

CHAMPAGNE REGION NOW SCENE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN WESTERN AREA

OFFENSIVE MOVEMENT IN WEST CONTINUES

French Attack on Enemy's Lines Goes on Successfully in Champagne Region—Balkan States Keenly Interested in Dardanelles Operations—All Weak Points in Russian Line Strengthened and Czar's Army Advancing.

London, March 3.—In their determination to relieve Przemysl, and drive the Russians out of Galicia, the Austro-German armies, which for some weeks have been on the Galician side of the Carpathian Mountains, have, during the last few days, made repeated attempts to break through the Russian entrenchments, but without success.

Since Sunday last, when in massed formation they threw themselves against Russian troops holding strong positions, the Austro-Germans have attacked again and again, in spite of the heavy losses which this kind of fighting entails.

Yesterday, according to the Russian official account, the Austrians delivered furious attacks between the Oda-wa and San rivers, only to be thrown back, as they were in their previous efforts, while the Germans made several vain attempts around Kozlowka and Rojanka, at the latter point losing two companies, which were surrounded and annihilated.

No estimates have been published of the losses sustained by the German armies in their efforts to break through the Russian lines at these places, but they are believed to have been very large, as the Russian positions were almost impregnable.

Regarding the Austrians' attempt to outflank the Russians in Eastern Galicia, two Russian official reports in succession have reported that the Austrians suffered a severe reverse, and that yesterday they lost, in prisoners alone, more than 6,000 men. The Russians captured also a number of guns and a large quantity of transport material.

On the other extreme wing in North Poland the Germans have either assumed the defensive or are retiring, except at Osozewitz, where they continue to bombard the fortress. Berlin reports, unofficially, that at this point the Germans have succeeded in silencing two of the forts. Their attempt to approach the city, however, has been repulsed by the Russians.

The Germans, while claiming suc-

AUSTRIA'S BELATED DEFENCE

Red Book Published by Germany's Ally Dealing With Proceedings Prior to European War.

Austria has published her official documents covering the negotiations preceding the great war. It is not without significance that the collection is called the "Red" Book, since Austria's responsibility for the blood shed has been placed on Poland and Belgium and Poland is second to only that of Germany. Until Turkey chooses to set forth her case for becoming a party to the struggle it is likely that Austria's contribution to the diplomatic anthology will be the most important.

So far as the West is concerned, the French offensive in the Champagne region continues to be the outstanding feature of the campaign.

There has been fighting at other points, but none to compare in importance with that in Champagne.

With the allied fleet again bombarding the Dardanelles, and the Russians pushing their offensive in the Caucasus, the Near East is again coming into the limelight. The Russians have scored a distinct success by the capture of the Turkish port of Khopa, on the Black Sea, from which the Turkish army in the Caucasus drew part of its supplies.

The Turks are concentrating strong forces for the defence of Constantinople, and the Balkan States are watching the operations with intense interest. The success or failure of the Allies' attempt to open the Straits means much to the Balkan nations.

Great Britain has not yet replied to the American note, addressed to both her and Germany, regarding the naval war zone and food shipments.

London, March 4, 2:30 a. m.—The Morning Post's Bucharest, Roumania, correspondent says the Russian forces have re-occupied Stanislaw, in Galicia.

PUGSLEY PLEADS WITH HANSARD MAN TO DELETE THE "SQUID" INCIDENT

HIS RIDICULOUS BLUNDER OF TUESDAY THE JOKE OF THE SESSION—EX-MINISTER FROM ST. JOHN BREAKS ALL PARLIAMENTARY PRECEDENTS AND HAS ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT SUPPRESSED IN OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE HOUSE.

Ottawa, Mar. 3.—"Squids" are the joke of the corridors of parliament today. Yesterday Hon. Wm. Pugsley thought they were some kind of measure that farmers of New Brunswick bought in large quantities somewhere beyond the confines of the Dominion and upon which paid heavy duty.

On this theory he based a tearful appeal for the poor New Brunswick farmer who was crying out against the injustice of having his "squids" taxed.

How pathetic was his appeal will be known to anyone who ever heard the injured Mr. Pugsley can assume. But Hon. Arthur Meighen knocked him cold when he told a laughing house that "squids" were bait, were not used by farmers but by fishermen and that they were on the free list.

The Evening Journal tonight says: "There was a good deal of fun in the House yesterday. Some of it was over squids. Mr. Pugsley thought squids were a fertilizer with a duty on them. He made a great appeal for fairness to the farmer, while the members from the seaside grinned."

"After he had committed himself irretrievably," Hon. Arthur Meighen told him that squids were bait and that they were on the free list. Immoderate laughter greeted this and Mr. Pugsley for a moment lost his usual complacent demeanor.

"Hon. J. D. Hazen had him on toast also over public works. The Minister of Marine interjected once that A. K. MacLean advocated cutting out the public works this year. Mr. Pugsley said he did nothing of the kind. Mr. Hazen proved his statement from Hansard, much to the joy of the Conservatives."

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INDIA'S BUDGET SHOWS DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR

Due to War's Effects on Railway and Customs Returns—No Additional Taxes Proposed.

London, March 3. (through Reuters Ottawa Agency).—A special despatch from Delhi, India, says: "Sir William S. Meyer, Financial Secretary, delivered his budget statement before a crowded attendance of the Indian Council today. He announced a deficit of \$2,750,000 for the current financial year, and estimated a similar deficit for the year commencing April 1, 1915. This shortage, he said, had been due to the effect of the war on railways and customs receipts.

He proposed no additional taxation to meet these deficits, as they were due to special causes. The Financial Secretary devoted much of his speech to setting forth how the excellent resources of the country had enabled India to come successfully through the supreme test of which its financial and economic system had been subjected.

He proposed, he said, to base the budget requirements upon the supposition that the war would last through the years 1915 and 1916, as a measure of caution. He declared that India's contribution to the war would be \$2,000,000 for the current year, and \$24,500,000 during the coming year. India, he said, had been much buffeted but her inherent strength, financially and economically, had been demonstrated at every turn.

He pointed out that India's paper money and loans had been practically unimpaired, and that the stability of the rupee had been successfully maintained. Naturally at the outset of the war, he said, there had been some bewilderment and dislocation of both foreign and internal trade, but readjustment was taking place, and, above all, India was steadily facing her obligations.

There was therefore no need to resort to any extraordinary measure of help; the country could look forward to the future with confidence in its material prosperity, especially in view of the prospect of exceptionally bountiful crops.

The budget was well received being considered as showing India's remarkable financial strength."

Official Reports

FRANCE

Paris, Mar. 3, via London Mar. 4.—The following official communication has been issued by the French War Office:

"From the sea to the Aisne there has been cannonading of varying intensity. The Germans again began to bombard Rheims with incendiary shells.

"In the Champagne region, on the front north of Soaun, Mesnil and Beauséjour, our progress continues. We are holding on the entire attacking front, that is to say, over a distance of over six kilometers, (nearly four miles) a total of German lines representing a depth of one kilometer, (two-thirds of a mile).

"Our progress today has been particularly marked to the west of Perthes, where we have captured trenches and extended our position in the woods. We also gained ground to the north of Mesnil. Finally, in the same region, we have repulsed several violent counter attacks. The regiments of the guards sustained enormous losses.

"Since the last communication we have made about 100 prisoners and have captured a machine gun. Several German attacks were repulsed in the wood of Consuey, north of Vermon, and in the forest of Le Pretre, west of Pont-A-Mousson."

AUSTRIA

Vienna, via London, March 3.—The following official communication has been issued by the War Office:

"In the Carpathians, west of Uszok Pass, fighting is proceeding which has developed to a large extent into engagement for the possession of important heights and lines. Several Russian counter-attacks have been repulsed with great loss to the enemy.

"During the day several local successes were gained along the battlefield. In an assault on a ridge, north of Cisna, we took 400 prisoners.

"Vigorous fighting is in progress along the whole battlefield in Southeast Galicia. On the Dunajec river, and in Russian Poland, nothing of importance has occurred."

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGES FOUND NOT TRUE

Ottawa, March 3.—In answer to a series of questions by Mr. Sinclair as to the truth of a charge made in the Commons last session by Mr. J. D. McKenzie, M. P., to the effect that H. P. Duchemin, of Sydney, "had embezzled over \$75 of the public funds by charging six days' remuneration and expenses for one day's work" in connection with the investigation of charges of political partisanship on the part of government employees.

The Secretary of State gave a categorical denial. "The charges made by the member for North Cape Breton," said the Minister, "were looked into by the Customs Department, and found to be not true."

Correspondence between the Auditor-General and Mr. Duchemin in regard to the case was tabled with the answer. The total amount paid Mr. Duchemin in connection with the investigation of charges of partisanship is \$6,654.

CONGEALED EVIDENCE TO PREVENT INQUIRY

Napanee, Ont., Mar. 3.—The feature of today's trial of Dr. C. K. Robinson, charged with causing the death of Blanche York, was the appearance in the witness box of the prisoner, who made a statement of his connection with the girl's death. He claimed that the girl called on him in a serious condition, and that the steps which he took to alleviate the trouble were unavailing, his patient finally succumbing. He claimed that after the girl's death he lost control of himself and decided to conceal all evidences of death, in order to prevent an enquiry which would mean to him a loss of reputation and practice.

It was not till the following morning that he recognized the folly of which he had been guilty, but having gone so far he could not turn back. After that his whole life was a lie.

THE CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Mar. 3.—The following casualties among members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force were announced this afternoon by the Department of Militia and Defence:

Always "Too Late."

The most damning part of the evidence unimpaired offers against herself is her reply to the notes that she received from Russia and from Great Britain as had been launched. These notes urged Austria to delay action, to give Serbia a longer interval in which to frame a reply. They asked that Austria submit any questions which might remain unsettled to arbitration, only to delay until diplomacy had its chance. To one and all the same answer was given. It was "too late."

The time had passed for the operations of diplomacy. Delay was out of the question. Either Serbia must submit to the most humiliating demands ever made upon one independent State to another, or she must reckon with Austria. If any shocked bystander tried to interfere there was Germany prepared to keep the ring clear.

The guilt of Austria

After reading the Red Book one is divided as to whether Germany or Austria is more to blame for the great crime against civilization which they jointly committed. So miserable a showing has Austria made with her armies since the war began, and so ruthless has been the devastation wrought by her powerful ally, that it is upon Germany that the condemnation of the world is chiefly centred. But Austria was at least as guilty as Germany. If Russia and France had consented to remain passive, Germany would not have found some other excuse for putting in motion her war machine against France and Russia.

—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Halifax, Mar. 3.—Mr. H. C. Crowell, referred to in the telegram from Sir George Perley read by Sir Robert Borden in the House of Commons today, as having been accorded an interview with General Alderson says that he never saw or spoke to General Alderson at any time. Mr. Crowell says that when in London he wired General Alderson at Salisbury Plain asking for an appointment to discuss the treatment which he was informed the Nova Scotia regiment has suffered, to this request General Alderson wired "Have no time for interview," therefore General Alderson is quite obviously mistaken if he made the statement attributed to him.

Lloyds Bank, of London, Eng., has just issued a beautiful souvenir in commemoration of its fiftieth birthday. It consists of a fat-sized volume, in cream and gold, profusely illustrated, tracing the history of the bank and its rapid rise and progress. Lloyds came into being soon after the passing of the Limited Liability Act in 1862, or to be precise, in the year 1865.

In a sense, however, it is of much older foundation, for, whilst many of the joint stock banks owe their origin solely to the passing of the act,

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

23 THE GARDEN

WANDERERS WIN FROM TORONTO

Montreal, March 3.—The Wanderers won from the Toronto in Montreal tonight by 5 to 4, in a game that was devoid of excitement.

This defeat of last year's champions gives the Wanderers the chance to play the Ottawa for the National Hockey Association championship.

The line-up:

Wanderers—Goal, McCarthy; defence, S. Coghern and Progers; left wing, O. Coghern; centre, Hyland; right wing, Roberts.

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