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ENEMY ON RUN BELIEF HAD BY BRITISH FORCES

Soldiers' Spirits Unaffected by Ghastly Aspect of Battleground.

BODIES LYING UNBURIED

Feeling That British Are on Offensive Gives Wonderful Stimulus.

BY FREDERICK PALMER

Special Cable to The Toronto World. BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, March 27.—Via London, March 28, 7:30 p.m.—While the world is weary for news, day after day many men at the front with no news except a desultory artillery and rifle fire, which is the normal existence save when some supreme effort is made.

Next to having witnessed the battle of Neuve Chapelle, the most interesting thing to a correspondent is a night spent in the new British line of works which defended that section of the shell-torn earth that the British won hold against all German efforts at recovery.

Such a visit, made alone, without automobile or other accessories, proved to be no pastoral idyll of peaceful security. When a corps staff officer who gave the correspondent permission to go, required him to sign a paper releasing the army authorities from any responsibility, one could only reply that he had used the corner of Fifth avenue and Forty-Second street, at the rush hour without holding the mayor of New York accountable, if run over.

Price Cheerfully Paid. The Germans were giving a shelling along the western approach to the British line at the edge of the village; stray bullets cracked against the shattered village walls, and when the correspondent left their cover he was within 200 or 400 yards of the German breastworks. Yet, the most cheerful spot where the British line lies is here.

It was worth enduring a sleepless night and plunging in mud in order to enter into the spirit of the soldiers, who had suffered such hardships and had at last seen the tide turn.

The runners came from London of complaint over the heavy cost of the victory, the officer or man at the front who takes that view is yet to be found. They know the situation and are prepared to pay the price which success requires. The point they make is that they have been able to make a gain without any heavier losses than the Germans, who yielded.

"A lot of our fellows were killed," said a soldier. "But this time it was in pushing the Germans instead of trying to hold them back. You can-

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AUSTRIA HOPES FOR END OF WAR

Country is Exposed to Enemies' Attacks From Three Sides.

PESSIMISM SPREADING

People Are Threatened With Starvation and Greatly Disappointed.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

ROME, March 28.—Pessimism is rapidly spreading throughout Austria-Hungary, where, since the fall of Peryasl, even the military authorities no longer hide their disappointment, and people, threatened with starvation, now wish to see the end of the war, according to confidential information available here. The conclusion by the Austrians of separate peace is no longer considered impossible, since Austria's existence now is dangerously threatened. Germany's help is out of the question. Austria is now compelled to withdraw troops from southern Hungary and the Serbian frontier and concentrate every effort against the threatened Russian invasion of Hungary. Thus Transylvania will be exposed to attack by Roumania, Bosnia to attack by Serbia, while Italy may invade the southwestern provinces and send an army against Vienna, which is only 200 miles from the Italian frontier. In spite of the unproved failure of Prince Von Buelow's negotiations, I am informed that Italy's intervention, although practically decided upon, is not imminent, and not likely to take place before the end of April, since in the meantime things may happen which may alter the situation and render possible the realization of Italy's aspirations without war.

Favorites Musical Play Tonight. The favorite English musical comedy, "The Quaker Girl," will begin another week's engagement here tonight at the Princess Theatre, with Katherine Murray, Helen Hoy, Mlle Corday, Charles Clear, Phil Moore, William Blaisdel and identified the same company that pleased local audiences two months ago.

The Sinking of the German Submarine U-8 Off the Coast of Dover By British Destroyers



(Drawing Copyright by New York Herald Company) These two drawings, made especially for The Toronto World, The New York Herald and The London Sphere, show scenes attending the sinking of the German submarine U-8, off the coast of Dover, England, by British destroyers. The crew were rescued as shown in the accompanying pictures. The scenes were the most novel which occurred in the war. The crew of the ill-fated undersea craft were the first submarine prisoners of war to be brought to Dover.

VICTORY AT HARTMANN'S WEILERKOPF ATTAINED AFTER FIERCE FIGHTING GIVES FRENCH A SECURE POSITION

Height Won in Hand-to-Hand Fighting Commands the Whole District of Thann, Cernay and Steinbach, and the Gain Proves Spirit of French Offensive.

By PHILIP GIBBS

Special Cable to The Toronto World. PARIS, March 28.—Owing to the great length of night and the dominating interest of the military situation on the extreme left, it is likely that the importance of the victory obtained during the last few days in Haute Alsace will be overlooked in England. The capture of the height of Hartmann's Weilerkopf, which was definitely established yesterday, is extremely valuable. For many months this strategic position has been the scene of desperate fighting. Commanding the whole district of Thann, Cernay and Steinbach, the French and German troops have struggled repeatedly for its possession and the tide of battle has ebbed and flowed upon its spurs and crests, leaving in its wake awful tolls of dead and wounded. It is here that many of the most heroic exploits of French soldiers have been achieved for the character of fighting allowed more scope for individual gallantry and personal craft of war than the siege work of the entrenched positions. It is to the Alpine Chasseurs—the blue devils of France as they are called, because of their blue helmets and hunters' dress, that the success of the final attack last week is due.

Desperate Fighting. Last Tuesday, after a tremendous artillery fire, they assaulted and took the first line of the enemy's position in a splendid rush, regardless of their own losses. On the following day they secured the second line and climbed

higher towards the summit of a plateau of a southern slope of the enemy, who fought with great courage and swept the hillside with devastating rifle fire. Hand-to-hand fighting took place for several hours, but the "blue devils" had the best of it and made many prisoners.

The Great Assault. The great assault, however, was still to come. On the crest of Hartmann's Weilerkopf, 1125 metres above the plain, a great body of German troops belonging to the famous Fifteenth Corps, held ground with a formidable number of guns, and every method of German warfare was used to thrust back those blue bonnets surging up the ridges. Hand grenades were hurled down from the heights, and burning liquid came in streams from trenches dug in the hillside. Many Chasseurs were badly burned, but they continued to fight with unflinching courage. The order had been given to take the hill at all costs, and they behaved during these last three days with splendid devotion, which, I am told, will be fully recognized in the official despatch narrating one of the most heroic chapters in this war.

The French tricolor now floats on the summit of Hartmann's Weilerkopf, and yesterday the Alpines swarmed forward to the flank of the hill on the northeast and southeast, dislodging the enemy from its last grip on the stronghold which is the natural keep of the broad plain below. It is a victory which gives the French army a secure position in this part of the front, and proves the spirit of the French offensive, which soon will be revealed all along the line.

RUSSIANS TAKE HEIGHTS ON HIGHWAY TO BARTFELD

Ridge Twenty-four Miles Long Taken From Austrians—Three of the Enemy Battalions Annihilated in Bayonet Fight for One Peak Alone.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

PETROGRAD, Midn. ght, March 28.—The Russians gained another striking victory on the Bartfeld road, in the Carpathians, in the capture of a new line of heights on a front of about 24 miles, and drove the Austrians in flight before them to a new position. Word of this exploit by the Russian troops was given out here tonight by the Petrograd war office, and the details of the fighting are eagerly awaited by the citizens of Russia's capital. Three battalions of Austrian infantry were destroyed in a bayonet fight for the possession of a height east of the Millaroc village. A series of attacks by the Austrians in the direction of Munkacs and Stry was repulsed. The enemy got so close that he attempted to throw a quantity of hand grenades into the Russian trenches, but was frustrated in this endeavor. The Russians captured 600 German prisoners in a stubborn ally fight with the enemy, who made a strong resistance against attacks on his trenches on the

front of Tartak-Wach-Zawady. Two machine guns were also taken. Both Germans and Russians are fighting on the offensive west of the Niemen in northern Poland, and lively engagements are in progress. The word that the Russians are on the offensive against the Germans indicates that the Russians are gaining a moral ascendancy over them, which they previously did not have at the beginning of the war.

AUSTRIAN BLOCKADE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

Naval Yards Busy Rushing Work on Twenty Submarines for This Purpose.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

ATHENS, March 28.—In the Austrian naval yards all usual work is being suspended. Men are working hard on about twenty up-to-date submarines, with which it is intended to blockade the Mediterranean.



ALLIED FLEET IN DARDANELLES RESUMES HOT BOMBARDMENT

Firing Indicates That Gallipoli Peninsula Forts Are Being Heavily Shelled—Forts at Kilid Bahr Which Opened Fire on Mine Sweepers Were Silenced—British and German Aeroplanes Active.

TURKISH GOVERNMENT PREPARES FOR PASSAGE OF DARDANELLES

Proclamations Posted in Principal Towns Announcing That the Allied Fleet Will Soon Be in the Bosphorus, Urge the People to Remain Calm and to Refrain From Violence.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, March 28.—A cable from Tenedos says: "Operations have been recommenced in the Dardanelles by the allied fleets, and heavy firing is now proceeding in the straits. Judging by the firing heard this morning, Gallipoli Peninsula is being heavily bombarded. The weather is perfect. British sea planes have been making daily reconnaissances when the ships have not been engaged, and occasionally German aeroplanes are also seen. "Trawlers continued their mine sweeping operations in the straits of the Dardanelles, protected by battleships," says Reuter's Tenedos correspondent, telegraphing Sunday. "The Turks at Kilid Bahr opened fire on them but were silenced, and promptly silenced. Between 9 and 12 o'clock this morning heavy firing was heard from the direction of Saros. The result of the fire is not known. Allied aeroplanes were scouting again today. The Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency, of Paris, in a despatch dated Saturday says: "Mine dragging in the Dardanelles

BY MARTIN DONOHUE

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 28.—A special courier arrived here today bringing news from Constantinople up to Wednesday afternoon. The city is calm, expectant and resigned to the inevitable. The government is preparing the inhabitants for the arrival of the allied fleet. With this end in view, proclamations have been posted in various parts of Pera and in the mosques of Istanbul announcing that the warships of France and England may shortly arrive in the Bosphorus. The proclamation continues: "It is simply a question of opening up the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus to the free passage for foreign warships, which the sultan had hitherto refused and had no national or political significance." The population is urged to remain calm, not to resort to any acts of violence, and is assured that after a stay of three or four weeks the allied fleet will sail away, being content with a simple naval demonstration. The phrasing of the proclamation would almost make it appear that the forthcoming visit of the allied fleet is something in the nature of a friendly call, to which the Turkish Government looks forward with the keenest delight. The rift-rail of the capital has been loaded up and dumped into concentration camps in Anatolia to prevent undesirable elements running amuck and looting

when the shadow of the sword creeps closer to Samsoun. The large Greek population in the Phanar district, washed by the waters of the Golden Horn, is in a state bordering on terror.

Maid in Houses. Some, by dint of heavy bribes, succeeded in securing but the remainder were practically held prisoners in their houses. As the yoke on the fringes of restless Istanbul, with a multitude of fanatical Kurdish hordes, a not unlikely contingency is a general massacre of Christians. To give the government its due, it realizes the danger to foreigners and Christians, and has delegated a strong military force to hold Istanbul down. It would gladly deport a few thousand hordes to Asia Minor, but dare not lest in the real test offered an anti-Christian rising would be precipitated.

First Needs met. The Turkish fleet is practically immobilized and in want of coal. The Brasilia, however, is active, and returned to the Bosphorus on Saturday night after a cruise in the Black Sea. The captain declared he was unable to continue the cruise owing to the poor steaming quality of the coal in his bunkers. A desperate effort is being made to patch up the Goeben, and the Germans are working night and day on the injured vessel, which is now in the bay near the Bosphorus, and close to the Thraxia. Owing to her draught the Germans are unable to put her into drydock, and a cofferdam has been built around the ship.

FRENCH GAINING TRENCHES DAILY IN CHAMPAGNE

German Losses in Twenty Days Estimated at Fifty Thousand.

FOE'S MORALE SHOWN

French Victories Due to Artillery and Certain Irresistible Spirit.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

CHALONS-SUR-MARNE, France, March 28.—Eleven thousand German dead have been taken from the trenches won by the French during 20 days of fighting in the Champagne country. The German losses in killed, in prisoners, and in wounded are estimated by the French military authorities at 50,000. The German wastage, they say, has been two to one compared with the French losses, because the Germans would try to regain lost ground by counter-attacks, repeated again and again, with obstinate courage.

It was in these counter assaults, supported by relatively inadequate artillery, and what the French officers assert was inadequate morale, against the allied troops that so many German soldiers have fallen. The graves in which they are buried by hundreds and by hundreds are thick upon a narrow front of some fifteen miles.

Foe Heavily Reinforced. For nearly a month now the French, their officers declare by the superiority of their artillery, of both large and small calibre, and by a certain tactical spirit, have day by day extended ground, sometimes a few hundred yards of trenches; on other days a mile of frontage and from 300 to 500 yards deep.

The Germans are bringing up new contingents steadily. They have had in action on this segment of the fighting lines during March, five army corps, or about 300,000 men. Yet, on

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BELGIAN AVIATORS MADE DARING RAID

Bombs Dropped on German Aeroplane Depot at Ghietelles and Damage Done.

GERMAN AIRMEN TAKEN

Flying Machine Brought Down by French Guns Near Badonvillers.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

PARIS, March 28.—Belgian aviators, Saturday, raided the German aviation camp at Ghietelles, seven miles southwest of Bruges, and inflicted considerable damage. East of the heights of the Meuse, near Mancheville, the French army of the Meuse captured about 500 yards of trenches. Part of these were lost in a third German counter-attack. The Germans made two counter-attacks to regain the lost ground, and were driven back with losses, before they were able to gain a footing in their old positions again. Fighting here is proceeding. About 100 yards of trenches were captured from the Germans at Les Eparges. A German aeroplane which was engaged in bomb throwing operations and succeeded in throwing one bomb near Badonvillers, was brought down by French artillery fire and the pilot and observer were captured. The French troops holding Hartmann's Weilerkopf, which they captured from the Germans last Friday, have succeeded in fortifying their newly won ground, in their attacks which made them masters of the summit of this important mountain, the French soldiers captured six officers, 24 non-commissioned officers, and 233 men of the German army, all of whom are unwounded. In addition they made many wounded men captive.

MOTHER OF PREMIER IS AT DEATH'S DOOR

HALIFAX, March 28.—Word from Grand Pre, N.S., tonight states that the condition of Mrs. Borden, mother of Sir Robert L. Borden, is very critical. She is unconscious, and there is practically no hope held out for her recovery.

Men's Hats For Easter. The coming holiday and spring weather means to most every man in Toronto the purchase of a new hat. Where should he buy it? Without hesitation one's reply would most likely be "where the greatest choice and values are shown." Yes, and that's surely at Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

Saturday was a record for the year at this popular house, and business is likely to be a regular rush all week. Decide to get yours today.

