

WAVE AFTER WAVE HURLED BACK BY FRENCH AT VERDUN; ITALIANS BEGINNING TO GAIN GROUND ON ISONZO FRONT

Repulse Net Result of German Attack in Mass on "Dead Man"

Repulse at the hands of the French again has been the net result of a German infantry attack launched with huge effectiveness, after a heavy bombardment against French positions at Le Mort Homme, northwest of Verdun. The Germans, who attacked in series, were driven eastward toward the Bois Des Corbeaux, where the French guns inflicted heavy casualties on them.

The attack at Le Mort Homme constituted the only infantry manoeuvre along the entire French front, but from Belgium to the Vosges the artillery of both sides has been active at numerous points. Around Donnemont and the village of Vaux the big guns are operating with redoubled violence, while southward in the Woëvre the artillery duels in the Meuse hills continue.

In the Argonne forest the French guns are still shelling the German positions northwest of the road from Varennes and German batteries near Montfaucou.

The latest German official communication, making reference to French attempts to "dispute our possession of the height of Le Mort Homme," has brought forth a statement from the French embassy at Washington that the Germans have never gained a footing on the hill, which the French still hold.

Only engagements between patrols have taken place on the Russian front.

The Italians continue strongly on the offensive against the Austrians on the Isonzo front, especially on the Podgora heights east and southwest of San Martino. On Podgora the Italians entered the Austrian lines, but according to Vienna, were repulsed in vicious hand-to-hand fighting.

Both Austrians and Italians lay claim to successes around San Martino. The Austrians assert that an Italian attack in this sector failed, and that the Italians left numerous dead on the field. The Italian official statement declares that after severe artillery and musketry preparations the Austrians launched two strong attacks and succeeded in reaching the edge of the trenches taken from them recently, but were on each occasion repulsed, "leaving the ground covered with dead."

CANADA RAISING \$75,000,000 FOR EXPENSES IN YEAR

New Loan of \$75,000,000 Being Raised in U.S., Announces Finance Minister

NO TRUCK WITH YANKEES NO LONGER A SLOGAN

Besides Credit of \$150,000,000 in Bullion, Canada Must Borrow \$225,000,000 and New Domestic Loan Coming Soon—Liberal Demand for Economy and Reduction of Estimates Disregarded.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, March 16.—Parliament is becoming accustomed to big figures. Financial obligations which, two years ago, would have been staggering, do not now create a quiver among the legislators of the dominion.

The finance minister talks glibly and coolly about the raising of one quarter of a billion dollars. Moreover, he has become entirely relaxed to the inevitable fact that Canada must not only do seventy-five per cent of her trading with the United States, but that she must look to that country for borrowings.

Canada, says Sir Thomas White, has secured a loan of \$150,000,000 in British which is being used to defray the expense of troops in that country and in France. Over and above that, entirely the dominion must borrow during the coming year \$225,000,000 in Canada and the United States. In addition the finance minister has a domestic loan of \$170,000,000 from ordinary taxation, and \$30,000,000 from the new direct taxes.

In other words it would seem that the enormous sum of \$775,000,000 is being raised for spending purposes in the dominion during the coming year. As the minister calculated upon a wage expenditure of \$250,000,000 and a consumption of \$180,000,000, it would seem that the dominion has no intention of running short.

Serbia, With Italy, Master of Adriatic, Says Crown Prince

Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia

Rome, March 16.—Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia arrived here today and was received with royal honors. Acclaimed by crowds, he proceeded to the Quirinal where he was received by Queen Helena and the Duke of Genoa in the name of King Victor Emmanuel, who is at the front.

Prince Alexander said that when the history of the war is written it would be difficult to find a tale of greater endurance and loyalty than that of the Serbians to the Adriatic.

He found it impossible to express his gratitude to the Italians, who in co-operation with the French and British saved more than 150,000 veteran Serbian troops. This achievement, he said, sealed the friendship of Serbia and Italy and placed them in a position of equality with the "elderly masters of the Adriatic."

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TUBANTIA SINKS; ALL ON BOARD SAFE

Opinions Differ as to Whether Big Dutch Liner Was Struck by Mine or Torpedo

Alleged American Consul on Board Not Known at Washington—Steamer Arriving at New York with 20 Americans on Board Just Escaped Torpedo Sent Without Warning—British Steamer Mansouda Sunk.

London, March 16.—The Holland Lloyd passenger steamer Tubantia, sunk early today off the Noordhinder Lightship as the result of striking a mine, or an attack by a submarine. The passengers, among whom are said to have been several Americans, and the members of the crew are all believed to have been rescued. The steamer carried between eighty and ninety passengers and a crew of 300. She was a vessel of 15,000 tons.

The Tubantia left Amsterdam Wednesday for the river Plate, and was to have stopped at Falmouth for additional passengers and freight. Early this morning wireless distress calls from the steamer were received at the Hook of Holland, and torpedo boats and other craft rushed to her assistance. Some of these boats reached the steamer before she sank, and took off passengers and members of the crew, while others picked up survivors from the ship's boats, in which they had taken refuge, after the explosion.

The first flashes from the liner said she had been torpedoed, and was in a sinking condition near the Noordhinder Lightship. Later messages credited the sinking to the vessel coming in contact with a mine. Until full details of the sinking of the steamer are at hand it will be impossible to say definitely what the cause of the sinking was.

Among the American passengers said to have been on board the Tubantia was Richard Schilling, described as an American consul, and his wife and daughter. Seventy survivors of the disaster were taken into Flushing, Holland, by two torpedo boats. Others took refuge on board the lightship, while still others were picked up by Dutch and Swedish steamers. Those arriving at Flushing said the explosion occurred at 2.30 o'clock this morning, just as the vessel was about to drop anchor. Opinions among them varied as to whether the vessel had struck a mine, or been torpedoed by a submarine.

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BULGARIA TO GUARD AGAINST ROUMANIA

(Continued from page 1.) were five men killed and thirty-five wounded." Turkish Statement.

Constantinople, March 18.—In the fighting in the Feleah sector the enemy was defeated, sustaining losses estimated at 5,000, while sixty prisoners and two officers fell into our hands.

Two monitors and a cruiser fired at long range upon our batteries at Seddul Babir Gallipoli. Our batteries replied effectively and drove them to the open sea.

Our troops destroyed enemy fortifications near the British cable, (Yemen front), capturing all the place. The Italian found there. A great number of bodies the enemy had been unable to bury were found on the battlefield.

A reconnoitering detachment, which afterwards (January 15) was despatched against El Sali, encountered a strong hostile cavalry column with machine guns. After fighting half an hour the enemy fled in the direction of Shekman, leaving twenty dead or wounded.

Relief in Poland. London, March 18.—The question of the work in Poland is being anxiously considered by the British cabinet, but it has not yet arrived at a decision in the premises, according to a statement issued by the foreign office today.

The entire question of relief for the suffering civilians is greatly complicated by the problem arising from the fact that the territory is occupied by Teuton armies, and the attacking forces of Russia occupies the same relation to Poland as England to Belgium, and that nothing can be done there without consultation with Petrograd.

That there is necessity for an early decision in the matter is acutely felt by the foreign office, the statement says, but the question of the necessary guarantees, especially those for housing the native food supplies, are so complicated that no immediate decision can be expected.

BROWN, MISSING HIGHWAY OFFICIAL, CAUGHT IN TEXAS

Saskatchewan Likely to Recover Some Lost Money Through Clever Capture by Provincial Police.

San Antonio, Texas, March 16.—Joseph Parsons Brown, wanted at Regina (Sask.), on a charge of having embezzled between \$150,000 and \$300,000, was arrested here today by Charles August Mahoney, chief of the provincial police. Brown, it is charged, obtained the money through government contracts while he was in charge of big highway enterprises.

Very conceivably sort of method, excepting retrenchment in domestic expenditures, it is to be resorted to in collecting.

Borrowing in United States. Last year, the first venture in the once-depleted United States market was made when the minister borrowed \$45,000,000. Today he secured the passing of a resolution for the borrowing of \$25,000,000 more in the same place, and the firm of Morgan & Co. is even now negotiating the transaction. Judging by the minister's statement that it was not expedient for the present to borrow any more in Canada, it is evident that there will be further pilgrimages to the American market later on.

TURKS AND GERMANS, ON MISSION, FIGHT

Sanguinary Conflict Develops When Defences of Angora Are Under Study—German Reports of British Shelling Turkish Town and on Von Tirpitz's Resignation.

London, March 16, 11.20 p.m.—A sanguinary conflict took place between members of the Turco-German mission, which went to Asia Minor to study the defences in Angora, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Athens, dated last Tuesday and delayed in transmission.

The despatch adds that the mission returned to Constantinople without achieving any result, owing to divergence in views of its members.

Berlin, March 16, via wireless to Sayville.—Reports have been received here from Athens that British warships have bombarded the open town of Vurba, near Smyrna, of which the inhabitants are nearly all Greeks, says an Overseas News Agency item given out today. The town, the report states, was almost entirely destroyed. A part of the Greek population was taken to Mytilene.

GERMANS FAIL TO PUSH THIRD STAGE OF BATTLE

Paris, March 16.—The third battle in the campaign for Verdun, which is generally thought to have begun on Tuesday, has failed altogether to develop so far, as the Germans, whether from their exhaustion or for other reasons, have not attempted to follow up their successes west of the Meuse, even their bombardment slackening.

Meanwhile the French reserves, which in the opinion of some critics are kept much too far in the rear out of the reach of the curtain of fire, came up and won back most of the lost ground, according to reports from the scene of fighting. The official statement of Wednesday reporting this movement only mentioned the capture of positions near Hill No. 246, northwest of Dead Man's Hill, but it is generally believed here that the counter-offensive went farther than that during the day. It being the habit of the general staff only to announce advantages when they are definitely won.

The abrupt halt in the German offensive after what, according to the official reports, were their greatest successes, is regarded by military opinion here as a highly significant symptom, it being considered that from the heavy losses engaged in Tuesday's attack the Germans had a greater objective than the capture of a few advanced trenches.

The critical advance numerous reasons for no longer have the same elasticity and driving power that they possessed at the beginning of the great struggle. The general feeling now is one of decided optimism.

GEN. CHAS. ROQUE SUCCEEDS GALLIENI AS WAR MINISTER

Paris, March 16, 10.35 p.m.—General Joseph Simon Gallieni, minister of war, has resigned because of ill-health, and General Charles Roquet has been appointed to succeed him.

FEAR TENDER LOST ON PACIFIC COAST WITH ALL ON BOARD

Prince Rupert, B. C., March 16.—The Pacific American Canning Company's tender Alpha, which left Bellingham, Washington, on Sunday for Alaska, was swamped off Rachel Island near here this morning. All on board, with the exception of a deckhand, named Christensen, are believed to have perished.

ONE MARITIME MAN

Ottawa, March 16.—The midnight casualty list contains the name of Frank Oakley, Halifax, of the 25th battalion, who is officially reported as wounded.

ARMY OF 12,000 ON VILLA CHASE

(Continued from page 1.) Officers here talked of a march straight southward in pursuit of Villa.

Agreement With Carranza. Washington, March 18.—The United States government today entered into a formal agreement with the de facto government of Mexico under which American troops will cross the border to hunt down Villa and his bandits with the expectation of heavy co-operation from the Carranza forces.

Secretary of State Lansing made public the text of a note accepting General Carranza's proposal for a reciprocal agreement between the two governments and announcing that the United States would lend this arrangement to be now in force and binding upon both parties.

General Funston will carry out his assigned duties. Official announcement was awaited tonight that the American force had crossed the border.

MARRIED MEN IN LONDON HAVE NO TASTE FOR SERVICE

Resolutions Call on Authorities to Release Men Who Have Attested Until 2,000,000 Single Men Go.

London, March 16.—Premier Asquith and the Earl of Derby were criticised severely at a large meeting in London today of married men who have attested for service in the army. Speakers declared there were still 2,000,000 men available and that the married men would refuse to serve until Premier Asquith redeemed his pledge to bring out the single men before the others were called to the colors.

The feeling of the meeting was intensified by the reading of a letter from Mr. Asquith declining to receive a deputation representing the married men, on the ground that this was a subject to be dealt with by parliament.

The meeting adopted by acclamation resolutions demanding that the premier receive deputations and that all proclamations calling upon married men be withdrawn.

CUNARD LINE BUYS FIVE FINE STEAMERS

New York, March 16.—Announcement of the purchase of five steamships, with a total tonnage of 81,097 tons gross, by the Cunard Line, was made by that company here today. The ships will be used to carry freight between this port and Great Britain. Officials of the line said the ships already are in its service. They are all of British register.

The ships and the new names they will be given by the Cunard Line are: The Anglo-Californian, renamed Vandalia; Anglo-Bolivian, renamed Vinovia; Den of Airle, renamed Valeria; Den of Ogl, renamed Valodia; and the Luceric, renamed Valacia.