

FORTY-FIFTH YEAR

The German Chancellor Reviews the Situation Italian Commander Says That Verdun is Safe Another Dutch Boat is Reported Torpedoed

VERDUN WILL NEVER BE TAKEN, SAYS THE ITALIAN COMMANDER

General Cadorna Pays Fine Tribute to the French Defence—France Believes Germans Have Lost all Hope of a Successful Attack.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, April 5.—"Verdun will never be taken. This is the sincere and positive statement of General Cadorna," said a member of the Italian generalissimo's suite to the Uddine correspondent of The Petition Journal. "General Cadorna," he continued, "returns to Italy from his visit to France full of enthusiasm for France for what she has done and for what she is now doing."

"What we saw on the French front is simply magnificent. France and Great Britain have heaped up all along the line innumerable machine guns so many men and munitions that nothing that the Germans could now do, seemed to us, could possibly catch the French-British higher command unprepared."

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SPANISH BOAT IS TORPEDOED

British, Norwegian and Danish Boats Also in Difficulties.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, April 5, 10:35 a.m.—The Spanish steamship Vigo of 1,137 gross tons, was sunk in the Bay of Biscay by a German submarine, according to a Lloyd's report. The crew were set adrift in a boat and later picked up by the British steamship Polo and taken to Gibraltar.

Lloyd's also report the sinking of the British steamship Bendue, with the loss of one of the crew.

The Vigo was owned by Gonzalez and Fernandez of Villagarcia. She was built in 1878 at Middlesbrough and was 250 feet long and 32 feet beam.

The Bendue was of 3,681 gross tons and was built in 1900 at West Hartlepool for Hault and Co. of that port. She was 347 feet long and 51 feet beam.

SUBMARINED.
A report received here from the captain of the British schooner John Pritchard, a vessel of 118 tons, recently reported sunk, states that his ship was sent to the bottom of the Mediterranean by a submarine. The

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BARED ITS TEETH VERY QUICKLY

Dutch as Much Surprised at the War Scare as any Other People.

Mobilization Was Carried Out Very Swiftly, Motor Cars Being Seized.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, April 4.—"Holland bared its teeth to the belligerents on both sides so unexpectedly that the Dutch public was as much astonished as the remainder of the world," says a prominent neutral just returned from Amsterdam, to the Associated Press.

This person, who enjoys exceptional opportunities for obtaining information, states that not only was the Dutch army mobilized, but man-of-war were held as if to repel forces landing from the North Sea in the neighborhood of Flushing.

The mobilization was accomplished swiftly. Virtually every private motor car in the country was seized. While mobilization took place along the German frontier, manoeuvres were held only along the sea coast. To add to the excitement, the Germans massed men and guns along the Belgian frontier near Antwerp, as if in preparation to repel an invasion from that direction.

The returned neutral is convinced the demonstration was aimed against Germany as much as England. He stated irritation in Holland against all belligerents had become so pronounced today. This person, who enjoys exceptional opportunities for obtaining information, states that not only was the Dutch army mobilized, but man-of-war were held as if to repel forces landing from the North Sea in the neighborhood of Flushing.

On account of the British blockade Holland is experiencing shortage of food to such an extent that the American commission for relief of Belgium has been asked to loan some of its food supply to certain districts. The Dutch government has determined that food shall be transported to Holland in vessels commanded by it without reference to any limitations fixed by agreement with the Netherlands overseas trust.

Minister of War in Italy Quits

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Rome, April 5.—General Zupelli, the minister of war has resigned on account of ill-health. King Victor Emmanuel has accepted his resignation and appointed General Paolo Morrone, commander of an army corps, to succeed him.

General Zupelli was appointed minister of war in October of 1914. He was born an Austrian subject. He was



ADVANCE FROM SALONKI

Paris, April 5.—A Havas despatch from Salonki, dated April 4, says that artillery was active along the line of contact of the advisory forces during the day. Small skirmishes took place on the Gievski front, and resulted in the capture of a few German and Bulgarian prisoners by the French.

ATTACKING SMYRNA

New York, April 5.—A news agency Athens despatch says: "An Anglo-French squadron has destroyed forts St. Zaki and St. George, at the entrance to Smyrna harbor the newspaper Nea Helles reported to-day."

Father Shot as Act of Mercy

Louisville, April 5.—"I shot Papa to put him out of his misery; it was an act of mercy," hysterically explained Ann Lee Stitzel, after she had fired a bullet into the breast of her father, William Stitzel, 75, a Federal veteran of the Civil war at their home here last night. Mr. Stitzel died thirty minutes later at a hospital.

For several weeks Miss Stitzel is said to have brooded over her father's loneliness and growing infirmities. Physicians who have attended the young woman believe she is suffering from dementia.

The aged man was seated at a table when his daughter entered the room, revolver in hand, and without a word fired one bullet into her father's body. Miss Stitzel is held in custody at a hospital on a charge of murder.

an active member of the Italian general staff, in which capacity he prepared for the campaign, which would be fought on the eastern frontier in case of war. His selection was due to Lieut.-General Cadorna, the Italian commander in chief.

Because he "wouldn't start all over with her again," R. Raymond Romney, of East Hampton, L.I., is now a defendant in a \$15,000 breach of promise suit brought by Miss Elizabeth Bruns.

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GERMANS LOST GROUND AND MANY SOLDIERS

Yesterday's Fighting at Verdun Bad For the Huns.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, April 5.—In yesterday's fighting around Verdun, the Germans lost considerable ground and again sustained heavy casualties, notwithstanding the new formation of their attacking parties.

At 3 p.m., after the Germans had been battered by several hundred tons of projectiles, a thin line of riflemen debouched from Chauffour wood, a little to the northwest of Douaumont. The Germans advanced by short bounds toward the French trenches, situated about 300 yards south of the village. A second and a third line followed at equal distances, with small supporting and attacking columns in the rear. This formation has been noticed during the last few days, and is regarded by the French as proof that the Germans have been sorely punished in their previous assaults in series ranks. The first change proved ineffective. The first line advanced to within 50 yards of the French trenches and there had to drop to the ground under heavy blasts of shrapnel and sustained musketry fire. The second and third lines attempted to advance to the support of the first line, but were stopped far in the rear by machine gun fire.

The Germans in the first line were in a most critical position. Shrapnel worked havoc among them. To charge was out of the question, and as long as they remained at the point exposed to a decimating fire. The second and third lines were little better off, for they were within range of the French 3-inch guns. The entire attacking force finally adopted the only safe course, retreating under a raking fire to Chauffour wood. They left half their number on the field. At least three regiments took part in the attack.

Chauffour wood proved to be an insecure shelter, for the French artillery, increasing its range, covered that entire area. It demolished shelters and piled up the German losses. The action of yesterday is regarded by military critics as of great significance, showing that the Germans, even with their new formation, are unable to escape the furious responses of French artillery; that the French

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CHANCELLOR MAKES SPEECH

Von Bethman-Hollweg Reviews Fully Military and Political Situation.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Berlin, April 5 (by wireless to Sayville).—Chancellor Von Bethman-Hollweg indicated in his speech today that any suggestions of peace on the basis of destruction of Prussian military power would make possible only one answer—the German sword.

The chancellor stated that if Germany's adversaries desired to continue the slaughter of men and devastation of Europe, the guilt would be theirs and that Germany would have to "stand it as men."

Berlin, April 5 (by wireless to Sayville).—In the Reichstag to-day the Imperial Chancellor Dr. Von Bethman-Hollweg made his most comprehensive speech of the war. He reviewed the military and political situation, the use of various means of warfare and German-American relations.

The Chancellor, whose address was delivered to a crowded house, also spoke of the questions presented in relation to the principle of nationalities, considering the Polish, Lithuanian, Belgian and Flemish, Livonian, Bulgarian and Estonian problems. He insisted upon the necessity of guaranteeing the peace of Europe after the war, and also of securing this result by giving to these races opportunity of free evolution along the lines of their natural individualities and mother tongues.

At the conclusion of his address the chancellor elicited great applause by saying: "The spirit of union shall lead us, as it shall lead our children and grandchildren, through the struggles of their fathers toward a future of strength and liberty."

REVIEW MILITARY SITUATION

The chancellor began his address with a review of the military situation. He stated that since his last speech in the Reichstag, the Dardanelles campaign had ended as a failure, that the Serbian campaign, with the assistance of Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria had been brought to a victorious conclusion and that Montenegro and Albania likewise were now in the hands of Germany's allies, that the British attempt to relieve Kut-el-Amara in Mesopotamia had been vain; that the Russians, although they had succeeded in occupying Erzerum, with superior forces, had found their advance checked by strong Turkish

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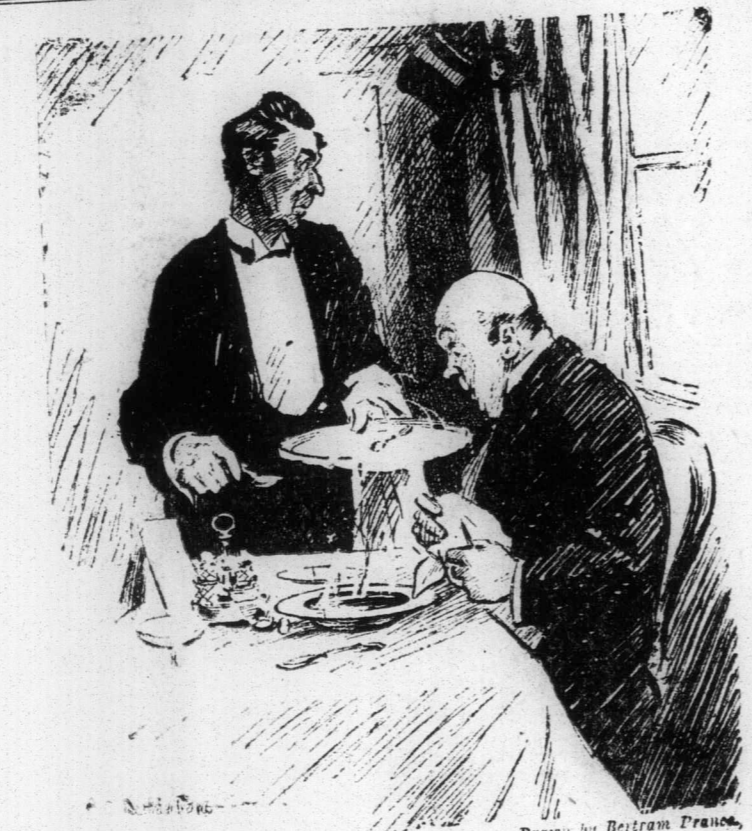
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