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Zone of Open Warfare Enlarges
As the German Forces Press On

Heavy Attack on British Last Night In New Line South of Somme Repulsed—Paris Says German Advance Held Up Everywhere Tuesday Night With Germans Weakened By Heavy Losses

London, Mar. 27.—The zone of open warfare is continuing to enlarge as the Entente forces fall back fighting under the enormous weight of the German numbers, says Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in a despatch today.

It is now clearly established, he adds, that the present offensive is the great main effort of the Germans, and that it has not been as successful as they anticipated.

HEAVY ATTACK LAST NIGHT

London, Mar. 27.—A heavy attack was made early in the night against the new British line south of the Somme. It was repulsed after severe fighting. The war office announces.

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"Further local fighting has taken place also north and southeast of Albert, but the situation on this part of the battle front remains unchanged."

ADVANCE HELD UP, SAYS PARIS

Paris, Mar. 27.—Last night the German advance was held up everywhere, according to the official statement of the war office today. The enemy, weakened by heavy losses, it adds, has been obliged to slow up his efforts. The statement follows:—

"Last evening and during the night the Germans, weakened by their heavy losses, were compelled to retard their efforts. The advance of the German forces defending the ground foot by foot is beyond all praise.

"The French are holding a line running through L'Eschelle, St. Aunin and Bouvignes, north of Lassigny, in front of the southern part of Noyon, and along the left bank of the Oise. During the night the French repulsed strong reconnoitering parties which attempted to approach their positions northeast of Noyon. On the remainder of the front there was an intermittent bombardment."

NEARLY ALL THEY LOST IN SOMME

British Army Headquarters in France, Mar. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—The German last night continued their furious onslaught southwestward from Hent against the British line held at the region of Roye and Noyon, having slowed down in their attempt to cut through the British line. The enemy, however, met such desperate resistance was offered.

The Germans have now reclaimed virtually all the territory they held at the beginning of the battle of the Somme in 1918. At some places they have not retaken all the old ground, but at other points they have overtopped it somewhat.

Hard fighting occurred last night about the town of Albert. Large enemy forces pushed forward toward the place, but at last accounts the British were holding them doggedly at this point.

The conflict in the sector around Roye and Noyon appears to be of great importance from the many indications that the German higher command is attempting to split the Allied front there and start a rolling-up process either way.

SAYS THEY HAVE TAKEN 963 GUNS; 100 TANKS.

Berlin, via London, Mar. 26.—"Since the beginning of the battle ninety-three enemy airplanes and six captive balloons have been brought down. The booty in guns has increased to 963 and more than 100 tanks are lying in the captured positions."

Beginning Paris Yesterday.

Berlin, Mar. 26.—The German army has not halted their long range bombardment of Paris, according to an official statement from general headquarters today. The announcement says: "We continued the bombardment of the fortress of Paris."

London Papers.

London, Mar. 26.—The London evening papers take consolation in the fact that the Germans thus far have failed to break the British lines or force a wedge between the British and French armies and in the news from France that the gaps have been filled with local reserves, while the strategical reserves are intact for their own special purposes.

A Neutral View.

Washington, Mar. 27.—Newspapers in the European countries are not allowing themselves to be misled by German accounts of the battle on the western front, according to official despatches from France. The German communiques at the time of the Verdun assault are recalled, and Swiss papers are quoted as pointing out that the British line has not been broken, and the number of prisoners taken by the Germans is not being reported in any action of such magnitude.

For the Crown Prince.

Amsterdam, Mar. 27.—Emperor William has appointed the German Crown Prince chief of the guard grenadier regiment in recognition of the good work of his troops on the western front.

Ludendorff Claims Victory.

Amsterdam, Mar. 27.—"A great battle has been fought and victory has been won," but nobody can foresee what will result from it," said General Von Ludendorff in an interview with the correspondent at the front of the Tagensburg of Berlin.

The general praised the British for their tenacious resistance, and continued: "The British believed they could rely on the strength of machinery. The employment of tanks and great numbers of machine guns is typical of their methods of warfare."

The German infantry, the general added, had only one night's normal rest during five or six days of battle.

Train Loads Of Wounded in London

London, Mar. 27.—Four train loads of wounded officers and men from the battle front in France reached London last night. As they were being transferred to ambulances, crowds cheered and threw flowers. The wounded responded smilingly to the greetings.

"What was it like?" was asked of one wounded man.

"Oh, Fritz just rained shells on us like a hail storm," was the reply.

KAISER AND VON LUDENDORFF IN VIOLENT QUARREL

Paris, Mar. 27.—Emperor William and Gen. Von Ludendorff had a violent quarrel before the beginning of the great attack on the western front, according to a prominent Swiss who has just returned to Zurich from Germany. He is quoted as saying:

"There was much discreet talk in Berlin before the present offensive concerning extremely violent scenes between Germany's leaders at general headquarters. Gen. Von Ludendorff spoke so violently and authoritatively that the Emperor, becoming very pale, arose from his chair and, pouring the table, demanded: 'General, are you or I emperor of Germany?'"

"Von Ludendorff replied that he was only a soldier and more than any one else desired peace. He said he was convinced that his plans for an offensive were capable of bringing it about."

SERIOUS DISPUTE BETWEEN UKRAINE AND GERMANY

London, Mar. 27.—A serious dispute has arisen between the Ukraine and Germany over Germany's demand that she give eighty-five per cent. of the Ukrainian wheat surplus, according to a telegraph. Germany also demanded that she give a large percentage of other foodstuffs not needed by the population of the Ukraine.

The telegram adds that there are disputes at present between the Ukraine and Germany divided for and against the German demands.

THREE MONTHS IN PRISON CAMP

Refused to Answer Questions Put By Dominion Police

Sarnia, Ont., Mar. 27.—Louis Laverne will spend the next three months at Burwash prison camp. On a charge of being a defaulter and refusing to answer questions, he was fined \$50 by Magistrate Gorman today with the option of three months at Burwash. He was unable to pay. When spoken to by the dominion police he became incensed and refused to give his name or age.

After spending a night in the cells, he said he was twenty-eight years of age and had been in Canada sixteen months. He has been employed at the freight sheds at Point Edward and is not registered either in the United States or Canada.

Captain Robinson, of the dominion police, asked that an example be made of him.

Weather Report

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, E. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—Pressure is lower in Eastern Canada and over the northwestern and western States, while a cool wave remains stationary in the northward of Lake Superior. Snow has fallen in the maritime provinces, and some light rains in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Forecasts

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay, Ottawa Valley and Upper and Lower St. Lawrence—Fine and cool today and on Thursday.

Gulf and North Shore—Fresh north-west to north winds, generally fair and cool today and on Thursday.

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Superior—Fine and cool; Thursday, stationary or a little higher temperature.

Saskatchewan—Partly fair, light local rain or snow.

Alberta—Generally fair, not much change in temperature.

New England—Fair tonight and Thursday; little change in temperature; moderate north-west to north winds.

MORE ABOUT AFFAIRS OF THE POWER COMPANY

Public Utilities in Session This Morning

H. M. Hopper Criticizes Statement of Auditor MacIntyre—Report of Physical Value of Plant Ready by April 6

The audit report of Niles & Niles, and two yearly reports of the N. B. Power Company were handed in for the reference of the Public Utility Commission by Fred R. Taylor at a session of that body here this morning. A general discussion followed.

The chairman made reference to the statement of Mr. MacIntyre that the N. B. Power Co. bought the stock of the old Railway Company at a premium of \$40 a share and paid them out of their own money.

Mr. Hopper—I remember the statement, but I do not understand why he would say such a thing.

Mr. Hopper said that the sale to the N. B. Power Company took place on March 1, 1917. At that time there was no material change in the stock.

There was here some discussion led by Chairman Oddy, as to where dividends came from. Mr. Oddy said that dividends should not be paid out of the reserve fund.

Mr. Oddy: The old Railway Company is a reserve fund.

Where is the money from that fund? Mr. Hopper: There wasn't any money. Whatever was there still remains in the new company.

Com. Connell: That would you say that there was no money?

Mr. Hopper: Yes, Sir. At the time of sale on March 1, there was only \$24,000 in actual cash. Besides that we had legal and political supplementary treaty was likewise initiated and the basis of an agreement on the oil question was made.

Other economic questions will be considered after the completion of the treaty, which will be published simultaneously.

Moscow, Sunday, Mar. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Bolshevik troops, according to an official announcement, have been successful in fighting the Austrians in the southern part of the Ukraine. The cities of Nikolajev, Kherson and Znamiansk have been recaptured by the Russians.

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General Korniloff, the former Russian commander-in-chief, allied himself with the Don Cossacks against the Bolsheviks and has been operating between Moscow and Rostov. Several times he has been reported defeated and near capture, but always managed to elude the government troops.

DEMONS CHAPTER THAT SALE A SUCCESS

A very successful sale of Easter hats was held by DeMonts Chapter, I. O. O. F., yesterday at 51 Brussels street and before the afternoon was over there was scarcely a hat left. This morning a supplementary sale was held, and hats not sold yesterday or which were since obtained were sold. This also proved a success and it is hoped that quite a large sum of money has been realized for patriotic purposes. Some of the hats which were on sale offered big values and were tastefully got up in the latest styles. The members of the chapter have been working for the last two weeks in dressing hats and met for that purpose at the residence of Mrs. Stewart Skinner in Charlotte street. Conveners of yesterday's sale were Mrs. Stewart Skinner, Mrs. J. F. Busby and Mrs. W. J. Ambrose. C. C. Forest is the convener of the supplementary sale today. The shop at 51 Brussels street was loaned by Mrs. Campbell for the occasion.

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ALBERT MEDAL FOR BRAVE ACTS AT TIME OF HALIFAX DISASTER

London, Mar. 27.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The Albert medal, struck in gold, has been posthumously awarded to Acting Commander T. K. Triggs of the royal navy, and the Albert medal has been awarded to Able-Seaman William Berry for gallantry in saving life at sea in connection with the recent Halifax disaster.

Both recipients formed part of the crew of seven aboard a whaler belonging to the warship Highflyer and went to the rescue of the crew of the Ina, which was only 800 yards from the Mont Blanc after the collision, and notwithstanding that the explosion aboard the Mont Blanc was known to be imminent. All the crew of the whaler perished except Berry, who swam to the Dartmouth shore. The official account of the awards pays high tribute to the whole crew.

ODESSA LOST BY THE ENEMY

Re-Captured By Soviet and Ukrainian Forces

FORMER CZAR TO THE URAL

Warning Against Emigration To Siberia—Bolshevik Troop Successful Fighting Against Austrians

London, Mar. 27.—Odessa has been recaptured by the Soviet and Ukrainian forces, according to a Reuter despatch from the semi-official Russian news agency.

London, Mar. 27.—The Bolshevik government has decided to transfer Nicholas Romanoff, the former Emperor, and his family from Tobolsk to the Ural region, according to an announcement in Petrograd news transmitted here by Reuter despatch. It was decided to take this action in view of the possibility of complications in the Far East.

Moscow, Mar. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—The commissariat for agriculture has sent out a warning to all cultivators of workmen's and soldiers' delegates against emigration to Siberia, which is increasing to a noticeable extent among peasants and also workmen who have departed from the livelihood by the closing of mills and factories. The commissariat says there is little good land in Siberia, which is available for immediate colonization, and that it is very difficult under present conditions to carry out the necessary work of organization.

London, Mar. 26.—A new law providing for general compulsory military training will be published in the Bolshevik government in a few days, an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Moscow says. The law will be applied in the schools, factories and country districts.

Moscow, Monday, Mar. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Bolshevik Ukrainian Reds which fled from Kiev to Zaporozhye, where the Germans are closing in, have adopted a policy of resistance refusing to endorse the peace treaty between Germany and the Ukraine, unless the Central Powers withdraw all troops from Ukraine. The Reds decided to oppose the Central Powers by means of armed forces, strikes and boycotts.

London, Mar. 26.—The most important territorial and military stipulations in the peace treaty with Russia were initiated this morning, according to Berlin advices. An extensive legal and political supplementary treaty was likewise initiated and the basis of an agreement on the oil question was made.

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STREET SUB-CONTRACT

Frank Wade, who was recently awarded a contract for resitting curbing in Main street, between Adelaide road and Cedar street, has been awarded a sub-contract from B. Mooney & Sons for placing blocks in the granite section.

UNDER THE M. S. A.

The dominion police under the Military Service Act were actively engaged this morning visiting establishments throughout the city in search of delinquents. Up to noon no defaulters had been discovered.

RESOLUTION AGAINST THE DAYLIGHT SAVING

Agricultural Delegates at Fredericton Discuss Production Plans—The Daylight Bill in Commons at Ottawa

(Special to Times.)

Fredericton, Mar. 27.—Following a conference between Dr. Robertson and the agricultural delegates yesterday afternoon, a committee of ten met in the evening to discuss a definite plan of procedure. They decided that, under present conditions it would be well for the greater production committee to concentrate in assisting the dealers or the farmers in any section to secure a supply of feed and fertilizer, and recommend that any feed or fertilizer purchased immediately so that it might be saved for the province. It was also recommended that that demonstration work for the treatment of smut be taken up immediately. They urged the introduction of work and organization for food production through every channel possible. They also suggest that every acre which is sown to crop this year be very carefully cultivated rather than large acreage poorly cultivated.

The committee decided that it would be impossible to undertake on a large scale the cultivation of vacant lands but plans will be made immediately to plow a large area of such land during the summer and fall for cropping next spring.

A resolution in opposition to daylight saving bill in the House of Commons, which passed its second reading yesterday, A. B. Copp, Westmorland, declared that the farmers of his constituency were against the bill. While it would be of undoubted value to the laboring classes in the city, greater production was the great need of the hour, and the views of the farmers should be in consequence prevail. Captain Reid, of Prince, P. E. I., in supporting the bill, said that the objection as to hired help would not count in his constituency.

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HEALTH BILL IN HOUSE SOON

Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts' Measure—Philip Sullivan of Stanley Killed in Mill

(Special to Times.)

Fredericton, Mar. 27.—It is probable that Hon. W. F. Roberts will introduce the public health bill in the house of assembly tomorrow afternoon or at the first sitting of next week.

At a public meeting in Marysville last night it was decided to recommend that the town council be reduced to four aldermen and a mayor; also that the special act of incorporation be repealed and the town go under the towns incorporation. The necessary for improved fire protection was emphasized. The Canadian Cottons Limited will soon procure a Ford chemical engine for the protection of its property and the co-operation of the town is sought.

Philip Sullivan of Stanley was killed instantly in Douglas' mill at Stanley this morning. He was caught by a shaft. He is survived by his wife.

The case of W. Henry Maxwell vs. the St. John & Quebec Railway Company is nearing its close. The addresses by counsel are likely to begin this afternoon.

DENY REMOVAL OF PEOPLE OF COMPEIGNE

Paris, Mar. 27.—Reports current here that the inhabitants of Compeigne, between Paris and the battle front, were being removed to the Hettling Journal. A large number of persons, it says, are leaving the town voluntarily to avoid violent bombardments by enemy airplanes, but no order of evacuation has been given.

DRAFTES NUMBER 30,000

Ottawa, Mar. 27.—Men drafted under the military service act, it is officially announced, totalled 30,000 up to noon yesterday. Defaulters apprehended numbered 4,168.

The Kaiser was yesterday reported at St. Quentin.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY BY FIELD MARSHAL HAIG

London, Mar. 27.—Field Marshal Haig has issued the following special order of the day, dated March 23:—

"To all ranks of the British army in France and Flanders:—We are again at a crisis in the war. The enemy has collected on this front every available division and is aiming at the destruction of the British army. We have already inflicted on the enemy, in the course of the last few days, a very heavy loss, and the French are sending troops as quickly as possible to our support.

"I feel that everyone in the army, fully realizing how much depends on the exertions and steadfastness of each one of us, will do his utmost to prevent the enemy from attaining his object."

THE WEEPING KAISER

Amsterdam, Mar. 27.—The Volks Zeitung of Cologne says that, according to General Von Ludendorff, Emperor William has been deeply impressed by the terrible devastation in the battle area, remarking:—

"How glad we should be that our country has been spared such terrible things. Why did we succeed in keeping the fighting beyond our frontiers? Because before the war we always urged the need of armaments. When mankind changes these things also will change, but first mankind must begin to change."

REPLACING THE LOSSES OF MAN-POWER

France May Shorten Period of Training in Ireland Urges Conscription in Ireland

London, Mar. 27.—Discussing means of replacing the losses of man-power in France, the Daily Mail suggests it probably will be found necessary to shorten the period of training for recruits and to send to the front the younger classes at an earlier age than heretofore. All physically able Russian subjects in England, this newspaper says, are being called to the colors, the authorities having cancelled the recent order which temporarily suspended the summing up of these men.

The Daily Telegraph for the first time urges application of conscription to Ireland in order to replace the recent losses. It says:—"The question of extending the operation of the Military Service Act to Ireland must call for reconsideration by those who realize how magnificent has been the contribution of Irish regiments to our past success in this war and how priceless from every point of view would be a fuller participation of Irish man-power in the salvaging of Europe. Continuing the paper says:—"In this hour Irishmen will be conscious, if they never were before, that it is their duty to do their share from which so many of them are standing aloof."

FINED \$200 A THIRD TIME

Fred Galbraith, charged with having liquor in his possession unlawfully in Brussels street on the morning of March 23, was fined \$200 in the police court this morning. In delivering judgment, Magistrate Ritchie said this was the third time since December that Galbraith had been fined \$200. Were it not for the fact that one of his depositions was under appeal before Chief Justice McKeown, he said, he would give Galbraith the full penalty of a third offence or, as a persistent offender, which is one year in jail without a fine.

ACCIDENT FATAL

George McLaughlin of Brookville, Dies in Hospital

George McLaughlin of Brookville died in the General Public Hospital this morning at 5:45 o'clock as the result of injuries to his head from a piece of flying rock in a blast at Torryburn on Saturday last.

The skull was fractured, and he never regained consciousness. Mr. McLaughlin is a widower and leaves five children to mourn.

WILL NOT SUBMIT PROHIBITION TO A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE

Boston, Mar. 27.—By a vote of 122 to 96, the state legislature today rejected a motion favoring the submitting of the prohibition amendment to popular vote.

New York Boxing Bill

Albany, N. Y., Mar. 27.—The assembly on a committee yesterday refused to vote on the McCue boxing bill which would, if it became a law, re-establish boxing in the state.