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BRITISH MAKE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RAID NEAR SOUCHEZ

Crown Prince Captures French Position in Champagne

BRITISH SMASH FOE POSITIONS NEAR SOUCHEZ

Another Big Raid Succeeds Without Casualties to Assailants.

BIG FIGHTS IMPEND

Military Observers Expect Renewal of Local Actions on Somme.

ZEPPELIN ADMITS HIS INVENTION A FAILURE

Recognizes With Sadness Efficiency of British Anti-Aircraft Measures.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

Gen. F. was learnt to-night by a representative of the Central News that Count von Zeppelin recently admitted that the zeppelin raids on England are futile.

At the time, the inventor of the great war balloons was the guest at the home of a prominent resident of this city; the remarks were made during the course of a dinner given in his honor.

The party had just returned from witnessing a flight of one of the newest German dirigibles over Lake Geneva, and the count sadly admitted that in the future the zeppelins would confine their operations to scouting purposes only.

He said, according to a reliable witness, that the English have discovered "an antidote" for air raiders; and that in the view of this new invention, his war balloons had lost their greatest usefulness.

GERMANS GAIN SOME GROUND IN CHAMPAGNE

Attack of Crown Prince's Troops Penetrates French Lines Half a Mile.

KAISER FELICITATES

French Report No Infantry Fighting in Latest Communication.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

London, Feb. 16.—German activity in the Champagne resulted in an attack on the French line which the Germans gained a mile and a half stretch of trenches to a depth of half a mile.

A Berlin despatch says: "Troops of the German crown prince in an attack against the French positions south of Ripont, in the Champagne, yesterday, the war office announced today, on a front of about a mile and a half captured ground to a depth of half a mile. The Germans took 230 prisoners, including 21 officers.

The attack, which was preceded by intense artillery fire, was mainly directed against the French positions at Maisons de Champagne farm and Hill 185, about one-third of a mile south of the farm. Four lines of French positions were stormed in the attack. The French made counter-attacks last night and this morning, but were repulsed with losses. The German losses are said to have been small.

Reports received here show that on none of the fronts has anything of importance occurred today.

An official communication says Emperor William has telegraphed the German crown prince, congratulating him and his troops for their successful attack against the French in the Champagne, which he says maintained their reputation for smart execution.

No mention is made of the reported German attack on French positions in the Champagne in tonight's official communication, issued at Paris.

The fire of the French heavy artillery continues west of Les Maisons de Champagne without infantry action.

The fire of the French heavy man recolonizing party was surprised by our fire and scattered.

The enemy left behind several dead.

"In the region of Louvemont, artillery fighting has been reported.

"In the Vosges, to the south of St. Marie Pass, an enemy long-range gun this morning fired several shells in the direction of Nancy.

Belgian communication: "All along the Belgian front artillery activity is being maintained day and night."

FRANCE WILL VOTE ANOTHER LARGE SUM

Nine and One-Half Billion Francs for Three Months' Outlay.

EXPENDITURE GROWS

Minister of Finance Asks Further Restriction of Imports.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

Paris, Feb. 16.—Minister of Finance Ribot today asked the French Chamber of Deputies to appropriate 9,574,000,000 francs, to cover the government expenditure for the second quarter of the present year. This was an average of 90,000,000 francs, over the amount of the appropriations for the first quarter. The finance minister said that the greatest of the country's tasks was not to raise funds at home for the increasing expenses, but to reduce loans obtained abroad to pay for foreign purchases.

He said that the forces of the nation's production must be better utilized and an end put to all importations that are not absolutely needed.

He said that receipts from direct taxes last year were 30,000,000 francs in excess of those of 1915, and that indirect taxes 10,000,000 francs larger. The total receipts were 24 per cent. below those of a normal year.

MORE BRITISH SHIPS SUNK BY SUBMARINES

Five Steamers, Sailing Ship and Trawler Are Reported Victims.

London, Feb. 16.—The British steamers Hopemoor and Afton have been sunk, according to an announcement made by Lloyd's.

The steamer Hopemoor, of 3,740 tons, was last reported as passing Cape Henry on Jan. 26, bound from Baltimore for Hull. She was 847 feet long and was built in 1913. The Afton measured 1,156 tons, and was 242 feet long.

The Netherlands steamer 2,444 tons was last reported departing from Philadelphia, Jan. 21, for Dunkirk, France.

Earlier reports yesterday told of the sinking of three British steamers, a British sailing ship and a trawler.

AMERICAN STEAMER IS TO VENTURE OUT

Algonquin Expected to Leave New York Today or Tomorrow.

New York, Feb. 16.—The Associated Press tonight says: "The American steamship Algonquin of the American Star Steamship Company, a vessel which recently changed her Canadian registry to that of the United States, will leave here Sunday or Monday for London. It was learned here today in shipping circles. The Algonquin will be commanded by Captain A. Norberg, a naturalized American citizen of Norwegian birth, and her principal officers, as well as several members of her crew, also will be Americans.

The movement of ships from Philadelphia to belligerent and neutral ports of Europe continued today.

Ships that passed safely thru the submarine war zone and arrived at Philadelphia today included the British steamer Matine and Southpoint from London, Wyoote from Glasgow and Doonholm from Toulon, via Gibraltar.

CERTIFICATES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN WHO ASSIST IN SAVING

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Photograph of the certificate which is being issued to every school boy and girl who helps the Red Cross, by saving waste paper, which is sold. Thousands of dollars thus are being raised.

EARLY MORNING FIRE DOWNTOWN

Two Top Floors of Temperance Street Building Are Gutted.

LOSS WILL BE HEAVY

Art Metropole Loses Large Quantity of Artists' Supplies.

CANADIAN AGENTS ARE GIVEN COLD SHOULDER

Provincial Representatives in London Not Included in Committee.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, Feb. 16.—Some surprise is expressed over the fact that the new governmental committee to examine conditions for setting ex-soldiers contains only one Canadian, namely, Bruce Walker, Winnipeg. The explanation apparently is that the Canadian Government not unreasonably imagined the committee would be a small, compact one. Events show, however, the committee consists of nearly thirty members, including the agent general of every Australian state. This brings into prominence once more the preference in status between Australian and Canadian agents. The Canadian agents general have no direct dealings with the colonial office, all communications passing thru the high commission.

The provinces' representatives are calling their respects to their premiers tonight, drawing attention to this latest instance of cold shoulder. The matter might well some day form a subject for action by the imperial council.

GERMANS HAMPER WORK IN BELGIUM

Cancel Safe-Conducts Formerly Given to Relief Ships.

DELAYS FOODSTUFFS

Action of Foe Causes Grave Expense—Americans Aggravate Control.

VICTORY LOAN IS BLOW TO ENEMY

"Bitter Pill for Germany to Swallow," Chamberlain's Comment.

HUGE TOTAL REACHED

Amount Applied for is at Least Two Billion Pounds.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

London, Feb. 16.—Unofficial estimates of the total subscriptions to the new British loan of victory, the lists for which were closed this afternoon, place the amount applied for at between 2,200,000,000 and 2,500,000,000. The loan sweepstakes on the stock exchange closed after a week of great activity, and today's rush to subscribe might be termed overwhelming.

Arthur Neville Chamberlain, director-general of national service, speaking at Bristol tonight, said that he ventured to predict that the result of the war loan would be a bitter pill for Germany to swallow.

The Weekly Nation estimates that the collection of "new money" for the loan is approaching 2,000,000,000.

Montreal, Feb. 16.—Montreal set out Monday morning to raise \$2,500,000 for the patriotic and Red Cross funds, and tonight at the finish of the campaign it was announced that \$4,816,583 had been secured. This includes \$1,300,000 recommended by the board of control as the city's contribution, but the city council has not yet made the grant.

MAJOR LASH ACCEPTS NEW POST IN FRANCE

He Will Be Under Col. Sims at Headquarters in France.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, Feb. 16.—Changes in the administration of the Canadian headquarters, which resulted amongst others in the abolition of the appointment of assistant judge advocate-general, leaves Col. Maurice Alexander free from the duties of this office. The C.A.P. understands Col. Alexander has been offered two other appointments here, but it is doubtful if he will accept either under present circumstances. His assistant, Major Lash, has taken an appointment under Col. Manly Sims, general representative at headquarters in France.

ANXIETY STILL FELT FOR AMERICAN CONSULS

Fear That Additional Party Is Being Held by German Government.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—A report has been widely circulated that the expected arrival of an additional party of Americans from Germany, including American consuls, has been delayed, and in consequence it is believed that they are being detained by the German Government.

UNITED STATES HAS TO ASSERT RIGHTS ON SEA

Wilson Recognizes Holding Back Ships is Virtual Surrender.

MUST ACT SPEEDILY

Relations With Austria Not Broken, But Cannot Long Continue.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The ruthless German submarine warfare and its effects upon the United States were discussed late today by President Wilson and the cabinet. The meeting lasted only an hour, and afterwards it was said no new steps had been decided on.

Arming of American merchantmen and the economic effects of the partial tie-up of shipping out of American ports were the subjects of which the cabinet centred attention. Secretary McAdoo is compiling a list of vessels held in port, and Secretary Redfield is making a comprehensive analysis of the inroads submarines are making on shipping generally.

Face Vial Problem.

Consideration is given by the government to all the different phases of the situation that have developed since the break in relations with Germany, including the detention of the Yarrowdale prisoners, the crisis with Austria, the plight of Americans in Turkey and Belgium relief. High officials think that all these matters are emphasized that the great fundamental problem before the nation is the ill-ill submarine campaign itself. Against this campaign the United States has made the most vigorous protest possible short of war, but the administration officials feel that so long as it permits American ships to be held in port for fear of attack by submarines it effects acquiescing in the German policy. This state of affairs, it is added, cannot be permitted to continue indefinitely.

Break With Austria.

State department officials, discussing the report from Paris that American had been warned from Washington to leave Austria, said no instructions to this effect had been sent to Ambassador Penfield at Vienna. They considered it probable that Ambassador Penfield might have taken such action on his own initiative.

Officials say they still hope that a break with Austria may be avoided, but admit that all recent indications are to the contrary.

Take Berlin's Word.

Press despatches from Berlin announcing that the 72 American seaplanes brought in by the Yarrowdale had been released are not doubted, as it has been assumed from the first that Germany would not hold the men after rumors reaching the U.S. of imprisonment of German sailors in the U.S. had been cleared up.

Another inquiry was sent the Spanish ambassador to ascertain the cause of delay in the departure of the American train from Munich which were guaranteed had reported would leave Prague this week with 56 consuls and their families and an unknown number of other persons.

An earlier despatch from the Spanish ambassador said Germany had promised to facilitate the consuls' departure as much as possible, as it is understood, however, that for military reasons the Germans insisted that the remaining Americans all go out in one trainload, and that there had been delay in concentrating them at Munich.

The falling off in the rate of daily destruction by submarines to a few thousand tons has made a great impression here, and given rise to speculation as to whether the return of submarine fleets to base or as the result of the activities of the British fleet is the cause.

SUPPLY OF NEWSPRINT PAPER NOW ASSURED

Dominion Government Announces Manufacturers Have Met Views.

By a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—"Effective means have been taken by the government to ensure the supply of newsprint paper to the newspapers of the Dominion of Canada," says an official statement issued today. "On account of the fact that the supply of newsprint paper in the hands of the minister of customs is sufficient to allow the export of paper, and also to fix quantity, price, at which paper is to be furnished to Canadian publishers."

"The paper manufacturers were here on Wednesday and had a conference with the minister. The majority of them are only too ready to meet the views of the government. It is understood that the manufacturers will so stipulated matters that it will not be necessary for the minister of customs to exercise the powers given to him under orders-in-council."

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

PLEASED with the first German success of the year on the western front, also only a minor one, the kaiser sent congratulations by telegraph to the crown prince and the army under him for capturing a French position in the Champagne. The German official communication says that on Thursday German troops captured ground to the depth of half a mile on a front of a mile and a half, taking 850 prisoners. For comparison, it may be noted that the British captured about as much territory the other day when they occupied Grandcourt on the Ancre. The total area taken by the Germans amounts to about one half a square mile, on their own claims. Since the Germans confined their attack to a small frontage and did not follow it up yesterday, they evidently merely planned a local onset for some obscure purpose, probably to test the strength of the French concentration. The fact that the kaiser could not resist the sending of congratulations in some breaths that the enemy is launching a big offensive. If given the opportunity he will launch it all right, but he will then assail a larger frontage than a mile and a half. The Champagne presents an admirable front for an early offensive, for the ground dries there earlier in the winter than at any other place on the western front.

As spring is approaching in Europe, bringing with it the period for heavy fighting, and as their winter's rest has given the Germans time for the formation of another mass of manoeuvre, rumor says, of fifty divisions, every German attack arouses apprehension in some breasts that the enemy is launching a big offensive. If given the opportunity he will launch it all right, but he will then assail a larger frontage than a mile and a half. The Champagne presents an admirable front for an early offensive, for the ground dries there earlier in the winter than at any other place on the western front.

The French official communication of last night says nothing about the German onset in the Champagne. It says that to the west of Maisons de Champagne the artillery activity continues without infantry action. The fire of their heavy batteries caused an explosion of an ammunition depot at Manre, to the north of Tahure. East of the Champagne, in the Argonne, the French carried out several surprise attacks in the region of

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STEAMERS SUNK

Vessels yesterday reported sunk:

Longgar, steamer (British), 2777 tons.

Kyunst, steamer (British), 1000 tons (estimated).

Percy Roy, sailing ship (British), 110 tons.

Graviev (British).

Greenland, steamer (British), 1753 tons.

Hopemoor, steamer (British), 3740 tons.

Afton, steamer (British), 1156 tons.

Vessels sunk since Feb. 1 (trawlers not included), 106; total tonnage (estimated), 226,740.

"All Quiet in Cuba" is Report

Santiago Harbor Not Mined

Special to The Toronto World.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Cuba and its new troubles were added today to the anxieties now shouldered by the state department. The advice received yesterday from Santiago, that the commander of the United States patrol reported that he had carefully surveyed the harbor of Santiago and found it free from mines.

The Cuban minister reported to the department that everything was quiet in the island and that no destruction of foreign property or lives had yet been committed.

TO SUPERVISE GRAVES.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, Eng., Feb. 16.—W. L. Griffith, high commissioner's secretary, has been appointed with another Canadian military officer, on the sub-committee supervising grave plots of Dominion soldiers dying here. A plot for Canadian soldiers has been allocated in Brookwood Cemetery, Surrey.

SATURDAY NIGHT FURS.

Dineen's open until 10 o'clock tonight with a special showing of the features of the special sale fixed for the third week in February.

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