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PROBS—Fair and mild.

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

GERMANS MAKE BAD ON RIGHT OF AMERICANS

Purpose of Attack Was to Take Prisoners for Information. HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE 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 American sector, northwest of Toul. Apparently the purpose of the raid was to take prisoners and only a comparatively small number entered our lines. Permission has not been given to mention the number of casualties.

East of Lunerville our patrols have enjoyed part of the German trenches which our artillery forced the enemy to abandon. Patrols proceeded laterally until they established contact with the Germans. Our reconnaissance and wire patrols found snipers' posts, listening posts and nests from which machine guns had been firing on our lines. The German positions have been made so uncomfortable at several places that they are now trying to regain a foothold by connecting shell holes.

Our troops have been subjected to an extraordinary heavy artillery fire for the past 24 hours. More than 240 shells which make rangers 20 feet deep and 30 feet in diameter fell in one section of the line. In another section batteries have been shelled heavily. More gas shells have been fired from the Toul and Lunerville sectors than the larger number in the former.

Still Held Trenches. The American troops in the sector east of Lunerville, in conjunction with the French, are still holding the former enemy trenches north of the Badanville, also the Germans have made another attempt to drive them out with artillery. Shells, most of them heavy, and some of them high explosive have pounded the position intermittently, but the Americans and their allies have held on.

Consolidation of the position has been continued and the series of operations in this particular part of the sector has brought the French lines up on a front of nearly three miles. The Germans have 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 would abandon his attempt to drive out the Americans and French, realizing that this is an almost hopeless task. Through the sector artillery firing is continuing, but no infantry activity has developed so far.

NEED IS OF FOOD RATHER THAN MEN British Paper Suggests That U. S. Should Temporarily Hold Reinforcements

London, March 16.—The leading editorial in the Telegraph today is captioned, "The Pearl of Sea Transport." It characterizes the formation of an allied maritime transport command as a new link between the associated nations and says:

"We are approaching the severe task of the struggle, which depends upon merchantmen. It may be a matter for serious consideration by the United States Government whether it may not give more essential aid at this moment by holding back temporarily further reinforcements for their army, with consequent increase in the quantity of ocean-borne supplies."

Successful Air Raids ZWELBRUCKEN IS BOMBED FROM AIR

Fourteen Heavy Projectiles and Ten Lighter Bombs Dropped With Good Results. ALL MACHINES RETURN Twelve Hostile Planes Brought Down and Seven Others Put Out of Commission.

London, March 16.—A British air squadron bombed Zwelbrucken today, says the British official report on aviation issued Saturday night. The report says:

"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 the railway station at Zwelbrucken. Explosions were seen all around the railway station. Our airplane formation was attacked by hostile scout and anti-aircraft guns, but all our machines returned safely.

PANICS BROUGHT ABOUT BY BRITISH AIR RAIDS Opinion is Growing Against German Aerial Activity, While Residents Move to Inland Towns.

Geneva, Thursday, March 14.—Reaching here from Germany today, the British air raids on German towns. At Coblenz, according to a Basle despatch, there were several explosions of fire in the southern portion of the town, and an ammunition factory was blown up. The railway station at Eibourg was again badly damaged.

KITCHENER OFFICER SHOOT'S DESERTER Policeman Declares Pistol Went Off in Struggle, but Soldier Denies it.

NIKOLAYEV OCCUPIED BY GERMAN SOLDIERS Russia's Great Wheat Storing Center and Navy Yard Falls into Enemy's Hands.

AMERICANS AT MOSCOW Moscow, Saturday, March 16.—Col. Henry Vanderson, chairman of the American Red Cross commission to Rumania, and 20 members of his staff, arrived in Moscow today.

2,000 "ORIGINALS" BACK IN CANADA FROM THE FRONT

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 2,000 officers and men of the "originals," the first contingent of Canadian troops to be sent to the front, returned today on the Atlantic liners from the old land.

SIX BRITISH PLANES MISSING ON SUNDAY But Sixteen of Enemy Were Brought Down and Seven Were Disabled.

SOME SURPRISES IN GOVERNMENT LINE-UP Rowell Is Not Given a Seat in the Front Row of House.

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, March 17.—The train from the west this morning carried several Pullmans filled almost exclusively with senators and members of parliament from the western provinces. The bulk of the Ontario delegation will arrive tomorrow, but Messrs. Foster, East, York, Smith, South Ontario, Seru-Smith, East Peterboro; Scott, south Waterloo; Middlebro, North Grey; and Clarke, North Wellington, are already on the ground.

FRENCH TROOPS ENTER MALANCOURT TRENCHES Success Gained on Front of Fourteen Hundred Metres to Depth of Eight Hundred.

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HAVOC BY CANADIANS IN ENEMY'S TRENCHES

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

JAP PREPARATIONS REACH PERFECTION Army Ready for Action at Word of Command From Government.

BRITISH CARRY OUT THREE GOOD RAIDS Enemy Suffers From Blow Near Epehy, Gavrelle and La Vacquerie.

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.

GRAND TRUNK FAILS TO PAY DIVIDENDS 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.

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GERMAN ADVANCE NEAR VERDUN

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London, March 17.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency)—Telegraphing on Sunday, Reuters' correspondent at French headquarters says:

St. Patrick's Day on the Farm. The mild weather and sunshine of Sunday helped a lot of water off the land into the creeks and rivers. Unfortunately much of the best soil and fertility of the land goes for all time in this wash-off. Some day our farmers will have to drain their fields so as to prevent so costly a waste.

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London, March 17.—"We carried out successful raids during the night in the neighborhood of Epehy and near Gavrelle," says today's official communication. "A raid attempted by the enemy north of Lens was repulsed. A few prisoners were taken by us in the course of these encounters.

Encountered Little Opposition. Our raiders encountered scarcely any opposition in advancing to the enemy positions. They then moved up a hostile trench to the edge of 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 the rest of the raiders went forward until they had reached the enemy command post 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 crumpled back over 800 yards of No Man's Land to the office command. His regiment, to whom he presented the gun as a memento.

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, six of 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 strength of the attack and state that a careful plan had been made in event of such operation, but the whole scheme failed at the test this morning, the enemy having been thrown into confusion.

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London, March 17.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency)—Mr. Asquith, in a speech delivered on Saturday before the Women's Liberal Federation, said that the alleged Russo-German peace was an object lesson of the kind of peace Germany would seek to impose on the allies. "Victory was the only road by which peace would be placed beyond jeopardy of the ambitions and rivalry of selfish, mischief-making interests and forces," the Liberal leader declared, amidst cheers.

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