

# FIRST STAGE OF GERMAN RETIREMENT IS ENDED

Hun Line Runs Within One Thousand Yards of Bapaume and Enemy Has Typical Field Fortress.

A staff correspondent of the Associated Press, British headquarters in France, via London, Mar. 2.—What may be termed the first stage of the German retirement plan on the Arras-Somme sectors seems to have been about completed, and the Germans are making a definite stand. Their line runs from Escaut through Achiet-Le-Petit to about a thousand yards southeast of Bapaume. Along this line is the Looptail Wood, situated on high ground, which is a typical German field fortress. The Germans are not expected to yield this line until further pressure is brought to bear against them.

## An Enormous Task.

Meantime the task of connecting up their new positions and building roads through the former No Man's Land is proving an enormous one for the British, as all the Somme and Ancre presents an aspect more or less of liquid mud, resulting from the week's thaw.

The Germans undoubtedly timed their retirement to coincide with spring conditions. In other words, the Germans got started while the

ground was in good condition, knowing that the British would have to pursue them when it was at its worst. In occupying the evacuated territory British patrols, time after time, have encountered isolated groups of German defensive troops, who were carrying out to the letter their instructions to hold positions to the bitter end.

## German Guards.

The remnants of these groups, when captured, have been loath to believe that their main armies had been withdrawn, declaring that they had no idea of the plans. One German who had been totally blinded by the British artillery fire was found in a shell hole into which he had crawled and remained for thirty hours, hoping his comrades would find him. When told they had retreated several miles to the rear the man broke down and cried bitterly. The weather is the baffling element in the present situation. It cleared beautifully yesterday, with a distinct touch of spring in the air, but during the night the weather was below zero. Today the battle front is shrouded in impenetrable fog.

# WAR MAY NOT BE ENDED BEFORE ANOTHER YEAR

Gen. F. B. Maurice of Imperial Staff Gives His Views of Situation—Says German Retirement in North France was Enforced.

London, Mar. 2.—The way may easily extend over another winter as far as purely military factors are concerned, according to a statement by General Frederick B. Maurice, director of military operations for the Imperial general staff, in an interview given to the Associated Press.

"I see no indication of what has been asserted," said General Maurice, "that the Germans are withdrawing at some places along the front because of a desire to force open fighting."

## Forced Retirement.

"This movement is a retirement forced upon them. They do not like it any more than we did when, after the second battle of Ypres, we had to retire some distance to strengthen our line. You may be sure that no army likes to retire, and therefore it is certain that the Germans will make a determined effort somewhere to restore their lost prestige. We are now merely gathering the fragments of our operations, the result of which is that from Arras to the Ancre a salient, decidedly dangerous to the German positions, has been established.

# ROYAL MEETING OF ROYAL STANDARD CHAPTER 1. O. D. E.

The monthly meeting of Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. D. E., was held on Thursday at the chapter rooms, Germania street. The regent, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, occupied the chair, and a number of matters were dealt with.

The secretary read some most interesting correspondence from the different departments of overseas service to which the chapter had donated funds. The committee in charge of "Pinfare" reported that everything was progressing favorably and a most successful production was assured.

The ladies in charge of the patriotic chain reported progress and the chapter hope to raise by this means \$1,000 toward paying for the motor ambulance now on order for the sick and wounded returned soldiers. It is expected that the other \$1,000 needed for this object will be subscribed by interested individuals, and the various patriotic societies in the city, and

a number of donations were reported at the meeting.

It was decided to send the sum of \$10 to Capt. George Keefe, at Halifax, toward the purchase of an invalid chair for a member of B. Co., 26th Battalion, now in hospital in Halifax. The members of the chapter will take charge of the canteen at the Soldiers' Club next week.

The hospital committee reported that regular visitations had been made and delicacies had been furnished daily to the men in Royal Standard ward.

It was decided to hold self-denial day at Easter time, and the money will be devoted to three very worthy objects, Belgian relief, navy and returned soldiers' fund.

Berlin, March 2.—The Admiralty made the following announcement today: "On March 1 expired the final period of grace allotted for sailing ships in the Atlantic. From this date no special warning will be given to any boats by submarines."

## RICHIBUCTO SOLDIER DIES IN ENGLAND.

Ottawa, Mar. 2.—The 9.30 p.m. list includes: Infantry, died—Hayward Searles, Richibucto, N. B.

# CANADIAN TRADE LIKELY TO BENEFIT BY WAR ORDER

London, March 2.—(By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent Canadian Press).—London press and public men are confident that the military situation is well in hand. The only element of uncertainty is the submarine warfare's effect on the food supply. The call for speeding up the mercantile shipbuilding is most insistent. It takes the place of the demands for the war for men and munitions. The action of neutrals in holding ships in port have been the subject of inquiries and discussion in the House of Commons, and there may be further developments in this direction.

# MEETING DISCUSSES PLANS TO AID RETURNED SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Mar. 2.—Representatives of the returned soldiers this afternoon met the parliamentary committee which is studying the problem of the returned soldier. Captain Kenneth MacPherson, Ottawa, and Major Ralph, Alberta, appeared for the returned soldiers. There was some discussion of the attitude taken by the Ottawa organization of returned soldiers, which declined to accept a place which they would share with other soldier organizations. Hon. Charles Murphy stated that in Winnipeg and in some other places the organization of returned soldiers had been willing to associate with soldier clubs and other organizations.

Want \$25,000. Mr. Murphy noted that the Ottawa returned soldier organization had recently carried on a campaign to get \$25,000, and had collected \$3,800, and had secured the pledge of a lady to raise \$1,400 a month. He wanted to know why such a large sum was wanted when the premises were given free.

"We are not thinking of the present, but of the future," he said, in answer of Captain MacPherson. To a question as to why the organization declined to interest itself in the case of returned men who are not members of the association, Capt. MacPherson said that there was better chance of obtaining redress if the returned men were backed by an organization.

The association declines to admit men who have been discharged in Canada without having gone overseas though disabled in military service, and the explanation of Captain MacPherson was that the association had to draw the line somewhere.

Mr. Pardee said that he was unable to see that there was less merit attached to a man who had enlisted for the purpose of going to the front and had broken down in Canada, than to the man who had broken down and been discharged in England, without having reached the trenches.

Major Ralph agreed with Mr. Pardee. He said that in England he had

seen many men who had no intention of going to the front if they could avoid doing so. There had been not a few casualties among the men in Canada. As to the men discharged as unfit, it was not the fault of the men, who had good intentions, but the fault of the doctor who had passed them from civil employment into military service. He believed that a good many of the returned soldiers would go on to the land if given a fair chance to make a start.

Captain MacPherson stated that it was proposed in the future to have a conference in Ottawa and form a national council of returned soldiers organizations.

60,000 Rejected. Colonel MacInnes, acting adjutant general, said that 60,000 of the men enlisted in Canada had been rejected before going overseas; he did not know how many had been discharged in England.

To December 10,000 men had been discharged overseas, including the wounded. Of the ten thousand, one thousand had been transferred to other services or had enlisted. A thousand of the ten thousand men were physically unfit to have been sent to England at all.

Sir Herbert Ames said that cases had been brought to his attention of men who desired to go overseas, being kept in Canada doing menial service. This seemed unfair. The reply of Colonel MacInnes was that such men were doing valuable service and releasing others for active service at the front.

Sir Herbert called attention to the fact that such men were not being helped by the association but were being kept in the back of the line.

Mr. Duncan Ross thought this unfair in view of the fact that the men were making it possible for other men to get to the trenches.

Sir Herbert said that the patriotic fund was limited to benefit only men overseas.

Major Ralph stated that in Canada the demand for returned men to take positions was greater than the supply of men.

# What The Women Of The Prairies Say

They Would Not Be Without Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Mrs. Allen Always Keeps Them in her House Because They Cured Her Backache and Depression.

Keystone, Alberta, Mar. 2.—(Special)—"I would not be without Dodd's Kidney Pills in the house." That is the statement made by thousands of women living on the prairies. They have learned from long experience that the old reliable Canadian kidney remedy, Dodd's Kidney Pills, is suffering woman's best friend. Among the latest to make this statement is Mrs. Sallie Allen, a well-known resident here. Mrs. Allen says: "I suffered constantly from a pain in my back and stomach, and was much depressed. I tried different medicines but they did me no good. At last I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills and at once I felt better. I always keep them in the house, and I would not be without them."

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# MARRIED.

GRAHAM-MCALEER.—Married at Gaspeaux, Wednesday, February 28, 1917, by Rev. A. E. Chapman, B. A., F. Bruce Graham, of Marsden, Sask., to Margaret McAleer, of Gaspeaux.

# DIED.

HOGAN.—At his residence, Main street, on March 1st, after a short illness of pneumonia, Francis J. Hogan, M. D., leaving a wife, mother and three sisters to mourn. (Boston and Portland, Me., papers please copy.)

Funeral on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence, 349 Main street.

LYON.—In this city, on March 1st, Edward John Lyon, in the 51st year of his age, leaving a wife, one son and one daughter to mourn their loss.

Funeral from his late residence 121 Erie street, on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

DRURY.—At Montreal, March 1st, at the age of sixty years, Mary Louise Henderson, widow of Major General C. W. Drury, C. B.

Funeral at St. John, March 2nd, on arrival of the C. P. R. train from Montreal.

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FUNERAL NOTICE.

The members of St. John Council No. 937, Knights of Columbus, are requested to meet at 349 Main street, at 2.15 o'clock Sunday afternoon, March 4th, for the purpose of attending the funeral of their late brother, Dr. Francis J. Hogan.

Regulation dress.

H. E. KANE, Recorder.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

Members of Pioneer Lodge, No. 9, L.O.O.F., are requested to meet in their regular meeting, on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of attending the funeral of their brother, EDWARD JOHN LYON.

Members of sister lodges are respectfully invited to attend.

By order, JOSEPH A. MURDOCK, JOHN H. LANG, N.G., Rec. Sec'y.

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# GERMANY DECIDED NOT TO LIMIT U-BOAT WARFARE

Foreign Secretary Zimmerman Makes Statement in Reichstag Regarding Negotiations with the United States Through Swiss Legation.

London, Mar. 2.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent quotes a Berlin dispatch dealing with an address in the Reichstag by Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, the German foreign secretary, with regard to the reported negotiations between Germany and Denmark. Dr. Zimmermann said he considered steamship communication between Denmark and Norway unobjectionable, and added:

"We proclaimed the commerce barrier against our enemies, but did not know how we would prevent communication between neutrals. If vessels

go from Denmark to Norway and there transfer foodstuffs to English steamers, then we hope such vessels will be sunk by our submarines if they enter our commerce barrier."

"Communications from Denmark to Aberdeen will be taken at a vessel's own risk. I hope they too will be caught by the submarines."

Dr. Zimmermann concluded by promising a statement shortly which will convince all skeptics that Germany is serious with regard to her commerce barrier against England, and is not inclined to lessen it by concessions.

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# Y. M. C. A. BASKETBALL

There were two junior "A" Bible class basketball games at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday. In the first game between the Mohawks and the Victors the Mohawks won out by a score of 6 to 2. The line up follows:

Mohawks: Forwards, Lee, Oldfield, Gilbert; Centres, Potter, Robertson; Guards, Curren, Primmer, Nase.

The second game was between the Trojans and the Monarchs, and the former team clinched the game by the score of 9 to 2. A feature of this game was the superb shooting of H. Webber. The line up:

Trojans: Forwards, Lewis, Jacobson; Centres, H. Webber, Jones; Guards, Bassen, C. Webber, Redding, Murray.

central point in the maritime provinces. A committee was appointed to inquire into the possibilities of the wooden ship building industry, and it is possible formulate some plan of stimulating interest in this line.

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Select fresh, clean-skinned Seville or Messina oranges for their wholesome bitter zest, and spicy sweet oranges for their fragrance and flavor. Tell the grocer to send with them a bag or carton of

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# RECRUITING BRISK FOR 65TH BATTERY

Major Evans Reports Gratifying Success of Campaign in Moncton—Major Morgan Here En Route to Sussex to Take Over New Duties.

Major J. A. Evans, officer commanding the 65th Overseas Battery, reached the city last evening from Moncton, where he has been engaged in conducting a recruiting campaign in the interests of his unit. Replying to an inquiry from The Standard, Major Evans said that recruiting for the 65th had been brisk during the past week. Four drafts of fifty men each have already left Woodstock, the latest draft being commanded by Lieut. Howard Grant of St. Stephen. Major Evans went to Halifax last evening on militia business.

Major Guthrie Morgan of this city, who has been appointed to the command of Camp Sussex, reached the city last evening from Fredericton. Major Morgan has been at the capital in connection with his duties as a company commander in the Militia. The major will forego his duties with Col. Guthrie's unit for the present and will leave for Sussex in the course of a few days to take over his new position. His many friends in this city will extend genuine congratulations on the new military honors he has won.

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# FOUR OF RAID HAVE

In Peril at Sea Nearly Danger from Bomb Now at Liberty.

Copenhagen, March 2, via London.—Few more dramatic tales have been brought forth by the war than the story of adventure, hardship and at sea, short rations on land and new danger from the sky which related by four professional snappers up by the German in mid-ocean, they cruised around days while the commerce-decontinued operations. Then the voyage in the Yarrow. Swimsuade under such conditions that they expected the ship's to open and the vessel to smother them at any moment.

They lived for more than months in prison camps in Germany on the meagre prison fare of food parcels, which lighten the thons of existence of other prisoners of war.

Bombs Fell Near Them

They passed through four attacks on Karlsruhe, during bombs intended for the rail station, rained on all sides of camp. To cap the climax, the ignorant until the last week were prisoners of war or not, detention, whether their work was doing anything to obtain

CAN A GOOD LITTLE MAN WHIP A GOOD BIG

By Robert Edgren

I have a letter from a man in boxing.

"I've had a discussion with friends of mine," he writes, "decided to leave the decision to it, or isn't it, a fact that a tiny man can whip a good every time they start?"

Well, friend reader, you've something this time. You've a question "touching" on and in it, a modern heresy that it is unsafe for a big man to go to the street after sunset.

A few years ago it was an axiom of the ring that a good can whip a good little man. Jack Dillon, Bob Moha and three other very excellent have been "cleaning up" a lot of commonplace heavyweights.

It is a logical fact that a man can beat a little man a good deal more often than a big man can beat a big man every time. Let's figure it

Bantam Best Heavyweight Because Bob Fitzsimmons, middleweight champion of knocked out Jim Corbett, he champion, and have a good middleweights since have beaten a few heavyweights people have begun to think famous boast—the bigger the "arder they fall—proves the man's chance in a fight with man is slim.

But Fitzsimmons wasn't in weight, but over six feet broad shouldered, having a extraordinary length, heavily and with exceptionally heavy and strong hands.

Also he was marvelously a fighter—far more skillful, bel or any of the other men.

Suppose that Fitzsimmons beat the giant Jeffries, for have beaten Jeffries in the fight had he not broken the Fitzsimmons was a man.

What waterweight would a chance against him?

Would Joe Walcott be a chance? Not by 40 only big man Walcott ever was Joe Choyinski, and the of that fight was that Choyinski to go into the ring forfeit out and was forced protect it.

What lightweight would a chance to beat welterweight? Only Joe Gans, and Gans fought Walcott a 20-

# Bringing