

# Week's War News

King George paid a visit to Admiral Sir John Jellicoe's fleet on Thursday.

Paris, March 25—In the eastern foothills of the Vosges Mountains, near Hartmannswiller, in Alsace, French and German troops are once more locked in the grip of battle.

Amsterdam, March 25—In addition to the British air raid over Hoboken, victors of the allied attacked several other places within the German lines in West Flanders. At no other time since the war broke out have the allied airmen been so active.

Amsterdam, March 25—Much mystery attaches to a silver funeral casket recently taken from Bruges where the headquarters of the army in Flanders has been maintained, to an unknown destination. It is believed by civilians in that region that the coffin contained the body of one of the Imperial princes, who died as a result of wounds received in action and whose death is being kept a secret.

London, March 26—The Turks greatly fear a landing of the Allied troops, says a despatch to the Times from Tenedos, and have concentrated 45,000 men on the Asiatic side of the Dardanelles, and also 10,000 on the European side, near Gallipoli. The despatch adds that both forces are commanded by German officers.

Luneville, France, March 25—Marguerite Schmitt, a French woman sentenced to death as a spy, after being court-martialed, was shot yesterday after the troops of the garrison had been drawn up to witness the execution. By her own admission, the woman accepted two hundred francs from the Germans to enter the French lines and obtain information.

London, March 25—The British Admiralty stated this evening that they thought the German submarine U-29, which recently sank four British and one French steamer in the English Channel, and damaged three other vessels, had been sunk with all hands. The text of the official statement follows: "The Admiralty have good reasons to believe that the German submarine U-29 has been sunk with all hands."

Petrograd, March 25—Since January 21, 230,000 prisoners had been captured by the Russians in Galicia. These include both Germans and Austrians. The Teutonic armies had lost more than 600,000 previous to January 21. The Russians have captured thirty guns and 320 machine guns in addition to those taken at Przemyel.

London, March 25—The Daily Telegraph says in a despatch from Copenhagen: According to a prominent American business man, who was traveling last month in Germany, the commercial classes are very despondent regarding the issue of the war. German business men admitted to him they were convinced that Germany certainly would be defeated, and that it was generally believed the war would be over by August."

So many Russians are volunteering for service in different places in Canada that the formation of a Russian corps for the next Canadian contingent has been suggested by Ottawa officers. A particularly large number of Russians have tried to enlist here, but they cannot be enlisted, because of inability to speak English and there have been similar experiences elsewhere. Many of the Russians have had experiences in their home armies.

Dover, March 25—The Dutch steamer Medea was sunk off Beachy Head this morning by the German submarine U-28. She carried a cargo of oranges, and was bound from Saloniki for London. The Medea was stopped by the submarine and the crew were given fifteen minutes in which to leave the vessel. They did so and the submarine then fired several shots at the steamer, which remained afloat for an hour. The crew rowed in their boats until picked up by a destroyer which brought them to Dover.

London, Mar. 25—A Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says it is reported that the German government has prohibited pastry-making from Saturday next, under heavy penalty.

Amsterdam, March 25—The Rotterdam newspaper Courant today asserted positively that one German submarine was destroyed and another badly damaged by the British airship attack on Hoboken yesterday.

London, March 25—The Petrograd correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company says the following semi-official statement has been issued in the Russian capital. "The enormous booty taken at Przemyel includes 500 wagons, four locomotives and 5,000 tons of coal."

Reports coming from across the Italian border tell of increased preparation in that country for war, although, it is added, German diplomats have not given up the hope of inducing Austria to make territorial concessions that would satisfy both Italy and Roumania.

Paris, March 25—Col. Francois Descaux, former paymaster general in the French army, charged with stealing military stores, was convicted today and sentenced to seven years solitary confinement and military degradation. His name was ordered removed from the list of the Legion of Honor.

Reports from Allied sources are to the effect that German officers are leaving Constantinople, and that the situation in the Ottoman capital is gloomy; but there is nothing official to show that the Turks are discouraged over the outlook.

The situation in the Dardanelles, so far as is known, remains unchanged. The Admiralty has vouchsafed no confirmation of the report that the super-dreadnought Queen Elizabeth and other ships, among them the battleship Triumph, which recently bombarded Smyrna, have entered the Straits.

Berlin, March 26, via London, March 27—2.30 a. m.—The following official communication was issued tonight: "Several hostile airmen dropped bombs on the southern part of Metz today. They were driven away by our artillery fire. Three soldiers were killed, but no material damage was done."

Paris, March 26—Mine sweepers continued their operations in the Dardanelles all of Wednesday night according to despatches from Tenedos received yesterday by the Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency. They were protected by the guns of cruisers from the Allied fleet, but their work was made difficult by a violent storm.

**LACK OF MATERIAL WILL PROLONG WAR**  
London, Mar. 27—In a statement to the London Times, replying to a request for an interpretation of the phrase, "a protracted war," which he used in a recent interview, Field Marshal Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British forces in the field says: "The protraction of the war depends entirely upon the supply of men and munitions. Should these be unsatisfactory, the war will be accordingly prolonged. I dwell emphatically on the need for munitions."

London, Mar. 25—The Evening Chronicle publishes a despatch from Bucharest, Roumania, to the effect that the Turkish government recently decided to surrender Constantinople and the Dardanelles to the allied fleet. The surrender was all but arranged, the Chronicle says, when at the last moment it was blocked by Germany. "The peace party forced a vote at a recent cabinet meeting to send emissaries, one of which was the American Ambassador, Henry Morgenthau to the Dardanelles to negotiate with the commander of the Allied fleet for the surrender of the Straits and of Constantinople," says the Chronicle. Just as everything seemed settled the German general, Liman von Sanders, heard of the plan and nipped it with the threat of court martial for all concerned.

## Millerton Troupe At Blackville

Greeted by Crowded House on St. Patrick's Day—Proceeds for Belgian Fund

(Too late for last issue)  
On St. Patrick's day in the evening, the Blackville Hall was filled with the largest crowd that has been seen within its walls for many years; and not a few were turned away, being unable to find seats, or even standing room. The attraction was a play entitled "Valley Farm," which was put on by a very clever amateur company from Millerton, under the patronage of the Blackville Women's Institute, the proceeds of which went to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Professor Rose with his orchestra, assisted by Mrs. Colquhoun of Millerton, delighted the audience with popular airs before and between the acts, beginning with St. Patrick's Day in the morning.

The Rev. Mr. Montgomery acted as chairman on behalf of the Women's Institute and in a few opening remarks said that he had been requested by the visitors from Millerton to say that they wished the proceeds of the entertainment to be sent to the Belgian Relief Fund by the Women's Institute and that it be credited to that society.

Just before the curtain went up a quartette composed of Misses Laura Ross and Verno Harris, and Messrs. Jas. and Melvin Ross sang "O Canada" with very good effect. The play contained a deep plot and was well staged. "Farm" Silas Holcombe" greatly amused the audience with his readings from "The Gem Press" and also in telling of things he had seen in New York. Miss Alvina Halcombe, as the spinster housekeeper, told many plain home truths, mingled with promises to make "riz" biscuits. Hetty Holcombe, the heroine, made a very charming typical little country girl. Perry Deane, her bashful country lover, took his part very naturally. Mr. Harold Rutledge, the sutor from the city, was very sympathetic and tried to do the right thing. Mrs. Rutledge took the part of the overbearing city mother-in-law to the little country girl exceedingly well. Miss Isabel Carney had a difficult part to act, but conveyed its meaning with a fatherly manner in smoothing out trouble. Mrs. Liza Ann Tucker made a very good impression as the busy body who never talks about her neighbors. Verbaena, although only acting a short part, brought much applause with her quaint sayings. Old Azariah Keep created prolonged laughter with his "deafness" and comical actions. The butler took his part with the stateliness of his occupation.

The proceeds amounted to about \$80.00. The Women's Institute paid the Millerton company's expenses. They feel very grateful to them for the cheerful way they came to put on their play and for their wish that the proceeds be placed to their credit in the Belgian Relief Fund, and also for the valuable assistance given by Professor Ross and his orchestra who tendered their services gratis, and whose presence added so much to the evening's enjoyment.

The troupe are to be highly complimented on their talent which was shown to such good advantage, and the wish is expressed that it will not be long before they come again, and we hope they will be greeted by another large audience.

**DARDANELLES WILL BE FORCED AT ALL COSTS**  
London, March 27—(2.55 a. m.)—"Owing to the damage caused by the shore torpedo tube in the Dardanelles," says the Daily Mail's Athens correspondent, "the allied admirals, in a council of war, have decided to designate certain warships to fire at the forts at long range."

"Officers of the allied fleets declare to the correspondents that the forcing of the straits, at all costs, is certain."  
A despatch to the Daily Mail from Dedeagach says there are now 1,000 German gunners in the Dardanelles forts. The correspondent adds that Constantinople was dressed in flags in celebration of the sinking of the three allied battleships recently, although for a long time many well informed Turks refused to believe the news.

## Second Spy Shot In London Tower

Unknown German Emmissary Was Secretly Executed There

London, March 25—The utmost secrecy is maintained in official circles in London with regard to the recent arrests of several German spies in the Metropolitan District, and the fact that after court-martial sentence had been imposed in at least one case the extreme penalty of death had been carried out.

Not many days prior to the sailing of the Tuscania from Liverpool on March 12 the Special Branch of the Criminal Department of Scotland Yard had arrested three men, alleged to be German spies. Their names were stated to be John Hann, Muller and Meyer. The former was taken into custody in High Street, Deptford and one of the others was arrested at Victoria Station. They were taken to a police station in the West End and held, pending court-martial proceedings.

It is stated that when these were completed the sentence of death on one man was confirmed by the War Office and he was removed in a cab under an armed escort to the Tower where on Friday morning, March 5, he was put to death.

Soon after daylight he was taken from the guardroom to the moat, where he was blindfolded. A shooting squad of six picked marksmen of the Honorable Artillery Company were in attendance. Three of their number had their carbines loaded with ball cartridge, the others were blank. At the word of command from the Sergeant the six men fired. The lifeless body of the spy was removed for burial.

It is stated that a second prisoner who was also taken to the Tower, and is awaiting confirmation of his sentence (death or imprisonment) has given considerable trouble to the authorities. His trial was held on Mar. 11.

The man had been closely watched but four days before his trial he made a daring attempt to escape from custody. His two guards were unaware that he was a spy, and had been led to believe that he was under arrest on a simple charge of desertion. This explains why he was not shot when he attacked them.

While he was in a small compartment overlooking the moat he suddenly turned upon his guards and dealt them violent blows. Before they recovered from their surprise he had clambered through the window and dropped into the moat. There he found that he was as securely confined as if he were in the stoutest of cells, for all his efforts to obtain a hold upon the moat wall to climb from the ditch were unavailing.

It is understood that the man who was executed and the man under sentence were shown to have been in communication with Germany, sending information by means of invisible writing. When arrested, one asserted that he was of Swiss nationality, and another that he was a Russian subject.

Another alleged German spy was brought from Falmouth to London on March 9 in charge of a military escort and handed over to Scotland Yard.

When first arrested he pretended not to understand English, but by a subterfuge it was found that he had a fair knowledge of the English language.

The suspect it is understood was arrested by a sentry on duty near a large powder magazine. He had reached Felzestowe on a small coasting steamer from Glasgow, where he said he had worked about three and a half years in the mines. Investigations are proceeding into the recent doings of this man.

London, March 25—Duplicating the feat of the British cruiser Amethyst, two British destroyers ran by the Turkish forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles narrows yesterday, and penetrated to a short distance beyond Kilit Bahr, according to despatches today from Athens.

## North Shore Boys Write From England

The following joint letter was received by Mr. Robert Jarvis, of the Advocate on Saturday last, from two well known Northumberland boys who are with the first Canadian Contingent as will be seen by the address. They are still in England, being stationed at Tidworth. The photo enclosed was a very good likeness of Mr. O'Toole:  
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"The outward appearances of the town would be much improved if the drunks were kept off the streets," a citizen remarked the other day.

**ITALIANS MAKING EVERY PREPARATION**  
London, March 27—(2.55 a. m.)—The Italian Consul, says the Times' Buenos Ayres correspondent, called a meeting of the agents of the Italian steamship lines and warned the agents to be in readiness for the possible transportation of 6,000 Italian reservists.  
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