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## French Smash German Advances--Many Hun Planes Brought Down

**Cheerful News From Paris via St. Pierre Regarding Recent Operations on French Front--Air Raids Much in Evidence With Honors in Favor of the Allies--A Zep Brought Down Near Brahan Le Roi--Fell to Earth a Mass of Flames--French Planes Make Raid on German Railroad Station and Munition Factory--All Planes Returned to Base Safely**

Paris, Feb. 21 (Official).--In Artois, North of Lille Road, the Germans exploded a mine but our immediate counter attack drove them from the excavation which we occupy. Near the end of the evening the Germans fiercely bombarded our trenches South West of Givenchy, to which our batteries replied most vigorously.

South of the Somme in Lihons sector, after heavily shelling our lines and launching suffocating gases on a front of seven kilometres, the enemy tried to leave their trenches and attack us but was thrown back everywhere by our cross fires and infantry.

In Champagne excellent results were obtained by our bombardment of the German works West of St. Hilaire. Destructive fires were executed on the German works near St. Hubert, where we destroyed several lookouts on the outskirts of Cheppy Woods.

On the whole Verdun District front both artilleries are very active. Southeast of Saint Miniel we bombed the enemy lines of Ailly Woods. The Germans fired several shells on St. Die, killing one inhabitant and wounding several others.

In aviation numerous aerial duels are reported. Over Tagsdorf and Altkirch one of our planes attacked at close quarters a German plane "Class Fokker" and fired 15 cartridges into the fokker who collapsed. In Epinal an albatross was brought down by our artillery. In Bures District, North of Parroy Forest, a German machine was attacked by two of our aeroplanes and was brought down by our artillery.

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German aeroplanes bombed Femes Barledue and Revigny, near the latter point a hostile flotilla was attacked by our scouting machines and was compelled to flight. During the engagement another German aeroplane was brought down near Givry; another German aeroplane was pursued and fell headlong in the German lines.

One of our bombing aircrafts of seventeen machines dropped 60 shells of large calibre on the aviation park of Habsheim and on the railroad station of Mulhausen. Another group of 28 planes dropped a number of shells on the munition factory of Pagny Moselle. All our aeroplanes returned safely.

A Zeppelin flying from Ste. Meunould in a southern direction was brought down by our armored

### UNIONIST M.P. HAS RESIGNED

Chester, Eng., Feb. 23.--Robert Armstrong Yerburgh, Unionist member of Parliament for Chester, has resigned his seat in Commons. His health is given as the reason for his retreat.

### HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

Milford, Conn., Feb. 23.--Eight persons lost their lives, and fully fifty were more or less hurt in a rear end collision on a passenger train on the New York-New Haven Hartford Railway near here today.

### ONLY ONE SAVED WHEN STEAMER SINKS

London, Feb. 22.--The sinking of the British steamer Dingle is reported by Lloyds. There probably is only one survivor; no details have been received. She was a steamer of 593 tons.

### WILL PLACE BLOCKADE UNDER ONE HEAD

London, Feb. 22.--Announcement was made to-day by the Marquis of Lansdowne, Minister without portfolio, that the Government proposed to place under the control of a single Minister of Cabinet rank, the administration of blockade measures against the nations at war with Britain.

### BRITISH-SWEDISH DIFFICULT REMAINS UNCHANGED

London, Feb. 22.--Commenting on an Associated Press despatch from Stockholm, reporting the probability that an arrangement of the trouble between Sweden and Britain regarding Atlantic parcel post traffic will soon be completed, the British Foreign Office stated to-day that the Swedish negotiations were still proceeding. No settlement was in sight, it was said, but there was no anticipation of a setback.

### Clever Work of British Aviator

London, Feb. 23.--A British official issued to-night on the campaign in the West reads:

"The enemy last night sprang a mine East of Givenchy. We suffered no casualties. Poperinghe was shelled by the enemy during the night. This morning we sprang a mine near the Hohensolern Redoubt. Our troops occupy the ground near the tip of the crater.

"Our artillery bombarded enemy trenches near Maricourt, Ovilers and the Ypres-Comines Canal. Hostile artillery shelled our positions Northwest of Ypres, using many lachrymatory shells. Our trenches North of Ypres between the Pillek Road and Ypres Canal were also bombarded.

"One of our aeroplanes was hit by an anti-aircraft shell, which practically severed the pilot's leg. He managed, however, to land his machine safely in the aerodrome without injury to his observer."

automobiles of Revigny. It was perforated by a large fire shell. The Zeppelin fell in a mass of flames in the neighborhood of Brahan le Roi.

### No Time Lost By Navy Men Says Lloyd George

London, Feb. 23.--The fact that the men on British warships are turning out a large amount of war munitions in their spare time aboard their vessels was revealed in a letter from the Minister of Munitions, David Lloyd George, to Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty, made public to-night.

"I have been greatly interested in the details of the splendid work done by the officers and men on the battle cruiser fleet in making munitions," the Minister writes.

"The output which already has been reached, is very striking, but more important even than material results is the magnificent spirit which prompted the men of the fleet to devote their leisure time in giving the men in the trenches such loyal and effective support. The fact also that the work is being carried out by the men's own wish without remuneration, greatly enhances its value."

### More Revelations in Switzerland

Federal Insurance Funds Transferred to German Bonds

PARIS, Feb. 19.--A Geneva despatch to The Journal says that public opinion in Switzerland is deeply moved by the revelation that responsible officials of the Federal insurance directorate transferred all the federal insurance funds with the exception of 600,000 francs, into German bonds and stocks since the war began. This discovery, the despatch says, was made by the Board of auditors of the federal council during the periodical examination of the insurance records. The Swiss federal council in 1911 passed the federal insurance law, for the purposes of which several million francs were appropriated.

The Swiss law alluded to was in two parts, the first providing for insurance against illness and the second for insurance against accident, which involved the establishment of an annual fund of about 8,000,000 francs. Opposition was made to the second part of the measure, on the ground that so large an appropriation would endanger the national treasury and that it was a doubtful adventure for the state to undertake a form of business which had previously been regarded as the proper domain of private companies. Both parts of the law were finally adopted by 250,000 against 220,000 in the referendum vote by the Swiss people.

### Predicts Closer Relations Between France and Britain

PARIS, Feb. 22.--The Anglo-French Parliamentary Committee began its sessions to-day. Viscount Bryce, head of the British section, addressed the French delegates, over whom is former Premier Clemenceau, as President. He said there would be no separate peace among the warring powers, nor any compromise. He characterized the meetings as definite proof of the indissoluble unity of the Entente Allies. M. Clemenceau said, some such evidence of Anglo-French accord had been long awaited. He said the French and British people would live in a union which would be unbroken, and that, whatever might happen, these two nations would continue the war to the end.

### SENUSI TRIBESMEN APPROACH NILE VALLEY

BERLIN, Feb. 22.--Senussi tribesmen are advancing through Egypt from the west, and approaching the Nile valley, according to reports from Constantinople to the Overseas Agency. The report adds that several Arab tribes have joined the Senussi.

H. W. LeMessurier, the obliging and efficient Assistant Collector of Customs, has been confined to his home the past few days with a severe attack of grippe.

### Turk Losses At Erzerum Enormous

Petrograd, Feb. 22.--The Turkish losses at Erzerum were enormous, most of the forts having been taken at the point of the bayonet in sanguinary encounters; fort ditches, it is reported, were filled up by mass of bodies which choked them.

The town of Erzerum is practically intact, only a few of the Government buildings and stores on the Southern side having been blown up and fired by departing Turks. Majority of ordnance captured also was left intact with the stores of ammunition, the Turks in only a few cases having retained sufficient soldierly spirit to destroy their guns and explode their ammunition.

### BRITISH SUB STRANDED

London, Feb. 23.--A despatch to Reuter's from The Hague says: "The British submarine, which stranded near Schiermonnik Oog, was refloated yesterday and escorted by Dutch warships was taken to the Island of Terschelling, whence it will be towed to Nicue Diep."

### French Haul Down Austro-Hun. Flag on Greek Island

BERLIN, Feb. 22.--The Austro-Hungarian Consul on the Greek Island of Corfu, who has made his escape, reports that when the French landed troops there on the night of Jan. 10th, the French officer asked him to haul down his flag, says the Overseas News Agency. The Consul declined, notwithstanding the officer's threats. Finally the flag was hauled down forcibly, and the French hoisted their own flag on the mast before Achillion Castle, which is the property of Emperor William. Later they observed the German crown on the topmast, and attempted to remove it. Failing in this, they saved off the whole mast. They searched the Castle grounds for stores of benzine, tearing up the ground everywhere, but found nothing.

### OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

- 69 Private James John Tobin, 97 Circuit Street, Boston, Mass.: dysentery, slight; admitted to 1st Scottish General Hospital, Aberdeen.
- 1905 Private H. Thorne, New Harbor, T.B.; died of measles at Paisley, Scotland, Feb. 21.
- 1943 Private George Mungford, Codroy; dangerously ill, measles, Scotland.

### Additional Information

530 Private Bernard Murphy, Catalina. Previously reported to be removed from serious list, Jan. 10. Now reported to have arrived at the Third London General Hospital, Wandsworth; enteric, serious.

1196 Private Joseph Stansford, Grates Cove. Previously reported to be out of danger, Jan. 12. Now reported to have arrived at the Third London General Hospital, Wandsworth; dysentery.

651 Private Josiah H. Penney, Carbonear. Previously reported to be admitted to Hospital, Ricasoli, Malta, Jan. 1; dysentery, slight. Now reported to have arrived at the Third London General Hospital, Wandsworth; valvular disease, heart.

### Jap Fleet Reach Suez Canal

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 22.--German newspapers print despatches from Italy stating that the Japanese fleet has arrived safely in the Mediterranean Sea with a great number of aircraft. Two Japanese steamers have been torpedoed and sunk, the Mediterranean liner Yasaka Maru and the freighter Konkoku Maru. On January 31st, announcement was made at Tokyo by the Jiji Shimpo, that a squadron of Japanese warships was to be despatched to the Suez Canal, presumably for the purpose of protecting Japanese shipping.

### ITALIANS CAPTURE MOUNTAIN POSITIONS

ROME, Feb. 22.--Italian forces have conquered the mountainous zone of Callo, between Lorganza and Cegno Torrents. In the Sugana valley section they have occupied the towns of Renchi and Roncagno. This section lies fifteen miles east of Trent.

### RUSSIAN DUMA OPENS

PETROGRAD, Feb. 22.--The new session of the Duma was opened to-day by Emperor Nicholas, who visited the Chamber and addressed the Deputies, the President of the Duma replying.

### Turkey Faces Huge Deficit

Five and a Half Million Pounds More Than Last Year

LONDON, Feb. 19.--A Constantinople despatch to Reuter's via Amsterdam says that the financial report of Talaat Bey has been submitted to the chamber and shows that the budget for the coming financial year presents a deficit of 14,000,000 Turkish pounds, or 5,500,000 more than the deficit of the current financial year. The navy estimates remain almost unchanged. One million four hundred and sixty thousand pounds is set aside for harbor, railways and buildings for the account of the army administration. Referring to the current financial year, the Turkish minister says that the total expenditure was 62,000,000 Turkish pounds, while the income for the first half year was many and Austria-Hungary, against about 11,000,000. Advances from German issue of exchequer bonds amounted to 14,500,000. With this money the exchequer was able to cover war expenditure and to a certain extent the costs of civil administration. The income of the second half year is estimated at about 12,000,000 Turkish pounds. With this and with advances amounting to 20,000,000 from Germany, the exchequer will have sufficient means, the minister says, to cover all ordinary and extraordinary expenses of the current financial year ending March 31.

### Grand Falls Extend Thanks

Grand Falls, N. W. F. Lloyd, Secy. Recruiting Committee. Grand Falls wishes to thank His Excellency the Governor and citizens of St. John's for hearty reception accorded to our boys. Hope to have another batch on Friday. Volunteers to date, 100.

### REDUCTION IN COST OF SHELL PRODUCTION

LONDON, Feb. 22.--Reduction in the cost of producing shells with result in a saving of four-hundred thousand pounds weekly after June 1st. This statement was made in the Commons to-day by Dr. Christopher Addison, Parliamentary Secretary of Munitions, in response to a question addressed to the Ministry of Munitions.

LONDON, Feb. 22.--French and Bulgarian patrols had a lively engagement in the Machkava sector, on the Graeco-Serbian frontier, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from Athens to-day.

The Bulgarians were obliged to retire, leaving six prisoners in the hands of the French.

## Wars Are Not Won By Orders in Council Says Lord Beresford

**In Making His Maiden Speech in House of Lords Beresford Scores the Policy of the Government and Points Out Unless "You Leave the Blockade Question in the Hands of Those Who Understand War, You Will Have No Results"--Brilliant Retreats Says Lord Beresford Will Not Win the War--Wants the Blockade of Germany Put on its Proper Basis**

London, Feb. 22.--Lord Charles Beresford, who was created a Baron in the King's recent New Year's honors, made his maiden speech in the Lords to-day, on Baron Sydenham's motion that in conformity with the principles of international law, the legitimate rights of neutrals, more effective use could be made of the Allies' fleet by preventing supplies, directly conducting to the prolongation of the war, from reaching the enemy.

Baron Sydenham spoke briefly, and was followed by Baron Beresford, who said, if we had asserted our rights and used our sea power properly, the war would be over now. Even at present we have only a sort of blockade carried out by proclamation. Orders in Council and agreements of committees. Wars are not won by proclamations and orders in council, but by fighting. That is what we should do.

War is being conducted by twenty-one amateurs, who know

nothing whatever about it. The basis of success in war is foresight. How can mere amateurs have foresight? The management of the war has been worse since the coalition Ministry was formed. Brilliant retreats will not win the war. Let us get this thing on its proper basis.

The Marquis of Lansdowne, Minister without portfolio, replying on behalf of the Government to Baron Beresford's motion, said: "It is idle to suppose we can ever completely seal Germany up, but many complaints regarding the failure of the blockade proceed from misapprehensions. All figures and statistics put forward in support of these complaints require the most careful scrutiny. Many of such figures are certainly open to criticism. Comparisons are frequently made from altogether erroneous data. The enemy has undoubtedly received supplies, but I can assure the Lords that she is receiving them in steadily decreasing quantity."

"We are conducting the blockade on the proper basis for a great maritime power in war with an enemy which has the advantage of fighting on inner lines. The Government certainly recognizes that it is of first importance to prevent supplies reaching the enemy, and that policy will be followed and enforced unsparingly."

## Italians After Hammering Austrian Positions Are Now Within 15 Miles of Trent

### Russians Still Pressing the Turks Hard In Armenia--French by Counter Attack Drive Germans Out of Trenches Which They Had Captured After Powerful Attack.

LONDON, Feb. 23.--The Italians, after weeks of hammering at the Austrian positions with their big guns, have captured the mountainous region of Callo, in the Sugana Valley and also have occupied the towns of Roncagno and Ronchi. By their new acquisition of terrain the Italians are now almost within striking distance of one of their chief objectives of war--the City of Trent--which lies protected on the north, east and south by a line of forts, fifteen miles west of the captured region.

Again there has been vicious fighting in the Artois region of France, and in Champagne along both banks of the Meuse, above Don. To the east of Souchez, after heavy bombardment, the Germans attacked and captured 800 metres of French trenches, took seven officers and 319 men prisoners. So powerful was the attack that the Germans, seven battalions strong, not alone occupied the first line of trenches, but the points gained access to some communicating trenches. The French, by a counter attack, officially announced by Paris, succeeded in driving out the Germans from all but a few of these positions, the Germans suffering heavily. At Bradbur-sur-Meuse the Germans also broke into the French trenches, but here again they were driven out back to their original positions.

The entire crew of twenty men of an zeppelin airship, which was shot down by the French near Brant le Roi, perished in the flames which enveloped the aircraft as it fell from a height of six thousand feet. Berlin

admits the loss of this zeppelin. There is no change in the situation along the front in Russia and in Galicia. The Russians are still pressing the Turks hard in Armenia. Constantinople, in its first official statement concerning the reverse to the Turkish arms at Erzerum, says: "Retreatment from positions west of the fortress took place after the Turks had destroyed positions east of Erzerum and also 50 old cannon, which they could not take away with them. Denial is made that the Russians captured 1,000 cannon and 80,000 prisoners."

A semi-official report from Berlin says that Senussi tribesmen from Western Egypt have captured several towns and are approaching the Nile River Valley.

Again the Bulgarians and French have come into contact on the Graeco-Serbian frontier. The Bulgarians were forced to retire, after a lively engagement, leaving half a dozen prisoners in the hands of the French.

Lord Robert Cecil, British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, is considered as likely to be given a portfolio as Blockade Minister, the Government having decided to create this new portfolio in the Cabinet and place full responsibility for the blockade of Germany and matters connected with the British Order in Council in the hands of a single individual.

Call them white lies if you want to (but sooner or later they will come home to roost.