

HOSTILE CRAFT CROSSES COAST

Five Persons Killed and Nine Injured in England During Raid.

London, March 14.—In last night's air raid one airplane crossed the coast and dropped four bombs on Hartlepool. Six dwelling houses were demolished there and thirty were damaged. Five persons were killed and nine injured.

The following official statement was issued:

"Only one airplane crossed the coast last night. It dropped four bombs on Hartlepool. The raider, which was operating at a great altitude, only remained over land a few minutes, and the remainder of its bombs appear to have fallen into the sea.

"Six dwelling houses were demolished and about thirty damaged. The latest police reports state that the following casualties occurred:

"Killed: one man, one woman, three children. Injured: Three men, one woman, five children."

Last night's air raid was the second made in two days over England by Zeppelins, which previously had not been employed in these attacks for several months. In neither case, however, was an attempt made to reach the London district, where German dirigibles met with disaster on previous expeditions. In Tuesday night's raid Hull was bombed. Hartlepool, attacked last night, is a North sea port of some 65,000 inhabitants in northern England.

Seaplanes Victorious.

London, March 14.—Two British seaplanes on Tuesday engaged five enemy aircraft over the North sea, destroying one seaplane and downing another. It is announced officially. Both the British planes returned.

PROBLEM IN FAR EAST MAKING PRESS UNEASY

German Newspapers Point Out Blunders in Policy Followed in Russia.

Amsterdam, Wednesday March 14.—Some sections of the German press are becoming uneasy over developments in the far east.

The Frankfurter Zeitung considers that the breaking up of Russia into a number of independent states is a bad policy for Germany, and urges that the greatest tact and prudence be used in dealing with the border states so that they will not "in the future sigh for a reunion with Russia and become so many thorns in Germany's side." The newspaper adds:

"Clearly the entente policy is to use the Japanese alliance to shove Germany out of Asiatic markets forever. Germany played their game by breaking up Russia. Germany now has no more hope than ever of being able to conduct a far eastern policy, except in conjunction with Great Britain and Russia. That is why a weak Russia will not contribute to Germany's ultimate welfare."

Not Most Profitable Way.

Capt. Von Salzmann, the military critic of the Vossische Zeitung, writes: "Germany too late began to realize that the time might come when the United States and Japan would see that war is not always the most profitable way of settling differences. Germany's Russian policy has played the game brilliantly for Great Britain and the United States. In the same way Germany has increased Holland's debt of gratitude to Great Britain. It should have been Germany's game to earn Holland's gratitude by guaranteeing her the safe possession of her East Indian colonies, but instead of this she cemented the Anglo-Japanese alliance and delivered the Dutch colonies from Japanese pressure southward by opening the door to Japanese enterprises in Russia.

Sees No Advantage.

"Only the most limited intelligence can believe that the break-up of Russia will be to Germany's advantage. The true results of Germany's Russian policy already are patent in the lessening of the differences between Japan and the United States and the cement-

JAPANESE AT TSING-TAU



Japanese infantry in the trenches before Tsing-Tau, the former German port on the Shantung (China) promontory, which was surrendered to the Japs by the Germans.

ing of the Anglo-Japanese alliance and the consequent security of the Anglo-Indian and Australian colonial possessions, as well as the Dutch and French colonies in southeast Asia. The consequences are that Germany again finds herself without friends in the world, while Great Britain laughs in the background."

SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSES NEUTRALITY

Report of American Troops on Frontier Made to the Assembly.

Berne, Tuesday, March 12.—The Swiss federal council at a meeting last night discussed a report on measures of neutrality which dealt with the recognition of Swiss neutrality by belligerent powers. The report stated that the declaration made by the United States should be called for by the council, which has learned of the presence of American troops on the Swiss frontier. Switzerland, it is added, attaches the highest importance to its neutrality being recognized unconditionally.

The Swiss mission to the United States and its fortunate results also were mentioned in the report.

President Callender said he was surprised at the declaration concerning Swiss neutrality made by the United States, France and Great Britain. He said that the federal council in its reply had formally protested, insisting that if the neutrality of Switzerland were violated it would be the duty of Switzerland to defend it, and such was the only conception in conformity with Swiss treaties.

On Friendliest Terms.

"We refuse," said the president, "to be under the protection of powers which guarantee our neutrality. We wish, in case of invasion, to freely conclude an alliance with them, and if the case arises, to call to our help the powers which signed the treaties of 1815 and 1815. The three powers in question have not replied to the an-

swer of the federal council. "We have every reason to believe that their declaration was not intended materially to injure our neutrality and we are on the friendliest terms with them."

A dispatch from Berne on Dec. 5 said that the Swiss federal council had been informed by the United States that it recognized the neutrality of Switzerland. The American note was reported to have declared that the United States was in complete agreement with the allies on the subject of respecting Swiss neutrality and inviolability of Swiss territory, so long as Switzerland maintains neutrality and the enemy respected that neutrality.

FRENCH AEROS ACCOUNT FOR FOUR ENEMY PLANES

In Violent Hand-to-Hand Fighting Counter-Attack Is Checked.

Paris, Wednesday, March 13.—French aviators have accounted for four enemy machines, according to a statement from the war office tonight, which also reports a successful Belgian forward movement near Lombaertzyde.

The text reads: "There was strong artillery activity in the Argonne and on the right bank of the Meuse. "During the day a German machine was destroyed and three others were damaged severely, falling within their own lines.

Bombard German Stations.

"Belgian communication: Shortly after daybreak, after a violent bombardment, our troops entered the enemy trenches southeast of Lombaertzyde. After killing the occupants of the trenches in the first line and moving forward, we checked a violent counter-attack in hand-to-hand fighting. The enemy then retired to his second line. The artillery was active along the whole front Tuesday, most violently in the Nieuport and Dixmude sectors.

"Army of the east, March 12: French troops made several success-

From Rainbow Division National Guardsmen Re- pulsed German Raid March 5.

Washington, March 14.—American troops that repulsed the German raid of March 5 were from the Forty-second Rainbow division, which is made up of national guardsmen, Gen. Pershing reported today.

The commander of the American division was personally congratulated by Gen. Gerard, commander of the Eighth French army, for the manner in which the Americans conducted themselves. Gen. Pershing's message, as given out by the war department, follows: "Summary of activities on Forty-second (Rainbow) division front, night of 4th and 5th of March: Enemy attempted trench raid early morning, March 5. Raid was repulsed with losses to the enemy. Our losses reported light; no missing or prisoners. Gen. Gerard, commanding Eighth French army, congratulated division commander on way in which the troops repulsed raid."

The German raid on the night of March 4-5 was reported in the French official statement of March 5 in a paragraph which read: "In Lorraine a German raid on trenches held by American troops was repulsed. Associated Press dispatch from the American front, dated March 6, mentioned this operation as follows:

Repulsed With Losses.

"The German raid in this new sector occurred on Monday night, a sharp fight taking place in which the Germans suffered a repulse with losses. In it a unit which was among the most recent arrivals, displayed the customary American fighting energy and apparently gave the enemy a much warmer reception than he expected."

ful raids north of Ijunnica. Near Gradeschintza, Serbian troops brought back prisoners in a raid. Entente aviators carried out a number of raids and harassed the enemy establishments in the region of Rupel and north of Monastir."

British Take Prisoners.

London, March 14.—British raiders brought back prisoners from the German position near Epehy, southwest of Cambrai, last night. The official statement from the war office today also reports the repulse of a German raid in the Ypres sector. The statement reads:

"Our raiding parties entered the enemy's trenches last night southeast of Epehy and brought back prisoners. A raid attempted by the enemy north of the Ypres-Staden railway was repulsed successfully. "The artillery was active on both sides during the night southwest of Cambrai. The hostile artillery increased its activity in the Neuve Chappelle and Fauquissart sectors."

LIBERTY MOTOR PLANE ACCEPTED FOR SERVICE

First Seaplane Equipped With New Motors Successfully Tried Out.

Washington, March 14.—America's first fighting seaplane equipped with liberty motors has been tried out and accepted. It was named last night, and a number of the craft are now being delivered for the use of the naval air service. They are an advance guard of a big fleet which will be added to the forces engaged in submarine hunting in the war zone.

A second type of fighting plane for the American army, known as the Bristol model, also has reached the production stage and a considerable number will become available during the present month. Still another type, a two-seated machine, also is being manufactured. Construction details of these planes have never been published. It is known, however, that the seaplanes are substantially similar to the British flying boats and are equipped with two liberty motors which provide approximately 700 horsepower. This is understood to be in excess of the power used in similar British craft and their performance is expected to be proportionately better.

In this connection it was learned that engineers of the aircraft laboratory overcome the last minor defect of the liberty motors, having to do with the lubrication system. A number of motors taken haphazard from the quantity production supply have been operated continuously for many hours without any trouble developing.

ITALY CLOSES FIFTH NATIONAL WAR LOAN

Rome, Tuesday, March 12.—The fifth national war loan closed yesterday. The subscriptions in Italy reached 5,000,000,000 lire, with results in some cities not yet reported. Subscriptions from Italians abroad also are included. When these reports are received it is expected that the total will be 6,000,000,000 lire.

Over 30,000,000,000 Lire.

London, March 14.—According to official Italian statistics as forwarded in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Rome, Italy's war expenses to Jan. 31 amounted to 23,091,000,000 lire. Nearly 21,000,000,000 lire was expended for the army and the remainder for the navy.

PROTEST AGAINST MOB VIOLENCE IN SOUTH

Nashville, March 14.—A state conference of the Law and Order league, whose organization followed the burning of a negro murderer at Estill Springs, recently, is in session here today. The purposes of the organization are to put an end to mob law in the state. Chief Justice M. M. Neil is presiding. C. P. J. Mooney, managing editor of the Memphis Commercial Appeal, and former United States Senator W. E. Webb are among those on the program. Four vital points will be considered at the meeting, these being a protest against mob violence, the creation of sentiment against it through newspaper publicity, churches and schools, the more rigid enforcement of laws covering crimes, and the enactment of remedial legislation for mob violence and other brutalities.

TRY MRS. HIRSCH FOR BLACKMAIL

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he then placed the matter in the hands of his attorney, who subsequently laid it before the grand jury.

Witnesses Told of Threats.

Witnesses before the grand jury are reported to have sworn that after Mrs. Hirsch's visit to the mayor's office, she and Cook had attempted to extort \$500,000 from Mayor Candler through threats of revealing alleged relations between the mayor and Mrs. Hirsch.

In a statement in his own defense at his trial, Cook alleged he and two other men had seen Mrs. Hirsch enter the mayor's office and that later he appeared at the office and found Mrs. Hirsch there.

Bright and Smiling.

Long before court convened the room was filled with spectators, including many women. Mrs. Hirsch appeared early, bright and smiling, followed a few minutes later by Cook. Both took seats at the table occupied by counsel for the defense.

A temporary halt occurred when Judge Richard B. Russell, formerly of the court of appeals, stated to the court that he had just been engaged by the defense and asked a few minutes for conference.

Mayor On Stand.

Selection of a jury occupied little time. As in the trial of Cook, Mayor Candler was the first witness called and again related the details of Mrs. Hirsch's visit to his office early in February and the alleged attempt to blackmail him.

Mayor Candler said he first met Mrs. Hirsch in August, 1917, when she came to his office with another woman to enlist his aid in the raffling of an automobile for the benefit of the Red Cross. He referred to several times he saw her, when she came to his office both at the city hall and in the Candler building, saying they were all in connection with Red Cross work.

He testified that on one of these visits she asked him to get her an opportunity to attend a luncheon meeting of the Rotary club, so that she could sell tickets for the automobile.

Appeared in Snapshot.

Replying to questions by Attorney Arnold, for the state, Mr. Candler said that on that occasion newspaper photographers took some pictures, but that he had nothing to do with the arrangement of the groups.

"I remember," he said, "that I appeared in one snapshot with Gen. Eben Swift, Will Timmons, Mrs. Hirsch and perhaps some others." The witness then passed on to the occasions on which he had met Mrs. Hirsch this year. On Feb. 4, he said, he met her on Forsyth street near the city hall. Attorney Arnold brought out that this meeting was near the real estate office where Cook was employed.

Mayor Candler gave the details of his visit to his office in the Candler building on Feb. 6, when Cook appeared on the scene. He related how she removed her coat when she entered, saying she was hot and tired, and after taking a few minutes exclaimed that she saw a man at one of the windows. He looked, but saw no one, he said, and when he turned to her again she had removed her hat and opened a door leading into the hall. A man was standing there, he declared, whom he had never seen before.

"This is Nice" Incident.

"Our honorable mayor," he exclaimed, "this is nice," the witness testified. When he asked Mrs. Hirsch who the man was, she said she told him his name was Cook and he was a casual acquaintance of hers.

He told of going to the office of his son, Ana G. Candler, Jr., on the next day and later telephoning to Forrest Adair. Shortly after Adair came to his office, he said, Mrs. Hirsch called on the telephone and asked that a conference be arranged and she was told to Mr. Adair. Later Mr. Adair notified him he had made an appointment for him to see Cook the next morning at Adair's office.

"This was on Thursday, Feb. 7," said Mayor Candler. "Cook said he wanted to tell me that he was a friend of Mr. Hirsch and that it was his duty to protect his friend against this woman. He said she ought to be gotten away from here. He claimed he had seen me in my office in a compromising position with Mrs. Hirsch. I told him he had seen nothing of the kind. He wanted me to get a written agreement from Mrs. Hirsch to leave town. I saw Cook once more, on Wednesday, Feb. 13, in my office in the city hall. I did not send for him. He just walked into my office. He said I was trying to 'make a monkey out of him.' He said he would give me until Friday to make arrangements for sending Mrs. Hirsch out of town, and if I failed to do so by that time he was going straight to her husband."

Judge Overruled Motion.

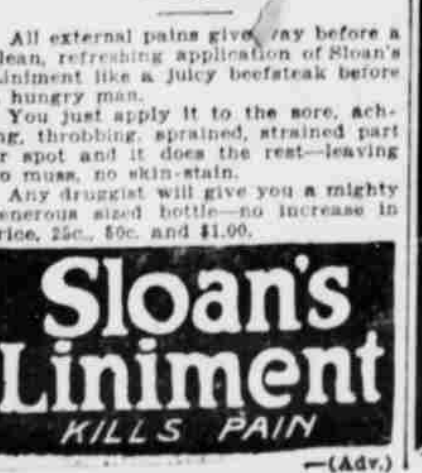
Judge Russell moved to strike from Mr. Candler's testimony all statements by Cook that were not made in the presence of Mrs. Hirsch. Judge Hill overruled the motion.

COMMANDER AT PORT VLADIVOSTOK SUICIDES

London, March 14.—Gen. Dumhadze, commandant of the port of Vladivostok, has committed suicide, says a Teletype dispatch from Petrograd received today.

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