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ENEMIES IN TRENCHES BLOWN UP BY BRITISH LET WILHELM BEAR PENALTY FOR INHUMANITIES

KAISER SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE

Morning Post Would Hold Him
Personally Accountable
For Awful Acts.

PREVENT INHUMANITIES

Emperor Might Use His Veto
If He Realizes His
Position.

[Canadian Press.]
London, March 9.—The Morning Post says it has received authentic information from the treatment of British prisoners in Germany, which it must refrain from publishing for the present, but which is so revolting that it feels it to be its duty to say something on the subject.

"The British press," says the Morning Post, "has been recommended to say as little as possible on this matter, on the ground that any protest will only aggravate the lot of these unfortunate, by infuriating their jailers. Such argument may or may not be sound, but it is at least right that the public should know that our soldiers are being treated vilely in Germany."

"We do not suggest reprisals. On the contrary, we think the German prisoners in this country should not be treated luxuriously, but humanely, and they are, as a matter of fact, treated in every sense well; but the Government might interfere on behalf of our prisoners, by declaring publicly that the German Government and German Emperor will be held directly and personally responsible for such outrages as continued."

"If the German Emperor is made clearly to understand that at the day of reckoning the ill-treatment of our men will be a count in the indictment, he may perhaps be induced to use his veto to mitigate, if not stop the inhumanities about which we complain."

COMMANDERS ALL BRITISH FACTORIES

Lloyd George Gets Bill Passed
To Increase Munitions
Output.

SUCCESS RESTS ON THIS
Government To Organize
Entire Engineering Community
To Assist Work.

[Canadian Press.]
London, March 9.—A bill to amend the munitions of war act, 1915, which will enable the government to take over the management of the munitions of war industry, was introduced today by Mr. Lloyd George.

His proposal was that the Government be empowered to take over the management of the munitions of war industry, with the idea of assisting in the increase of output of the munitions of war industry.

Mr. Lloyd George had particular emphasis upon his statement that not only the duration, but the success of the war depended upon the output of munitions.

To Increase Output.
The Government, he declared, proposed to organize the entire engineering community, through a committee headed by businessmen, with the idea of assisting in the increase of output of the munitions of war industry.

MAJOR G. N. ABELL
HAS BEEN PROMOTED

Today C. M. R. orders contain the promotion of Major G. N. Abell from that rank in charge of a squadron in the provisional major of the regiment, Captain George Wilson, who is attending Major Abell at Victoria Hospital, stating that Major Abell is progressing steadily towards recovery, but is not yet out of danger.

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HIS INVENTION PROVED GREAT HELP TO FRANCE



COL. DUPONT, inventor of the Great War gas mask, is shown in a portrait. He is a Frenchman, and his invention of the gas mask was a great help to France during the war.

KING ST. HOTELS "OUT OF BOUNDS"

Commanding Officer of C.M.R.
Takes Determined
Action.

SOLDIERS ARE EXPLOITED
One Hotel Said To Have Taken
In \$800 in One
Night.

The commanding officers of the various regiments here are contemplating taking the most drastic action against local hotelmen who insist upon selling liquor to soldiers who are already intoxicated. Not only has this been done, but they claim that bottles are being sold regularly, so that men already drunk can drink more after their return to their quarters.

Shame on Hotelmen.
"One-third of the men who have been discharged were for drunkenness," said Lieut. Col. Wilson to The Advertiser today. "It is a shame the way London hotelmen are acting. We are taking steps to put the matter in shape for the house inspector to prosecute."

Hotels Out of Bounds.
An order issued today puts all hotels on the south side of King street, out of bounds for the men of the 7th C. M. R. "I am told," said an officer this afternoon, "that in one evening one hotel took over \$800 from the soldiers. This sort of thing has got to be stopped."

Another Discharged.
Today's C. M. R. orders state that Lieut. Col. Wilson has been given seven days' detention in the hospital for the regiment for drunkenness. Lieut. J. H. Mack is also discharged from the C. M. R. for drunkenness.

DARDANELLES ACT NO "MERE BLUFF"

[Canadian Press.]
Berlin, via Amsterdam to London, March 9.—In an article in the Vorwarts, the former London correspondent of the newspaper in dealing with the Dardanelles attack says:

"The composition of the British fleet appears to confirm the rumor that Great Britain has added two squadrons of new ships to her navy since the war began. The view is generally expressed that the Dardanelles cannot be forced without a heavy landing party. However, this difficulty should not be given exaggerated importance. It is a great mistake to view the operations against the Dardanelles as a mere bluff."

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"On the night of March 5-6 a mine was exploded under a German trench southeast of Ypres. Several of the enemy were killed. The mine crater was occupied temporarily by our troops and the enemy's trench on side was rendered useless."

"On several sectors of our front the enemy's artillery has been more active than usual, but the effect has been

Two U.S. Battleships Ordered to Vera Cruz

Will Be Taken From Atlantic Fleet and One Is To Be the
Flagship, With Officer of High Rank
On Board.

[Canadian Press.]
Washington, March 9.—After a conference early today with President Wilson, Secretary Daniels ordered two battleships of the Atlantic fleet from Guantanamo to Vera Cruz, near Admiral Fletcher, commanding the fleet, will choose the battleships that are to go to Vera Cruz to reinforce the small craft already there.

The only specification Secretary Daniels made in his order was that one of the ships should be a flagship, in order to put an officer of high rank in command of the force.

CHATHAM OFFICER SLIGHTLY WOUNDED

Lieut. Donald Eric Douglas Is
Member of the First
Battalion.

ONE DEATH ANNOUNCED
Pte. Walter J. Smith, of Van-
couver, Succumbs To Bron-
chial-Pneumonia.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, March 9.—The following casualties in the Canadian expeditionary force are announced today:

Slightly Wounded.
March 6.—Lieut. Donald Eric Douglas, 1st Battalion, Chatham, Ont.

Seriously Ill.
No. 1268, Pte. Thomas Philip, 9th Battalion, Military Hospital, Tidworth, with cerebral spinal meningitis. Next of kin, Mrs. Margaret Philip (mother), Glasgow, Scotland.

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Kitchener's Army Ready For Advance To Berlin



This picture shows a group of the 9th Gloucesters near Basingstoke. This regiment is part of Kitchener's first army, and is ready for the front almost at once.

HOW CAN MAN CHEER WITH A LUMP IN HIS THROAT?

Strong Feelings Impel Silence Upon Citizens as Soldiers
Pass By—In Verse and Prose Londoners Tell
How They Feel.

You ask me why I do not cheer,
As down the street they come.
You ask me if my heart is cold,
And why my lips are dumb—
I simply plead, I cannot cheer.
My silence is despair—
My only thought, a cold reproach,
Because I am not there!

Because I am not there, while they
So nobly for the cause
Begeth themselves and take up arms,
To guard Old Britain's laws,
What right have I to raise my voice,
And let my arm be still,
The cheer is in the service done,
By men who have the will.

By men who have the will to march,
With treasures left behind.
There were no cheers as they left home,
When hearts were sad and inclined,
No cheers for Britain's soldier lad,
Until the foe shall swerve,
But cheer for those who need the cheer—
For those too faint to send.

Another man, "There is no band playing as they march along. It is a solemn occasion. I could no more cheer than I could march. That's the way I feel, anyway."

"If they had a band it would cheer things up," said a downtown man. "You can't expect a few hundred people stretching over many blocks to start a demonstration. People are backward about cheering. Personally I feel a voice from the ranks of soldiers might call out and say: 'What are you doing for your country?' I don't feel that I have a right to cheer. It looks as if I was trying to make myself feel good, and I don't feel good when I see those lines of great fine, clean men marching along. Perhaps a band would lift us up."

"The people of London, like all British people, are not depressed, but they are serious," said a professional man. "I feel that sooner or later I may have to be in the ranks myself. I consider myself material for a soldier, and I almost feel like a soldier. I could not cheer myself. Wait till the war is over and then all of us may cheer."

An English soldier said: "I don't want any cheer. 'It isn't the spirit of the empire just now, you know,' he said. 'They don't cheer us at home, and why should they here. And cheering has gone out of date in this war. It's service that counts.'"

One citizen said that he had started to applaud the soldiers Monday, but that the men had made fun of it. He didn't think that was much encouragement to those who wanted to show their appreciation.

"It is no joy ride for those boys," said

Came 6,000 Miles and Entered Ranks

After traveling over 6,000 miles at his own expense, cancelling important business and pleasure engagements, and throwing up his rank in the British army, Lieut. William Rugin, of the Royal Garrison Artillery of England, today enlisted as a private in "B" Company of the 33rd Battalion. This afternoon, through headquarters, he made application to Major-General Hughes for the restoration of his former rank.

"If I can't get my former rank back," he said, "I will go to the front as a private. Anything at all to get a chance to strike a blow for the homeland."

In Japan When War Began.
Pte. Rugin says the real fighting will commence in a few weeks, and will be the severest ever witnessed in the world's history. Lord Kitchener, he says, has a herculean task in training men from all over the Empire, and making them into perfect fighting units. As to the outcome of the war he has no doubt.

Turk Troops Lack Spirit.
"It will not be many days," he said, "before the straits are in possession of the Allies. Even though the Turkish troops are led by German officers they have not the spirit. The Germans have only been there for a short time and work as they would could not get results from the sort of material they have to train. That course of the eastern nations, resting during the hot part of the day, has become a habit in Turkey and you can even kill the troops but they will not work during hours they have been accustomed to sleep or rest."

The Japanese are more anxious to get into the fight, and if they can are ready to send a million men to fight anywhere the Allies want. These are trained troops, and if they get a chance can render most effective service."

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VIVIDLY TELLS HELL OF WAR

George Reading's Chum Shot
Dead Between Eyes Lying
Beside Londoner in Trench.

ENEMY DISREGARD DEATH
Letter Written From France
and Penned Within Sight of
Enemy's Entrenchments.

Hurried to France from
Egypt, where he was sta-
tioned when war broke out,
Corporal George Reading,
son of George Reading, care-
taker of the Armories here,
has been in the thick of the
fighting, and letters he has
sent home are written with-
in the sight of the German
entrenchments. In a com-
munication received this
week, Reading, who is with
the 2nd Northampton, 24th
Brigade, says:

"The fighting here now
is almost like murder, for we
are only 50 yards from the
German trenches, but they
must be losing thousands
every week right in front of
us. I am pleased to say that
so far, I am quite well, al-
though I have had scores of
the closest shaves from
death. Nearly all my chums
have been shot down. Ab-
bott (a mutual friend of the
writer's and his father) was
killed yesterday. He was
shot through the eyes while
lying beside me in the
trench."

Thanks for Cigarettes.
Reading thanks his father
for cigarettes sent him some
time ago, explaining that
the fellows cannot show too
much their appreciation of
such gifts.

"It is very trying, fighting
where we are now, for we
are simply holding them
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TORPEDOES SINK 15 OUT OF 8,734

Loss of British Steamers By
Submarine Attacks Almost
Negligible.

TWENTY-NINE LIVES LOST
These Figures Include All the
Losses From January 21
To March 3.

[Canadian Press.]
London, March 9.—Fifteen British steamers sunk out of a total of 8,734 vessels of more than 200 tons which arrived at British ports or departed from them from January 21 to March 3 was the record of achievement of German submarines, according to figures released by the admiralty. Vessels of all nationalities are taken into account, as including, however, those used by the admiralty for naval and military purposes. Twenty-nine members of the crews of the steamers torpedoed lost their lives. The total number of vessels which arrived at British ports during this period was 1,619, while the number which departed was 4,115. The figures given by the admiralty follow:

January 21 to 27—Arrivals 832, sailings 630; torpedoed 1.

January 28 to February 3—Arrivals 677, sailings 732; torpedoed 6; lives lost 20.

February 4 to 10—Arrivals 754, sailings 654; torpedoed 9; lives lost 25.

February 11 to 17—Arrivals 752, sailings 686; torpedoed 1; lives lost 7.

February 18 to 24—Arrivals 708, sailings 677; torpedoed 1; lives lost 7.

February 25 to March 3—Arrivals 963, sailings 669; torpedoed 6.

Twenty-five ships, the admiralty statement says, were unsuccessfully attacked between February 1 and March 4.

Another Defective Boot
INQUIRY ORDERED TODAY

Quality of Footwear Supplied 7th C. M. R. To Be Looked Into.

Another inquiry into defective boots supplied the 7th C. M. R. has been ordered for today at the quartermaster's store. It will be in charge of Lieut. Col. Wilson, and Lieut. Col. Macdonald.

It was stated to The Advertiser that large numbers of defective boots had been supplied to the 7th C. M. R. since the beginning of the war.

Many of the boots were found to be defective in the sole, and in the heel, and in the laces. The inquiry is being conducted by Lieut. Col. Wilson, and Lieut. Col. Macdonald.

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