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## RUSSIANS START BIG OFFENSIVE

### Berlin Reports Violent Attack by Russians on Eastern Front—Huns Claim Big Losses For Russians—Little News From Other Fronts

LONDON, Mar. 20.—With the slackening in the fighting around Verdun, the Russians have started a big offensive movement against the Germans on the Eastern front. Berlin chronicles a violent attack by the Russians around Dnestriy Lake and Naroca Lake, but says the Russians were repulsed with great losses.

Berlin reports the recapture of some ground from the British north-east of Vermelles, in the region of La Bassee and the driving of the French from a position north-east of Danville, in the Vosges. London admits the capture by the Germans of three mine craters at the Hohenzollern Redoubt. French guns have been busy bombarding German trenches in Champagne and German depots north-east of St. Mihiel. Five French aircraft dropped bombs on Metz ammunition depots, near Chateau Salins, and on the aerodrome at Dieuze, while 23 other machines attacked the aviation camp at Habsheim and the freight station at Mulhausen. In the battles in the air which followed, the Germans and the French each lost four machines.

A raid by German seaplanes on the East coast of England, the sinking of a French torpedo boat destroyer by a submarine in the Adriatic and the reported torpedoing of an Austrian hospital ship by an Entente underwater boat are recorded in official and unofficial communications.

## Kaiser Honors Retiring Admiral

BERLIN, Mar. 19.—Emperor William, says the Overseas News Agency, has written a letter to Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz, expressing regret at the Admiral's resignation, and thanking him for the excellent service he had rendered the country during his long career as commander and organizer of the German navy. The Emperor, at the same time, has ordered that the name of Von Tirpitz should continue on the navy list, and has bestowed on him the Star of Grand Commander of the Order of the House of Hohenzollern, with swords.

## Big Movement of Troops in Bulgaria

PARIS, Mar. 18.—Movements of troops on a large scale in Bulgaria is reported by a correspondent at Bucharest in a despatch filed on Wednesday. It is said these operations are so extensive that both passenger and freight trains have been held up. No infantry attacks were made last night in the Verdun region, the War Office announced this afternoon, but there was intermittent cannonading.

## Prospects of Peace Nil Says House

WASHINGTON, D.C., Mar. 13.—Col. E. M. House, who returned Sunday from Europe, is understood to have told President Wilson that he found no more prospects for peace during his recent visit to the capitals of belligerent nations than he did on his visit last spring. Col. House understood to have told the President there is constant danger in the negotiations with Germany because of feeling there over the submarine issue. Varying opinions over the use of submarines exist. He told the President that the faction favoring using submarines to the limit regardless of protests of neutrals is a strong one, and cannot be disregarded. Generally speaking, however, he found no sentiment in favor of war with the United States.

## Is Roumania To Join in Fray?

LONDON, Mar. 20.—A despatch to the Times from Bucharest says Roumania's military preparations are being hurriedly completed. All persons exempted in previous years from military service have been summoned back to the colors, together with several thousand legions from Transylvania. The list of officers are being carefully revised and several officers, including the Chief General of staff, have been pensioned and replaced by younger men.

## War Office Decides To Call All Groups

LONDON, Mar. 19.—The Central News says it understands that the War Office has decided to call up all the remaining groups of attested men without delay, and that it is probable that they will be notified for service before the end of March or early in April.

## To Solve Problem Of Recruiting Married Men

LONDON, Mar. 19.—Field Marshal Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, issued an Army Order to-day, announcing that the King has authorized the formation of a Corps entitled the Royal Defence Corps, with pay the same as that of regular infantry. The Order does not explain the object, but it is believed to be connected with an effort to solve the problem of recruiting married men.

## Bulgar Irregulars Cross Greek Territory

PARIS, Mar. 19.—Greek territory has been invaded by a band of Bulgarian irregulars, who forced their way across the border in the vicinity of Demir Hissar, according to a Havas despatch from Athens. Greek regulars drove them back across the frontier, the raiders leaving two dead, the despatch adds.

## Prince of Wales Now in Egypt

LONDON, Mar. 19.—The Prince of Wales has arrived in Egypt to take up an appointment as staff captain with the General Officer Commanding in Chief the Mediterranean Expeditionary force, says an official statement issued to-night.

## Would Attack Britain Kaiser Vetoed Plan

LONDON, Mar. 18.—A wireless despatch from Rome says that the retirement of Von Tirpitz was occasioned by his intention to attack Great Britain with the entire German navy. This plan was vetoed, according to these advices, by Emperor William and Prince Henry.

## Restriction on Imports

LONDON, Mar. 20.—The Board of Trade has instituted a department for the purpose of giving effect to British policy regarding the prohibition or restriction upon imports and to meet the deficiency in tonnage. Sir Wm. Guy Granet is controller of the department.

## French Torpedo Boat Sunk in Adriatic

PARIS, Mar. 19.—The French torpedo boat destroyer Renaudin has been sunk in the Adriatic by a submarine. Three officers and 24 of the crew were lost; two officers and 34 of the crew were saved.

## Strong Note From Dutch Government

LONDON, Mar. 20.—The Dutch Government has sent a very strong note to the German Government regarding the sinking of the steamer Tubantia, according to the "Nieuws Van Den Dag," of Amsterdam.

## Huns Make Another Air Raid

### Drop Bombs on Ramsgate, Killing Four Children—Many Bombs Dropped on Dover—An Orphanage Badly Damaged—Raider Also Visits Deal

LONDON, Mar. 20.—According to a despatch from Ramsgate, two German seaplanes, which carried out a raid on that place, were attacked at sea by a French machine before reaching the coast. The seaplanes, however, arrived over the town and dropped a number of bombs, one of which killed a man and four children. So far as can be ascertained, the other Ramsgate casualties total one woman and eight children slightly wounded.

The first bomb dropped on Ramsgate fell squarely on a motor car, killing the driver and setting fire to the gasoline tank. Pieces of the bomb flew among some children on their way to Sunday school, killing four of them. Other bombs hit a business block, a barber's shop and several residences. One bomb fell through the gable of a hospital to the floor below, but nobody was injured. The weather was clear. The attacking machine flew very high. A dozen bombs were dropped on Dover, and four persons were killed there. One missile crashed through the roof of an orphanage, causing extensive damage and injuring a nun. The children of the institute suffered no injury, having been taken to the cellar at the first alarm.

## Russian Main Forces Resume March

PETROGRAD, Mar. 20.—After three weeks of suspended activity, the main Russian forces beyond Erzerum, which have been waiting for the development of operations in the Black Sea and the Lake Van region to make their position secure against possible flank attacks by the Turks, have again resumed a westward march towards Sivas. Although the Russian advance is constantly yielding prisoners, there is no reason to suppose the Turks have begun to offer any serious resistance to their pursuers. According to unofficial reports, a large number of prisoners are accounted for by Turkish discontent with conditions prevailing in the Turkish army, which resulted in the growing disposition of soldiers to surrender. In this connection it is interesting to note the exceptionally high percentage of officers that have been taken prisoners. Some of them say that they were unable to tolerate any longer the German control of the army.

## Peace Talk Again

LONDON, Mar. 19.—Asquith will be asked in the Commons on Thursday, whether the Government will participate in a conference of all the Powers to discuss peace terms, the Exchange Telegraph declared to-day.

## 2000 Shattered

LONDON, Mar. 20.—Two thousand panes of glass were shattered and serious damage resulted in houses and shops when a mine drifted ashore of Gudajem and exploded, says a despatch to the Daily Telegraph, from Copenhagen.

## OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

931 Private Heber John Miles, Bonavista. Previously reported dangerously ill with tubercular meningitis, at Wandsworth. Now reported died at Brooklands Military Hospital, Weybridge, Mar. 18th.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary. Heber John Miles was a son of Mr. D. Miles of Bonavista. Formerly he was a teacher in Church of England Schools, a student at Bishop Feild College and a member of the C. L. B. He was attached to Company C. On October 25th he arrived in London from the Gallipoli Peninsula, suffering from rheumatic fever, and was admitted to the Third General Hospital at Wandsworth. On November 25th his illness developed complications, tubercular meningitis developed, and on Saturday the brave soldier and patriotic teacher passed away at the Brooklands Military Hospital at Weybridge.

## OFFICIAL BRITISH

LONDON, Mar. 19.—British Headquarters report slight artillery activity on the Western front. The Germans delivered several fierce attacks against the French at Vaux, but were beaten back. The Russians have occupied the village of Marakhatun in their pursuit of the Turks towards Erzincan. Italian guns have routed the enemy on the march, inflicting severe damage in the Upper Rienz, and started fires.

## GREEK TERRITORY VIOLATED

LONDON, Mar. 19.—Nine persons were killed and thirty-one injured in an air-raid from German seaplanes, over the east coast of Kent to-day. It is announced officially that a British airman brought down one of the overseas German raiders. The observer was killed.

## Teuton Allies Enroach on Greek Territory—Neutral Zone Agreed on Some Time Ago is Now Eliminated—Armies are Now Face to Face

LONDON, Mar. 20.—A strong French column, with light artillery, from the entrenched camp at Salonika, has attacked and occupied the villages of Macikovo, Karadagh and Kozsum, which had been entered by Teuton and Bulgarian forces, according to a despatch from Salonika, under date of March 18. The French had only a few casualties.

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### Government Has No Money—Are Unable to Pay Civil Servants—Britain Won't Help Present Premier—Allies Hold the Winning Hand

LONDON, Mar. 20.—An Athens correspondent of the Daily Mail says the Greek Government is greatly embarrassed for money, and if they cannot raise a loan in Great Britain or France, they may be forced to resign. The coffers are exhausted by the continuance of mobilization and the Government is even unable to pay civil servants. There was a disorderly scene to-day when 200 women outside the offices of the Ministry of the Interior, cried, "Give us bread." The police dispersed them amid screams and shouting.

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## Investigating

LONDON, Mar. 19.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen says that the German Government has ordered the Admiralty to make investigation whether a German submarine torpedoed the Tubantia.

## So Says Berlin

LONDON, Mar. 20.—Between 1st and 18th hostile ships aggregating 40,000 tons have been sunk, says Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, crediting the statement to a well-informed source at Berlin.

## Hun Aeroplane Interned in Holland

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 20.—A German aeroplane, from Coblenz, landed at Harp, Holland, according to the Telegraph. The machine and occupants were interned.

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## Dutch Steamer Torpedoed

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## MOTORISTS SCATTER TRIBESMEN

### Armored Car Section Plays a Leading Part in Dispersing Bedouin Tribesmen in West Egypt—Ninety Shipwrecked Sailors Rescued From Senussi Warriors

LONDON, Mar. 20.—An armored car section, under the command of the Duke of Westminster, played a leading part in the defeat and dispersal of tribesmen under the command of Turkish officers, on the Western front of Egypt, by a force under the command of Major-Genl. Peyton. After an aeroplane reconnaissance had disclosed the fact that Elrar had been evacuated, motorists were ordered to push forward with reasonable boldness, ignoring the armed Bedouins, who were proceeding westward. Motorists dashed to the enemy's camp 25 miles west of Sollum, says an official report issued to-night on the progress of the campaign, shooting down gun servers and scattering the hostile force. The 90 shipwrecked sailors who had landed on the Cyrenaica coast and who had been seized by the Senussi, were rescued.

The report concludes that in three weeks the force under Major General Peyton captured a hostile commander, killed or captured about fifty per cent. of the Turkish subordinate commanders, and driven the scattered remnants of his force far beyond the enemy's border and taken all his artillery and machine guns.

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