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ALLIES FORCE FOE TO BEAT RETREAT

London Papers Discredit Any Mere Retirement Theory of Operation.

FOE BURNS VILLAGES

Fires About Three Hundred Hamlets Northeast of Bapaume.

London, March 19.—The newspapers generally take a fairly sober view of the German retreat on the western front, and, while insisting that it has been forced, refrain from making any claim that the Germans are on the run. That the same viewpoint is held at the front is indicated in one despatch, which quotes an unnamed "distinguished staff officer" as deprecating the idea that the retreat had become a helpless flight. At the same time this officer is quoted as saying: "The thing has suddenly become too big and too active to keep pace with."

White newspaper comment in moderate tone, the retreat is described as unprecedented for the period following the battle of the Marne, and it is emphasized that there is nothing yet to indicate where the German line will be halted. One correspondent writes that it would be easier now to say where the German line between Arras and Roye is not, rather than where it is. He says that it is disconcerting, and has not yet settled anywhere definitely.

The correspondents tell but little of the work of the British cavalry. "They are over the hills and far away," says one. The Germans have a cavalry screen behind their rear guard reconnoitering the roads in an attempt to ascertain the volume of the British advance. One feature of the operation generally remarked upon is that the British advance south from Bapaume has produced no important fighting. Peronne itself was occupied without a single British casualty. The place is said to have been thoroughly looted, but, although many buildings were fired, a great number are undamaged, and Peronne, unlike Bapaume, is still a town.

Further north, however, the destruction is complete, and it is declared that at least 300 villages were burned to cinders. The small town of Athies is described as a flaming torch, visible for miles around, and many villages are still burning. "Of all this great tract of France, which the enemy has been forced to abandon," says one correspondent, "there is no beauty left, no homesteads, no farms, only black ruins and devastation everywhere."

RUSSIANS CONTINUE DRIVE AGAINST TURKS

Moslems Retire Across Border From Persia—Allies South of Kermanshah.

Petrograd, March 19.—Further progress by the Russians in Persia, who have now reached the vicinity of the Turkish border, is reported today by the war office. The statement follows:

"Caucasian front: In the region south of the town of Banah we dislodged the Turks from a number of positions. The Turks are retiring in the direction of Pendshevin (probably Panjwin, across the border in Turkey)."

"In the direction of Kermanshah we are pursuing the enemy. We have occupied Harunabad, 20 miles southwest of Kermanshah."

"Western front: Scouting reconnaissances and rifle firing are proceeding."

"Rumanian front: Patrol encounters and rifle firing occurred."

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, OTTAWA, March 12th, 1917.

CANADIANS HOPE FOE WILL FIGHT

Troops Do Not Want Germans to Repeat Their Somme Retreat.

Canadian Headquarters in France, March 19.—There is a feeling little short of elation among the Canadians in the trenches, now that winter has definitely gone and that they have come out of the trying ordeal of the winter trenches in fine physical condition and excellent morale.

A trip along the front today revealed the strong hope that the enemy would not repeat his Somme retreat, but would stay and put up a fight. The Canadians are not doubtful about what would happen if Fritz came out of the line, because they know that the Germans on this front are good men, but the Canadians are willing to be put to the test against them.

The German heavy guns have been strangely inactive during the last day or two compared with ours. The enemy may be holding masked batteries of his heaviest guns in reserve for the day of need, but if not, he is badly outclassed on his record in this vital particular.

Aerial warfare has been active. The enemy crosses our front occasionally and gives the Archibalds plenty of exercise, with once in a while a bit of sniping over the hostile front, while sharpshooters aim around them. I saw fifty shells or more fired at an air scout yesterday without driving him away from his work of photographing behind the line. Some of the most daring enemy airmen are operating opposite the Canadian camp.

Stewart Lyon

JAPAN BUYS MACAO ISLAND

Berlin, March 19, via Sayville.—The purchase by Japan from Portugal of the island of Macao is reported in the Portuguese press, says the Overseas News Agency.

The island of Macao is on the west side of the entrance to the Canton River, 70 miles southeast of Canton and 35 miles west of Hongkong.

READ THE SUNDAY WORLD

GUNFIRE INCREASES UPON ITALIAN FRONT

Austrians Shell Field Hospitals at Gorizia and Ronchi.

Rome, March 19.—"On the whole front there was increased activity of the artillery," says the official statement. "It was most marked in the Lagarina Valley. Our field hospitals at Gorizia and Ronchi were struck, causing a few casualties. Fine weather was favorable for the aircraft, and, after a brisk fight, we brought down two enemy airplanes, one within our lines. Last night one of our high explosives on the railway station at Galliano, in the Lagarina Valley, and on the railway line to north, caused a few casualties. A squadron of enemy seaplanes dropped bombs on the Grado Lagoon. The damage was very slight."

Premier Borden Returns to London After Visiting Camps

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, March 19.—Premier Borden returned to London today after visiting the Canadian camps and hospitals in the south of England. On Thursday he inspected the fourth reserve brigade, on Friday the engineers and machine gun depots, on Saturday the reserve. Premier Borden found the training thorough and efficient at each camp. Officers from the front are giving instructions in the latest methods of attack and defence, with special attention to machine gun work.

On Thursday Premier Borden visited the Kitchener Hospital at Brighton, and on Saturday the hospital at Eastbourne. He is satisfied that the wounded are receiving every care and attention. Eastbourne Hospital, particularly, has bright, pleasant surroundings.

TO INVESTIGATE DEATH.

Board of Officers From Brantford Battalion Enquire Into Case of Pte. Shannon.

Special to The Toronto World. Brantford, March 19.—The 215th Battalion has named a board of three officers, Lieutenants Lyle, Ryan and Flowerday, to enquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of Pte. Jos. Shannon, of Paris, at the Toronto Military Hospital on Friday.

The board went to Toronto today to secure the necessary evidence. Pte. Shannon was this afternoon buried at Paris with full military honors.

The 215th Battalion provided the band and a firing party of 14 men.

CHINESE TROOPS TAKE GERMAN CONCESSIONS

Pekin, March 19.—Chinese troops have occupied without opposition the German concessions at Tientsin and Hankow. The Dutch have taken over the German consulates.

Tientsin is the largest commercial city in the Province of Chih-li. The city is held on lease in perpetuity granted by the Chinese Government to the British crown, which sublets plots to private owners. Besides the British concession, the French, Germans, Russians, Japanese, Austrians, Italians and Belgians have separate settlements, five miles in all, the river front being governed by foreign powers.

The German concession at Hankow was obtained in 1855 by a lease in perpetuity from the Chinese authorities in power. This concession, however, given no territorial jurisdiction. This was followed by concessions to France and Russia. The three concessions lie on the north bank of the river, and immediately below the British concession.

Germans Doubt Success Of Russian Revolution

Berlin, March 19.—(By wireless).—Germany is not sure the Russian revolution will be able to survive in the face of the Russian people's demand for bread.

High circles today were frank in stating their opinion that the revolution was distinctly an aid to England and the entente. The old government had been suspected of a desire to make a separate peace. But the new Foreign Minister, Mikuloff is known here as England's friend. He and all other members of the cabinet are known to favor continuation of the war.

These German officials suggested today that in view of the fact that the Russian Socialists favor an immediate peace there is likely to be another revolution against the revolutionaries—started by the workmen. Close students of Russian affairs here doubt that the new regime will be able to give the people bread.

ENEMY GASES MONASTIR.

Salonica, March 19.—A heavy bombardment or Monastir with gas shells causing heavy toll is announced in a Serbian official statement today, which reads: "Enemy artillery during Friday night threw a large number of shells loaded with asphyxiating gas into Monastir, resulting in heavy loss of life to civilians, including women and children."

No Lives Lost, No Damage, In Latest Zeppelin Raid

London, March 19.—James MacPherson, parliamentary secretary to the under-secretary of war, stated in the house of commons today that no further communication had been received by the government with regard to the zeppelin raid on England-Friday night, because no lives were lost and no damage was done.

CLERGYMAN ENLISTS.

Foxboro, March 19.—Rev. W. W. Jones, of the Methodist church, has signed up with the military Y.M.C.A., and is on duty at Exhibition camp, Toronto. The pulpits of the circuit are to be supplied by students from Albert College and local men.

What Every Woman Should Know

Dr. Ferdinand King, New York physician and author, tells physicians that they should prescribe more organic iron—Nuxated Iron—for their patients. Says anaemia—iron deficiency—is the greatest curse to the health, strength, vitality and beauty of the modern American woman. Sounds warning against use of metallic iron which may injure the teeth, corrode the stomach and do far more harm than good; advises use of only nuxated iron.

Watch for large article by Dr. King, soon to appear in this paper, entitled "The Crying Need of the Blood." Today is More Iron in the Blood. In this article Dr. King explains why the modern American woman requires more iron than she did 20 or 30 years ago, and shows how by taking simple Nuxated Iron, weak, nervous, run-down women may increase their strength, vitality and endurance 100 per cent, in two weeks' time in many instances.

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