

French Have Retaken Some Trenches Order Calling Married Men Cancelled Third Phase of the Battle of Verdun

THE ASCENDANCY OF THE BRITISH SNIPER UPON THE FRONT

Has Been Thoroughly Established—Work of These Picked Marksmen Has Had a Notable Effect Upon the Enemy.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, March 15.—The unexpected early calls on married men to join the army have created such grave dissatisfaction through the country that the government is considering a change of policy.

The ascendency of the British sniper at the front is the subject of a letter from a correspondent at the front at the British headquarters in France of especial interest to marksmen.

"Sniping," he writes, "is now an important and highly specialized branch of British trench warfare. The Germans no longer hold the supremacy which, undoubtedly, was theirs at the beginning of the campaign.

Remarkable Progress Is Made by the Russian Forces in Asia Minor

London, March 16.—The Daily Telegraph has the following from Rome: The Russian army has almost crossed the frontier in the direction of Bagdad, according to information from a reliable source.

TO WITHDRAW FROM BAGDAD Athens, March 15.—According to Constantinople information, the Turkish government in its endeavor to hold up the Russian advance has ordered all available Ottoman forces sent to the Russian front.

Roumanian People Hail News of French Gains, However Small They Are

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, March 15.—(New York Times cable)—The Daily Chronicle this morning prints the following despatch from its special correspondent at Odessa:

On every side it is daily further disseminated. When the Verdun news appears in the evening papers and news make a rush for the papers.

THE CALL ON MARRIED MEN IN OLD LAND IS POSTPONED

This Result Brought About Because of the Strong Feeling That More Single Men Should be Called First.

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removal of certain restrictions in regard to reserved occupations will have on bringing more single men into the army.

EXTREMELY CRITICAL IS THE TURKISH MILITARY SITUATION

Request For a Separate Peace Likely Development—Bulgarian Government Alarmed at the Turn of Events.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, March 15.—(Cable to the New York Times)—The Daily Telegraph's Athens correspondent quotes from a private uncensored letter from Constantinople, written by a reliable military man, whose judgment carries great weight, the following passage:

probability of Turkey's military collapse and capitulation. The entente is credited in Sofia, and there, too, our information adds, ways and means are under consideration, should fears which are entertained materialize, as to how Bulgaria may also seek safety in a separate peace.

French Re-occupy Trenches Taken by the Germans

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, March 15.—French counter-attacks between Bethincourt and Cumieres resulted in the reoccupation of certain trenches captured by the Germans yesterday.

ade made it possible for us to re-occupy a portion of the trenches captured yesterday by the enemy in the direction of Hill No. 265.

"Don't Forget"

The Fashion Pageant to which all are most cordially invited, takes place to-morrow, morning, afternoon and evening.

LATEST FIGURES

Winnipeg, Man., March 15.—The latest figures of the prohibition show the following figures:

Austria Declared War.

London, March 15.—A despatch to The Exchange Telegraph Company from Rome says that Austria has declared war on Portugal.

125TH BATTALION PICTURES

Already many orders for these pictures have been received at the Courier Office, and as only a limited number are being printed, those wishing to secure this souvenir should order at once.

RECRUITS

Additional List of Names For the 215th Battalion.

- WRAY, EDWARD CHESTER, Eng. WHITE, SAMUEL, English. SPENCE, WILLIAM KERR, Scotch. SELMES, ALFRED HENRY, Eng. RYAN, THOMAS JOSEPH, LAN- RON, Canadian. ROWE, WILLIAM NORMAN, Canadian. ROBINSON, JOSEPH CONN., Can. RENNIE, GEORGE, Irish. PENNELL, ALBERT EDWARD, English. PATTEN, EGAR WILLIAM, Canadian. O'REILLY, NORMAN EDWARD, Canadian. O'MARA, THOMAS JOSEPH, Canadian. MUIR, JOHN, Canadian. LYLE, FREDERICK JOHN, Canadian. KNOWLES, GEORGE CAMP- BELL, Canadian. JONES, PETER, English. HULLBY, JAMES JOSEPH, Canadian. HAZELTON, NORMAN WELLS, Canadian. BROWN, JAMES HENRY, Canadian. BROOKER, GEORGE, English. BRIGHT, A. J., Canadian.

A STORMY SESSION

Victoria, B.C., March 15.—Having discovered that through a technicality it was held by some that the life of the British Columbia Legislature expired yesterday, the government introduced last night a bill to extend the life of the Legislature to June first, which passed after a stormy session.

Cornwallis-West a Bankrupt

New York, March 15.—A news agency despatch from London to-day says: The Gazette announces that a receiving order in bankruptcy has been issued against George Cornwallis-West.

Queen of Roumania Is Ill.

London, March 15.—German press despatches from Bucharest say that Queen Marie of Roumania is seriously ill and that her condition is gradually growing worse.

Has Enlisted.

Montreal, March 15.—Captain the Hon. W. J. Shaughnessy, eldest son of Lord Shaughnessy, enlisted to-day for overseas service in the 19th battalion. He will go as adjutant, a position he has occupied in the 57th the 10th, for more than a year.

Dr. Naon, Ambassador from Argentina, returned from Buenos Ayres, praising the friendship between his country and the United States.

OPENING OF THE THIRD PHASE OF THE BATTLE OF VERDUN HAS BEGUN

French General Who is in Charge is Confident of Success—Infantry Attacks Along a Distance of Four Miles.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, March 15.—The removal of the fighting west of the Meuse, after three days pause, is regarded as the opening of the third phase of the battle for Verdun. The defenders have profited by the spell of relative inaction to strengthen further the weak joints in their armour and they await events with full confidence.

opening in masses from Corbeaux and other smaller woods to the west. They were obliged to cross open ground and a well-directed fire from the French did fearful execution among them.

Villa to be Sought by Mexican and U. S. Troops

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Washington, March 15.—Administration officials still were without information early to-day that American troops had crossed the border in pursuit of Villa and his band of outlaws.

TO CAPTURE VILLA. San Antonio, Texas, March 15.—While regiments of United States cavalry, heavily supported by infantry, awaited General Pershing's order to advance into Mexico, General Carranza's troops, according to information received here, worked desperately to effect the capture of Villa in order to forestall an entrance into Mexico by American forces.

Officials were gratified to-day that the American note accepting General Carranza's proposal for a reciprocal arrangement whereby either his troops or American troops may hunt down the Villa bandits on either side of the border has been favorably received at Queretaro, Mexico, where the Carranza government is located.

General Funston remained in his office until after midnight to receive reports from General Pershing. American troops should be across the boundary line early to-day, but General Funston himself said he did not know of General Pershing's intention. His orders to the commander of the punitive expedition were in effect, "Move when you are ready."

The Fashion Pageant.

Three performances will be given to-morrow, showing the most favored fashions for Spring. The evening performance has been arranged to accommodate those who perhaps could not find it convenient to attend during the day time, either to-day or to-morrow.

Seating accommodation has been provided for five hundred, and this number of cards will be issued for each performance, so that everyone will be accommodated with a seat and an over attendance will not occur at any time as in past years on similar occasions. You are most cordially invited to attend. Tickets may be secured at the Ready-to-Wear department, or will be sent on request. E. B. Crompton & Co., Limited.

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