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STUBBORN FIGHT ALONG THIRTY MILE FRONT IN CHAMPAGNE DISTRICT

Heavy Losses by Both French and Germans -- Allies Now Match For Enemy in Big Guns--Stormy Weather Makes it Hard in Trenches

Paris, March 3.—A stubborn battle is raging over a thirty mile front in the Champagne district, where the French and Germans are struggling for the possession of strategic positions. Both sides have lost heavily in that region, and at some points both sides claim victory.

The French official despatches state that the French troops have captured some German artillery supports as well as trenches and barricades constructed of fallen trees and bags of earth.

The feature of the fighting along the northern end of the battle line, is the heavy artillery fire. The French and British are now on equal terms with the Germans in the matter of big guns, and the German artillery is kept on the move from position to position avoiding the accurate fire of the allies' cannon.

Stormy weather continues and at some points the soldiers are lying in trenches that are nearly half full of water. This has led to a great increase in the cases of rheumatism and pneumonia in the hospitals. A severe snow storm is raging over the Vosges. At some places the snow is so thick that the soldiers in the opposing armies fight without seeing each other.

KAISER TO FRONT London, March 3.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Express says Emperor William is expected to go to the front very soon, to witness a series of attacks in West Flanders for which the Germans are preparing. Many fresh German troops are pouring into Belgium.

London, Mar. 2.—The officers and crews of British warships present at the capture of destruction of any armed hostile ship will share in the distribution of prize money, calculated at \$25 for each person on board the enemy vessel at the beginning of the engagement. This order-in-council was promulgated today.

WOULD DESTROY ALL GOODS DESTINED FOR GREAT BRITAIN Amsterdam, March 3.—(Via London 125 p.m.)—The Cologne Gazette, commenting on Premier Asquith's recent speech, in which he outlined Great Britain's retaliatory measures for the German's submarine blockade of the British Isles, says:

Our submarines will now, we hope, endeavor to destroy all goods destined for Great Britain. Great Britain wishes war to the knife, she shall have it."

MUST BE PRIVY COUNCIL ORDER London, March 3.—Until the Privy Council issues an order, the declaration that trade to and from Germany and allied countries is to be stopped, will not be effective, in so far as Great Britain is concerned. Orders-in-council are frequently dated back; consequently the date when the declaration is supposed to become effective.

Down Prince Now Said TO BE IN DISGRACE New York, March 3.—A special to the London Daily Express and New York Herald from Geneva says: For nearly two months nothing has been heard of the German Crown Prince, either from military headquarters or from Berlin. A report that he has been killed is wholly discredited, but his sudden retirement into obscurity has been the cause of much speculation. News received here from Innsbruck states definitely that he is in disgrace and by the Kaiser's express command is living in strict seclusion in Berlin.

Phelix and Phardian WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The cold wave is now centered over Lake Superior while a depression situated in Texas will likely move toward the Great Lakes. Fair, cold weather prevails in Canada.

Fair and Colder. Maritime—Strong breezes to moderate gales, northwest to northerly. Local snow flurries, but mostly fair and colder today and on Thursday.

New England forecasts—Fair and continued cold tonight and Thursday; moderate northwest to north winds.

REV. MR. KUHRIG TO THE RIFLES

Chaplain To The 6th Is Announcement Today USE FOR CAMP SUSSEX

Extensive Plan Being Worked Out—More Recruits For New Field Artillery—Ready For Inspection

Rev. Captain G. A. Kuhrig, whose appointment as chaplain with the Second Canadian Expeditionary Force was announced some time ago, has received orders from the militia department assigning him to the 6th Mounted Rifles. Speaking of the appointment this morning, Rev. Mr. Kuhrig expressed his gratification in receiving the post with such a fine body of men.

The opinion is held among militia men in the province that Sussex will be the centre of mobilization for troops on a large scale during the coming summer. The belief is that a large body of men will be put under canvas in the early spring the big grounds being used as a training centre and as the recruits of the 25th Field Artillery, 7th Brigade, for which orders had been received by Captain J. R. Miller to recruit. Headquarters has not yet appointed a recruiting officer to attend to the examination, however, and consequently they could not be definitely listed. Advances as to the number of recruits a physician are expected any moment.

Recruits Offering. A long line of volunteers arrayed themselves before the recruiting office in the army this morning waiting for an opportunity to enroll as members of the 25th Field Artillery, 7th Brigade, for which orders had been received by Captain J. R. Miller to recruit. Headquarters has not yet appointed a recruiting officer to attend to the examination, however, and consequently they could not be definitely listed. Advances as to the number of recruits a physician are expected any moment.

Training Here. Lieut. R. A. Major, of the 62nd has been detailed as instructor for the men recruited in St. John and who are being held here prior to being sent to Amherst, where they will be sent to a route march to Manchester's field, carrying noon-day rations. The unit is also in a state of preparation for the inspection. Drill was continued today in the vicinity of their quarters.

The recruits taken here for the 6th C. M. R. are pending the time before leaving for Amherst in a steady programme of drill. Their departure has been delayed a few days because that will not be much longer before they move to headquarters in Amherst.

Norman L. McNeil, an employee of the store department of the I.C.R., who has enlisted with the 6th Mounted Rifles, Third Contingent, has received from his fellow clerks a gold watch and a purse of gold. For the last nine years he has been a member in the 8th Princess Louise Hussars, holding the rank of sergeant for five years.

The following Sackville boys have been accepted for overseas service with the 6th Mounted Rifles—Sergeant Stanley Barnes, Woodville; Archibald Estabrook, Upper Sackville; Reginald Hicks, Middle Sackville; James Loette, Middle Sackville; Abner White, Middle Sackville; Harold Milton, Sackville; Earl Estabrook, Sackville; Manford Babcock, Upper Sackville; Thomas Babcock, Upper Sackville; Fred Fitzpatrick, Port Elgin; Roy McDonald, Port Elgin; A. W. Fryers, Shediac; J. W. Landell, Truro.

More for Fredericton. Instructions were received yesterday by Q. M. Sgt. Wm. Ellis, Royal Canadian Engineers, forman of military works in Fredericton, to have the tany and other arrangements at the exhibition buildings put in readiness for the reception of a new body of troops to be mobilized in Fredericton.

Military men are now expected an official order to follow, naming Fredericton as the point of mobilization for the 25th Overseas Battery for the Third Canadian Contingent. Major W. H. Grey, the recruiting officer in this district, has already had eight volunteers make applications for places with the battery.

With the Patriots. (Sackville Post) A. C. Fawcett received a letter Monday from Geo. R. McCord. It was written in England on February 18th, and the writer stated he expected to leave the following day for France. Two other Sackville men, Rhodes and Lortie, were accompanying him. Parker Estabrook, son of G. F. Estabrook, in the course of a letter to his parents, says: "P. H. McCord is now at Tidworth barracks and is waiting orders to go to the front together with 130 more men from the 12th Battalion, to reinforce the Princess Patriots."

FOR EVANGELINE HOME Colonel C. T. Jacobs, social secretary of the Salvation Army for Canada, who is here in connection with the opening of the new Metropole, was in consultation this morning with the local officers regarding the welfare work in this city. The army is considering several proposals with an idea of purchasing one of them for the use of the Evangeline Home and Hospital, and Colonel Jacobs is giving them the benefit of his advice on this matter also.

Mother and Three Children In Quebec Burned To Death

LOW DEATH RATE IN BRITISH ARMY PROBABLY RECORD

Disease Has Carried Off Comparatively Few Men STATEMENT IS ISSUED

Not a Single Case of Typhus or Cholera in Great Army in First Six Months of War—Most Cases of Mortality Were From Pneumonia

London, March 3.—The first six months of the war passed without a single case of typhus or cholera in the British army, including both the expeditionary forces and the troops in the British training camps.

Singapore claimed only one victim in the United Kingdom, but returns in this respect have not been given out by the armies in France and Egypt. Of 788 cases of diptheria only 41 ended fatally. So far the greatest causes of mortality among the troops has been pneumonia, which resulted in 87 deaths out of 1,500 cases.

As regards other diseases, 223 cases of typhoid fever and forty deaths are reported in the expeditionary forces, and 292 cases and forty-seven deaths in the troops in the United Kingdom. Scarlet fever had only 190 cases and four deaths in the expedition as against 1,700 cases and twenty-two deaths in Great Britain. Measles, a disease associated with childhood, sent 1,848 recruits to the English camp hospitals, with sixty-five deaths, while 50,000 men on the continent had only 175 sick from this cause, with two deaths.

Considering that the British army, regular and territorial, began the war with a total strength of 1,000,000 men, and expanded to about 2,000,000, the low death rate is said to have probably exceeded that of any other army.

The report of the Canadians being moved down camp sicknesses proved to be unfounded, and the admiralty now has in regard to a similar rumor affecting the naval division in training at the Crystal Palace, that only two per cent of the 5,000 men are now out of the sick report.

BOSTON FIREMEN IN HARD FIGHT

Loss of \$150,000 Today at Corner of Summer and High Streets

Boston, March 3.—Boston firemen had their hardest fight in many months when they battled a six-story business block at Summer and High streets early today. The loss is estimated at \$150,000. The fire started in the building at 10 o'clock and was extinguished by the fire department at 11 o'clock.

Wellesley, Mass., March 3.—Fire today destroyed the Alice Phillips Grammar school building here, causing a loss of \$100,000.

FEVERISH EFFORT TO RESCUE MEN IN MINE BUT WORK DIFFICULT

Ten Alive and Nine Dead Taken Out so Far; 143 Still in The Depths

Hinton, W. Va., March 3.—Rescue parties worked in relays throughout last night in a feverish effort to penetrate the depths of the Layland mines of the New River and Pocahontas Consolidated Mines Co., where 162 miners were entombed by an explosion yesterday. Ten miners have so far been taken out alive, while nine bodies have been brought to the surface, but owing to the wrecked condition of the mine rescue work is tedious, and it may be days before the workings have been explored.

THOUGHT HE WAS CHASED Two men arrested on charges of drunkenness were fined \$8 or two months in jail in the police court this morning. Owing to the absence of witnesses for the prosecution the case against Roy Foster on a charge of selling liquor without a license in his premises, Monday, was postponed until next Monday.

As the main witness for the prosecution is out of the city, the case against Fred Wilson on a charge of escaping from the Boy's Industrial Home and also for conspiring to commit an indictable offence was also set aside until next Monday morning.

Battering Down Turkish Forts

Allies Also Land Forces on Dardanelles Shore and Rout Garrison—Enemy Reported Sending Submarine Fleet

Athens March 3.—Nine battleships took part in Monday's bombardment on the forts in the Dardanelles, six British and three French. The squadron advanced to within two miles of Chanak Kalesi, at the narrowest point in the straits.

Detachments of the allies' troops were landed at Kamm Kalesi on the Asiatic side, met the Turkish garrison and scattered it easily. The telegraph station on Besika Island, near the entrance to the straits, has been demolished. On Tuesday it was reported that the allied fleet had destroyed the batteries at Chanak Kalesi (Fort Sultan).

ENEMY SENDS SUBMARINES. Geneva, via Paris, March 3.—An Austrian fleet consisting of six Austro-German submarines, accompanied by several torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers, left Pola, the Austrian naval base, at dawn yesterday for the Mediterranean, bound for the Dardanelles, according to the Telegram which bases its report upon what it characterizes as information received from a reliable source from Trieste. The fleet is said to have been last reported off Corfu.

A news agency despatch from Athens states that the batteries of Kalid Bahr and Fort Sultan, guarding the narrowest part of the Dardanelles, have been silenced, but this is not officially confirmed. It is said that the losses of British and French in killed and wounded are less than 600 despite the fierceness of the fire to which the allied fleet was subjected.

A Constantinople despatch denies that the success of the allied fleet in forcing an entrance of the Dardanelles, has compelled the retirement of the Turkish army of invasion in Egypt.

WAS GERMAN BUT BECAME BRITISH ON FIRST DAY OF WAR

GERMANS ARE BOMBARDING POLISH CITY

Revenge For Defeat by Czar's Men—Austrians Fail to Break Russian Front

Petrograd, March 3.—A formidable bombardment of the Polish city of Olsowice has been commenced by Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army lying on the Bobr river, according to semi-official advice. "The Germans are expending a vast amount of shells in revenge for their defeat by the Russians at Phasany."

Latest reports from the front state that the German shells have done little damage beyond digging enormous holes in the ground. That the heaviest German mortars are being used in the bombardment is reported from Warsaw.

In the Carpathian the attempt of the Austrian forces to pierce the Russian front near Lypkowsk, said thus relieve the Russian forces, has ended in failure. The Austrians have suffered severe losses and part of the army has been compelled to retire.

The German forces defeated at Pranznyz are still retreating, hotly pursued by the Russian Cossacks.

ITALIANS OF ALL CLASSES ANXIOUS TO JOIN ARMY

Reserve Officers To Color This Month—Copper Getting Through to Germany

Rome, March 3.—General Zupelli, minister of war, speaking yesterday in favor of a bill authorizing the recall of reserve officers, said that at the end of this month, 7,000 of these officers, would have been summoned to the colors.

"All classes in the nation," he said, "are asking to enter the army." The war minister paid a tribute to those who had offered their services as volunteers declaring their example was an inspiration to the public to meet "new needs for the defence of the fatherland."

Milan, via Rome, March 3.—Notwithstanding precautions taken by the authorities to prevent the re-exportation of copper have been sent to Berlin concealed in trucks loaded with cabbage. Officials have increased their vigilance in attempting to check this trade.

FORMERLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK London, Ont., March 3.—Pringle Shaw, ninety years old, sailor, author, for many years a resident of New Brunswick, and later of Montreal, died at his son's home last night.

The closing of the big stock and bond firm of Lieut.-Col. H. Campbell Bercher will, it is said today, involve many business men all through this district. The failure, it is said by Colonel Bercher's friends, was due to his being called to the front so hastily. He is now with the first brigade in France.

THE WHEAT MARKET Chicago, March 3.—Wheat prices took an upward swing today, influenced by the failure of the Liverpool market to reflect declines which took place yesterday in America. The bulls were also encouraged by reports tending to disprove assertions that domestic growers had been boarding reserves. Besides, there were advices of unfavorable weather in Argentina. The opening which started from 1 to 3/4 cents higher, was followed by some further gains, and then a moderate setback.

Bernhardt Doing Well Bordeaux, March 3.—Madame Sarah Bernhardt, who is recovering from a recent operation, passed a quiet night.