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Huns See French Again Hold Part Vaux Village

Germans Now Shelling the Region of Bourrus Wood Five Miles North East of Verdun Fortress...

HUNS LOSE FOUR PLANES IN AERIAL COMBAT NEAR VERDUN

Russians and Germans on Eastern Front Are Engaged in Artillery Duels - Usual Bombardments Are Progressing on Austro-Italian Front...

LONDON, April 4.—Having straightened out their line by occupying all French positions north of Forges Brook...

Artillery duels between the Russians and Germans continue on the Eastern front. An attack by the Germans against the bridgehead at Ikskull was repulsed by the Russians.

Constantinople reports the Turks are strongly reinforced and have checked the Russian offensive in the Caucasus region and that Ottoman forces have made advances in the Tchorsk Valley.

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Big Steel Barque Is Sunk by Sub.

Was a Four Masted Steel Barque Owned in Glasgow—Was Built in 1890—Had a Tonnage of 2127 Tons Gross.

LONDON, April 4.—Lloyds report the four-masted steel British barque Bengairn sunk by a submarine. Part of her crew were picked up. It is stated the vessel was not armed.

Ex-Premier Is on the War Path

Has Written a Series of Articles on Present Political Crisis in Greece—King Constantine Intends to Pay no Attention to These Letters of Venizeos

ATHENS, April 4.—It is learned on the highest authority that King Constantine will pay no attention to a series of articles which ex-Premier Venizeos is writing on the political situation in Greece.

Swiss Force Huns Make Amends

Germany Apologizes For Action of Hun Airmen Who Dropped Bombs on Swiss Village—Offenders to be Punished so the Swiss Minister is Told

LONDON, April 4.—Germany has apologized to Switzerland for the bombing of the Swiss village of Portentray by German airmen last week, says a Reuter's despatch from Berne.

A despatch from Berne last Friday said, two aeroplanes, of unknown nationality, dropped 5 large bombs on Portentray, with some damage to property. A Geneva despatch said the aircraft undoubtedly were German.

Is Re-elected Mayor By Large Majority

MONTREAL, April 4.—Mayor Martin, M.P., has been re-elected to the Chief Magistracy of Montreal at the biennial municipal elections to-day by a majority of almost ten thousand votes over his nearest opponent, Controller McDonald.

Clyde Strike Is Over

GLASGOW, April 3.—The strike of the Clyde plants is over, and work will be resumed to-morrow.

Huns Launch Four Attacks West Meuse

All of Which Were Repulsed by French—Sharp Struggle Continued East of the Meuse—Three German Machines Are Brought Down on Verdun Front

PARIS, via St. Pierre, April 3.—Between the Somme and the Oise artillery was especially active at Parvillers, Fouquescourt and Lassigny district, where the German trenches were damaged by our shells. West of the Meuse the Germans launched four attacks against Avocourt Wood Fort. Every attack was thrown back by our cross fire and mitrailleuses.

LONDON, April 4.—A Scottish correspondent in a despatch concerning Sunday night's air raid says: "Scotland had its first experience of a Zeppelin raid last night. A Zeppelin appeared ten minutes before midnight and circled over the town for forty minutes, dropping many bombs. Warning of the enemy's approach was given the people by all electric lights being cut off.

"Ryndam" Still Held Up

THE HAGUE, April 4.—The Dutch steamer Ryndam, due to sail last Friday for New York, is still being held up owing to a strike among her stokers and trimmers over their demands for an increase in wages.

OFFICIAL BRITISH

LONDON, April 3.—There have been Zeppelin raids the last three nights on the Eastern counties. South-east Scotland was also visited. 69 were killed and 190 injured. There was some damage to property, but no military damage. One Zeppelin was brought down and sunk in the Thames estuary, and the crew captured.

On the Russian front fighting is now checked by a thaw. An enemy submarine sank the Russian hospital ship Portugal in the Black Sea.

There has been heavy fighting on the Italian front. The Italians recaptured the lost positions north-east of Gorizia.

FRENCH

PARIS, April 4 (Official).—In Argonne, our batteries violently bombarded the west corner of Avocourt Wood. An enemy blockhouse was destroyed, and a munitions depot was blown up. West of the Meuse the German launched yesterday, at the end of the day, a vigorous attack between Haucourt and Bethincourt against our positions on the north bank of the Forges Brook, which we have evacuated, withdrawing to the south bank on the night of March 31, April 1, without the enemy perceiving it.

AUSTRIAN

BERLIN, April 3.—Russian artillery displayed increased activity on nearly the whole of our north-east front, says the Austrian official statement to-day.

Folks Were Calm Under Zep's Fire

Warning Was Given of Raiders Approach by Turning off all Lights—Many People go Out in the Streets to Get Look at Zep

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Would Rebuild and Use Zep. L-15

LONDON, April 4.—The British Aeronautical Institute has asked the Government's permission to undertake at its own expense, the salvage of Zeppelin L-15, which is lying in shallow water, off the mouth of the Thames. The Institute believes that if the salvage is undertaken by aircraft experts, the Zeppelin can be saved, rebuilt, and launched against the enemy within three months.

Dutch Have Mistrust of Germany

Can Rely on Assurance From Britain That Dutch Neutrality Will be Respected—But the Question is What Will Germany Say or do

AMSTERDAM, April 4.—"I do not for a moment suggest there is a possibility that Great Britain would do 'and act' new armie on the Dutch coast," said former Minister of War Colyn, to-day in an interview regarding the recent mysterious military preparations in Holland.

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Essad Pasha

PARIS, April 3.—Essad Pasha was received to-day by Premier Briand, who commended him as President of the Albanian Government for his loyal attitude to the Entente Allies, and the help he had given them in extricating the Serbian Army.

Holland's Warlike Act Puzzling

Dutch War Minister in a Statement to Some War Correspondents Make Situation Even More Puzzling—Says Some Power Asked, Holland to Demobilize

NEW YORK, April 3.—A news agency despatch from London to-day, says that the British Foreign Office announces this afternoon that there is no foundation for the rumour that Holland's warlike preparations are due to a threat by the Allies to violate Dutch territory.

Another Hun Lie Nailed

LONDON, April 3.—The following statement was given out here to-day: "In the German wireless Press of to-day the Colonial Gazette is quoted as having been informed from a reliable source that a British ship of the County class, apparently the Donegal, had struck a mine and sunk in mid-February of this year. There is no truth whatever in this statement. The Donegal is a British cruiser of 9,800 tons displacement, laid down in 1901.

Shortage of Tonnage Not Due to Subs

Admiral Bridge in a Report Says Present Shortage is not Due to Submarines but to the Great Requirements of Military and Naval Forces

LONDON, April 4.—Admiral Bridge, in a report on merchant shipping losses, gives out the following statement: "The total losses to shipping from the beginning of the war to March 23 is less than four per cent. of the total number of vessels under the British flag, and slightly over six per cent. of their total tonnage.

In further comment the Admiral details the amount of merchant shipping built in France and Great Britain since the beginning of the war and shows that war losses have virtually been made good thereby. In 1915, says the report, after more than a year of war, the steam shipping of Great Britain has increased by 88 vessels and 344,000 tons. Italy and Russia also show increase, while France is short only of 12,500 tons. It is, therefore, clear, says the report, that the present shortage of tonnage is due, not to the action of submarines, but to the great requirements of the military and naval forces.

Not Worried over Taxation---Little Budget Interest

Chancellor McKenna Will Introduce His Budget to Commons To-day—People Not Worried Over Taxation—Papers Declare all Classes Will Shoulder Their Burdens Cheerfully to Win the War

PARIS, April 3.—A Havas despatch from Athens says that the Bulgarian Government has notified Greece that it has given orders for the evacuation of points in Greek territory, occupied by Bulgarian troops.

British Airmen Do Good Work

One Aviator Attacked and Drove Off Five Hostile Planes—British Capture Eighty More Prisoners Including Four Officers at St. Eloi.

Ten Killed In Sunday Night's Raid

LONDON, April 3.—Ten persons were killed and 11 injured in Scotland, in Sunday night's Zeppelin raid, it is officially announced this afternoon. There were no casualties in Egghland.

It Comes From Berlin

BERLIN, April 3.—A 12,000 ton Russian transport, with troops and war materials aboard, was sunk by a Turkish submarine on March 30th, the Turkish War Office announced to-day.

Another Hun Lie Nailed

BERLIN, April 3.—Constantinople despatches given out to-day by the Overseas News Agency, say that Turkish troops on the Caucasian front have received considerable reinforcements, and that the Russian offensive has been checked. Recently the only fighting has been between small detachments.

Comic Artists

"What conclusion did you draw from your study of that ancient Egyptian inscription?" asked the profession of the superficial student, "I decided that the old Egyptians had their comic artists, the same as we have."

Poor Fido

Mrs. Nextdoor (angrily) "I want you to keep your dog out of my house; its full of fleas."

Aramantine

"This is a hard world," said one laborer to another. "Yes, Oi do be thinkin' av that every toime Oi put me pickaxe in it."

A FEARFUL THOUGHT

Burroughs—I know a man who looks so much like you that one can hardly tell you apart. Lenders—You haven't paid him that five I lent you three months ago, have you?

Advertisement for W.H. Jackman, a West End Tailor, featuring the 'Yes Sir' logo and text describing the quality of his suits and overcoats.