

BRANTFORD DAILY COURIER.

FORTY-FIFTH YEAR

BRANTFORD, CANADA, FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1916

PROBS: Saturday, mild; sleet or rain.

ONE CENT

St. E. Shackleton Back From the Antarctic Count Zeppelin Follows Admiral Von Tirpitz Important Conference Held in Bucharest

LOSSES LIGHT IN FRENCH RANKS IN FIGHTING ABOUT VERDUN

Berlin Admits That Russians are Making Serious Efforts to Break Through in the East.

French Colonel Tells How Douaumont Was Retaken.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Paris, March 24.—There has been no change in the situation around Verdun since yesterday, according to the official announcement of this city.

LOSSES LIGHT.
Paris, March 24.—(Montreal Gazette)—The smallness of the French losses as compared with the German losses is emphasized in an interview in the Petit Parisien with Colonel "D" who is now in Paris slightly wounded. He commands the brigade which retook the Douaumont position and held it against the German assault.

BAYONET FIGHT.
His account of the recapture of Douaumont shows that the French fought with the bayonet only. Colonel "D" said to the general in command: "Don't worry about artillery support, just smash the enemy shelters at right and left; then we will clear them out with steel."

BIG EASTERN STRUGGLE.
Berlin, via London, March 24.—The importance of the struggle around Verdun naturally overshadows interest in the contest on the eastern front, but the latest despatches show that hard fighting is in progress in the northern sector of the Russian line.

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AUSTRIANS AS CRUEL AS ANY INDIAN

A Tale of Indian Torture Tells How Austrians Treated Serbs.

RETREAT WAS FULL OF HORRORS
Roads Led Through Morass Or Else Over Mountain Top.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
St. John, N. B., March 24.—Wearing the unique cap of the Serbian army, Roy Leitch, a former officer of the Serbian army, is at the Corinthian yesterday. He participated in the Serbian retreat from Scutari to Durazzo.

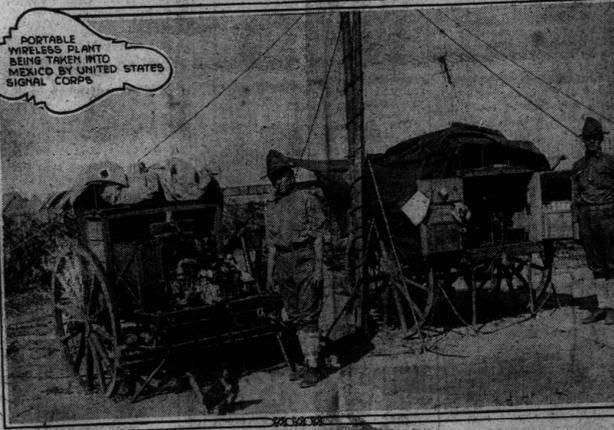
Speaking of his experiences, he said: "It was one continuous horror. Half of the road was morass through a great valley in which ran four rivers. The other half of the road was along the crest of the mountain. In many places along the road one step to the right or left would put the traveller into a bog which would envelop him. Many thus lost their lives, whilst others in their hurried retreat tumbled off high precipices and were dashed to death on the rocks below."

WORDS INADEQUATE
"The story of that retreat will never be adequately told. It was too horrible. Our language cannot picture the events during that retreat which would bring home to us the awful horror of it. For one hundred miles, retreat was strewn with the bodies of men, women and children."

"The soldiers pressed on with the civilians, starving to death. With eyes bright like a starving wolf of the prairie, and their cheeks sunken, the retreat was continued, whilst continually the enemy hung on our rear dealing a most welcome blow, until death was a most welcome visitor."

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PORTABLE WIRELESS TO AID IN SEARCH FOR VILLA



IN THE SEARCH FOR VILLA, THE MEXICAN BANDIT, DEAD OR ALIVE, UNCLE SAM'S SOLDIERS WILL BE MATERIALLY AIDED BY THE SIGNAL CORPS ATTACHED TO GARRISON'S FORCES, WHO WILL CARRY A PORTABLE WIRELESS PLANT, WHICH WILL COMMUNICATE WITH THE HEADQUARTERS AND DESPATCHES ON THE TRAIL OVER THE ROUGH, UNBROKEN COUNTRY.

ARTILLERY FIRE KEEPS HEAVY ABOUT VERDUN

Russia Evidently Making Big Drive in the East—Berlin Denies any Russian Gains, but Petrograd Claims Advances.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
The lull in the infantry fighting in the Verdun region of France continues, the artillery, however, keeping up its active work.
The French guns have been energetically cannonading the German positions in the Malancourt wood, on the edge of the Argonne, northwest of Verdun. The intention apparently is to break up an anticipated attempt of the Germans to debouch from this quarter, and make further efforts to advance southward toward the main line Paris-Verdun railway, some 4-12 miles distant.

East of the Meuse, the German bombardment appears to have diminished in intensity, only intermittent firing being reported in the vicinity of Douaumont and Lamoulaye and in the Woëvre region, southeast of the fortress.
Although the Verdun battle holds the center of attention, scarcely less interest is being aroused by the determined attacks of the Russians on the German northern front in the east. Berlin admits no permanent successes for the Russian troops, but the Petrograd statements continue to claim advantages gained at various points, both to the northeast of Dvinsk, in the acobastad region, and near Lake Narocz, to the south.

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LSGT. BINGHAM IS WOUNDED

Brantford Man, Who Left With First Contingent, in Casualty List.

Lance-Sergeant W. Bingham, 41 Dundas street, Terrace Hill, 4th Battalion, has been wounded, is the news contained in to-day's casualty list. Mr. Bingham is an Englishman, who enlisted with the first quota of men who left here under Captain, now Lt.-Col., Colquhoun. He is a married man and has seven children, one of his daughters living in Kingston. Prior to his enlistment he was an employee of Secord and Sons.

TWO VIEWS

With Regard to Ontario Government Prohibition Proposals.

Mr. Fred Mann, chairman of the recent Local Option campaign in this city, when seen by a Courier man with regard to the Ontario Government Prohibition proposals said: "We haven't obtained all we want, but we realize that it is a big helping. Another thing we feel that the act should have come into force about July 1st. However, taken altogether, there is no very serious criticism to offer."

JOFFRE TO HIS SOLDIERS

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Paris, March 24.—General Joffre, commander in chief of the French forces, some days ago issued the following address:
"Soldiers of the army of Verdun: For three weeks you have endured the most formidable attack that the enemy has yet tried against us. Germany counted upon the success of this effort, which she thought would be irresistible and for which she concentrated her best troops and her most powerful artillery. She hoped the taking of Verdun would raise the courage of her allies and convince neutral countries of German superiority."
"She reckoned without you. Night and day, despite a bombardment without precedent, you resisted all attacks and maintained your positions."
"The battle has not yet terminated, because the Germans have need of a victory. You will be able to wrest it from them. We have munitions in abundance and numerous reserves, but you have above all your indomitable courage and your faith in the destinies of the republic."
"The country has its eyes upon you. You will be of those of whom it will be said: 'I and a large number of others cannot imagine.'"
"They barred the road to Verdun against the Germans."
(Signed) "JOFFRE."

CRUISER SAFE.

Ottawa, Ont., March 24.—The naval department has received a message from the Admiralty stating that the British cruiser Cumberland is safe. A despatch from Norfolk, Va., last night, announcing the finding of an old log book from the vessel washed up on the north Carolina shore, gave rise to the fear that she might have met with an accident.

HEAVY FIRING.

New York, March 24.—A news agency despatch from Amsterdam to-day says: Flushing correspondents of Amsterdam newspapers reported sounds of heavy firing in the Channel from the direction of Ostend and Westende.

G.T.R. Earnings.
Montreal, March 24.—Grand Trunk earnings for the week ending March 21 were \$67,232 compared with \$85,937 for the corresponding week of last year, an increase of \$18,705.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE HELD AT ROUMANIAN KING'S HOUSE

SHACKLETON BACK FROM THE ANTARCTIC

Word Comes From Sydney That Explorer Has Returned.

OBJECTS OF HIS VOYAGE

Thirty-two People on His Boat, Including Scientists.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Sydney, N. S. W., March 24.—Lieut. Sir Ernest H. Shackleton has returned from his Antarctic expedition. News of the achievements of the expedition is withheld for the present.

IN TWO SECTIONS.
The expedition left England in two sections about six weeks after the delay due to unfavorable ice conditions. The party headed by Sir Ernest himself set out on a 1,700 mile voyage from South Georgia, an uninhabited island in the South Atlantic Ocean about 800 miles due east of Cape Horn for Ross Sea on the other side of the South Pole.

A WOODEN VESSEL.
Sir Ernest sailed in the Endurance, a three masted, the foremost square-

General Staff-Representatives Received Satisfactory News.

German Political Agent Becoming Very Unpopular in Bucharest.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
London, March 24 (Montreal Gazette)—The Daily Chronicle's special correspondent at Bucharest, writing on March 19, says:

"A conference of great importance has been held at the Rumanian king's residence. It was attended by the chief of the general staff, Premier Bratianu and the chief of press service of the ministry of the interior. It is significant that no communication regarding this conference has been issued, but I am aware from a most reliable source that the allied mission at Bucharest have received news giving entire satisfaction. Immediately after the conference the King received the Greek minister to Bucharest. It is a noteworthy fact that the machinations of Herr Erzberger, leader of the German Centre Catholic party in the Reichstag, and for a time German political agent in Rome, have completely failed, and his continued presence in Bucharest is beginning to evoke strong signs of displeasure."

rigged and the other two masts giving her a ten knot speed. This vessel of 360 tons was built with "wooden walls" two feet thick of almost solid oak. Oak and plank pine were the only woods employed in her construction. Her accommodations were for 30 persons, and the party which sailed included fifteen officers and scientists. Among them were:

Frank Wild, second in command in charge of provisions; George Marston, in charge of general stores, artist; P. O. Tom Cream, in charge of sledges; Captain Orde Lees, R.M.L.I., in charge of motor; Lieut. F. Dobbs, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, in charge of section of dogs; Lieut. Courtney Blackburn, assisting with dogs; J. Wordie, geologist; R. W. James, physician and magnetist; Leonard H. Hussey, meteorologist and astronomer; F. Hurley, photographer and cinematographer; E. Studd, Cambridge University and Cambridge school of mines, and Lieut. Frank A. Worsley, R.N.R., of New Zealand.

Marked Revival of Trade is Reported in the West

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Vancouver, March 24.—There is a marked revival of business all over the west and on the prairies and signs of an improvement in British Columbia, according to George Bury, vice-president of the C. P. R., who is inspecting this section of the company's property.

Count Zeppelin to Retire; Younger Men in His Place

New York, Mar. 24.—A special London cable to the World says: Count Zeppelin will be retired soon from an active part in the construction of Zeppelin airships, leaving the work to his chief engineers, headed by Herr Durr.
So states a despatch to the London Daily Express from Geneva, which adds that the announcement of Count Zeppelin's impending retirement comes from Friedrichshafen, the great German airship base on the shore of Lake Constance. Count Zeppelin, in his seventy-eighth year, has been in indifferent health for the last eight months and his physicians advise him to retire from public life.
The hundredth Zeppelin has just been completed, according to Swiss and Munich newspapers. More than half that number have been constructed at Friedrichshafen. Austria has been helping to build them since the war began. It is probable that at least a quarter of these airships have been destroyed. The people of Friedrichshafen are demanding that Zeppelin fleets celebrate the building of the hundredth airship by a great raid on London and Paris.

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



A SAFEGUARD.
Mrs. O'Toole (pawning wedding ring): "Sure, Cohen, darlint, couldn't ye lend me an ould brass ring to wear till I get me own out agin? If the boys see me widout one they'll be thinkin' I'm a spinster, an' O'll hev no peace at all, at all."
"Sydney Bulletin."

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