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NEW GERMAN ATTACKS NET SLIGHT GAINS

Crown Prince Armies Around Verdun Are Vigorously on Offensive Along Line From Le Mort Homme to Cumieres—Germans Meet With Little Success Here and at Northeast of Verdun

FRENCH CAPTURE MANY PRISONERS IN COUNTER ATTACK

Germans Attempt to Assume Offensive in Region Iskull is Stopped by Russian's Big Guns—Both Sides Busy Elsewhere Along Front—Turks Lose Ground and Are Hard Pressed by Russians

LONDON, April 12.—The armies of the German Crown Prince around Verdun are vigorously on the offensive against the French, having delivered an attack along a line from Le Mort Homme to Cumieres which netted them a few small portions of French trenches East of Le Mort Homme. The German commanders rested their infantry here, but in the region of Douaumont and Vaux, north-east of Verdun, they threw their men in large numbers against the French trenches. Here, again, they met with success, but only for a short period this time, for the French counter-attack drove the invaders from the advanced sections of trenches they had captured, and in this operation took one hundred German prisoners.

While the Douaumont-Vaux attack was in progress, the Germans had not forgotten the line between Le Mort Homme and Cumieres, and covered the entire region with an intense artillery fire, probably preparing for another attack by infantry. Along the remainder of the front in France and Belgium there were only artillery bombardments. In one of these, north of the Aisne, the French guns caused serious losses to a strong German column on the march.

In the Russian theatre, an attempt by the Germans to take the offensive in the region of Iskull bridgehead was stopped by the Russian's big guns. Both sides have been busy at various points elsewhere along the front. Petrograd reports the Russians are continuing to gain ground against the Turks in the region of Erzerum. Unofficial advices are to the effect that the Turks have grouped their forces and are now resisting stubbornly three Russian main lines advancing into their territory.



THE RUSSIAN: "Art a mo, Kaiser! I'm not dead yet."—London Opinion.

ASQUITH TELLS OF REGENT ALLIED CONFERENCE AT PARIS

Premier Stated the Most Important Results Was the Establishment of Unity of Action for Prosecution and Conduct of the War—Marquis of Crewe in the Lords Outlines Coming Trade Conference of Allies to be Held in Paris

LONDON, April 12.—Sir Edward Grey stated in the Commons yesterday that the British and French Governments had presented a memorandum to neutrals who protested against the seizure of enemy property passing through their ports. He declared that the effectiveness of the economic blockade was being maintained in every way possible.

The Premier referred to the general results of the recent Paris Conference of the Allies. He said that the most important results were the reaffirmation of the entire solidarity of the Allies, the establishment of identity of their views, and assurance of unity of action in the prosecution and the conduct of the war. He also said that his recent visit to Italy was signified by manifestations of traditional friendship between Italy and Great Britain, which had been accentuated by the brotherhood of arms.

In the House of Lords, the Marquis of Crewe stated that the coming Trade Conference of the Allies in Paris would discuss the prohibited exports from Great Britain and the economic independence of the Allies. He stated that the Australian Premier would attend the conference as Imperial representative. He added that the British delegates would not bind the Government definitely to any measures.

Pemberton Billing, who was recently elected to the House, bluntly urged the Premier to stop fooling in connection with the Air Committee. He said it is the contention of many that the Air Committee had not sufficient power to handle the air defence of the British Isles and should be replaced by an Air Minister.

Claim 26,000 French Captured Since Feb. 21

BERLIN, April 11 (by wireless to Sayville).—Since February 21st the Germans have captured more than 26,000 French in the fighting about Verdun, the Overseas News Agency announced to-day.

Spy Executed

LONDON, April (Official).—A prisoner, charged with espionage and tried by our General Court Martial at Westminster Guildhall on 20th March, and the following day had been sentenced to death, had the sentence carried out this morning.

Many Killed in Chinese Revolt

Three Hundred Revolutionaries Attack Government Troops—Rebels Scatter As Reinforcements Appear.

SHANGHAI, April 12.—Three hundred armed revolutionaries of Hong Kong yesterday attacked two hundred Government soldiers on the Anglo-Chinese boundary. As 400 men came up to reinforce the latter, the revolutionaries scattered. The casualties on both sides amounted to fifty killed and a large number wounded.

Hun Assault On Verdun Renewed

PARIS, April 12.—The German assault on the Verdun front, west of the Meuse, was renewed this morning. Troops advanced on the Caurette Wood, south of Cumieres, the War Office announced, using flame projectors, but were repulsed. East of the Meuse, in the Douaumont-Vaux sector, there was only artillery fighting. The War Office says it has been confirmed that German losses yesterday were heavy.

Crisis Over

STOCKHOLM, April 11.—The threatened Cabinet crisis is over. The War Trade Bill has been averted by an agreement, which was accepted by all parties after consultation with the Cabinet. The firm attitude of the Liberals and Socialists compelled the Government to considerably modify the bill, which will be read on Thursday.

Portuguese Occupy Kionga

LISBON, April 12.—The Portuguese Military Commander at Porto Amella, on the East Coast of Africa, cables that he has occupied Kionga, on the border of Portuguese and German East Africa, which the Germans seized in 1894.

A "Dead" Hunt

QUERETARO, Mexico, Apr. 11.—The War Department announced to-day that it had reason to believe that Villa had been killed in action, and that searching parties had been sent out to find his body.

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FRENCH

PARIS, April 11 (Official).—There was cessation of German infantry assaults west of the Meuse to-day, although bombardment of the French lines between Le Mort Homme and Cumieres continued.

A powerful attack, however, was delivered against the French trenches between Douaumont and Vaux, east of the Meuse. The Germans at this point succeeded in gaining a footing in some advanced trenches, but were driven out by counter-attacks.

GERMAN

BERLIN, April 11.—An official statement issued at the Austro-Hungarian headquarters to-day, says that on the Italian front artillery fire has been more lively in several sectors. The enemy shelled a village behind our front, bombarded Duino in the southern part of Gorizia, the Hospital of St. Peter and other villages in Gorizia district, St. Katherine and in Carinthia, Lewico and Rovereto. In the Tyrol, fighting is in progress near Riva.

Ypres Scene of Eight Air Fights

British Official Says Fighting East of S. Eloi Continues With Varying Fortune

LONDON, April 12.—Grenade fighting in craters east of S. Eloi has continued with varying fortune, says a British official statement, issued last night. "We hold three craters, but not the other two.

"To-day, the enemy exploded mines north-east of Vermelles, damaging a portion of an old crater, but without altering our position, and an important artillery engagement is in progress near Souchez. East of Ypres, during eight air fights yesterday, our machines drove down one of the enemy's without sustaining any loss, but one of our aeroplanes was brought down by gunfire."

Spain Grows Angry Over Absurd Act

Spanish Premier Awaiting Full Particulars as to Sinking of Spanish Steamer in Bay of Biscay by German Submarine

MADRID, April 12.—"We are confronted with such an incomprehensibly absurd act that I am loath to believe it until thorough inquiry has been made," said Count Romanones, the Spanish Premier, last night, with regard to the torpedoing of the Spanish steamer "Santanderino" in the Bay of Biscay, as a consequence of which four lives were lost. "I am waiting for full information before taking action," the Premier added. "I may say, however, that preliminary instructions have already been telegraphed to our Ambassador in Berlin."

Treaty Ratified

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11.—Ratification by the Nicaragua Congress of a treaty by which the United States accepted for \$3,000,000, the Canal route rights, and a coaling station on Fonseca Bay, is announced in a despatch received here to-day from Managua by General Chamorro, the Nicaraguan Minister.

Man Works; Women Weeps

BERLIN, April 11.—The German Arms and Munition Company, one of the leading war babies, declared a dividend of thirty per cent, against twenty per cent, last year, an increase declared despite the new war profits tax legislation. The Company manufactures small arms and cartridges.

Admiral von Tripitz easily qualifies as a goat having that kind of whiskers.

SCARCITY OF SHIPPING IS SERIOUS PROBLEM

Entente Allies Give Assurance to Holland

NEW YORK, April 11.—An International News Service despatch from the Hague says that the French Minister has assured Holland that the Entente Allies do not intend to violate the neutrality of the Netherlands.

This assurance was given after the Dutch army had made preparations to meet a suspected landing in the vicinity of Flushing, upon the report that at the Paris conference the Allies had outlined such a means of striking at the north-western frontier of Germany.

Germans Make Slight Gains

PARIS, April 11.—On the west bank of the Meuse the Germans made an attack last night on Dead Man's Hill, advancing from Corbeaux Wood, obtaining a footing in a few small elements of trenches, the War Office announced this afternoon, but otherwise were repulsed. East of the Meuse the Germans attacked the trenches south of Douaumont Village, but were beaten back with considerable losses. There was a violent bombardment of Douaumont and Vaux.

Belgium Call Up All Bachelors

NEW YORK, April 11.—A news agency despatch from Havre, to-day, says:—"A Belgian council of ministers to-day decided to take a census of all Belgian civilians between the ages of 25 and 35 years. Men residing in parts of France not occupied by Germans, in Holland and other neutral countries will be asked to register locally.

Juarezites Executed

EL PASO, Texas, Apr. 11.—Three leaders of a Diaz plot to seize Juarez and overthrow the Carranza garrison there last Sunday, were executed by a firing squad at Juarez early to-day. The condemned men confirmed the plot before they were executed. Other Mexicans were implicated.

SUB. WARFARE ACCOUNTS FOR 81,000 TONS SHIPPING SINCE AP. 1.

Berlin Grows Happy Over Fact That Submarine Warfare is Proving a Worry to Entente Allies—Yesterday's Reports Show More Losses of British and Neutral Vessels—Total Tonnage Sunk since Jan. 1 Amounts to 241,000 Tons

BERLIN, April 11.—The growth of Germany's submarine warfare, is shown, according to estimates published here, by the fact that 81,000 tons of merchantmen of countries at war with Germany have been destroyed since April 1st, as compared with 20,000 tons for the month of January, 40,000 tons for February, and 100,000 tons for March.

LONDON, Apr. 11.—Lloyds reports the British steamship Eltaston as missing and presumably sunk. All the crew have been picked up.

The Eltaston is owned in Glasgow. The last report of her movements was her departure on Feb. 11 from Philadelphia for Queenstown.

LONDON, Apr. 11.—The Dutch steamer Endijk, which sailed from Baltimore on March 18th for Rotterdam, has been taken in tow into Southampton, damaged, where she is discharging her cargo.

The steamer was reported last Friday off the Isle of Wight. She had been damaged, but the crew was safe.

LONDON, Apr. 11.—The Italian steamer Unione is reported by Lloyds as torpedoed. The crew of the British steamer Eastern City, the sinking of which was announced yesterday, has landed. The Eastern City was sunk by a submarine.

Total Tonnage of British Ships Sunk Since War Started Amounts to Three Million Tons—One Half of Britain's Food Supply Now Coming in Neutral Ships—Food Question Now a Very Serious One

UNIONIST MEMBER MAKES SUGGESTION

Urges Compelling all Neutrals to Make Use of Interned German Ships—He Says This Would be Possible by Threatening Withdrawal of Allies Tonnage Unless They Comply

LONDON, April 12.—Two more ships have been reported sunk during the past twenty-four hours, according to morning newspapers. This makes 42 British, 10 of Britain's Allies, and 20 neutral vessels lost since March 1st when the new German submarine campaign was begun. Robert Parsons, Unionist Member of Parliament for Liverpool, in an appeal to the nation published to-day declares the scarcity of shipping is becoming so serious a problem at present that the agitation regarding price of food will likely yield place to an agitation as to whether sufficient food will be available. He estimates since the beginning of the war 190 ocean going British vessels, aggregating 3 million tons, has been lost from all causes and between one third and one half of Britain's food supply already is coming in neutral ships, says Houston.

If Germany, by her persistent sinking of every vessel, can frighten neutrals from bringing us cargoes here. This is natural inasmuch as they can find full employment for their ships at profitable freight elsewhere. Houston urges the compelling of all neutrals who have not yet made use of interned German ships, to do so. This would be possible by threatening the withdrawal of Allies' tonnage unless they comply. Houston also urges the re-assertion by the Entente Allies of the ancient right to capture an enemy-owned cargo, no matter under what flag it is being carried. He suggests an effort to arrange, by diplomacy, for the confiscation in neutral waters of German ships for every Entente Allied or neutral ship improperly sunk by the Germans.

Prepare For Siege

NEW YORK, Apr. 11.—An International News Service despatch from London to-day, says that Mohammedan civilians have been ordered by the Turkish war authorities to leave Baghdad, adding that a despatch from Zurich says that Turkish and German army officers have begun to prepare the city to withstand a siege.

KAISER'S NARROW ESCAPE

Emperor William Now at Potsdam Suffering From Shock Received When Imperial Car Was Wrecked by Explosion of a Shell

LONDON, April 12.—The German Emperor is at Potsdam recovering from a nervous shock as a result of the explosion of a shell at Verdun, which destroyed the Imperial motor car and killed several officers, says a Rome despatch to the Daily Telegraph quoting Swiss reports.

The Emperor William was unhurt, the despatch adds.

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GREEK SITUATION IS AGAIN ASSUMING TROUBLESOME ASPECT

Premier Skouldoudis Objects to Landing Troops at Argostole—Regards This Move as New Infringement of Greek Sovereignty—Venizelos is Gaining Such Popularity Since His Re-entry in Politics as to Cause Grave Alarm in Government Circles

LONDON, April 11.—Respecting the landing at Argostole, the British and French Ministers informed Premier Skouldoudis that their Governments were impelled to close the harbour, adding that measures will be taken to continue the harbour traffic with the least possible difficulties. The Premier announced in energetic terms that Greece would protest against what he termed this new infringement of Greek sovereignty, and an animated conversation ensued. Sir F. E. H. Elliott, British Minister, was received by King Constantine.

The British and French Legations have announced that the establishment of a naval base at Argostoli is a purely defensive measure, and that the action of the Allies was not in the character of occupation as represented by certain newspapers.

ATHENS, Apr. 11.—The extent to which former Premier Venizelos has obtained popular support since his re-entry into politics, is causing grave concern in Government circles. Meetings of adherents of M. Venizelos are being made occasions for extraordinary demonstrations. It is impossible to predict the result of the campaign against the present Government.

BERLIN, Apr. 11.—A report has been received from Athens to the effect that the Greek Government refused the request of the Entente Powers for permission for passage of troops through Greek territory from Corfu to Salonika, saying that Corfu is infected with cholera, according to the Overseas News Agency.

NEW YORK, April 11.—According to a news agency despatch from London to-day, a despatch from Rome states that half the army mobilized by Greece will be temporarily released from service.

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS SUSPENDED

Roumania Now Gets From Germany Coal, Machinery and Other Industrial Production—Question of Arms Has Not Yet Been Settled

LONDON, April 12.—The "Giornale d'Italia" states that Roumania's commercial relations with Russia have been suspended. Another Rome despatch declares that the service of freight trains to Hungary is to be resumed and the export of 150,000 wagons of Roumanian grain to the Central Powers is about to begin. In exchange, Roumania will receive German coal, machinery and other industrial productions.

Saloniki Reports Violent Fighting on Greek Frontier

PARIS, April 12.—The resumption of violent cannonading along the Greek frontier, in the vicinity of Geivgell and Doiran, is reported in a despatch from Salonika to the "Journal." It is said that the French artillery has had the advantage. It is also reported that the German Allies captured a fortified position at Deve Tepe, but this has not been confirmed.

More Trouble Ahead

MANILA, April 11.—Two German steamship officers, one a resident of Manila and the other a former officer of an interned German vessel, have been taken off the American island schr. Henry S., ten miles west of Zamboanga, by a British auxiliary cruiser. It is said that suspicion attached to the Henry S. on account of her having been previously engaged in trade under German-American charters.

And still Roumania rou-mains neutral.