

SHARP COMMENT AGAIN ESCAPES OVER IRELAND FROM CUSTODY

Irish Policy of the Government Has Fallen Crumbling to the Ground. Private J. Lilley Entices His Guard to Desert With Him.

CONSCRIPTION IS DEAD HE SERVED AT THE FRONT BUT DESERTED AND GOT OVER TO ENGLAND.

The Daily Express Says Irish Priests Have Played a Leading Part in Killing Those Policies.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, June 21.—Earl Curzon's speech in the House of Lords last night, immediately seized upon in the lobby as an admission of a break down in the Government's Irish policy, is treated in this morning's newspapers as a sensational development and is made the theme of sharp comment.

"Home Rule is dead, Irish conscription is dead," says the radical Daily News. "and the whole Irish policy of the Government has fallen crumbling to the ground. Apart from military considerations; the condition of Ireland to-day is a mockery of every profession to which we give utterance as vindicators of the ideals of justice and freedom."

The Unionist Morning Post in its comment on the development says: "The Government once more has burned its fingers very badly by a mixture of rashness and inconstancy. What will be the effect of this abject surrender to the intransigence of Irish discontent and the arrogance of the Irish Catholic hierarchy remains to be seen."

Less rigidly partisan newspapers are hardly less severe in their comment. "Irish priests and bishops have played a leading part in killing both Home Rule and conscription," says the Daily Express. "If the moderates prevail and crimes cease, then perhaps when peace comes there may be another opportunity for Home Rule. Lord French will see that there is no rebellion in Ireland."

The Graphic says: "The worst elements in Ireland have been allowed by the committee of the Government to get the upper hand. Much sterner measures are required before order can be restored."

Caused a Sensation. London, June 21.—The Chronicle's parliamentary correspondent says: "A sensation was caused in the lobby last night when the nature of Earl Curzon's speech on Ireland became known. That utterance made it clear that the Government had sidetracked both Home Rule and conscription for Ireland."

Earl Curzon said the discovery of the Sinn Fein plot in May, and the action of the Irish Roman Catholic clergy in advising the people, under penalty of eternal damnation, to resist conscription, had altered the situation since the Government decided upon a policy of Home Rule and conscription for Ireland.

"In these circumstances," he said, "it was necessary, he did not say to abandon their policy or to change their front, but to adjust their policy to them."

The discovery of the Sinn Fein conspiracy, he said, would make it folly for the Government to proceed with Home Rule. "It would almost amount to a crime."

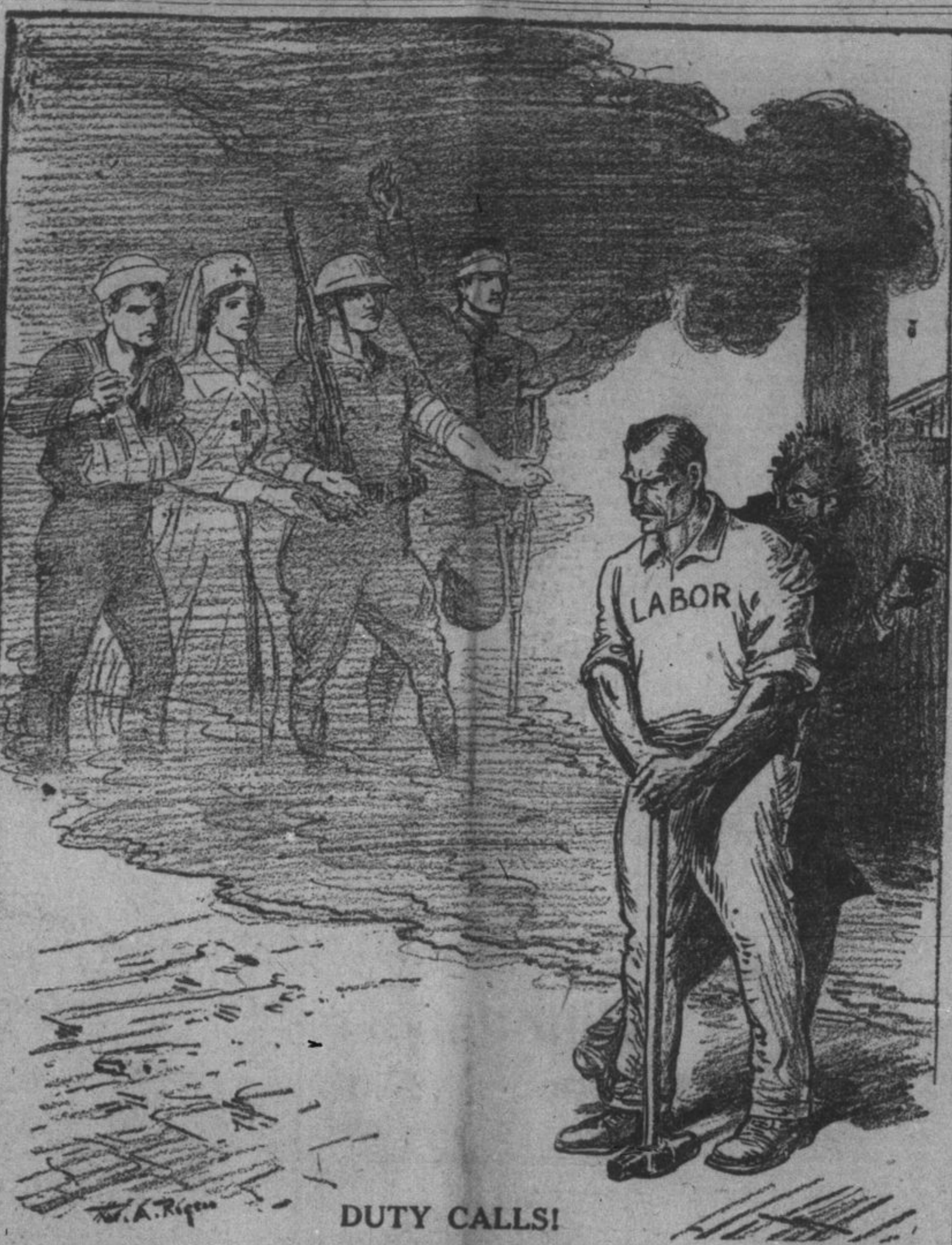
BRITISH CASUALTIES. Accumulated Names of Past Offensive Now Reported.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, June 21.—British casualties reported during the week ending to-day aggregated 36,620, divided as follows: Killed, 4,482; wounded or missing, 30,724.

It is several weeks since the British army has been engaged in any prolonged fighting on a large scale, although British divisions were involved in the German attack which began the offensive on May 27 on the Aisne front. The bulk of the casualties now being reported, which still are running between thirty and forty thousand weekly, evidently represent the accumulations of names from the intensive operations in which the British were engaged during the heavy German attacks of this spring on the British front.

Sixteen persons, including some women, have been condemned to death by the Germans following their arrest in East Flanders, Belgium, on a suspicion of being guilty of espionage.

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HOLD GERMANS IN GOOD STYLE

Extensive Raiding and Patrol Operations Carried Out By British.

GERMANS WERE REPULSED

WHEN THEY SOUGHT TO REGAIN GROUND ON FLANDERS FRONT

A Few Prisoners and Machine Guns Were Secured And Many Casualties Were Inflicted Upon the Enemy—In Aveluy Woods Encounters.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, June 21.—Further extensive raiding and patrol operations were carried out by the British troops last night in the Arras region and on the front to the south, towards Albert. Attempts by the Germans to regain ground won yesterday by the British near Merris, on the Flanders front were repulsed.

The text of the statement reads: "During the night we captured a few prisoners and machine guns and inflicted many casualties upon enemy in raids and patrol encounters in Aveluy Wood, in the neighborhood of Hebuterne and Boyelles, and on both banks of the Scarpe."

"Several hostile attempts to recapture ground gained by us yesterday northwest of Merris were repulsed with loss to the enemy. There is nothing further to report."

British Await Attack. (Canadian Press Despatch) Paris, June 21.—Grave events are impending on the British front, according to military experts, who see in the intensity of the German cannonade at various points the preliminary step of a new German attack. It is pointed out that the fourth army group, under Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, has had leisure for reorganization during the three weeks since it was engaged in battle and is now ready for a new effort along the front. It has established that units of Crown Prince Rupprecht's army were engaged in the abortive attack on Rheims Tuesday night. This is considered proof by L'Homme Libre that the German Crown Prince's army is tired and exhausted.

400 Barrels Have Arrived—60,000 Pounds Counting.

Ottawa, June 21.—Over 400 barrels of fresh mackerel have arrived in Toronto from Nova Scotia, this week with 60,000 pounds more to arrive before the week-end. This is a new service inaugurated under the auspices of the Canada Food Board. London and Hamilton will also share in the first shipments. These fish will sell to consumers at 12 1/2 cents per pound in Toronto and 13 1/2 in London and Hamilton. Mackerel have sold as high as 25 cents a pound of recent years.

JUMPED AT 9,000 FEET. Airplane Caught Fire—The Aviator Was Killed.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Paris, June 21.—Sergt. Kobaynaki, Japanese aviator in the French service, has been killed in an aerial battle. He was fighting against a number of enemy when his machine was set on fire by an incendiary bullet. He jumped from his airplane at a height of about 9,000 feet and fell behind the French lines.

BOTH CONSCRIPTION AND HOME RULE GO

It is Now Thought A Federal Solution of Problem Will be Planned.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, June 21.—It is stated that both conscription and Home Rule for Ireland are to be withdrawn by the British Government. The speech of Earl Curzon in the House of Lords last night is regarded as an admission of the breakdown in the Government's Irish policy, and it is believed that no further attempt will be made, at least for some time, to introduce a Home Rule Bill, or carry out conscription in Ireland.

It is understood the Government now favors a federal solution of the problem, which will be applicable also to Wales and Scotland. Premier Lloyd-George has consented to meet a deputation from all parties in both Houses of Parliament desirous of setting up a commission to draft such a federal scheme.

SAY STAR WITNESS IS A BIGAMIST

Deserted Motor Bus Driver to Marry an English Officer.

London, June 21.—Mrs. Villiers-Stewart, one of the chief witnesses at the trial of Noel Pemberton-Billing, member of Parliament and publisher of the newspaper, Veritas, for having libeled Miss Maud Allen, was charged in the Marylebone police court with bigamy. It is alleged that she married Stewart, her present husband, who is an army officer, while her first husband, Percival Bray, formerly a motor-bus driver, was still alive.

Mrs. Stewart caused a sensation at the Pemberton-Billing trial by testifying that Nell Primrose, who was killed while with the British forces in Palestine, had shown her the German "Black Book," which was said to have contained the names of 47,000 people in England, including those of ex-Premier and Mrs. Asquith and Viscount Haldane. She was remanded for one week.

CANNOT COPE WITH RIOTS IN AUSTRIA

Germany Cannot Give Food As It Also Has a Serious Shortage.

(Canadian Press Despatch) New York, June 21.—Riots are reported in the suburbs of Vienna and a hundred thousand workmen in important war manufacturing plants are on strike. The situation apparently is growing beyond control of the civil authorities, and martial law in the Austrian capital is not unlikely. Workmen continue to demand more bread, and the agitation is spreading. Advice received in neutral countries are to effect that the present trouble is the most serious the Austrian Government has faced and is causing grave apprehension throughout the country. Germany appears unable to help because it is faced with a serious food situation itself.

GERMANY MUST SUFFER

Reduction of Bread Ration as Well As Austria.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Amsterdam, June 21.—The Cologne Gazette says bread ration in Germany will have to be reduced the same as in Austria until next harvest. Despatches from Vienna say the burgomaster of Vienna informed the Austrian premier that on account of the reduction of the bread ration he cannot guarantee order in the capital.

WAR TIDINGS.

From Montillo to the sea the battle on the Piave continues most bitterly. More than twelve hundred Austrian prisoners and numerous machine guns were taken by the Italians on Thursday.

The Americans made an advance of five-eighths of a mile northwest of Chateau Thierry during Wednesday night. The Germans now hold but one small salient in Belleau woods.

In Britain since the German withdrawal all agitation concerning the withdrawal of men from their jobs for service in the army had ceased among workers in factories and mines, with the exception of the revolutionary minority of invertebrate strikers and pacifists.

SURE OF ENTENTE SUCCESS.

Every Month Allies Grow Stronger in Men and Material. Geneva, June 21.—The Jugoslavs firmly believe in the eventual victory of the Entente Allies, according to the Journal Novine, of Agram, Hungary.

General Foch, whom David Lloyd George called a great soldier, has not yet disclosed his intentions. "He is carefully holding back his reserves, and nobody knows where he will employ them."

"Every month the Allies grow stronger in men and richer in material. Altogether it is to the interest of the Central Powers to conclude a peace quickly. The interference between the nationalities of Austria-Hungary has reached its height. Never before in history has the people's spirit for freedom and independence been so agitated as now. We have every faith in the Allies."

Airplanes Attack British Squadron.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, June 21.—A British squadron was attacked on the night of June 19th north of Helligoland by German airplanes. No hits were made by the enemy. One enemy airplane was brought down.

A HUNGER DRIVE AGAINST ITALY

Austrian Soldiers Were Told of Spoils and Food They Would Get.

ENEMY ARMY BADLY CLAD

PRISONERS PART WITH MEDALS FOR ITALIAN MONEY

Austria Has No Reserve Food Stock And Is Dependent Upon Germany For Its Scant Supplies. Italian Army Headquarters, June 21.—That Austria's drive against Italy is positively "a hunger offensive" has been proved by new orders and addresses found upon prisoners. These were signed by officers ranging from Field-Marshal Conrad von Hotzendorf down to regimental commanders. One, which was issued by the commander of the famous regiment bearing the name of Archduke Charles, says: "Soldiers, remember the spoils we got last fall from the Italians; sheep, coats, steers, warehouses full of good clothes, and grocery stores full of wines, canned foods, flour and sugar. Think of your family. Think of the white bread you may win for all."

The correspondent has visited groups of hundreds of prisoners, all said they had had little food for the past month, and spoke with horror of the winter months they had passed. A sample of their black bread showed that it was made of rye straw and potatoes.

Poorly Clad Army.

Many of the prisoners have strong well-spiked shoes, but these they claim they made themselves or bought. Their clothes, however, are falling apart, having been patched frequently. Most of them have mere rags for shirts. The majority of the prisoners have money, but it is either in paper bills or iron coin. The most of them having two or three medals for valor, but these decorations are of base metal and none are of gold or silver.

One is stamped with the likeness of Empress Zita and encircled with laurel wreaths, and is made of a zinc composition. The prisoners part readily with these medals, saying they have no pride in them, for a few pennies of Italian money. Most of the captured men are young and light-haired, and generally have bad teeth.

Austria, it appears, is entering the new harvest year without any reserve stock whatever, and is dependent upon Germany for such scanty supplies as she is receiving. Germany, however, is reported to have short of stocks herself that she is able to extend little help.

BASEBALL, THURSDAY.

National League. New York, 6; Brooklyn, 0. Boston, 6; Philadelphia, 4. Philadelphia, 5; Boston, 4. Pittsburgh, 3; Chicago, 1.

American League. Washington, 4; New York, 1. Philadelphia, 2; Boston, 0. Boston, 3; Philadelphia, 0. Chicago, 5; Cleveland, 4.

International League. Binghamton, 3; Syracuse, 0. Toronto, 5; Jersey City, 3. Toronto, 5; Jersey City, 0. Newark, 5; Buffalo, 2. Baltimore, 1; Rochester, 0.

55,000 REGISTER. The 19-year-olds Not to be Called This Autumn Anyway, it is said (Canadian Press Despatch) Ottawa, June 21.—Fifty-five thousand nineteen-year-old men have registered for service under the M.S.A., but it is semi-officially stated to-day that none of these men will be called up for service till after harvest anyway. Ontario military district registrations total as follows: London, 5,883; Toronto, 9,248; Kingston, 4,261.

WAR BULLETINS.

The Italian transport Santa Anna, en route to Malta, was torpedoed and sunk. Six hundred and forty persons were lost.

A large force of Allied airplanes have reached the Italian front and are doing effective work.

The Italians again hold Capo Sale and several other villages taken by the Austrians in their last offensive.

Food conditions in Germany and Austria are becoming worse and there is great discontent there owing to a reduction in the bread ration.

French troops last night carried out operations on the front south-west of Soissons, which resulted in an improvement of their positions in the neighborhood of Faverolles. A similar improvement was effected further south on this front near Hautresnes.



REV. WALTER COX Of Chatham, elected at Hamilton as grand master of the Ontario grand lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows.