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Despite the Presence of Von Hindenburg, Germans Must Before Long Abandon Their Positions on the Western Front

By Courier Leased Wire.
Paris, March 14.—Great importance is attached by French military writers to the continued British successes on the Somme. The Matin says that it looks very much as if the Germans do not think they could hold Bapaume and Peronne any longer, and are preparing to evacuate the two cities. Reports from aviators show that all along their inner lines the Germans are blowing up bridges and culverts, burning munitions and provisions, while trying to mask the withdrawal of heavy guns by heavy firing with field guns.

Headquarters Moved
German staff headquarters on the Somme front are said to have been moved back ten miles. The Matin thinks that the German staff at first planned a strategic retreat, so as to delay and upset the British plan of attack, but that this scheme was frustrated by the tactics of General Gough. Instead of using cavalry against his retreating foe, General Gough maintained contact by the methodical and destructive use of artillery. The result, according to The Matin, was that the Germans were caught in their own trap and their retreat, which was at first intentional, became almost a rout under the continuous pressure of an adversary superior in material and initiative.

Hindenburg There
London, March 14.—A German

VENIZELOS STRONG IN THE SUPPORT OF THE ENTENTE

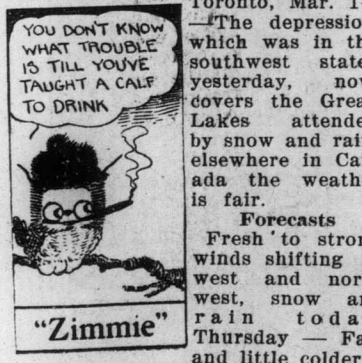
Ex-Premier Greece Speaks Upon the Troubles of His Country—What a German Victory Would Mean For Greece

Paris, March 14.—Former Premier Venizelos of Greece traces all the troubles of his country to the proposal of the Entente that eastern Macedonia should be ceded to Bulgaria. In the course of a long statement given to the Havas correspondent at Saloniki, M. Venizelos reviews the events in Greece from the beginning of 1915 and explains and justifies his conduct.

"I am not exaggerating," he says, "when I say that without the Entente's proposal in regard to eastern Macedonia the king would never have dared to refuse to fulfill our treaty obligations towards Serbia." The former premier further declared that he only raised the standard of revolt when it became evident that King Constantine would never join the Entente. He said that he refrained from giving the movement an anti-dynastic character because the allies made that an express condition of their support and because the object he had in view was to carry out as far as possible the duties of Greece in respect to Serbia. He concluded:

"Our sole aim at present is to win the war. The outstanding grave internal questions can be solved after victory and national unity easily re-established. In the impossible event of Germany's being victorious King Constantine would set up an unbridled autocracy, but if Germany, as I am certain, is finally vanquished, King Constantine would step down from a constitutional throne to become a mere party leader and will have to submit to the consequence of the defeat of his policy just as any other party leader when beaten."

Weather Bulletin
Toronto, Mar. 14.—The depression which was in the southwest states yesterday, now covers the Great Lakes attended by snow and rain, elsewhere in Canada the weather is fair.
Forecasts
Fresh to strong winds shifting to west and north west, snow and rain to day. Thursday—Fair and little colder.



withdrawal on a great scale on the western front is foreshadowed by Major Morath, in an article in the Berliner Tageblatt, which is quoted in a Rotterdam despatch to the Daily News. Major Morath recalls Field Marshal von Hindenburg's strategy against the Russians at Tannenberg, when he caused parts of his army to retire fighting in order to gain ample space for strategical movements. The military critic reminds his readers that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is now operating in the west, and says that by shortening their present front the Germans are giving their enemies "a desert to advance over—a ground as bad as ever fighting ground was."

The foregoing despatch contains the first intimation received here that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is personally conducting German operations on the Western front.

Duchess Worse
By Courier Leased Wire.
London, March 14.—The Duchess of Connaught passed a bad night and the bulletin issued this morning described it as increasingly grave.

NAVAL BATTLE IN BLACK SEA IS REPORTED
German Seaplanes Attacked and Bombed Russian Destroyers
A GERMAN AIRPLANE Brought Down in Holland, But Escaped

By Courier Leased Wire.
Amsterdam, via London, March 14.—A battle between German seaplanes and Russian destroyers in the Black Sea is reported in an official statement issued by the Berlin war office. The destroyers were approaching Constanza, the Roumanian port, and were forced to retreat, the statement says after bombs had been dropped upon them by the seaplanes. One destroyer is said to have been hit twice.

Plane Brought Down
Amsterdam, via London, March 14.—A German airplane which flew over Sluis yesterday afternoon, was shot at and hit by Dutch troops who were manoeuvring in the neighborhood, according to The Handelsblad. The aviator was wounded and compelled to descend in Dutch territory, but before he could be overtaken by the Dutch soldiers he restarted his machine and flew three hundred metres over the border into Belgium. German troops hurried to his rescue and he was carried away by Red Cross attendants.

LICENSE BY-LAW.
Mr. John W. McCallum of the Relief and License department of London, has written City Clerk H. F. Leonard, stating that a change is contemplated in the license-by-law there, and wishes a copy of the local by-law for comparison.
SURROGATE COURT.
Judgement was rendered in the Surrogate Court this morning, admitting the will of the late James Ennis to probate. P. H. Morris represented the executors of the estate, while Brewster and Heyd appeared for the next of kin.

CHINA SEVERS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GERMANY

Celestial Republic Breaks With Huns—Seize All German Merchant Ships in Chinese Harbor—Crews Taken Ashore and Vessels Placed Under Armed Guards

By Courier Leased Wire
Bulletin, Washington, March 14.—China has severed diplomatic relations with Germany, taken possession of all German merchant ships in Shanghai, about six in number, placed their crews on shore under guard and placed armed guards on the vessels. Advice to the navy department to-day from the senior officer in Chinese waters gave no further details.

China's severance of relations has been expected here for weeks. Feeling against Germany has run high, not only because scores of Chinese on the way to Europe have lost their lives through German submarine operations, but from memory of the kaiser's order to his Boxer punitive forces to make the word German dreaded in China for a century and the seizure by Germany of the whole province of Shantung for the murder of two missionaries.

Seizure of the German ships may be taken by Germany as an act of war as in the case of Portugal. China's action may be followed by seizure of German property in China, which is very extensive. Latest figures show that there are about three thousand German civilians scattered throughout the republic, but it is not known whether they will be interned.



Cartoon from the New York Tribune

AMERICAN STEAMER ALGONQUIN TORPEDOED BY HUN SUBMARINE

By Courier Leased Wire
Bulletin, London, March 14.—American Steamship Algonquin has been torpedoed by a German submarine. The crew was saved.

The Algonquin, owned by the American Star Line of New York, was recently transferred from British registry. She sailed from New York for London on February 20 and was reported to have about eight Americans in her crew.

The Algonquin was torpedoed without warning, says a report made by the American consul at Plymouth. The Consul states that all on board were saved. The vessel was torpedoed at six o'clock on the morning of March 12. The submarine refused assistance, according to the report of the consul at Plymouth. Twenty-seven men have been landed.

The Algonquin, a freighter, was one of the first American vessels to sail from the United States after Germany announced her submarine campaign of unrestricted warfare. She carried about 2,000 tons of cargo and was commanded by Captain A. Nordberg, a naturalized American, of Norwegian birth. She was a vessel of 2,832 tons gross, 281 feet long and 43 feet of beam. She was a single screw steamer and was built in Philadelphia, in 1980.

British Now Hold Highest Ground, and Look Down Upon Stronghold of Bapaume, Which Must Fall Ere Long

"From a staff correspondent of The Associated Press."
British Headquarters in France, March 13—via London, March 14.—The ridge overlooking Bapaume from the northwest, which had come to be looked upon by the British as a sort of promised land ever since the battle of the Somme began last July, passed into the hands of General Haig's troops to-day. For the first time since the great struggle on this front opened the British have had the advantage of the highest ground and can now look down upon the famous German stronghold and a wide extent of the country beyond.

Ready to Take Bapaume
British officers believe that they are now in a position to take Bapaume whenever the word is given. Grevillers was captured last night and the new British lines stretch along the ridge which runs north-west from that point to the outskirts of Achiet-le-Petit, a point still strongly held by the Germans. In this latest forward movement the British have taken possession of the noted Loupart wood, consisting of great clumps of trees, situated on the shoulder of the high ridge and overlooking the entire Somme battle front. This wood has masked a great number of German batteries and from it hostile shells have rained upon the British for eight months past. Its capture has been the source of highest satisfaction to the British staff as it was one of the most formidable artillery posts the Germans had established in the western theatre. The country about Loupart wood and beyond is in quite good shape. As a matter of fact Grevillers was the first touch of real civilization, the Tommies said they have had in many moons. "Why," said one stalwart Australian to-day, "do you know there are regular houses in Grevillers with real roofs on them." What this means to men who have fought so long in the slough of mud of the Somme valley can only be guessed by those who have lived amid the hideous scenes of destruction. The Germans have always hitherto had the advantage of the high ground and the villages, possession of which have been so bitterly contested, have been nothing but pulverized ruins which offered no shelter for the soldiers. Where fires are not burning the country back of the German line looks green and wonderfully inviting.

CANADIANS DRIVE BACK TWO RAID ATTEMPTS

Immigration Barred
By Courier Leased Wire.
London, March 14.—The Indian government has prohibited all labor emigration from India except to the extent necessary to supply the needs of Ceylon and Malay State.

Stewart Lyon Tells of Rousing Reception Given to a Bavarian Regiment.
By Courier Leased Wire.
(By Stewart Lyon, Correspondent of the Canadian Press)
With the Canadian Armies in France, March 14, via London.—In the midst of last night and early morning, the Bavarians opposite the Canadians, who are good fighting men, attempted two raids, but were at once driven off. They carried back their wounded with them, but left two dead in Canadian lines by which the raiders were recognized as Bavarians.

SALOONS IN BRITAIN TO BE CLOSED
Over Thirty Thousand Bars to Go in Next Few Months

MEASURE PROPOSED
By Brewers to Solve Problem of Restrictions

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, March 14.—Thirty thousand saloons in Great Britain will probably be closed during the next few months according to The Mail. The measure is proposed as a solution of the difficulty arising from the compulsory restriction of the beer output and the brewers are stated to be in practical agreement with the government in regard to the remedy.

Brewers' Proposal
The closing of the saloons is said to have been suggested by some of the brewers themselves. They contended that there were too many distributing agencies and that a third of them could be suppressed without inconveniencing the public while such a step would enable the liquor trade to be conducted more economically. The arrangement seems to be in brief a pooling agreement between the rival brewers which own the public houses. The brewers have been conferring recently with the home office and the recommendations drafted at these conferences will be submitted to a general meeting of brewers.

SANITARIUM ACCOUNT.
The city account with the Brant Sanatorium for the month of February amounted to \$249. Seventeen patients received treatment, varying in length of time from two to the full twenty-eight days, bringing the total number of days treatment received up to three hundred and eighty. Of the expense thus occasioned, \$380, the patients paid \$131, leaving \$249 to be settled for by the municipality.

Dull, misty weather, with occasional rain, persists on the Canadian front, interrupting even the aeroplane activity which was marked over the week-end. The most notable feature of the operations at present, when the weather permits, is artillery registration—that is, the discovery by actual practice, of the range at which various trenches, roads, ammunition dumps, observation posts and gun positions of the enemy can be effectively shelled. For this, clear weather is essential. Recently there has been a cessation by the Canadian trench raids which were so marked a feature of this part of the front, while the ground was hard. The mud of northern France in the spring has a tenacity that nothing can shake off. There is no mud in the air, and the sunshine brings out numerous aeroplanes. Combs are frequent in which British planes give a little and sometimes much more than they get. It is universally testified that the anti-aircraft guns are now far more dangerous than a few months ago. This is the result of a new method of use. Instead of firing directly at a plane, as formerly, the gunners fill the air in front of it with a barrage fire through which the plane must pass to cross the enemy lines and secure all the important photos by which both sides discover the location of new trenches, gun positions and concentration of troops. I watched the new barrage method in use to-day. Two of our observation planes had shells burst very close to them, but despite the barrage both escaped. Later in the day, another was not so fortunate.

The heavy guns have been more active recently and the British and Canadians have undoubtedly the best of it.

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