

## Holland Very Angry Over Loss of Its Ship Germany Cannot Explain Fall of Von Tirpitz Successive Hun Attacks Repulsed By French

### "SHAKEN BY THE NEWS OF THE ADMIRAL'S RESIGNATION" SAYS TAGES ZEITUNG CONCERNING VON TIRPITZ; REASONS CANNOT BE DISCUSSED

#### German Press, Which Strongly Supports Von Tirpitz, at a Loss to Explain His Resignation—His Successor Has Not Been at Sea For 25 Years.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Berlin, March 16 via London March 17.—German officials repeat the statement that submarine warfare will go on in the limits set by the German officials memorandum to neutral powers of last month, but that demands of those who wished to see the indiscriminate torpedoing of whatever comes in front of the torpedo tubes to use the expression of one of those who advocate this policy, will not be fulfilled. This is also the deduction which those acquainted with the situation declare can be drawn from the resignation of Admiral Von Tirpitz, which was fore-shadowed a few days ago by the reports of his illness. The conclusion is said to be strengthened by the fact that Admiral Von Capelle has been chosen as the new minister. He is known merely as an excellent administrative officer, not having had ship command in the last 25 years. During this period he has been at the admiralty first as adviser on military affairs, then in the budget department and finally as head of the administrative department. He was looked upon as the right hand of Admiral Von Tirpitz until his retirement last November.

The Tages-Zeitung, which has been one of the strongest supporters of Admiral Von Tirpitz says that it is "shaken" by the news of the admiral's resignation and does not at present feel itself in a condition to make a comment thereon.

The Morgen Post says: "There will be universal regret that circumstances made the retirement of the grand admiral necessary. The reasons for this and the inner relations of affairs with one another can not now be discussed, but it will be

regretted that there was no other way out."

All the newspapers pay high compliment to the career of Admiral Von Tirpitz, the Berliner Tageblatt, terming him, "one of the few strong men of the post-Bismarckian era." The new minister, Admiral Von Capelle, assisted in working out the fleet plans of Admiral Von Tirpitz and he is thoroughly familiar with the executive and administrative work of the Imperial navy. He is just past 60 years of age. He entered the navy in 1877 and became an admiral in 1913. His retirement last November was explained as being due to serious consideration of health. He was ennobled in 1902.

### PASSED THE CENTURY MARK

Lt.-Col. Harry Cockshutt, the officers and other members of the 25th Battalion, are feeling pretty jubilant, thank you.

As the result of the first week of recruiting, the total has reached over the century mark, and future prospects are excellent.

Louis Merriman, who was born while George Washington was President of the United States, died yesterday in Kansas City. He was 121 years old.

### HUGE DEFICIT IN HUN BUDGET

Statement Shows Shortage of 480 Millions of Marks.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Berlin, March 17 (By wireless to Sayville)—Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the Imperial Treasury, introduced in the Reichstag yesterday, the budget proposals and bills for new war taxes. Dr. Helfferich insisted upon the necessity for rigid economy in framing the budget, saying: "I shall put on the breaks where ever I can."

"Dr. Helfferich said it was essential to make adequate provision for war requirements in the way of loans. 'This is no red tape,' he said, 'it is nothing but duty and foresight for a coming day.'"

The secretary pointed out that an increase in revenue taxation was necessary. After stating that war expenses were not included in the budget he referred to the fact that the influence of the war was noticeable in the increase of interest on the public debt, which was 1,268,000,000 marks last year, and is now 2,303,000,000 marks which was to be covered by new taxes.

### REBELLION COMING.

New York, March 17.—A news agency despatch from London to-day says:

A special from Rome to-day asserted that a military revolt is imminent in Bulgaria. The populace is growing restless, the despatch said.

### Retreating, Says Berlin.

Berlin, March 17.—(By wireless to Sayville)—The British forces on the Tigris below Kut El Amara began a general retreat after their defeat near Falahie on March 8, with the Turks in pursuit, according to Constantinople report from Constantinoople received here.

### GREAT VERDUN DRIVE PLANNED LAST FALL

Germans Hoped It to be a Counterblast to Allied Offensive.

### TROOPS WERE PICKED CAREFULLY

Failure of Attack Puts German Staff in Very Bad Position.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, March 17.—(Montreal Gazette)—The comparative calm of the last two days at Verdun since the failure of the second onslaught of the Crown Prince, is inspiring a feeling of hopeful expectation in Paris. The military critics of the Journal des Debats sums up the feeling by remarking: "The moment is near when instead of asking what the Germans are going to do, one must ask what the French are going to do."

### A SWISS AUTHORITY.

An article published in a Swiss newspaper, the Jura Journal, and said to be from "a competent source," gives what purport to be a story of the German aims at Verdun and the preparations made to bring these to pass. The newspaper says that an offensive was decided upon at a grand war council in an Ardenne town in September as a counter-blast to the expected move of the Allies in the Spring. It was originally intended to attack Verdun in April, and having conquered there easily, as they expected, to engage in wider operations to which the Verdun campaign was only preliminary. The Swiss newspaper adds, however, that "information from Rome, in consequence of Briand's visit, caused them to advance in two months, despite the inclement weather."

### PREPARED ALL FALL

Ever since September, it is said the Germans have been engaged in organizing. Men were chosen with utmost care from the whole army and trained, armed and prepared especially for the offensive. Men of doubtful value in the depots were sent to the front. The most robust and best instructed soldiers of young classes were held in reserve. Each army of the western front furnished a special chosen corps, with the sole exception of the sixth and the first army, stationed in Artois and at Soissons, respectively. These it was thought imprudent to weaken.

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### LOSS OF DUTCH SHIP TUBANTIA HAS CAUSED GREAT FEELING OF INDIGNATION AND ANGER IN HOLLAND AGAINST THE GERMAN EMPIRE

### LABOR MEN WAIT ON GOVERNMENT

Deputation From Trades and Labor Congress Ask For Improvements.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Toronto, March 17.—Many important requests were made by a strong deputation representing the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and the Ontario Labor Educational Association, which waited on the Ontario Government this morning. The deputation included the prominent labor men of the Dominion, and among those in attendance were Aldermen Halford of Hamilton, and J. C. Waters, Ottawa, president of the Congress.

The deputation was received by the whole cabinet after being introduced by Allan Studholme, M. L. A., for East Hamilton.

The resolutions read provided for: (1) The abolition of the property qualification of candidates to municipal office. (2) Licensing by the government of detective agencies, so that only honest men could secure certificates. It was asserted that at present alien criminals and other men of low character were employed by detective agencies to watch companies' employes. They conspired in the trumping up of charges in order to get work. (3) Amendment to the Election act, so that tramps away from home on election day could vote at the nearest pole. (4) Amendment to the Workmen's Compensation act, so that persons would get paid for first aid services out of the funds of the Province. (5) Votes for women. (6) Insertion of a clause in the Hydro Commission making firms securing orders or contracts from the Hydro Commission pay the union and prevailing rate of wages.

### Army to Full Strength.

Washington, March 17.—President Wilson to-day signed the joint congressional resolution authorizing the increase of the standing army to its full strength of approximately 120,000 men.

### Whether By Mine or By Torpedo Only Difference Is Absolute Intention or Neglect Equivalent to Intention—Is It Von Tirpitz' Farewell to His Navy?

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Amsterdam, via London, March 17.—The newest and finest steamship sailing under the Dutch flag, the Tubantia, of the Holland-Lloyd Line, was sunk shortly before dawn yesterday thirty miles on the Dutch coast. Although it is not positively established whether the disaster was due to a mine or a torpedo, there is a singular unanimity on the part of those who were on board in attributing it to a submarine's act. The crew base their belief in this regard chiefly on the intense violence of the explosion and on the fact that it occurred amidst ships.

### OUTWARD BOUND

The vessel was outward bound from Amsterdam to South American ports, carrying a crew of 294 and 82 passengers, the latter mostly neutrals, including, it is said, three Americans. The ship bore the usual identification marks of her neutral character, including an illuminated name and flag.

The disaster has created a profound sensation throughout Holland, where the ship was a great popular favorite owing to its size and luxurious appointments. The press comments reflect anger and indignation. The Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant says: "Between torpedoed and being mined, the only difference which exists is that known in criminal law between intention and conditional intention. If the ship was torpedoed, then there was absolute intention, or ignorance, or neglect equivalent to intention. The submarine commander must have known when he gave the command to fire that the ship was the Tubantia. No words can be found to

qualify this crime; no excuses can be accepted."

### A FEW LIVES LOST

It is now believed that there was a small number of lives lost in the sinking of the Tubantia, either in the explosion or in an accident which attended the launching of one of the lifeboats. The steamship remained afloat for a number of hours. According to all reports there was no panic, everyone on board behaving splendidly. The boats were launched in their appointed order and the passengers were all taken off first. The rescue work was difficult owing to the darkness, the heavy mist and the rough sea. The boats were several hours in finding the Noordhinder lightship, which was two miles away.

### CAPTAIN LAST TO LEAVE

The captain and part of the crew remained on the gradually sinking ship for some time, the wireless operator keeping up the work of guiding Dutch vessels to the rescue. The captain was on the vessel for two hours after she was struck and was the last to leave. The rescuing vessels took the passengers and crew to Flushing, Amsterdam and the Hook.

### DEEPLY STIRRED

The Hague, March 17.—Via London.—The loss of one of Holland's finest steamships has stirred the country deeply. The sinking of the Tubantia, valued at \$1,600,000 and insured for \$1,340,000, means a loss of valuable cargo space not easily replaceable.

### TORPEDO, THINKS CAPTAIN.

The opinion accredited to the captain that the Tubantia was torpedoed, adds to the feeling of resentment.

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### MADE WHISKEY CHEAPLY

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Montreal, March 17.—A two thousand gallon illicit whiskey still in operation in the heart of the city, was discovered last night by firemen while fighting a blaze in the premises at 321 West Craig street, known as the Barber College. In addition to running an illicit still, the "moonshiners" had tapped one of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company's gas pipes, and this secured free fuel for heating their water and keeping their still room warm. The still was seized by revenue officer Brabant.

### COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



KIND-HEARTED LADY: "Never mind, my brave little boy, keep smiling." THOMAS: "Keep smiling be blowed! It's all through smiling at Bill Illegging a girl that I got this little lot."—London Mail.

### "Came In With the Torpedo and Went Out With the Submarine," Sums Up the Career of Von Tirpitz, Deposed Admiral

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, March 17.—(Montreal Gazette)—The Times this morning says: "The resignation of Admiral Von Tirpitz is by far the most important and interesting event which has happened in the internal policies of Germany since the outbreak of the war. Upon Great Britain and the Allies it cannot have the slightest effect. Neither, we imagine, is it likely to influence neutrals, although active efforts already are being made to make use of it for that purpose, but the sudden disappearance of the only imperial minister whose tenure of office approaches that of Bismarck, is a matter of undeniable moment in German affairs."

"After all, the grand admiral may recover as suddenly as he has fallen ill. That may, perhaps, depend on the political health of the chancellor, whom he has been trying to trip up for some years."

Archibald Hurd writes in the Daily Telegraph: "Von Tirpitz came in with the torpedo and he has gone out with the submarine. Whatever successes the submarine may have achieved against merchant ships by ignoring international law and ordinary human feelings, as a military weapon, it has failed. During twenty months or so German submarines have not sunk a single armored ship of the grand fleet in the North Sea."

"The war of attrition at sea has failed, its failure has involved the

eclipse of the man responsible for the greater naval policy of the Germans."

The Daily News says: "Von Tirpitz's retirement means almost beyond question that in the long struggle between the chancellor and the extreme militarist party, of which Von Tirpitz was the idol, the former definitely has won. The German papers have been full of scornful references lately to the allies demand for the destruction of German militarism. The demand was perhaps superfluous, it is destroying itself."

### BORN ON SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Lt.-Col. Cutcliffe of the 125th Battalion was born on St. Patrick's Day and the band of the regiment in recognition of that fact this morning, at headquarters gave him a pot of Shamrock with a mixture Union Jack and Irish flag in the foliage. Bandmaster Bertram made the presentation, and the Colonel returned hearty thanks expressing the great pride which he felt in the band and in the regiment generally. He could not have been got together. Afterwards the band played several Irish selections, including "St. Patrick's Day in the morning" and "The Wearing of the Green."

Dr. H. J. Haiselden was expelled from membership in the Chicago Medical Society for "conduct unbecoming the ethics of the profession." This was a result of the baby Bollinger case.

### FIVE ATTACKS REPULSED

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, March 17. (Noon)—Important infantry assaults on the French lines east of Verdun were made by the Germans during the night. Five successive onslaughts in force were repulsed by the French.

The Germans have not yet resumed their activity against the French positions at Mort Homme. Artillery exchanges in the Westwre district continue, but otherwise there is nothing of importance to report.

The foregoing information is contained in the report of hostilities given out by the French war office this afternoon.

### COMMANDER DIRECTING PURSUIT OF VILLA



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