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GERMANS HURLED BACK AT DOUAUMONT AND TWO ATTACKS END WITH FRENCH HOLDING GROUND

Huns Still Hammering With Big Guns, but Unable to Gain a Foot—Driven from Positions in Lorraine "to Avoid Unnecessary Losses," Berlin Admits—Extensive Movements by Russian Troops in Bessarabia—Air Raiders Again Visit English Coast—Huns Using Burning Liquid.

HUN OFFICERS DRIVE MEN OVER COMRADES' DEAD BODIES

4,000 GERMAN CORPSES IN FRONT OF VILLAGE OF VAUX AFTER EIGHTH UNSUCCESSFUL ATTACK — SOME CONTINGENTS LOST SIX OUT OF EVERY EIGHTH MAN AS THEY PLUNGED INTO STORM OF STEEL.

Paris, Mar. 5.—It is stated semi-officially that the battle of Verdun continued yesterday throughout the day with the same intensity and without causing any change in the respective positions of the opposing armies. Fighting is still going on for definite possession of the village of Douaumont.

"The situation, as a result of this second phase of the German offensive, is regarded as altogether different from that of the first days of the battle. The only progress made by the Germans was during the first two days of the second attack. For the first forty-eight hours they had not advanced.

"The comparison also is in favor of the French by reason of the fact that the Germans have now lost the advantage of surprise, and also because the ground has been torn up to an extent that it cannot be organized properly.

Quarter Million New Troops For German Line.

"This information from semi-official sources points out that it must be demoralizing to the Germans to see some 40,000 to 50,000 corpses of their comrades lying before the French lines.

"Reinforcements brought up by the Germans since the inauguration of the second phase of the battle on Wednesday are estimated here at 250,000 men, raising the total forces utilized by the Germans to more than half a million. Estimates of losses show wide variance. Details of local actions, and the size of the reserve forces brought up, cause French observers to make the deduction that the Germans have paid a very heavy price for the six square miles of ground they have gained.

"In front of the village of Vaux, along 4,000 German corpses were counted after the eighth unsuccessful attack. This part of the battle, though overshadowed by the fight for Douaumont, is regarded in Paris as a serious check for the attackers. The Germans carried on the assault with great courage until the dead lay thick on the field. Then the officers, it is said, were compelled to urge on the troops as they clambered over the corpses of their fallen comrades for the last assaults.

"The attack on Vaux began on the evening of March 2, after a furious shelling, and continued until the following night. Columns of Germans, advancing simultaneously from the north and northwest, tried to envelop the village. French artillery immediately opened a heavy fire, which separated the first wave of Germans from their reinforcements. Nevertheless the fresh troops came on, and observers saw plainly the tragic spectacle of lines of men plunging into that storm of steel and emerging thinned to half their strength. Some contingents lost six out of every ten men before ever having fired a shot.

Gruesome Execution By French Machine Guns.

"The survivors, undaunted, resolutely stormed the French trenches, and fought hand-to-hand at the outskirts of the village. The bitterest fighting was for possession of the road leading to Douaumont, the advantage of which was obvious. The Germans charged eight times there. The successful effort was carried out by six regiments, advancing in close formation. French machine guns did grim work. The French infantry held carefully under cover until the advance of the Germans approached the trenches, leaped out to meet the onrush with cold steel. The fighting was finished in a few short minutes. The Germans retired, leaving hundreds torn and tangled in the barbed wire defenses,

PUTS ALLIES SUBMARINE LOSSES AT 39

German Paper Claims Great Britain Has Lost 13 Since War Began.

TWO BRITISH AND ONE NORWEGIAN SHIP SUNK.

Steamers Rothesay and Teutonia Reported Lost—Seven of Norwegian's Crew Drowned.

London, March 5, 9.27 p. m.—Lloyd's reports that the British steamer Rothesay has been sunk. Her crew was saved.

The Rothesay was a vessel of 2,007 tons. Her home port was Cardiff. The last report of the steamer shows that she arrived in Barcelona Feb. 2 from the Clyde.

The Teutonia Sunk.

London, March 4.—The British steamer Teutonia has been sunk, according to Lloyd's. All the crew were safely landed.

The Teutonia was a steamer of 4,824 tons. She was built at Sunderland in 1914, and belonged to the Petroleum Steamship Company of London.

A German Estimate.

London, March 5, 9.34 p. m.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam says the Frankfurter Zeitung declares that the Entente Allies must have lost during the war 33 submarines—Great Britain, 19; France, 9; Italy, 4, and Russia, two. Only three of these boats are alleged by the newspapers to have been destroyed by German warships.

Seven of Crew Lost.

Deal, England, March 5, 8 p. m.—Seven seamen of the Norwegian steamer Egero are believed to have been drowned when the Egero sank after having been struck by an unknown steamer near here.

The Egero was a vessel of 1,373 tons, and was built in 1883.

ATHENS REPORT SAYS FALL OF BAGDAD IS IMMINENT

ATTEMPT TO MURDER TURKISH WAR MINISTER AND DUKE OF MECKLENBURG SENDS FRANTIC APPEAL TO KAISER TO RUSH REINFORCEMENTS TO CONSTANTINOPLE — DARDANELLES TO BE OPENED?

London, March 4.—The fall of Bagdad is considered imminent according to an Athens despatch to the Reuters Telegram Company.

Advices from a diplomatic source in Constantinople, adds the despatch, are to the effect that an attempt has been made to assassinate Ever Pasha, the war minister, who was wounded. The Duke of Mecklenburg, "in view of the gravity of the situation," has telegraphed the German Emperor urging him to send reinforcements to Constantinople.

The Siva powder magazine of Constantinople has blown up in consequence of a fire.

Dardanelles To Be Opened?

London, March 4.—Reuters Athens correspondent telegraphs the following under yesterday's date:

"No further news has been received regarding the reported assassination of Ever Pasha.

"Significant information has been received here from private sources that the Turks are removing the mines from the Dardanelles, which appears to be a measure preparatory to opening the Straits.

Douaumont Still the Storm Centre.

The Germans in the region of Verdun are being held to the positions they occupy by the French. The fighting throughout the region is still vigorous, but it consists mainly of artillery duels.

Douaumont is the storm centre, and here and in the wood to the east of Vacheraville, on the east bank of the Meuse, have occurred the only infantry attacks. On both these sectors the Germans were repulsed by the French. The German attack at Douaumont extended from the Haudeumont wood to Fort Douaumont, but according to Paris it was stopped by the curtain of fire and the rifles of the French infantry, and ended with the French holding all their positions.

Paris reports that in the Woerwe region, about Fresnes, the bombardment was a powerful one, but adds that the French guns are answering the

THE RAIDER MOEWE BACK SAFELY IN GERMAN PORT?

Berlin Claims Cruiser Which Captured Appam Has Returned to Home Waters.

MILLION MARKS IN GOLD BARS PART OF BOOTY.

Sank Fifteen Vessels and Laid Mine Which Sent British Cruiser King Edward VII. to Her Doom, German Report Declares.

Berlin, March 5, via London, 3.25 p. m.—Official announcement was made here today that the German cruiser Moeve arrived today in a German port. She had on board a large number of British prisoners and 1,000,000 marks in gold bars.

The announcement says fifteen vessels were sunk by the Moeve, which also laid mines at several points. One of these mines, it is said, sank the British battleship King Edward VII.

The statement follows:

"The naval general staff states that H. M. S. Moeve, under Capt Burggrave (Count Dohna Scholdien, after a successful cruise lasting several months, arrived today at a home port with four British officers, twenty-nine British marines and sailors, 166 men of crews of enemy steamers, among them 103 Indians, as prisoners, and 1,000,000 marks in gold.

"The vessel brought up the following enemy steamers, the greater part of which were sent as prizes to neutral ports: The British steamers, Count Dohna Scholdien, 3,436 tons; Drononby, 3,627 tons; Farringford, 3,146 tons; Clan MacTavish, 5,816 tons; Appam, 7,781 tons; Westburne, 2,300 tons; Herat, 2,335 tons; Planence, 4,629 tons; Saxon Prince, 3,471 tons; the British sailing vessel Edinburgh, 1,473 tons; the French steamer Maroni, 3,109 tons; the Belgian steamer Luxembourg, 4,322 tons.

Laid Mine Which Sank the King Edward VII.

"At several points on enemy coast the Moeve also laid out mines to which, among others, the battleship King Edward VII. fell victim."

The Moeve's capture of two of the fifteen vessels listed by the German admiralty has not been reported previously. They are the Saxon Prince and the Maroni, both of which were engaged in the trans-Atlantic.

The Saxon Prince, 3,471 tons gross, 322 feet long, and owned by the Pirets Line, of Newcastle, England, was built in Sunderland in 1899. She was last reported on sailing from Norfolk, Feb. 12, for Manchester.

The Maroni sailed on Feb. 19 from Bordeaux for New York. She was built at Port Debuon in 1909, owned by the Compagnie Generale Transport Company of Havre, and was 312 feet long, of 2,109 tons gross.

The Moeve, previously made famous by her exploits, has performed one of the most spectacular feats of the war on the seas by reaching a home port in safety.

The great German naval port of Wilhelmshaven is on the North Sea, which is patrolled with ceaseless vigilance by British warships. It is through these waters, which have been blocked off in districts for patrol by the different British units, that the Moeve must have threaded her way to some where in safety.

Part of the gold captured by the Moeve, at least, was taken from the Appam, which put in at Newport News several weeks ago under command of Lieut. Herz, with a German prize crew. It was announced in London, however, that the value of the gold on the Appam was less than \$200,000.

Announcement was made in London on January 10, that the British battleship King Edward VII. had been

POPE MAKES ANOTHER APPEAL FOR PEACE

Asks Each Side to Make Sacrifices of Pride and Interests to Secure Peace in Accord with Justice.

Rome, via Paris, March 5.—Pope Benedict has again raised his voice for peace. In a special letter, written for the Lenten season, the Pontiff says he cannot sit silent, indifferent to the terrible conflict which is rending Europe. He recalls all that he has done to induce the contending nations to lay down their arms, virtually throwing himself between the belligerents and conjuring them, in the name of the Almighty, to desist in their plan of mutual destruction.

The Pontiff again sets forth the proposal which he made some months ago as follows:

"Each belligerent should clearly state his desire, but should be ready to make necessary sacrifices of pride and particular interests, thus ending the monstrous conflict in accordance with justice and re-establishing peace, advantageous to neither side, but profitable to all, and, therefore, a just and lasting peace.

"This paternal voice," continues the pope, "was not heard. Thus the conflict continues with all its horrors. I re-echo that our cry for peace has a profound echo in the hearts of the belligerent peoples, indeed, the peoples of the whole world, and has aroused a deep desire to see the sanguinary conflict soon cease.

"I must, therefore, once more raise my voice against this war, which appears as the suicide of civilized Europe."

The second part of the letter deals with prayers, penance and alms in the neutral countries, the alms to be devoted especially to the relief of the pitiful children of those dead in this horrible war.

blown up by a mine. The place at which the disaster occurred was not revealed by the British admiralty. It was said no lives were lost, and only two men injured.

The Moeve's first capture was widely known when the Appam reached Newport News, with a story which astonished the world. It was learned that the commerce raider had captured and sunk seven British vessels in the main line of traffic between South Africa and Europe, in addition to setting the Appam which had been almost given up for lost.

The next day the German raider was on the arrival at the Canary Islands late last month of the Westburn, in charge of a German prize crew. It was then made known that the Moeve had sunk five more steamships off the coast of Brazil.

The Saxon Prince and Maroni probably were captured by the Moeve on her way back to Germany, as their sailings show they were both on the high seas toward the end of February.

The identity of the Moeve has not been established here definitely. Prisoners from the captured ships which were transferred to the Westburn, on their arrival at the Canary Islands, or his family, whose guns were smaller than seven inches. According to one report she was formerly a tramp steamer. The last previous report of the Moeve was that she parted company with the Westburn on February 9.

Count Von Dohna, the Moeve's commander, belongs to the Schliedien or Silesian branch of his family, which is headed by Prince Richard von Dohna. He formerly commanded the gunboat Tsing Tau in the China Sea. It was reported last month that the Count was in command of the German raider Pongsa, which was said to have made her way out of Kiel several weeks ago.

GIVE OPTION ON HEWSON PLANT AT AMHERST

Is \$105,000 of which \$10,000 is Paid Down as Deposit—Moncton Men's Option Expired Feb. 29th.

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, March 5.—E. F. Stevens, acting for the special bondholders' committee of the Hewson Pure Wool Textiles Co., Limited, has given an option on the plant at Amherst to A. J. Campbell, barrister, of Truro. It is understood that Mr. Campbell is acting as trustee for certain interests in the plant.

The option is \$105,000 and \$10,000 is paid down as a deposit.

When the bondholders committee bid in the plant under foreclosure sale at \$102,000 for the bondholders, they were hopeful of re-organizing but necessary support was not given by the portions most interested, only a small portion of the bondholders contributing the 25 per cent. asked for and holders of about \$50,000 of bonds did not even hand in their bonds to the committee.

Two of Moncton's leading business men had the previous option on the plant and this expired on February 29th. Other options were also given but without result and only in the present case was the committee able to get a deposit. This will give the bondholders about 15 per cent. on their holdings.

NOVA SCOTIA COAST SWEEP BY THE STORM

Shipping Suffers Considerably—Schr. Reform Wrecked and Lightship Adrift 24 Hours.

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The Eagle Oil Company's steamer San Onofre, of London, which was last reported to be proceeding to St. John's in tow of the Ashabula, has not been heard from since Saturday night, and there are grave fears for her safety. The last message was from Cape Race and received by C. H. Harvey, agent for the marine and fisheries department. It was as follows: "No communication with the San Onofre since last night. Now drifting out of the daylight range. Last report Ashabula still standing by. Mountainous seas. Got one tow rope aboard but it was carried away in southerly gales."

It would appear from this that the Ashabula is having a hard time with the San Onofre, and it is possible that she will have to return to port without her. The San Onofre is out of coal and has burned all available woodwork in her interior construction.

Commander Gets Iron Cross.

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ST. STEPHEN DOCTOR GOING TO THE FRONT WITH M'GILL UNIV. HOSPITAL

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St. Stephen, Mar. 5.—Dr. Charles G. Main has been offered and accepted an appointment as captain in the McGill University Hospital in France, and expects to leave for the front at an early date. Dr. Main came here from Edmundston, N. B. six years ago and has built up a large practice, which he now forsakes for a time to answer the larger call of duty. He is the second St. Stephen doctor to answer the call of empire, for Dr. E. Vincent Sullivan has been rendering efficient service in France for nearly a year. He was born in St. John, N. B.

BLAIR ROBERTSON, FORMER ST. JOHN MAN, DIES IN WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, March 5.—Blair Robertson, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, died suddenly on Saturday night. He was at business till more than a week ago, and went home suffering from the grippe. Mr. Robertson was in his fifty-first year. He was born in St. John, N. B.

THE POLICE COURT.

Yesterday afternoon in the police court evidence was concluded in the case against Blanche Marr, charged with stealing \$5 from Mrs. Lavine's house, Dorchester street. The respondent, who is 16 years of age, was remanded.

Olelek Sirechuk was charged with assaulting John Sirechuk. The defendant was cleared and the complainant bound over to keep the peace.

Private Albert Legeste was fined \$8 for drunkenness and \$30 for retaining the police.

Walter Norris for being drunk and assaulting another soldier on Brunson street was fined \$25.

Peter Yapp was fined \$50 for supplying liquor to a soldier.

Seven drunks were fined the usual amount.

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