

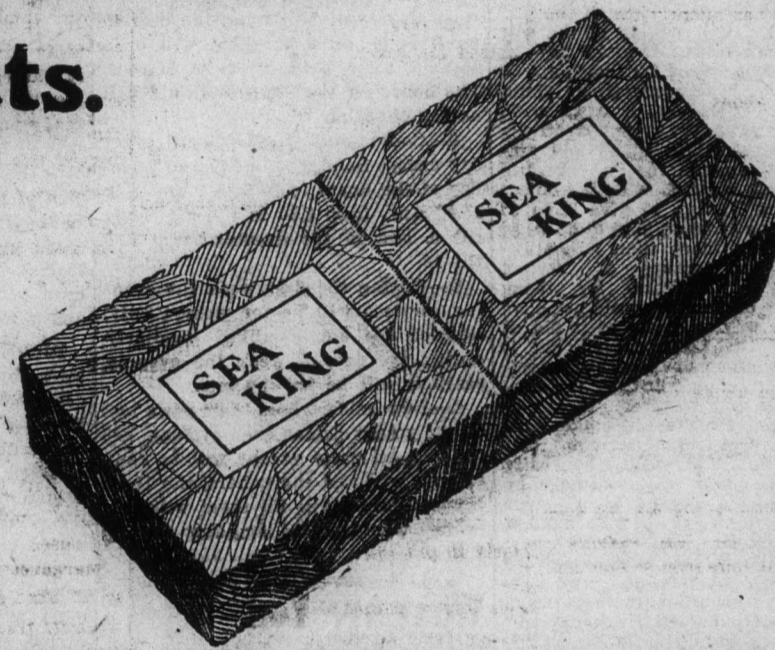


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War News.

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HUN ATTACKS REPULSED.

PARIS, March 17. The official this afternoon says: To the west of the Meuse the bombardment diminished last night in the region of Bethincourt and Cumiery. After a bloody check to the attack of yesterday, the enemy has not resumed his movement on Mort Homme. To the east of the Meuse the bombardment was followed, at 4 o'clock last night by a series of very violent offensive actions, directed against our positions at the village and fort of Vaux. Five successive attacks in large numbers were delivered by the Germans in this region, but without success. Two of them were against the village of Vaux, two others against the slopes leading up to the fort, and the fifth was an effort to emerge from a protected roadway in the southeast of the village of Vaux. Everyone of these attacks were repulsed by our curtains of fire, and the loss of our machine-guns cost the enemy heavily.

COMMONS ADJOURNS AFTER LONG DEBATE.

LONDON, March 17. At one o'clock this morning the Commons adjourned, after a protracted debate, nominally on army estimates, but really covering a wide range of topics. There were many

hard passages regarding the problem of calling up married men. Sir John Simon, among others, appeared as the champion of married men, but his speech met with sharp criticism from other champions of married men, owing to his argument that there was no danger of over-recruiting. It was announced in the lobby of the Commons that a conference will take place on Saturday at the War Office, between the higher military authorities and recruiting commanders, when the whole arguments of the army in regard to men will be fully discussed and explained.

GENERAL GALLIENI ILL.

PARIS, March 17. General Gallieni, retiring Minister of War, is now at Versailles, where he shortly will undergo an operation. President Poincaré visited General Gallieni yesterday.

BULGARIA REVOLTS.

NEW YORK, March 17. A News Agency despatch from London to-day says that a special despatch from Rome to-day, asserted that a military revolt is imminent in Bulgaria. The population is growing restless, the despatch says.

TURKEY WANTS PEACE.

LONDON, March 17. The Rome correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company sends the following message from Bern: Baby Bey, former Turkish Ambassador to Rome, is reported to be negotiating for a separate peace for Turkey with the Allies.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, March 17. To-day there has been considerable artillery activity south and northeast of Loos and some shelling by both sides southeast of Ypres.

KING GEORGE'S TRIBUTE.

LONDON, March 17. King George yesterday, paid this proud tribute to the Irish soldiers: You have maintained the high traditions of my Brigade of Guards. I gratefully remember the heroic traditions of the first battalion in the arduous retreat from Mons; again at Ypres on that critical November 15th when Lord Cavan, our brigadier, wrote that those who were left showed the enemy that the Irish Guards must be reckoned with. After twenty

eight days of incessant fighting, against great odds, your battalion came out of the line less than a company strong, with only four officers. In a glorious tribute to Irish loyalty and endurance, the King referred to his presentation of the Victoria Cross to Lance-Corporal, now Lieut. Michael O'Leary, the first Irishman to win the distinction. Expressing regret for the heavy losses suffered by the regiment he called attention to the fact that three commanding officers had been killed. John Redmond was present and had a long conversation with the King, who thereupon presented a sprig of Shamrock to Redmond.

A BAN ON LUXURIES.

LONDON, March 17. A far-reaching Order-in-Council, which will totally prohibit the importation into the United Kingdom of a large number of articles which come under the general heading of luxuries, will be issued by the British Government at an early date. Among the things which will be placed under the ban will be automobiles for private use, musical instruments and cutlery of all kinds. Everything possible is being done to relieve the shortage of ships. Every ship flying the British flag is now controlled by the Government. An immense number of them have been requisitioned, and others are subject to direction by way of licenses. Whether it would be necessary to requisition more vessels, I cannot say, but for my own part, I hope this will not be done. Runciman said, The importation of some fresh fruits probably would be prohibited. Later turning to the general industrial situation in the British Isles, Runciman said there had never been greater activity, or larger industries, wages were higher than ever before. Unemployment was never so small in the history of the country.

DUTCH STEAMER TORPEDOED.

NEW YORK, March 17. A News Agency despatch from London this afternoon says the Dutch steamer Tubantia was at anchor, fully lighted, and could not have been

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struck by a mine, so Lord Robert Cecil, the British Minister of Blockade, told newspapermen this afternoon. His information, he said, came from official sources. All evidence, the Minister said, pointed to the fact that the steamer was torpedoed.

INCREASING ARMY.

WASHINGTON, March 17. President Wilson to-day signed a joint resolution, authorizing increasing the standing army to its full strength, approximately 120,000 men.

SURVIVORS ARRIVE.

LONDON, March 17. A Reuter despatch from Amsterdam says that Richard Schilling, American Consul, who with his wife and daughter arrived here this morning with other survivors of the Cubanias, expressed the opinion that the liner struck a mine. The steamer, he said, soon came to a standstill after being struck, and almost immediately heel-

ed over. Schilling had heard that some persons on board had lost their lives, but the correspondent was unable to obtain any confirmation of this.

IRISH NATIONALISTS PASS RESOLUTION.

LIVERPOOL, March 17. Irish Nationalists celebrating St. Patrick's Day, under the Chairmanship of T. P. O'Connor, this evening passed the following resolution: Irish Nationalists of Liverpool cannot celebrate the national anniversary more fittingly and more in accord with Ireland's struggle for position than by reaffirming the inflexible determination to give full support to the Allies in defence of the cause of freedom of democracy, the small nations, and civilization in the world. O'Connor announced that 250,000 Irishmen had joined the army.

GENERAL GALLIENI RESIGNS.

MARCH 16. General Gallieni, Minister of War, has resigned because of ill-health and General Rouge has been appointed to succeed him.

GERMAN ATTACK HALTED.

PARIS, March 17. The third battle of the campaign for Verdun which was generally thought to have begun on Tuesday, has failed altogether to develop so far. The Germans, whether from sheer exhaustion or for other reasons have not attempted to follow their success west of the Meuse where the bombardment has slackened. Meanwhile the French reserves, which in the opinion of some critics kept much too far in the rear out of reach of the curtain of fire, came up and won back most of the lost ground. The official statement on Wednesday reporting this movement only mentioned the recapture of the positions near Hill 265 to the northwest of Deadman's Hill, but it is generally believed the counter-offensive went farther than that during the day, it being the habit of the general staff to announce only advantages when they are definitely won. The abrupt halt of the German

offensive after what, according to official reports, were small successes, is regarded by military critics here as highly significant, as it is believed in Tuesday's attack the Germans had a greater object than the capture of a few advanced trenches. Critics advance numerous reasons for the German halt. The opinion is that the attacking forces no longer have the same elasticity or driving power they possessed at the beginning of the great struggle.

CHOLERA IN BELGRADE.

LONDON, March 16. Asiatic cholera has broken out at Belgrade, according to an Athens despatch to the Exchange Telegraph. Fifty cases are reported daily, and thirty deaths have occurred. The people of Belgrade are suffering from a shortage of provisions, and sanitary conditions are bad.

TURKS AND HUNS FALL OUT.

LONDON, March 16. A sanguinary conflict took place between members of the Turco-German mission, which went to Asia Minor to study the defences of Angora, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from Athens, dated last Tuesday and delayed in transmission. The despatch adds the mission returned to Constantinople without achieving any results owing to the divergence of views of its members.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT AT KAMEROON.

PARIS, March 17. The Government to-day asked for approbation for a provisional civil administration for the conquered territory of the German Kamerun. The administrators will be the officers and subalterns of the French forces assisted by native chiefs. Certain functionaries, especially those having to do with finance, will be sent from Paris.

CALLED TO THE COLORS.

LONDON, March 17. Portuguese soldiers on leave of absence have been recalled and first and

second contingents of trained reservists have been summoned to join the colors on March 22nd.

WHY TIRPITZ RESIGNED.

PARIS, March 17. The retirement of Admiral Von Tirpitz is considered in French official circles, according to Paris newspapers, to be due to the fact that he has opposed the coming out of the German fleet, while Emperor William desires to see it engage the British naval forces. The conclusion is consequently drawn that a change may be looked for in the German naval policy and that the recent appearance of German warships in the North Sea is a sign that preparations are being made for an early action by the high sea fleet.

HOLLWEG MAY FOLLOW TIRPITZ.

LONDON, March 17. Dr. Von Bethmann Hollweg, Imperial Chancellor, may follow Von Tirpitz into retirement, according to a despatch from Geneva to the Daily Express, which also states that according to Berlin reports Prince Bernhard Von Buelow, former Chancellor, will soon leave Lucerne for Berlin.

MORE STEAMERS FOR CUNARD COMPANY.

NEW YORK, March 17. The purchase of five steamships with a total tonnage of 31,000 tons gross, by the Cunard Line, to freight between this port and Britain, is announced. An official of the line said the ships already are in its service. They are all British register ships, and the new names they will be given by the Cunard Line are: Anglo-Gallifonian, renamed Vandalia; Anglo-Belgian, renamed Vireo Via; Deaf of Ache, renamed Yelaria; Dan of Oble, renamed Valodia, and Lucero, renamed Valacia.

FRENCH STEAMER ATTACKED.

NEW YORK, March 17. While carrying twenty American passengers the Fabre liner Patria, a French steamer, was attacked without warning by a submarine off the coast of Tunis, according to a story told by her captain upon the Patria's arrival. A torpedo fired by a submarine, he said, passed twenty feet to the rear of the liner's stern.

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