

ALLIES WRECK AND CAPTURE GERMAN TRENCHES

BRITISH NOW READY FOR NEW GERMAN MOVE IN THE WEST

ENEMY TO TRY
WESTERN MOVE

British and French Believe
Germans Are Preparing
For New Attacks.

ALLIES WELL PREPARED

Kaiser's Troops Disheartened
by Wonderful Recuperative
Powers of Russians.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Feb. 26.—The impression is gaining ground among British and French military commentators that Germany is preparing for a fresh expenditure of energy in the land campaign along the western front. Notwithstanding the recent successes of the Germans in the east, they are apparently encountering as stubborn resistance as at any time. The resiliency and recuperative powers of the Russian armies, according to theories advanced here, have convinced the German general staff that it is wisest to adopt the defensive in the Russian campaign, while delivering another blow in the west.

Allies Well Prepared.
If this rush comes, the Allies will be well prepared to meet it. During the last few months a decided change for the better has taken place in the forces of the Allies, what with reinforcements, bigger guns and more complete equipment, look of which was felt so keenly during the early stages of the war.

Another Theory.
As against the expectation of a new German general offensive in the west, another theory is advanced in some quarters that the German attack in the east will be continued with the main idea of taking Warsaw from the north. Przemysl 50 miles north of Warsaw, now being in the hands of the Germans, according to their claim, it is probable that a battle is now raging along the River Orze, where the Russians are attempting to stay the Teutonic advance.

The Turks are again appearing in the war news by virtue of the renewed fighting in the Caucasus.

Forts Demolished.
Meanwhile the allied fleet has at last demolished the forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles on the way to Hauberg revivify speculation as to when and where they will be seized by the British.

RUSSIAN VIEWS.
[Canadian Press.]
Petrograd, Feb. 26.—Via London.—Members of the staff of the Russian army, commenting on the recent military developments in Northern Poland, all agree that from Przemysl and Novogorod the Germans hope to develop a movement upon Warsaw (Przemysl is the town north of Warsaw and about 15 miles south of the East Prussian frontier, which has been the scene of heavy fighting recently, and which Berlin declared yesterday had been captured by German troops with a Russian loss of 10,000 men in prisoners). This movement is being resisted in their opinion, by the commencement of an energetic offensive in the vicinity of Mogheli.

Fine Defence Lines.
Against this possible Russian advance, which evidently has assumed larger proportions than any previous movement in Russian Poland, the Russians have three strong lines of defence. The first runs from Kovno to Orla, the latter town being on the Niemen River, 30 miles south of Kovno. The second runs from Orla to Grodno, and the third line is known as the Bobruisk line.

The German advance against the defending lines is proceeding slowly on account of the marshy country and the precautions necessary to take in order to keep open communication with the German base.

Continuous Attack.
There have been attacks in the neighborhood of Stalino conducted with great energy and daring. This fighting has been virtually unintermittent, and there has been increased activity apparently in Eastern Galicia, where the Germans have been checked in their efforts to reach Halicz, an important strategic point on the Dniester River.

According to information reaching the Russian general staff from the front, certain German units of officers are declaring to their men that the Russians will continue retreating; that the Austrian occupation of Galicia has not been interrupted, and that peace soon will follow the successes of German arms.

REPORTS RUSSIANS
OUT OF BUKOWINA

Bucharest Dispatch Says the
Province Is Now Cleared
of Invaders.

[Canadian Press.]
Cologne, Feb. 26.—Via London.—After several days' artillery fighting and in spite of great numerical superiority, the Russians were driven from Bojan (Bukovina), which they had strongly fortified, according to a Bucharest dispatch to the Cologne Gazette. Their retreat did not end until they had reached a point twenty kilometers (12½ miles) north of the Pruth River.

With this reverse, the correspondent says, the final Russian opposition in Bukovina is shattered and the province cleared of invaders.

THE ADVERTISER PAYS
FOR GOOD LETTERS
FROM THE FRONT

INTERESTING letters from the front received by relatives of men in action, either on land or sea, will be gladly received by The Advertiser, and will be paid for if used.

The Advertiser has received many letters from its readers who have relatives serving the British cause, but there are many more remarkable documents which have never been given to the public.

In these times letters written from the front are the material of which history will be made. They should not be kept under cover. British-born residents are especially invited to bring in their communications.

Most interesting, of course, are letters from Londoners or former Londoners who are with the troops or the navy, and these will be given the preference.

Good photographs will also be considered for publication.

GALLANT DEEDS OF
BRITISH SOLDIERS

Sergeant and Man Hold a
Trench, Shooting Down
Many Germans.

MACHINE GUNS DID WELL

Official Semi-Weekly Report
Notes No Change in Positions.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Feb. 26.—The official information bureau gave out today another of the semi-weekly communications from the front. It follows:

"The period since the last communication has been marked by a thick mist and rain, which culminated on the 24th in a heavy snowstorm. Operations consequently have been hindered. Despite bad weather, however, our aircraft carried out their duties. Co-operation between aviators and the artillery has been particularly close on several occasions.

"Near Ypres, intermittent fighting continued along the canal without any change in the relative positions of the opposing forces. Many brilliant acts have been performed during the recent fighting in this neighborhood. A sergeant and a man held a communication trench for a considerable period, unaided, and shot down all Germans who attempted to advance.

"Our machine guns, handled particularly well on one occasion, when they came into action in the open, inflicted a considerable loss on the enemy.

"Along the remainder of our front, the enemy's artillery fire at times has been somewhat heavy. No infantry attacks by either side have occurred."

ACKNOWLEDGE GIFT.—The board of managers of the Queen Alexandra Sanatorium wish to gratefully acknowledge receipt of a barrel of evaporated apples for the convalescent from Miss Priddle, regent of the Abigail Becker Chapter of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 36; lowest, 22.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 23; lowest, 19.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.
Forecast.
Decreasing northerly winds; fair and quite cold today and on Saturday.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Weather.
City of London..... 45
Calcutta..... 35
Canton..... 25
Cebu..... 25
Colon..... 25
Hankow..... 25
Hongkong..... 25
Kobe..... 25
London..... 25
Lyons..... 25
Manila..... 25
Peking..... 25
Rangoon..... 25
Shanghai..... 25
Singapore..... 25
Sourabaya..... 25
Tientsin..... 25
Yokohama..... 25

Weather Notes.
The centre of the disturbance is now over New Brunswick, and a heavy fall of snow and sleet has occurred in Quebec and Montreal, and a heavy fall of rain has been general in the Maritime Provinces.

A cold wave has spread into Ontario from the northward.

GERMANY IGNORES
NEUTRAL OPINION

Leading Paper Says Her
Actions Are Determined
By Necessity.

ATTACKS UNITED STATES
Bryan and Schwab Come In
For Some Harsh Denunciation.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Feb. 26.—The Daily Chronicle says: "The Tagliche Rundschau, a leading Conservative German journal, comments on the result of the first week of the submarine blockade, which it calls the greatest and bravest enterprise known in the history of the war. The action of the German submarine, it asserts, will have a decisive influence on the war, that no one in Germany reckons for immediate results, and that the German admiralty will take care not to expose its boats in a thoughtless manner. The Germans, says the paper, can wait; they are in no hurry, and if next week, or the week after, there is a promise of better results, they can exercise patience till then."

Ignorance United States.
"Of course, Britain is trying to get the United States to take action against Germany, but the Tagliche Rundschau says, 'The Tagliche Rundschau does not learn sooner or later that German action is dictated by the law of self-preservation, and that it can only come to the aid of the United States in order to secure its own safety. The Tagliche Rundschau is quite sure that Britain will not hesitate to sink American ships in order to embroil Berlin with Washington.'"

Attack on Schwab.
Still another article written denigrating the action of America's alleged breach of neutrality appears in the Tagliche Rundschau. The old story of 20 British officers who arrived at Schwab's steel works to supervise the manufacture of guns is warmed up and Schwab is told that he disgraces his German name. Bryan is alluded to as "this Bryan, the colleague of male and female ballet singers, who has learned nothing from history."

Wilson and Bryan, too.
"We are then told of valuations in frock coats, criminals holding office and dignities, and 'this Wilson and Bryan' are threatened with the prospect of 18,000,000 German-Americans buying arms for youths unless they, 'the valuations,' take steps to hinder the export of arms and ammunition to Germany's enemies."

"Who dares to demand from us," says the writer, "that we remain inactive when enemies of our country in America seek to gain, deliver weapons which are to slaughter our kith and kin?"

"The article concludes: 'Our heartiest congratulations to your president for his policy of neutrality, and to your blessed day of prayer. Hallelujah!'"

Two Months Extension
of Sunday Car Franchise

This Done by Council Today
To Legalize Running
Next Sabbath Day.

In order that Sunday cars can legally be operated next Sunday, the one-year franchise made by the 1914 council having expired, the city council at a special session this afternoon passed a bylaw giving the company a two months' extension of its 1914 franchise. Controller Frank White moved an amendment to the recommendation of the finance committee, that the franchise be extended for a year. The amendment was lost, the original recommendation for a two months' extension, being passed.

7th Fusiliers on
Active Service

Subject to Same Discipline as Soldiers
at Queen's Park and Elsewhere.

The men of the 7th Fusiliers who constitute the personnel of the guard detail, sections of which are on duty at the Armouries, the waterworks, the Cove ranges, the ordnance stores and other military public properties, although they have not enlisted for the overseas contingent, are on active service in the strictest sense of the term, and are subject to exactly the same discipline as the soldiers in the concentration camp at Queen's Park or as any other troops on active service.

Moreover any breach of the regulations invariably is followed by swift and severe punishment. Even the slightest lapse brings retribution in its train, as several of the men have found to their sorrow. A few have actually been dismissed from the guard detail, while more than one non-com. has been reduced either to a lower grade or to the ranks.

Haled Before Superior.
Only yesterday a sergeant was reported to have returned from the front several hours after the time for his duty was given a pass, and was hailed before the adjutant, and although the result of the interview was not made known, the opinion was expressed by the adjutant's comrades that he probably would lose one or more of his stripes.

Several of the non-coms. also have found out that it does not pay to attempt to shield an offender. Quite recently a private returned to the Armouries from leave late and the sergeant on guard, to whom he explained that he had not exceeded his period of liberty, was allowed to pass. The sergeant and the adjutant did not report the incident. In some way it leaked out, however, and the lenient sergeant is now a corporal.

HAIL OF SHELLS
FALLS ON RHEIMS

Night of February 21 Worst
of All—400 Houses
Destroyed.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, Feb. 26.—The bombardment of Rheims was more severe on the night of February 21-22 than at any other time, according to C. Lenoir, deputy for Rheims, who was in the city at that time. Shells began falling at 9 o'clock and continued to rain down until 2:15 a.m. The projectiles came from all parts of the German front, from the northwest to the east.

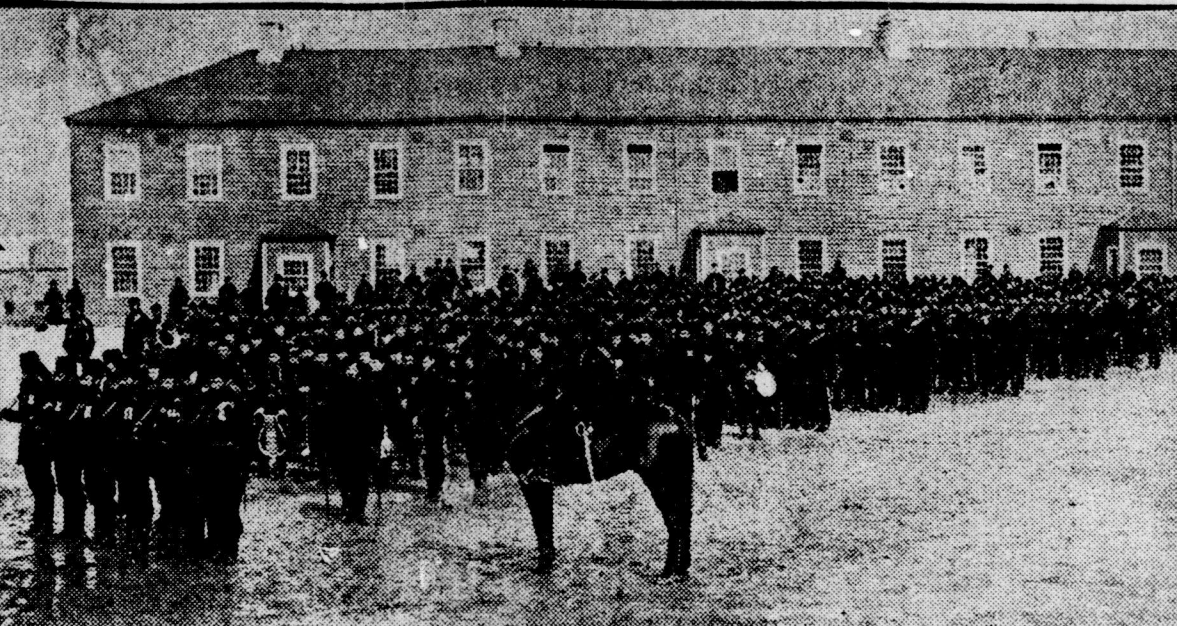
The gunners seemed to aim especially at the first ward of the city, M. Lenoir said. Fire broke out in twenty places at once, and whole blocks collapsed like card houses. Official reports show that over 2,000 shells have been thrown on the old working quarter of the city, causing the destruction of 400 houses. The bombardment was resumed at 10 a.m. on the 22nd, and continued intermittently until 4 p.m.

HOTELMEN SECURE
TORONTO LAWYER

It was stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that the local hotelmen have secured the services of an eminent Toronto lawyer, and are preparing to carry the license reduction by-law to the courts.

"The case will not be decided by an appeal to the Legislature, as many people seem to think," said a gentleman in the hotelmen's ranks, "but the case will be decided by the courts, and the local hotelmen are prepared to go a long way in the expenditure of money for a fight. Temperance workers stated that from their side there is nothing new, and that the next move is up to the hotelmen."

Royal Canadian Rifles, Mobilized In 1843



Advertiser Illustration.
This body of men was organized at St. Helen's Island, opposite Montreal, and was disbanded at London in 1870, the year in which the 7th Battalion, now known as the 7th Fusiliers, came into existence. SEE STORY ON PAGE THREE.

FRENCH DESTROYER SUNK BY
AUSTRIAN MINE IN ADRIATIC

Dague Was Accompanying Vessels With Provisions For
Montenegro—Thirty-eight of Crew Disappeared—
Convoy Completed Journey and Returned.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, Feb. 26.—The destruction of the French torpedo-boat destroyer Dague, while escorting a convoy with provisions for Montenegro, struck an Austrian mine off the Port of Antivari (Montenegro) on February 23. A landing party, aided by the ship's cannon, dispersed and put to flight a small band of Turks occupying the village.

The Dague was 256 feet long, and had a displacement of 720 tons. She was built in 1911, and was rated at a speed of 33.1 knots. Her complement was 81 men. She was armed with two 3.9-inch guns, four 9-pounders, and four 18-inch torpedo tubes.

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LINER HURRYING TO
PORT LEAKING BADLY

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Feb. 26.—The Allen liner Mongolian, bound from Philadelphia for Glasgow, by way of St. John's, Newfoundland, with 200 passengers aboard, is leaking badly and racing for the nearest port from a point about 400 miles off Cape Race, according to a dispatch received here today from J. R. Bennett, acting premier of Newfoundland. Upon the premier's request agents here of the Red Cross Line communicated by wireless with their steamship Stephano, and instructed the captain to hasten to the assistance of the Mongolian. The Stephano is believed to be about 416 miles off Halifax.

Mr. Bennett's message read as follows: "Urgently request that the Stephano be sent to assist the Mongolian. Leaking badly and heading for Halifax. Consider action most urgent."

Officials at local steamship ticket offices, when called, stated that no Londoners were returning on the Mongolian from abroad.

DAY OF SUCCESS ANNOUNCED
IN FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORT

British, Belgian and Republic's Soldiers All Make Gains —
Enemy's Gun Shelters and Trenches Wrecked
and Heavy Losses Inflicted.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, Feb. 26.—The war office gave out the following statement this afternoon: "The Belgian army has retaken a small portion of the trenches which it had lost temporarily. The British army repulsed in Belgium a German attack, and also gained 100 metres on La Bassée road. German artillery displayed considerable activity in the Aisne Valley, but our batteries reduced it to silence in the afternoon. Won More Ground. In Champagne our progress continues. We won some ground in the wood northwest of Perthes and north of."

Former German Officer
Who Gave Becker Trunk
Will Sue the Advertiser

Announcement Made That Carl Beumer Will Take This Step
—Told This Paper Trunk Was Loaned Before
British War e In Fight.

The announcement is made that Carl Beumer, who has returned to this city, after a visit in Cincinnati, where he was refused a divorce from his wife and ordered to pay alimony, will commence an action for libel against The Advertiser, through P. H. Bartlett, because this paper said Beumer had given a trunk to Becker, the German deserter, before the latter left the city.

Former German Officer.
Mr. Beumer is a former officer in the German army, who has been in the United States and Canada for some years as a traveller for a large lumber firm.

On his return here on Wednesday, he came to The Advertiser, and stated that he wished to make a statement for publication, and the privilege was accorded him, a reporter taking down what he dictated. He stated that he had never said "anything aggressive to England."

Did Not Deny It.
In regard to loaning the trunk to Becker, he stated that this had been done before war was declared by Germany upon Great Britain. He did not deny that the trunk had been loaned.

Mr. Beumer said that he was conducting himself properly and that, while he had praised the organization of the German army, he had no desire to make statements of falsity to the British press.

When Becker secured his trunk he believed that he was leaving for Germany, but not to fight against Great Britain.

Mr. Beumer also stated that he had not upheld Mr. Glauz in discussing the Becker case.

Ingenious Attempt
Of Alien Enemy

Various ingenious attempts on the part of the enemy to escape from the country since the outbreak of war have been brought to light, but probably none of them was quite so naive as an Austrian who came into a local shipping office today with a demand for a passage to Europe.

"What is your nationality?" he was asked.

"Russian," was the reply.

"From your appearance, I should think you must be an Austrian," the agent declared.

"Well," came the rather startling rejoinder, "that is the same thing. Austria has been taken by Russia now, so all Austrians must have become Russians."

Needless to say, he was not accommodated with a passage.

CELEBRATE PAARDEBURG
DAY AT NOON SATURDAY

Men of 18th Present in Full Force Under Col. Shannon.

Twelve o'clock is the hour fixed for the big Paardeburg celebration in Victoria Park tomorrow, when the men of the 18th Battalion will be present in full force, under command of Colonel Shannon, D. O. C. Colonel Sir Adam Beck and Mayor Hugh Stevenson will also be present and make addresses. Officers of the Women's Canadian Club, and 7th Regiment Chapter. Daughters of the Empire, will place wreaths upon the soldiers' monument. Members of both societies are asked not to fail to be present. The hour has been fixed at 12 o'clock to enable a great number of citizens to attend the ceremony, which will be marked with particular impressiveness this year.

Experts Called.
Sir James Atkins suggested that tanners who happened to be in the city be called as experts, but Mr. MacDonald objected to taking evidence in regard to the leather supplied until the committee had the contracts made with the manufacturers to show what leather was specified. The committee argued over this point half an hour.

Finally, on a division, Sir James Atkins' motion was carried, and Mr. MacDonald's was lost. (Continued on page three.)