

# BRITISH LAND VICTORIES EASILY EQUAL TO THE RECENT SUCCESSES OF THE GERMAN SUBMARINES

## BRITISH GAINED FOUR MILES IN NEUVE CHAPELLE FIGHT

Paris, Mar. 13.—The advance of the British troops in the vicinity of Neuve Chapelle is estimated at four miles, in a despatch reaching here today from Bethune. The Germans are declared to have been forced back beyond the forest. This advance of the British includes their various forward movements since the beginning of their activities at this point.

### Official Reports

#### FRANCE

Paris, Mar. 14, via London (3.30 p.m.).—The statement given out at the War Office this afternoon is as follows:

"Belgian troops continued to make progress in the bend of the Yser. Their artillery, supported by our heavy artillery, destroyed a point of vantage organized by the Germans in a cemetery at Dixmude. The enemy bombarded Ypres where there were several victims among the civilian population."

"The German artillery also bombarded the Cathedral at Soissons and the surrounding district. To the north of Rheims, opposite the Luxembourg wood, the enemy attempted to seize one of our advanced trenches and was repulsed. Rheims was then bombarded."

"In Champagne toward nightfall yesterday we repulsed two counter-attacks, pursued the enemy and seized several trenches. In one of these we found 100 dead and some war material."

"In the Argonne, at Four De Paris, an attack attempted with the object of debouching against our line was checked completely."

"In the Vosges there has been artillery action."

The official statement issued last night said:

"After the lively engagements of the preceding days an almost complete calm on both sides characterized this day along the entire front, although there were occasional artillery actions."

"We have consolidated our positions everywhere. When the ground gained by us at Eparges came to be cleared up, we discovered machine guns, which bring the number lost by the Germans at this point to four."

"At Bois Le Preter we checked an attack which the Germans attempted."

Paris, March 14.—The following official statement was issued by the War Office tonight:

"The British air squadron has effectively bombarded Westende."

"The success gained by the British armies at Neuve Chapelle proves to have been complete."

"They advanced on a front of about three kilometres (about two miles, with a depth of from twelve hundred to fifteen metres, capturing successively three lines of trenches and a fortified work to the south of Neuve Chapelle. Counter attacks delivered by the Germans with great violence were repulsed."

"The enemy suffered great losses and left in the hands of our allies prisoners to a number considerably greater than at first reported."

"The British heavy and field artillery very effectively prepared the way for and supported the vigorous action of the infantry."

"In Champagne we have consolidated our new front by advances at different points and have firmly established ourselves on the lines captured from the enemy."

"In the Argonne, between Four De Paris and Bante, we have made ourselves masters of more than 300 yards of trenches and taken prisoners who included several officers. The enemy made two counter-attacks during the day, but were completely repulsed."

"On the heights of Meuse, at Les Eparges, the Germans attempted an attack which was immediately stopped by our fire."

"The same thing happened at Le Chamois, north of Bapoven."

#### RUSSIA

Petrograd via London, March 14.—The official statement issued last night follows:

"There have been no important collisions anywhere along the front. On the left bank of the Niemen and on the roads leading to Grodno only engagements of local character have occurred. North of Simno we routed a small German detachment with our cavalry and took some prisoners and two guns."

"In the vicinity of Kopolow hostile columns suddenly found themselves under the fire of our artillery and suffered serious losses. After having repulsed the enemy in the sectors of the wood nearest Augustow, our troops concentrated in the region of Lasko."

"On the right bank of the Narew and Bobr Rivers there has been no change. The artillery at Oswietz has continued to operate successfully against the siege batteries. An attempt by the Germans to assume the offensive on Friday along the River Orzyo resulted in no gain of ground. In fact, the enemy was compelled to use up some small villages and small sections of the forest."

"North of Przasnysz the German advance to within 1,500 paces of our trenches, but did not succeed in their offensive, which

## FIGHTING UNDER THE GROUND AS WELL AS UNDER THE SEA

Subterranean Struggle Has Continued for Months in Vicinity of Rheims, Says Official Note Describing It.

Paris, Mar. 14.—A subterranean struggle has been in progress for several months in the vicinity of the Alger farm, east of Rheims, says an official note which describes the operations. Sapping and counter sapping progresses on one side or the other up to the moment mines are exploded. The advantage rests with those who take the initiative.

Details of the incidents connected with one of these operations are given in the note, which says: "Listeners, conveniently placed, established the proximity of a gallery of the enemy, and learned by their whispering that it was occupied. The difficult operation of mining then began. Ventilators were stopped because it was feared the noise they made might attract the Germans attention. The candles used for illumination frequently went out for lack of oxygen."

"Finally the Germans became aroused at the dangers which confronted them and soon the jaws of their picks were heard. The French sappers worked faster than their adversaries, however, and exploded 1,400 pounds of lyddite, destroying the enemy's gallery, and asphyxiating the Germans working there."

## HOW CANADA PAYS PRICE FOR EMPIRE

Another List of Casualties in the Canadian Expeditionary Force Announced from Ottawa.

Ottawa, March 1.—The following list of casualties among the members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force were announced by the Militia Department tonight:

Princess Patricia's.

Died of wounds—Corporal S. W. Burns, March 6th. Next of kin, Mrs. R. Law (sister), No. 190 Laurier Ave., East, Ottawa.

Missing—Private James Tober, Feb. 28. Next of kin, Mrs. J. Tober, York, near Peterboro, England.

Missing—Private Thomas Bruce Haddock, Feb. 28. Next of kin, James Haddock, Beale, Sask.

Wounded—Lance Corporal Thomas Michaud (formerly 12th Battalion), admitted to hospital, Netley, gunshot wound in arm. Next of kin, Marie Michaud, No. 39 Aguilon street, Quebec.

Second Battalion.

Slightly wounded—Private Oscar G. Trill, admitted to No. 1 British Red Cross, Vimereux, March 5th, gunshot wound in leg. Next of kin, William Kiser (uncle), Cataragui, Ont.

Slightly wounded—Private J. W. Warrington, admitted to No. 1 British Red Cross, Vimereux, March 5th, gunshot wound in back. Next of kin, Sarah Oliver, No. 4 North Parade, near Falmouth, Eng.

Fifth Battalion.

Death—Private Herbert G. Travis (formerly 11th Battalion), at No. 2 Clearing Hospital, France. Next of kin, W. B. Travis, No. 253 Baker street, St. Paul, Minn.

Tenth Battalion.

Wounded—Private Percy U. Sutton, gunshot wound in wrist and hand. Next of kin, Mrs. Margaret Sutton, West Hartlepool, Eng.

Seriously ill—Private A. E. Andrews, admitted to No. 13 Stationary Hospital, Boulogne. Next of kin, Alice Andrews, No. 31 Belleville Apartments, Montreal.

Second Brigade, C. F. A.

Accidentally killed—Gunner H. A. Paddon, gunshot. Next of kin, J. H. Paddon, St. John's, Nfld.

Sixth Brigade, C. F. A.

Death—Gunner Leslie Johnson, March 13, of pneumonia, at Shorncliffe. Next of kin, Mrs. L. M. Johnson, Richmond, Que.

MAJOR HIGINBOTHOM BURIED IN ENGLAND

Canadian Officer's Body Lies Near Military Hospital at Shorncliffe.

London, Mar. 14.—With impressive military honors the remains of Major Higinbotham, second in command of the Third Battalion, first Canadian contingent, were laid to rest on Saturday afternoon in the Newington church yard, near the Queen's Canadian Military Hospital at Shorncliffe. A firing party of our hundred men was furnished from a Montreal battalion under Major McKie and Captain Buchanan. The body was borne from church by eight non-commissioned officers.

## JAPAN AND CHINA FACE DEADLOCK

China's Limit of Concessions Will Not Suit Japan and Trouble May Follow.

Peking, March 14.—A deadlock appears to have been reached in the negotiations between China and Japan. Although the Chinese representatives were informed on Thursday that Japan had modified her attitude, relinquishing several of the demands against which China raised the most pronounced objections, unexpected obstacles in the way of an adjustment arose at yesterday's conference.

The Japanese minister to China, Eki Hiroki, informed the Chinese representatives yesterday that his government was unable to agree to the terms which he accepted tentatively on Thursday. These have to do with the Japanese demands concerning railway and mining concessions.

In view of this situation nothing was accomplished at yesterday's conference. China according to statements of government officials, already has informed Japan of the extreme concessions she is willing to make.

## WAITING FOR PRINZ EITEL

British and French Warships Ready to Pounce on Her if She Puts to Sea.

Newport News, Va., March 14.—French, as well as British, warships are cruising outside the Virginian Capes, waiting to pounce upon the German commerce destroyer Prinz Eitel Friedrich, if she should attempt to make for the high seas again. There are said to be four of them, two British and two French, and they have come to stay until the Friedrich reappears or interns for the war at this port.

## CANADIAN SHIPS CANNOT BE SOLD

Transfer to Foreigners Prohibited Under Penalty of Imprisonment.

Ottawa, March 17.—Transfers of Canadian registered ships to foreigners are approved by the Minister of Marine on behalf of His Majesty. The prohibition applies during the continuance of the war, and includes also the transfer of any share in the ownership of ships of Canadian or British register. The penalty for violation of this order is a fine of \$5,000, or imprisonment for five years.

## HARRY K. THAW IS NOT GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY

Pittsburg Murderer Acquitted on Charge which Brought Him Back to New York.

New York, Mar. 14.—Harry K. Thaw was acquitted today of conspiracy in escaping from the Matteawan asylum, August 17, 1913, the charge upon which he was brought back to New York from New Hampshire, Rochester, Thompson, Richard J. Butler, Eugene Duffy, and Thomas Flood, the four men who assisted him in his flight by automobile, from Matteawan to Canada likewise were acquitted.

The four co-defendants were discharged. A motion to have Thaw committed to Matteawan asylum as an insane person was made by Deputy Attorney General Cook immediately after the jury had rendered its verdict.

Justice Page announced that he would hear arguments on this motion next Monday afternoon, Mar. 15. In the meantime Thaw was remanded to the Tombs.

WELL KNOWN TRAVELLER IS SERIOUSLY INJURED

Halifax, Mar. 14.—John J. Coade, an English traveller, who was travelling with his family, fell down the elevator shaft in the firm's store on Saturday night and was seriously injured. One side from the shoulder down appears to be paralyzed. It is feared his spine has been injured, but until the X-ray films have been developed, the exact extent of his injuries will not be known.

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## GERMANS SINK SWEDISH SHIP

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Hull, via London, Mar. 14.—Fourteen survivors of the crew of the Swedish steamer Hanna which was torpedoed by a submarine off Scarborough, on the east coast of England, early Saturday morning, were landed here last night by a steamer which picked them up. Six of the crew were either drowned or killed by the explosion.

The Hanna was bound from the Tyne for Las Palmas, Canary Islands. When she was torpedoed she was displaying her national colors, according to the survivors, and had her name and nationality painted on her sides in letters reaching from the bulwark to the waterline. The rescued men declare it was impossible for her to be mistaken for a British ship.

### The Florazan Still Afloat.

London, March 14.—According to the officers of the steamer Whately Hall, the steamer Florazan was still afloat Friday evening. The Whately Hall sighted the Florazan off Bristol Channel. She was being towed by four trawlers, while two trawlers guided her astern. The Florazan was well down by the head, and her superstructure had disappeared. It was said that there had been a fire on board the steamer, according to the officers.

### British Admiralty's Statement.

London, Mar. 14.—The Admiralty announces that the British collier Inverclyde was torpedoed Saturday off Crewe, Eng., and sunk. All the crew were saved.

The Admiralty announcement says that since the 10th of March, seven British merchant steamers had been torpedoed by submarines. Two of these, it is stated, were sunk, and of two others it is said, that "the sinking is not confirmed." Three were not sunk.

The two steamers officially reported sunk are the Inverclyde and the Indian City, which was torpedoed off the Scilly Islands on March 12. The crew of the Indian City were reported rescued.

The two steamers whose reported sinking is not yet officially confirmed, are the Florazan, which was torpedoed at the mouth of the Bristol Channel on March 11, all of her crew being landed at Milford Haven, with the exception of one fireman, and the Andalusian, which was attacked off the Scilly Islands on March 12.

The crew of the latter vessel are reported as saved.

The Andalusian was torpedoed in the English Channel on March 11, and has since been towed into Cherbourg. Her crew was landed at Brixham.

The steamer Headlands was torpedoed March 12 off the Scilly Islands. It is reported that her crew was saved.

The steamer Haridade was torpedoed March 13, off South Rock in the Irish Channel. Twenty-nine of her crew were picked up, and two were lost.

The Indian City was a new steamer of 2,921 tons. She was on her way from Galveston, Texas, for Havre, with her first cargo which consisted of 14,026 bales of cotton. She sailed from Galveston on Feb. 18, and touched at Newport News.

The Inverclyde had a tonnage of 1,141, and was 276 feet long. She was built at Crangemouth, Eng., in 1907, and was owned by the Inverclyde Steamship Company of Glasgow.

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