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## Runciman Deals With Question Of Industries

Getting After The Luxuries

LONDON, Mar. 17.—A far-reaching Order-in-Council, which will totally prohibit the importation into the United Kingdom of a large number of articles which come under the general heading of luxuries, will be issued by the British Government at an early date. Among the things which will be placed under the ban will be automobiles and cutlery of all kinds.

Everything possible is being done to relieve the shortage of ships. Every ship flying the British flag is now controlled by the Government. An immense number of them have been requisitioned, and others are subject to direction by way of licenses. Whether it would be necessary to requisition more vessels, I cannot say, but for my own part, I hope this will not be done, Runciman said. The importation of some fresh fruits probably would be prohibited.

Later, turning to the general industrial situation in the British Isles, Runciman said there had never been greater activity, or larger industries, and wages were higher than ever before. Unemployment was never so small in the history of the country.

Approves American Expedition to Mexico

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17.—Senator La Follette (Progressive Republican) introduced, and the Senate adopted, without opposition, a resolution approving President Wilson's course in sending a punitive expedition to Mexico, assuring the Mexican people from further outrages, the object of the expedition being merely punitive.

## KAISER WARNED STOP IT

Papers Say Kaiser Was Warned by Director of Hamburg-American Line to Stop Von Tripitz's Submarine Warfare Policy

LONDON, Mar. 18.—A despatch from Amsterdam, says German newspapers, freely discuss the resignation of Von Tripitz, which they ascribe to Albert Ballin, Director General of Hamburg American Line. They declare that Ballin warned Emperor William that a continuance of submarine campaign on Von Tripitz plan would mean the seizure of all German vessels in all neutral ports and finally the allies of South America would come from Germany.

## The Married Men Don't Feel Happy

Asquith and Derby Are Criticised at Meeting in London—Asquith Refuses to See Deputation of Married Men—Contend 2,000,000 Single Men Unattested

LONDON, Mar. 17.—Premier Asquith and Earl Derby were criticised severely at a large meeting in London to-day of married men, who have attended for service in the army. The speakers declared there were still 2,000,000 available and that married men would refuse to serve until Asquith redeemed his pledge to bring out all single men before others were called to the colors. The feeling of the meeting was intensified by the reading of a letter from Asquith declining to receive a deputation representing married men on the ground that this was a subject to be dealt with by Parliament. The meeting adopted by acclamation that all proclamations calling up married men be withdrawn.

## Big Shipment Of Horses and Mules

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17.—The United States shipped 678,443 horses and mules, worth \$131,914,000, to Europe for the Allied armies the last year and a half, according to export figures assembled to-day at the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Turkey Negotiating A Separate Peace

LONDON, Mar. 17.—The Rome correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company sends the following message from Bern:

"Baby Bey" former Turkish Ambassador to Rome, is reported to be negotiating for a separate peace for Turkey with the Allies.

## ANOTHER PASSENGER ATTACKED

French Liner Patria With Nine Hundred Passengers on Board Attacked by Submarine—Steamer Escaped

NEW YORK, Mar. 17.—While carrying 20 Americans, among nine hundred passengers, the Fabre liner Patria, a French steamer, was attacked without warning by a submarine off the coast of Tunis, according to the story told by her captain upon her arrival here to-day. The torpedo fired by the submarine, he said, passed 20 feet behind the ship. When she arrived some days later at Lisbon, Portugal, the American Vice-Consul boarded the ship and conducted an investigation for the purpose of notifying Washington of the circumstances of the attack.

## TORPEDOED WITHOUT WARNING

"Tubantia" is Sunk by Enemy Sub—No Warning Given—Americans and Germans Among Passengers—No Lives Lost as Far as is Known

LONDON, Mar. 17.—It is now certain the Tubantia was torpedoed without warning, telegraphs the Central News correspondent of the Central News. There were three Americans aboard. They were Richard Schilling, American Consul, Emma Schilling and Carmen Schilling.

## Fighting Around Verdun Has Again Dwindled

American Consul Says Tabantia Struck a Mine

British Blockade Minister Says He Has Official Information Ship Was Torpedoed—Ship Anchored When Struck

LONDON, Mar. 17.—A Reuter's despatch from Amsterdam says that Richard Schilling, American Consul, who, with his wife and daughter arrived here this morning with other survivors of the Tubantia, expressed the opinion that the liner struck a mine. The steamer, he said, soon came to a standstill after being struck, and almost immediately heeled over. The passengers and crew rushed on deck, leaving all their belonging behind. Consequently their baggage was lost.

## Huns Again Repulsed by The French

Germans Attacked in Series Masses—Are Driven Back—French Guns Inflicting Heavy Losses on them—Little New From Other Fronts Reported

LONDON, Mar. 17.—A repulse at the hands of the French again has been the net result of the German infantry attack launched with huge effectives after heavy bombardment against the French positions at Le Mort Homme, north-west of Verdun. The Germans, who attacked in series masses, were driven eastward toward Bois des Corbeaux, where French guns inflicted heavy loss on them. The attack on Le Mort Homme consisted of only an infantry manoeuvre. Along the entire French front from Belgium to the Vosges, artillery on both sides has been active. At numerous points around Douaumont and the village of Vaux, big guns are operating with redoubled violence, while southward in Woivre, artillery duels on the Meuse hills continue. In the Argonne Forest French guns are still shelling German positions north-west of the road from Varennes and German batteries near Montefacon. The latest German official communication, making reference to the French attempts to dispute their possession of the Height of Le Mort Homme, has brought forth a statement from the French Embassy at Washington that the Germans have never gained a footing on the hill, which the French still hold.

## TURCO-GERMAN MISSION END IN FAILURE

Conflict Took Place Between Members of the Turco-German Mission, which went to Asia Minor to study the defenses of Angora, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Athens dated last Tuesday, and delayed in transmission.

The despatch adds that the mission returned to Constantinople without achieving any results owing to divergence in the views of its members.

## SAYS IT'S JUST SCIENTIFIC SLAUGHTER

Times Says Hun Losses Around Verdun Must Be More Than A Quarter of Million—French Lines Are Unbroken

LONDON, Mar. 18.—The Times has the following from Paris: "German losses are desperate in enterprise against Verdun, they must now be more than a quarter of a million. The sort of thing that has been going on for days is neither magnificent nor war, it is just scientific slaughter and serves only to display courageous tenacity of both defenders and attackers. Whole fields of dead are now stretched before centres of activity. An officer who has returned from Vaux gives a picture of what is happening right along on the attacked point of the salient. Our artillery is now in excellent position, from which it crushes the attacking battalions, he said, and now and again, in occasional company, manages to get through to the chaotic ruined village only to be destroyed by machine guns or bayonet."

## Now See the End of the Horrible War

Utterance by French Minister is Taken to be of Great Importance—Shows Official Opinion Regards Battle of Verdun

PARIS, Mar. 18.—We have reached a decisive hour said Alexander Ribot, Minister of Finance, speaking in the Deputies last night. We can say without exaggeration, without illusion,

## Francisco Shows His Heels

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17.—The main American expeditionary force into Mexico late this afternoon encountered none of Villa's outlaws.

Reports to this effect were received by the War Department Field Wireless messages. Officials interpreted this information as clearly indicating that Villa and his bandits were fleeing before the American advance.

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## Where Furious Battles Have Been Waged Comparative Quiet Now Prevails—Big Guns Have Ceased Their Fire in Woivre Region—Constantinople Reports "British in Full Retreat With Turks in Pursuit"—Little Fighting is Taking Place on Russian Front—No Important Changes Reported on Austro-Italian Front—Russians Capture Turk Town

LONDON, Mar. 18.—Again the intensity of the fighting around Verdun has dwindled perceptibly, only artillery arms of the opposing sides being active, no infantry attacks or counter-attacks being engaged. Around Le Mort Homme, where furious battles have recently been fought, comparative quiet reigns, even bombardments here are only intermittent. There also has been a slackening in the fire of the big guns in the Woivre region, south-east of Verdun and north-east of the fortress. However, around Douaumont and Danloup the Germans are hurling shells against the French positions, but the French are vigorously countering. North of Verdun, near the right bank of the Meuse, important German ammunition depots have been blown up by French guns at Champ Neuville. Only one infantry action has taken place along the entire line from Belgium to the Vosges. This was north of the Aisne, where a German attack against a small French outpost, south-east of Bois des Battés, was repulsed.

## Constantinople Reports That the British in Mesopotamia are in General Retreat from the Felahie region, with the Turks vigorously in pursuit.

Hand to hand fighting between the Italians and Austrians continues at various points, especially in the Isonzo region, but no important changes in positions have resulted.

Little fighting of importance is taking place on the Russian front. Petrograd reports the capture by Russians of the town of Mamakhanat from the Turks. The town is some 60 miles west of Erzerum, on the Euphrates river.

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