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British Gunners Do Great Work

Important Factor in Defeat of The Germans

Latter Demoralized and Refuse to Obey Orders to Advance Against King's Troops—Allies' Air Scouts Outclass the Enemy's

London, March 15—The Daily Express correspondent on the Belgian front telegraphs: "The sudden offensive of the allies from Champagne to the sea, resulting in the capture of the Germans wholly by surprise."

"Great havoc was wrought by the accurate fire of the British artillery which apparently was the prime factor in the paralysis of the Germans. All accounts of the week's fighting filtering through the frontier from German sources, chiefly from the wounded, lay stress on the terrible accuracy of the British shells which made some of the positions wholly untenable."

GREAT WORK OF AIR SCOUTS London, March 15—The correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs from Rotterdam: "The British success at Neuve Chapelle and Epinette, was due largely to the wonderful work of the allied aeroplanes. Not a German gun was laid, not a body of troops moved without being detected by the eyes of the British sky."

"German officers in Bruges admit their air service is hopelessly outclassed in numbers, dating and intelligence by the allies. From the sea to Ypres, the air is swept by aeroplanes practically every day, the British and French air men competing in feats of skill and daring while the Germans no longer face a foe in the air, past contests having proved disastrous."

ALL GOES WELL FOR THE RUSSIANS London, March 15—A despatch to the London Times from Petrograd says: "The German advance in the Mlawa region of Poland has been delayed by a Russian action on their front and flank. The German column moving up the Orzavie and Omulew valleys, which were checked."

BRITAIN'S RETALIATORY MEASURES

Text of Order-in-Council, Relative to German "Blockade" is Given Out

London, March 15—The British order-in-council decreeing retaliatory measures on the part of the government to meet the declaration of the Germans that the waters surrounding the United Kingdom are military areas, was made public today.

No merchant ship sailing after March 15, will be permitted to proceed to a German port. Goods must be discharged in a British or allied country's port, unless passed for neutral destination.

Merchantmen carrying goods for other ports than an enemy destination may be required to discharge cargo at a British or allied country port or submit its merchandise to a prize court.

The same applies to goods of enemy origin. Persons interested in such cases may apply to the prize court for restitution.

Merchantmen clearing or passing for neutral ports, which proceed to an enemy port are liable to condemnation if subsequently captured.

Relaxation of the order is permissible in dealings with merchant vessels of any country which may declare that no commerce of Germany or ownership of German property will be permitted to enjoy the protection of its flag.

THE LINKLETTER CASE While the investigation into the accident which befell Switchman Percy Linkletter last week has not yet been conducted by L. R. Ross, I. C. R. agent, it is believed from facts gathered that his injuries were entirely accidental. The view is held that while rushing across the tracks at Gilbert's Lane, he stumbled and fell head foremost against a rail, and the story of an assault having been the cause of the accident is not generally believed.

WAS ATTACKED William Morrissey appeared in court this morning to answer a charge of fighting on Rodney wharf on Saturday night. Private Thomas Reynolds testified that the defendant was walking along the wharf when Alfonso McDonald, who was arrested and left a deposit of \$20, jumped on him and throwing him to the ground kicked him. The defendant was allowed to go.

FAST IN ICE The steamer Stanley which sailed on Saturday, the 13th, from Georgetown, P. E. I., is still in the ice between Cape Bear and Pictou. The Minto, which sailed on the same day from Pictou, is fast in the ice near Pictou Island. Prospects for their clearance are considered poor at present. The Minto has 100 passengers aboard.

INQUEST A jury empanelled by Coroner W. F. Roberts to enquire into the death of Private John Casey, of the 26th Battalion in jail here viewed his body in Breman's undertaking rooms this morning. The jury is composed of George Craigie, foreman; Earle Kincaid, William J. Cronk, O. B. Akerley, W. S. Ferris, J. V. Holland, and P. McGuire. An inquest will be held this week.

CASE DISMISSED A case against Roy Foster on a charge of pocket peddling was dismissed by Magistrate Ritchie in the police court this morning. The magistrate said that there was not sufficient evidence to show that the defendant was guilty although his actions were suspicious. E. S. Ritchie appeared for the defendant.

THE KWANTO MANU, a special service ship, carrying 300 workmen, has left Yokohama to refloat and repair the Japanese cruiser Asama, which recently grounded on the west coast of Mexico.

Where British Defeated Germans



By their capture of Neuve Chapelle and entry of Aubers, the British have threatened the hitherto impregnable German position at La Bassée, and threatened the German rail line of communication.

SIGNING ON THE MEN HERE TODAY

Recruiting For Canadian Railway Construction Corps

ARTILLERY TO HALIFAX

School For Equitation Instruction in Carleton Tomorrow—Army Service Corps Men Here From Vancouver—General Local News

Active recruiting for the Canadian Railway Construction Corps was begun in St. John today. Several names were signed, and more are expected to be enrolled this afternoon. All the volunteers will be posted upon finally by Lieut.-Col. Ramsay, of Montreal, who will command the unit, before they are placed permanently on the strength of the corps. Supr. H. C. Groulx, of the C. P. R., received advice on Saturday from the officer commanding, concerning the class of men wanted, and it embraces practically every division of workers to be found in general railway construction. H. A. Brennan, C. P. R. claims agent here, has been given charge of the local recruiting arrangements. The quarters for the corps in St. John are arranged under the name of the C. P. R. at Montreal, at Christopher's Cove, West Side.

Units Leaving The garrison of artillery from the 3rd regiment for service at Halifax will leave tomorrow evening. The latest word with regard to the R. C. M. Rifles is that their departure for training at Amherst will be on Wednesday. Major McLean has no definite instructions, however, but has sent an advance party with cooks to Amherst to prepare for the coming of the main part of the squadron this week. With the departure of some seventy-five men from the artillery, what is practically a reorganization of the several batteries, is taking place under Lieut.-Col. Armstrong, a re-arrangement being made with the battery for service on Partridge Island, and another for English coastal defence, and the third for Halifax.

Equitation School A school of instruction in equitation is to be opened tomorrow in West St. John with the Army Service Corps, No. 5 Co. It is for the benefit of the men to accustom them to general military detail on horseback. Training today was of a routine nature with this unit, and also with the 26th Battalion. Orders for this afternoon with the latter body called for a route march.

Recruiting So far as recruiting for the 50th in St. John is concerned, it has not been very encouraging thus far, but it is expected to boom very soon with the opening of an active campaign in its interests. The appointment of Lieut.-Col. Kirkpatrick of Woodstock, announced in The Times yesterday, is a very important one. When the battalion members were transferred to the 50th from the 40th, has been confirmed.

To Take Charge Lieutenant Richard T. Perry, No. 6 company division train, which is under Lieutenant-Colonel Masse, but which is still located in Vancouver awaiting orders, arrived in the city today. Lieutenant Perry is on his way to Halifax to take a special course in the military school there, while waiting for the second contingent to sail, and stopped in St. John to report to the officer commanding.

Soldiers Won The football team from the Army Service Corps won easily from a team from a New Zealand liner in port in an exciting game on the Marathon grounds on Saturday. The match was played "association," and the local lads showed themselves adepts in its working, amongst those appearing to especial advantage being Capt. Gwynne, Q. M. S. Harding, and privates Wilson and Paterson. The score was 4 to 2.

At Fredericton About twenty men will leave Fredericton this evening for garrison duty at Halifax. Eight were recruited in Fredericton and twelve in St. Stephen. The Gleaner says that Captain A. Sterling of Stanley will command the company. He is a physician and a member of the York county council.

Private Percy Brewer of No. 8 Field

CORSICAN AT HALIFAX; WAS NEAR TO DANGER

Just Out of Mersey After Submarine Was Sunk

RECORD LOT OF MAIL

Liner Brought 9,000 Bags—Some of the First Contingent, Invalided Home, Were Among the 600 Passengers

Halifax, N. S., March 15—Although the Allan Liner Corsican reached Halifax from Liverpool after a trip of seven days without lighting a German submarine she had passed down the Mersey only about an hour before a German submarine was rammed and sent to the bottom and another was chased away. The Corsican reached Halifax this morning. Besides 600 passengers she brought the largest mail ever carried across the Atlantic, 9,000 packages.

The passengers were not aware that there were two German submarines lurking in the waters over which they had to pass. It was not until after one of the hostile crafts had been sunk and the other chased, that it became known that there had been danger. Word to this effect was received by wireless.

A. R. Creelman counsel for the C. P. R. for fourteen years but who has recently resigned, was a passenger. Mr. Creelman said that he was just returning after a business and pleasure trip. He visited at Salsbury his son John J. Creelman, who is in command of the second brigade C. P. R. There are a large number of Nova Scotians in this brig.

Mr. Creelman said that the men left them a few weeks ago. They since left for the front. Mr. Creelman is acting as consulting counsel for the C. P. R.

Further Particulars Come From Neuve Chapelle—Indians Work Around to Rear of Germans and Help to Force Surrender

London, March 15—A despatch from Henry Nevison to the Daily News from British general headquarters in France says: "Having obtained leave to speak with a party of sixteen under charge of two British soldiers. Some were young men, but not under nineteen, and it seemed to me that not one in the lot looked distressed or suffering from hunger. They were dressed in the best of the uniforms we were issued with, and their position near Neuve Chapelle. They described to me how they had stood in the trenches waiting attack, which, however, they had expected only from the front. They defended themselves with fair success, until suddenly they discovered that the Germans had worked their way around and were rushing upon them from behind. Then as one remarked, "we saw we were too weak and had to surrender."

Some said they were rather glad they were prisoners, and at peace. "Thank God, I shall hear those infernal guns no more," one exclaimed. All agreed they were well treated.

The British Artillery I was able to witness the great cannonade which preceded the British assault from a distance. At the appointed moment, fire of the general, and passed by telephone and telegraph to each subordinate officer, our guns ceased to fire, leaving only a concentrated converging fire upon a short space in the enemy's line.

What happened next, I could only imagine. At a distance I could imagine British regiments leaping over the parapets of the trenches, scrambling through scattered strands of wire entanglements, which were already mired down by our shrapnel, and rushing headlong among such men as still remained. One need imagine no more.

STEAMER IN TROUBLE London, March 15—Cable advice to her owner states that the Johnson liner Bedlamore has been disabled off Cape Race, Nfld., by the loss of her rudder. The steamer Crown Point is standing by to take the Bedlamore in tow. There have been no casualties.

AMBULANCE CORPS is in an English hospital with diphtheria. His brother, Albert, was picked from the 12th Battalion and sent to the front with the Canadian sharpshooters.

Dr. W. H. Steeves of Fredericton has been appointed a dental surgeon.

Major Crocker is expected to begin the organization of the 26th Field Battery in Fredericton this week. Several recruits were enlisted on Saturday.

At Amherst The 22nd French-Canadian Battalion, under Col. P. M. Gaudet, about 1,100 strong, arrived at Amherst on Saturday.

French and Germans In Fight For Heights

Struggle In The Vosges Grows In Intensity

British Warships Train Guns on Germans at Ostend—Lille Reported Bombarded—English Gather Large Force at Ypres

Paris, March 15—Growing intensity marks the resumption of fighting between the French and Germans in the Vosges Mountains, where both sides are struggling for heights which dominate railway lines. The French forces lying in the Foch Valley have been reinforced by part of the army which has been operating west of Muelhausen.

Several cities have been bombarded along the battlefield during the last forty-eight hours.

British warships lying off the Belgian coast have been directing a heavy fire against the German positions near Ostend. It is reported that Lille has been bombarded by British artillery. Rheims and Soissons have been under German fire again.

British forces lying near La Bassée continue to exert tremendous pressure against the Germans. Counter attacks delivered by the Germans in great force have been repulsed and the invaders lost heavily.

A St. Omer despatch states that the British have been concentrating heavy forces at Ypres, which led to a lively bombardment of the city by the Germans. The French position at Vanuise, in the Argonne, which was recently taken by the French after a desperate hand-to-hand struggle, has been strengthened to such an extent that the Germans have abandoned all efforts to retake the place.

In Champagne, French attacks continue, the object being to cut through to Vouziers railway line, over which the Germans are transporting their supplies.

They Have Gone Down

Three Steamers Which Germans Hit Are Lost—Was Hoped They Might be Saved

London, March 15—The British steamers Florissan, Healdlands and Hartland, which have been sunk by German submarines, all have sunk, according to an announcement made by the British admiralty today.

Earlier reports held out the hope that these ships, attacked within the last two days by German raiders, had not been destroyed and might be brought into port.

THE LOSS OF FTHE ANDALUSIAN London, March 15—Captain Malley of the Ellerman Line steamer Andalusian, which was sunk by a German submarine, is reported to have been rescued.

"Sailing from Liverpool we kept to a course well westward in the hope of escaping submarines. But twenty miles northwest of Bishop Rock, the second officer reported a submarine off the port bow. I ordered the engineer to put on full steam and we got up a speed of eleven knots. The submarine, however, gained rapidly and came alongside and ordered us to leave in our lifeboats.

"In embarking in a lifeboat, I took a rib. The German commander noticed this and invited me on board the submarine, where I went to the captain's cabin and a sailor bandaged my injury. The submarine towed our crew until we were near a British steamer, which we went aboard."

"I urged this steamer's captain to go back and try to save the Andalusian if she were still afloat. He turned back and when we came near the Andalusian, we saw the submarine quietly sunning herself beneath the stern of the wreck. She dived as we came near."

SUNK BY KRON PRINZ WILHELM Rio Janeiro, March 15—The German auxiliary cruiser Kron Prinz Wilhelm, which has aboard 500 German sailors, has sunk thirteen vessels since she began her raid on commerce, according to the passengers and crew of the French steamer Guadeloupe, who were taken to Pernambuco by the British steamer Churchill. The Guadeloupe was sent to the bottom by the Kron Prinz Wilhelm off the eastern extremity of Brazil.

WOULD STOP ALLOWANCE OF RUM TO BRITISH TROOPS AT THE FRONT

Appeal to Government to Follow Russia's Lead and Prohibit Liquor Sale in Great Britain During War

London, March 15—Opposition to the action of the War Office in supplying rations of rum to the British troops at the front is manifest in many sections of the British press. Although the War Office, in defense of its action, stated that the allowance of rum was regarded by the military authorities as a medicinal supply rather than a part of the food ration. A large part of the demand for the abolition of the alcoholic ration comes from the medical profession.

A round dozen physicians, all of them leaders in their profession, were signers of a recent appeal to the government to follow the lead of Russia in abolishing absolutely the sale of spirituous liquors in Great Britain for the duration of the war.

THE WHEAT MARKET Chicago, March 15—Higher prices at Liverpool, where there was a large decrease in stocks had a bullish effect today on the wheat market here. The outlook for a decided falling off in the domestic visible supply also counted against the bears. Offers were scarce here until the price in some cases had moved up 2-8 above Saturday's finish. The opening, which ranged from 1-15 to 1-5-8 higher, was followed by a continuous advance until orders to purchase were filled, but then a material reaction took place.

DEATH OF CHILD Mr. and Mrs. John Warnock, of 85 King street, West St. John, will have the sympathy of their friends in the loss of their infant son, James Frederick, aged one year and ten months, who died this morning.

PRIZE WINNERS AT RANGE Five prizes were awarded for the best scores in the various classes at the city rifle range last week. The competition was open and was designed to fill the handicaps for future contests. The prizes are very pretty sterling silver coffee spoons with the crest of the city enameled in colors on the handle and the inscription engraved on the back. The winners were: Ladies, semi-prime, Miss Quinn, 98; standing, Mrs. R. P. Cowan, 94. Men, prime, Sergeant Downey, 95; standing, John McAndrew, 94. Boys, D. Masie, 95.

The classes for the competition this week will be: Ladies, standing and semi-prime; girls under eighteen years, standing, men, standing and prime; pistol, ladies and gentlemen. Prizes will be awarded for the highest average of any three barrels deposited in one day.

THE GOEBEN WRECKED BUT GUNS SAVED Athens, March 15—A Saloniki despatch reports that the German cruiser Goeben of the Turkish fleet has been wrecked by striking a Turkish mine in the Sea of Marmora, and has been beached in Stenia Bay. Her guns are said to be saved and placed in shore fortifications. The Breslau and the other Turkish ships are in the Golden Horn ready for the final battle with the allied fleet if it forces the Dardanelles.

ORANGE GRAND LODGE The grand lodge of the Loyal Orange Association will meet for their annual session tomorrow afternoon in Sussex, W. B. Wallace, K. C., who has completed his second year as grand master is being urged to run again but it is not known whether he will consent.

WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—Since Saturday the weather has been rather cold in Quebec and the maritime provinces and mild from Ontario westward. It has been fine in all parts except British Columbia where there has been rain and near the eastern shores of the Maritime Provinces where snow has fallen.