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HAIG FORCES FURTHER RETIREMENT OF GERMANS WAR SENTIMENT GROWING AT UNITED STATES CAPITAL ENEMY STILL FALLING BACK BEFORE BRITISH PRESSURE; CANADIANS IN HEAVY FIGHT

Berlin Announces Further "Strategic Retirement" on Western Front and Claims Repulsing Four Attacks by Boys From the Dominion—Paris Reports Calm Along the French Line.

THE WAR IN THE WEST

German troops in Northern France are still falling back towards Cambrai under the British pressure. Evidently they have not reached, in this sector at least, a line on which they feel inclined to make a determined stand against the Entente armies.

Today's announcement from Berlin of a German retirement on a four-and-a-half-mile front, between Ruyalcourt and Sorel was forecast to some extent by the British announcement last night that the village of Neuville Bourjonval, on this line had been captured.

BERLIN ADMITS IT.

Berlin reports that the Germans gave way on the front indicated after an engagement with stronger British forces.

The French apparently have suspended temporarily their dashing attacks along the southern end of the line. Paris reports a quiet night along virtually the whole front. Yesterday, however, according to Berlin, Gen. Nivelle's troops attacked near Neuville and Margival, but were repulsed. Attempted attacks by the French along the Aisne-Marne Canal and in the Champagne were broken up, it is declared.

CANADIANS REPULSED.

North of the line of the retreat, near Neuville-St. Vaast, Berlin reports four attacks by a Canadian regiment, all of which were fruitless.

There have been no important events on any of the other fronts, so far as reports received indicate. All accounts agree that no intensive campaign will be possible for some time on the Russian front because of the spring thaw.

CALM ON FRENCH FRONT.

Paris, March 30.—The heavy fighting on the French front since the beginning of the German withdrawal has come to an end for the time being.

"From the Somme to the Aisne the night was calm along our outposts," says today's official report. "There were no important events elsewhere on the front, with the exception of patrol encounters and rather lively grenade fighting in the sector of Maisons-de-Champagne."

NO WORD AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, March 29.—No word has been received, subject to militia headquarters, regarding the action in which, according to the German official, a Canadian division has been engaged. The German report declares the Canadians attacked, but that they were repulsed with heavy losses. No report of such an attack has been officially received here.

GERMAN FIRE SMOTHERED.

London, March 30.—The capture by the British of the town of Ruyalcourt, about eight miles east of Papeau, is reported by Reuters' correspondent at the British headquarters in France.

Yesterday we took Ruyalcourt, thereby advancing our line to about eight miles east of Papeau," the correspondent telegraphs. "Our infantry is now in contact with the German front from Arras to a point about six miles southeast of St. Quentin. In the northern part of the line a violent bombardment by the enemy broke out yesterday afternoon, but it was silenced by a tremendous concentration of our counter battery fire. A similar outburst of trench mortars in the Ypres salient was smothered in the same way."

SAY CANADIANS REPULSED.

Berlin, March 30.—By Wireless to Sayville.—Canadian troops made four attacks last night on German positions east of Neuville-St. Vaast, and were repulsed with heavy losses, the war office announces.

The text of the statement reads: "Western front: On the Arras front, the artillery duel was lively. 'East of Neuville-St. Vaast, a Canadian regiment four times attacked our positions during the night. They were each time repulsed with heavy losses. Some prisoners remained in our hands. On both sides of the line of Ruyalcourt-Sorel, the fighting was very lively. On the Aisne-Marne Canal, French battalions vainly tried to gain ground near Neuville and Margival. Our outposts repulsed them, inflicting upon them heavy losses."

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THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 45; lowest, 35.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 37; lowest, 27.

TOMORROW—FAIR; SHOWERS.
Forecast: Today—Fair to 8 a.m. tomorrow—Moderate to fresh with south winds; fine, a little higher temperature.

Wednesday—Fresh to strong southeast to south winds; fair at first, local showers by night.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria 44 32 Clear
Calgary 40 30 Cloudy
Winnipeg 38 30 Clear
Port Arthur 42 32 Fair
Perry Sound 34 20 Cloudy
Toronto 42 31 Clear
Ottawa 40 34 Fair
Montreal 40 34 Fair
Quebec 38 28 Fair
Father Point 35 25 Snow

The disturbance which was in British Columbia yesterday now covers the country from Saskatchewan to Kansas. The weather has been showery in the Mar. ne Provinces. Elsewhere in Canada with the exception of a few light snowfalls or drizzles.

SCORED SEVEN HITS ON GERMAN RAIDER BEFORE SURRENDER

British Steamer Otaki Almost "Got" the Moewe.

SET THE GERMAN AFIRE

Plucky Fight Put Up by British Merchantman in South Pacific.

Copenhagen, March 29, via London.—The sailing of the German raider Moewe brought an account of a hard engagement between the Moewe and the British steamer Otaki which put up a sturdy fight when it was encountered by the Germans raider on March 10.

The Otaki, according to the story, surrendered only after scoring seven hits on the Moewe and setting the German raider on fire. Six men of the crew of the Moewe and two captives were killed during the fight, while the Otaki lost her captain, a mate, her engineer and two sailors.

During the engagement, the sailors of the Otaki broke the iron grating barring the room in which they were confined, but they were overpowered by sailors from the Moewe with hand grenades. The Otaki's crew, who were confined in another quarter of the ship, spent an anxious time during the engagement, waiting for the Moewe to come on board. The Otaki's return from her cruise in the South Atlantic, was added, was without further incident. She ran north to the vicinity of Newfoundland, slipped across the Atlantic to the Norwegian coast, and traversed the Danish sound to a German port undiscovered. The British sailors and the crew of the Otaki were distributed to prison camps, the officers were taken to the ship and the sailors to Westphalia.

The return of the German raider Moewe to a German port was announced in a Berlin wireless dispatch received on March 29. The capture of the British steamer Otaki, of 3,575 tons gross, was reported in a supplementary statement received on March 29. The Otaki, according to the German statement, carried 12-centimetre guns, and was in ballast.

ANOTHER PLUCKY BRITISHER.
London, March 30.—The fight which the German raider Moewe had with the British steamer Otaki was not the only one of the cruise. Reuters' dispatch from Copenhagen says the captain of the Norwegian ship, which was sunk by the St. Theodore after it had been fitted out as a raider by the Moewe, states that while on the way home the Moewe had a gunner named Huddell, who was killed.

During the engagement, the second officer of the Government was killed and both arms of a gunner named Huddell were wounded. The gunner, as reported previously, eventually was killed. After the prisoners on the St. Theodore were transferred to the Moewe off Rio Janeiro, the vessel was sunk.

FOOD RIOTS ROCK CHICAGO'S GHETTO; POLICE SUMMONED
Kosher Meat Markets and Groceries Attacked.
FOODSTUFFS DESTROYED
Rioters Take Violent Measures to Bring Down the Prices.

Chicago, Ill., March 30.—Hundreds of police were detailed today to protect the meat markets and groceries in the west side ghetto, which were attacked yesterday by angry crowds, composed mostly of women, who protested against the high prices for food.

The British force hounded the first night 90 miles from the coast, and went on next day to the summit of a sharp ridge fifteen miles from Siwah. The Senussi were hidden on a series of low hills, Seta Pass, considered by the Senussi the only possible road from Siwah to the outer country, was mined and the armored cars had to surmount a ridge to gain access to the little valley facing the Senussi position. Every car safely negotiated the rough and tumble pass, except those in the supply service. The armored cars led the way toward Siwah, chief town of the Oasis, and all but two of them got into action within 200 yards of the Senussi position by ten o'clock.

A Hot Reception.
The cars had a hot reception. The tops of the turrets had been removed to save weight, and the mahafiza, as the Senussi sharpshooters are called, scammed from their place of security behind rocks at the water's edge. The Senussi fired and poured down a plunging fire in the hope of hitting the machine gunners inside the cars.

Leaving one car in the centre to engage the enemy, the commander moved to the right and left to enfilade the position, and for half an hour the one car at the centre reaped the sky from two ten-pounder mountain guns, two machine guns, and 800 rifles.

Afraid To Charge.
Further down the hill, the patrols in unarmored cars, with machine guns, came into action, and so sprinkled the hill with bullets that the enemy did not longer show a head. At noon a Senussi bugler sounded the charge, and many of the enemy rose to advance, but the automobile machine gunners did such execution that they quickly dropped back to cover.

All through the night, the armored cars were stationary. Such a wholesale dread had the Senussi of the armored cars that the Senussi made no attempt to rush the little band. Meanwhile the unarmored cars had gone back for supplies of food and ammunition. Before day-break the Senussi retired, and when dawn broke figures silhouetted against the sky showed the enemy and their camels trekking westward, a long way out of range and impossible to reach, owing to the precipitous descent of the hills.

The crew of the cars destroyed their camp and collected a large quantity of arms and ammunition. Fully 200 Senussi soldiers were killed or wounded.

On the next day the Egyptian force entered Siwah. Sayed Ahmed and his commander were never in sight, but left Siwah when they learned of the arrival of the cars.

World: Gracious! What Does All This Mean?



ARMORED CARS ROUTED ARABS; THRILLING FIGHT IN DESERT; NEW BRITISH BATTLE-PEAT

British Headquarters in Egypt, Feb. 5.—Correspondence of the Associated Press.—In the recent raid of the Egyptian armored cars on the Senussi, an Arab order of Mohammedans, the crews of the cars traveled 200 miles into Libyan desert, fought a stubborn and well hidden enemy for twenty hours and, during the night, twenty-two men in the cars remained within 500 yards of a foe outnumbering them 25 to 1. The story of the raid is told by the British official eye-witness.

A Motor Column.
The grand sheik of the Senussi, Sayed Ahmed, was known to be at the Siwah Oasis, with his commander-in-chief, Mohamed Saleh, and the remnants of his army, 800 men strong. The problem of supply made it imperative that the journey of 400 miles out and back should be performed in a week. It was exclusively a motor column.

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FRENCH KEEPING AT HUNS' HEELS DAY AND NIGHT

Germans Compelled To Hasten Their Retreat in France.

BRISK FIGHT FOR CASTLE

Clever French Tactics Too Much For German Defenders.

With the French Armies on the French Front, Thursday, March 29, 10 p.m., via Paris.—(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press).—The progress of the French advance in the vicinity of Coucy-le-Chateau, now firmly in French hands, continued methodically today. Both cavalry and infantry are keeping in the closest touch with the Germans and forcing them to hasten the speed of their retreat. From the strength and thorough preparation of the German defensive works it was evident that a longer stand was intended.

Razed the Castle.
The castle of Coucy-le-Chateau, a unique historical monument which ten years ago, although dismantled, in fact, as constructed by Enguerrand III, in the thirteenth century, was found by the French, when he visited it today to be a mere heap of stones. A French officer, who was the first to enter the fortress, told the story of its capture on Tuesday.

The French pursuing column, it appears, first sighted the castle from a long distance on March 21. While the French were approaching, the castle seemed to rise in the air and then, after an awe-inspiring explosion, resolved into dust, which covered the trees and grass all around with a white limestone debris. The French patrols came nearer and found the ruins still held by the Germans and the surrounding glacis to the east of the castle, on which the machine guns, the French, undaunted, eventually played clever tactics, which enabled them to capture the castle.

Country Laid Waste.
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GREAT NEW PARTY FOR ENGLAND WHEN CONFLICT IS OVER

Win the War, Then Start the Reform Campaign.

JOHN HODGE, PRESIDENT

League Formed to Advance the Socialism of All Industries.

London, March 29.—The British National Workers' League is holding a convention which is discussing an affair of evolution. A wide-spread organization already has been formed through the kingdom looking toward the socialization of industry.

Early in the war, Socialist elements preoccupied with pacifist sentiment, demanding peace at any price, caused a split. The league represented the element determined to win the war first and then to insist upon reorganization along advanced lines. A new political party may result.

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HOLLWEG'S SPEECH MEANS THE STATES MUST ENTER WAR

Feeling at Washington Is That the German Chancellor's Refusal To Withdraw Piracy Campaign Means Americans in Conflict

--Congress Expected To Uphold Wilson To Last Ditch.

DEFINES A PACIFIST

New York, March 30.—According to the Herald, Prof. Frank H. Giddens, of Columbia University, speaking at the annual dinner of the University of Toronto Club of New York, in the Yale Club last evening, paid his respects to pacifists in the following words: "A mob is going to Washington next Monday. This mob is made up of alleged males, who wear the mark of Cain on the seat of their trousers instead of on their foreheads. I hope this will be their last indecent exposure to public view."

"I have respect for a German, though he is fiercely wrong, but, so help me God, I can't respect a pacifist."

BY ROBERT J. BENDER.
[Special to The Advertiser.]

Washington, March 30.—Only actual war was talked here generally today. Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg clinched the idea. President Wilson and his cabinet, booked for a late afternoon session, were expected to shape the last details of what will mean the entry of the United States into the conflict in some fashion to be decided by Congress.

THE WAR MESSAGE.
The cabinet and the president were expected to shape the last of the details of the president's "war message" today. The main thought of it, strong active defence of American rights, according to authorities, has been crystallized long since.

That President Wilson is rapidly turning more strongly in favor of some form of universal military training is the view of officials who have followed events closely.

The pacifist element in Congress will be swamped beneath a patriotic wave, according to unofficial canvasses today. Congress will uphold President Wilson to the last ditch, it now appears.

That President Wilson, in his speech, will make Germany's guilt entirely evident is regarded as a foregone conclusion.

Official Automobile Section on Saturday

Tomorrow The Advertiser will issue a special automobile edition, containing a great deal of information of deep interest to all owners of motor cars and to those intending to become owners.

Many of the leading dealers will be discussing with their readers by name if not by sight, the latest models of the new automobiles, and their special features, and illustrations will include the likenesses of London dealers already familiar to readers by name if not by sight, promises to be more popular than ever this season.

The Advertiser special edition will be the official publication of the London Automobile Dealers' Association and Bicycle Dealers' Association, having the full endorsement of these organizations.

ONE MILLION TONS, TOLL OF PIRATES SINCE FEBRUARY 5

Destruction Since War Began Totals 5,500,000 Tons.

London, March 30.—The figures for British shipping losses from submarines and mines in the eighteen days of December, January, February and March, were given as follows today in the House of Commons by Thomas J. MacNamara, financial secretary to the Admiralty: December, 30 January, 6; February, 66; March, 55.

New York, March 30.—The Associated Press says: Germany's destruction of merchant ships during two months of unrestricted submarine warfare has amounted to more than 1,000,000 tons or more than one-fifth as great as total losses during the previous thirty months of warfare, according to figures published here today.

The destruction of entente and neutral vessels of this class since the war started totals approximately 5,500,000 tons, it is indicated by this summary. It shows that during the present month at least twenty-seven ships of more than 5,000 tons each, as known to have been lost, including two American vessels.

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SEPARATE PEACE TERMS OFFERED TO RUSSIANS BY WAY OF SOCIALISTS

London, March 30.—A Morning Post dispatch from Copenhagen yesterday says: "Representatives of German and Russian Socialist organizations are holding a conference here."

"I learn that the German members have informed the Russians of the terms of separate peace. The proposal will be made fully known by the Socialist headquarters at Petrograd."

ROBERSON TRAVELOGUE

Coupon
This coupon and 10 cents will entitle bearer to seat in balcony at any of the travelogues to be presented under the auspices of THE ADVERTISER

at the Lyric Theatre, beginning Thursday night, March 22. With 25 cents this coupon will entitle holder to reserved seat downstairs.

Reserved seats may be purchased in advance, others only before the travelogue for which it is good.

THE PROGRAM
Friday Night—"Bonnie Scotland" and "Ould Ireland"—A DOUBLED TRAVELOGUE.
Saturday Afternoon—"Around the Mediterranean."
Saturday Night—"England."

Admission without this coupon, FIFTY CENTS.
Advance sale daily from 11 a.m.

SPAHN SAYS THRONES OF ENTENTE ARE FALLING

Berlin, March 29.—Via London, March 30.—In the debate in the Reichstag today, Dr. Peter Spahn, leader of the Catholic Centre party, said that the

WAR LOAN BUYERS

Total 37 Thousand; Tabulated Monday

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, March 30.—The subscriptions to the war loan will be fully tabulated by Monday, after which the minister will proceed to allotment. It is officially announced today that all subscriptions will be allotted in full up to \$25,000. The degree to which subscription in excess of \$25,000 will be cut down will be announced, if possible, by Tuesday morning. The total subscription will be in excess of \$250,000,000, 37,000 subscriptions. This is exclusive of banks amounting to \$60,000,000. They receive no part of their subscriptions. No conversions from previous day. Dr. Peter Spahn, leader of the Catholic Centre party, said that the

GRAND DUCHESS PAVLOVNA IS PLACED UNDER ARREST

London, March 30.—The arrest and confinement to her home of the Grand Duchess Maria Pavlovna, first cousin of the deposed Russian emperor, is reported in a Reuter dispatch from Kislovodsk, Russia. The arrest was made as a result of the seizure of a compromising letter to another cousin of Nicholas, Grand Duke Boris.

MINERS AND OPERATORS ADJOURN PEACE CONFAB WITHOUT A SETTLEMENT

Calgary, Alta., March 30.—Representatives of United Mine Workers in session here with the Western Coal Operators' Association concerning a working agreement for the coming year will adjourn today, without arriving at any decision under the wage controversy. It is understood the miners will report back to their unions during the week-end and return to the Algonquin next week with an ultimatum of instructions. Under the suspension agreement arrived at here, the miners will continue to work in the district 18 after the expiration of the contract on April 1, with the option for the miners of suspending work if the conference is unsatisfactory.

HAULED DOWN "OLD GLORY" BEFORE SINKING VESSEL

New York, March 30.—The Associated Press today carries the following: The crew of the German submarine which sank the American steamship Algonquin without warning in British waters on March 12 refused to let the freight ship go down with the Stars and Stripes flying. Captain Nordberg of the Algonquin next week with an ultimatum of instructions. Under the suspension agreement arrived at here, the miners will continue to work in the district 18 after the expiration of the contract on April 1, with the option for the miners of suspending work if the conference is unsatisfactory.

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