

War News.

Messages Received Since Last Issue.

OFFICIAL.

LONDON, Feb. 28. The Governor, Newfoundland, yesterday's desperate fighting has resumed, and continues at Verdun with the result that the enemy has made progress from the north, starting Fort Douaumont. The French now encircle the enemy force at the fort. The slopes, east and west, are covered with German troops. Talon Hill is rendered unassailable by either side, by artillery. The French hold 'Vivre' Hill, Douaumont Farm, and Douaumont 'Coteaux', having repulsed violent attacks against each.

The Weverre French withdrew to the 26th nearer the Meuse Hills, and now hold Elix Station, which has changed hands several times. An attack on the hill position, southeast of Elix, was repulsed. Further south, an attack against Manheuller failed completely. In the 2nd the enemy penetrated a mile of the French line in the Champagne Wood. On the 25th the French captured the enemy salient at Marie Apy, with three hundred prisoners. Near Navarin on the 27th enemy penetrated some elements of the French first line and support trenches. An attack on a mile front of the Vosges completely failed. A new naval Zeppelin has been destroyed by a French incendiary shell. The crew were killed. The F. & O. Maloja struck a mine, east of Dover. About 140 lives were lost. The Russians captured in Erzerum 1000 prisoners and 325 guns. The result continues. The Russians have captured the town of Kermanshah in Persia. General Lukin's column has routed the Bedouin forces in Western Egypt.

BONAR'S LAW.

ST. PIERRE BULLETIN.

PARIS, Feb. 28. Belgium our batteries bombard German works facing Steenstraete in Champagne, in the Mavrain Farm north of Somme, the enemy surprised by surprise in gaining a salient in our advance trench. In the region north of Verdun, bombardment continues with great intensity, especially in the centre sector and towards our right. There have been no other attempts on Cote du Poivre.

Yesterday, towards the close of the evening, the Germans tried several attacks to capture the village of Douaumont. Their assaults were shattered by the resistance of our troops, which did not give way under the most furious assaults. At Douaumont the situation remains the same. The fort is tightly surrounded by our troops. Fighting is decreasing on the heights of Vaux Village. In Weverre the Germans renewed attacks with great activity last night. The railway station of Elix was taken and taken by attacks and counter-attacks, but remains in our possession. All attempts against Hill 255 southeast of Elix have been unsuccessful in dislodging us. Further south a German attack against Manheuller completely failed. Artillery answers energetically to the enemy's bombardment on the whole front. In the Vosges we have maintained several German positions in the Ban de Sept region.

WRITING CONTINUES FIERCE.

PARIS, Feb. 28. The French have been compelled to yield further ground to the Germans in the great battle at Verdun, but heavy reinforcements have been rushed to the firing line, and enormous losses are being inflicted upon the attacking forces, as they roll forward against the devastating fire of machine guns and artillery. Although the Germans are making their greatest effort northeast of Verdun, particularly around Douaumont, violent fighting is in progress all along the front from Champ Veuille to St. Mihiel about 50 miles away. A terrific attempt is being made by the Teutons to break French lines upon Woivre plains and to allow them to throw the heavy forces across the Meuse at St. Mihiel to cut off Verdun from the south. The French War Office admits a withdrawal in that region for strategic reasons, but claims that the fresh attacks of the Germans have been repulsed. Both sides are being constantly reinforced. It is reported, but without confirmation, that British troops may be sent to Verdun to help the French if the situation there becomes any more serious. It is believed, however, that this may not be necessary as military experts declare that German assaults have already begun to grow weaker and that frightful losses are having deleterious effect upon the morale of the Teuton troops. Fewer infantry attacks have been made by the Germans and they have been relying more upon their artillery. On the other hand, the French have just begun to deliver their counter attacks in earnest, and mighty drives are being made against the German positions. Attacks by the Germans to the north of Verdun, where the battle for the fortress is still raging fiercely, were driven back by the French fire and counter-attacks, according to an official communication issued tonight. Hand to hand encounters occurred west of the fort of Douaumont. The Germans were driven from a small redoubt which they had taken. German attacks at Presnes in Weverre, the communication added, completely failed.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, Feb. 28. A British official last night says: We repulsed a small German attack southeast of Albert. During the night the enemy sprang a mine south of the La Bassee Canal, causing some damage to our trenches. To-day there has been some artillery activity about Aubers and the Ypres-Comines Canal.

AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL.

BERLIN, Feb. 28. An official Austrian statement issued to-day says that by the capture of the Albanian port of Durazzo, the Austrians took 23 cannon, including six coast defence guns, ten thousand rifles, and a large amount of artillery, ammunition and provisions. The flight of the Italians from Durazzo, the report says, was carried out hastily and in great disorder.

NURI BEY KILLED.

LONDON, Feb. 28. Additional advices regarding the fighting in Western Egypt, in which the South African troops defeated the tribesmen, commanded by Turkish officers, were received by the War Office to-day from Major General Maxwell, Commander of the British forces. The report says: The fight on Saturday last ended in a decisive success for us. The enemy were under the personal command of Nuri Bey, brother of Enver Pasha, Turkish War Minister, with Gasfar as principal subordinate. They were holding a strong position some fifteen miles southeast of Barani. General Peyton reports that the attack by South African infantry under General Lukin, was a complete success, that the charge of the Dorsetshire Yeomanry was brilliant and most effective. In this charge Gasfar was wounded and made prisoner. Nuri Bey was killed. The enemy left more than 200 killed and wounded on the ground. In addition to Gasfar, two other Turkish officers were made prisoners. One machine gun was captured. The telegraph line between Tatrah and Barani has not been completely restored, so that full details of the affair are not yet at hand.

COMMERCE RESTRICTION.

PARIS, Feb. 28. The Ministry of War announced to-day that owing to present military needs and suspension of navigation, freight cars cannot be placed at the disposal of commerce, except to a

very limited extent. The public will understand, says the announcement, that the interests of national defence must take precedence over private interests, and will accept with patriotic abnegation the new sacrifices which are imposed.

GERMAN SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, Feb. 28. The projected German submarine campaign was the subject of much speculation to-day in all quarters in London. Keen interest is displayed in the question as to whether Germany would commence operations on March 1, or postpone them for a month as had been reported from America, might be done. Many military experts expressed the opinion that the date for beginning new submarine campaign would depend largely upon the outcome of the Verdun battle. They said that should Germans win an overwhelming victory they probably would feel in a position to ignore American views and proceed with the submarine campaign on March 1st, as originally announced and press the forces of the entente powers, both on land and sea as hard as possible. If the Teutons suffer defeat at Verdun, it is believed here that they might be inclined to concede the postponement of the submarine programme until a more propitious time.

CALLS FOR DESTRUCTION OF ALL SHIPS.

BERLIN, Feb. 28. George Bernhard, in a leading article in the Vossische Zeitung, calls for the destruction of all ships bound for England, whether armed or not. He points to the seizure by Portugal of German ships, which he says will probably be used under the Portuguese flag to carry food stuffs to England. The writer fears that many German ships now lying in South American harbors may eventually be employed for the same purpose and asks, shall we then let these ships quietly pass which, as unarmed English merchantmen, cross the ocean? We shall have to do so if we hold the phantom of torpedoing only armed merchantmen and sparing neutral ships in all circumstances. Herr Bernhard thinks that the war should be carried out not against certain categories of British ships, but against British commerce on the seas. He declares the new submarine campaign is only permissible as a measure of reprisal against England's breach of international law. If this does not accomplish the object, which is to prevent provisioning England, he adds, a death blow can be dealt England only, if we direct a request to all neutral states to be kind enough to keep out of English coastal waters for a specified time, since otherwise we cannot assume responsibility for their ship losses. Leading German statesmen, Herr Bernhard continues, must soon determine whether to take this course and he adds, it is not without risk, but the greatest risk would be neglected opportunity. Moreover the risk, perhaps, is smaller since the American congress shows signs of demanding that the decision of international affairs be taken from the President's hands and placed in those of Congress.

ITALIAN STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, Feb. 28. Sinking of the hospital ship Mare Chiaro near San Giovanni di Medua, Albania, is reported in a despatch from Rome to the Exchange Telegraph Co. The vessel is said to have struck an Austrian mine. It is reported that there were numerous victims. The Italian steamer Mare Chiaro was 412 tons gross, 175 feet long, built in Ancona in 1912, and was owned at Naples.

GERMANY ADDRESSES NOTE TO PORTUGAL.

BERLIN, Feb. 28. Germany has addressed a sharp note to Portugal in protest against the seizure of German merchant vessels by the Portuguese authorities. This measure is characterized as a violation of Germany's treaty rights, and the hope is expressed that Portugal will rescind its action.

FIRE ON RUSSIAN MUNITION SHIP.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. Fire broke out here to-day on the Eurymachos, a Russian ship, laden with munitions of war and about to sail for Vladivostok. The fire was extinguished after the ship had been seriously damaged. The cause is unknown.

SAVED PASSENGERS EXCEED 70.

DOVER, Feb. 28. A later official announcement said that the number of passengers on the Maloja, known to be saved, exceeds seventy.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, Feb. 28. According to Lloyd's the British steamer Southford formerly the Sindbad, has been sunk. Eleven of the vessel's crew were saved and two

killed. The Southford was a vessel of 897 tons.

VICTIMS OF GERMAN MINES.

LONDON, Feb. 28. The British press is almost unanimous in assuming that the Maloja and other vessels sunk by mines during the week-end, were the victims of fresh sowing of German mines. There is much speculation as to how these mines could have been laid. The theory most frequently advanced is that certain classes of neutral shipping have been employed.

DEATH OF V.P. RAYMOND.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. The death of S. S. Raymond, Vice-President of the Clyde and Mallory Steamship Company, is announced to-day.

NOVELIST DEAD.

LONDON, Feb. 28. Henry James, the novelist, died to-day.

SAVS SAVED NOW NUMBER 301.

LONDON, Feb. 28. The owners of the Peninsula and Oriental Line steamer Maloja, which struck a mine and sank off Dover on Sunday, announced to-night that the total number of persons saved from the disaster as 301. Of these 72 were passengers, 92 members of the European crew and 137 of the Lascar crew. The missing comprises 49 passengers, 20 members of the European crew and 86 Lascars.

MAIL TAKEN OFF.

LONDON, Feb. 28. The British authorities at Falmouth took off the mail from the Holland-American Line steamer Rotterdam, which sailed from Rotterdam Feb. 23 for New York, according to Reuter's correspondent at the Hague. The Rotterdam cleared from Falmouth Feb. 26, for her westward voyage.

GEN. AYLMER'S TROOPS STILL MOVING.

LONDON, Feb. 28. An official communication concerning operations of the British in Mesopotamia, was made public this evening. On the morning of the 22nd General Aylmer bombarded the enemy camp on the left bank of the Tigris to make him disclose his dispositions and at the same time inflict the maximum amount of damage. The enemy, taken by surprise, lost heavily. Useful information was obtained by aeroplanes. A small column of Mesopotamians moved out against a hostile concentration force four miles north of that place. The enemy fled, after suffering severely. Our casualties were nil. General Aylmer continued his operations next day with the object of securing a forward position on the right bank and bring a reverse fire on the enemy's position at Hannah. On the 25th two of our aeroplanes flew from Basra to General Aylmer's forces. The river is rising and a flood may be expected in a few days. A second disturbance between Turkish troops and the populace at Nalif is reported. A telegram dated the 26th says that an effective bombardment of the enemy's camp at Hannah is being carried out.

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ONE ARREST.

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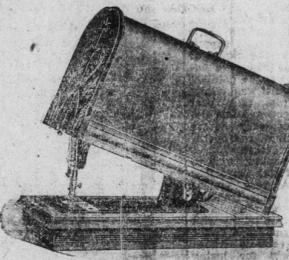
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