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Huns Change Their Tactics At Verdun

Now Switch Their Activity to North West of Fortress—Hammer Positions There to Bring Their Line Further South

LONDON, Mar. 14.—Switching their activity from the east to the north-west of Verdun, the Germans are again hammering at Le Mort Homme region and Bois Bourrus in an endeavour to bring their line further south on the western flank of the fortress. To the east of the Meuse and in the Woivre district, there has been a noticeable let up of bombardments on both sides. Infantry everywhere on the Verdun front has been inactive. In line with the bombardment of Le Mort Homme and Bois Bourrus, the Germans are assembling men in the region between Forges and Bois Corbeaux, probably with the intention of throwing them into the fray should the intense bombardment meet with success. French artillery however, have this assembling point under the fire of their guns. No advantage is claimed by either side in the latest fighting around the fortress. At the back of the German line north of Verdun, a French air squadron dropped 130 bombs on the station at Briettes, and at numerous points around Verdun French and German aviators have met in combats in the air with advantage in favour of the French. According to Paris, at least three German aeroplanes are declared to have been brought down, while others were seen by French observers to have been in distress. In the region of Seppois, in Upper Alsace, the Germans essayed an attack on the trenches the French had captured, but were repulsed with considerable casualties. French guns have done damage to German positions north of the Aisne, in Champagne and in the eastern portion of the forest of Argonne.

French Deny Recent Claims Made by Germans

Says German Statement Is Inaccurate—Shows How Germans Plastered Up List to Make Gains Appear Large.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13.—The French Embassy gave out the following statement:—"The German statement presents as a recapitulation of previous reports, figures of our losses at Verdun, which are inaccurate. The Germans wishing to reach the number of prisoners taken from them at Champagne and Artois, last September, have obtained a total of 26,000 unwounded prisoners by including, as usual, the killed and wounded, as unwounded prisoners. Such a total is more than double the real number. As to the 189 guns claimed as captured, the real number is only 84 including heavy guns which have no means of transportation, damaged guns, and gun abandoned after being put out of use. Our observers have seen trains transporting to the rear, damaged guns. The losses to the enemy in artillery seem to have been very large. "The Germans say they lost no aeroplanes in the February aerial fighting, and claim that 73 French and British machines have been brought down after fighting. The truth is that in February we brought down in aerial fighting, five German aeroplanes, which fell in our lines, and five others which fell in the German lines. During the same month only one French aeroplane was brought down in aerial fighting."

Mexico and States Take Joint Action

Wilson Accepts Carranza's Proposal For Reciprocity in Hunting Down Villa And His Raiders—Many Americans Leave Mexico.

COLUMBUS, N.M., March 13.—Actual concentration of United States troops for the expedition into Mexico, to try to capture Francisco Villa, was begun to-day. Villa, with but a small body of men, it is reported here is fleeing further from the United States border. WASHINGTON, Mar. 13.—The United States this afternoon accepted General Carranza's proposal for reciprocity arrangement, by which either his troops or American troops may pursue bandits on either side of the border. The Note of acceptance was sent forward to General Carranza at Queretaro.

Has Been Justified By Results

Britain Was Justified in Searching Mail Matter Seized on Neutral Steamers—Enemy Were Using British Postal Facilities

LONDON, March 14.—While maintaining the right to censor all mails, which by coming through England enjoy the facilities of the British postal system, the British Government does not undertake to examine first-class mails seized on neutral steamers for anything except possible merchandise, while not even in the case of Dutch liners, which call voluntarily at Falmouth, has the Government yet asserted the right of censorship. Although the officials of the Foreign Office feel that much can be said in favour of Britain's rights to censor these mails, it is declared that the above is the express attitude of the Foreign Office, which states that examination of mails in transit has been more than justified by results, as traders in hostile belligerent nations were not hesitating to use the British postal facilities to forward their plans.

Betting at Lloyds Is One to Two War Ends in July

British Bankers See Signs of German Collapse—Crisis in German Finance Expected—War to End This Year.

LONDON, Mar. 14.—British bankers see signs of impending German collapse in the fall of the mark. The financial difficulties of the Teutons are being watched with interest here, and a crisis in German finance is confidently expected. The French defence of Verdun leads to the belief that the war will end this year. The betting at Lloyds is one to two that hostilities will cease in July or August. The general opinion, however, favors next winter.

Italians and Albanians Retiring on Avlona

BERNE, Mar. 13.—A correspondent of the Berne Bund at the Austrian headquarters in Albania, telegraphs that the Austrians have advanced far southward, since their capture of Durazzo. The Italians and Albanians are retiring on Avlona, and blowing up the railway bridges behind them. Slight skirmishes only have taken place, the correspondent states, but a pitched battle is expected soon.

Big Seizure Is Made in Mail Matter

\$2,000,000 Worth of Securities Taken From Mails—Suspected of Being of German Ownership—Now in Possession of Prize Court

LONDON, March 14.—Securities valued at \$2,000,000 suspected of being of German ownership were seized from mails in transit and are now in possession of the Prize Court, according to an announcement made to-day by the Foreign Office. Securities have not yet been declared absolute contraband, but it is possible they will soon be placed on the contraband list. Meanwhile seizures continue to be made on the ground that the Orders in Council, these securities establish a credit for hostile belligerents and, therefore, can be legally held up.

Want Long Again In Control of Dept.

London Press Demand That Unless There is Something Behind Resignation Long Should be Reinstated in Control at Once.

LONDON, Mar. 14.—All the morning newspapers express regret over the resignation of Major-General Long, Director of Supplies and Transport of the British Army. All editorials this morning demand that unless there is something behind the resignation which makes its acceptance imperative, the acceptance should be revoked and Long be reinstated in control of the Department, which he has developed into marvellous efficiency, and which was brigantly nothing.

Yesterday Saw Much Activity in Aerial Warfare

LONDON, Mar. 13.—An official statement issued to-night says that the enemy exploded mines near Carnby and on the LaBasse-Bethune road, without damage, to-day. We carried out successful bombardments near Manetz, Lille and Armentieres railroad, and at Hooge. About Loos and southward from Bully and Grenay there was considerable artillery activity. Yesterday there was much aerial activity on both sides. Thirty-two hostile machines were engaged. One was driven down near Lille. A second was shot down in our lines. To-day another German machine was forced to descend in our lines.

Revising List of "Starred" Occupations

LONDON, Mar. 13.—With a view to liberating more men for active service in the Army, the Government has revised the list of starred occupations of employment, which exempted workmen hitherto. It is expected that the official details will be issued immediately. The revision is in accordance with the recent recommendation of Earl Derby. In cases where it is found impossible to remove occupations altogether from the starred list, men under 30 years will be replaced by women and older men.

Artillery Active Along The Verdun Front

PARIS, Mar. 13.—There was no infantry fighting last night in the region to the north of Verdun, according to an announcement made by the French War Office this afternoon. There has been, however, a continuance of artillery activity along all this front.

German Submarines For the Black Sea

LONDON, Mar. 14.—Five German submarines of one thousand tons displacement each are going to the Dardanelles on their way to the Black Sea to aid Turkey in her fight against the Russian fleet, says the Daily Mail's Athens correspondent.

Manitoba Province After King Booze

Passes Manitoba Temperance Act By Two To One—Premier Borden Asked To Introduce Dominion Wide Prohibition Act.

WINNEPEG, Mar. 14.—By a vote of a little over two to one the Province of Manitoba to-day voted in favor of the Manitoba Temperance Act, which closes all bars, wholesale and licensed clubs throughout the Province from June 1. Liquor may still be imported by private persons from outside the Province and the manufacture of liquor in the Province for export is still permitted. These are constitutional limitations placed on the Province Legislation along this line by the Federal Authorities, but to remove these limitations a mass meeting of citizens last night, amid great enthusiasm, endorsed a resolution calling on Sir Robert Borden and his Government at Ottawa to introduce a Dominion-wide Prohibition Act.

Germans Not Anxious For Danish West Indies

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 13.—The Danish Foreign Office denies the rumour that Germany offered \$2,000,000 for the Danish West Indies. The American Minister, Dr. Maurice Egan, has also taken occasion to say that there is not the slightest foundation for this report. In the opinion of the Danish Government the value of the Islands has greatly increased since the opening of the Panama Canal and the sum suggested would be regarded as entirely inadequate. A semi-official news agency from Berlin on Feb. 21, characterized it as a nonsensical story that Germany had attempted to obtain control of the Danish West Indies.

Appeal Allowed

LONDON, Mar. 13.—The Court of appeals has allowed the appeal in the Slingsby illegitimacy suit.

Town of Columbus Now Military Camp

Many Troops And Field Gun Batteries Now Established There—Pursuit of Outlaw Villain Will Commence at Once.

COLUMBUS, N.M., Mar. 14.—Approximately 12,000 troops with 40 mountain field gun batteries were on the border to-night between Douglas Arizona and the El Paso line, about 200 miles long. Little more than one third of this force is cavalry. From a camp of a few hundred men, Columbus to-day grew to a military establishment of nearly 2,000, with indications that about 4,000 men are to be concentrated here immediately. Officers here talked of a march straight southward in pursuit of Villa.

TWO GEMS.

(Ottawa Citizen.) The via crucis at Gallipoli was over a road all the dust of which was someone's heart. Poetry blossomed there, flowers of courage, manliness, high-born suffering. Such verses that of Rupert Brooke—asleep at Lemnos—much more, anonymous, will long outlast the story of the fighting—even as Tennyson wrote all the world cares to remember of Balacava. Before the cricket match was played that fooled the Turks into thinking affairs unchanged in the British trenches, while Tommies, Anzacs were climbing into boats to be gone, some one wrote:

THE DIFFERENCE

Whitney Avnoo—"I don't see why you can't be cordial to some of my friends." Mr. Whit—"That's exactly the difference between us. I don't see how you can be cordial to any of them."

A DEFINITE TARGET

"Some men," said Uncle Eben, "put in their lives kickin' at nothin'. Duff's dis much to be said for de mule. If he's interested enough to kick, he's willin' to go to de trouble of takin' aim."—Washington Star.

Maud—Would you object to a husband who smoked in the house?

Marie—Most decidedly! But I shall keep quiet about it until I get one.

Could Not Stand Touch Cold Steel

British and German Forces in East Africa Have Sharp Fight Bayonet Charge Carries Position and Enemy Retreats

LONDON, March 14.—The British forces, under Lieut-General Smuts, recently appointed to the East Africa command, have had spirited engagement with Germans entrenched in Kitovo Hills west of Taveta. The positions were taken and retaken several times, but finally the Germans were driven back.

General Smuts, under date of March 12, telegraphs the War Office a brief description of the action, the substance of which was given out to-night as follows: "The action, which was commenced on the morning of March 11, against the German prepared position on Kitovo Hills, German East Africa, westward of Taveta, resulted in a most obstinate struggle, continuing until midnight with varying fortune. A most formidable obstacle was presented by the densely wooded, steep hills held by a strong force of the enemy. In the course of the engagement portions of this position were taken and retaken several times, but a final bayonet attack by two columns of the South African Infantry secured a hold which enabled them to maintain the position until reinforced the following morning, when it was seen that the German native troops were retreating toward Kaka, to the southwestward. "While the engagement at Kitovo was proceeding, one of General Smuts' mounted brigades was engaged in clearing the enemy's forces from the foothills to the northeast of Kilimanjaro. These have been cut off from the main body by the rapid British advance of March 8, 9, 10. Simultaneously with these actions a strong column, under General Stewart, coming from the direction of Longido, appeared on the Arusha-Moshi road to the rear of the German concentrations. The enemy is consequently retreating southward toward the Usambara railroad. The pursuit is being continued."

The Ministry Faces 2 Urgent Problems

One Relates to Manner Which Military Service Law is Carried Out—Second the Matter of Air Defense

LONDON, Mar. 14.—The Coalition Ministry will face two very urgent problems in the debate on the Army Estimates which begins in the Commons to-day. Both questions have become matters of the greatest public interest within the last few days. The first problem is that of the married men under enlistment, who are holding meetings all over the country to protest against the manner in which the Compulsory Military Service Law is being carried out. The second is the air defence problem, which has been given fresh prominence by the remarkable victory of Pemberton Billings, in his election to the Commons over the united forces of the Coalition on the platform, demanding a sweeping change in the air defence of England.

'The Voice of the People'

NEW YORK, Mar. 13.—A cable to the Tribune from London this morning says that reports continue to be published here of fighting in German cities, consequent upon the failure of the Crown Prince's army, before Verdun.

Premier Asquith Ill

LONDON, Mar. 14.—An official bulletin is issued stating that Premier Asquith is suffering from bronchial catarrh.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

HOW THE DIFFERENT DISTRICTS HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL TO ARMS.

District	Reg.	R.N.R.	Total	Per Cen.	Per M.
St. John's	1029	246	366	3.22	32.2
Trinity	143	223	366	5.77	32.2
St. George's	97	89	186	3.00	30.0
Port de Grave	31	73	104	2.90	29.0
Hr. Grace	57	107	164	2.75	27.5
Bonaviste	108	160	268	2.24	22.4
Hr. Main	53	52	105	2.16	21.6
St. Barbe	39	79	118	2.12	21.2
Twillingate	182	55	237	2.00	20.0
Placentia	67	97	164	1.96	19.6
Fogo	42	41	83	1.90	19.0
Carbonear	13	25	38	1.48	14.8
Burin	49	18	67	1.16	11.6
Ferryland	21	14	35	1.15	11.5
Fortune	29	18	47	.90	9.0
Burgeo	24	12	36	.88	8.8
Labrador	12	4	16	.78	7.8
Bay de Verde	21	10	31	.59	5.9

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To Governor, Newfoundland:

LONDON, Mar. 13.—At Verdun, fighting, frequently desperate, is continued. The enemy attacked west of the Meuse from the north, and in Woivre is making some progress at certain points. His losses are very heavy. There is nothing special on the British front. Germany has declared war on Portugal.

In Asia Minor the Russians are advancing to the coast, and are within thirty miles of Trebizond. They have also occupied Cola, thirty miles west of Kermanshah.

The British destroyer Coquette, torpedo boat 11, and the fleet auxiliary Fauvette, struck mines and sunk on the East coast. Six officers and fifty three men were lost.

After preliminary successes, General Smuts' forces have, after obstinate fighting, driven the enemy's forces from prepared positions on Kitovo Hills. The pursuit continues southwards towards Usambara railway.

The enemy's position was attacked at Esslun, seven miles east of Kut-el-Amara, but the enemy were not dislodged, though they suffered severe losses.

Wilson Stands for Peace

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13.—President Wilson told a delegation of Scandinavians to-day that nothing was nearer his heart than keeping the United States out of the war. He assured the leaders of the delegation that his efforts on behalf of peace had been strongly approved throughout the country.

Germans Appeal For Bulgarian Aid

GENEVA, Mar. 13.—Germany has requested Bulgaria to send two divisions to the French front, according to information received here from Bucharest. The Bulgarian Government declined, the advice state, owing to the uncertain attitude of Roumania.

Von Tirpitz is Sick

LONDON, Mar. 13.—Admiral Alfred Von Tirpitz has been ill for several days, says a despatch from Amsterdam, and the business of Ministry of Marine has been handed over to the oldest ranking officer.