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GERMANS LOST 10,000 FOUR STEAMERS SUNK

British Have Won a Complete Victory at Neuve Chapelle.

British War Office Says Counter-Attacks Delivered by the Enemy on Saturday Were All Repulsed and Prisoners Up to the Present Are Over 1,700—Germans Rushing Up Reinforcements to Scene.

LONDON, March 15.—The War Office last night made the following announcement, presumably with reference to the operations at Neuve Chapelle, near Lille:

A heavy counter-attack delivered by the enemy Saturday afternoon and several minor counter-attacks earlier in the day all were repulsed. "Judging by observations on various positions of the field of battle and by statements of prisoners, of whom there are now 1,720, the enemy's losses must have been very heavy, and cannot have fallen far short of ten thousand men within three days."

"A train at the Don station was blown up by our aircraft Sunday morning." Gen. Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British forces on the continent, sent the following despatch to the War Office on Saturday:

"A little further progress in the war was made to-day (Saturday) by the Seventh Division in the direction of Aubert. The fighting has been very severe, as the enemy was strongly reinforced this morning, opposite my right, by at least two divisions. We captured 612 prisoners, however, and I hear there are more to come in."

"Our air craft have been very active, and the railroad junctions at Don and Dourain have been destroyed."

The following official statement regarding the Lille operations was issued by the War Office last night: "The British air squadron has effectively bombed Westende. "The success gained by the British armies at Neuve Chapelle proves to have been absolutely complete. They advanced on a front of about three kilometers (about two miles), with a depth of from twelve hundred to fifteen hundred metres, capturing successively three lines of trenches and a fortified work to the south of Neuve Chapelle. Counter-attacks delivered by the Germans with great violence were repulsed."

"The enemy suffered great losses, and left in the hands of our allies prisoners to a number considerably greater than at first reported. "The British heavy and field artillery very effectively prepared the way for and supported the vigorous action of the infantry."

A Rotterdam despatch says that information received here from the frontier indicates that the British success at La Bassée has thrown the whole German right wing into a remarkable state of activity. Men are being hurried from all the garrisons in the rear of the line and some from the coast towns to stop the advance of the British.

Official advices from the front, describing the occupation of Vauquois, in the Argonne region, by the French, say: "After several days' desperate fighting the French troops took possession of the plateau and half the village of Vauquois, on the eastern outskirts of the Argonne, and have been able to prevent the Germans from making use of this important strategic position to their own advantage."

WORST IN THE WAR?

Fight at Reich Ackerkopf Was a Desperate Struggle.

GENEVA, March 15.—(Via Paris.) Details received here of the engagement fought between the French and Germans for the possession of the heights at Reich Ackerkopf stamp it as one of the most sanguinary of the war in Alsace. Many regiments were used on both sides, and they frequently were reinforced.

"Gen. Deining personally directed three German counter-attacks against the crest of a hill which had been captured by French Chasseurs and Alpine troops. "According to reports no quarter was given and none was asked. Few shots were fired, for most of the work was done with the bayonet. The Germans, it is said, after four repulses retired to Muehlbach, leaving 900 dead and three times that many wounded. Grim bravery was shown by the troops on both sides. "The success reported by the French gives them a position commanding two valleys for their artillery."

CANADIAN CASUALTIES.

OTTAWA, March 15.—The following list of casualties among members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force were announced by the Militia Department last night: Princess Patricia's—Died of wounds, Corpl. S. W. Burns, Ottawa. Missing, Pte. James Tobar, Peterboro. Eng.; Pte. Thomas B. Haddock, Beadle, Sask. Wounded, Lieut. Corpl. Thos. Michaud, Quebec.

Second Battalion—Slightly wounded, Pte. Oscar G. Hillon, Catarqui, Ont.; Pte. J. Warrington, Falmouth, Eng.

Fifth Battalion—Death, Pte. Herbert G. Travis, St. Paul, Minn. Tenth Battalion—Wounded, Pte. Percy V. Sutton, Hartlepool, Eng. No. 1 Stationary Hospital—Seriously ill, Pte. A. E. Andrews, Montreal.

Second Brigade, C.F.A.—Accidentally killed, Gunner H. A. Paddon, St. John's, Nfld. Sixth Brigade, C.F.A.—Death, Gunner Leslie Johnson, Richmond, Que.

The Journal announces that Glenn H. Curtis and three other American aviators have arrived at Pau, to serve with the French army during the war.

Fate of Several Other British Craft Is Still in Doubt.

German Submarines Have Torpedoed and Sent to the Bottom the Indian City, the Invergyle, the Auguste Concell, and the Swedish Steamer Hanna—Loss of Life Is Small—Depredations Visible from Shore.

LONDON, March 15.—Activity of German submarines within the past few days is admitted in a British Admiralty report last night. At least four vessels are known to have been sunk, while the fate of several others attacked is in doubt. Few lives were lost. The record is:

Torpedoed and sunk: Steamer Indian City, of Glasgow, 2,921 tons, off Scilly Islands, on March 12; the vessel had a cotton cargo and was bound from Galveston to Havre; crew safe. British collier Invergyle, of Glasgow, 1,141 tons, off Cresswell, Eng., on March 13; crew safe.

French steamer Auguste Concell, 1,852 tons, off southern end of Devon, on March 11; the vessel was bound from Cardiff to Rouen with a coal cargo; crew safe. Swedish steamer Hanna, off Scarborough; six lives lost.

Torpedoed, probably lost: British steamer Florazan, on March 11, while crossing English Channel from Havre; one of crew reported drowned; vessel was set on fire, and was probably lost.

British steamer Andalusian, off Scilly Islands, on March 2; crew safe. Steamer Hartdale, reported sunk off South Lock, in the Irish Channel, with a loss of two lives.

The steamer Adenwen was towed into Cherbourg after being torpedoed in the English Channel on March 11. A Bordeaux despatch, via Paris, says the steamer Auguste Concell, from Cardiff for Rouen, with a cargo of coal, was torpedoed by a submarine off the Start Point, near the southern extremity of Devon, Eng., on Thursday afternoon. The crew of 28 men are reported to have been saved by a Danish steamer and taken to Falmouth.

An eye-witness of the torpedoing of the British steamers Indian City and Headlands, off the Scilly Islands, says: "About eight o'clock Friday morning a German submarine torpedoed the steamer Indian City, off Biddeford, within sight of Highton, on St. Mary's Island. The submarine remained in the vicinity about an hour, and was an object of keen interest to the islanders, who watched developments as the crew of the steamer rowed their boats toward the shore. "After evading the patrol boats the submarine sighted the City Headlands of Hartlepool and went in pursuit of the ship. The chase was brief. The German easily overtook the steamer when seven miles had been covered. Both vessels were seen to be constantly turning and manoeuvring as a result of the merchantman's attempts to escape destruction. Finally the steamer stopped and a large quantity of steam was seen escaping from her safety valves. Then it was noticed that preparations were being made to leave the steamer and a few minutes later the crew was observed in a lifeboat pulling away."

The Headlands was then destroyed. The crew of the British steamer Florazan, which was torpedoed at the mouth of the Bristol Channel, March 11, arrived here yesterday. The men say that their cargo of cotton had been discharged at Havre and the steamer was crossing the channel to England. No submarine had been seen.

The Admiralty last night issued a report giving the total number of British merchant and fishing vessels lost through hostile action from the outbreak of the war to March 10. The statement says that during that period 38 merchant vessels were sunk or captured. Of these 54 were victims of the hostile cruisers, 12 were destroyed by mines and 22 by submarines. The gross tonnage totaled 239,945. In the same period the total arrivals and sailings of overseas steamers of all nationalities, of over 300 tons net were 4,745. Forty-seven fishing vessels were sunk or captured during this time. Nineteen of these were blown up by mines and 23 were captured by hostile craft. Twenty-four of these captured were caught on Aug. 26 when, it is understood, the Germans raided a fishing fleet.

Thanks For Relief. OTTAWA, March 15.—The Government is receiving the warmest expressions of appreciation and gratitude for supplies that have been voluntarily sent by the Federal and Provincial Governments and the people of the Dominion for the relief of distress in the United Kingdom. These supplies included the flour sent by the Dominion Government and the Province of Ontario, the cheese sent by Quebec, potatoes from the Maritime Provinces and vegetables, fruit, etc., from all parts of the country.

They were divided among relief committees in various countries of both Great Britain and Ireland. The Belgian refugees in England also benefited. Alderman Sues Official. EDMONTON, March 15.—Writs were issued here Saturday in the Supreme Court in an action brought by Ald. Joseph Clarke, against the City of Edmonton, Chief of Police Hill, ex-Commissioner Booth, Superintendent of Telephones Cadwell, Chief of Detectives Haddock and former Chief Kroning. The actions arise out of the recent trial and acquittal of the alderman on charges of conspiracy to bring criminals into the city for the purpose of safe-blowing. Clarke asks damages amounting to \$72,000.

NEWS TOPICS OF WEEK

Important Events Which Have Occurred During the Week.

The Busy World's Happenings Carefully Compiled and Put Into Handy and Attractive Shape for the Readers of Our Paper—A Solid Hour's Enjoyment.

TUESDAY.

Montreal's City Council yesterday afternoon passed a bylaw as follows: "No person shall use any lamps other than electric lamps when looking for gas leaks."

William Snider, ex-mayor of Waterloo, died in Berlin Saturday evening, after an illness of two months, in his 69th year. He was proprietor of the Waterloo Flour Mill.

M. Mahoney, a farmer near Moose Jaw, has been notified by the Admiralty that his 16-year-old brother, Patrick, has been killed in action, where and on what ship is not stated.

The British Admiralty announces that out of a total of 1,613 ships arriving at and 1,432 leaving Great Britain during the period from Feb. 18 to March 3, only seven were torpedoed by hostile submarines.

James Brock, one of the oldest residents of Highland Point, near Penetanguishene, died suddenly yesterday from an attack of heart failure. He was driving a team of horses on his way to town when he fell dead.

The Amsterdam Telegraph's Tirmont, Belgium, correspondent confirms the report of the destruction there last Thursday of Zeppelin airship L-8, which was forced to make a hurried descent owing to a derangement of its motors.

Announcement was made in the British Parliament yesterday that Germans under 17 and over 55, and Austro-Hungarians under 18 and over 50 are now permitted to return to their respective countries under arrangements just made.

WEDNESDAY.

Albert Gerow, a well-known horseman of Belleville died suddenly yesterday morning from an acute attack of indigestion.

George Stephens, of Apsley, will receive \$60 bounty for killing four gray timber wolves this season. The heads have been forwarded to the department at Toronto.

Sixteen persons were killed outright and seventy others, mostly Germans, were seriously injured, in a terrific explosion in the Pyrotechnic arsenal in Antwerp on Monday.

Attorneys for Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, yesterday failed to get testimony concerning his sanity into the record of his trial for conspiring to escape from Matteawan. Thaw is a resident of Berlin, N.Y., and has voted to issue potato tickets similar to the bread tickets recently introduced in all cities in Germany. The allowance is 22 pounds per capita per week.

The Prussian Diet accepted the budget on third reading yesterday, says a Reuter message from Berlin. The Socialists members voted against the measure, and the Poles and Danes refrained from voting.

Three streets in the war-ridden Belgian city of Louvain are to be named "President Wilson," "General George Washington," and "American Nation," out of gratitude for relief furnished the starving Belgians by America.

THURSDAY.

Mrs. Augustine Birrell, wife of the Chief Secretary for Ireland, died yesterday.

Flight Sub-Lieut. Shepherd of the royal navy fell into the sea with a biplane yesterday while scouting off Eastbourne. He was killed.

A new Zeppelin, which is now being given trials over Lake Constance, will be the ninth to leave Friedrichshafen since the war began.

Rev. Dr. Flint, of New York, formerly of Uxbridge, Ont., has been offered the principalship of Wesley Theological College, Winnipeg.

The Overseas News Agency announces that Russia has accepted the German proposal for an exchange of prisoners who are physically unfit for further military service.

It was learned yesterday that in view of the demand for work in New Ontario the Government this year will employ men from that district, in almost all instances, to serve as fire-rangers.

The crew of the American steamer Deeds, recently transferred from German register and seized by a French warship and taken into Brest, have been ordered home by the French Government.

Maj.-Gen. Sir Francis Lloyd, commanding the London (Eng.) district, has issued orders forbidding officers in uniform to visit night clubs, where many young officers have recently been victimized.

Herr Geithner, a Socialist member of the Sax-Coburg Diet and editor of the Gotha Volksblatt, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment for commenting sarcastically upon Emperor William's statement that he no longer knew parties but only Germans.

FRIDAY.

John N. Gibb, a prominent contractor of Wallaceburg, died Wednesday night, after a short illness of pneumonia.

A bomb was found yesterday afternoon in the office of the State Workmen's Compensation Committee in New York City.

With an impressive military ceremony Lieut.-Col. Wood opened the New Brunswick Legislature at Fredericton, yesterday.

Frank Schwoob charged with issuing fraudulent checks, pleaded guilty yesterday in Berlin, Ont., on three different counts and was sentenced to three years in the provincial prison. The severed head of a man found in a sewer in Brooklyn, N.Y., yesterday was identified through dental work as that of Rufus A. Dunham, a collector who disappeared late last year. Several men were reported killed and many others wounded in a riot

yesterday at Blythe Junction, in the California desert. The rioters took possession of the railroad building and cut the telegraph wires.

Authority was received yesterday at Montreal for the mobilization of the French-Canadian stationary hospital, under Lt.-Col. A. E. Mignault. This will be the only purely French-Canadian hospital at the front.

SATURDAY.

The date for the elevation of Galt to the status of a city has been changed from March 15 to June 1. Nicholas Ecker, aged 70, retired farmer and bachelor, of St. Catharines, cut his throat and passed away in a few moments. He had been dependent of late.

A cablegram received at the Militia Department yesterday announces that the headquarters of the Canadian Expeditionary Force has been moved to Shorncliffe, Eng.

Four Austrian prisoners of war succeeded in loosening the boards in the floor in their quarters in the old fair building at Brandon and escaping. Only one has been recaptured.

Edward W. Melville, a member of the 42nd Black Watch, fighting under Sir Colin Campbell in the Crimean war, was buried with military honor in Saskatoon yesterday. He was born in Scotland 81 years ago.

George Hogarth, farmer, living two miles from Grimsby, shot himself in the heart with a 22-calibre rifle while in his workshop, managed to make his way to his house, fell down and died without making any statement.

Mr. James Kent, manager of the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Co., is retiring from this position, after 29 years' service with the C.P.R., and is being succeeded by John McMillan of Winnipeg, as manager of telegraphs for the C.P.R. Company.

SUNDAY.

Col. W. H. Crook, disbursing officer of the White House, who was President Lincoln's body guard, and who has been intimately acquainted with every President since 1860, died yesterday in Washington.

Mrs. MacKesy, daughter of Angus Johnstone, of Lindsay, while in a state of depression drowned herself in the River Scugog early yesterday morning by thrusting her head through a hole in the ice.

Dr. S. Gowan, a graduate of Toronto University in 1902, died in Brockville Saturday. He was one of the victims of the typhoid fever epidemic, which has raged in Brockville for the past three months.

William MacDonald, aged 24, a veterinary surgeon, of London, Ont., is in a serious condition as the result of being knocked down and kicked on the street. William Clark was arrested charged with the crime.

The international joint commission will sit at St. Paul, Minn., on May 24 to consider the measurement and apportionment of the waters of the St. Mary and Milk rivers and their tributaries in Montana, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Two men were found in the G.T.R. yards in Windsor Friday night, acting in a suspicious manner, and they were placed under arrest. In the police court Saturday one of the men admitted he was an Austrian, and was turned over to the military authorities.

ALL IN HALF AN HOUR.

Triumph at Neuve Chapelle Sets New Record For This War.

LONDON, March 15.—The British offensive, which resulted in the capture of Neuve Chapelle and the country beyond it, began early in the morning of March 10 with a bombardment by a large number of guns and howitzers, according to an eye-witness with the British Expeditionary Force in France.

"Our men in the trenches," he says, "describe this fire as being the most tremendous, both in point of noise and in actual effect, they have ever seen or heard. The shrieking of shells in the air, their explosion and the continuous thunder of the batteries were all merged into one great volume of sound. The discharges of the guns were so rapid that they sounded like the fire of a gigantic machine gun."

"During the 35 minutes it continued our men could show themselves freely and walk about in perfect safety. Then the signal for the attack was given, and in less than half an hour almost the whole of the elaborate series of German trenches in and about Neuve Chapelle was in our hands."

"The columns of prisoners as they marched back, threading their way through ambulances and transport and between the waiting ranks of our reserves, afforded no little encouragement. The faces of many of them were bright yellow from the effects of the 'lyddite'; the majority looked shaken, and all admitted that the attack had come as a complete surprise. "Our success does not lie in the fact that we have gained an extent of ground probably greater than has ever before been gained in the space of so short a time since the commencement of the present form of trench warfare, but in that our men, in spite of the disheartening effect of months of inactivity in the trenches, have shown the utmost dash throughout these operations."

Taylor Is Elected. VANCOUVER, March 15.—L. D. Taylor, elected mayor of Vancouver at the recent municipal elections, and unseated because of his lack of the necessary property qualifications, was re-elected at the election on Saturday by a majority of more than 1,000 over the combined votes of his two opponents. The vote stood: Taylor 5,834, Hephurn 4,656, Whiteway 85.

Meat Long Since Gone. VENICE, March 15.—(Via London.)—Private letters received here from Vienna say that the poorer classes in that city are suffering acutely on account of the scarcity of food. Meat has long since disappeared from their tables. Bread is scarce and high in price, it being almost impossible to buy flour.