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TO CALAIS EXPECTED

One Report Says March 18 Date For New German Drive

Care Being Taken to Prevent British From Land- by pro ing Troops on Belgian Coast-Soldiers of the King Hit Hard at Germans And May Drive Them From Lille District

Sturdy British Blows Promise Soon To Drive Germans From Lille District

Paris, March 11.—British forces stationed north of Labassee in France, are striking hasd at the German troops defending the Lille railway line, and it is predicted by military experts in Paris that the Germans soon will be compelled to retire from that district. If the Germans are driven from the strong positions which they occupy along the railway line and the LaBassee canal it

would be the first step in the campaign of the allies to retake Lille.

The Belgian coast city of Nieuport, which was bombarded by the Germans with their heaviest artillery, has been nearly destroyed. Shells fell all around the city, the Germans evidently aiming at the trenches of the Belgians which lie among the dunes near Nieuport Baine.

The weather has become better in the Champagne district, and fighting for trenches in that region continues. In the Vosges there has been an unusually heavy fall of snow, the troops marching through drifts from three to four feet



Reinforcements For Turks Disputing Way Up The Straits

Allies' Airmen See Large Fleet of Transports in Sea of Marmora-More Forts on Asiatic Side Reported Silenced

London, March 13.—The silencing of more Turkish guns on the Asiatic side of the narrows in the Dardanelles by the Anglo-French fleet was announced in despatches received today from Athens. These stated that hidden batteries lying between Kephez and Chanak had been put out of commission by projectiles from the heavy guns of the warships. The despatch did not say when this feat was accomplished.

Aviators who made an aerial reconnaissance over the waterway reported that a big fleet of transports had passed through the Sea of Marmora, making Amsterdam, March 11—Strong precautions are being taken by the German military authorities to prevent any attempt of the British to force a landing upon the Belgian coast.

Heavy German reinforcements are arriving at Bruges, and this leads to the belief that the invaders are getting ready for another great effort to cut their way through toward calais.

It apparent that the Turkish army was being reinforced. They also reported that the Turkis were making vigorous preparations to defend Gallipoli Strait to the last. New hidden batteries are being planted on both sides of the waterway at that point and fresh defensive works erected.

Gallipoli strait lies opposite Gallipoli at the point where the Dardanelles enters the Sea of Marmora. The strait is marked by treacherous currents and ledges of rock. There are two lighthouses, one upon each side of the strait.

FIRST GUNS CAUSED

MATTER IN SPECH FROM THRONE ST. STEPHEN DEAD ST. STEPHEN DEAD Petrograd, March 15.—A regrouping of the German forces in Northern Poel land, and the commencement of a new attempt upon Preasnysz is noted by the general staff of the Russian army. This movement is being made in considerably greater strength than was the recent operation in the direction of Preasnysz which terminated in the general retirement of all German forces in the direction of their own frontiers.

ALL FOREIGNERS SHOULD GET OUT, SAYS CARRANZA

Vera Cruz, March 11.—General Venutiano Carranza, in answer to the protest addressed to him by Secretary state Bryan, through United States Consul Silliman, regarding conditions in the City of Mexico, last night addressed a reply to President Wilson personally. He denies the responsibility of the Constitutionalists for a situation

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New Phase of Conflict in Eastern Theatre—Petrograd Says Russia is in the Master Position For She Can Supply Reinforcements

Petrograd, March 11.—With 1,250,000 Russians and Austro-German troops engaged in three great battles, the struggle in the eastern theatre of war is entering upon a new phase in this, according to the Petrograd War Office, the Russians will hold the master hand because of their enequalled ability to re-

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have made some gains in this battle, by which they are atternow, and at the same time drive a wedge into the Russing the Pilica River, which would compel the retirement of Grant troops there and deprive the Russians north of the Pilica on their left flank.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT ON PRZASNYSZ