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THREE MORE VILLAGES TAKEN BY BRITISH

FRENCH TROOPS EXPULSION FROM TRENCHES

Positions Taken by Enemy on
Wednesday Have Been
Regained.

PROGRESS AT SOISSONS

Belgians Enter Enemy's First
Line and Inflict Severe
Losses.

Paris, March 30.—The French
troops in Champagne in a counter-
attack have expelled the Germans
from positions they captured
there on March 28, according to
the French official communication
issued tonight. North of the
Somme and between the Somme
and the Oise the Germans bom-
barded French positions.

The communication says:
"To the north of the Somme and be-
tween the Somme and the Oise the
enemy artillery has bombarded sev-
eral points on our front line. Our
batteries have answered energetically.
There has been no infantry action."
"To the northeast of Soissons we
have made progress in the sector of
Vesvrey-Margival."
"To the west of Maisons de
Champagne a spirited counter-attack
by our troops permitted us to throw
out the enemy from the elements of
trenches in which he took a footing on
March 28. During this action we cap-
tured 588 prisoners."
"There has been intermittent can-
nonading on the rest of the front."
Belgian communication: "During
the night a Belgian detachment made
an incursion into the first German line
at the bridge of Steenstraete. Sharp
fighting resulted in which several
losses were inflicted on the adversary,
who had to abandon a few prisoners."
Army of the Orient:
"There has been no important event
on the Macedonian front. The enemy
who seemed to be preparing a counter-
attack to the west of Monastir did
not debouch from his trenches."

Start a Revolutionary Bureau.

"It would seem that more might be got
out of revolutions than out of military or
naval operations."

Let Austria follow Russia and get a
clean-up in that quarter. Half of Ger-
many fears a revolution and the other
half desires one. Spain may be ripe, and
so is Sweden. When the wind blows in
Russia, you can feel it in Sweden. Even
Turkey and the Balkans and Greece are
working up to the revolutionary stage.
All it wants is a light.

The best investment the allies could
make these days would be to start a
revolutionary department, with a corps
of press specialists in each language, and
let them inundate Germany, Austria, Bul-
garia, Turkey, Hungary, with all the latest
brands of revolution, even if airships
have to be employed to drop and rain
the documents on the starting or ill-fated
masses. Flood No-Man's Land with
revolutionary tracts every day!

And devote a special war fund to sub-
sidize revolutionists in Germany, Austria
and Bulgaria. Give them lots of money.
The Kaiser and the emperor are more
afraid of what happened to the czar than
they are of the allied armies and the
allied fleets; and if they heard of
money being freely distributed among
the dissatisfied, the agitators, the il-
l-treated, the persecuted and the down-
trodden races, they would pay more at-
tention to the rebellion than they would
to the war. In fact, they would not be
able to catch up with the war outside,
because of the hotter war that would be
among their own people and in their
own nations. There ought to be a way
of starting a conflagration within Ger-
many's own political domain, and on her
own political questions, and the net re-
sult would be for the benefit of the war
at large, and especially for the benefit of
the countries now practically in political
slavery, where freedom is almost un-
known. That's the way to get the Kaiser!
Give him some of his own stuff.

THE THIRTEENTH DAY
This is the thirteenth day of the
Dineen Fire Sale—thirteen days' sell-
ing from a stock valued at \$125,000
leaves many acceptable bargains still
available in furs, millinery and men's
hats. As each day passes the stock
becomes smaller, so those who have
not yet benefited by the sale should
come early. Store open at 10
o'clock Saturday morning, Dineen's
140 Yonge street.

Revolution Threatens Germany

GERMANS SEEK SWIFT REFORM OR REBELLION

Berlin Paper Threatens Gov-
ernment For Leaving
People in Lurch.

TO HELP THEMSELVES

Reichstag Has to Take This
Matter in Own
Hands.

London, March 30.—A despatch to
the Exchange Telegraph Co. from
Amsterdam quotes The Tageblatt as
commenting as follows on the German
chancellor's decision to postpone fran-
chise reform until the end of the war:
"It is a great pity that the pros-
pect of internal reforms now appears
to have taken the wrong path. The
chancellor ought to have been re-
minded of his own words, 'a curse on
the statesman who fails to understand
his own people's needs and wishes.'
The Vossische Zeitung is quoted as
saying: 'If the government leaves us
in the lurch we shall have to help
ourselves. Parliament, as the repre-
sentative of the people, must take re-
form in its own hands. Deeds by a
resolute Reichstag are of more weight
than the words of a feeble chancellor.'
According to the Berlin newspapers,
says the correspondent, five thousand
petitions have been placed before the
Reichstag."

HUN U-BOAT WARFARE CANNOT STARVE BRITAIN

Neutral Countries Are Chief Sup-
pliers, Says Sir Edward Carson.

London, March 30.—In reply to a
question by the Associated Press, Sir
Edward Carson, in regard to German
ruthlessness, said today:
"German statements are exaggerated,
but no one suggests that sub-
marine warfare does not cause very seri-
ous damage both to neutrals and
belligerents. The losses, however, do
not exceed the estimates on which we
have based our policy, and after the
most careful consideration it is clear
that German hopes of starving us out
are quite illusory. So far neutral
countries have suffered more from
German methods than have belligerents."

Flour Substitute Produced Claim of German Chemists

Amsterdam, via London, March
30.—German chemists have discover-
ed a method for making a flour sub-
stitute out of linden and beech buds.
They claim that the substitute has
the nutritive value of barley flour,
with four times its fat percentage.

Knock-Out of Germany Must Come This Year

Prolongation of Struggle is Described as Meaning
Deadly Peril for Great Britain.

London, March 30.—The Right Hon. Wm. Hayes Fisher, parlia-
mentary secretary to the local government board, in an address at Hull
tonight said it was not an exaggeration to say that the country was in
deadly peril at the present moment.

"We must have national service for everybody," said Mr. Fisher.
"We did not intend to start more than three years of war. Germany's
idea was to starve us out before we could knock her out. What we want
is to knock the enemy out this year, and we are beginning to do it."

LORD ROBERT ANSWERS CHANCELLOR OF KAISER

British Blockade Minister Exposes Falsity of German
Attempt to Blame Britain for Atrocities—Foe's
Assertions Contradict Each Other.

London, March 30.—Lord Robert
Cecil, the British blockade minister,
this evening made reply to the latest
utterances of Dr. von Bethmann-Holl-
weg, the German imperial chancellor,
in a statement to the Associated
Press.

"The German chancellor claims that
Germany in the past renounced the
unrestricted use of her submarine
weapon in the expectation that Great
Britain could be made to observe in
her blockade policy the laws of human-
ity and international agreements."
said Lord Robert. "It is difficult to

WARSHIPS DRIVEN FROM BRITISH COAST

BELIEVE SHIP SIGHTED
IS RAIDER ST. THEODORE

Mongolia Encounters Vessel One
Thousand Miles East of Sandy
Hook.

New York, March 30.—The Asso-
ciated Press carries the following
dispatch without a date line:
"An armed vessel, believed to be the
converted German raider St. Theod-
ore, was sighted in mid-ocean three
days ago by the American freight
steamer Mongolia, which today ar-
rived at an American port."
"It was not the St. Theodore, the
Mongolia's officers were certain the
vessel was a German raider, both be-
cause of her actions and because her
wireless operator talked in German."
The Mongolia encountered the raider
March 27 one thousand miles east
of Sandy Hook, the officers said.

BERLIN STILL IN SEARCH OF LEAK

Zimmermann Bitter Over
Washington's Disclosure of
Dark Conspiracy.

FRIENDLY TO MEXICO

Germany Counted on Sup-
posed Hostility Between
U. S. and Japan.

London, March 30.—Reuter's Am-
sterdam correspondent sends the fol-
lowing concerning the address of Dr.
Alfred Zimmermann, minister of
foreign affairs, with regard to Germany's
attempt to embroil Mexico and Japan
with the United States:
"Hugo Haase, leader of the Social-
ist minority in the Reichstag, remark-
ed that the German offer of an alli-
ance with Mexico had aggravated the
situation with the United States, and
Dr. Zimmermann, replying, said:
"I wrote no letter to Gen. Carranza.
I was not so naive. I merely address-
ed, by a route that appeared to me to
be a safe one, instructions to our
representative in Mexico. It is being in-
vestigated how these instructions fell
into the hands of the American au-
thorities. I instruct the minister to
Mexico, in the event of war with
the United States, to propose a Ger-
man alliance to Mexico, and simultane-
ously to suggest that Japan join the
alliance. I declared expressly that
(Concluded on Page 13, Column 4).

BRITISH SHIPS FRIGHTEN OFF HUN FLOTILLA

Enemy Sinks Patrol Trawler
off Lowestoft and Scampers
Away.

BERLIN MAKES BOAST

Night Visit to Barred Zone
Reported as Dashing
Exploit.

London, March 31.—An Amsterdam
despatch says: "During the night of
March 28-29 part of our naval forces
cruised in the barred zone off the south
coast of England," says an official
statement received here from Berlin.
"Beyond the armed English steamer
Mascotte, which we encountered eight
miles east of Lowestoft, sunk by ar-
tillery fire, neither the enemy fighting
forces nor merchant shipping was
sighted. Seven men of the Mascotte
were made prisoners."
The British admiralty in referring
to the German statement that Ger-
man naval forces had been cruising off
the south coast of England, says:
"During the night of March 28-29
some firing was observed some miles
off the south coast of England. Our pat-
rols were sent to the scene with the
purpose of ascertaining the cause of
the firing, but nothing was seen of the
enemy who had made off."
"There is only one British steamer
named Mascotte in the register and she
is unarmed, but it is assumed the Ger-
man message refers to one of our
patrol trawlers named Mascotte."

FRANCE SEEKS TIGHTER BLOCKADE OF GERMANY

German Outrages in Northern
France Inspire Country to
Fight to End.

Paris, March 30.—A resolution af-
firming that the blockade of Germany
is not assured completely and express-
ing confidence that the government
would take necessary measures so as
to co-ordinate the efforts of France
and her allies was adopted unani-
mously by the chamber of deputies
today.

Denys Cochon, under-secretary for
foreign affairs, in charge of questions
of blockade, admitted that the block-
ade left something to be desired, be-
cause neutrals which are neighbors of
Germany were not treated by France
as they were by Germany. The out-
rages committed recently in northern
France, he declared, was a reason now
for carrying on the war to the bitter
end and until the enemies of France
were crushed. His remarks were ap-
plauded by the entire chamber.

SEVEN PER CENT. LOSS OF BRITISH SHIPPING

Deputy Minister of Marine Gives
Some Reassuring Figures.

Ottawa, March 30.—Germany's sub-
marine "blockade" has thus far re-
duced British tonnage to the slight
extent of 7 per cent, and the loss has
been more than made good by new
construction, in the opinion of Alex-
ander Johnstone, Dominion deputy
minister of marine.

Mr. Johnstone, who may be assumed
to have access to authoritative infor-
mation, warns against over-estimating
the effect of the undersea campaign.
The total number of merchant ves-
sels destroyed since the declaration of
war up to the end of February, said
Mr. Johnstone, was 2573, with an ag-
gregate gross tonnage of 4,811,100. Of
this total tonnage, 2,921,849 tons re-
present British shipping, while the to-
tal allied losses represent 3,492,722
tons. Loss of neutral shipping is
placed at 1,042,770 tons, while the
losses of Germany, Turkey and Aus-
tria-Hungary represent 238,808 tons.

Hope to Influence Germany To Overthrow Hohenzollerns

Petrograd, March 30, via London.—
The attempt on the Russian working
classes to establish peace by appeal-
ing directly to the German people to
overthrow the Hohenzollern dynasty
and reconstruct the government of
their country by the same means as
adopted by the Russian revolutionists
is likened by the Russian revolutionists
to the attempt on the part of the Ger-
man revolutionists to overthrow the
Hohenzollerns. The newspapers state
that the German revolutionists have
in fact exerted a tremendous influence
on the opinion of the world and serv-
ed to strengthen the cause for which
the entente allies are fighting.

DIPLOMATIC BLUNDERS PROVE FATAL TO HUNS

Speakers in Reichstag Also Criti-
cize Feeding System With
Vigor.

London, March 30.—German news-
paper accounts of Thursday's debate
in the Reichstag, says a Reuter's de-
spatch from Amsterdam, "showed
some speakers complained that the
military censorship ruthlessly sup-
pressed the appeal of the Russian So-
cialists to the workers of the world to
unite to stop the war. Herr Noske
referred to the blunders of the feeding
system, the despatch adds, and warn-
ed the government not to take light-
heartedly the deplorable events at Bre-
men, Hamburg and Magdeburg."
Dr. Gustave Stresemann, it is added,
pointed out that Great Britain had
created a great system of alliances
with all possible people, even with
people who for thirty years had been
enemies of Germany. "Diplomatically,"
he is reported to have said, "we lost
the war before it had militarily be-
gun."

RUSSIA PROMISES POLAND LIBERTY

Provisional Government Is-
sues Proclamation Calling
Poles to Ranks.

WIN INDEPENDENCE

After War, People Will Be-
come Sovereign State
Once More.

London, March 30.—The procla-
mation of the Russian Government to
all Poles announcing that Poland can
decide its own form of government
for itself, after fraternal congratula-
tions on the overthrow of the Roman-
off dynasty, says a Reuter's despatch
from Petrograd, refers to the attempt
by the central powers to enlist the
Poles against the entente by offering
"liberal political rights." The pro-
clamation continues:
"They wished at this price to buy
the blood of a race which never
forgot the promise of independence
fought for the maintenance of despot-
ism. Now will the Polish army go
into battle now for the cause of the
oppression of liberty and the dismem-
berment of its country under the
leadership of its hereditary enemy."
"Polish brothers, for you also the
hour of great decision has struck.
Free Russia calls you to her ranks
in the fight for the liberty of the
people."
The proclamation then announces
that in accordance with the plan agreed
upon by the entente allies for the
protection of Poland, the provisional
government regards the creation of
an independent Polish state, composed
of all territories the majority of whose
population is Polish, as a pledge of
durable peace in the remodeled
Europe of the future.

CANADIANS REPULSED SAYS BERLIN REPORT

Ottawa Has Received No Infor-
mation Regarding Action
Mentioned.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.
London, March 30.—Today's German
official per wireless press says: "To
the east of Neuville St. Vaast Canadian
regiments attacked our positions four
times during the night. They were
repulsed with heavy losses every time
and a few prisoners remained in our
hands."
The British official says: "We en-
tered the enemy's lines last night
east of Neuville St. Vaast and secured
prisoners."
It is officially stated at Ottawa that
no information of the reported attacks
by Canadians has been received.

German Submarine Sunk After Destroying a Steamer

London, March 30.—According to a
statement here regarding the sinking of
the Norwegian steamer Ida on Feb. 3,
the German submarine U-59, which
sank the Ida, was herself recently sunk
in the North Sea. The survivors of the
U-59, the statement adds, are now
prisoners of the British.

GERMAN LINES ALSO ENTERED NEAR ST. VAAST

Severe Casualties Inflicted
and Some Prisoners Were
Taken.

GERMAN TRAIN WAS HIT

Heavy Artillery Did Good
Work East of Ver-
melles.

U. S. Fully Recognizes That State of War Has Long Existed.

Washington, March 30.—The admin-
istrative branch of the American Gov-
ernment has determined definitely upon
a course of action to meet the hos-
tility of Germany. While official an-
nouncement is withheld pending the
appearance of President Wilson before
congress, formal recognition of the ex-
istence of a state of war is expected
to follow soon after the extra session
begins.

The president, having decided on
the principal features of the address
to be delivered at a joint session of
the house and senate, is putting the
document in writing, and today he had
a final discussion with his cabinet.
The meeting lasted only an hour and
a half, but with conclusions quickly
made known time was found for at-
tention to individual department mat-
ters. Later the president conferred
briefly with Secretaries Baker and
Daniels, heads of the war and navy de-
partments.

There is said to have been no dis-
ference of opinion in the cabinet on
the great question. The president's
advisers, as well as official Washing-
ton generally, have long since accept-
ed it as a fact that war actually is
being waged against the United States.
Officials believe that Germany is
making war on this nation because she
has taken more than 240 American
prisoners.

"The artillery was active on both
sides at a number of points during
the day. East of Vermelles our heavy
artillery obtained several hits on a
German train."

LATE NEWS BULLETINS

Tense Situation in Holland

London, March 31.—A despatch to Reuter's from The Hague says
that in replying to an interpellation with regard to the granting of leave
to soldiers for agricultural purposes, the Dutch minister of war said he
considered himself bound to inform the chamber that the general situa-
tion was such that there could be no question of granting leaves of ab-
sence on a large scale.

Norway Protests to Germany

London, March 30.—During a debate in the Norwegian parliament,
according to The Standard's correspondent, Foreign Minister Thlen an-
nounced that the government had officially protested against the German
blockade of Norway's north coast.

German Artillery Pounds Rheims

Paris, March 30.—The City of Rheims in the past few days has been
the object of a special attack by the German artillery. On Wednesday
431 shells were sent into the city.

Canadians Raid Trenches

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, March 30.—A break
in the weather, with a return to snow and cloudy weather, again today
interfered with the artillery and aerial scouting on the Canadian front.
Our infantry raided the enemy's trenches at two points last night. His
front line was not strongly held and no prisoners were taken, but there
was evidence that he was holding his main position in strength.
Stewart Lyon.

German Raider Off Trinidad

Rio Janeiro, March 30.—The French barque Cambronne has arrived
here with 200 men of the crews of various steamers and sailing ships sunk
by a German raider off the island of Trinidad. They reported that many
sailors from the sunken vessels were drowned.

The rescued sailors, who are French, Italian and English, report that
the raider is an armed gasoline motor-driven vessel. They say the raider
showed the Norwegian flag, and when it sighted a ship signaled it to ap-
proach. As soon as the ship obeyed the signal the raider hoisted the Ger-
man flag and opened fire.

Germany Versus World Democracy

Amsterdam, via London, March 31.—The Munich Post, in an edi-
torial says:
"In the past fortnight the world has become quite another place,
thru Russia going over to democracy and the U.S. entering the lists against
us. Germany now stands against an alliance of world democracy and the
people of the world are persuaded and are daily becoming convinced
that the triumph of the freedom of the world is impossible as long as
Germany remains what it is."

Chihuahuans Defeat Villa

Chihuahua City, Mexico, March 30.—Francisco Villa, at the head of
a cavalry force of 3500 men, made a determined attempt today to capture
Chihuahua City, but he was driven back with the loss of 500 prisoners and
350 killed and wounded.

Big Motor-car Plant Burns

Walkerville, Ont., March 31.—Fire broke out shortly before mid-
night at the Chalmers Motor Car Co. here and the entire plant is ablaze.
It is estimated that the loss will exceed \$250,000.