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WEATHER—FAIR AND COLD

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GERMANY DETAINS 72 U. S. SEAMEN; THE BRITISH WIN AGAIN IN FRANCE

BRITISH TAKE 600 YARDS OF TRENCHES FROM HUNS

Army of Britain Makes Further Progress North of the Ancre in Neighborhood of Beaumont-Poisieux Road.

Italians Gain Further Successes in District East of Gorizia, Where Violent Attacks and Counter-Attacks Occur—Heavy Artillery Duels in the Vosges Between French and Germans.

London, Feb. 12.—The official report from British headquarters in France issued tonight reads:
"We made further progress last night north of the Ancre in the neighborhood of the Beaumont-Poisieux road, where, as a result of a small enterprise undertaken on a limited front, we occupied some 600 yards of hostile trenches without difficulty. We took a few prisoners."
"Early in the night the enemy attacked our new positions south of Serre Hill, but, caught by artillery barrage and machine gun fire, was easily repulsed. The enemy's lines were entered by our patrols at a number of places. Southeast of Armentieres one of our raiding parties blew up a hostile ammunition dump and captured a few prisoners. This morning an enemy raiding party, observed collecting on the enemy's positions northeast of Neuville St. Vaast, was dispersed by our artillery."
"Successful bombardments were carried out by us during the day north of the Somme and in the neighborhood of Armentieres and Ypres."
"In the course of the air fighting yesterday one German airplane was driven down damaged. One of our machines is missing."
Artillery Active.

Paris, Feb. 12.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads:
"There was intermittent activity by both artillery forces in the region of Bezangues and some sectors in the Vosges. Everywhere else the day was calm."
Belgian communication:
"In the neighborhood of the Ferryman's House there was patrol activity during the course of the night. In the direction of Het Sas this morning bombardments and grenade fighting occurred. The artillery was moderately active at various points along the front."
Italian Victory.

Rome, Feb. 12, via London.—The Italian lines in the district east of Gorizia, which had been penetrated in some places in Austrian attacks late last week, were captured yesterday the war office announced today. In the operation more than 100 prisoners were taken.
The statement reads:
"In the Trentino there was moderate activity. Detachments of enemy ski runners attempted to approach our lines on the Pasubio. They were repulsed and dispersed by a few well-directed shots. In the upper valleys of the But and Fella there have been continuous artillery duels. We reached the station of Treviso with our fire."
"In the Voled zone on Saturday evening, after throwing hand grenades, an enemy detachment attacked. It was speedily repulsed in violent hand-to-hand fighting. The detachment was pursued and decimated by our fire. The few survivors were captured."
Intense Bombardment.

"On the range of hills east of Gorizia during Sunday and last night, violent attacks and counter-attacks alternated during an intense bombardment. We everywhere entirely re-established our lines, and have captured more prisoners, also inflicting upon him serious losses and making other gains."
"Finer weather favored aerial activity. An enemy squadron dropped bombs on Levalone, on the Carso, without causing victims or damage. Two other machines attempted a raid on Udine. They were immediately repulsed by our anti-aircraft artillery and pursuit airplanes. After a brilliant engagement over the town one of the enemy's airplanes was brought down and the two wounded aviators made prisoner."

CHARLES WEINERT IS DEFEATED BY FULTON.
New York, Feb. 12.—Fred Fulton of Rochester, Minn., scored a technical knockout over Charles Weinert of Newark, in the second round of a ten-round match at Madison Square Garden tonight. Referee Bill Brown stopped the contest to prevent a knockout.

SAYS CANADA SHOULD RAISE LARGE ARMY FOR HOME DEFENCE

This Precautionary Step for Safety of Dominion Urged by Government's National Service Board—National Service Campaign Highly Successful.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Feb. 12.—The Government's national service campaign has been successful beyond all expectations. A statement given out tonight by the board chairman, Mr. R. B. Bennett, shows that already nearly 80 per cent. of the cards sent out have been filled in and returned, and cards are still coming in at the rate of 35,000 per day. In Winnipeg, where Liberal-Socialists, like Riggs and Dixon, advised the public to throw the national service cards into the waste basket, every card issued has been returned filled in with the exception of 100. The board has decided to extend the time for the filling in of the cards until the 31st March next, and district directors have undertaken to complete this work in their several districts.
Mr. Bennett's statement.
In a statement dealing with the recent conference of the national service directors, Mr. Bennett says:
"The most serious problem demanding immediate solution is that relating to the providing of sufficient labor to seed the land available and ready for crop this spring. It is estimated that more acres of land ready for cropping this coming spring than last year. The shortage of labor in the west, owing to the heavy enlistments, is about 15,000 men. This deficiency can only be supplied from three sources:
"(A) From cities and towns by men not available for military service but who possess some actual knowledge of farming or, at least, of handling horses."
"(B) From the Province of Quebec, this being the only part of Canada where, from information disclosed by national service cards, there appears to be a surplus of suitable labor; and
"(C) From the United States." District directors with the responsibility of organizing "National Service Leagues" in every community within their respective districts.
For Home Defence.
Mr. Bennett observes that the board was unanimously of the opinion that having regard to the changed conditions which have resulted from the breaking off of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany government to mobilize a large army for home defence and the provisions of the militia act in that behalf should be made effective. In addition to being a precautionary step for the safety of Canada, it would release a considerable number of men for overseas service. One of the matters discussed by the conference was the number of men eligible for military service employed in the civil service. A special report on this subject will be shortly presented to the board.
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CHINA MAY HAVE SEVERED RELATIONS WITH GERMANY

News Agency Despatch from London via New York, States that it was Authoritatively Reported that Relations are Severed.

New York, Feb. 12.—A news agency despatch from London published here this afternoon says:
"China has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany, it was authoritatively reported here this afternoon."
There is no confirmation of the foregoing obtainable here, and it is thought possible that the report is based upon the Associated Press despatch from Peking last night announcing that if China's protest against Germany's submarine declaration was ineffective "China will be constrained, to its profound regret, to sever diplomatic relations."

WILL THERE BE GENERAL ELECTION IN GREAT BRITAIN?

London, Feb. 12.—There was considerable discussion in the House of Commons today on the new vote of credit.
Colonel Arthur Lynch, Nationalist, made reference to President Wilson's proposal for a world peace as the most momentous declaration ever made in the history of nations, terming it a definite plan which, if followed by the civilized powers, would almost eliminate warfare. If the United States intervened in the present war, he said, this would secure a victory for the Entente Allies.
Colonel Lynch criticized the conduct of the war, and demanded the recall of Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, the British commander-in-chief.
Mr. McKenna referred to the possibility of a general election. This was based on the fact that the life of the present parliament expires at the end of April, and the new vote would give the government enough money to carry on the war till after a general election, if it became necessary. The prevalent opinion was, however, that the government would ask for an extension of the life of the existing parliament.

IRISH REQUESTS WILL BE DEBATED SOON

Government Sets Aside Day to Consider Demands of John Redmond for Home Rule.

London, Feb. 12.—The government agreed today to set aside a day for discussion in the House of Commons of the Irish administration, as requested by the Nationalists.
John Redmond, the Nationalist leader, asked the government last week to arrange for an early discussion of a motion to the effect that it was essential, without further delay, to confer on Ireland the free institutions long promised her.

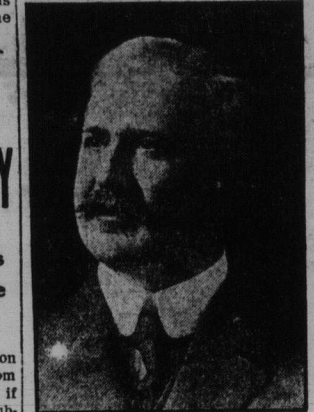
U. S. GOVERNMENT AMAZED AT HUNS

Possibly Re-Detention of Crew of Prize Ship Yarrowdale May Bring United States and Germany Nearer War in View of Fact That Washington Had Peremptorily Demanded Release of the 72 Men.

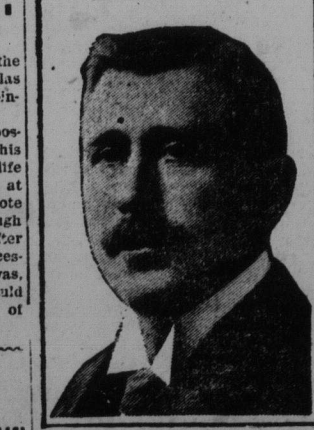
SIR HUGH GRAHAM A BARONET

His Majesty Honors Minister of Militia, Premier Hearst and Others.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—A cable from the Colonial Office to His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire announces that the following Canadians have been honored by His Majesty:



HON. A. E. KEMP.
"To the peerage as a Baron, Sir Hugh Graham, of Montreal."
"To be Knight Commander of the most distinguished order of St. Michael and St. George Albert Kemp, minister of militia; William Howard Hearst, premier of Ontario."
"To be Grand Commander of the



SIR WM. HEARST.
most distinguished order of St. Michael and St. George, Captain Edward Martin, superintendent of the Halifax dockyards."
"To be Knight Bachelor, Justice Walter Cassels, of the Exchequer Court; Mortimer B. Davis, of Montreal."
by Bernard W. Leads, who committed suicide in Atlantic City shortly after the discovery of the Philadelphia tragedy.
Farrell says he was present when Leads killed the girl in her apartments. An officer from Philadelphia is expected in Montreal tomorrow, in connection with the matter.

WASHINGTON WILL MAKE ANOTHER URGENT PROTEST AGAINST THEIR RE-IMPRISONMENT AND EXPECTS TO OBTAIN THEIR RELEASE IN TIME—IF NOT HOSTILITIES MAY BEGIN.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Formal notification of the redetention in Germany of the seventy-two American sailors brought in as prisoners on the prize ship Yarrowdale, was given to the state department today by Dr. Paul Ritter, Swiss minister here, acting for the German government, together with an inquiry as to the status of the crews of the German war-bound ships in American harbors. Germany, Dr. Ritter said, had decided to hold the Yarrowdale prisoners until she had definite assurance that German crews in American harbors would not be held or imprisoned.
This development, wholly unexpected, was amazing to the American government, and makes the situation more critical. Officials here had come to the conclusion that the early reports which misled the German government as to the treatment of German crews here had been effectively dispelled by the forwarding of complete details.

CONSERVE THE FOOD SUPPLY OF DOMINION

Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture, Makes Important Appeal to People of Canada.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—An appeal to "the people of Canada" has been made by Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture, for increased production.
"I especially appeal, in this critical year, to those in our cities and towns who hitherto have felt the necessity for directing their energies to food production," says the minister. "Individuals, even though small and unskilled, will, in the aggregate, mean much. By applying their labor to uncultivated land near their homes, or by assisting farmers, everybody having health can accomplish something."
Need for Economy.
There is need, not only for an increased supply but for a wise economy of food. If all labor is not efficient there can, at least, be patient and forbearance where partial efficiency is accompanied by willingness. There is no place in the state now for either half-hearted service or ill-founded criticism. In the common task which faces the country co-operation should be the watchword. The Dominion and provincial departments of agriculture are already giving, and will continue to give, special attention to the many problems involved. The National Service Board and the municipalities are also devoting their energies to these questions, and I am confident that the various organizations, both of men and women, throughout the country will give whole-hearted and active support to a work which at this special time is a high and necessary national service."

U. S. NOT TO NEGOTIATE WITH HUNS

Berlin Flatly Turned Down When it Offers to Re-Open Submarine Question.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The United States has replied to Germany's proposal of a discussion of the submarine situation by declining to enter into any negotiations while the proclamation of unrestricted warfare remains in effect and until Germany restores the pledges given in the Sussex case. The state department today made public Germany's proposal, submitted in a memorandum by Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss minister, and also the government's reply, thereby confirming fully the announcement made by the Associated Press last Saturday.
with passengers and freight for Portland, Maine, did not sail as scheduled and the departure of the North Star, running to St. John and intermediate points, was delayed six hours. The Calvin Austin, which is now at Portland, failed to leave for Boston to dock tonight. The Governor Dinwiddie

NORTH STAR DELAYED BY S. S. STRIKE

Boston, Feb. 12.—The effects of labor disturbances among the crews of the Eastern Steamship Corporation's steamers was extended today. The H. F. Dimock, due to sail with freight to New York, was still at her dock tonight. The Governor Dinwiddie