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Spring Will See the Armies Von Hindenburg On the Defensive

The Recent Big Russian Offensive Along the Dvinsk Riga Front Renders Hindenburgs Carefully Constructed Positions Less Secure

FIGHTING ON THIS FRONT NOW EXTENDS 35 MILES

Fresh German Troops Which Were Rushed up Are Now Used For Defense Purposes—Looks as if Von Hindenburg's Spring Campaign Will be a Defensive One

PETROGRAD, Mar. 31.—The Russian offensive movement along the Dvinsk-Riga front, although apparently of a local character and unimportant as compared with the more sweeping and spectacular movements which have marked the warfare on the Eastern Front, has already rendered the carefully constructed positions of Field-Marshal Von Hindenburg less secure and will, it is thought here, determine the course of the coming spring campaign. Fighting has now developed from isolated encounters along a ten-mile front, to a general engagement extending more than 35 miles along the lines. German troops, which were being rushed to this front, instead of taking part in an advance, believed to have been intended by the Germans, are occupied in defending their positions. It appears to observers here that Von Hindenburg's spring campaign will be defensive, rather than an offensive one, which was expected since the first blows were struck by the Russians. Along the northern sector, the Russian situation has continually improved. The heights which they now command along the left bank of the Dvina, and their successful operations in Riga district, are considered to be a solid foundation for further advance as soon as the spring thaw is over and the ground becomes firm.

Huns Leave Dead in Piles

French Guns Take Heavy Toll of Germans Near Arocourt—West of Meuse and in Woivre District Intermittent Bombardment is Reported

PARIS, Mar. 30.—To south of the River Somme, the way having been prepared by a violent bombardment, the enemy penetrated to one of the advanced points of our line, at a point to the west of Vermandovillers. A counter-attack on our part, however, drove them out at once. To the west of the River Meuse, the Germans, last night, delivered several counter-attacks against our positions in the wood of Arocourt. All these assaults, however, were driven back by our curtains of fire, and the firing of our machine guns and infantry detachments, which caused heavy losses in the ranks of the enemy. This was notable in the case of the Redoubt at Arocourt, where the Germans left piles of dead bodies. There has been no new military endeavour in the region of Malancourt. To the east of the River Meuse and in Woivre district there has been intermittent bombardment. The Germans have thrown into the River Meuse to the north of St. Mihiel, a great number of floating mines, which, however, caused no damage. In Lorraine there has been activity on the part of our artillery. Between Woivre and Bremel, there has been no other happening of importance to report from any other point on the front.

During the day of March 29th one of our aerial attacking squadrons threw down fifteen shells of large calibre on Sablon's railway station of Metz and five others on the railway station at Pagny-sur-Moselle. During the nights of March 29th and 30th two French aviators bombarded the railway station at Maizieres les Metz, seven miles north of Metz.

FINE FOR LOVE-MAKING
"The planet Jupiter has five moons."
"How romantic the nights must be"

Attempts to Again Raid Saloniki Are Foiled

PARIS, Mar. 30.—A Havas despatch from Salonika says that another aerial raid on that city was attempted yesterday by German aeroplanes. French airmen engaged them and compelled them to turn about without accomplishing their object. Several bombs were dropped on Orfani, but did no damage.

Canadian Casualties

OTTAWA, Mar. 30.—A casualty list containing 12 names, was issued at noon to-day. The majority of the names mentioned have next of kin in the Old Country, and one in the maritime provinces. William Robert Milburn, of the 3rd Pioneer Battalion of Springfield, N.S., killed on March 18th.

Guerrero Garrison is Wiped Out

Villa and His Outlawed Band Raid Mexican Garrison and Kill Entire Force There of 172—Now Moved Northward Towards Santa Maria River

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Mar. 31.—After killing everyone of the one hundred and seventy-two men in the garrison at Guerrero, Francisco Villa moved northward yesterday, and is now somewhere near the head waters of the Santa Maria River, according to unofficial information received by General Funston to-night.

Hun Attack Are Repulsed By British

Heavy Fighting Still in Progress Between Germans and British Near St. Eloi—Spirited Fighting Along Austro-Italian Front—Jacobstadt Scene of Artillery Duels

LONDON, Mar. 31.—Fighting is still going on between the British and Germans along the British end of the French line, particularly near St. Eloi, where German bomb throwers succeeded in reaching a portion of a crater held by the British, near Boesinghe. The British put down the attempted attack by the Germans.

Strong forces of Austrians and Italians are aligned against each other in the Gorizia sector of the Austro-Italian front, and on the heights at Seitz spirited fighting is taking place for possession of trenches. Elsewhere along the front artillery duels continue. Berlin says the big offensive of the Russians in the region of Postavy has ceased, and that the Russians also have given up their attacks around Lake Narocz. Artillery duels, however, are going on around Jacobstadt and to the north of Widys.

No Escape Now

LONDON, Mar. 30.—An Order-in-Council has been issued to-night, whereby neither a vessel nor her cargo shall be immune from capture for breach of the blockade upon the sole ground that she, at the moment is on her way to a non-blockaded port.

Capt. of Sussex Tells His Story

PARIS, Mar. 30 (Official).—In the story of the captain of the cross-Channel steamer Sussex, of the circumstances under which she was damaged by explosion in crossing the Channel last Friday, with the loss of about fifty lives, the following passage occurs:—

"I perceived about 2.30 o'clock the wake of a torpedo, 150 yards to port. I immediately ordered the helm thirty degrees to the right. In order to accelerate the manoeuvre I ordered stoppage of the starboard engine, which was immediately done. All my efforts, notwithstanding, could not avoid the projectile, which hit the bow of the Sussex in line with the foremast, and produced a formidable explosion carrying away all the front of the vessel, up to the first airtight bulkhead.

Liverpool Dock Workers Quit Work

Ten Thousand Dock Workers Decide Strike—Refuses to Accept Advice of Their Leaders to Return to Work—Want all Demands Granted

LIVERPOOL, Mar. 31.—Ten thousand dock workers here have decided to continue on strike, rejecting the terms of the arbitration award, which grant about half their demands. The strikers have disregarded the advice of their leaders to return to work, pending an effort to obtain readjustment of the award, and declared it was their intention to remain out until all their demands were granted.

Does Not Meet With Roumania's Approval

SALONIKA, March 29, via Paris, Mar. 30.—The suggestion that the Spanish, Roumanian and American Consulates here be abandoned, owing to the insecurity of the situation, has not met with the approval of Roumania, which has schools and other important interests in Salonika. Spain has consented to the closing of her consulate. If the American Consulate should leave, the interests of Germany, Austria and Bulgaria would be unprotected.

TAXING THEATRES IN HALIFAX, N.S.

HALIFAX, N. S. March 20.—The City Council adopted many new reforms in taxation. The new system provides that every business office shall pay a tax on the basis of one-quarter of one per cent of the rental. Lands and buildings will be assessed separately.

Halifax proposes to raise a portion of the annual appropriation for the maintenance of the poor asylum by a theatre tax of one cent on every theatre ticket. The managers failing to collect the tax will be liable to a fine of \$50 and imprisonment.

Greek Island Was Used as Spy Centre

PARIS, March 28 (Delayed)—Discovery in the Greek Island of Corfu of an elaborate organization for providing information and supplies for submarines is reported in a Rome despatch to the Journal. About 40 persons including the keeper of one of the principal hotels have been arrested and will be removed to France.

LONDON, March 30.—The discovery by the Entente Allies patrol ships, of four hostile submarine bases among the Greek Islands, is announced by a wireless despatch from Rome this afternoon.

DIFFICULT TO SUIT
A counter-irritant—the woman who doesn't know what she wants, but insists on asking for it.

Clyde Strikers Hold Up Guns Needed Says Lloyd George

Minister of Munitions Tells the House that the Guns Most Needed at the Front Are Being Withheld by Strike

ACTION CLYDE WORKERS IS BITTERLY DENOUNCED

One Member Blames Government For Breaking off Negotiations Which he Claims Would Have Secured a Settlement—An Immediate Collapse of the Strike is Now Thought Probable

LONDON, Mar. 31.—During a discussion on the Clyde strike in the House of Commons to-night, David Lloyd George, Munition Minister, declared that big guns, which the army wanted, have been held up through all their stages of manufacture, and that the strikers were holding up the most important guns needed by the army. That the Clyde strike has caused a ferment out of all proportion to the number of men involved, is explained by Lloyd George's statement that it was responsible for the holding up of the guns needed most at the British front. Long discussions on the subject of the strike took place in the Commons to-day. They were mainly concerned in an endeavor to shift responsibility for the continuance of the strike, which has been denounced alike by the general public and Labor leaders.

William Pringle (Liberal), blamed the Government authorities for breaking off negotiations which would have secured a settlement of the strike. Lloyd George replied that it was impossible to negotiate with men who were defying the law. It was in the course of a warm defence of Dr. Christopher Addison, Parliamentary Secretary of Munitions Department, who was thus accused of breaking off negotiations, that Mr. Lloyd George started the House by declaring that the strikers were holding up big guns. Pringle, who had placed all blame of obstinacy on the Ministry of Munitions, flatly denied there were any such reasonable conspiracy as had been alleged.

May Lose the War Is German Fear

LONDON, March 25 (New York Times)—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph, from Rotterdam, says: While a note of warning against founding too great expectation on the political developments in Germany is justified there is no reason for not attaching very high importance to them. To assume a positive early collapse of the enemy's resistance would be foolish. To ignore the present symptoms would be going too far in the opposite extreme.

Private information, as well as the obvious trend of events, proves unmistakably that within the last few weeks a great change for the worse has come over the situation, politically and economically. In the former respect, a crisis has arisen of a character more serious than anything since the war began. For six months at least, it has been developing. Now it has come with the resignation of von Tripitz and that event has precipitated a ferment in which all the hidden elements of discord, discontent and anxiety within the German empire have come to the surface.

In brief, the German people have suddenly awakened to the knowledge (before, perhaps, a tragic secret in the breast of the government), that after all, they may lose the war. Accompanying the revelation of naval weakness, as it is regarded, is now the apparent failure of the great offensive against Verdun. As yet there is no news of any concerted outbreak of terrible disappointment following the failure of those operations, but neutral travellers leaving Berlin last week, record already there a complete change in the atmosphere of the capital.

"Rejoicings have given place to recriminations and, as one such wit-

A WORD TO YOUNG MEN WHO ARE STAYING AT HOME.

Come all young men from Newfoundland, and the ones who are staying at home, Your King and Country need you To fight across the foam. Come on and join the colours, And be a soldier true, To fight for Britain's freedom, And the old red, white and blue. Don't let that flag go down young man, That grand old Union Jack, Go forth and be a hero And stand at England's back, And show that you are plucky To fight for England's cause, To rally round the standard, And uphold the British laws. Many brave lads have left their homes, Some hundreds or more, To fight for England's glory, From Terra Nova's shore. This showed that they were plucky When the King sent forth the call, They left their homes and loved ones, And responded to duty's call. And now young man don't stay at home, Your country needs you so, To fight across the waters, Oh come! Cheer up! and go, Come show that you are brave lads To fight against the foe, And God's hand will protect you Wherever you may go.

So now come on young man And see what you can do, Come show that you have British blood, And be a brave man too, Throw off the suit your wearing And be a hero true, And get a suit of khaki, Or a Navy suit of Blue. B. G.

Stowaway Held Up Crew Looted Safe

Forced Captain to Alter Ship's Course—Held up Entire Crew With Pointed Revolver—Now in U.S. Jail Awaiting Action of Federal Authorities

LEWES, Delaware, Mar. 31.—How a lone German stowaway had held up the captain and 56 members of the crew of the British steamer Matoppo, compelling them at the point of a revolver to change the course of the vessel and land him on Delaware breakwater, after he had rifled the ship's safe and taken their valuables, was told here to-night by Captain Bergner, master of the Matoppo.

The stowaway, who says his name is Ernest Schiller, and that he had lived in Hoboken, N.J., for the past eight months, is now locked up in jail here, awaiting the arrival of the United States District Attorney from Wilmington, Delaware, and the British Consul-General from Philadelphia. The hold-up took place outside the three-mile limit and the Federal authorities say this Government, under the circumstances, probably will have nothing to do with the matter. Schiller, they say, will be returned to the Matoppo and turned over to the British official at St. Lucia, where the vessel will stop for coal.

Fortune-teller—"I see a dark man." Politician—"Shake them up again and see if you can pick out a dark horse." ness put it, the bulletins speak of victory, but the faces of everybody I saw were eloquent of defeat."



STRENUOUS TIMES.
"Terrible war, isn't it?"
"Frightful! Seventh Red Cross dance I've had to go to this week."
"Sydney Bulletin."

Prominent Socialists Arrested

Only Few of Clyde Dock Strikers Yet Return to Work—Three More Leaders Deported—Henderson to Visit Glasgow and see What he Can do

GLASGOW, Mar. 31.—Only 365 Clyde strikers have thus far returned to work. Three more Labor leaders have been deported, each being given his railway fare and 10 shillings, being sent away with command not to return to Glasgow. Two prominent Glasgow Socialists have been arrested under Defence of the Realm Act. Arthur Henderson, President of the Board of Education, is on his way from London to Glasgow. Much is hoped from his personal intervention with the men.

ALLOWED THE MAURETANIA TO PASS UNTOUCHED

NEW YORK, March 20.—German and Austrian submarines in the Mediterranean respected the Mauretania and permitted her to pass untouched when she was being used as a hospital ship carrying wounded British soldiers from the Dardanelles, according to stewards who arrived here to-day from Liverpool on the Orduna, and who had served on the Mauretania.

The stewards said they saw submarines on each of the five trips they made on the Mauretania. The undersea boats, they said, came to the surface near the ship but when they saw the Mauretania flying the Red Cross flag they disappeared.

The Mauretania is now at Liverpool being refitted for passenger trade.