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Britain to Make Extensive Drafts on India's Man Power

BRITAIN PLANS WIDER USE OF INDIAN TROOPS

Lloyd George Makes Statement in Justifying Increased Cotton Duties

GOVERNMENT UPHELD Asquith Willing to Accept Measure as War-Time Expedient Only.

London, March 14.—Via Reuter's Ottawa agency—A special despatch from Delhi says: "In order to conserve the man-power of India for the purpose of labor in connection with the war, the government has prohibited all emigration of labor except to the extent necessary for Ceylon and the Malay states. This new measure under the Indian Act, comes into force immediately.

London, March 14.—The government successfully resisted the strong attack of the Lancashire cotton interests by carrying the Indian cotton duties reducing both in the house of lords and house of commons tonight, and securing the defeat of the Lancashire amendment by the substantial majority of 140, after Premier Lloyd George had conceded that the whole question should be reconsidered at the termination of the war.

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For one thing these advances will considerably assist Field Marshal Haig in his spending of the large Arras salient, preparatory to its reduction. As the British whittle away the German defensive system on the Bapaume ridge they throw the right wing of their new flank further north so as to tend to place it in a line due east of the point where the German line curves round from the north above Gommeceourt. The complete ousting of the Germans from the Bapaume ridge will give the British the last valuable high ground on the watershed for a considerable distance north of the Ancre. The less thoughtful among the correspondents at the front are insistently dwelling on the value of Bapaume village. It is represented as the British objective, as the point where something big will happen when the British enter it. As a matter of fact Bapaume is no greater an objective than Thiepval; Achiet-le-Grand Junction had far greater importance.

Duchess of Connaught Dead at London Home

Attack of Broncho-Pneumonia Proves Fatal as Result of Long Weakened Condition—Duchess Endearred to Canadians by Unselfish Endeavors.

London, March 14.—The death of the Duchess of Connaught is announced. During the last few days the relatives and friends of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught were aware that the case of the duchess was hopeless. In the latter stages of her illness oxygen was frequently administered. It is thought that the complication of broncho-pneumonia would probably have been successfully overcome but for the drain on the patient's strength caused by an operation in London in 1915. As late as this afternoon the duchess was conscious and able to recognize the members of her family who were gathered at her bedside.

LONG IN ILL-HEALTH. Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, March 14.—The Duchess of Connaught died at 8.30 tonight. The King and Queen were constant in their enquiries during the past few days, and Sir Robert Borden and other Canadian ministers also made solicitous enquiries.

THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT. greeting to every wounded man in the (Canadian hospital) here. During January the duchess visited the Canadian hospital at Bushey Park and Kingswood.

ANOTHER BRITISH SHIP SUNK WITHOUT WARNING Crew of Forty-Five, Including Two Americans, Reaches Shore Safely.

Washington, March 14.—Torpedoes without warning on March 9 of the British steamer East Point, London for Philadelphia, with two Americans in her crew, was reported today in despatches to the state department. All on board were saved.

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Further Stage of Open Warfare is Developed Directly West of Bapaume.

London, March 14.—A Reuter despatch from British headquarters in France says: "The British advance, which was resumed on a front of nearly four miles directly west of Bapaume on Monday, resulted in developing a further stage of that open warfare which the British troops so welcome after the wearisome monotony of trench life. The Germans covered their retreat with a strong screen of reservists and, although the British patrols came into contact with these at many places, their object apparently was to avoid action as far as possible. This indicates the idea that the Germans are doing their utmost to husband their strength for the future."

BRITISH ADVANCE BEYOND BAGDAD

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ENEMY HALTS RETREAT ON STRONG NEW LINE

British Prosecute Advance Thru Clinging Mud—Haig's Gunners Pound Germans From Strong Positions.

London, March 15, 3 a.m.—Newspaper correspondents at British headquarters in France describe the operations of Wednesday as being carried out with a heavy rain beating in the faces of the British troops, who sometimes were unable to see more than a few yards, but during occasional brief lulls in the storm the men pounced doggedly forward thru the clinging mud and their advance was hardly affected.

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Effective Bombardments Carried Out and More Progress Made at Many Points.

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CAMP BORDEN MEN REFUSE TO WORK

Returning Laborers Say Strike is on as Result of Intolerable Conditions. Bitterly complaining against the treatment and the intolerable conditions under which they have worked, 100 laborers who quit their jobs at Camp Borden, where they have been employed under Col. Robert Low in construction work for the establishment of a training camp for the Imperial branch of the Royal Flying Corps, were in the Union Station in Toronto last night between trains on their way to their homes in Ottawa.

By Staff Reporter. Ottawa, March 14.—Information received here today is to the effect that the imperial war conference will begin in London on March 13. Representatives of all the overseas dominions are now in London. Ex-Premier Fisher will represent Australia, whose high commissioner in London he is.

Canadians Are Eager For Open Field Test

Hindenburg's Reported Desire for Abandonment of Trench Warfare Meets Cordial Response—Repulse of German Raid Incident of Dull Week.

Canadian Headquarters in France, yesterday, March 13.—This is a period of "watchful waiting," mired in the mud, for the Canadians at the front. A visit to the trenches showed that the men are keen to finish the job of teaching Fritz manners, but the immediate task is to wrestle with the spring break-up, which this year more than usual has made northern France a difficult country for the movement of armies.

Rule No. Man's Land. There have been a few encounters between patrols, but generally speaking "No Man's Land" has belonged indisputably to our men.

Youthful Officers. Comparative youths are found among the officers and men actually holding the Canadian front. There was one revelation of this on a visit to a major who is not yet 21 and who was recently gassed, but still wears the badge indicating his rank as that of a lieutenant.

Companies Will Strike Unless Terms Accorded to Demands Unless a settlement is arrived at by tonight, there is a great possibility of the railway teamsters going on strike. Some time ago the teamsters working for the Dominion Transport Co., the Sheddin Forwarding Co. and Hendrie & Co., Limited, asked wage increases from \$59 to \$70 a month, and the date set for a settlement is tonight.

GERMAN RAID REPULSED. London, March 14.—The following communique has been issued by the Canadian war records office: The past week has been unusually quiet. One attempt to raid our trenches was made by the enemy in the semi-darkness of the early morning. Two of our sentries perceived the party of about 20 Germans stealthily approaching. Waiting until the enemy were within 20 yards they opened fire and threw six bombs. The leader of the Germans pressed forward, firing his revolver, but was shot down. The rest of the party, after throwing a few cylindrical stick-bombs, which did no harm, retreated, dragging with him the bodies of several of their number who had been hit.