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## Kuropatkin Drives at Hindenberg With Huge Force

### GERMAN ARTILLERY INCESSANTLY POUNDING FORTS NEAR VERDUN

#### KAISER'S GUNS POUNDING FORTS EAST OF MEUSE

Germans Appear To Be Preparing for New Spring at Verdun.

#### QUIET NIGHT ON THE WEST

French Still Hold Part of Hill Taken by the foe on Wednesday.

#### INFANTRY ATTACKS CEASE

Berlin Claims Paris-Verdun Railway Line Is Menaced.

[Canadian Press.] Paris, March 23, 11:50 a.m.—The French official statement published this morning says that during the night a violent bombardment took place to the east of the River Meuse. To the west of the Meuse the fire diminished in intensity, and the general situation is unchanged.

**FRENCH REPORT.**  
[Canadian Press.] Paris, March 23, 2:35 p.m.—The French war office this afternoon gave out the following statement regarding the progress of hostilities:  
"To the west of the river Meuse, the bombardment diminished last night. The enemy did not renew his attacks on the little hill of Haucourt, (about one kilometre southwest of Malancourt), part of which he held."  
"To the east of the Meuse the bombardment was continued with violence at several points on our front."  
"In the Westwall there has been no important development, with the exception of an intermittent cannonading."  
"To the west of Pont-a-Mousson a surprise attack upon a trench of the enemy in the vicinity of Fey-En-Have resulted in our taking several prisoners."  
"The night passed quietly on the remainder of the front."

**RAILWAY MENACED.**  
[Canadian Press.] Berlin, March 23.—(By wireless to Sarville).—The Lokal Anzeiger says this in view of the progress made yesterday by German troops near Avocourt, the French line between Bethincourt and Malancourt is now menaced. It asserts that the French positions are threatened from the east by the Dead Man's Hill, and from the west, as a result of the German victory in the wooded region northeast of Avocourt.  
The newspaper points out that the town of Avocourt is only seven kilometres from the important Verdun railway railroad, the intervening distance being covered with woods and hills.

#### Dutch Sailors Refuse to Sail Unless Guarded

Adopt Policy of Safety First As Regards German Submarines.

[Canadian Press.] The Hague, March 23.—Via London, March 23.—At a meeting in Amsterdam, held under the auspices of the Sailors' Union, the crews of half a dozen ocean-going steamships will today resolve to join their ships until more definite arrangements had been reached with the Government for the safety of the vessels. This decision affected also the Holland-American Line, whose steamship Nieuw Amsterdam is scheduled to sail tonight.

A dispatch from Rotterdam under yesterday's date said that officials of the Holland-American Line had announced in that city that the line's ships would continue to sail as scheduled, unless prevented from doing so by the refusal of the crews to muster.

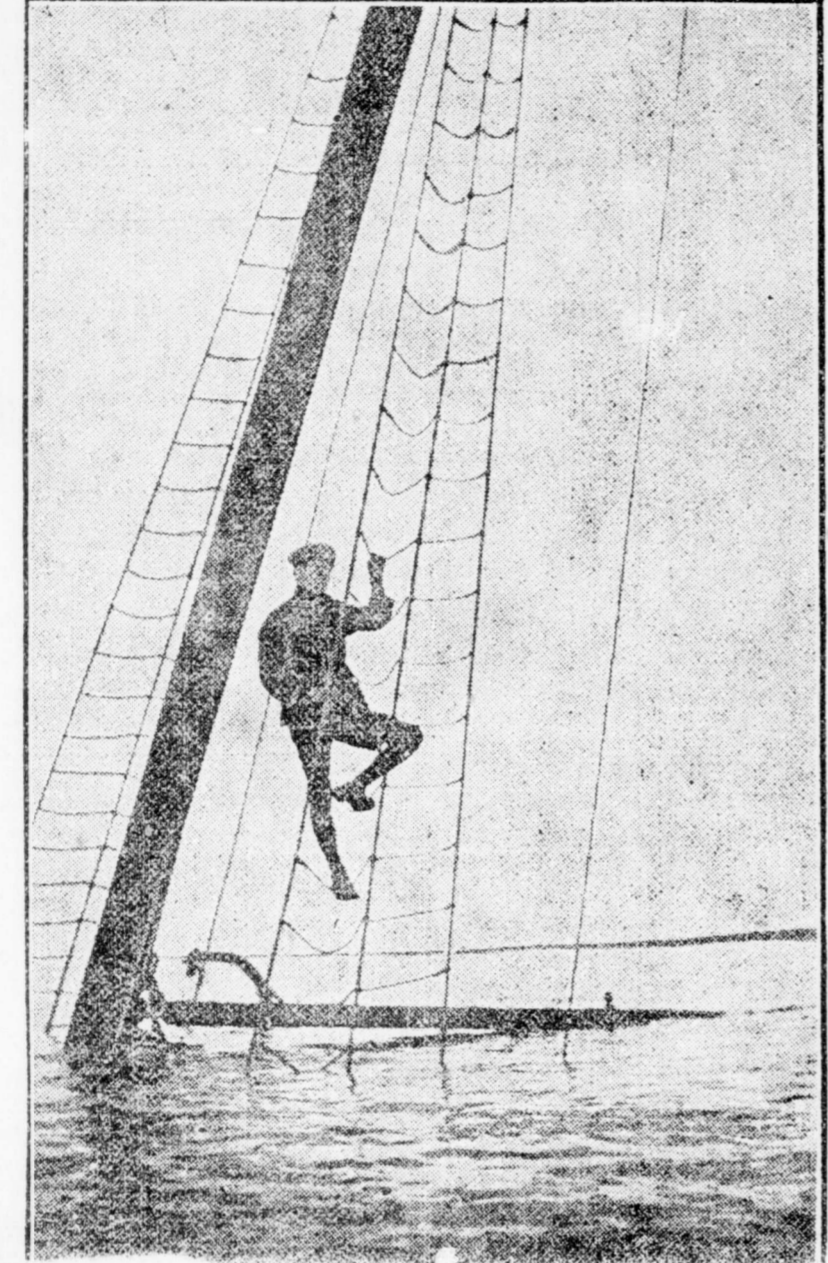
#### PROVIDE AN ESCORT.

[Canadian Press.] Rotterdam, March 23.—Via London, March 23.—The Holland-American Line has announced definitely today that the Nieuw Amsterdam would sail at 11 o'clock tonight. She will be accompanied so far as The Downs by tugs with lifesaving materials. These tugs will escort the steamship Rotterdam, in coming from New York, from The Downs to this port.

#### GALLOPER LIGHTSHIP NOT TORPEDOED

[Canadian Press.] London, March 23.—It is reported unofficially that the Galloper lightship, at the mouth of the Thames, has not been torpedoed, as was reported yesterday by Lloyd's, but has been withdrawn from the station.

#### PETTY OFFICER IN RIGGING OF TORPEDOED STEAMER.



Recently a small British steamer was torpedoed near the Egyptian coast by a German U boat; the Huns previously invited tribesmen to witness the sinking from the hills in the vicinity, so that they might get a good idea of modern barbarism and be correspondingly impressed. The picture shows Petty Officer Johnston in the rigging.

#### No Confirmation at Washington of Mex. Army Revolt

Officials Say No Indication That Fighting Has Been in Progress.

[Canadian Press.] Washington, March 23.—Confirmation of the report that the Carranza garrison of 2,000, under Luis Herrera, at Chihuahua had revolted, and joined Villa, was still lacking today at the war department, although a dispatch to that effect was passed last night by the United States army censor at Columbus. The war department insists that General Funston's message last night stated merely that "it is reported that the revolt had occurred, adding that there was no confirmation. No new advices had reached the department, officials said, and it was declared there was no indication in any message received since the American expedition started into Mexico that the troops had fired a shot or been fired upon."  
General Funston's problem is to dispose the troops at his command in such fashion as to insure the line of communication behind the force in Mexico.

#### ORANGEMEN OF N. B. ARE FOR PROHIBITION

[Canadian Press.] St. Stephen, N. B., March 23.—The Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick at its concluding session passed a resolution in favor of prohibition of the manufacture and sale and importation of liquor. Another resolution placed the grand lodge on record as in hearty sympathy with the policy of conscription.

#### "Commercial Strangulation" From Prohibition, Declares Cork Magnate.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, March 23.—E. J. Freysing, vice-president of the Freysing Cork Company, in an interview today declared there would be an actual loss to various industries in Ontario of \$10,754,000 as a result of the prohibition bill introduced in the Legislature yesterday.  
"It means commercial strangulation. It is not only hotel interests, but dozens of other industries indirectly affected. Real estate holdings jeopardized are worth \$50,000,000, plant and equipment \$15,000,000, stock on hand \$20,000,000. The Dominion Government alone will lose \$10,754,000 in excise fees."  
George Wright, president of the City Hotelkeepers Association, says the bill means ruin to many people. There are 107 licensed places in Toronto worth on an average \$45,000 each. The King Edward is worth \$2,750,000, the Carls \$200,000, and the Walker Hotel \$200,000. The depreciation in the value of these properties is very serious. The same thing applies to every big city in the province.

#### BARRED FROM CANADA.

Peterboro, Ont., March 23.—Chas. LaMarina of Chicago was arrested here by Travelling Immigration Inspector Reynolds for violation of the immigration laws.  
LaMarina was deported at Windsor early in February and subsequently succeeded in gaining an entrance at Sarnia by gross misrepresentation. Magistrate Dumbold fined the foreigner \$100 and costs or three months hard labor.

#### AUDACITY MARKS FRENCH FLIERS, ROUT GERMANS

Joffre's Airmen Have Had the Better of War Up To Date.

#### MUCH QUICKER ON START

Battles 2,000 Feet Up Between Scores of Machines.

#### FEAT OF LIEUT. GUYNEMER

Most Brilliant of French Aviators Engages Two Enemy Machines.

[Canadian Press.] Paris, March 23.—The battle of Verdun furnished the occasion for the first encounters resembling the air battles popularly pictured in the imagination before the war, when German air craft were sent up in considerable numbers to take note of the effect produced on French field works by the heavy guns massed there so thickly and which had to be operated by crews of Lieut. Guynemer, who sent 6 and 8-inch projectiles among them.

**The Air Warriors.**  
After assuming the heaviest artillery and their best regiments before Verdun, the Germans sent their air experts to the scene for overhead work. All the best of them were on hand with the exception of Lieut. Guynemer, who remained in the Ardennes. As their head was the famous Lieut. Guynemer, they found adversaries worthy of them in Lieut. Guynemer, Adj. Navarre and such emulators of his exploits as the still anonymous recruit of the 1916 contingent, the French aviator, who shot his first trip in aerial warfare.

**German Tactics.**  
The German tactics in the air are the same as on the ground. They are apparently being to overwhelm their adversary by numbers. They found the French to be sending up men singly to observe the movements of the troops and the positions of the artillery, and they began sending their men up in couples. The French accordingly doubled the number of their men. The Germans quadrupled theirs and since the first week in March their flying squadrons here never have comprised less than ten machines, and often were numerically larger.

**Scores in Battle.**  
Groups of fighting machines were assembled by the French at heights of 2,000 yards, in which a score of machines were employed, were the result. The losses increased in proportion on both sides.  
The French feel sure that they have had the better of it so far, although Lieut. Guynemer was put out of action for a fortnight by flesh wounds in the arm, and also just before the day with the pilot or observer wounded or killed, in two cases both occupants of a machine having been fatally injured. These two machines, in the same group, came back and landed normally, but no one got out of either of them. The observer of one apparently was killed, while it was in the air and the pilot died just after the landing. The pilot of the other also lived barely long enough to bring his aeroplane home. He was unconscious when the machine landed. The observer died the following day.

#### GUYNEMER'S WORK.

Lieut. Guynemer one day was engaged with two German fliers at once. One of his adversaries was shot down, and the other was so badly damaged that he was obliged to land. Meanwhile bullets from the other had put out of action Lieut. Guynemer's arms out of action, but he succeeded in getting back to his base by employing the other arm skillfully.  
While the Germans in some of the engagements have had the triumph of obtaining the upper hand, they appear to hold them in audacity in manoeuvring. The French machines are equal in horizontal speed to all of those of their adversaries, except that they are faster, and also quicker than any of them in getting into the air. This superiority in ascending speed is said by competent authorities to be the trump card of the French in air fighting, where the upper hand counts in deadly fashion.

It is asserted here that the German French machines return normally and land safely at their starting point, and that they thus figure the French losses as greater than their own, whereas all the information that is now obtained on this side of the line goes to show that the French aviators have more than held their own in the aerial activities around Verdun.

#### ELECTRICAL ENGINEER SHOCKED TO DEATH

W. W. Chisholme Instantly Killed Near Ontario, Ont., March 23.—At about 10 o'clock this morning W. W. Chisholme, electrical engineer for the W. & L. here, was killed by an electric shock. He was working around the mogul car which was fast in the rear near Leamington and it is supposed he touched the live wires under the hood he was instantaneously. Mr. Chisholme came from St. Thomas, 33 years of age. He was about 43 years of age and leaves a wife and family of six children.

## RUSSIANS USE WEDGE AGAINST THE GERMANS

### PRINCIPAL FEATURES OF PROHIBITION ACT

1. Prohibition for Ontario about September 1, 1916, by act of Legislature.
2. Extension of all hotel and shop licenses, at nominal fee, after May 1, so that stocks may be sold.
3. Appointment of three members of Ontario License Board to act as a committee administering the new act.
4. Adoption of the MacDonald Act of Manitoba, with improvements.
5. Sale of liquor prohibited except for medicinal and chemical purposes, and wine for sacramental uses.
6. For repeal of law, after war, by straight majority vote.
7. Hon. W. J. Hanna says prohibition repeal will not likely be subject of vote for two or three years.
8. Sale of liquor for specific purposes by wholesale and retail druggists is defined.
9. Liquor for mechanical and scientific purposes limited to ten gallons for medical to five gallons, for dentist to one pint, for veterinary surgeon to two gallons, and a physician must not carry more than two quarts with him for patients. No orders for liquor to be filled without prescription of doctor.
10. Act does not prevent importation or manufacture of liquor in Ontario, and Mr. Hanna says the Dominion law as it at present exists does not do so either.

## VATICAN AND ENEMY ARE CLOSE TO BREAK

Cardinal Mercier's Plain Talking May Cause His Internment and Bring About Delicate Situation.

[Canadian Press.] Rome, via Paris, March 23.—The Messenger publishes a report to the effect that Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, has sent a long dispatch to Cardinal Hartmann, archbishop of Cologne, requesting him to intervene with the Emperor of Germany to prevent any measures being taken against Cardinal Mercier, and that he has also telegraphed to Cardinal Mercier urging him to observe the greatest prudence. The situation between the Vatican and Germany, the newspaper says, is most delicate as a result of what is happening in Belgium and the Vatican may be placed in a difficult position should the Emperor of Germany to prevent any measures being taken against Cardinal Mercier.

## WAR SITUATION ON THE VARIOUS FRONTS

[Canadian Press.] London, March 23.—The French are still clinging to a part of the little hill of Haucourt, southwest of Malancourt, northwest of Verdun.  
Paris announces today that the German infantry attacks in this sector were not resumed during the night, and that the fire of heavy artillery diminished in violence.  
Intense to the East.  
The bombardment east of the Meuse was continued with undiminished intensity. The persistence with which the Germans are pounding the French positions near Vaux and Damouville in this region indicates that they probably are preparing for new attempts to break through in the sector where their lines have been pushed nearest to the heart of the stronghold.

## GERMAN OFFICERS SAY VERDUN MOVES QUITE SATISFACTORY

Expect to Capture Fortress and Terminate the Struggle.

[Canadian Press.] Berlin, March 23.—Via London, March 23.—Attempts in other countries to interpret the various pauses in the German operations at Verdun as indicative of the waning of the offensive or the exhaustion of German troops, denote failure to comprehend German strategy, according to the tenor of dispatches from the front here. Officers say these pauses are only a part of the general scheme of operations, and are designed to prepare for the successive stages of the forward movement.

## BRITAIN MAY PROHIBIT IMPORTATION OF HOPS

[Canadian Press.] London, March 23.—Walter Tomelman, president of the board of trade, announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that the British Government was contemplating the prohibition of the importation of hops.

## TWO ALLAN BOATS DOCK WITH CARGO OF WOUNDED

Sicilian and Corinthian Arrive Simultaneously at St. John With Officers and Men From the Trenches.

[Canadian Press.] St. John, N. B., March 23.—The Allan liners Sicilian and Corinthian, sailing from England on March 19 and 21, docked almost simultaneously after a voyage devoid of incident. Both ships brought a large quantity of mail. The Sicilian, besides the civil passengers, brought 149 returned and wounded officers and men of the Canadian forces in France, and the Corinthian brought 76 returned officers and men. Following is a list of the returned officers and men:  
On the Corinthian.  
Company Sergeant-Major C. W. Cooper, 39th Battalion, officer in charge; Capt. J. C. Wilson, C. A. M. C., medical officer in charge; Nursing Sister B. Cromwell.  
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## London Hears Czar Is Hurling Vast Army at Enemy Along Line of 150 Miles—Petrograd Reports a Direct Drive Westward.

[Canadian Press.] New York, March 23.—A news agency dispatch from London today says: Half a million well-equipped Russian troops, under direct command of Gen. Kuropatkin, are now assailing Von Hindenberg's line on a front of 150 miles.

**Russians Aggressive.**  
[Canadian Press.] Petrograd, March 23.—After lying low all winter completing their preparations and leaving active warfare to a host of detached guerrilla bands in the rear of the Teutons, while maintaining unceasing activity with comparatively small bodies of troops and thereby gradually building a large number of new formations who are now seasoned soldiers, the Russians have begun the game of war in earnest once more on the northern and northwestern sections of their European front.

The Germans' plan apparently developed itself, and they seem committed to an attempt to drive a wedge across the Dvina north of Dvinsk. The Russians have assumed the initiative well to the south of Dvinsk, where they made a beginning at driving their wedge into the German lines. The movements indicated by today's bulletin are a direct drive westward.  
The extent of the battlefront, according to the bulletins of the past few days, indicates the employment of large forces. The composition of these forces, like their number is kept secret.

**No Advance Say Germans.**  
[Canadian Press.] Berlin, March 23, via London—3:45 p.m.—The Russians in spite of their great offensive on the eastern front have made no advance says the official statement given out today by the German army headquarters.

## 2 More Ships One French and British Sunk

German Submarines Continue To Torpedo Neutral Vessels.

[Canadian Press.] London, March 23.—The Norwegian bark Lindfield has been sunk by a submarine.  
[Canadian Press.] London, March 23.—The Norwegian steamship Kannik was sunk Wednesday night, according to a dispatch to Lloyd's from Havre. The crew was saved.  
The Norwegian steamer Kannik sailed from New York February 20 bound for Havre. She arrived at Havre on Wednesday in 1916. She was 2,387 tons gross, 300 feet long, and was built at Stavanger in 1914.

## SUDDEN DEATH OF MICHIGAN COUPLE STARTS INQUIRY

Poison Found in Stomach of Grand Rapids Millionaire. WERE VISITING RELATIONS Police Investigating Demise of Wealthy John E. Peck.

[Canadian Press.] New York, March 23.—District Attorney Swann ordered the arrest today of Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, son-in-law of John E. Peck, a millionaire who died in Grand Rapids, Michigan, whose death here recently and that also of his wife, have been under investigation. The death of his daughter, Mrs. Peck, was an atypical case, and the cause of her death was found in a condition of ataxia as a result of an overdose of atropine. Physicians at noon today were working on him to save his life.

## STOLE FROM POOR.

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, March 23.—An illicit still was found yesterday in the premises of Henri Lacasse, St. Laurent, Que., as well as plunder taken in a number of burglaries, and including copper wire, tools, revolvers, an air light, shovels and typewriters.  
Lacasse, it is said, has confessed to the police to being implicated in pilfering from church poor boxes.