

# War News.

Messages Received  
Previous to 9 A.M.

## TRENCHES RECAPTURED.

PARIS, March 8. In Champagne the French have recaptured portions of the trenches lost on March 6th, according to a semi-official announcement made here to-day. The situation north of Verdun is unchanged. No infantry attacks were made last night, but artillery fighting continues.

## THE FIGHTING AROUND VERDUN.

PARIS, March 8. The French, by a strong counter-attack, succeeded to-day in driving the Germans from the greater part of Corbeu Wood, which they occupied yesterday. According to an official statement to-night, the Germans now hold only the eastern extremity of this wood. The Germans, however, have re-occupied Hardamont, re-doubt, Douamont, to the north of Verdun, is again being heavily bombarded.

## LORD FISHER ATTENDS WAR COUNCIL.

LONDON, March 8. For the first time since he left the Admiralty, Lord Fisher, to-day, attended a full meeting of the War Council, presided over by Premier Asquith. It is understood that Lord Fisher was invited to join the War Council temporarily, to give his advice on important matters in regard to which his experience would be useful. It is not believed to be likely that he will return to the Admiralty as a permanent member.

## CHURCHILL'S SPEECH COMMENT.

LONDON, March 8. Churchill's speech in the Commons yesterday, is the subject of many columns of comment in the London morning papers. His speech aroused many divergent views, and opens up old wounds. The attitude of most of the editors is that of outspoken disapproval. The Times says: "The episode will be remembered more for Colonel Churchill's warning on the score of naval material, than for his recommendation for the return of Lord Fisher. We regret that Lord Fisher's name should have been raised in a manner which is bound to provoke personal controversy. This is no time for allowing personal likes and dislikes to sway in the choice of men." The Daily News says: "We are not sure that Lord Fisher has not reason to wish to be saved from his friends. We do not like to see his claims associated with a shadowy criticism of the Admiralty and an attack on the Government." The Standard says: "It is doubtful whether the interests of the Navy are best served by the advocacy of an appointment in so public and dramatic a fashion." The Morning Post says: "It will need more than vindictive insinuations of Churchill to disturb the nation's faith in the Navy. Col. Churchill, who is mainly responsible for the disastrous Dardanelles expedition, has amazing effrontery to return to the House of Commons, and offer gratuitous advice to the Admiralty."

## BALFOUR REPLIES TO CHURCHILL.

LONDON, March 8. Speaking in the Commons to-day on the Navy estimates, Mr. Balfour said that the speech made yesterday by Col. Churchill, his predecessor in office, was unfortunate in form and substance. It was calculated, he said, to arouse doubts and misgivings about the fleet, and the energy of the present Admiralty Board in dealing with national necessities. Balfour denied that there had been any breach of continuity between the present board and its predecessor. Regarding shortage of labor, he said, the Government was doing all possible to alleviate it, if not to completely remedy it. Referring to Churchill's explanation, his mind had become clearer since he had been in the trenches, Balfour said. The Colonel must have inherited the qualities of the great Duke of Marlborough, who was never cooler or more collected than when in action. He said he considered Churchill's appeal to Lord Fisher as little short of an insult to Sir Henry Jackson, Lord Fisher's successor as First Sea Lord. In bitter tones, Balfour complained that it was under the Churchill regime that skilled shipwrights were permitted to join the army. He asserted that delay in completing dreadnoughts was due to the fact that Churchill used guns and gun mountings, designed for capital ships, to complete the equipment of monitors. He said he was not pessimistic about the strength of the fleet. It was more powerful than when Churchill left office, and was being increased in strength constantly. A contest between two persons who have occupied the same place in the cabinet, in Balfour's opinion, was neither decorous nor profitable, and to suggest alarms and fears was an act contrary to the public interest. Some monitors had been constructed so hastily, he continued, that even now it has been found impossible to use them, it being necessary to remodel them. Balfour urged his hearers to dismiss empty fears. He said every kind of ship, regarded as of value in modern war, had been increased largely since the war began. Churchill's suggestion to recall Lord Fisher to office, he continued, had been listened to with profound stupefaction. He characterized Churchill's suggestion as a paradox of the wildest and most extravagant kind, and proceeded to pay a warm tribute to Sir Henry Jackson. He said he should regard himself as contemptible, beyond the power of expression, if he yielded to the demand for the supersession of Sir Henry by Lord Fisher, made in such a manner by Churchill. Immediately Mr. Balfour concluded his speech, Churchill arose. He said his disquietude was due to doubts as to whether the destroyer and battleship programme was being executed, according to revised plans, and that on this point Balfour had given no assurance.

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**MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.**

## BRITISH ADMIRALTY ORDERS.

WASHINGTON, March 8. British Admiralty orders, announced in State Department despatches from Consul General Skinner in London, exclude all vessels except those calling for examination, or belonging to the Allied Powers, from entering any port or harbor or anchoring off any part of the Shetland Islands, until further notice.

## LOBBY OPINION.

LONDON, March 8. Churchill's remarkable volte face has excited surprise, indignation and perplexity as to the real meaning of his outspoken speech. The Times sees in it the expression of popular

anxiety felt in regard to the naval position. The Chronicle, a Government supporter, would regret to see the matter become an acrimonious one, but hoped that the services of the greatest originating sailor in modern times will once more be frequently utilized for the Empire's benefit. Lobby opinion is that Churchill has done neither himself nor the State any good.

## OUTLINES ITS POSITION.

WASHINGTON, March 8. The German Government, in a memorandum handed to-day by Count von Bernstorff to Secretary of State Lansing, outlines the details of its position in regard to armed ships. It re-

views events leading up to its decisions to torpedo without warning all armed merchantmen of its enemies; concedes that international law, as at present constituted, makes no provision for the use of submarines; expresses willingness to operate its submarines in accordance with international law prevailing prior to the war, on condition that Britain does not violate the same laws.

## MINE BLOCKADE BY GERMANY.

LONDON, March 8. The blockade of England by mines, reported as threatened by Germany, is already in existence along the trade route to Holland. According to naval critics the German submarines

are between the mouth of the Thames and the Galloway Lightship. It is in this neighborhood that many disasters occurred during the last month. Passenger ships, until recently, had been quite successful in dodging floating mines by making voyages in daylight, but no method is known for guarding against submerged anchor mines.

## DEAD OR ALIVE—WHICH?

LONDON, March 8. An Athens despatch reports rumors of the death of Enver Pasha, the Turkish Minister of War, but all efforts to confirm or refute them have proved unavailing.

## DISFRANCHISE ALL GERMAN-BORN ELECTORS.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., March 8. The Cabinet has decided to disfranchise all German-born electors for the duration of the war, following the arrest and internment of several hundred aliens, who are considered to be of hostile disposition.

## THE TONNAGE QUESTION.

LONDON, March 8. Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, said that in view of the fact that the services of every officer and seaman were urgently needed afloat, the Board had reconsidered the question of holding a formal investigation into the loss of the steamer Persia. He said the Board had come to the conclusion that an investigation would not produce results of sufficient importance to justify the further detention of the officers and crew ashore, and the considerable expense which would be involved. He stated in the Commons to-day that the Brewers' Society had agreed to a reduction of imports of brewing materials by one-third. The order to release this tonnage, Runciman stated, would mean a saving of 200,000 tons.

## ZEPPELIN DAMAGED.

LONDON, March 8. Messages received here from newspaper correspondents in Kent assert that one Zeppelin which took part in Sunday's raid, was damaged by anti-aircraft guns. One message stated that a Zeppelin, which passed over the Kentish coast, homeward bound early on Monday, was seen to be in difficulty. Another despatch says it is reported that an explosion took place on board the Zeppelin when it was hit. This practically crippled it. A broken portion of the Zeppelin's propeller was found.

## FIRE FOLLOWS EXPLOSION.

NIAGARA FALLS, March 8. Fire followed the explosion in the Chlorate Department of the Niagara Electro Chemical Co. to-day, and threatened to complete the destruction of the plant begun last night, when several explosions and the resultant fires inflicted damage estimated at \$150,000.

## HEAVY BATTALION LOSSES.

PARIS, March 8. Prisoners taken at Verdun estimate that the losses to the battalions which took part in infantry assaults since Feb. 25, at an average of two-thirds of the total strength.

## A TRAWLER'S REPORT.

LONDON, March 8. The German fleet, consisting of at least fifty big warships, followed by a large grey-painted armed trawler fleet, two big Zeppelins and numerous submarines, was sighted on Monday afternoon in the North Sea, off Terselling Island, north of Holland, according to a report of a steam trawler which arrived at Ymuiden, says Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent. The fleet was proceeding westward, the correspondent adds. On Monday morning five large cruisers of unknown nationality passed Ymuiden at full speed.

## WILL LIKELY RECEIVE PASSPORTS.

LONDON, March 8. Unless the German ships seized by Portugal are released, Portugal's Minister to Germany will receive his passports on Saturday at noon, says a despatch, which gives a report from Frankfurt as a basis for the statement. The 'Munich Nachrichten' despatch adds, says that no ultimatum has yet been presented to Portugal.

## WILL PAY COMMON STOCK DIVIDENDS.

MONTREAL, March 8. The Herald announces this afternoon that the Nova Scotia Steel and Iron Co. will pay all common stock dividends deferred, six in number, since dividend payments were suspended in June, 1914.

## THE 'MOEWES' COMMANDER DECORATED.

LONDON, March 8. Emperor William has received the commander of the German commerce raider Moewe, and personally presented him with the Order of Merit, according to a Reuter despatch from Amsterdam.

## Here and There.

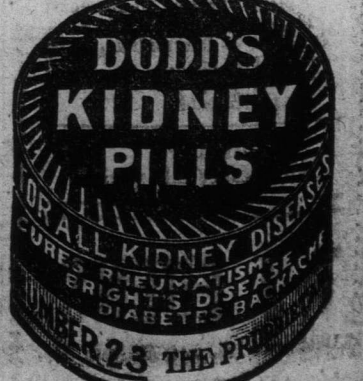
The sailor hat will be, as it always has been, a part of the summer mode.

**DURANGO LEAVES.**—The S. S. Durango leaves Halifax to-morrow for here.

**SEALS SIGHTED.**—Yesterday bedlamer seals were sighted in the vicinity of Twillingate and Nipper's Harbor.

**OUR VOLUNTEERS.**—The volunteers had rifle practice at the Southside and Highlanders' ranges yesterday forenoon and were granted leave in the afternoon.

**M. C. L. I. DEBATE.**—"Resolved, that newspapers do more to mould public opinion than all other agencies combined" will be the subject of debate at the M. C. L. I. Club rooms this evening. Messrs. Alex. Mews and George Soper are the leaders.



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