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GERMANY MAY ABANDON SUBMARINE WAR

NAVAL COUNCIL WILL SOON DECIDE QUESTION

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Russia Makes Ample Dispositions to Meet New German Advance

BRITISH DEFEAT TWO GERMAN ATTACKS ON NEUVE CHAPELLE

BELGIAN TOWN BOMBARDED BY BRITISH FLEET

Flotilla of Monitors Made Target of Westende With Great Success.

GERMAN ATTACKS FAIL

Two Attempts to Drive British Troops From Neuve Chapelle Defeated.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

PARIS, March 11.—The military operations in France and Belgium are impeded by the breaking up of the winter season, accompanied by foggy weather, fighting still goes on. For the first time in about two months the British coast flotilla of monitors and destroyers has become active again and today it bombarded Westende, in Belgium, which the French war office reports was done successfully. Westende is a small summer resort about seven miles south of Ostend, and is in the direct line of advance on that coast town. Here the Germans have been active in erecting fortifications and batteries, but they have been considerably impeded in their operations by the activity of the aerial squadrons of the allies.

The Germans attempted today by two strong attacks to drive the British-Indian and the first army corps out of Neuve Chapelle, which they captured yesterday, but the British were prepared for them and drove them back with heavy losses.

French troops in the sector of Ypres defeated two German attacks today.

In the face of a stubborn resistance the French troops made an appreciable advance in the woods west of Perthes, where they gained a footing several days ago. The new French lines were subjected to a violent bombardment and violent counter attacks.

In the battles about Four de Paris and Bolante, in the Argonne, the French captured a mine thrower and a machine gun.

Fighting in the Vosges has revived, and the Germans were defeated in an attempt to capture Reich Ackerkopf.

TWO BOYS BELIEVED LOST ON THE LAKE

Lifeboats Search for Ralph Wilson and Horace Smith of Port Hope.

Special to The Toronto World.

PORT HOPE, March 11.—Ralph Wilson, 18 years of age, son of S. W. Wilson, proprietor of The Guide, and Horace Smith, 17 years of age, son of Councillor G. A. Smith, are believed to have perished on Lake Ontario this evening. The two boys started out canoeing about 4 o'clock, at which time there was a stiff gale blowing from the land, and it is thought that they have been driven out on the lake. Not having returned at a late hour this evening, a lifeboat crew, in command of Capt. P. J. McMahon, and a crew from Cobourg set out in search of the young men, but came back without finding any trace of them.

BEETHOVEN NOT SUNK AS BERLIN CLAIMED

British Steamer is Safe in Port at Avonmouth.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, March 11, 10 p.m.—The steamer Beethoven, which a Berlin wireless despatch of yesterday said had been sunk either by a torpedo or a mine, is reported by her owners to be safe at Avonmouth.

The Berlin despatch said the Beethoven was bound from Newcastle for Gibraltar, and that two of her crew had been drowned when she sank.

GRECIAN KING TO CARRY OUT POLICY OF FATHER

Told British Minister at Audience of His Friendliness Towards England.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

ATHENS, March 11.—I am reliably informed that King Constantine summoned the British minister yesterday morning to a private audience. His majesty stated that his friendly feelings towards England were not waning and added that his policy was to follow that set by the late king, whose recommendations in this respect he proposed to carry out.

Canadian Casualties

Toronto Men Wounded

Pte. Wm. Connor. Next of kin, Katherine Connor, 86 Wiltshire avenue.

Pte. George Lindop. Next of kin, Mrs. Alice Lindop, 38 Russell street.

Pte. William Stewart Thompson. Next of kin, Mrs. Nina Thompson, 98 Kenilworth avenue.

Pte. Thomas Jermy. Next of kin, Thomas Chandler, 184 Sackville street.

Bugler Harold Crane. Next of kin, Jennie Barrett, 72 River street.

Lance Corp. Alfred Skinner. Next of kin, Ernest Skinner, 45 McPherson avenue.

Hamilton Casualties

Killed in Action.

Pte. Alfred Pearson. Next of kin, A. Pearson (father), 474 James street.

Sergt. Geo. J. Burgess. Next of kin, Mrs. L. Burgess, 159 Barndale avenue, since moved to 2 First avenue.

Wounded.

Pte. Samuel C. Fleming. Next of kin, Mrs. S. G. Fleming, 90 Glendale road.

Canadian Press Despatch.

OTTAWA, March 11.—Another extensive list of casualties among members of the Princess Patricias and several other battalions of the Canadian expeditionary force in France was issued tonight by the militia department. The list follows:

PRINCESS PATS.

Killed in Action:

Feb. 28, Pte. David Logan. Next of kin, David Logan, Maple Creek, Sask.

Feb. 28, Pte. James Tate. Next of kin, D. Tate, Melrose, Guysboro County, N. S.

March 1, Srgt. George J. Burgess. Next of kin, Mrs. L. Burgess (wife), No. 159 Barndale avenue, Hamilton, Ont.

March 1, Pte. John Waters. Next of kin, Mrs. M. Waters, No. 329 Home street, Winnipeg.

Feb. 28, Pte. Arthur Sandford Davis. Next of kin, J. Davis, No. 119 Preston road, Brighton, Sussex, Eng.

Died of Wounds:

March 1, Pte. William Connor. Next of kin, Catharine Connor, No. 86 Wiltshire Avenue, Toronto.

Dangerously Wounded.

Sergt. Osborne Thomas Kelly, formerly 12th Battalion, at No. 1 General Hospital, Havre, gunshot wound in thigh. Next of kin, Reuben Kelly, Kouchibougac Beach, Kent County, N. B.

Severely Wounded.

March 1, Pte. Carl E. Smith. Next of kin, Mrs. C. E. Smith, No. 160 Stonig Garden road, Halifax, N. S.

March 1, Pte. George Lindop. Next of kin, Mrs. Alice Lindop, No. 38 Russell street, Toronto.

Feb. 27, Pte. G. Robertson. Next of kin, C. Robertson, No. 73 Crown st., Aberdeen, Scotland.

Feb. 27, Corp. Andrew Muir (formerly 12th Battalion). Next of kin, Mrs. D. Muir (mother), East Angus, Quebec.

Feb. 27, Pte. Wm. Stewart Thompson. Next of kin, Mrs. Nina Thompson, 98 Kenilworth avenue, Kew Beach, Toronto.

March 1, Pte. George F. Baker. Next of kin, G. W. Baker, Railroad street, Lennoxville, Que.

A. W. Stokes, admitted to No. 3 General Hospital Le Treport, gunshot wound in leg. Next of kin, Thomas Stokes, 162 Aberdeen avenue, Winnipeg.

Wounded.

Pte. Thomas Jermy, admitted to Rawlpindi British General Hospital, gunshot wound in head and shoulder. Next of kin, Thomas Chandler, 184 Sackville street, Toronto.

Pte. James McCloy, admitted to Rawlpindi British General Hospital, gunshot wound in foot. Next of kin, J. McCloy, 2070 Kennedy street, Edmonton, Alta.

Pte. George Perry, admitted to Rawalpindi British General Hospital, gunshot wound in head. Next of kin, E. Perry, No. 616 Chausse street, Montreal, Que.

Sergt. Samuel Vivian Patterson, admitted to Rawalpindi British General Hospital, gunshot wound in arm. Next of kin, Miss I. M. Paterson, 284 Holcombe avenue, Detroit, Mich.

Bugler Harold Crane, admitted to Rawalpindi British General Hospital, gunshot wound, fracture base skull. Next of kin, Jennie Barrett, 72 River street, Toronto.

Pte. Samuel George Fleming. Next of kin, Mrs. S. G. Fleming, 90 Glendale road, Hamilton, Ont.

Lance Corp. Alfred Skinner, gunshot wound in head. Next of kin, Ernest Skinner, 45 McPherson avenue, Toronto.

Slightly Wounded.

Feb. 27, Sergt. Edwin Cooper. Next of kin, Edward Cooper, Anderson Apartments, Calgary, Alb.

Feb. 27, Pte. Henry Skinner. Next of kin, James Skinner, Port Hope, Ont.

Feb. 28, Pte. Wilfrid Tallamy. Next of kin, Mrs. A. Tallamy, Camrose, Alb.

Feb. 28, Pte. Arthur O'Keefe. Next of kin, Mrs. Bridget O'Keefe, Campbellton, N.B.

Feb. 28, Pte. Joseph Martin (formerly 12th Battalion). Next of kin, Octave Martin, 866 Albert street, Montreal.

March 1, Pte. William Welch, next of kin, T. Welch, Revelstoke sawmills, Shaunavon, Alta.

March 1, Pte. George Alexander Wilson, next of kin, A. Wilson, Vermilion, Alta.

FIRST BATTALION.

Wounded.

Pte. Robert Park, admitted to Canadian Military Hospital, Shorncliffe, gunshot wound in hand and leg. next of kin, Mrs. B. Park (mother), 160 Forest road, Galt, Ont.

SECOND BATTALION.

Killed in Action.

Feb. 21, Pte. Alfred Pearson, next of kin, A. Pearson (father), 474 James street, Hamilton, Ont.

THIRD BATTALION.

Wounded Severely.

Pte. W. J. Kingston (formerly 9th Battalion), admitted to No. 11 General Hospital, Boulogne, gunshot wound in thigh, next of kin, C. Devaney, West Edmonton, Alta.

Death.

March 11, Major G. M. Higinbotham, at Military Hospital, Shorncliffe from gastritis, next of kin, Mrs. G. M. Higinbotham (wife), 15 Poplar Plains road, Toronto.

FIFTH BATTALION

Died of Wounds.

Lance-Corporal Rowland A. Willis, on Feb. 24, gunshot wound in head; next of kin, George Willis, 244 Juliana street, Kettering, Northants, Eng.

SEVENTH BATTALION

Killed in Action.

Major Percy Rigby, on March 10; next of kin, Mrs. Rigby, 14 Portland place, London, Eng.

Pte. Thomas Sutton, on Feb. 26; next of kin, William Sutton (father), 18 Kemberly road, Stockport, Cheshire, Eng.

Died of Wounds.

Pte. Albert Ernest Clapp, on Feb. 27, from gunshot wound in abdomen; next of kin, H. Clapp, 2301 Main street, Vancouver, B.C.

TENTH BATTALION

Killed in Action.

Pte. Wilson Davis, on Feb. 25; next of kin, George Davis, 29 Dolphin road, Birmingham, Eng.

Sergt. Frederick Anthony Knights, on Feb. 27; next of kin, A. M. Knights, R. R. No. 1, Calgary, Alta.

THIRTEENTH BATTALION.

Killed in Action.

Feb. 27, Pte. R. Spencer. Next of kin, C. R. Spencer (father), Consecon, Ont.

Wounded.

Pte. John Albert McMillan, admitted to No. 2 General Hospital, Havre, gunshot wound in leg. Next of kin, Mr. McMillan (brother), care J. S. McMillan, 71 Bourget street, Montreal.

FOURTEENTH BATTALION.

Slightly Wounded.

Pte. Joseph Xavier de Longchamp, admitted to No. 14 General Hospital, Boulogne (by bayonet). Next of kin, J. B. de Longchamp, No. 657 Champlain street, Montreal.

SIXTEENTH BATTALION.

Wounded.

Pte. W. McFarlane, admitted to No. 13 General Hospital, Boulogne, March 2, gunshot wound in chest. Next of kin, Mrs. M. McFarlane, Sunny Brae, Birregura, Victoria, Australia.

DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.

Seriously Ill.

Pte. C. R. Robertson, admitted to Hospital St. Nazaire, on March 1, with cerebro-spinal meningitis. Next of kin, Evelyn Robertson, No. 72 West Cedar street, Boston, Mass.

DIED.

Gunner H. E. R. Jackson of typhoid, March 8, Salisbury Infirmary. Next of kin, Annie Mary Jackson, No. 32 Marlborough road, Leicester, Eng.

FIRST HAMILTON DEATH

Sgt. George J. Burgess Leaves a Wife and Two Small Children.

Special to The Toronto World.

HAMILTON, March 11.—Word was received in Hamilton today that Sergt. Geo. J. Burgess, a Hamilton man, with the Princess Patricia Regiment, had been killed in action. Sergt. Burgess resided at 2 First avenue, and leaves a widow and two small children. He is the first Hamilton member of the Princess Patricia Regiment to be reported killed.

Praised by Alderson.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, March 11.—Before the orders of the day were called in the house today the prime minister read the following cable just received from Sir George Perley:

"Just received a letter from Gen. Alderson, in which he makes the following statement: "Our men have now been in the trenches over a week and I am 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."

RUSSIANS MAKE PROVISIONS FOR BARRING ENEMY

New Advance of Germans on Przasnysz Noticed and Arranged For.

MILLION MEN IN FIGHT

Kaiser Employs About Million and Half Men on Eastern Front.

BY FREDERICK RENNET.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

PETROGRAD, March 11.—About a million men are engaged in a great battle which began with the renewed German raid from the north last Monday in the direction of Lomza. They are spread over a front of 80 miles, starting from Kolno, which is 20 miles south of Johannisburg, westward to the bend of the Narew, above Novo Georgievsk. The Germans have moved outside of their railway supports, but so far the main force is still within two days march of the frontier. Their strongest blow comes from Ghorjele, along the old Przasnysz road. Besides hoping to avenge the Przasnysz defeat it has the evident aim of attempting to reach the Narew River, along the Orzyc tributary. This was the line that the Russian cavalry followed in their rapid flanking advance northward, leading to the German defeat a fortnight ago. For the present the intermittent bombardment of Ossowetz is practically outside of the new battle operations. Altho the Germans there are again using 12-inch guns, they are shortening the German line by a retirement from active operations eastward of Ossowetz. This has led to a noticeable in-

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BURN SOLDIERS' BODIES TO PREVENT EPIDEMIC

French Parliament is Asked to Enact Necessary Legislation.

Canadian Press Despatch.

PARIS, March 11, 6.10 p.m.—As a measure of precaution against a possible epidemic of disease after the war, Dr. Dumont, a member of the chamber of deputies, has presented a bill in the chamber, which provides for the burning of the bodies of all enemy soldiers killed on the battlefield, and, in addition, the bodies of French and allied soldiers which are not identified, and of persons victims of contagious diseases.

FRANCE WILL MAKE BIG LOAN TO ALLIES

Limit of Issuance of Treasury Bonds to Be Increased.

Canadian Press Despatch.

PARIS, March 11, 4.55 p.m.—The budget committee has asked that consideration be taken at next week's session of the chamber of deputies of its reports proposing that the sum of 1,350,000,000 francs (approximately $270,000,000) be advanced to the allies or to Belgium; increasing to four and a half milliard of francs ($900,000,000) the limit of issuance of treasury bonds, and also proposing that advances repayable at the chambers of commerce be made for the purchase of grain and supplies for the civil population.

ACRE OF CROP FROM EACH GRAIN GROWER

Saskatchewan Farmers Show True Devotion to Empire.

Canadian Press Despatch.

MOOSE JAW, Sask., March 11.—During the month which has elapsed since the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' convention, 500 farmers have agreed to give one acre of crop to the empire, in answer to the call made at the convention. It is confidently expected that at least 85 per cent. of the farmers of the province will contribute to the scheme, and that together with the unorganized farmers who have fallen in with the idea, at least 25 000 acres will be set apart for this patriotic move.

DUMMY PERISCOPES PLACED IN NORTH SEA

Dutch Skipper Believes They Were Deposited to Deceive British Warships.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

ROTTERDAM, March 11.—A Vlaudien trawler reports having seen in the North Sea what looked like dummy periscopes deposited in order to deceive English war or trading ships.

KAISER AND NAVAL COUNCIL MAY QUIT SUBMARINE WAR

Urgent Meeting Called on Receipt of News That 12 Submarines Have Failed to Report at Their Base.

LONDON, March 12, 3.35 a.m.—A despatch to The Daily Express from The Hague says:

"A secret report has been sent from Cuxhaven to the admiralty at Berlin that twelve submarines have failed to report at their base, eight of them being among Germany's newest boats.

"The naval council will meet today or tomorrow under the presidency of Emperor William to discuss whether or not it would be better to abandon the submarine war."

CANADIANS SOON TO BE FIGHTING AS A DIVISION

Several Wounded Have Arrived at Netley Hospital, Including Toronto Highlander, Who Was Hit by a Sniper.

Direct Cable to The Toronto World by John A. MacLaren.

LONDON, March 11.—Several wounded arrived today at the British hospital at Netley, near Southampton, including Pte. C. W. Ford of the Toronto Highlanders, who was shot in the arm by a sniper.

During the past four days fighting was comparatively light where the Canadians were entrenched, altho artillery firing kept steadily doing effective work. The infantry has had many lively fights with snipers. No fighting has yet occurred outside the trenches, despite reports of bayonet charges by the western battalion.

The first brigade was in contact with Prussians and Bavarians and at one place the trenches were only 80 yards apart.

The men are billeted in buildings three miles back from the firing line when not doing duty in the trenches in 24-hour shifts.

Letters received from the men show that they are in good spirits, and that they are making a very creditable showing after the brief experience they have had under fire.

I understand that the Canadians will soon be fighting as a division.

MacLaren.

WARNING AGAINST PUNISHING PIRATES

Berlin Makes Dire Threat of Retaliation Against Britain.

PROBE IS PROMISED

But Navy Officials Do Not Indicate Mode of Inquiry.

Canadian Press Despatch.

BERLIN, via London, March 11, 11.20 p.m.—In naval circles it is declared that a searching investigation will be instituted into the report that the British admiralty intends to withhold the customary honorable imprisonment conditions from German submarine crews made captives, and that if Great Britain places such Germans under special restrictions, retaliatory measures may be adopted.

The navy officials say the investigation will not be made thru diplomatic channels, but decline to specify how their information will be gleaned. They claim that should Great Britain take the action she contemplates this will not affect the submarine war plans in the slightest particular, nor have any influence on the spirit of the crews.

Announcement was made by the British admiralty March 8 that the admiralty was not justified in extending honors to captured German submarine crews, owing to their methods of warfare, and that it was intended to segregate them under special restrictions pending their possible conviction at the conclusion of peace.

New Styles in Silk Hats.

The impressive silk hat is essential to the well groomed man's wardrobe. It must be in fashion, however, or it immediately becomes something far from impressive. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, are now showing a specially choice variety, including hats from such famed makers as Christy, Henry Heath and Hillgate of London, Eng., as well as the latest New York shapes, fashioned on the blocks of Knox, Youmans and Dunlap. The new silk hats have mostly tapered crowns, with flat, medium and roll brims, and are priced from $5 to $8.

CANADIANS DESIRE PLENTY OF SMOKES

Much More Poorly Supplied With Cigarets Than English Tommy.

TEN DAYS AGO

Company Faced Regiment of Crack Prussian Guards.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, March 11.—One would imagine from a letter received from a Canadian officer serving with his contingent in France that neither "Jack Johnsons" nor the ubiquitous sniper, nor the unceasing German bullets cause him and his men so much concern as the absence of cigarets.

"A smoke at night now is a great comfort, and it is hard to do without one," he writes, and then he adds: "Possibly we are not entitled to anything from the imperial government or from the British newspapers, but the Canadian Government has evidently not provided for us in this way."

He goes on to point out that the English Tommies get as many as 70 to 100 cigarets a week, in addition to tobacco, while, in their own particular case, for instance, twenty smokes are all the Canadians have received.

Faced Prussian Guards.

Ten days ago this Canadian company had the distinguished honor of being face to face with a regiment of Germany's crack army corps, the Prussian Guards. So close were they to one another that they could hear the "Boches" talking in their trenches and hurling abusive epithets at their inveterate enemy, the British.

Germans Very Cunning.

"They are splendid shots," writes this officer, "and are very cunning. Despite the fact that the peep-holes in our trenches are concealed, they actually succeed in firing thru them time and again. The other day they tried to draw our fire and locate our sentry by a clever display of dummy figures, and had we fired our volleys would have been returned tenfold. This dodge, however, like many, did not work."

Journey Dangerous.

He describes the journey to and from their locations in the trenches as one of their most dangerous experiences. In one case these Canadians have to pass some distance in full view of the German trenches, which are not more than 200 yards away, and altho they come and go under cover of darkness, bullets come whizzing around them. The other night the company had only just emerged from the danger zone when the Germans turned a machine gun on it for about a minute.

TO REJECT PLEA OF U.S. TO SHIP GERMANY FOOD

Forecast of Sir Edward Grey's Reply to President Wilson Says No.

PROPOSAL NOT ENOUGH

Britain Asked by U.S. to Forego Clear Belligerent Right.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, March 11.—(7.10 p.m.)—The British reply to the American note suggesting that Great Britain allow all foodstuffs to enter Germany in return for Germany's abandonment of her submarine warfare on merchant vessels and her policy of mining the high seas is expected to be forthcoming at an early date. While the contents of the reply are naturally not known, it is possible, as the results of enquiries in authoritative quarters, to indicate some points likely to carry weight with the British Government and to emphasize Sir Edward Grey's reply.

Not Far Enough.

There is a strong feeling in Downing street that the "quid pro quo" put forward in the American note does not go far enough. Officials of the foreign office point out that since the opening of the war Great Britain has only once interfered with the supply of food destined for Germany, and then only after the German Government, by assuming control of all foodstuffs, had abolished the old distinction between the civil and the military population.

High German authorities have repeatedly denied the British claim that to cut off supplies of food from civilians is a legitimate act of war. Great Britain, it is insisted, never adopted this view until the Germans by their own act made it impossible any longer to draw the line between non-combatants and armed forces. Furthermore, it is added, Great Britain is now invited by the United States to forego a clear belligerent right, on the understanding that Germany will abstain from committing two—but only two—of the many crimes against both law and humanity.

Guarantee Inadequate.

Authoritative spokesmen of the British view lay stress on the "inadequacy" of this proposal from two standpoints. They ask, first, what guarantee is forthcoming that Germany will keep to her agreement. Sup-

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POSITION OF ITALY REMAINS PUZZLE

German Reports Reveal Conflicting Views in Circles of Berlin.

HOLLAND YET NEUTRAL

Some Believe Country Will Not Interfere on Either Side in War.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, March 11.—(11.05 p.m.)—Contradictory reports are in circulation in diplomatic circles in London concerning the question of Italy's position in the war.

Officials of neutral countries who have arrived here from Berlin declare that appearances in the German capital indicate Italy's approaching entry into the conflict, while others assert that an arrangement virtually has been reached under which Italy will not intervene on any side.

It is said that members of the ministry of the Netherlands decline to discuss the war situation, except to reiterate that Holland remains absolutely neutral.

Baron Von Muller, the German minister at The Hague, who is suffering from insomnia, will remain at his post until Easter, when he leaves to take the cure. It was reported recently that he had been recalled to Berlin. It is now said that the acting minister of the Netherlands probably will be Dr. Von Lyncker, who was attached to the legation at Brussels until the outbreak of the war.

WILL THEY?

That the Ontario Government proposes to introduce legislation to close hotel bars at 7 o'clock every night in the week was a current rumor at the parliament buildings yesterday. Altho the provincial secretary's department has given no inkling of its intentions, liquor legislation of a radical nature is known to be under consideration.