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## 53rd YEAR. No. 22718 BREAKS WITH GERMANY AND

# AMERICAN SHIP ALGONQUIN SUNK BY GERMANS WITHOUT WARNING

### BAPAUME RIDGE IS GERMANS SINK IN HANDS OF HAIG; STEAMSHIP FORTRESS DOOMED

British Sweep Takes In Position That Commands Wide Extent of Country Now Held by the Enemy.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.

[Special to the Advertiser.]
With the British Armies Afield, March 14.—Bapaume seems doomed. If this citadel—which Hindenburg has called "another Gibraltar"—does not fall before the end of the week it will be because the British

plans have been laid otherwise. It would not be surprising if the German retirement spread over a far greater territory. Meanwhile the country is being laid bare as it

(From a Staff Correspondennt of the Associated Press.) British Headquarters in France, March 13, via London, March 14. - The ridge overlooking Bapaume from the northwest, which had come to be looked upon by the British as a sort of promised land ever since the battle of the Somme last July, passed into the hands of Gen. Haig's troops today. For the first time since the great struggle on this front opened the British have the advantage of the highest ground, and can now look down upon the famous German stronghold and a wide extent of country beyond.

MORAHT FORESHADOWS

A GREAT WITHDRAWAL

London, March 14 .- A German with-

army to retire fighting in order to gain

ample space for strategical movements.

The military critic reminds his readers that Field Marshal von Hindenburg

The foregoing dispatch contains the

first Intimation received here that Field |

ISSUED BY R. R. MEN;

Instructions Given To Strike

Saturday by Leaders

IF CONFERENCE FAILS

Managers of Systems Declare Campaign Impossible at

Present Time.

New York, March 14 .- The chiefs of

the four great brotherhoods of railroad employees came here today from Wash-

ington for a final conference with the

local chairman of unions in eastern

WILL TIE UP EAST

STRIKE ORDERS ARE

as ever fighting ground was.

Bapaume Is Doomed.

British officers believe that they are now in a position to take Bapaume whenever the word is given. Grevilliers was captured last night, and the new British lines stretch along the ridge which runs northwest from that point to the outskirts of Achiet-le-Petit, a point still strongly held by the Germans. In this latest forward movement the British have taken possession of the noted Loupart Wood, consisting of great clumps of trees situated on the oulder of the high ridge and overlooking the entire Somme battle-front. This wood has masked a great number of German batteries, and from it hostile shells have rained upon the British for eight months past. Its capture has been the source of the highest satisfaction to the British staff, as it was one of the most formidable artillery posts the Germans had established in the

A Regular Town. The country about Loupart Wood and beyond is in quite good shape.
As a matter of fact Grevillers was the first touch of real civilization the Tommies said, they have had in many moons. "Why," said one stalwart Australian today, "do you know, there are regular houses in Grevillers with real roofs on them?" What this means to men who have fought so long in the slough of mud of the Somme valley can only be grasped by those who have lived amid the hideous scenes of destruc tion. The Germans have always itherto had the advantage of the high ground and the villages, possession of which have been so bitterly contested, have been nothing but pulverized ruins which offered for the soldiers.

German Positions Razed. Where fires are not burning, the country back of the German line looks green and wonderfully inviting. The German positions on the Loupart line had been completely razed by the British guns on Sunday morning, and that afternoon the heavy artillery commenced its work of destruction. Thirty hours of the defenders could withstand. One prisoner said that he was the only

Today—Fresh to strong winds, shifting to west and northwest; snow and ain.

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Thursday--Fair and a little colder. Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations, High. Low, Weather. Victoria ... 48 36 Cloudy ANDUNWARNED

S. S. Algonquin of Star Line Sent To Bottom by Sub.

FLEW STARS AND STRIPES

Washington Is Now Convinced That Ruthless Compaign Extends to Americans.

London, March 14 .- According to a later report from J. G. Stephens, American consul at Plymouth, the captain of the Algonquin stated that his ship was sunk by shell fire without warning.

London, March 14 .- The American steamer Algonquin has been sunk by a German submarine.

The Algonquin, owned by American Star Line of New drawal on a great scale on the western York, was recently transferfront is foreshadowed by Major Moraht red from British registry. She sailed from New York for Lonin an article in the Berliner Tageblatt to the Dally News. Major Moraht re- don on February 20, and was calls Field Marshal von Hindenburg's reported to have about eight strategy against the Russians at Tan-nenberg, when he caused parts of his

The Algonquin was torpedoed without warning, according to a report made by the American consul at Plymouth. The consul states that all on board were

that by shortening their present front, the Germans are giving their enemies "a desert to advance over, a ground as bad as ever fighting around was."

prisoner said that he was the only survivor of a squad of ten who were in a dugout which was blown to bits by a British shell.

THE GERMAN REPORT.

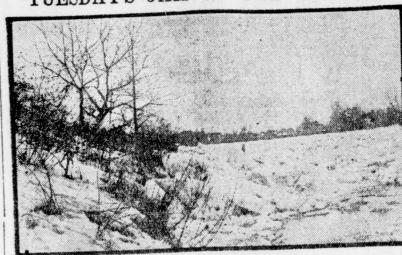
Berlin, March 14—Via Sayville.—British troops on the Somme front attacked the German lines yesterday afternoon and at night in the Ancre sector, the war office announced today. The statement reads:

"Western Front: North of Armentieres British detachments were driven mythout the British detachments were driven the British detachments were driven the British detachments were driven mythout and the Great and Grevillers and at night.

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ARRIVES AT BERLIN; COUNT

TUESDAY'S JAM ON THE THAMES



## PEKIN CUTS TIES WITH FOE; GRABS SHIPS IN HARBOR

Chinese Government Severs Diplomatic Relations With Germany and Seizes Six Merchantmen at Shanghai Making Crews Prisoners.

Washington, March 14 .- China has severed diplomatic relations with Germany, taken possession of all German merchant ships in Shanghai, about six in number, placed their crews on shore under guard and placed armed guards on the vessels. Advices to the navy department today from the senior officer in Chinese waters gave no further details.

HOSPITAL BOMBED

cally fit men from feaving Canada. In addition, they want every fit Canadian who has gone to the United States since the outbreak of war immediately sent back and enrolled for military service. Failing this, they would debar such from ever re-entering the country as undesirable citizens.

WINS THE MILITARY

MEDAL FOR BRAVERY

China's severance of relations has been awaited here for weeks. Feeling MANY PERSH IN against Germany has run high, not only because scores of Chinese on the way to Europe have lost their lives through German submarine operations, but from memory of the kaiser's order to his

Marshal von Hindenburg is personally of the first American vessels to sail Seizure of the German ships may be conducting German operations on the from the United States after Germany taken as an act of war, as in the case

GENERAL SARRAIL TO WED FRENCH NURSE IN BALKANS

the public houses. The brewers have been conferring recently with the home office, and the recommendations drafted at these conferences will be submitted to a general meeting of brewers.

ALL LABOR EMIGRATION

PROHIBITED IN INDIA

London, March 14.—The impending marriage of Gen. Sarrail, commander of the Allied forces in Macedonia, to Mile. De Joannis has been officially announced at Saloniki, according to an anounced at Saloniki, according to an anounced at Saloniki, according to an anounced at Saloniki, according to an entered to the Exchange Telegraph Company. Mile. De Joannis is a graph Company. Mile. De Joannis is a the command of the Exchange Telegraph Company. Mile. De Joannis is a graph Company. Mile. De Joannis has been officially announced at Saloniki, according to an atomaced at Saloniki, according to a tomaced at Saloniki, according to an atomaced at Saloniki, according to a saloniki in Saloniki

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last the 14 hours previous to 8 o'clock last the 15 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 34; lowest, 28.

GENERAL GOUGH FOOLED ENEMY,

German "Lure" Was Skillfully Turned Against Them.

BRITISH UPSET PLANS

Used Artillery Instead of Cavalry When Following Up Retirement.

Paris, March 14.—Great importance is attached by French military writers to the continued British successes on the Somme. The Matin says that it looks very much as if the Germans do not think they could hold Bapaume and Peronne any longer and are preparing to evacuate both cities. Reports from aviators show that all along their inner lines the Germans, are blowing up lines the Germans are blowing up bridges and culverts, burning munitions and provisions while trying to mask the withdrawal of heavy guns, by heavy firing with field guns.

ing with field guns.
German staff headquarters on the Somme front is said to have been moved back ten miles. The Matin thinks that the German staff at first planned a strategic retreat, so as to delay and upset the British plan of attack, but that set the British plan of attack, but that this scheme was frustrated by the tactics of Gen. Gough. Instead of using cavalry against his retreating foe, Gen. Gough maintained contact by the methodical and destructive use of artillery. The result, according to the Matin, was that the Germans were caught in their own trap and their retreat, which was at first intentional betreat, which was at first intentional be-came almost a rout under the continu-ous pressure of an adversary superior in material and initiative.

**DESTROYERS BATTLE WITH** SEAPLANES ON BLACK SEA

Amsterdam, via London, March 14.—
A battle between German seaplanes and Russian destroyers in the Black Sea is reported in an official statement issued by the Berlin war office. The destroyers were approaching Constanza, the Rumanian port, and were forced to retreat, the statement says, after bombs had been dropped upon them by the seaplanes. One destroyer is said to have been hit twice.

"The Fatherland" Soliciting Subscriptions in Stationery Bought at Local Store-Merchant Denies All Knowledge of How or Where Forbidden "Literature" Was Inserted.

German propogandists are not to be balked by such a mere trifle as Canadlan postal regulations. This is well illustrated by the fact that a writing pad purchased at a local store contained a card advertising "The Fatherland," a New York pro-German publication. J. P. Hunt, 423 Dundas street, a couple of days ago, purchased a writing pad at the store of J. Richmond, 459 Dundas street, and between

the pages of writing paper the card was found, together with a pro-German letter by Gertrude Atherton. Mr. Richmond, when interviewed regarding the matter, stated that he was surprised to hear of the presence of any such advertising in the pads, and that he had bought them in the usual way from a local

One half of the card is a subscription blank, which is to be filled in and accompanied by money to pay for "The Fatherland" for one year. It describes it as a weekly publication devoted to "Fair-Play for Germany and Austria-Hungary." Pro-Germanism Promised.
Dyou want to hear the other side the great European conflict?" asks card. "Do you want to see FAIR AY for Germany and Austria-Huny in their struggle for self-preservance? Are you tired of spending your nnies for battles made by the headest artists? The services of the publications with the services of the services of the publications with the services of the services of the services of the services with the services of the servi

line artists? The services of the publication committee, editors and contributors are rendered without termine tion. Out of any surplus, payments will be made from time to time to the Red Cross Society, and to German and Austrian relief funds. It costs so little—and it will help so much in getting the right perspective of things.

"(Signed) WM. W. STAKE,
"General Manager,"

The fact that the pro-Germans are able to get their mendacious literature into Canada, and that they are sparing

CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO GET LABOR FOR FARMS OF THE PRAIRIE

National Service Takes Man Inventory in West.

12,500 MEN ARE NEEDED

Dominion Government and Provinces Will Co-operate in Whirlwind Campaign.

into Canada, and that they are sparing no expense to move public opinion in the United States and Canada to favor the Teuton cause is brought home to Londoners by this latest effrontery.

When pro-German enthusiasts in the United States go to such lengths that a Canadian cannot buy a pad of writing material without having pro-German literature thrust upon them, it is, in the opinion of prominent citizens, time that some decisive steps should be taken to stop it. Ottawa, March 14 .- R. B. Bennett, M. Ottawa, March 14.—R. B. Bennett, M. P., director general of national service has just returned from an extended trip through the prairie provinces. The main purpose of his trip was to complete arrangements for much-needed additional farm labor in order that full effect might be given to the "increase production" policy of the Government Short of Labor.

The Algonogin, a Freighter, was one of the first Augustanes and the fir

GERARD AT WASHINGTON; NOTHING TO SAY YET

Washington, March 14.—Former Ambassador Gerard arrived here today and was met at the railway station by the president's secretary, Mr. Tumulty, and other officials. Any plans Mr. Gerard may have had for making a statement were changed when the state department arranged for him to say he could make no detailed statement until he had conferred with the department.

Mr. Gerard may not see the president for a day or two, as the president is receiving no visitors until he fully recovers from his cold.

WHEN LATTER TRY RAIDS UNDER COVER OF THE MIST

of the Canadian Press; With Canadian Armies in France, March 14-Via London.-In the mist of last night and early morning the Ba-varians opposite the Canadians, who are good fighting men, attempted two raids, but were at once driven off. They carried back their wounded with them, but left two dead in the Canadian lines by which the raiders were recognized as Ba-Bad Weather Hampers.

Dull, misty weather, with occa-sional rain, persists on the Canadian front, interrupting even the aeroplane activity which was marked over the week-end. The most notable feature of the operations at present when the weather permits, is artillery registration-that is, the discovery by actual practice, of the range at which various trenches, roads, ammunition dumps, observa-

enemy can be effectively shelled. For Trench Raids Cease. Recently there has been a cessa-tion by the Canadians of the trench raids which were so marked a fea-ture of this part of the front while the ground was hard. The mud of Northern France in the spring has a tenacity that nothing can shake off. There is no mud in the air and the

sunshine brings out numerous aeroplanes. Combats are frequent in which the British planes give a lit tle and sometimes much more than they get. It is universally testified that the anti-aircraft guns are now far more dangerous than a few months ago. This is the result of a new method of use. Instead of firing directly at a plane as formerly, the gunners fill the air in front of it with a barrage fire, through which the plane must pass to cross the enemy

lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 am. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria ... 48 36 Cloudy Catgary ... 30 0 Clear Winnipeg ... 34 6 Clear Port Arthur. 22 -... 2 Cloudy Parry Sound. ... 30 30 Snow Parry Sound. ... 38 8 8 Fair Montreal ... 24 14 Cloudy Quebec ... 36 12 Cloudy Quebec ... 36 12 Cloudy Minus (-) means below zero.

Winniped Sattended by snow and rain.

The depression which was in the Southwest States yesterday now covers the Great Lakes, attended by snow and rain.

Elsewhere in Canada the weather is fair. THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT NEEDS YOUR MONEY AND OFFERS TO PAY WELL FOR ITS C. S .- M. JOSEPH FRITH.