

FORTY-FIFTH YEAR

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GERMAN FLEET WILL SOON COME OUT AND FIGHT

British Sailors Feel Great Battle Coming Before Long. MANY LITTLE FIGHTS OCCUR. Huns Are Making Ready to Meet Ruler of the Waves.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, March 22 (cable to The New York Times)—The Daily Chronicle's correspondent at "A great naval war base," writing on scrapping in the North Sea says: "German warships have been out in the North Sea and our sailors are convinced they will again be out soon. There has been more than one scrap. The Moeve evaded the blockade out and in, and naval men are the first to acknowledge the skill and daring seamanship. The dash of the German on Doggerbank, when they sunk the mine sweeper, Arabis, was not their only dash out, and we go in some blows before the found refuge behind the Prussian littoral."

Has Villa Got Clear of the Net?

Army Officers Incline to Believe That He Got Away. CARRANZA MEN CO-OPERATING. No Unfavorable Developments Yet on Border Line.

By Special Wire to the Courier. San Antonio, Tex., March 22.—General Pershing's failure to report an encounter of his troops with those of Francisco Villa, and the absence of news from Mexican sources relative to the outcome of the fighting between Villa's men and Carranza's troops in the vicinity of Namiquipa, caused army officers at Fort Sam Houston to-day to believe the elusive Villa had escaped. The fate of Lieutenants Edward J. Gorrell and Robert H. Willis, jr., who failed to reach Casas Grandes, was unknown at General Funston's headquarters. No time will be lost in the despatch of the Twenty-fourth infantry and the Fifth cavalry ordered to the border yesterday. Both should reach Columbus before the end of the week, and it is the intention of Gen. Funston to send them into Mexico immediately. MORE TROOPS. Washington, March 22.—Latest official advice from the American expeditionary forces in Mexico say that General Pershing and his men are close to Villa and his outlaws. All dispatches told of the co-operation of the Carranza soldiers in the bandit chase. Despite unofficial reports of unsettled conditions in the interior of Mexico, and along the border, Secretary of War Baker said that although the situation was fraught with many possibilities, to date there had been no unfavorable developments. In response to a request from Gen.

WILSON IS IRRITATED AT PEACE STORIES IMPLICATING GERARD

The American Ambassador to Berlin Not Remaining There to Receive Peace Proposals From the German Government.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Washington, March 22.—President Wilson was represented at the White House to-day as being resentful to the publication of stories that Ambassador Gerard had reported that Germany was about to make a move to accept peace. The reports were characterized as being based on false inferences. This statement was issued: "President Wilson, through Secretary Tumulty, to-day authorized a denial of stories appearing in papers to the effect that the purpose of Ambassador Gerard's remaining in Berlin was to await Germany's proposals for peace. There is no justification for that inference being drawn." Yesterday the state department took notice of the publications denying that Germany had intimated to the United States that the time was ripe for the United States as the largest neutral to renew its friendly offers for peace, or that the United States had been informed that Mr. Gerard had been requested to postpone his vacation because of pending peace negotiations. "Unofficial reports reaching here to-day said the Ambassador actually had postponed his vacation, but gave no reason."

STATEMENT ISSUED. The state department to-day again took cognizance of the report and the following statement was issued: "Any statement that the German Government had intimated that it desired this government to act as mediator in peace negotiations or had in any way suggested formally or informally that this government should take the matter up with other powers, is absolutely without foundation, and the state department has no information that Germany is preparing to make a definite move in the direction of peace." State department officials declared they were resentful at the publication of the reports, because they said, if there were any prospect of mediation it would be damaged, if not destroyed. It is known that the American ambassadors in all the belligerent countries have consistently been reporting on confidential conferences for the information of President Wilson, and it is understood that the burden of their reports has been that there were no more prospects for peace now than there have been at any time in the last six months. All the belligerents are understood to be ready for peace on their own terms.

WELSH COAL MINERS THREATEN TO STRIKE SINCE THEIR GRIEVANCES ARE NOT SETTLED

PTE. TRUCKLE IS REPORTED AS WOUNDED. Brantford Boy With 4th C. M. R. Admitted to a Hospital.

Mr. T. R. Truckle, 5 Balfour St., received word this morning that his son Pte. Stanley Truckle of the 4th C.M.R. was severely wounded in the leg and admitted to No. 14 General Hospital, Pte. Stanley Truckle enlisted about a year ago with the 30th Dragoons. He then was moved to Hamilton where he was drafted into the Mounted Rifles, and went overseas in the summer. He has been in France about one month. Pte. Truckle was employed in the city. He is 19 years of age, and married, his wife living in Ottawa.

Infantry Attacks Against Verdun Stop For a While but Artillery of the Enemy Still Trying to Blast Its Way Through the French Lines.

Huns Trying to Make Further Progress in Their Flanking Movement in the West of the Meuse.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, March 22, noon—No infantry attacks were made on the Verdun front last night, the War Office announced this afternoon. The Germans bombarded Malancourt heavily and there were artillery exchanges of less intensity east of the Meuse.

THE STATEMENT. The statement follows: "West of the Meuse the artillery duel was very lively in the region of Malancourt, Esnes and Hill 304. A particularly violent fire was directed against the Haucourt Hill. "East of the Meuse the bombardment was intense in the region of Vaux and Damloup. "There were no infantry actions. The night was calm on the remainder of the front."

WORKING FOR FLANK ATTACK. London, March 22.—The battle for Verdun now well in its fourth week, continues with intensity, but just as reports to-day, particularly violent against the Haucourt Hill, to the northeast of Avocourt, indicates that the German intention probably is to make further determined attempts to make progress in this important flanking operation.

ARTILLERY FIRE INTENSE. The situation on the eastern bank of the Meuse is unchanged, but here, too, the artillery fire continues intensely, particularly near Vaux and Damloup.

Chatham, March 22.—J. M. Pike, K. C., the well known Chatham lawyer, returned recently from a business trip to the West. While on the train he made an acquaintance with a stranger named Edward Trout, of Ohio. They adjourned to the dining car and there they met Mr. Herring, a Chicago merchant, who formerly lived in Brockville. For dinner decided, in order to avoid any argument, to order whitefish.

A Fish Dinner. The whole town, with brass band, greeted an eighty year old man when he brought a thirty-nine year old bride to Staatsburg, Pa.

COAL MINERS THREATENING. Half a million South Wales coal miners are again threatening to strike because of failure to secure a settlement of grievances.

Quake in Austria. New York, March 22.—A news agency despatch from Amsterdam to-day says: Hundreds of houses in the Austrian towns of Bribar and Grisan have been destroyed or damaged by an earthquake, according to Vienna despatches to-day.

Twenty-Seven Names of Men Enlisted in 215th

- HAVILLAND, LESLIE CLAIR, Canadian. HAVILLAND, ROY EVERT, Canadian. HEATLEY, ERNEST ALFRED, Canadian. HEDDFN, GEORGE THEODORE, Canadian. HOLDSWORTH, JOHN AUBREY, Canadian. LIVINGSTONE, NORMAN, American. MACDONALD, JOHN, Scotch. MATTHEWS, ALBERT DANIEL, Welsh. DYER, Welsh. MELLOR, GEORGE HAROLD, Canadian. MOORE, FRANK JOSEPH, Canadian. MULLIGAN, DAVID CREIGHTON, Canadian. OSBORNE, LESLIE, Canadian. PROUT, JOHN, English. RAINES, WILLIAM ORTON, English. STRICKLAND, SIDNEY BILTON, Canadian. THOMPSON, ROBERT FRANCIS, Canadian. WEIR, DAVID HENRY, Canadian.

German Chancellor Looks to Have a Free Course

It is apparent, nevertheless, that the chancellor has the situation well in hand. The Socialists, Radicals and Centrists, constituting a majority in the Reichstag, are supporting the chancellor in his desire to avoid discussion of the resolutions in open session. The chancellor will deliver an address before the Reichstag at the end of this week or early next week, but it is considered doubtful whether he will take up the submarine question.

The "Sydney" at Havana

Havana, Cuba, March 22.—The Australian Cruiser Sydney arrived here to-day, supposedly for the purpose of obtaining coal and provisions. She will sail within the prescribed 24 hours. Whence she came or whither she is going is unknown. The Sydney, which destroyed famous German raider Emden, has been in the Atlantic for several months.

ABANDONED CZERNO-WITZ. AVIATOR LOCATED.

LONDON, March 22, 4.40 p.m.—Abandonment of Czernowitz, capital of Bukowina, by the Austrians is reported in an unofficial wireless despatch received here to-day from Rome. STILL RETREATING. LONDON, March 22.—A Bucharest despatch, forwarded from Amsterdam by the Central News, says that the Turks have evacuated Erzincjan, a fortress of Asia Minor, 120 miles west of Erzerum.

A GERMAN CLAIM. Food Steamer Sunk.

BERLIN, March 22, via London, 4.10 p.m.—The Russians have gained no success in their great extended offensive against the German lines, the war office announced to-day. New Orleans now has a hospital devoted exclusively to negro patients. Plant City, Fla., this winter shipped over 1,149,354 quarts of strawberries, valued at \$151,960.18.

TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE HOMELESS AS RESULT OF BIG FIRE IN PARIS, TEXAS

Thirty Blocks Destroyed by the Flames and Property Loss is Estimated to be From Two to Five Millions of Dollars—Neighboring Cities Rushed Fire-fighting Apparatus.

Paris, Texas, March 22.—The fire which swept through this city for six hours last night, destroying approximately 30 blocks, and the property loss was estimated all the way from two to five million dollars. There was no loss of life so far as known early to-day. The fire started about 5.30 yesterday in a storage warehouse belonging to S. J. Long, at the foot of south Eleventh street, adjoining the Texas Eighteenth street, and the flames were blowing a gale at the time and the flames were driven so rapidly that the fire soon was beyond control. In the government intends having a board of three commissioners administer the act and Messrs. Flaville, Dane and Ayerast of the Ontario liquor board are likely to be the men selected.

10,000 PEOPLE HOMELESS. Dallas, Texas March 22.—Fully ten thousand persons are homeless and half that number went without breakfast this morning as a result of last night's fire, according to a telegram received here to-day from County Judge Beauchamp of Paris, Texas. The telegram adds: "We need groceries and money to-day." Toward midnight, the wind died away.

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



WOUNDED SOLDIER: "Yes, they got twenty-four bullets out of me! They ought to have sent me to the munition depot—not to a hospital!"—London Opinion.

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