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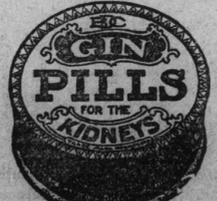
WASHINGTON, March 18. Germany's threat of a great spring offensive on the Western Front no longer impresses American military men. In the weekly review to-day the War Department records the conclusion that the enemy, in spite of his vast preparations, will not take the offensive until forced into it. This confirms the opinion many officers have expressed for weeks in the face of official forecasts to the contrary from both sides of the Atlantic.

GERMANY'S BIG ARMY.

LONDON, March 17. (Via Reuter's).—Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters says although the enemy gives no sign as to when the promised offensive will break, he is still accumulating men and material on this front which seemingly admits of only one explanation. He has 190 divisions on the Franco-Belgian fronts. Over one-third of these are in reserve ready to be hurled at any point selected. Why the Germans are allowing week after week of wonderful weather to pass without moving is possibly explained by their anxiety to know exactly how many of the divisions still in Russia can be counted upon for the West front before committing themselves to the most dangerous and most unpromising adventure of the war. Behind the enemy's front his preparations are evident. New aerodromes, roads and immense hutments are continually being constructed. His reserves are in cantonments far from the front, hence it is impossible to know the point at which he will attack. Our defense preparations are on a most formidable scale.

GERMAN TRENCHES ENTERED.

PARIS, March 18. The War Office reports a series of strong German attacks in the direction of Mamognex, north of Bois de Courserie and Bezanvaux region. Large enemy detachments succeeded in penetrating French lines at various points, but under the violence of French fire they were unable to hold the ground. Latest information shows last night



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RIOTING IN BELFAST.
BELFAST, March 18. In a riot between a mob of Sinn Feiners and the police in the Nationalist quarters of Belfast early Sunday, hurley sticks, clubs and stones were the chief weapons, but some revolver shots were heard. The trouble lasted from midnight until four o'clock in the morning and many persons including some policemen were sent to hospitals. The Sinn Feiners had announced they would hold a meeting in St. Mary's Hall, a Nationalist gathering place, but the authorities closed the hall. During Saturday Sinn Feiners were brought in from different parts of the country to begin imprisonment in the Belfast jail. Many sympathizers came along. Professor Edward Devaloro, member of Parliament for East Clare and a Sinn Feiner, rode in an automobile at midnight accompanied by a body guard armed with hurley sticks and others carrying blazing torches. The hall being closed Devaloro moved his meeting to a vacant lot one hundred yards from the hall. He had talked ten minutes when the police declared their intention to break up the crowd numbering about 2,500. Hurley sticks were brought into play at once. The police drew their batons and charged them double quick. A stiff fight ensued and it was not until the military were brought to the rescue that order was again restored.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT THE VATICAN.

ROME, March 18. St. Patrick's Day was celebrated at the Vatican by the reading by Pope Benedict of a decree for the beatification of Oliver Plunkett. Monsignor O'Riordan, Rector of the Irish College, delivered an address in which he said that Ireland was to-day paying to Plunkett a debt owed him for more than two centuries. After reviewing the life of Plunkett, Monsignor O'Riordan spoke of the religious strife in the United Kingdom. The Irish in the end obtained religious liberty for their brethren in Britain as well as for themselves. He said although the struggle lasted until a time within the memory of some who are still living, it involved many sacrifices and loss of life while for Ireland itself it meant the martyrdom of the nation. Plunkett was put to death on a charge of treason in 1681.

REPRISALS EFFECTIVE.

GENEVA, March 17. Reports reaching here from Germany say that panics have been brought about by British aerial attacks on German towns. At Coblenz, there were several outbreaks of fire in the southern portion of the town and an ammunition factory was blown up. The railway station at Freiburg was again badly damaged. Swiss-travellers report that in the principal Rhine cities many houses and apartments are vacant, numbers of persons moving to Central Germany or Switzerland. They say the opinion is growing against the continuation of German air raids.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT OPENS.

OTTAWA, March 18. The first sitting of the 139th Dominion Parliament which commenced its labors to-day under Union Government auspices, made a record for an opening day. Not only was the Hon. E. H. Rhodes, ex-Speaker re-elected to the position of Chief Commander at the morning sitting but by Speech from the Throne was read by His Excellency the Governor in the afternoon and the debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne was commenced. An atmosphere of good fellowship pervaded both morning and afternoon sessions of the House. The Speech from the Throne did not contain any surprises. Probably the announcement that was the least expected was that a Bill for extending the franchise to women would be introduced during the present session. It had been generally thought that this measure would go over until next session. Announcements that there would be legislation in respect to war profits, daylight savings and to consolidate the railway act had been anticipated. Owing to the simple character of the Opposition, attendance in the Senate Chamber when the Speech from the Throne was read was small.

AGAINST RETURN OF COLONIES.

LONDON, March 18. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—At a conference of the Returned Soldiers' Association, held at Bloomfontein, representatives of the whole of South Africa passed a resolution against the return of the last colonies to Germany.

DISASTROUS EXPLOSION.

PARIS, March 17. Two very violent explosions to-day in a factory at La Couronne, north of Paris, caused the deaths of sixteen persons and the injury of a large number, mostly slightly, according to an official announcement. Later it was said that the number of dead was thirty. General Dubail, the Military Governor of Paris, has instructed Capt. Lurher, Judge Advocate of the

Incapable Railway Officials.

PASSENGERS FREEZE IN SLEEPERS.

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir,—Instances of incapacity, neglect and indifference on the part of the railway management keep accumulating daily.

If the history of the operation of the road during the months of January and February were written it would present a record of inefficiency and bungling unequalled since the days of Blackman.

It appears that the men in charge of the operating department of the road are either utterly incapable or callously indifferent in the performance of their duties.

People ask: "Can the Government not intervene and protect the public from the inefficiency of the road's officials?" The answer to this question is the Government can interfere but they will not, or rather they dare not under the present composition of the Executive.

Mr. Coaker cannot afford to antagonize the President, and even if Dr. Lloyd desired to interfere he would be squelched by Messrs. Coaker and Crosbie, whose influence is notoriously pro-Reid and who will block any interference with the Company which has not previously received the approval of the President of the road.

From all along the railroad comes complaints of unsatisfactory train service, delays to freight and inconvenience of travel, which have now reached a point where they are becoming intolerable.

A couple of days ago I was shown a letter written at Port aux Basques giving details of a trip across the country on one of the express trains.

The express left here Sunday, the third of March, was three days on the road, and the passengers suffered terribly from cold and hardship while en route.

The treatment which they were compelled to undergo between here and Port aux Basques was such as to jeopardize their health and inflict lifelong suffering.

Before the train had reached Charlottetown the heating of the sleeper failed and the passengers riding in that car had to suffer the rigors of winter weather traversing this country in a car without heat from Sunday night till Wednesday forenoon.

There were twelve passengers in the car, and some of the lady passengers suffered agonies from cold and consequent discomfort.

To make matters worse when the train reached Millerton Junction they received orders to remain there "till further orders," which meant nearly twenty-four hours.

The sleeper was thoroughly frozen up and the pipes are said to have burst. Passengers were obliged to burn their furs and overcoats and all extra clothes they had to keep from freezing.

The train hands did all they possibly could to assist but were helpless, the heating apparatus of the car was out of order almost from the time of starting.

On arriving at Port aux Basques enquiry was made as to the cause of the mishap and the interesting information elicited was: "Everything seems to be going to the— on the road lately and we don't know what may happen any day."

A nice condition of affairs, certainly, to obtain on a railroad which has cost this country some fifteen million dollars.

At Port aux Basques were found a number of passengers who landed from the Kyle shivering in the cold waiting the arrival of the engine ahead of the incoming express to take the other out.

Several passengers were looking for sleeper berths which could not be provided for them and pandemonium, generally, reigned among them. Confusion and incapacity were in evidence on every hand, and no one seemed to know when the steamer would depart for North Sydney, nor what time the eastbound express would get out with the passengers who had been waiting forty-eight hours.

A postal official was fuming because the Reid officials neglected or refused to land the mail for several hours after the Kyle's arrival. The mail was an exceptionally heavy one, being an English, United States and Canadian mail, and the postal officials naturally desired to have it promptly landed so that assortment could commence, but they had to put up with the Company's system of doing nothing right, nor with ordinary promptitude.

How many such transactions and incidents of the nature described above take place without coming to public attention no one knows, as people have become so inured to the inconvenience and discomforts of travel on the Railway system recently that they are thankful if they get from point to point without serious mishap. Freezing for two or three days in a sleeper, and being "hung up" for forty-eight hours or more at a station en route are becoming common-place occurrences.

Despite this scandalous condition of affairs, in the face of such neglect of public interest, and evident indifference or incapacity on the part of the management of the road, the Government makes no move, and permits the

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Strong, sturdy Hosiery for boys who are hard on their stockings. Made of extra heavy cotton yarn in durable one and one rib; asst. sizes. Sale Price, per pair **35c**

LADIES' HOSE.
A line of Cotton Hose of a good black color, with a fleece lining. These are offering while they last at an unusually low figure. Sale Price, per pair **39c**

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Safety Pins, per card of 1 doz. Ladies' H. S. Handkerchiefs, 3 for **11c**. Mending Wool, asst. colors, 2 cards for **7c**. Hair Pins, 2 boxes for **7c**. Brilliant Crochet Cotton, 2 balls for **15c**. Hydrogen Peroxide, per-oz. bottle, Writing Tablets, note size, each **8c**. Writing Tablets, letter size, each **15c**. Scribblers, each **9c**. Exercise Books, each **7c**

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The 'Florize'

(Saturday's Proceedings.)
Second Engineer John Thomas was cross-examined by Mr. ...
I take a turn out of the ...
before leaving and see that ...
everything is in working order. I did ...
on the last trip. I do think about ...
hours before sailing. There was ...
trouble in getting away as far as ...
engines were concerned. They are ...
overhauled every trip. There was a ...
overhaul about April or ...
last year at New York. The win- ...
propeller is of a coarser pitch than ...
summer propeller. The blades ...
were used before by the Florize ...
I would know if there was a blade ...
missing by the jar of a blade without ...
possible to lose a blade without ...
the engine room becoming aware of ...
Our horse power is a fair aver- ...
age for that class of ship. The pres- ...
sure in the stokehold is for the ...
gauge of the foremen. If she dropped ...
the, you could tell it by the sound ...
of the engine without looking at the ...
pressure gauge. The pressure is re- ...
duced when blowing out the ash- ...
trays from the furnaces. The pres- ...
sure around and tend to the furnaces ...
these conditions are responsible for ...
reduction of speed. The engines ...
are going at full speed till the ash- ...
trays are blown out. When I left the ...
engine room she had a full pressure ...
of steam. The reduction in pressure ...
caused by the blowing out of the ash- ...
trays does not affect the revolutions ...
of the propeller much. A reduction of ...
from 35 per cent. in steam. If there ...
was a mistake in reading the revolu- ...
tions it could be found out. There is ...
a different engine room staffs. ...
There was no competition on the ...
Florida. A heavy sea would reduce ...
the revolutions as she would not run ...
fast. That would be done despite the ...
fact that the full pressure of steam ...
was on the engines. In bad weather, ...
in addition to the slip, we would have ...
a difference in revolutions as well ...
as the pressure drops you investigate ...
and see what is wrong with the fire- ...
man. Notes would be compared as ...
regards the revolution with the cap- ...
tain on other ships that I was in ...
about noon each day. I do not know ...
the number of revolutions the en- ...
gines made just after leaving the ...
Florida. I retired about 10.30 and slept ...
soundly. I did not hear her racing ...
holiced her roll. I did not notice ...
or did I hear any slob striking the ...
side of the ship that night. The work- ...
ing out of the engine table would not ...
show the actual speed of the ship go- ...
ing through the water. At 69 revolu- ...
tions the engines would work out 48 ...
knots in four hours. You can ...
calculate the ship knots from the ...
gauge. At 75 revolutions in four ...
hours the engine knots would be 53. ...
drop of 5 or 10 lbs. on the engine

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