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French Troops Do Splendid Work in Battle Around Salot Woods

Paris, April 2.—An official eyewitness describes the capture of Sabot Woods, between Souain and Perthes on the battlefield in France. He writes:

"Each time we attack we gain our end; each time they counter attack we maintain our gain, said a Sergeant, explaining the operations around Perthes.

"Between the adverse lines, where the fighting has gone on for months, quantities of dead bodies lie, some of them dating from the first engagements, their dried faces reduced to appearance of mummies. Beyond these lines the Sabot Woods, which the enemy held strongly for months, were the object of a systematic attack. The Germans strongly fortified the heights dominating our positions at that point.

"On March 1 the general order was given that the woods must be taken. The artillery prepared the ground for the first attack in the face of a violent machine gun fire, which resulted in the capture of two lines of trenches. A further advance was checked by a vigorous counter attack.

"Our success was very costly. The Lieutenant Colonel commanding, a Captain and two Lieutenants fell mortally wounded.

"On the morning of the 5th the Germans made a more serious attempt to regain the position.

"The spectacle furnished by our troops was magnificent. With fixed

bayonets they bounded forward and in a few minutes the ground was covered with dead Germans, many of whom are still lying there.

"From the ninth to the twelfth progress was made. We arrived with in twenty yards of the main German trench, which was particularly well fortified. Unable to withstand the fire we were obliged to retire until the fifteenth, when an attack at four o'clock in the morning resulted in its final capture. In pitch darkness our men approached silently until ordered to charge; they then fell upon the line of defence so unexpectedly that the Germans were bayoneted in their tracks. Only a few survivors succeeded in retiring to their rear line.

"This movement concealed a trick. A strongly organized blockhouse was unmasked behind the trenches and an enfilading fire from machine guns demoralized our ranks, which, however, held good until 4.30, when the blockhouse itself was attacked with fury, hand-to-hand fighting on the parapet lasting one hour.

"At 5.30 we were inside. Bayonets were reeking with blood; several of them were bent out of shape by excessive use, after which the fighting went on with the butts of rifles.

"At dawn the Germans counter attacked twice, but were stopped by our bombs, and we were master of Sabot Woods."

German Officials Forge U.S. Military Attache's Name

Washington, March 30.—The facts regarding the sudden recall of Major George T. Langhorne from his post as military attache at Berlin were obtained here today, and are presented herewith. They explain why Washington officials made such a mystery about the case.

Major Langhorne was recalled because it was discovered that persons in Germany were sending out unauthorized despatches over his name. Astounded by this discovery, and not desiring to raise any embarrassment with the German Government, the authorities here decided the best way to deal with the situation was to recall Major Langhorne at once and endeavor to keep the matter from becoming generally known.

The situation was the more delicate because the false despatches credited by persons in Germany to American military attache dealt not only with military operations, but with political and diplomatic developments in Germany. Naturally, emanating from German sources, they presented the German situation in a most favorable light, and discredited on the other hand the achievements of Germany's enemies. Being signed with the name of the American military attache, however, they bore the appearance of impartial reports by a neutral and wholly competent military observer.

The intent seemingly was that the despatches should fall into the hands of Germany's enemies and mislead them as to the German operations and developments. The despatches did come to the attention of France and England, but with a result wholly unthought of by their perpetrators. That is, they led to the discovery of the plot and its abrupt termination by the recall of Major Langhorne.

\$20,000,000 For Belgian Relief Fund

London, March 26.—A financial report issued here today by the American Commission for Relief in Belgium shows that foodstuffs of a total value of twenty million dollars have been delivered in Belgium since the inception of the Commission's work. Nineteen million dollars worth of food is now on the way to the stricken country, or is stored for future shipment. Of the grand total \$8,500,000 was provided by benevolent contributions either of food or cash, and the balance of \$30,500,000 was provided by banking arrangements set up by the Commission.

Nova Scotia Steel Holds Annual Meeting

President Harris Predicts Prosperity With Advent of Peace—A. S. Rendell, of St. John's, Nfld., a Director

New Glasgow, March 31.—The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company and its subsidiary plant, the Eastern Car Co., was held today. The address of President Harris covered practically all the matters of importance before the board. He reviewed briefly the conditions which had been existing during the past year as affecting the company, the dilemma in which the company had found itself at the outbreak of the war, owing to its larger shipments of ore to Germany, and the unprecedented falling off in profits.

He then recounted the new markets which had been in a measure developed by the company to take the place of the ones closed on account of the war, particularly the manufacture of war material and the orders secured for heavy forgings for the ship building plants in England. He showed optimism in the forecasts for the coming year and held that a wave of prosperity would sweep over the country with the advent of peace.

A. S. Rendell, of St. John's, Nfld., was appointed a director.

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A BATTLE PRAYER

O God, to whom our fathers prayed,
When in their darkest hour
Thy Hand the great Armada stayed,
And broke Napoleon's power.

Grant, as our sons go forth, O Lord,
To battle in the field,
Not pride, but duty, be the word
Engraven on their shield.

Thou knowest, Lord, we count no cost
Of sorrow or of pain,
Our prayers would be as naught,
Should not have died in vain.

We should not dare, O God, to pray
Had we not faith we fight to-day
For all Thy Word has taught.

Grant that Thy Spirit, Lord of Life,
Move o'er the embattled plain,
Till from the chaos of its strife
Thy world be borne again.

And to this land which Thou hast
So fair and free and strong,
God of our fathers: lend Thine aid
To war against the wrong:

For false and feeble is the sword
Unsheathed in tyrant might,
But, if our cause be righteous, Lord,
They will defend the right.

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Italian Parliament Adjourns Midst Stirring Scenes

Italians Know Their Duty, Says Premier Salandria

Rome, March 30.—A group of Nationalists who sent a telegram to the Duke of the Abruzzi wishing "an imminent victory to the Italian fleet commanded by the Prince, who has raised the Italian flag highest," have received from the Duke a message thanking them for the sentiments. The adjournment of Parliament until May 12 did not pass without stirring scenes, further indicating the general disposition in Italy to enter the war. Wild applause greeted all remarks which referred to a realization of Italian aspirations. The Socialists first proposed an adjournment until April 15, but the motion was defeated. Deputy Turate attacked the Government and urged neutrality, asserting that since the country was threatened by famine tumults, were inevitable, hence Parliamentary control was necessary.

Premier Salandria replied explaining that adjournment was indispensable since the situation needed the exclusive attention of the Government, which must have complete freedom of action. He said that reports of famine were exaggerated, that the country was prepared to make sacrifices and that the Government was united and would safeguard Italy's legitimate interests and just national aspirations. The Premier's speech received loud applause and the vote on adjournment was taken immediately. In voicing the customary Easter greetings, Signor Salandria added: "Italians know their future duty." This provoked a renewal of the applause.

Trieste Fears a Raid

Advices from Trieste are to the effect that 4,000 Austrian troops have been sent to reinforce the garrison there. It is said that a sudden naval raid by the Italian fleet, reported here today that the Government has ordered that all archives in Venice be removed to places of safety. The martial spirit is evident everywhere, even in the churches. Your correspondent went to service in the Udine Cathedral to-day and a Capuchian preached a patriotic

mon while the archbishop blessed the soldiers, invoking victory. The national anthem was played on the organ.

It was announced to-day that a royal decree will soon be signed, establishing rules governing the sojourn of foreigners in Italy. The purpose of this is to protect the country against spies. A movement is underway here to substitute women for men in industrial occupations, if the event of complete mobilization. The men will receive their positions back when they are discharged.

President Hawksley, of the British Society for the Protection of Animals has been asked by the Italian Government whether he would be willing to organize a "Blue Cross Society" in this country in case of war. He has presented estimates showing the cost of a complete hospital, including horse ambulance, food for animals, surgical instruments and stables would be \$15,000. It is understood the British Blue Cross Society stands ready to provide a completely-equipped hospital if contributions are started here, when Italy enters the war.

Fighting In Passages Underground

Northern France, March 19.—At this very moment some companies of Belgians are engaged with the German under circumstances that would have appealed to the genius of Edgar Allan Poe. Just in front of Ramscappelle is an old monastery, the walls of which have been battered to pieces, but whose cellars and underground passages lead from the backstreet to reinforce the garrison ground of a perilous yet picturesque there. It is said that a sudden beneath the beds of two small affluents of the Yser called respectively the Great and Little Resmes. The Germans have discovered the northern outlet to the subterranean world. The Belgians occupy the opposite side. For several days both sides have been advancing step by step through these dark, damp and slimy underground passages.

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