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## AVIATORS DAMAGE IMPORTANT RAILWAY

### British Airmen in Raid Destroy Junctions at Courtrai and Menin

### BAD FOR RELATIONS WITH U. S.

Each Step of Eitel Friederich's Commander a Separate Violation of Maritime Law—British Flotilla Active Off Belgium.

(Special Cable to The Journal of Commerce.)

London, March 12.—In commenting on the sinking of the American bark William P. Frye, by the Prinz Eitel Friederich, the Daily Mail says that every step taken by the German commander was "a separate violation of maritime law," while the Daily News remarks that the incident can scarcely improve relations between the United States and Germany.

Great Britain and France are expected to reply at the earliest moment to President Wilson's request for information regarding their retaliatory measures against Germany. The King has signed the Order-in-Council outlining the measures to be taken.

Twelve German submarines, among them eight of the latest type, have failed to return to their base at Cuxhaven since the war on shipping began, according to a despatch to the Daily Express from Copenhagen, which adds that a naval council, under the Kaiser, is to meet to discuss the advisability of abandoning the submarine warfare on commerce in British waters.

Germany will make reprisals, it is asserted, if Great Britain insists on treating the captured crews of German submarines as pirates.

The success of the British in capturing Neuve Chapelle, three and one half miles north of La Bassée, is the most important advance won in Northern France for months. British aviators have dropped bombs at Courtrai and Menin, destroying the important railroad junctions at those points. A statement from the French War Office declares that the Champagne operations, designed to prevent the transporting of German troops from that front to Russia, were entirely successful. The British flotilla is again active off the Belgian coast.



GENERAL ALDERSON, Commander of the Canadian troops at the front. He has wired the warmest praise regarding their conduct under fire.

**"WILLIAM R. FRYE CARGO."**

Bath, Maine, March 12.—Samuel Newall, part owner of the "William R. Frye," sunk by German cruiser Prinz Eitel, says the Frye's cargo was marked non-contraband by the United States Government Marine Insurance Bureau. Cargo was valued at \$300,000 and ship at \$175,000.

## Men in the Day's News

Major Higinbotham, who has just died of Shorncliffe, following an operation for appendicitis, is a Toronto man. He went over with the first contingent and accompanied his regiment to Flanders, only to fall a victim to appendicitis. Major Higinbotham was one of the best known athletes in Toronto. He was a well known amateur hockey player, a prominent curler and one of the best known yachtsmen on the Great Lakes. Major Higinbotham served in the Northwest Rebellion thirty years ago, and later accompanied the Queen's Own Regiment to England.

**MET SUBMARINE IN IRISH SEA.**

London, March 12.—A German submarine is reported to have been seen in the Irish Sea yesterday. A passenger on the steamer Great Southern, says a despatch from Cardiff, tells of the escape of that vessel. When an hour out from Rossera, Ireland, bound to Flauguard, Wales, the Great Southern sighted a two-funnelled steamer flying signals of distress. The Great Southern was about to go to her aid when a German submarine appeared on the surface near her. The Great Southern turned her stern toward the under-sea boat, making off at full speed, and escaped.

**FOULED BY TRAWLER'S ROPES, GERMAN SUBMARINE SINKS.**

London, March 12.—The sinking of another German submarine has been reported to the Admiralty by the owners of the trawler Alex. Chastie.

They telegraphed from North Shields that the submarine was fouled by ropes of the trawler in the North Sea and turned turtle, foundering in 20 minutes with all on board.

**AMERICAN KILLED IN MEXICO.**

Washington, D.C., March 12.—An American citizen, John C. McManus, was killed by Zapatistas as they were entering Mexico City and demand has been made for punishment of the guilty men, presumably by execution. This word was transmitted to Secretary of State Bryan by the Brazilian Minister representing American interests in the Mexican capital.

**SOUTHERN PACIFIC DIVIDEND.**

New York, March 12.—Southern Railway preferred dividend has been passed by the directors. At a meeting a month ago it was announced that no action had been taken on the dividend, and it was generally assumed that that was equivalent to passing it.

**SECRETARY McADOO'S OPERATION.**

Washington, D.C., March 12.—It is announced that the condition of Secretary McAdoo, who was operated upon to-day for appendicitis, is entirely satisfactory.

## GERMANS DO NOTHING BUT REPULSE THEIR ENEMIES

Berlin by wireless, March 12.—The report of the General Staff says: "In the western theatre two of the enemy's warships, accompanied by several torpedo boats, fired more than 70 shots at the west end bath yesterday without doing any damage. When the German batteries began to reply the squadron retreated."

"The English troops who occupied Neuve Chapelle last night advanced several times toward the East but were repulsed."

"Minor attacks by the English yesterday north of Neuve Chapelle were also repulsed. Fighting in this district continues."

"In Champagne, the situation is generally quiet. 'In the Vosges there is a heavy snowstorm and only minor operations are going on."

"Eastern theatre, north of Augustow forest the beaten Russians avoided complete defeat by hastily retreating in the direction of Grodno. More than 4,000 Russians were taken prisoners. Three guns and ten machine guns were also taken."

"Northwest of Ostroleka attacking Germans captured three officers and 250 men. North and northwest of Praszynsz German attacks have made progress. More than 3,200 Russians were taken prisoners yesterday."

**MORE CONTRABANDS.**

Chicago, March 12.—Copper, iodine, tin, tin ore, skins of various cattle, tea and lubricants are also added to the list of contraband.

## WARSHIPS WAIT FOR EITEL FRIEDERICH

### If not Interned German will Try to Escape British Vessels

### BRING CREW TO CAPITAL

Neutrality Board Will Take Depositions of Officers and Men—Demands For Reparation Likely to Be Met.

(Exclusive Leased Wire to Journal of Commerce.)

Washington, D.C., March 12.—The officers and crew of the American bark Wm. P. Frye, sunk by the converted German cruiser Prinz Eitel Friederich, will probably be brought to Washington to-day or to-morrow, and their depositions taken regarding the incident and the nature and destination of the Frye's cargo. As soon as possible, it is believed, the government will dispatch a note to Germany setting forth the Government's attitude and demanding reparation. It is expected that the demands for reparation to the owners of the vessel and her cargo will be met, and that Germany will repudiate the action of Captain Thierichens, commanding the cruiser.

The neutrality board, in its investigation, has considered whether the Eitel Friederich was regularly commissioned as a war vessel, or acted without being commissioned, in which case her officers and crew could be proceeded against under the federal statutes regarding piracy. It is not believed this question will be pressed, as it would be founded on a technicality.

Five or six British warships are reported hovering off the coast waiting for the Eitel Friederich to come out if her commander does not intern. The British Ambassador has called at the State Department regarding the fate of the sailors belonging to belligerent powers who are on board the cruiser, and have refused to promise not to bear arms against Germany.

Captain Thierichens has refused to surrender the papers of the Frye, but copies of these may be made, removing this difficulty. The Eitel Friederich has gone into drydock. Captain Thierichens says he will, unless otherwise ordered, make a dash for the sea, despite the British warships lying in wait.

### GREECE WILL MAINTAIN NEUTRALITY.

Athens, Greece, March 12.—"Greece will maintain neutrality," was the emphatic declaration to-day by Christakis Zographos, the new Foreign Minister in the first official utterance he has made since the overthrow of the Venizelos Cabinet.

"We can conceive of no emergency now that can force us to enter the war," he continued.

"Greece is at peace with her neighbors and wishes to remain so. There will be no change in her foreign policy."

With the Chamber of Deputies adjourned for 30 days by royal decree, King Constantine is now in supreme control. He has ordered the authorities to prevent all war demonstrations on the ground that they might lead to complications of an unpleasant nature.

### MANUFACTURE LIQUID EXPLOSIVE.

Sydney, C.B., March 12.—Gangs of men are at work night and day rushing to completion construction on the new building in which the Dominion Iron & Steel Company will manufacture Tolid, a liquid explosive, for which large contracts have been arranged with the Canadian government.

The agreement calls for the delivery of a minimum of six hundred gallons a day which necessitates the installation of a plant of large capacity.

It is hoped the plant will be turning out the product by the middle of next month.

The crude material will be shipped from here to one of the armories in Quebec where it will be refined.

### TO INVESTIGATE DISEASE.

Washington, D.C., March 12.—Dr. Ulysses G. Houck, now at the Chicago stock yards, has been ordered by Secretary of Agriculture Houston to go to Kansas to investigate conditions resulting from outbreak of the foot and mouth disease among the cattle of the State. This action was taken following an appeal to President Wilson by Governor Arthur Capper of Kansas for federal aid in the fight against the disease.

### SEARS-ROEBUCK MINIMUM.

Chicago, March 12.—Stock Exchange has fixed Sears Roebuck Co. common minimum at 112 to take effect Monday, March 15th, when the stock sells ex-dividend.

## COLONIAL BANK RECEIVED ITS INCORPORATION—CAPITAL \$500,000

(Special to Journal of Commerce.)

Ottawa, March 12.—The Colonial Bank of Canada, with headquarters at Montreal, and a capitalization of \$500,000, received incorporation in the Banking and Commerce Committee this morning. The Bank is a branch of the Colonial Bank of England, which is starting business in Canada.

Victor Mitchell, K.C., of Montreal, explained that it was the intention of the parent company to acquire all the stock of the new Canadian institution. The parent bank was established in 1836, and carried on business chiefly with the West Indies.

Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, told the committee that the bank simply sought special legislation to enable it to do business in Canada. He thought that the proper course was to seek incorporation in the Dominion.

A new company, The General Trust Company of Canada, had its bill reported after the name had been changed to the Alberta Permanent Trust Co. Objection was made to the original name by Col. Thompson, representing the Toronto General Trust Corporation, on the ground that the similarity of names might cause confusion.

An extension to the charter of the Bank of Alberta which came here for incorporation last year, was granted by the committee. The extension is for two years, from April first next, in order that the company may have an opportunity to raise the \$2,000,000 capital required.

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**CANADIAN TROOPS DO WELL.**

Ottawa, March 12.—Sir George Perley has cabled to Sir Robert Borden as follows: "Just received a letter from General Alderson in which he makes the following statement: 'Our men have now been in the trenches over a week and I am very glad to be able to say that they are doing quite remarkably well. I knew they would do well but they have done much better than I expected and all has gone with less trouble than I anticipated. All artillery, infantry, engineers, medical people, supply, etc., have settled into their places and work in a way that makes me both pleased and proud.'

**BELGIAN ARMY ADVANCES.**

Paris, March 12.—The official communiqué says:—"In Belgium two divisions of the Belgian army have advanced at several points from 100 to 500 metres, notably in the direction of Schorubakke, southeast of Nieupoort."

**WEATHER TURNING COLDER.**

The area of high pressure is centered over the Great Lakes and the weather has turned a little colder from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, while in the western provinces it continues comparatively mild.

**SERVED CHARGES.**

New York, March 12.—A copy of Gov. Whitman's charges against the four members of the Public Service Commission was served this morning by Wm. A. Orr, Secretary to the Governor.

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