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JOINT ACTION Three Fleets, Three Armies, Will Attack Dardanelles—Biggest Fight in a Century SOON COMING

Russian Black Sea Fleet Smashes Bosphorus Forts

WHAT WILL THE U. S. DO NOW??

LONDON, March 31, 2.52 p.m.—The official announcement is made that among the missing passengers of the steamer Falaba which was sunk by a German submarine is Leon Chester Thrasher, an American engineer, who had been living for the past year on the Gold Coast, British West Africa.

BRITISH MOVED THRU DARKNESS TO ATTACK FOE

Advance of Battalions Upon Neuve Chapelle Was Phantom-Like.

VICTORY WITH DAWN

Canadians Were Ready to Take Part in Dash on Trenches.

BY SIR MAX AITKEN,
Official Observer with the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

CANADIAN DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN FLANDERS, March 31.—"Six kilometres to Neuve Chapelle."

It was night when I left the Canadian divisional headquarters and motored in a southerly direction towards Neuve Chapelle. It was the eve of the great attack and in the bright space of light cast by the motor lamps along the road here came a kaleidoscopic picture of tramping men.

Here at the front there is no need of police restrictions on motor headlights at night as there is in London and on English country roads. The law under which you place yourself is the range of the enemy's guns. Beyond that limit you are free to turn your headlights on, and there is no danger. But once within the range or rifle fire or shell, you turn your lights on at the peril of your own life. So you go in darkness.

Marched Thru Night.

As we rode along with lamps lit thousands of khaki-clad men were marching along that road—marching steadily in the direction of Neuve Chapelle, and the endless stream of their faces flashed along the edge of the pavement in the light of our lamps. Their ranked figures, dim one moment in the darkness, sprang for an instant into clear outline as the light silhouetted them against the background of the night. Then they passed out of the light again and became once more a legion of shadows, marching towards dawn and Neuve Chapelle.

Onward to Victory.

The tramp of battalion after battalion was not, however, the tramp of a shadow army, but the firm, relentless, indomitable step of armed and trained men. Every now and then there came a cry of "halt" and the columns came on the instant to a stand. Minutes passed and the command for the advance rang out. The columns moved again. So it went on—halt—

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ITALY TO PRESS ADRIATIC CLAIMS

Substitution of Slavs for Austrians Not Acceptable Solution.

RUSSIA'S OPPOSITION

Situation is Apparently Developing New and Serious Phase.

ROME, via Paris, March 30, 7.58 p.m.—The Giornale d'Italia, replying to comments in the Russian newspapers opposing Italy's acquisition of the territory on the Adriatic now in the hands of Austria because of the large Slav population, says that while Italy acknowledged the right of the Slavs to have an outlet on the Adriatic, it was not to be supposed that Italy would acquiesce merely in the substituting of Slavs for Austrians on the east coast, the Slavs having the powerful support of Russia behind them.

It adds: "It is best clearly to state now that whether Austria continues to exist as an Adriatic power, or a great Serbia be formed, Italy's position on the Adriatic must be absolutely or largely ameliorated."

Aviation Corps Gets Grand Prize

PARIS, March 31.—2.35 a.m.—Acting on the suggestion of Gen. Joffre the French commander in chief, the Academy of Sports has awarded the grand prize of 10,000 francs ($2000) to the military aviation corps. Minister of War Millerand has undertaken to distribute the money among the families of the French airmen who have been killed during the war.

German Camp Captured in South Africa

LONDON, March 31.—12.31 a.m.—A Capetown despatch to Reuter's Telegram Co. says that a German camp at Plattben, 50 miles northeast of Ukamas, German Southwest Africa, has been captured by the British. It contained great quantities of supplies and horses and other live stock.

$270,000,000 Advanced By France

PARIS, March 30.—9.55 p.m.—The senate today adopted a bill, which already had passed the chamber of deputies, providing for the advancing to Serbia, Belgium, Greece and Montenegro as friends of the allies the sum of 1,350,000,000 francs ($270,000,000).

FIREWORKS FLEW AT NIGHT SESSION

"Limit to My Patience," Said Hon. W. J. Hanna.

RETRACT STATEMENT

T. S. Davidson Started Ball Rolling and Rowell Took Turn.

The fire was passed in the legislature last evening and for a few moments the house was precipitated into a great uproar. Hon. W. J. Hanna on his feet in great indignation demanded that T. S. Davidson of South Brant retract a statement or take the consequences. In the following moment N. W. Rowell on his feet, with quivering forefinger, declared that the minister had no right to attempt the bullying of a private member. The fracas started over the presentment of an old insinuation of the opposition.

Mr. Davidson in working up the climax of his address on the temperance legislation stated that this particular bill had been dictated by the liquor interests.

The provincial secretary lost little time in gaining his feet.

Says There's a Limit.

"There is a limit to my patience," he declared, angrily. "What he says is absolutely false, untrue and outside the rules of the house. I demand that he retract it. I will not give license to malicious slander."

"Well, all right, then," said the member reluctantly.

"The hon. minister has not the right to shake his fist across the floor and make a bully of himself," shouted Mr. Rowell on his feet.

"Now, that is enough of that," declared the minister, training his guns on the new speaker "We have stood for all that kind of talk we are going to."

The Brant member, encouraged by his leader's support, took courage to say that while he would withdraw any objectionable phrase, "they couldn't help making him believe what he had said."

"Mr. Speaker, that is absolute contempt of this house," declared Hon. W. J. Hanna again. "I ask him to withdraw it absolutely and unreservedly, or take the consequences."

The Speaker ruled that the matter must be withdrawn and not raised again under any subterfuge.

FOUR NOMINATIONS FOR GALT COUNCIL POST

Special to The Toronto World.

GALT, Ont., March 30.—At a council metin gtonight, four names were placed before the returning officer as candidates for the vacancy caused by the resignation of George Burgess as deputy reeve after action was taken by A. E. Willard to unseat him. Those nominated were: George Burgess, Dr. W. S. Dakin, A. R. Willard and W. N. Robinson.

LIQUOR QESTION BEFORE PROVINCE

Protracted Discussion in Local House Over Temperance Legislation.

RADICAL MEASURES

Hon. W. J. Hanna Explains in Detail Bill Just Introduced.

The Ontario Government's temperance legislation is before the province. All day yesterday and until an early hour this morning the whole house went into protracted discussion of the proposals with the government members hailing them as symbolic of the most advanced legislation along temperance lines that the province had known, and the opposition members, popping up, one after one, according to schedule, and endeavoring to belittle their effect. The provincial secretary, who counts this the most radical of the measures he has ever introduced, took time in the afternoon to explain it in detail, and to show how it had been formulated.

The debate then began in earnest, and by six o'clock was in full swing. At a late hour in the evening the lesser members were still firing away, and neither the premier nor the leader of the opposition had been heard. The intention was to sit until the matter closed, whether daylight came or not. The galleries were crowded with temperance enthusiasts both afternoon and evening.

Hon. W. J. Hanna claimed that every bill introduced since the original accession of Sir James Whitney, had tended to improve law enforcement, and to minimize liquor evils. It had been a pre-election promise to remove administration as far as possible from politics, and this ambition was now reached. Electors had vindicated the government in recurring elections and bye-elections, and now would stand behind the commission.

One of the sweeping powers granted the new board was that allowing them to declare any district "dry" for any reason expedient to them. They could suspend any license or cancel it, and make an area stand without license by a new amendment. In addition they will have power to make it criminal for any party to have liquor in possession in districts like Algonquin Park.

The commission will be responsible to the government for their action. The

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ALLAN LINE REDUCES FIRST CLASS FARES

MONTREAL, March 30.—The Allan Line has made a cut in first-class passenger fares of $15, to go into effect April 1. The first application of the new rate will be in connection with the sailing of the Hesperian from St. John, N. B., April 30. The minimum first-class rate will be $67.50 to Liverpool, instead of $82.50. For the summer season between Montreal, Quebec and Liverpool the Allan Line minimum first-class rate will be $75, instead of $80.

SEVERAL POSTS MORE OCCUPIED IN CARPATHIANS

Russians Carry Heights on Roads to Bartfeld and Uzsok Pass.

MANY PRISONERS TAKEN

Czar's Plans Against Enemy Develop With Perfect Success.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

PETROGRAD, March 30.—The Russian plans are developing with perfect success. This was the cheering news given out by the war office tonight. Altho the Austrians and Germans are making a desperate resistance on the roads to Bartfeld and the Uzsok Pass, the Russian infantry managed to carry more of the enemy's fortified positions on the heights covering the roads. The Russian captures amounted to 76 officers, 5384 men, 21 machine guns, 5 field pieces and one trench mortar in Sunday's and Monday's operations. The enemy put up a stubborn resistance to the Russian progress and made a series of desperate counter attacks.

Austrians Raid Frontier.

The war office also reports that a raid of a detachment of Austrians from Czernowitz forced the Russian frontier on Sunday and penetrated half way to Chotin. The Grand Duke Nicholas announces that "measures have been taken to meet this incursion."

Libau was bombarded by a German warship on Sunday. The hostile vessel fired 200 projectiles, but the aim was bad and only one civilian was killed and another wounded. No soldiers were hit.

Fighting goes on west of the Niemen River. The Russians have captured the remnants of the German battalion which was cut up in a bayonet attack eight miles northwest of Strumbagtow. Only 200 survived the Russian attack.

The Russians are proceeding to the capture of isolated woods and heights on the right bank of the Narew River, between Skwa and Omulev. The Germans have been driven out of the region around the Village of Wach.

KITCHENER'S POWER DEFIED BY DOCKERS

Mutineers at Birkenhead Jeer at Threat of Intervention.

CRISIS NOW REACHED

Government is Expected to Take Action at Early Date.

LIVERPOOL, March 30, 11.16 p.m.—The Birkenhead dockers this evening refused to do the week-end work until the ship owners agreed to pay them on Saturdays for the work done Friday nights and Saturdays.

John Sexton secretary of the Dockers' Union, addressed them, but was unable to persuade the men to change their decision. The suggestion that the military might be called upon to do their work was received with derisive laughter.

Government intervention in some form is generally expected at an early date.

"The Quaker Girl" Pleases.

The English Musical Comedy, "The Quaker Girl" now playing at the Princess Theatre, is again pleasing large audiences. The first of the three popular price matinees this week will be given this afternoon when the prices will be 25c to $1.

RUSSIAN FLEET POUNDS FORTS ON BOSPHORUS

Black Sea Squadron Works Havoc Among Turkish Defences.

WEATHER HAS CLEARED

Enemy's Land Forces Are Preparing for Big Operations.

BY FREDERICK RENNET.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

PETROGRAD, March 30.—Fine weather favored the bombardment of the Bosphorus by the Russian Black Sea fleet, and this enabled aviators to obtain a clear view of the damage inflicted. The worst destruction was done to the fort of Elmas, which early in the day had been firing its four guns very steadily. Russian 12-inch shells demolished both the old stone bastions and also the new earthworks round the emplacement where the Germans had recently transferred some of their guns.

It is known that the Turks have 22 guns at Anadoli and Kavak, four miles further along the Asiatic shore of the Bosphorus, and 24 guns at the neighboring fort of Madjar Kali. Six guns were worked from the fort of Kilia on the European side. The garrison of Elmas fled, being unable to withstand the fire of the warships. Turkish land troops are now evidently preparing for important operations which they expect to be undertaken simultaneously from the Black Sea and the Aegean Sea.

The Russian admiral congratulated the fleet on the excellent results of the day's operations.

Fog Shrouds Coasts.

An official communication issued tonight tells of the operations of the Russian fleet in the Bosphorus. It says:

"On Monday morning our fleet approached the outer fortifications of the Bosphorus, but were unable to continue the bombardment as a fog shrouded the coasts.

"One of our smaller ships exchanged shots with a Turkish destroyer, which made off at full speed for the Bosphorus after the first shots."

Must Await Results.

"A semi-official statement commenting on the Russian naval operations in the Bosphorus, warns the Russian people not to expect the speedy success either of the allies against the Dardanelles or the Russians against the Bosphorus.

"This double attack, the statement says, has been carefully co-ordinated, but it is recognized that the operations will require great exertion and occupy considerable time. Moreover, whereas the allies are in a position to make good their losses in ships, the Russian Black Sea fleet is not in a position to do that. Great caution is required as the forts at both ends are manned with heavy guns.

FALABA OUTRAGE ROUSES MASTERS

British Mercantile Men Determined to Avenge Capt. Davis' Death.

ONLY DEFENCE IS GUNS

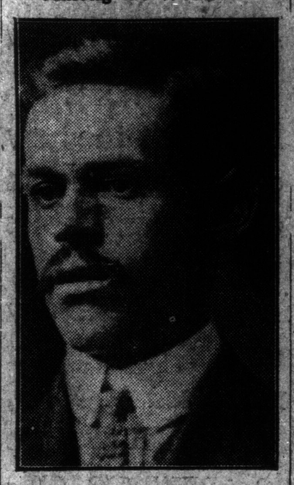
Submarines Have Not the Slightest Scruples in Committing Murder.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LIVERPOOL, March 30.—The Falaba outrage has aroused mercantile masters, who are determined to avenge the death of Capt. Davis. He was a man of quiet, reserved disposition, with hosts of friends in the service. It is declared in Liverpool that the gallant manner in which he died was typical of his character.

"Give us guns is the reply of shipmasters to the German pirates," said T. Scott, secretary of Mercantile Marine Service Association, in discussing the outrages today. Continuing, he said: "Submarines have now given sufficient evidence that they have not the slightest scruple in murdering defenseless crews and passengers. There no longer is anything in the argument that arming merchant ships would provoke submarines. They need no provocation. Our only defence is guns."

Among the Wounded



Joseph Thomas Theobald, whose name appears in today's casualty list. He was twenty-seven years of age, resided with his parents, 86 Northcote avenue, and had enlisted with the Governor-General's Body Guard

LE PRETRE FOREST SCENE OF ADVANCE

French Carry Line of Trenches and Take Hundred Prisoners.

GERMAN POST FALLS

Attempt to Destroy Bridges at Nieuport Meets With No Success.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

PARIS, March 30.—A line of German trenches in the western part of the forest of Le Pretre was captured by French infantry today and 100 prisoners were taken. To hold their new ground the French infantry had to repel a violent German attack.

Another success achieved was the capture of a German post near Pont-a-Mousson and the repulse of three violent counter-attacks by the French soldiery.

German batteries got close enough to Fort Donaumont, north of Verdun, to hit it with eight-inch shells on Monday. The French artillery at once replied and silenced the enemy's batteries.

Artillery actions and mine warfare have succeeded the French infantry offensive in the Champagne region. The French war office reports gaining the advantage in this species of warfare.

Germans Bombard Bridges.

The bridges thrown across the Nieuport Canal by the allies continue to be the object of a German bombardment. The French official statement says that this firing has been without result.

From the sea to the Aisne cannonading has been intermittent.

Tenacious and stubborn fighting is reported from the Argonne, without either side securing the advantage.

French officers have counted the bodies of 700 German dead on the battlefield at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf.

TO DROP PROSECUTION OF GERMAN CONSUL

SEATTLE, Wash., March 30.—The prosecution of Dr. Wilhelm Mueller, German consul at Seattle, and B. Max Schulz, his secretary, charged with conspiracy to bribe an employe of the Seattle Construction and Drydock Co. to reveal secrets of his employers' business, will be dropped, it was announced here today.

The state department at Washington desires that the prosecution, under a state law, be discontinued, to which the prosecuting attorney has assented.

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THREE ARMIES WILL SUPPORT FLEET'S ATTACK

Operations in Dardanelles on Greatest Scale in Hundred Years.

TURKS MASS FORCES

Concentration of Troops at Smyrna is Reported From Athens.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, March 31.—The Chronicle naval correspondent, discussing the position at the Dardanelles, and the necessity that a passage shall be forced at all costs, says:

"There will be combined operations such as we have hardly seen for a hundred years. Three fleets are sharing in the attack, and at least three armies will be engaged in the campaign on shore."

A Reuter despatch from Athens says:

"The Turks are repairing the damage done to the forts and are concentrating troops in Smyrna.

"The operations in the Dardanelles Sunday were confined to an intermittent bombardment of several Turkish positions in which seaplanes co-operated. The Turkish reply was feeble."

As Berlin Sees It.

A despatch from the Dardanelles via Berlin says:

"After having remained almost totally inactive since March 18, vessels of the allied fleet today developed slight activity near the entrance to the Dardanelles, limiting their operations to weak attempts to fish the Turkish mines. Every allied vessel which has penetrated the straits at night has been met by firing from the alert Turkish troops, and the result invariably has been a quick withdrawal.

"Apparently no serious attempt to sweep the mines from the Dardanelles waters has been made by the allies since March 15. Interest by the allies in the Dardanelles defence works has not been lacking, however, for every day an allied aviator takes a spin over the outer end of the waterway.

GERMANS BEATEN IN ALSACE FIGHT

Inferior Number of French Defeats Fifty Thousand Men.

ENEMY DISHEARTENED

Alpine Chasseurs Fought Like Lions and Checked Grand Offensive.

PARIS, March 30, 6.50 p.m.—The Temps prints the following despatch from Geneva:

"Fifty thousand German troops occupy the valley of Kaysersberg, Muenster and Gebweiler, according to private information from Alsace to The Democrate. The French, who have been guarding this part of the line, had difficulty in resisting the large forces arrayed gainst them.

"It was on Feb. 18 when the Germans began their great offensive in Alsace. The Alpine chasseurs yielded ground only inch by inch, fighting like lions and inflicting heavy losses on the Germans. When French reinforcements arrived they succeeded in repulsing the Germans, whose casualties in these engagements are said to have been 800 killed. The hospitals were filled with wounded. The check to their offensive seems to have somewhat discouraged the German soldiers."

GREECE MUST FIGHT VENIZELOS DECLARES

Conjecture as to Attitude of Neutrals Given Fresh Life.

LONDON, March 30.—The return of ex-Premier Venizelos to Athens after a short rest, the tumultuous reception accorded him and his reiteration of the declaration that Greece must join in the conflict on the side of the entente powers, have combined to start up further predictions as to when the group of neutral states, which have been wavering so long, will take up arms.

But the materials upon which these predictions are based are of the scantiest.