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STEADY STREAM OF BRITISH TO WESTERN WAR THEATRE; 600,000 NOW THERE

Two of Greatest Armies Ever Gathered Face Each Other—England's Sons Have Task of Keeping Germans Back From Coast

Paris, March 13.—Two of the greatest armies ever gathered together in any war in the world's history, now face each other in the western theatre of war.

It is estimated that there are about 600,000 British soldiers upon French soil at present. The important task of holding the Germans back from the coast has fallen to the British, whose lines extend from north of Ypres in Belgium, to Arras. This line forms a barrier through which the Germans would have to cut before they could reach Calais, Dunkirk or Boulogne.

The British in the north are conducting a strong offensive movement, and it is evident that they hope to force the Germans to evacuate Lille by exerting vigorous pressure against the German lines near Arras and LaBassee.

Activity is increasing in Belgium east of Lombardzyde, on the North Sea coast. The Belgians have driven the Germans from a field fort. An artillery duel is in progress all along the line in Belgium. Near Middlekerke, the Germans have planted several 42-centimeter guns; it is reported, to destroy the locks of the canals near Palingsbrug, so that the country in that region can be flooded.

RUSSIANS AND GERMANS IN GREAT BATTLE

London, March 13.—A Petrograd despatch to the Daily Telegraph says: A battle of vast dimensions is now going on between Hönönda and Praszanyz and along the valley of the Orzissa, which joins the Narew east of Pultusk, the Germans are advancing.

It is not without significance that a height north of Grodno, which was taken by the Germans with a sudden rush, was recaptured by a regiment belonging to one corps wiped out at the battle of Tannenberg and since reconstructed.

GERMANS BRIN UP TROOPS TO FACE BRITISH

Amsterdam, March 14.—The Handelsblad's St. Petersburg correspondent says: The German offensive assumed a new phase on Thursday afternoon south of Duxode, where a strong attack was opened, supported by heavy artillery. The concentration of German troops towards Ypres and La Bassee continues. All the troops in North Flanders have been sent in the direction of Ypres and La Bassee and great troop movements have been taking place by way of Bruges and Courtrai.

GERMAN BOMBARDMENT WEAKENS

London, March 13.—Reuter's Petrograd correspondent sends a semi-official communication stating:—The bombardment of Osowetz has weakened somewhat. The Germans are sparing their shells. The German offensive on our positions at Praszanyz being conducted rather feebly. Their artillery has developed a violent fire, the infantry prefers to entrench 1500 paces from our lines. To the east of Plock our fire directed against an enemy battery exploded a great quantity of ammunition.

RUSSIANS DRIVING TURKS

This, March 13.—The commander of the Russian army in the Caucasus reports that fighting with the Turks is in progress near the coast of the Black Sea, but the Ottoman troops are being driven toward the southwest, the Russians are steadily advancing.

Dresden Sinks a British Bark

Valparaiso, March 13.—The crew of the British bark Conway Castle, sunk by the German cruiser Dresden off Corral (a seaport of Chile), on her way to Liverpool with a cargo of barley, was landed here yesterday.

Turkey Would Conclude Bulgaria

London, March 13.—Halli Bey, president of the Turkish chamber, has arrived in the Bulgarian capital. "His mission," says a Daily Mail correspondent, "concludes with the report of offer of territorial concessions by Turkey to purchase Bulgarian aid or neutrality."

More Peace Talk

London, March 13.—An American despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the most important associations of German agrarians, manufacturers and business men have petitioned the chancellor to allow the discussion of terms of a prospective peace to which the German people may have their say when the peace treaties are signed.

ITALY LISTENS BUT SAYS NOTHING

Rome, via Paris, March 13.—The Italian government continues to maintain an impetuous silence regarding negotiations reported to be under way with Austria, concerning territorial concessions. Nothing has been added to the semi-official announcement that Italy has instituted no negotiations, but simply has listened to proposals emanating from Germany through Prince Von Buellow.

Danish Slesmer Abort.

London, March 13.—The wireless station at Fair Isle, one of the Shetland Islands, reports that the Danish steamer Canada, from Newport News, Va., February 24, for Christiania, is ashore in a dangerous position near the Scaden lighthouse.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stur, part, director of meteorological service.

Mostly Fair and Cold

Maritime—Fresh to strong northwesterly winds; local snow falls or flurries in eastern portion, but mostly fair to dry on Sunday. Not much change in temperature.

New England—Fair tonight and Sunday

gentle to moderate northwest winds, becoming variable.

HEROES ALL ON THE BYWINDS

Not a Man Left Ship Until She Sank

CAPTAIN AT HIS POST

Fine Example of British Navy Spirit Shows as Auxiliary Goes Down After Being Hit By Torpedo

London, March 13.—The British auxiliary cruiser Bayano with nearly 200 crew was sunk off Corsewall Point, Scotland, having been torpedoed by the enemy on March 11. About eighteen of her crew were rescued by the British steamer Balmorin. The Bayano was built in 1913, was of 2,500 tons displacement and 418 feet long.

Mr. Scotland, Mar. 13.—Most of the twenty-eight survivors of the Bayano left for Portsmouth by train last night. Garbed in clothing contributed by sympathizers, and still suffering from their experiences, they were grateful to have escaped death. Those injured, are still in a hospital here.

The survivors say there was no panic aboard the Bayano, but there was no time to lower the boats before the vessel sank. It was a case of every man for himself but none left the ship until she went down. They praise the heroism of their captain, who was at his post when the steamer was engulfed.

"The Bayano left Glasgow on Wednesday night. She had been taken over by the Admiralty only recently. The steamer was equipped with wireless.

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THROUGH STRAITS BY END OF LENT

Believed Dardanelles Will Be Forced By Easter

DETAILS OF BOMBARDMENT

Semi-Official Announcement Indicates That Correspondents Were Sending the Allied Fleet Through Famous Waters Too Quickly

Paris, March 13.—Vice Admiral Garden, commanding the British fleet in the Dardanelles, has expressed the opinion that the allies will be able to hammer their way through the straits before Easter, according to an Athens despatch to the Journal.

Operations of French and British warships against the fortifications at the entrance to the Dardanelles, and in the first mine field on March 10 and 11, are described in an official statement issued last night by the ministry of marine. The communication says:—

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Germans Admit British Hit Hard

Hurry Reinforcements to La Bassee to Face King's Men

New York, March 13.—A London Daily Express and New York Herald despatch from the Belgian frontier says: The Germans in Belgium admit the seriousness of their reverse at the hands of the British in the region of LaBassee. The sending there of additional infantry just arrived from Germany, estimated to amount to three divisions, shows it is not their intention to accept defeat without further sacrifices.

More howitzers also have been sent to the south from the artillery park at Ghent, and the entire area from Knocle to Westende is full of infantry, awaiting the order to attempt to overwhelm the allies held the great drive.

The Germans are trying to prevent the details of the LaBassee reverse reaching Holland through civilians, three of whom were shot last night at frontier posts while trying to cross with messages.

German fears of a landing of enemy troops north of Ostend, again is apparent in the massing of several divisions around Bruges. It appears to be accepted as conclusive by the Germans that the allies will invade Flanders between Knocle and Ostend, and some of their best troops are held in readiness to repel such a movement.

MONTROSE ASHORE

C. P. R. Lines, Often at St. John, Reported Stranded on African Coast

Bordeaux, March 13.—It is reported here that the C. P. R. steamer Montrorse, which was stranded on the west coast of Africa.

The Montrorse is well known at this port, having sailed on the C. P. R. winter schedule between here and Antwerp for some years. Her name became quite famous when Captain Kendall, then master, discovered that he had among his passengers the notorious Doctor Crippen, and had him arrested and sent back to England on a number charges.

The Montrorse was built in 1897, and has a registered tonnage of 2884. Captain Reid is in command of her. According to the New York Maritime Register she arrived at Vladivostok, Asiatic Russia, on March 9 from Liverpool, so there is a mistake somewhere.

The units of the militia in training here for overseas will each conduct church parades tomorrow. The 29th Battalion will separate into four detachments, some to St. Paul's, St. John Presbyterian, St. Stephen's church and the Cathedral. The Army Service Corps will attend St. John's (Stone) church, and the Catholics the Cathedral. The 6th R. C. M. Rifles will parade also to St. John's (Stone) church, and the Catholics to the Cathedral. The 62nd, City Grenadier, Garrison, and the 26th Rifle and Drums Bands will accompany them also.

Field Day Heavy firing in the vicinity of the rifle range this morning told of a sharp and decisive encounter between two divisions of the 26th Battalion, one comprising "A" and "B" companies, the other composed of "C" and "D" companies. Each marched off from the armory this morning independently, carrying out an extensive programme of field operations, and intending to remain outside the city during the day, returning late this afternoon. The noonday meal was taken on the field.

The Construction Corps D. A. O'Mara, of the C. P. R. Montreal, is still in the city completing arrangements for the mobilisation of the Railway Construction Corps here, which definitely expected that the men will be housed in colonist cars, as was announced originally in the Times, and in addition box cars are being fitted up as kitchens, cook-houses and supply-cars, the idea being to accustom the men to active service conditions as much as possible before their embarkation. When in the field the railway lines will furnish their home completely, for all their work will pertain to this department, its repair and upkeep. It is not thought that when once organized the corps will be kept in Canada very long.

Recruiting A mere handful of men presented themselves at the local recruiting office today to enroll with the 55th Battalion. The lists are increasing very slowly. The unit for garrison duty at Halifax, to be sent from the 3rd regiment, C. A., is being rapidly completed, while the location of the list of volunteers for English coastal defence is daily expected.

Today's Drill The 6th Rifles had a march-out this morning along the Westwood road, carrying on armdrinking. There is still no definite word as to their departure for Amherst, though rumor now fixes it for Wednesday next. The Army Service Corps had wagon drill near their quarters on west side today.

FREDERICTON RECRUITS Five recruits enlisted for the 55th Battalion in Fredericton on Thursday afternoon—Swales Forrest, of Minto, Harry Delong, Waasdyk, Lawrence Weir, John Larett and Charles E. Clarke, Fredericton. There are now twenty-six recruits for the 55th Battalion there. Forty-seven men reported for drill to Captain Osborne.

The total number of recruits that has enlisted for the third contingent is sixty-four. Major Gray has also recruited twelve men for the composite regiment.

Sergeant Alfred T. Underhill, who was a resident of Sheffield, N. B. for three years and removed several years ago to Toronto, died recently from appendicitis in Tidworth Barracks, England, where he was instructor with the First Canadian Contingent.

CREDITORS' MEETING A meeting of the creditors of Joseph Riecker was held yesterday in the office of E. C. Weyman. The appointment of Charles W. Heyman as assignee was confirmed, and instructions were given for the collection of debts. It was said that a statement presented gave the creditors little encouragement.

FUNERAL IN HAMPTON The funeral of S. J. McGowan was held at three o'clock this afternoon in his late residence, Hampton. It was made in the Hampton ceme-

Canadians In Trenches

All Those at Front Are Now in Thick of Fight

Toronto, March 13.—The World prints the following cable today: Folkestone, Eng., March 13.—All the Canadians now at the front are fighting in the trenches, according to information received from the base today. They have completed more than two weeks of work with British regiments which was in the nature of a test of the ability and fighting qualities of the Canadians. Battalions from Toronto and the surrounding countries were under shell fire for one day. Their casualties were small. The artillery brigade of Ottawa is said to have silenced a German battery.

The Canadian reinforcements, which arrived at Shoreham a few days ago, were reviewed today by the camp commandant, Brigadier General McDougall, and made a good showing. The battalions from Quebec recently arrived. Those left from the division which is to be sent to the front will be drafted in other regiments.

Mr. Whiteway taking the last cent from the workman by his taxes on food and the other necessities of life. "I can assure the prime minister," said Mr. Mackenzie, "that in less than three years he and his government succeeded in raising and developing a prodigious sum without a rival or peer in ancient or modern history. If there is one thing more than another in which we have outpassed ourselves and all former ages, it is in our reckless prodigality of public expenditure."

Mr. MacKenzie made a humorous comparison between the Babylonian prodigal and the present prodigal son in charge of Canadian public funds. The latter had squandered his rich estate to the four winds of Heaven, and had now become an absolute bankrupt. There was no longer any fatted calf to be killed. The elder brother, the Canadian electorate, would soon find a place for this unrepentant prodigal on the high shelf of political forgetfulness.

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THE PRODIGAL AT OTTAWA

Witty and Stinging Speech by D.D. Mackenzie on Budget

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TESTING WEIGHT OF BUTTER IN MARKET

Commissioner McEellan paid an unexpected visit to the city market today for the purpose of testing the weight of butter. It had been reported to him that what was said to contain a decided slump ranging from twenty-six to thirty cents. Poultry was scarce in the market today and stiff prices ruled.

VIOLET DAY PLANS

Plans for Violet Day, when the city will be canvassed for funds in aid of the Boys' and Girls' clubs and general work among the boys and girls of the city, are rapidly assuming form. Convenors and sub-convenors for each ward have been appointed and they will appoint their corps of assistants. The daughters of the Empire have promised their assistance and the plans which are being made will assure a complete and thorough organization for the work.

Violet Day will be on Saturday, April 3, and among the features which are being planned to draw the attention of the citizens to the event will be a parade of children on the preceding Thursday.

The arrangements are in charge of the following executive: Mrs. George L. Waters, convenor; Mrs. H. A. McKewen, Mrs. J. S. Flagg, Mrs. R. A. Corbett, Mrs. T. H. Bullock, Mrs. J. P. Bullock, Mrs. D. J. Chisholm, Mrs. A. J. Price, Mrs. H. Colby Smith, Miss E. Goodwin, Miss Deindeast, Mrs. C. McN. Stevens, Mrs. George Debat, Mrs. H. Lawrence, Mrs. W. E. McIntyre, Mrs. James Ross, Miss Grace Leavitt, Mrs. P. B. Ellis, Mrs. J. H. Duddy and Mrs. N. C. Scott.

AT THE RANGE

The preliminary competition at the city rifle range will close this evening and by Monday it is expected that the scores will be classified for the handicap competitions. Prizes will be given for the best score for men, standing and prone, ladies, both classes, and for boys.

There was an excellent turnout of the Knights of Pythias Home Guard company for drill and target work last evening.

The best scores yesterday were:—Men, standing, Lance Corporal T. Meahan, 92; H. A. Buxton, 87. Ladies, with large targets; 80 foot range, Mrs. J. H. Barton, 94; 80 foot range, Miss Quinn, 88; Mrs. R. P. Cowan, 84; Miss G. L. Fairweather, 83; Mrs. Frank Peters, 82.

WAR NOTES

President Poincare of France visited the wounded in the base hospitals at the Aane front yesterday. The 1915 recruits in the French