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Best Canadian Raid Yet---Successful Daylight Air Raids---French Advance Near Verdun American Trenches Raided---Japs Ready for Intervention--- Canadian "Firsts" at Halifax

Purpose of Attack Was to Take Prisoners for Information.

HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE Twelve Hostile Planes Brought

Extraordinary Activity by the Enemy is Reported From American Sectors.

With the American Army in France, March 16,-After a terrific artillery preparation this morning large numbers of the enemy crossed No Man's Land on the extreme right of the Amquickly accomplished and only a comparatively small number entered our ines. Permission has not been given to mention the number of casualties. This raid, like most of the others, carried out all the way from the sea to Switzerland, was designed to gather nformation by means of taking pris-

East of Luneville our patrols have explored part of the German trenches which our artillery forced the enemy pandon. Patrols proceeded later-until they established contact the Germans. Our reconnais-and wire patrols found snipers' rests, listening posts and nests from which machine guns had been firing on our lines. The artillery attended to all the posts. The German positions have been made so uncomfortable at eral places that they are now trying to regain a foothold by connecting

Our troops have been subjected to an extraordinarily heavy artillery fire for the past 24 hours. More than 240 shells which make craters 20 feet deep feet in diameter fell in one on of the line. In ano nteries have been shelled heavily. he Toul and Luneville sectors, but the arger number in the former. Still Hold Trenches.

The American troops in the sector east of Luneville, in conjunction with the French, are still holding the forenemy trenches northeast of made another attempt to drive them out with artillery. Shells, most of them heavy, and some of them of the 12-inch type, have pounded the posi-tion intermittently, but the Ameri-cans and their silies have held on. olidation of the position has been continued, and the series of op-erations in this particular part of the sector has brought the French lines up on a front of nearly three miles. parapets have been turned toward the enemy; dugout entrances have been changed, and new dugouts have been built to protect the men. Tonight it appeared as if the enemy out the Americans and French, realiztask. Thruout the sector artillery fring is continuing, but no infantry has developed so far.

# NEED IS OF FOOD

British Paper Suggest That U. S. Should Temporarily Hold Reinforcements

captioned, "The Peril of Sea Transport." It characterizes the formation

nations and says:

"We are approaching the severe task of the struggle, which depends upon merchantmen. It may be a the United States Government whether it may not give more essential aid at this moment by bolding back temporarily further reinforcements this attempt to escape he was shot down by the officer. Nowha has been

soldiers continue to come over at the would not be taken back to London present rate, tonnage which might be alive. devoted to food will be utilized for military instead of economic purposes, and while both soldiers and food are NIKOLAYEV OCCUPIED required, the latter is the more urg-

The Telegraph declares that the enemy's sea offensive cannot be treated as a matter of less importance than his much-advertised movement n the west front, and adds: "Radical changes in organization, in method and in atmosphere are es-sential if masters and men are to

It declares, inconclusion, that 80.- patch from Petrograd. more men must be supplied for the shipyards and engine shops of

AMERICANS AT MOSCOW.

arrived in Moscow today.

## Successful Air Raids

# ZWEIBRUCKEN IS

Fourteen Heavy Projectiles and Ten Lighter Bombs Dropped With Good Results.

**ALL MACHINES RETURN** 

Down and Seven Others Put Out of Commission.

"Further military objectives in Germany were attacked by our airplanes today. Fourteen heavy projectiles and ten lighter bombs were dropped on barracks, munition factories and erican sector, northwest of Toul. Ap- the railway station at Zweibrucken. Explosions were seen all around the railway station. Our airplane formation was attacked by hostile scouts and anti-aircraft guns, but all our

machines returned safely. "A great deal of air fighting took place Friday east of the lines along the whole front. Over 12 tons of bombs were dropped on hostile rest' billets, ammunition depots and airdromes. A successful raid was carried out on important railway sidings at Hirson.
"Twelve hostile machines were

brought down and seven others were driven down out of control. None of "After dark aerial activity was continued by our night flying machines until early in the morning. Eight and one-half tons of tombs were dropped

on the enemy's rest billets.'

Opinion is Growing Against German Aerial Activity, While Residents Move to Inland Towns.

Geneva, Thursday, March 14-Reports reaching here from Germany enemy trenches northeast average say that panics have been brought another attempt to drive them about by the British aerial attacks on outbreaks of fire in the southern portion of the town, and an ammunition factory was blown up. The railway station at Fribourg was again badly

damaged. Swiss travelers reports that in the principal Rhine cities many houses and the west this morning carried several apartments are vacunt, numbers of Pullmans filled almost exclusively with persons moving to central Germany or

## KITCHENER OFFICER

shal Osborne, of Military District No. that neither of the ministers are exshal Osborne, of Military District No.

1, to the Karn Farm, on the St.

sion. Sir George Foster will be the London, March 16. — The leading terloo, where Pte. Nowha had been remaining seats on the front bemon the hiding. Nowha attempted to escape are allocated to Messrs. Reid, A. K. and it is explained that in a tussie Macleon, Carvell, Sifton, Doherty and with Blevins the revolver accidentally Ballantyne. Other members of the of an exploded, and the bullet entered Now- cabinet are in the second row, while

Owing to Nowha's weak condition an operation was deemed inadvisable. R. F. Green. A statement was taken by Coroner Hon. S. Berger, in which Nowha is not included in the front bench claimed that he did not engage in a lineup of either side. fight with the constable, but that in crease in the quantity of ocean-borne evading the military police for about three months. He is 33 years of age, The paper asserts that if American and had boasted to his friends that he

Russia's Great Wheat Storing Center and Navy Yard Falls Into Enemy's Hands

London, March 17-The Germans to Odessa, according to a Reuter des-

Nikolayev, which lies about forty miles north northwest of Kherson, on the Bug river, in the estuary of the Dnieper, has occupied a prominent place in the naval defences of Russia. a footing. Moscow, Saturday, March 16.-Col. It has a great navy yard and is the Henry Vanderson, chairman of the seat of a military governor, who is a seat of a military governor, who is commander of the Black Sea fleet.

Rumania, and 30 members of his staff, The approaches to the city are strongly fortified. Its population is 100,000. metres.

### TWENTY-THREE ATTACKS ON TOWNS IN GERMANY

Berlin Despatches Show That Entente Aviators Made Successful Raids During February.

Amsterdam, March 17.-A Berlin despatch says that in February entente aviators made 23 attacks on German towns. Treves was raided three times, and Saarbrucken, Mannheim and Pirmasens once each. Whlie no military damage was done to ouses and other private property, twelve persons were killed and 36 injured, 15 of them severely. One biplane fell into the hands of the Ger-

# London, March 16.—A British air squadron bombed Zweibrucken today, says the British official report on aviation issued Saturday night. The report says: "Further will."

Brought Down and Seven Were Disabled.

official announcement of the raid

"On Sunday we again raided Germany, attacking the barracks and rail-way station at Kaiserslautern (Bevaria). Direct hits were observed on the station and a large fire broke out. "Our formation was attacked by a arge number of hostile which were driven off. All of our

machines returned. "On Salturday thinteen tons of bombs wrich have been bombed continuously for the last 24 hours, and two hostile airdromes and three large ammunition dumps. At one airdrome a hangar completely burst; a Gotha machine in the last of middle airdromes and three large ammunition dumps. At one airdrome a hangar completely burst; a Gotha machine in was sent at the head of a cavafry anguadron to pierce the enemy's lines. the act of rising was seen to crash. "Sixteen hostile machines were brought down and seven were disabled. Six of our machines are missing.

German towns. At Coblenz, according to a Basic despatch, there were several

Front Row of Front Row of House.

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, March 17-The train from senances and members of parameters switzerland. They say opinion is from the western provinces. The bulk growing against continuation of German air raids. Smith, South Ontario; Sexsmith, East Peterboro; Scott, Souch Waterloor; Middlebro, North Grey; SHOOTS DESERTER and Clarke, North Wellington, are al-

allied maritime transport council as a new link between the associated pital it was found that the bullet had pital it was found that the bullet had be held by Messrs. Middlibero, ly much of the best soil and fertility of the land goes for all time in this washstrong (Eost Lambton, Pardee and off. Some day our farmers will have to

Mr. Fielding, it will be observed, costly a waste.

teen Hundred Metres to Depth of Eight Hundred.

Paris, March 17. - The war office have occupied Nikolayev, in addition reports a series of strong German attacks in the direction of Samogneux, north of the Bois des Caurieres and some way. in the Besonvaux region. Large enemy It will pay the farmer to raise all he detachments succeeded in penetrating can, of grain, of roots, of live stock. But the French line at various points, but to do this he needs help, and help is hard under the violence of the French fire to get. He may have to try boys and suffered heavy losses and were unable women for some of his lighter work. The to hold the ground where they gained first thing a woman should have in help-

# BACK IN CANADA

Winners of Highest War Decorations in Gift of Empire Are in Party.

HOW THEY WON V. C.

One is From the Maritime Provinces and the Other's Home is in Alberta.

St. John, N.B., March 17.—Nearly 2000 officers and men of the "origin-als," the not all actually first con-Atlantic liners from the old land. Twenty-four hours before one of the big liners entered this port a pair of girl babies came into this world on board the ship. The father of the twins, Pte. J. Clark, of a western regi-But Sixteen of Enemy Were ment, was killed at the battle of Pass-

Corp. J.C. Kerr, V.C., the first mari-Were Disabled.

London, March 17—Great bombing raids against Germany have been carried out by Brotish aeroplanes. The official announcement of the raid down Kerr's pals as they attacked. Single-handed he rushed the position, bayoneted and cabbed several of the Boches and then, seizing the German machine gun, turned it upon the enemy and routed the entire party. killin most of them. He was later decorated with the Victoria Cross by the King

Kerr's parents reside in a little hamle outside of Partsboro, N.S. Another famous Canadian soldier in the party, Capt. H. Strahan, V.C., M.C., of Chauvin, Alberta, won his squadron to pierce the enemy's lines.
The charge was made, and before
Strahan realized the progress he had
made he was no less than eight miles nan front line. Here he was in spency country, surrounded by several army corps, with forty men, many of whom were badly wounded. do, try to get back or surrender. He and most of his squadron got back,

but not mounted.

The only Canadian officer in charge of a Russian hospital unit on the east ern front was Major J. G. Hunt, of London, Ont., who arrived with the ies following the abdication of Czar Nicholas and the birth of the revolu-

tionary regime. Capt. W. F. Herring, of the 9th Battallion, of Calgary, 60 years of age, returned today.

An officer in the Third French Army, but who went overseas and fought for a time with the famous 22nd French-Canadian Battalion, is Capt. Cinq-Mars of Montreal, who wears the French decoration of the croix de guerre, won in the battle of Chemin des Dames. Other decorated men in the party were Captain A. Lindsay, M.C., of Toronto, and Lieut, J. R. Stratton, M.C., of Parrysboro, Ont., of the 237th Field Company,

SHOOTS DESERTER

Waiterloor; Middlebro, North Grey; and Clarke, North Wellington, are already on the ground. Hon. W. S. Fleiding, ex-minister of finance, and M.P. for Queens and Shelburne, came in tontight from Montreal, but up to date he is about the only member from the London camp, was shot in the hipbone this evening by P.C. Blevins, of the local police force, and lies at the Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital in a critical condition.

Blevins, accompanied Provost Marshal Osborne, of Military District No. A. H. Lund. 11th Battalion Portage la Prairie; Capt. A. Ellinthorpe, 11th Bat tallion, Winnipeg.

### St. Patrick's Day on the Farm.

The mild weather and sunshine of Sun day helped a lot of water off the land

The maple trees that were tapped last ready to be hurled at any point seweek had a fair run yesterday and ought to do better today.

The farmer and his men are drawing manure to the fields and straightening to pass without moving is possibly exup for the spring work. But the main plained by their anxiety to know exthing in hand is looking after the live actly how many of the divisions still stock, especially young pigs, lambs and in Russia can be counted upon for the calves. The farmer should not sell his west front before committing themyoung stock; he should keep them, if he selves to the most dangerous and most can, until full grown.

hasn't already secured them. The gov- tinuously being constructed. His reernment and the banks are ready to help serves are in cantonments far from in the way of loans for this purpose. . the front, hence it is impossible to back to getting out what the farmer has is expected that if he attacks he will yet to market and getting home what he stake all on the chance of victory. has to buy; but he'll manage to get thru most formidable scale."

Latest information shows that last ing on the farm is overalls and rubber

# 2,000 "ORGINALS" HAVOC BY CANADIANS IN ENEMY'S TRENCHES

### RIOTING IN BELFAST

Four-Hour Fight Between Mob of Sinn Feiners and Police Results in Numerous Casualties.

Belfast, March 17.—Severe rioting occurred last night in the Nationalist quarter of Belfast, between a mob of Sinn Feiners, and the police. Many casualties were sent to the hospital, including a number of police-The rioting lasted four hours and the military was called out this morning to take charge of the district.

# REACH PERFECTION

Army Ready for Action at Word of Command From Government.

### NOTHING YET DECIDED ON

Tokio Press Unanimously Urges Mobilization-Comment Freely Made on American Indecision.

Tokio, Saturday, March 16-Premier Perauchi and Foreign Minister Motono told paridament today nothing had been decided upon with reference to the Siberian situation.

The military situation has reached state of perfected preparedness. Last night the Sei Yukai (Constitutional) party, the largest in the dnet, held a conference and reaffirmed its position taken at a recent meeting in are unable to understand America's "excessive generosity" toward Russia, now giving supplies to Germany and imperilling the stores at Wadivostok. Suspicions in regard to Japan weaken the allies, they assert, adding that it is Japan's duty to work in the interests

of the peace of humanity by assisting to crush Germany. The Kokumin that America is sincerely friendly but

The Asahi Shimbun, of Osaka, voices the opinion widely held among the middle classes that extensive mobilizattion would create acute distress in-dustrially and in regard to the food

## NO SIGN BY ENEMY OF BIG OFFENSIVE

But Men and Material Are Being Accumulated Against French.

### PREPARATIONS EVIDENT

If Germans Attack, They Will Stake All on Chance of Victory.

London, March 17 .- (Via Reuter's Canadian Associated Press Cable. Ottawa Agency) . - Telegraphing on

French headquarters says: when the long promised offensive will break he is still accumulating men and material on our front with an intention which seemingly admits of only one explanation. He has 190 divisions drain their fields so as to prevent so on the Franco-Belgian front. Over one-third of these are in reserve,

> "Why the Germans are week after week of wonderful weather unpromising adventures of the war.

The wise farmer is also looking after parations are evident. New airdromes, "Behind the enemy's front his pre-BY GERMAN SOLDIERS Success Gained on Front of Four- his seed and his fertilizers now, if he roads and immense huttments are con-The roads are still a widespread draw- know at what point he will attack. It the American railways, the Canadian Government will in the near future "Our defence preparations are on take such action as will enable the company to meet the present unparal-

THE CHRISTY HAT.



The most stylish and wearable felt hat. The original stiff."

## **BRITISH CARRY OUT** THREE GOOD RAIDS

Enemy Suffers From Blows Near Epehy, Gavrelle and La Vacquerie.

### GUNFIRE QUITE BRISK

German Attempt North of Lens Suffers Repulse, Haig Reports.

London, March 17 .- "We carried the enemy north of Lens was repuls- woke up on the minute. ed. A few prisoners were taken by us

in the course of these encounters. "Hostile artillery was active last night south of the Bapaume-Cambrai road, in the Scarpe Valley and east of road, in the Scarpe Valley and east of enemy main machine gun positions position taken at a recent meeting in opposition to immediate mobilization. The press is almost unanimous in unging mobilization. The Asahi Shimbun and The Yorodzu Choho say they are unable to understand America's ad increase in the activity of the area.

o the Menin Road."

The official statement issued by the tainly his machine guns were unusuwar office last night says:
"We carried out a successful raid this morning northeast of La Vac-Shimbun issues a call to arms, saying querie. Hostile artillery activity was shown southwest of Cambrai in the neighborhood of the Scarpe River, in the Lens district, on both sides of La Bassee Canal and in the Messines sec-

"East of Queant a hostile ammunition dump was set on fire by our ar-

War Conditions Receive Blame for Inability of Company to Secure Favorable Results.

### APPEAL TO GOVERNMENT

Board of Management Hopes to Secure Relief From Action by Canadian Cabinet.

London, March 17.-The Grand Sunday. Reuter's correspondent at Trunk issued a statement tonight deeply regretting its inability to pay "Altho the enemy gives no sign as dividends on guaranteed or preference stocks owing to the exceeding unfavorable result of the company's opera-

> circumstances entirely beyond the control of the management: Notwithstanding, the company carhistory. The enormous increases in a careful plan had, been made in wages, fuel and all material, due to war conditions, caused an immense increase in the working expenses. Every effort was continually made

tions of the past year, arising from

thruout the year to obtain an increase in the rates to meet in some measure these serious conditions. Altho these efforts were unsuccess ful, the board is hopeful that, looking to the precedent established by Great Britain at the commencement of the war for the protection of British railway interests and the proposed legislation now under consideration by the

### leled war conditions. German Offcers Invited

is from an official Austrian source, declared, amidst cheers

Nineteen Prisoners. Twenty Killed, Others Blown Up in Dugouts Constitute One of Most Successful Raids Undertaken.

By W. A. Willison.
Canadian, Headquarters in France,
March 17.—Nineteen prisoners taken:
20 Germans killed by rifle fire or bayoneted; others blown up in their dugouts and an indefinite number wounded—such is the success of 25 minutes' work of our infantry in front of Oricourt this morning. In front of Oricourt this morning. In addition an enemy machine gun was captured; his forward and rear assembly areas and communications were shelled and gassed by our heavies, and his field guns were swept by our machine guns and shelled by our trench mortars. The raid was one of the most successful in Canadian history. Our men, in moving to the attack, had to cross half a mile of No Man's Land. This difficult manoeuvre over the machine gun swept area was carried out with complete success.

Just before the raiders attacked a regular pitched battle was waged only 200 yards away between the Canadian patrol and an enemy raiding party of double strength. When the miniature battle was over and the Hun had been forced to abandon his offensive intents we had one man wounded, and we had captured two mortally wounded Boches.

out successful raids during the night in the neighborhood of Epehy and own raid marked the finish of the near Gavrelle," says today's official communication. "A raid attempted by the enemy north of Lens was repulsers were now going forward under the protection of a mixed smoke oast few days there has been a marked increase in the activity of the enemy's artillery southwest of Cambrai and also along the whole front from the neighborhood of La Bassee Canal to the Menin Road."

attack, while our centre battery guns were doing excellent work on the enemy gun positions. Our smoke barrage, according to enemy prisoners, was very effective, blinding the enemy and covering our attack. Cerally quiet during the operations.

Encountered Little Opposition. Our raiders encountered scarcely any opposition in advancing to the enemy outpost positions. They then moved up a hostile trench to the Boche, "a living line" where the party bombed their way along more than a quarter mile of the trenches north and south. Enemy dugouts were blown up, and the men who offered resistance were killed or captured or driven out, and some of the raiders went forward until they had penetrated to a depth of over 200 yards behind the enemy line, making a total advance of well over a thousand yards. One of our men, after three members of an enemy machine gun crew had been killed, ran up and bayoneted a fourth, and put the gun over his shoulder and tramped back over 800 yards of No Man's Land to the officer commanding his regiment, to whom he presented the gun as a memento. Every detail of the morning's operations worked like clock work. The men, who had been carefully trained before the attack, were in the fines

fighting form. Their only regret, as that of other raiders earlier in the week, is that the Huns did not make a better fight of it.

Had Few Casualties. During the retirement our men passed thru a very heavy barrage, but the whole operation, from beginning to end, was carried out with few casualties, the majority of them slight wounds. At daybreak, when all had quieted down, and the Hun was coming up from his dugouts, etc., all our guns along the front opened up simultaneously with two minutes of gun fire, shot after shot as fast as the guns could be worked. This hail of lead swept the enemy's front line supports, reserved assembly areas and communications and must have caused many casualties and much destruction. Prisoners taken emphasize the ried by far are largest traffic in its strength of the attack and state that event of such operation, but the whole ing, the enemy having been thrown into confusion.

With the exception of one noncommissioned officer the prisoners are poor specimens, having nothing like the physique or morale of our own

### RUSSO-GERMAN PEACE GIVES OBJECT LESSON

United States Congress in regard to the American railways, the Canadian Only Road to Place Settlement Beyond Jeopardy.

London, March 17 .- (Vie Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—Mr. Asquith, in a speech delivered on Saturday before To Form Ary in Ukraine that the alleged Russo-German peace was an object lesson of the kind of peace Germany would seek to impose London, March 17.—German officers on the allies. Victory was the only have been "invited" to organize an army in Ukraine, according to a deproduct at spatch from the official Russian news rivalry of selfish, mischief-making in-Dineen's, 140 agency, which says this information terests and forces, the Liberal leader