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## Our Main Object In Present War

Lloyd George in Vigorous Speech Answers Sir Henry Dalziel Who Asked For a Declaration of British Policy on the Forthcoming Economic Conference of Allies at Paris—We Must do Our Best For the People Says the Minister of Munitions

LONDON, Mar. 24.—"Our first object must be the successful conclusion of the war, to which everything must be subordinated," said Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, in a vigorous speech in the Commons to-night, when Sir Henry Dalziel demanded a declaration of British policy on the forthcoming economic conference of the Allies at Paris. Sir Henry asked if the delegates should be empowered to say that never henceforth could British trade relations with Germany be the same as before the war. Lloyd George replied: "If we organize our trade for generations to come, it must be done deliberately and carefully. It is not merely a question of tariffs if we lose the war. The setting up by the way of a fiscal system, whether free trade of protection, will be a wretched consolation. There are things bigger than fiscal questions, things which go to the very root of human life and liberty, everything that constitutes the self-respect of men. We must not subordinate human liberty, honor, self-respect and civilization of mankind to any trade policy. When we consider trade the first thing to be done is to obliterate any idea of revenge. Let us do the best for the millions of people in this country, but I do not think we can ever have the same conditions as before the war."

### Three Ships Torpedoed

LONDON, Mar. 23.—The Norwegian barque Lindfield has been sunk. Thirty of her crew were rescued and are abroad the Norwegian barque Silas, which is approaching Queens-town. She left Portland, Oregon, on November 7th last for United Kingdom ports.

LONDON, Mar. 23.—Lloyds report that the French barque Bouainville has been sunk. She was last reported as having sailed from Falmouth in February.

LONDON, Mar. 23.—The Norwegian steamer Kannik was sunk on Wednesday night, according to a despatch to Lloyds from Havre. The crew were saved.

## Cruisers Log Found Near N. Carolina

Several Log Books of the British Cruiser Cumberland Are Found on North Carolina Shore—Fear of Some Tragedy May Have Happened

NORFOLK, Va., Mar. 24.—The possibility that the British cruiser Cumberland might have met with disaster off the Middle Atlantic coast is seen by marine men to-night in the finding of several log books marked H.M.S. Cumberland, on the North Carolina shore, near Chicomicomico. The books were found to-day by coastguards, who reported they apparently have just been washed ashore. The Cumberland is a protected cruiser of 9,600 tons displacement and has a main battery of fourteen 6-inch guns.

### Another Brought Down

LONDON, Mar. 23.—Advice received from Dover by the press association state that a second German seaplane was brought down after a raid made by four German aeroplanes over the Kent coast last Sunday. It is said that a British airman was crossing the Channel in a new aeroplane, saw the raid in progress and, joining in the chase of the Germans, succeeded in bringing down one of their machines.

### Baron Scardale Dead

LONDON, Mar. 23.—Baron Scardale, the Rev. Wm. Scardale, father of Earl Curzon of Kedleston, died to-day, after an illness of several months.

### \$15,000,000 Damage

PARIS, Texas, Mar. 23.—A survey of the burned district, which covers more than two-thirds of the city, showed to-day that according to estimates, the loss would reach \$15,000,000.

### Serbian Crown Prince Honoured by Paris

PARIS, Mar. 23.—Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia was the guest of the city at luncheon to-day. President Poincare, Premier Briand and other prominent men were present. The Crown Prince signed the gold book of the municipality.

### Will Stop Investments In Foreign Countries

LONDON, Mar. 23.—In the Commons to-day, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Reginald McKenna was asked whether the Government intended to take measures to prevent the investment of British money in the United States and other foreign countries. McKenna said that such investments were contrary to the national interests, and that he deprecated them.

### Danish Barque Sunk; Crew Are Rescued

LONDON, Mar. 24.—The Danish barque Claudia is sunk, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from Copenhagen. The crew are rescued.

The Claudia was a vessel of 357 tons gross, and sailing from Jacksonville, Fla. on February 26th for Fleetwood, England.

## Haldane Sounds Note Of Warning

LONDON, Mar. 24.—Britain and her Allies will face a new peril after the present conflict in the nature of an industrial war, which Germany has long been preparing by the creation of a new formidable class of highly-skilled workmen. This statement was made by Viscount Haldane, former Secretary of State for War, in an address to the University of London last night.

"I want to sound a warning of what is in store for us," he said. "I am more afraid of this engine than I am of their 42-centimetre gun. This engine is an educational one of the most modern form. A continuation school is extending itself over a large part of Germany and it is planned to extend it over the whole empire. It is a work school for imparting trade skill and general knowledge, rather than mere book or school knowledge. It behoves us to be prepared for the shock of this competition which is coming after the war. Germany is training her youths in special skill in trades to outdistance all competitors throughout the world."

### Disabled Ship Making Halifax

OTTAWA, Mar. 24.—The Naval Service Department was informed to-night that a large steamer has become disabled in the Atlantic, two hundred and forty miles west of Halifax. The Naval Intelligence Office of the Department, which received the information, has declined to make public the name of the vessel or the nature of the breakdown. It is understood the ship is being brought into Halifax.

## Big Crisis May Face U. States

EL PASO, Mar. 23.—Private advices reaching here to-day, confirmed the report that General Herrera had joined the Villistas at Chihuahua and left little room for doubt that Mexican affairs had reached a point fraught with far-reaching and perhaps serious consequences to the United States. Not only is it accepted here as definite that Herrera had declared against both Carranza and the United States, but it is asserted with equal confidence that Torreón is also in the hands of the Villa forces and that all Northern Mexico is seething with open rebellion against the de facto government. So grave was the situation regarded here that the military authorities planned to-day drastic steps to relieve all Mexicans in El Paso of any arms they might have concealed in their homes.

All night long El Paso waited for warning whistles which would tell that the expected outbreak had occurred. Three hundred soldiers with machine guns and attachment waited under arms for any emergency and the police reserves equipped with rifles, were also held ready.

### Roumania Has Treaty With Russia

LONDON, Mar. 24.—The Athens correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs the following, taken from the Athens "Patris": "Roumania is bound to the Allies by a special treaty with Russia. The date of her intervention is not settled, but will shortly be decided on. The conclusion of negotiations is closely related to the Russian preparation for an offensive."

### Kuropatkin Now After Von Hindenburg

NEW YORK, Mar. 23.—A news agency despatch from London says that half a million well equipped Russian troops, under the direct command of General Kuropatkin, are now assailing Von Hindenburg's line on a front of 150 miles.

### Luxuries

LONDON, Mar. 23.—Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade announced in the Commons this afternoon that the British Government was contemplating prohibition of the importation of hops.

## OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

1123 Private Herbert Edward Dair, Mount Selo Road, St. John's. Admitted 3rd London General Hospital, Wanaworth; myalgia.

211 Private Thomas Patrick Morrissey, 7 Cummings St., Seriously ill at 31st General Hospital, Port Said, March 20.

### Additional Information

828 Sergeant Harold Mitchell, 1 Devon Row. Previously reported at Choubrak Hospital; Jan. 10, with paratyphoid and laryngeal abscess. Now reported admitted to Addington Park Convalescent Hospital, Croydon; enteric.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary

## Rogues Hits Straight from The Shoulder

### New French War Minister Makes Maiden Speech in Chamber of Deputies—Speech Was Loudly Cheered by All Parts of the Chamber

PARIS, Mar. 24.—General Rogues, new Minister of War, made his first speech in the Chamber of Deputies to-day since his entry into the Cabinet. He spoke in connection with the medical treatment of French Colonial troops in Guadeloupe and Antilles. The new Minister also came to the defence of the French Creole battalions against the charge made by a previous speaker, who said the Colonials were trying to evade military service. He had served with the Creole soldiers and had great affection for them. Gen. Rogues said, "with a good deal of warmth, 'whatever their rank may be, they were respected by the entire army.' He would not allow them to be disparaged. If any partiality is shown against them, the Minister said he would make a severe example of the persons responsible for it. The Minister's speech was loudly applauded by all parts of the Chamber."

### 20 Killed in Explosion

LONDON, Mar. 24.—Twenty persons were killed in an explosion in an improvised colliery, near Mikowicz, Silesia, says a despatch to the Central News from Amsterdam.

## Will Pay Huns Back In Own Coin

### Germans Used Liquid Fire in Taking Trenches—French Military Committee Now Seeking Methods to Protect French Soldiers Against Similar Attacks

PARIS, Mar. 24.—Liquid fire has been the means by which the Germans gained portions of trenches mentioned in recent official communications, says the "Journal des Debates" and the Military Committee in the Chamber of Deputies is inquiring into methods for the protection of French troops against such attacks and the use of similar weapons in reprisal. "One can easily understand," says the newspaper, "the superiority of this terrible arm over the bayonet, even though it may expose the man who carries it to the danger of death in case a fragment of a shell should strike it. On the other hand it gives an attack power and cruelty which our communications are bearing witness."

### Rome Hears of a General Offensive

ROME, Mar. 24.—According to information from Salonika, the Bulgarian Commander-in-Chief has arrived at the Macedonian front preparatory to a general offensive, which has been ordered by the German headquarters staff. A simultaneous offensive will be made on all fronts by Germans, Austrians, Turks and Bulgarians, against French, British, Italian and Russian forces both in Europe and in Asia.

### Lightship Withdrawn Not Torpedoed

LONDON, Mar. 23.—It is reported unofficially that the Galloper lightship at the Mouth of the Thames has not been torpedoed, as was reported yesterday by Lloyds, but has been withdrawn from its station.

### "John Blumer" Caught

LONDON, Mar. 23.—The Norwegian steamer John Blumer, which left Baltimore on March 5th, bound for Vakhid, with a cargo of grain, has been taken into Kirkwall, Scotland, by a British patrol vessel.

## Russians Press Germans Hard

### OFFICIAL BRITISH

LONDON, Mar. 23 (Official).—Our troops carried out two successful raids against enemy trenches about Gommecourt and the Bethune-La-Bassee Road. Prisoners were captured and three dugouts filled with Germans were bombed and blown in. The enemy spring a mine to the north-east of Neuve Chapelle, causing slight damage to our trenches. A grenade attack north of Arras was repulsed. There has been artillery activity about Fricourt, Gommecourt, Hohenzollern Redoubt and Ypres. At one place our artillery fire caused a big explosion in the enemy lines.

### LONDON, Mar. 24.—The War Office to-night made public the following official communication:

"A further report has been received from Egypt regarding the liberation of the 91 prisoners who were in the hands of the Senussi tribesmen. The rescue expedition, which was entirely separate from the action of March 14 when the British captured Soltum, took place on March 17. Nine armoured cars, twenty-six other cars and ten motor ambulances left Soltum at three o'clock in the morning, guided by Capt. Royle and two native prisoners, said to be Birnkin, seventy miles from Soltum, but the actual distance travelled was about 121 miles. At the approach of the cars the guards fled, but they were pursued and killed. All the cars returned safely bringing back the prisoners, who are being cared for in the hospital. Their condition is reported as satisfactory, only two prisoners remain in the hands of the enemy, and there is some hope they may be rescued."

### FRENCH

PARIS, Mar. 23 (Official).—The French War Office this afternoon gave out the following statement regarding the progress of hostilities: "The west of the River Meuse, the bombardment has diminished. Last night the enemy did not renew his attacks on the little hill of Haucourt, about one kilometre south-west of Malarcourt, which we hold. "To the east of the Meuse, the bombardment was continued with violence at several points on our front. "In the Woëvre there has been no important development to report with the exception of an intermittent cannonading to the west of Port-a-Mousson. A surprise attack upon a trench of the enemy in the vicinity of Feyer has resulted in our taking several prisoners. The night passed quietly on the remainder of the front."

PARIS, Mar. 23.—The French official statement published this morning says that during the night a violent bombardment took place to the east of the Meuse River. To the west of the Meuse, the fire diminished intensity and the general situation is unchanged.

PARIS, Mar. 23, via St. Pierre, Mar. 24.—North of the Aisne, a destructive fire was opened up on the German works on Vauciere Plateau. In the Argonne we have concentrated our fire on German works, roads and railroad tracks and on eastern Argonne and Malancourt Wood. West of the Meuse there is a continuous bombardment of our lines. East of the Meuse, and in the Woëvre, artillery action has been renewed in strength. No infantry attack was made during the day.

### BELGIAN

On the greater part of the Belgian front there is the usual artillery activity. Nevertheless, on the 23rd north of Steenstraete, the artillery duel became exceedingly heavy and developed a very unusual violence, but our batteries replied most vigorously to the enemy batteries.

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## Heavy Masses of Russians Press the Germans 70 Miles South From Riga District—Russians Pierce German Line in Jacobstadt Sector—Germans North-West of Verdun Keep up Violent Shelling of Malancourt Sector—French Are Vigorously Shelling German Positions in Eastern Part of Argonne

LONDON, Mar. 24.—Except on the front near Gommecourt and the Bethune-La-Bassee road, where the British gained some advantages in fights against the Germans, no infantry engagements have taken place along the line in France and Belgium. Heavy fighting, however, is going on between Germans and Russians on the Eastern front, from the region of Riga, southward. The Germans north-west of Verdun are keeping up their violent shelling of the Malancourt sector and have again trained their guns on the French front of Homme-Cumieres, probably preparatory to fresh infantry attacks, in an endeavor to break through the line when the moment seems propitious. The French have not slackened their bombardment of Malancourt Wood from positions in the Argonne Forest, and are also shelling vigorously the German positions and roads and railways held in the German line in the eastern part of Argonne. The bombardment, north-east of Verdun, as well as in the Woëvre region, to the east of the fortress, has increased in intensity.

Heavy masses of Russians are pressing the Germans from the Riga district southward for a distance of seventy miles. While they have also gained some advantages, the Russian War Office admits that south of Lake Dreswiate the Germans have recaptured trenches the Russians had taken the previous night, the Russians have again pierced the opposing line in the Jacobstadt sector. According to a German official communication not even the smallest advantage against the unshaken German defence has been obtained anywhere in this great offensive which the Russians have undertaken in the north-west of Russia. While Berlin declares the Russians have ceased their vicious attacks in the neighborhood of Postavy, eastward of the railway between Dvinsk and Vilna, Russia officially announces that fighting there continues, and that south-west of Lake Narcz Russian troops have again advanced under violent bombardment. The Austrians are combating the Russians in Galicia.

The Italians along the Austro-Italian frontier appear to be holding their lines without change.

## "The Way Of Those Women"

LONDON, Mar. 24.—An astonishing story of an Englishwoman who was associated with a German spy, was related in the Commons yesterday by C. P. Trevelyan. While discussing the alleged high-handed acts of the Government, he told about an English squire who returned from partridge shooting to learn that his daughter had been carried off by the police. For a fortnight he was unable to discover her whereabouts and finally he found that she had been thrown into jail and cross-examined, without having any legal aid. She still remains under lock and key.

Many members were much impressed by the apparent injustice done to the woman until Sir T. Smith told the other side of the story. This squire's daughter, he said, was an intimate friend of a German spy who had to flee from England because he was connected with attempts at assassination last May, said Smith. She went to Switzerland to meet the spy and returned carrying a message to one of his accomplices. When she was arrested, literature was found in her possession that advocated revolution and murder.

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