

MORE OPTIMISTIC FEELING IN ENGLAND JUST NOW

LONDON EXPECTS ENEMY WILL LAUNCH DESPERATE ASSAULTS

English People More Optimistic, Although Germans Not Yet Beaten—Further Attacks Likely on Allied Lines Before Amiens and Paris.

Special to The Standard. London, March 30.—The week ended with a feeling of optimism, which has been progressively growing during the past three days, over the prospects of the battle in France. While the first great crisis is passed and the enemy is held for the time being, there is no belief that he is beaten unless some factor like the weather should bar his further attacks. These country people are prepared for another and perhaps more than one desperate assault upon the allied lines before Amiens and Paris. Since the German higher command has announced to the people that this was the decisive battle, any other than a decisive conclusion will be an admission of defeat. The press association tonight says: In London the view is held that north of the Somme the British position is solidifying very rapidly. We are now replacing our troops by fresh divisions in that sector and there is no anxiety on account of that part of the front. The German plan of dividing the French and British armies has failed absolutely. Roughly speaking, the enemy up to now has brought up, since yesterday, nearly half of his army, on the western front, and the blow has mainly fallen on the British.

Heavy Rain.

News that heavy rain is falling gives hope that the Germans will suffer from the same cause that brought the British to a standstill on their last extensive advance in the same region. The Germans are compelled to bring up artillery and supplies for the troops through a country which is ploughed up by the most intense shell fire, while the Allies have

a firm ground behind them. The announcement that the King visited the troops in the field was a pleasant surprise to the people. German divisions have seemed to give a heave of their shoulders here and there to test the strength of the defence and find the weakest spots, but they have always found stern resistance.

Allied Troops Cheerful.

The morale of both the French and British troops is notably cheerful and they are confident under trying conditions. They seem to know that their turn is coming. Their protection against German attacks has been effective. It had been announced that the Germans intended to use something terrible in the way of gas, but nothing new has so far appeared. It was proclaimed that the Germans would use a swarm of tanks but only one has been seen and that was apparently one captured from the British at Cambrai. Small bodies of German cavalry have been observed in the neighborhood of Ham, Neale and Peronne, but none have reached the front line. The diminution of German aerial activity in the last few days is probably a sequel to his heavy losses in airmen, but their bombing squadrons have been more active at night, especially in the vicinity of railroad junctions and stations. On the other hand the allied aviators are always about harassing the German gunners and infantry formations. Tonight the Associated Press correspondent passed along the rear of the line a heavy bombardment was proceeding and the sky was illuminated with the flashes of guns.

FRENCH BREAK UP SHREWD PLAN OF THE ENEMY

French Keep Up Contact With British and Steadily Extend Their Lines from Region of Laferre to Beyond Montdidier—Operation Thwarts the Crown Prince's Plan to Rupture British Front and Take Capital.

With the French armies in the field, Mar. 29.—Since Gen. French at Ypres prevented the Germans from turning the British flank, stretching out his little army until it reached the North Sea, no more brilliant moves have been executed on the West front than the manner in which the French general staff, night and day, kept contact with the British doggedly repulsing to the northwest.

The French steadily extended their lines from the region of La Ferre to beyond Montdidier. This successful operation has definitely broken up what is known to have been the original German plan, namely, following the Bavarian Crown Prince's expected rupture of the British front, for the German Crown Prince's army to pass

through the breach and march on Paris by way of the Oise valley. While herring the latter movement by holding the Oise line solidly, the French kept up contact with the British. This was accomplished only by masterful handling of the French reserves, throwing in infantry divisions when they arrived in time, otherwise using cavalry divisions when quick action was necessary, while artillery was rushed rapidly along the entire front.

Meantime every French division was resisting heroically, negotiating fifteen German attacks to dislodge them. Prisoners declare they were driven to the attack by officials wielding whips.

CONSIDERED KAISER TO HOT PLACE

Carpenter, Ohio, Mar. 30.—A mob of between 500 and 600 persons late last night and early this morning visited sixteen homes in this city and forced between twenty-five and thirty alleged pro-Germans to kiss the Stars and Stripes and say, "To hell with the Kaiser."

OBITUARY.

W. Murray Vaughan.

The death occurred yesterday at his parents' residence, 7 Pine street, of W. Murray Vaughan, in the 21st year of his age. Mr. Vaughan, who was a native of St. Martins, went to the Canadian West early last season and returned but a few months ago. Since that time he has been confined to his home with the illness that yesterday caused his death. Mr. Vaughan is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Aubrey Vaughan, and besides his parents, is survived by one brother, Warren W., and one sister, Miss Ethel, both of St. John. The body will be taken to St. Martins this morning for interment.

Mrs. Georgina M. Dunbrack.

The death occurred shortly after six o'clock Saturday evening of Georgina MacKinnley, widow of Henry Dunbrack, after a long illness. The deceased leaves two daughters and four sons to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother. The daughters are Mrs. F. E. Holman and Miss Winifred at home, the sons are William W. of Macleod, Albert H. of St. Louis; Frank A. of Victoria, B. C. and Gunner Charles H. of No. 1 Siege Battery in France. The funeral will be held at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon from the residence of F. E. Holman 362 St. James street.

COSSACK LEADER HAS SURRENDERED

Special to The Standard. Moscow, Mar. 29, Friday, by The Associated Press.—General Bogayevsky, assistant chief of the Don Cossacks, and leader succeeding Gen. Kaledines, has surrendered to the Bolsheviks.

HAD BRONCHITIS FOR THREE YEARS. COULD GET NO RELIEF.

Bronchitis is generally the result of a cold caused by exposure to wet and inclement weather. It begins with a tightness across the chest, difficulty in breathing, and a wheezing sound comes from the lungs. There is also a raising of phlegm from the lungs, especially in the morning. This is at first white, but later becomes of a greenish or yellowish color, and is occasionally streaked with blood.

On the first sign of bronchitis you should check it immediately by using Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, and thereby prevent it becoming chronic and perhaps turning into some more serious lung trouble. Mr. Theodore P. Bears, Upper Main River, N. B., writes: "I was troubled with bronchitis for three years and could get no relief. I was always worse when I got wet. I tried lots of different medicines, but none did me good until a friend told me to try Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. I got three bottles and before I had them half used I was better."

"My mother is now using it for asthma. It is a great medicine and we never want to be without it." Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup is put up in a yellow wrapper, three pine trees the trade mark; price 25c. and 50c.; manufactured only by The T. Mulburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

BRITISH TROOPS ON JORDAN DRIVE FORWARD TWO MILES

During Last Two Days Our Forces Advanced on Front of More Than Eight Miles.

Special to The Standard.

London, March 30.—The British forces in Palestine attacked west of the River Jordan on Thursday and advanced their line here two miles on an eight mile front.

British mounted troops have destroyed several miles of the track of the Hedjaz Railway, east of the River Jordan on the Palestine border, it was officially announced today.

The text of the statement reads: "On Thursday and Friday our operations east of the Jordan continued successfully in spite of the stubborn opposition of the enemy. Colonial mounted troops destroyed several miles of the track of the Hedjaz Railway. Two hostile airplanes were destroyed."

"On Thursday we attacked westward of the Jordan and the left centre of our line was advanced two miles on a front of eight miles. We occupied Beir Siman, Khumm-el-Ikva and Khumm-el-Bueid."

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Bulletin—London, Mar. 31.—The British have restored their line south of the Somme, in the Luce Valley, after a vigorous counter-attack, the war office announces.

Two strong attacks by the Germans against the British front from Marcel Cave to the Somme were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. German attacks north of the Somme were made with four waves of infantry, which were beaten back at all points.

In the neighborhood of Serre (north of the Somme), seven miles above Albert, the British advanced their lines, taking 130 prisoners and forty machine guns. The statement follows: "South of the Somme our line in the Luce Valley was restored yesterday afternoon after a vigorously executed counter-attack. Two strong attacks made by the enemy in the course of the day against our front from Marcel Cave to the Somme, were repulsed in each case, with heavy loss to his troops. In his attacks delivered yesterday immediately north of the Somme, the enemy infantry advanced to the assault in four waves and were repulsed at all points by our outposts line. The enemy's casualties on this line, the Somme, are estimated as being in the thousands. Early yesterday afternoon a successful local operation was carried out by us in the neighborhood of Serre. Our line in this locality was advanced a short distance, and 130 prisoners and forty machine guns were captured by us. Our line also was carried forward slightly on the other parts of the battle front and prisoners were taken."

"Hostile artillery was active early yesterday evening in the neighborhood of Buquoy."

Special to The Standard. With the American Army in France, Mar. 31, (by the Associated Press)—All the American troops have been turned over to the Allies. They may soon be fighting side by side with the French and British in the battle raging in Northern France. Great activity of many sorts is underway in the whole American zone. Trains of motor trucks miles long, loaded with American soldiers, are passing through the towns. On other roads miles after miles of marching Americans are on the move. Washington, Mar. 31.—The foregoing announcement that American soldiers are actually in the fighting lines sent a thrill through the capital today. It was stated that more than a hundred thousand trained and seasoned troops would be added to the allied fighting force at once.

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HUNS START FIRE

Baltimore, Md., Mar. 30.—The plant of the Kennedy Foundry Company, in South Baltimore, was badly damaged by fire tonight. The concern has government contracts. It is believed to have been set afire by German sympathizers. The loss is approximately \$200,000.

A WAGE ADVANCE FOR 300,000 WORKINGMEN

New York, Mar. 28.—The United States Steel Corporation announces that on April 15 wages will be advanced again, this time fifteen per cent. The raise will add \$45,000,000 a year to the payroll of the big corporation in many states.

GLACE BAY FOREMAN KILLED BY ELECTRICITY

Glace Bay, C. B., March 31.—While at work in the sub-power station of the Sydney and Glace Bay railway at Reserve Junction, John Campbell, night foreman, was killed by an electric shock. The body was found beneath an unfused fuse. He was alone at the time of the accident.



Military Service Act

Important Announcement to All

EXEMPTED MEN and to the Public Generally

IN dealing with the very large number of claims for exemption brought forward for consideration in connection with Class 1 under the Military Service Act, it has occurred, as was inevitable, that as a result of false statements and difficulties put in the way of investigation, some individuals have secured exemption whose proper place is in the Army.

It is not the intention of the Government to allow these men to evade permanently their obligation to bear their part in the military defence of the Country and of the ideals for which we are fighting. To do so would defeat the purpose of the Act, and cause grave injustice to men in the second class necessarily called out to fill their places.

Exemptions Granted on False Grounds

It is, therefore, proposed to scrutinize carefully all exemptions granted to date in order to separate those which have been granted on false or insufficient grounds from those that are well founded.

With this object in view the various Registrars under the Military Service Act have been instructed to issue a series of questionnaires to exempted men. These questionnaires must be filled up correctly and returned promptly under penalty of forfeiture of exemption for failure to do so.

Exempted Men Who Have Changed Address

It is therefore important in their own interest that all exempted men who have changed their address since their exemption was granted and who have not already notified the Registrar of such change should notify him at once. Under the Regulations it is the duty of exempted men to keep the Registrar advised of any change of address, and failure to receive the questionnaire by reason of neglect of this duty must be treated as equivalent to failure to return the questionnaire after receipt.

Citizens Urged to Assist

In many instances information has been furnished by members of the public which has led to the cancellation of exemptions obtained by false or misleading statements. Further co-operation of this character is invited. The Government regard it as the Duty of all loyal citizens, not only to the Country, but to the men at the front, to assist in this way in securing reinforcements on a just and legal basis. Correspondence of this character will be treated as strictly confidential and will receive the fullest investigation.

CHARLES J. DOHERTY,

Minister of Justice.

Correspondence should be directed to W. A. Ewing, K.C., Registrar under the Military Service Act, St. John, N.B. 401F



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