

The St. John Standard

Teutonic Armies Prepare To Strike In France And Italy

ATTACK MADE ON GEDDES IN THE COMMONS

First Lord of the Admiralty Charged with Grave Blunder.

IN DISMISSING SIR JOHN R. JELlicoe

Sir Edward Carson Declares the War Cabinet Not Responsible.

ADMIRAL MEUX ALSO ACCUSES SIR ERIC

Latter Admits That He Alone Responsible for the Dismissal.

London, Mar. 6.—The dismissal of Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe from the post of First Sea Lord, last December, was the subject of attacks on Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Mr. Edward Carson, the former First Lord of Admiralty, termed it a national calamity. He asserted that the war cabinet, of which he was at that time a member, was not responsible, and said that naval officers protested against it.

Mr. Bonar Law, resuming, said: "Sir Eric told me at the same time that the subject had not been mentioned for two months by the premier, and that he had come to the conclusion absolutely on his own initiative."

ONE U-BOAT OUT OF EVERY FOUR LOST

Sir Eric Geddes Amplifies Previous Statement in House of Commons.

London, Mar. 6.—Some question having been raised over the meaning of the statement made by Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, in his speech to the House of Commons yesterday, with regard to the chances of destruction which a German submarine takes in cruising into British waters, Sir Eric was asked to amplify it.

HELD FOR TRIAL

Halifax, Mar. 6.—Captain Lamedoc of the Mont Blanc and Pilot Frank Mackay, who was in charge of the ship at the time of the explosion, were today committed to the Supreme Court for trial on the charge of manslaughter.

A HOLY WAR MAY BE DECLARED BY THE BOLSHEVIKI

Petrograd Government Will Probably Not Keep Its Peace Agreement With Germans—Evacuation of Petrograd Begun by Bolsheviks and the Populace—Revolutionary Forces Prepared to Fall Back Even to Ural Mountains to Thwart Huns.

Situation in Far East Still Much in Dark—Rumania Makes Peace—U. S. Troops Take Up Another Position on Western Front—British Successfully Raid German Lines.

Late reports from Russia indicate that the Bolshevik government probably will not keep its engagement with the Germans to ratify next Tuesday the peace compact agreed upon at Brest-Litovsk.

It seems evident that the Germans have not yet ceased their operations against the Russians, for Krylenko, the Bolshevik commander in chief, has sent a protest to the German commander asking whether all steps had been taken by him for a cessation of hostilities.

Whether Japanese troops are to invade Siberia and put down the disorder there and also make secure the great stores of all kinds that are in the harbor of Vladivostok, apparently has not yet been determined.

Rumanian Peace.

Rumania evidently is on the point of effecting a separate peace with the Teutonic allies by meeting the hard demands which are to be exacted in return for a cessation of the incursions into the little kingdom, which now is absolutely isolated from its allies.

The U. S. Troops.

American troops now have taken up another position on the front in France and with their usual business-like methods already have frustrated an attempt by the Germans to raid their trenches.

WILL ADVISE THE KING OF SIAM

Nephew of Sackville Lady Goes to Bangkok to Aid King Vajiradugh.

Sackville, March 6.—Prof. Eldon R. James, former Cincinnati lawyer, and dean of the Law department of the University of Missouri, has been appointed legal adviser in foreign affairs to the Siamese government.

18 VESSELS SENT DOWN

Losses of Large British Merchant Ships the Same as in Previous Week—Norwegian Sunk.

London, Mar. 6.—Eighteen British merchantmen were sunk by mine or submarine in the past week, according to the Admiralty report issued tonight.

Falling Behind.

London, Mar. 6.—Sir John R. Ellerman, controlling owner of several steamships, speaking today at a meeting of the Chamber of Shipping, declared he believed he was right in saying that the whole output of shipping in this country since the outbreak of the war was not enough to replace the losses by marine causes alone.

Norwegian Sunk.

London, Mar. 6.—(Tuesday)—The Norwegian steamer Havna of 1,150 tons gross, has been torpedoed without warning.

IRVING R. TODD NAMED SENATOR

Stephen Liberal Unionist Succeeds Hon. Dan Gillmor.

Ottawa, Mar. 6.—Irving R. Todd, of St. Stephen, N. B., was today appointed to the Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Gillmor.

LIGHTSHIP LOST

Boston, Mar. 6.—A torn and water-soaked American flag and the rudder of a ship's boat bearing the words "Cross Rip" were brought here today and believed to be evidence of the sinking of the Cross Rip lightship which was torn from her moorings off Nantucket by ice floes late in January.

TWO OFFENSIVES BY THE ENEMY SEEM LIKELY

Germans Still Adding to Number of Their Divisions on Western Front and Enemy Preparing for Another Drive in Italy—Teutons Have Sixteen Divisions in West More Than Allies But Still Not Superior in Strength.

General F. B. Maurice States Enemy Can Attack as Soon as He Completes Local Preparations—Important Movements of Enemy Troops on the Italian Front.

London, March 6.—The Germans are still adding to the number of their divisions on the western front, General F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, declared in his weekly talk with The Associated Press today.

Gen. Maurice said the Entente forces still held the superiority in rifles, guns and aircraft, but that this superiority was diminishing.

"I have said heretofore that a German offensive was immediately likely, because the Germans required time to prepare new troops," said General Maurice, "but these major preparations are now more or less complete and the enemy can attack whenever he completes his local preparations."

"It is now to these local preparations that we must look for indications of an approaching attack. These indications are not always easy to gauge. We have now reached a stage when you cannot prophesy. If the enemy wishes to attack there is nothing to prevent."

In Italy.

Washington, Mar. 6.—Renewed possibilities of a new Austro-Hungarian stroke on the Italian front are indicated in Italian official despatches received here today.

SINN FEIN SEIZES KILTAMAGH, MAYO!

Action Follows Receipt of Order from Leaders for General Mobilization of Anti-British Forces in Ireland—Carson's Significant Comment on Redmond's Work.

London, Mar. 6.—Six hundred Sinn Fein volunteers have taken possession of the town of Kiltamagh, County Mayo, Ireland, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Significance seems likely to be attached to this expression by the Ulster leader in view of the wide divergence of opinion regarding the solution of Ireland's troubles that formerly existed between the Nationalists and the Ulster interests represented by Sir Edward.

London, Mar. 6.—In paying tribute to the memory of John Redmond in the House of Commons today, Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster leader, said: "Indeed, we were not very far apart in our attempts at a settlement of the Irish question."

C. G. R. TO USE 130 MILES OF VALLEY RAILS

Canadian Railroads Short of Material and Situation is Serious.

THE VALLEY LINE WILL LAY RAILS OF C. G. R.

Government Likely to Take Over Valley R. R. Eventually.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN TO GO TO ENGLAND

Deadlock in Cabinet Over Nationalization of C. T. R. and G. T. P.

As the result of an arrangement reached between the federal government and the government of New Brunswick, 130 miles of rails are to be taken from the St. John Valley Railway to replace worn rails of the Intercolonial division of the C. G. R. as the result of heavy traffic on the latter.

The traffic on the St. John Valley railroad is much lighter than on the C. G. R. and the rails of the latter will do on the former for some years.

Other Lines Handicapped.

But the rail situation on the C. G. R. obtains also on the other railways including the Canadian Pacific and a general policy of assistance has been decided upon by the government.

Nationalization.

The belief is growing that no further action will be taken by the government at the present time regarding the proposal to nationalize the Grand Trunk railway and the Grand Trunk Pacific.

There is a cabinet deadlock over the proposed nationalization of the G. T. R. and G. T. P. The sub-committee of the cabinet which recommended the purchase did not do so unanimously and it did not find unanimity by any means in the full cabinet.

work together for the common ends of humanity."