture was obtained during the splendid rush which gave the Canadians possession of the entire Vimy Ridge excepting its extreme northwest tip. Here the Germans held on stubbornly in their trenches and were not ejected until bitter fighting forced them out of their positions. In the picture the men are seen advancing over the open high ground of the Vimy Ridge carrying their rifles and Lewis guns.

SUB. MENACE ALMOST EFFACED

Around British Isles—Two Sinkings in the Mediterranean.

(Special to the Whig.) New York, May 17.—The American steamer Hilonian, three thousand tons, was sunk in the Mediterranean. Four of the crew were lost. The British steamer Harpagus was also sunk in the same vicinity on May 9th.

It is understood here that the German submarine menace is almost effaced in the neighborhood of the British Isles and that most of the recent sinkings were in the Mediterranean.



WIDOW RECEIVES HUSBAND'S

MEMORIAL. The memory of a brave man was honored by the residents of Chingford, when Col. W. G. Gordon Cameron presented the Military Cross, the D.C.M. and Bar to Mrs. Mercer, widow of Col. Sergeant F. S. Mercer, Naval and Military detachment volunteers and police were present. The photo shows Samuel Mercer wearing his father's medals.

GERMANS WERE FORCED

To Give up Some Ground Captured in Rouen.

(Special to the Whig.) Berlin, May 17.—In the face of strong British counter-attacks, German troops were forced to give up some ground captured in Rouen early this morning, according to today's official statement. The War Office said so far 16,000 British and 2,700 French had been captured.

GUNS ROARING ON RUSS. FRONT

Since the German and Slav Soldiers Stopped Fraternizing.

THE RUSSIAN ARMY MORALE

BEING MAINTAINED DESPITE THE HEAVY FIRING.

Russian Aeroplanes Compel Teutonic Abandonment of Rumanian Bank of the Danube—Russian Submarine Flotilla Silenced Turkish Battery on Bosphorus.

(Special to the Whig.) Petrograd, May 17.—German guns are now roaring over a great part of the Russian-German front since the soldiers stopped fraternizing, but the Russian army morale is being extremely maintained despite this continuous pounding.

Russian aeroplanes flying over the Black Sea harassed the enemy in Rumania, compelling the Teutonic abandonment of the Rumanian bank of the Danube. Later, when the Germans tried to reconquer the Russian flyers again threw them back.

The news of a Russian submarine flotilla shelling and silencing a battery on the Bosphorus was also printed here to-day. Heavy destruction was said to have been caused by the Turkish position.

ALLIES WEARING GERMANS DOWN

This is the British and French Plan on Western Front.

ENEMY LOSSES TREMENDOUS

IN ATTACKING TO PREVENT FURTHER ALLIED ADVANCES.

And Using Up All Their Reserves—Bolstering Up Courage at Home by Issuing False Official Statements.

(Special to the Whig.) London, May 17.—General Maurice, Director of Operations of the British army, said this afternoon that the Allies were admirably succeeding in their plans of campaign on the western front. These plans, he said, were to "wear the Germans down." There could be no big advance without the accomplishment of this, and no sensational advances into the enemy territory could be expected at present.

Fighting from now-on, he said, would be of the hammer and tongs variety, slight but sure gains for the Allies, with light losses, but with extremely heavy losses for the Germans.

"Lately," said Gen. Maurice, "we have been forcing the Germans to attack us in order to prevent our further advance. That is exactly what we want. The results to the Germans are disastrous and their losses tremendous. They are using up all their reserves to stay our advance."

General Maurice pointed out that the Germans were trying to bolster up courage of the people by the issuance of false official statements.

English Derby May 30th. London, May 17.—The Government has reconsidered its decision regarding the future of flat racing, and decided to make substantial concessions and allow the sport to continue at Newmarket. The successful appeal made by a large number of owners, trainers and breeders has brought great satisfaction to all followers of horse racing throughout the country.

The famous "Derby," the biggest classic of the English season, will be run off on May 30th and the "Oaks" on June 1, both to be decided at the first extra meeting at Newmarket.

DEATH OF CANON ROBERTS

RECTOR OF CHRIST CHURCH, CATARAQUI, PASSES AWAY.

Deceased Was Seventy-four Years of Age—Was Born in England—A Noted Musician and Composer.

Another clergyman of the Kingston Diocese has been called by death in the passing away after a long illness of Canon the Rev. William Roberts, rector of St. George's Cathedral, rector of Christ Church, Cataraqui, and a minor canon of St. George's.

The death of Canon Roberts has cast a gloom over the whole diocese, in various parts of which he was an earnest worker since 1868, when he was first ordained a deacon. He held many charges, and in each his death brings the profoundest regret. As a clergyman, a musician, a scholar and a citizen his presence had a beneficial effect on the community, and he will be sorely missed.

Born at Elmstree, Shropshire, England, seventy-four years ago, the deceased first turned his studies to music. He became a Doctor of Music, and in time was recognized as one of the most learned musicians. Only recently six of his hymn tunes were adopted by the Mother Anglican Church for use in England, and this high testimony to his musical worth brought letters from many titled people who were interested in composers.

In 1868 he came to Canada as organist for Hon. John Hamilton, brother of Archbishop Hamilton. This charge was at Hawkesbury. In the same year, having been studying for the ministry, he was ordained as a deacon and appointed to Robin and Tweed. The next year his ability as a speaker and his advanced studies with more experience brought him the honor of being made a priest. In 1874 he was transferred to Camden East, and then in turn to Sharnville. In 1877 the late Canon Roberts took over the charge of Amherst Island, and there for fourteen years, leaving in 1891 to go to Merrickville. He was in Merrickville until November of 1900, going from there to Adolphustown. In 1904 while at Adolphustown he was made a canon. In 1915 he was appointed to Christ Church, Cataraqui.

A man who was held in great esteem by Canon Roberts was his brother, the late Rev. Charles Roberts, who came to Canada in the pioneer days, and was rector of Bourgeois, near Quebec. A stained-glass east window was recently erected to his memory.

The late Canon Roberts leaves a large family to mourn his loss. Three sisters, Mrs. Lucas, London, Eng.; Miss Jane Roberts and Mrs. Fisher, and one brother, John, at Four Crosses Station, are still living. Beside his widow, he leaves five daughters and two sons as follows:—Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Smith's Falls; Mrs. D. M. Allison, Camden, N.Y.; Mrs. F. H. Box, Adolphustown; Charles A. Roberts, Montreal; Miss Winnifred Roberts, Toronto; Mrs. Roberts, Toronto; and Miss Dorothea Roberts, at home. He was twice married, his first wife, formerly Miss Mary Higginson, Hawkesbury, who died many years ago. His second wife was formerly Miss Sarah Elliott, Tweed, and she survives.

The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon from his late residence, Cataraqui, to Christ Church, after which the remains will be transferred to Tweed for interment. The canons of the diocese will act as pallbearers.

IN MILITARY HOSPITALS

Number of Men Increased by May 8th to 6,515.

Ottawa, May 17.—The number of men under the care of the Military Hospitals Commission increased from 5,952 to 6,515 in the first week of this month.

The figures issued by the Commission to-day show that on May 5th there were in the convalescent hospitals 2,155 men returned from overseas, and 425 camp men, with 2,474 overseas and 440 camp men on the out-patients' lists, making a total of 5,094 convalescents.

The sanatoria for tuberculosis on the same date were 336 overseas and 212 camp men, besides six overseas and four camp men as out-patients making a total of 618 under this heading.

At other institutions there were 127 overseas and 83 camp men, besides three overseas men as out-patients, a total of 233.

GERMANS BUSY FOR TWO NIGHTS

Threw Violent Attacking Waves at the French Positions.

BUT ALL WERE REPULSED

THE FOE CANNOT RETAKE THE GROUND LOST.

The Assault Occurred at Various Points—Checked by a Curtain Fire—British on Western Edge of Bullecourt.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, May 17.—For the second successive night German troops threw violent attacking waves last night against the French positions north of Moulin and Laffaux and were again repulsed, to-day's official statement declared. Another series of three German attacking waves northeast of Bray-en-Laonnais was likewise checked, the War Office declared.

"In the course of the night," the statement said, "the Germans re-attacked in the region north of Moulin and Laffaux. All their efforts to retake the ground gained by the French counter-attacks failed, they losing heavily."

"Northeast of Bray-en-Laonnais three German assaulting waves were checked by our curtain of fire without the enemy obtaining any results." The statement also detailed patrol fighting in the Champagne.

Progress at Bullecourt.

(Special to the Whig.) London, May 17.—More progress at Bullecourt was reported by Field Marshal Haig to-day. "There was fighting around Bullecourt again," he said. "We progressed further through the village and reached the western edge."

War Tidings.

The United States destroyer fleet has arrived in European waters and has been placed under order of the British Admiralty.

The Italians have taken 3,375 prisoners, three villages, one battery and thirty machine guns in their new advance.

The British and French have pushed forward three miles at some points in Macedonia.

The Germans are still battering hard at the western front, but making no progress. British and French lines are firm.

The total British vessels sunk by submarines last week were twenty-three as against sixty-two for the previous week.



SCENE OF ITALIAN OFFENSIVE. Italy's offensive was launched after a violent bombardment from Tolmino to the sea. Important positions have been taken between Plava and Salona which is marked on the map north of Gortina.

U.S. TO PROVIDE TRAINS AT FRONT

800 Will be Needed by an Expedition of 200,000 Men.

Washington, May 17.—For fear of overstraining the already heavily taxed transport facilities of France, elaborate arrangements will be made, it is declared, to have the American expeditionary force furnish its own lines of communication.

When an American division of 20,000 men reaches France it will need 80,000 tons of transport, four tons for every man. Eighty trains of 1,000 tons capacity each would therefore have to be provided for every such division. For 200,000 men 800 trains would be necessary.

Orders to bring the regular army to its full strength of 293,000 men were announced to-day by the War Department. Organization of 44 new regiments will begin to-day, with further efforts to stimulate recruiting and bring in the 116,455 men needed to fill up the ranks.

Since April 1st, 67,443 men have been accepted, and officials are confident that the full number will have been enrolled at wartime volunteers before June 15th.

THE CROP SITUATION

THE BEST IN YEARS

Senator William Sharpe's Report From the Province of Manitoba.

Ottawa, May 17.—Senator William Sharpe, who is the owner of one of the largest and one of the best farms in western Canada, arrived in Ottawa yesterday for the remainder of the session. He reports that the crop situation as far as Manitoba is concerned is the best for years. On his own farm the wheat is up several inches. He states that the weather conditions, contrary to general reports, have been ideal for seeding.

The month of April was cold, keeping the moisture in the ground, and turned warm in May when the farmers got on the land. The result was the best possible seed bed for rapid growth. The acreage in Manitoba he thought, would show a considerable increase. Senator Sharpe could speak for his own province only, but he understood that in Saskatchewan conditions were not so good, the season having been later. He stated that there had been no labor shortage. The large help secured from the States has supplied the deficiency due to enlistment. Some five hundred students from American agricultural colleges also came north to assist the Canadian farmers to sow their crop.

FUTURE OF MONARCHY.

H. G. Wells Talks Plainly to Royalty.

London, May 17.—H. G. Wells has followed his recent letters on the question of republicanism in England by an article entitled "The Future of Monarchs" in the Penny Pictorial, in which he says: "If monarchy is to survive in the British Empire, it must speedily undergo most profound modifications. The old state of affairs cannot continue. The European dynastic system, based on intermarriage of a group of mainly German royal families, is dead to-day. It is freshly dead, but it is as dead as the rule of the Incas. The British Empire is very near the limit of its endurance of a kingly caste of Germans."

"The choice of British royalty between its peoples and its cousins cannot be definitely delayed. Were it made now publicly and boldly, there can be no doubt that the decision would mean a renunciation of monarchy and a tremendous outbreak of royalist enthusiasm in the Empire."

"We have fought in this war for Belgium, for France, for general freedom, for civilization and the whole future of mankind, far more than for ourselves. We have not fought for a king, but we will gladly go on with our task under a king, unless he hampers us in that task."

Triumph in War Greater. North Bay, May 17.—N. W. Rowell, M.P.P., Liberal leader in Ontario, addressing the Canadian Club yesterday, declared that all patriotic citizens should repudiate the view that either political party should, for fear of imperiling party position, hesitate to adopt measures that appeared to be urgent and essential to Canada's full participation in the war.

BORDEN FAVORS WOMEN'S VOTES

He Would Enfranchise All Women Throughout the Country.

THE PREMIER TO ANNOUNCE

RESULTS OF IMPERIAL WAR CABINET CONFERENCES

On Friday Afternoon Dominion Government Will Stop Race Track Gambling During the War.

Ottawa, May 17.—In the Commons yesterday afternoon Donald Sutherland, of South Oxford, moved that, "in the opinion of this House the question of extending the franchise to women should engage the attention of the Government at the present session."

Mr. Sutherland advocated a uniform Dominion franchise law, and that the franchise be extended to all women of the Dominion in accordance with the action taken by nearly all the Provinces of the Dominion.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley's motion, providing that the right of Dominion franchise be extended to the women of all Provinces in which women's suffrage has been granted, is next on the order paper.

Premier Borden intimated that he favored woman's franchise in all Canada.

Sir Robert Borden informed the House that on Friday he would make an announcement regarding the conference of the Imperial War Cabinet so far as the deliberations could be made public.

The Prime Minister moved, seconded by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that the House accept the new name donated by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London and that the warm thanks of the House be expressed to the donors.

Sir Robert Borden intimates that race-track gambling, will be stopped during the war.

STATUE PERSPIRED.

Worshippers Hall Phenomenon as Augury of Victory.

Rome, May 17.—A miracle! a miracle! was the cry of a woman in the church of the Madonna Del Monte, here. She was fervently praying before the statue of St. Joseph when she noticed that it was covered with drops of water.

"The saint is perspiring," said the crowd which gathered. The parish priest had the water wiped off, thinking that it was produced by the sudden hot weather, but the next morning the statue was again covered with drops of water.

The news of the miracle has spread throughout the city, and the church has been so crowded that the police have been called to preserve order.

As nowadays everything which happens is connected with the war, the people say this miracle is an augury of a victorious peace in the near future.

In the British Commons the government stated that the war's treaties with Russia still hold good.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

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DIED.

ROBERTS—In Cataraqui, on May 16th, 1917, the Rev. Canon Roberts, Mus. Dec. in his 75th year. Funeral in his late residence, 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, to Christ Church, Cataraqui. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

ROBB—In Kingston, on May 17th, 1917, James Robb, aged 70 years. Funeral from his late residence, Concession street, on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to Cataraqui cemetery. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

SMITH—In Glenburnie on May 17th, 1917, Jane Thair, beloved wife of Joseph G. Smith, formerly of Garden Island, in her 78th year. Funeral from the home, Glenburnie, Saturday afternoon, 1 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

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The noblest question in the world is, "What good may I do in it?" —BENJAMIN FRANKLIN