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## War News.

### Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

#### GREAT IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO BRITISH SUCCESSES.

PARIS, March 14. Great importance is attached by French military writers to the continued British successes in the Somme. The Matin says that it looks very much as if the Germans do not think they could hold Bapaume and Peronne any longer and are preparing to evacuate the two cities. Reports from aviators show that all along their enemy lines the Germans are blowing up bridges and culverts, burning munitions and provisions while trying to mask the withdrawal of heavy guns by heavy firing with field guns. The German staff headquarters on the Somme front is said to have been moved back ten miles. The Matin thinks that the German staff at first planned a strategic retreat so as to delay and upset the British plan of attack, but that this scheme was frustrated by the tactics of General Gough. Instead of using cavalry against his retreating foe, General Gough maintained contact by methodical and destructive use of artillery. The result according to the Matin was that the Germans were caught in their own trap and their retreat which was at first intentional became almost a rout under continuous pressure of an adversary superior in material and initiative.

#### GERMAN WITHDRAWAL FORESHADOWED.

LONDON, March 14. A German withdrawal on a great scale on the Western front is foreshadowed by Major Morant in an article in the Berliner Tageblatt, which is quoted in a Rotterdam despatch to-day in the Daily News. Major Morant recalls Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's strategy against the Russians at Tannenberg when he caused parts of his army to retire fighting in order to gain ample space for strategic movements. The military critic remains his readers that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is now operating in the west and it is said that by shortening their present front the Germans are giving their enemies a desert to advance over, a ground as bad as ever fighting ground was. The foregoing despatch contains the first intimation received here that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is personally conducting German operations on the western front.

#### CHINA SEVERS RELATIONS WITH GERMANY.

WASHINGTON, March 14. China has severed diplomatic relations with Germany, taken possession of all German merchant ships in Shanghai, about six in number, and placed their crews with an armed guard on the vessels, is the advice to the Navy Department to-day from the senior officer in charge in eastern waters. No further details were given.

#### BRITISH ADVANCE ABOVE BAGDAD.

LONDON, March 14. The British have advanced thirty miles above Bagdad, it is announced officially. The statement says that British artillery taken by the Turks at the time of the surrender of General Townshend's army at Kut-el-Amara has been recaptured in Bagdad by the British. The text follows: Telegraphing Monday and Tuesday, General Maude reports that our advance detachment had reached a point thirty miles up stream from Bagdad, and that steps had been taken to prevent the flooding of Bagdad City during the coming rise of the river. At Bagdad a Turkish small arms factory is in good repair, railway workshops contain good, serviceable machinery which is uninjured, and also five locomotives. Some rolling stock and a large quantity of obsolete ordnance including some antique bronze guns, and masses of all kinds of ammunition have been found in the citadel. Guns which were captured from us at the surrender of Kut-el-Amara were also recovered in Bagdad.

#### RUSSIANS CAPTURE PERSIAN TOWN.

LONDON, March 14. The capture by the Russians of the Persian town of Kirmanshah is reported unofficially in a despatch received here to-day. Kirmanshah is about 87 miles southwest of Haladan which the Russians recently captured and about 90 miles from the Mesopotamia border, almost due east of Samarra, south of which the Turks defeated on the Tigris, are reported by the Turkish war office to have taken up a position. There have been no official advices since Sunday from Petrograd, where according to last accounts food disturbances were in progress.

#### DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT DEAD.

LONDON, March 14. The Duchess of Connaught is dead. She was the youngest daughter of Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia and married the Duke of Connaught in 1879. During the last few days relatives and friends of the Duke of Connaught were aware the case of the

Duchess was hopeless. During the latter stages of the illness oxygen was frequently administered. It was thought her complication of bronchopneumonia would probably have been successfully overcome but for the drain on the patient's strength caused by her operation in London in 1913. Late this afternoon the Duchess was conscious and able to recognize the members of the family who were gathered at her bedside.

#### A SEA BATTLE.

AMSTERDAM, March 14. A battle between German seaplanes and Russian destroyers in the Black Sea is reported in an official statement issued by the Berlin war office. The destroyers were approaching Constantza, a Rumanian port, and were forced to retreat, the statement adds, after bombs had been dropped on them by seaplanes. One destroyer is said to have been hit twice.

#### GERMAN AIRPLANE FIRED ON.

AMSTERDAM, March 14. A German airplane which flew over Sluis yesterday afternoon was shot at and hit by Dutch troops who were manoeuvring in the neighborhood, according to the Handelsblad. The aviator was wounded and compelled to descend on Dutch territory, but before he could be overtaken by Dutch soldiers he re-started his machine and flew over the border into Belgium. German troops hurried to his rescue and he was carried away by Red Cross men.

#### SALOONS CLOSING.

LONDON, March 14. Thirty thousand saloons in Great Britain will probably be closed during the next few months, according to the Daily Mail. The measure is proposed as a solution of the difficulty arising from the compulsory restriction of the beer output and brewers are stated to be in practical agreement with the Government in regard to the remedy. The closing of the saloons is said to have been suggested by some of the brewers themselves.

#### DAMAGED BY EXPLOSION.

LONDON, March 14. The British freight steamer Norwegian, of the Leyland line, with general cargo from New York for Liverpool was seriously damaged by explosion which killed five of her crew yesterday off Galley Head. Consul Frost reported to-day that no submarine had been sighted and the Consul said the explosion might have been due to a mine. The vessel was beached. The Norwegian carried a 4.7 inch gun. Those who were killed were the fourth engineer, the storekeeper and three firemen. All were British subjects. The single American in the crew, the cook, was saved.

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#### TORPEDOED WITHOUT WARNING.

WASHINGTON, March 14. The torpedoing without warning on March 9th of the British steamer East Point from London for the Philippines, with two Americans in her crew, was reported to-day in despatches to the State Department. All on board were saved. The steamer was torpedoed at 6 o'clock on the morning of March 12th. The submarine refused assistance. According to reports of the Consul at Plymouth, 27 men have been landed. It was just after daylight on Monday, when we were attacked, said the captain of the Algonquin, as quoted by the Press Association. There was no warning. The submarine started to fire at a range of three miles. When about twenty live shells had been fired at the Algonquin, of which four had hit her forward, the crew decided to take to the boats and pulled away from the sinking vessel. Then the submarine approached with only a periscope showing and sailed around the steamer several times. Finding the crew had abandoned the ship the submarine came to the surface. Some of the Germans boarded the Algonquin and placed bombs aft. These were exploded and within a quarter of an hour the ship disappeared. I appealed to the submarine commander for a tow towards land, in

#### AMERICAN STEAMER SUNK; CREW SAVED.

LONDON, March 14. The American steamer Algonquin has been torpedoed by a German submarine and the crew saved. She was owned by the American Star Line of New York, and was recently transferred from British registry. She sailed from New York for London on Feb. 20th, and had about eight Am-

ericans in her crew. She was torpedoed without warning, according to the report made by the American Consul at Plymouth. The Consul states that all on board were saved. She was torpedoed at 6 o'clock on the morning of March 12th. The submarine refused assistance. According to reports of the Consul at Plymouth, 27 men have been landed. It was just after daylight on Monday, when we were attacked, said the captain of the Algonquin, as quoted by the Press Association. There was no warning. The submarine started to fire at a range of three miles. When about twenty live shells had been fired at the Algonquin, of which four had hit her forward, the crew decided to take to the boats and pulled away from the sinking vessel. Then the submarine approached with only a periscope showing and sailed around the steamer several times. Finding the crew had abandoned the ship the submarine came to the surface. Some of the Germans boarded the Algonquin and placed bombs aft. These were exploded and within a quarter of an hour the ship disappeared. I appealed to the submarine commander for a tow towards land, in

#### SMALLPOX IN SWEDEN.

LONDON, March 14. An epidemic of smallpox in Northern Sweden, which is causing serious anxiety, is reported by the Exchange Telegraph despatch from Stockholm. It is said compulsory vaccination has been ordered in many towns and villages.

#### GERARD AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, March 14. Former Ambassador Gerard arrived to-day. He was met at the railway station by the President's Secretary and other officials. Any plans Gerard may have had for making a statement were changed when the State Department arranged for him to say he could make no detailed statement until he conferred with the department.

#### BERNSTORFF AT BERLIN.

BERLIN, March 14. A special train from Copenhagen carrying Count and Countess Von Bernstorff, arrived in Berlin last night. He was met by members of the Foreign Office and numerous political friends, among them Dr. Dornburg and Capt. Karl Boyed, former naval attaché in Washington. The Count refused to make any statement before reporting to Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg and Foreign Secretary Zimmermann. Generally it was remarked at the station that he had aged considerably since his last visit here.

#### COAL SHORTAGE AT ATHENS.

LONDON, March 14. Reuter's Athens correspondent cables that the city's supply of gas ceased to-day owing to the exhaustion of the stock of coal.

#### FORMER LIEUT. GOVERNOR DEAD.

NEW YORK, March 14. William Fisher F. Sheehan, former Lieut. Governor of New York, is dead.

#### LABOR EMIGRATION PROHIBITED.

LONDON, March 14. The Indian Government has prohibited all labor emigration from India except to an extent necessary to supply the needs of Ceylon and Malay States. The order has been issued for the purposes of conserving Indian man-power for labor in connection with the war.

#### VENIZELOS ON GREEK SITUATION.

PARIS, March 14. Former Premier Venizelos of Greece traces all troubles of his country to the proposal of the Entente that Eastern Macedonia should be acceded to Bulgaria in the course

off a long statement given to the Havas correspondent at Salonika. M. Venizelos reviews the events in Greece from the beginning of 1915 and explains and justifies his conduct. I am not exaggerating, he says, when I say that without the Entente's proposal in regard to eastern Macedonia the King would never have dared to refuse to fulfil our treaty obligations towards Serbia. The former Premier declared that he only raised the standard of revolt when it became evident that King Constantine would never join the Entente. He said that he refrained from giving his government an anti-dynastic character because the object he had in view was to carry out as far as possible the duties of Greece in respect to Serbia. He concludes, our sole aim at the present is to win the war. The outstanding, grave international questions can be solved after victory and national unity easily established. In the impossible event of Germany being victorious King Constantine would set up an unbridled autocracy, but if Germany, as I am certain, is finally vanquished, King Constantine, who stepped down from a constitutional throne to become a mere party leader, would have to submit to the consequences of the defeat of his policy just as any other party leader when beaten.

#### VON BERNSTORFF GREETED WITH CONSPICUOUS COOLNESS.

LONDON, March 14. The German Press greeted Count Von Bernstorff with conspicuous coolness, according to an Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. The papers point out he granted interviews which he should not have done without consulting the German Government. Count Von Bernstorff, the despatch adds, spent the day in conference at the Foreign Office. He was also received by the Imperial Chancellor, and requested an immediate audience with the Emperor, which it is expected will take place to-morrow.

#### TROUBLE IN FRENCH CABINET.

PARIS, March 14. General Louis Hubert Gonzalve Lyantey, Minister of War in the French Cabinet, has resigned as a result of incidents in the Chamber of Deputies.

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