

HUN RETREAT IS NOT WORKING WELL

Germans Compelled Captives To Work at Digging Trenches For New Line Now Occupied

Hundreds of Women and Girls Sent Into Germany on the Ostensible Plea that They Were Required for Work in the Fatherland.

(Special by The Daily Gleaner's leased wire.)
With the British Armies Allied, March 23.—Not only did the Germans sweep their clear of home, supplies and roads, but in many cases they swept it clear of its womanhood. In some districts women between fifteen and fifty were forced to go back into the interior of Germany. The inhabitants left behind were given to understand they were being forced to work for Germany.

At Rouey le Grand, I was told of 400 women and girls between those ages had been driven to the interior for work. When I asked "why?" the refugees merely shrugged their shoulders. An old man here—he said he was 65—told me in a quivering voice as we stood on a ruined street at Rouey le Grand: "I have lived three miles northwest of St. Quentin since a year ago, when the boches made me dig trenches, along with hundreds of other Frenchmen. They paid us fifty cents a day and it was script money, which Lile and other French cities had been forced to print for the invaders."

"The new German line on which we worked is extraordinarily strong. I am positive the Germans intend to hold it if they can. It is about a mile wide, counting the support lines and communicating trenches and roads, and with famous field entanglements. Months ago the German forces

came here with numbers of other old folks like myself and children. Both men and women of from fifteen to fifty, and in some districts up to sixty, were forced to go into the interior. I understood they were forced to work for Germany.

There is no doubt of the strength of the new German line on which this old man and scores of other civilians had worked. As the Franco-British forces approached nearer to it today the fighting became stiffer and stiffer. The British and French are pinning the retreating Germans tighter against the Artois-Cambria-St. Quentin-La Fere-Lens line.

WM. PHILIP SIMMS.

SEEK INCREASED COAL PRODUCTION

Sir George E. Foster Calls a Meeting of N. S. Mine Operators for April 2.

(Special by The Daily Gleaner's leased wire.)
Ottawa, March 23.—Sir George Foster has called a conference of Nova Scotia mine operators for Monday, April 2, to consider the whole problem of the coal output and its transportation.

The coal situation is particularly acute, owing to the diminution of output of the Nova Scotia mines said to be due to the large lack of labor and difficulties in transportation.

Previous to the war some two million tons were supplied to the St. Lawrence river districts. Under present conditions only a nominal quantity can be delivered. This would have the effect of throwing us on the United States to supply the deficiency. Under the conditions which prevailed last winter there might be great scarcity and consequent suffering.

Sir George has communicated with all the mine operators as to information in regard to output, labor and transportation. He has asked them to meet him in a conference at Ottawa on April 2, so as to take up the whole question, with the idea of getting some solution in the form of increased output and increased transportation facilities.

U. S. SOLDIER SHOT AT PORTLAND

(Special by The Daily Gleaner's leased wire.)
Portland, Me., March 23.—Two men, supposed to be endeavoring to destroy one or more of Fort Williams' 12-inch guns, shot Private John Poor early today. The men had gained entrance to the reservation and were approaching one of the big guns, when Poor saw them. He attempted to capture them and grappled with the intruders. One drew a revolver and shot him in the groin. The men escaped. Medical examiners today declared the bullet was one of heavy calibre, possibly an army revolver. It is believed the shot will prove fatal, according to physicians at the post hospital, where Poor was taken.

EXTEND BLOCKADE TO ARCTIC OCEAN

(By special cable and leased wire to The Daily Gleaner.)
Christiania, March 23.—The foreign official notification was made today that Germany had instituted a blockade of the Arctic Ocean between Norway and the Arctic Ocean.

The new blockade is manifestly aimed to prevent shipments to the Russian port of Archangel, which will be free of ice within a few months, and which has always been a great centre of imports for Russia.

Skating at the Rink tonight.



A scene from Thomas Dixon's 'Fall of a Nation', to be shown at the Gem Wed. & Thur., 28 and 29.

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EVA BOYLE SENT TO PENITENTIARY

Montreal Woman Who Killed Her Lover Sentenced to Seven Years in Prison.

(Special by The Daily Gleaner's leased wire.)
Montreal, March 23.—Eva Boyle was sentenced this morning to seven years in penitentiary for manslaughter.

Mr. Robert Bickerdike, M. P., accompanied a delegation to the court house yesterday to interview Mr. Justice Laverne to ask for clemency for Boyle, who was found guilty of manslaughter last Saturday in connection with the death of Albert Haynes, her lover. Crown Prosecutor Walsh went with the delegation to the chambers of Mr. Justice Laverne, where they had a talk for some fifteen minutes with His Lordship, who while he did not state what sentence he would impose, said he was pleased to receive the delegation and would take their recommendation for clemency into consideration.

LATEST

(By special cable and leased wire to The Daily Gleaner.)
The Hague, March 23.—Kaiser Wilhelm is on the verge of a nervous breakdown and has departed for Homburg, a health resort, according to private messages received here today. He will receive Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg there instead of at a German headquarters.

(Special by The Daily Gleaner's leased wire.)
Washington, March 23.—Jews will be admitted to the free or public schools of Russia under the new democratic government of that nation, according to a cablegram from Ambassador Francis. This tremendous reform in Russia's antipathy to the Jewish race is one of the first reforms instituted by the new government.

(Special by The Daily Gleaner's leased wire.)
Vancouver, March 23.—The Grand Trunk Pacific steamer Prince Rupert is reported around twenty miles this side of Prince Rupert. It is reported to be deep in water but the passengers safe.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

Quebec, March 23.—A message from Notre Dame des Anges, Que., says that a powder magazine was blown up at three o'clock this morning and that four men have been injured, two of them seriously. The shock of the explosion was serious and was felt far from the magazine, and windows were shattered over a large area. The magazine was the property of the Weedon Mining Co.

Two hundred boxes of dynamite were in the magazine when blown up and the small village was severely rocked by the shock. Not a single pane of glass is to be seen for miles around the place and the effect of the explosion was felt in the parishes of St. Casimir, St. Albans and Port Neuf, a score of miles away. The reflection of the explosion was also plainly visible in these parishes.

THE DEPOSED EMPEROR.

Tsar Nicholas, Russia, March 23.—On his arrival here today in the custody of four members of the Duma, Nicholas Romanoff, the deposed Emperor, was turned over immediately to the Alexanderovskiy palace, where the former Empress Alexandra already was interned. The special train carrying the former ruler arrived at 1.30 o'clock on the branch line outside Alexanderovskiy park.

The Stock Market

(By Special Wires to J. M. Robinson & Son, Fredericton.)
New York, March 23.—The stock market quotations today follow:

American Beet Sugar	93
American Can	48 1/4
American Locomotive	73
American Smelters	87 1/2
Anaconda	84 1/2
Atchafalpa	103 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	57 1/2
Canadian Pacific	166
Crescent	71 1/2
China Copper	57 1/2
Central Leather	94 1/2
Erie	28 1/2
Kennecott Copper	47 1/2
Lead	61
Marine preferred	93 1/2
Marine common	35 1/2
Mexican Petroleum	93 1/2
Maxwell	52 1/2
New York Central	97
Pennsylvania	54 1/2
Paper	43
Reading	97 1/2
Rep. Iron and Steel	84 1/2
Southern Railway	28 1/2
Southern Pacific	94 1/2
Studebaker	103 1/2
Union Pacific	139 1/2
United States Steel	116 1/2
Utah	112 1/2
Westinghouse	62 1/2
Wool	51

Montreal Market.

Brazilian	43
Brompton	57 1/2
Bridge	136
Cement	64 1/2
Civil Power	81 1/2
Dominion Iron	67 1/2
Detroit	116 1/2
Dominion Textile	84 1/2
Macdonald	15
Scoti	100
Smelters	82
Steel Company	39 1/2
Ships common	39 1/2
Shawinigan	125
Spanish River	17 1/2
Quebec	26
Toronto Railway	89 1/2
Riordan Pulp	121 1/2

French Official Statement Today

Paris, March 23.—A violent attack was made by the Germans last night north of St. Simon, in the region east of Ham. Today's war office announcement says the Germans gained some ground at the beginning, but were counter-attacked immediately and driven back as far as Seracourt Le Grand, three miles northeast of St. Simon.

The French continued to advance north of Soissons. Fresh detachments crossed the Ailette. The statement says details which had been received regarding the attack by the Germans on the Vrognv Chivres line show that they suffered heavy losses. Two companies of French chasseurs, who were isolated for a moment from the remainder of the troops cut their way through and brought back prisoners.

"North of St. Simon the enemy made a violent attack last night on our positions near the village of Artois. Our troops were thrown back slightly at first but immediately counter-attacked with vigor and succeeded in driving the enemy as far as Seracourt-Le-Grand.

"There was heavy artillery fighting between the Somme and the Oise further detachments crossed the Ailette. There was intermittent cannonading in the hill region. "North of Soissons we made new progress. It is now learned that the attack made by the enemy against the Vrognv Chivres front was extremely violent. The Germans hurled an entire regiment at a single point. Two of our companies of Chasseurs, momentarily isolated, succeeded in fighting in getting their way through the enemy and brought back prisoners."

FATHER MALONEY DEAD AT ST. JOHN

(Special by The Daily Gleaner's leased wire.)
St. John, N. B., March 23.—Rev. Martin Maloney, C. S. R., died at St. Peter's rectory here today, aged 62 years. He belonged here. He was ordained in 1888 by Cardinal Gibbons. For a time Father Maloney was stationed in Toronto.

REORGANIZATION OF VETERANS' ASS'N.

(Continued from page twelve.)
Other speakers, including "Corp. Jimmie" King, Lieut. Frank Ryder, Corp. John Jones, Sergeant Drummer Gregory, Lieut. Leigh Stevens, Sergt. Major Appleby and Captain Albert Sturds, all good ideas looking to playing the local association on a firm footing and the several means that might be undertaken to raise the necessary funds.

It was finally moved by Colonel Guthrie, and seconded by Sergt. Major Appleby, that a committee composed of Capt. Percy F. Godenrath, Lieut. Frank Ryder and Sergt. Raymond Brewster be appointed. This committee has in hand the arrangements for a big public dance to be held after Easter at the Old Government House, which, with the use of the brass and pipe bands, was offered by the Kiltie commander. The committee will also make preparations for holding a public memorial service in commemoration of the battle of Ypres, to be held Sunday, April 22nd.

After the adoption of a constitution and completing the reorganization of the European War Veterans' Association it was suggested that a public subscription be held at which His Worship the Mayor and aldermen of the city, heads of fraternal organizations and the parents and relatives of those at the front and returned soldiers be invited to attend. A concrete plan will then be outlined for the support of the general public with a view to placing the Fredericton organization in a position to care for its own returning heroes beyond any further criticism.

MANDOT THE WINNER.

New Orleans, La., March 23.—Joe Mandot, of New Orleans, was given the referee's decision over Jimmie Miner of Memphis, at the end of a round bout here last night. Mandot was credited with every round. The men are lightweights.

ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

Petrograd (via London), March 23.—By numerous counter-attacks the Russians have repulsed the breach made in their lines by the Germans near the Beresina river, east of Lida, on the Russian front, in a recent attack, the War Office announced today.

THE GERMAN STORY.

Berlin (via Sayville), March 23.—Heavy losses were inflicted by the Germans yesterday upon French troops who had crossed the Somme Crozat canal, in the vicinity of St. Simon, army headquarters announced today. The French were repulsed and 230 prisoners and several machine guns were taken.

AMERICAN SHIPS SUNK SINCE FEB. 1

Feb. 3—Housatonic, no casualties.
Feb. 13—Lyman M. Law, no casualties.
March 12—Algonquin, unwarmed, no casualties.
March 16—Vigilance, unwarmed, not missing.
March 17—City of Memphis, warned.
March 18—Illinois, no casualties.
March 21—Healdton, unwarmed, 21 missing.

MONTREAL LOOKS FOR HOT DEBATE

Montreal City Council to Discuss Mayor's Letter on Adoption Militia Act.

(Special by The Daily Gleaner's leased wire.)
Montreal, March 23.—When the City Council meets today Mayor Martin's letter respecting the resolution adopted by the Board of Trade on the enforcement of the Militia act will again come up for discussion. At Monday's meeting the matter was first deferred and then disposed of by an adjournment. The mayoral communication came on the order of the day for consideration at the special meeting this afternoon.

Mayor Martin, in his letter, informs the Council that the enforcement of the militia act would be inopportune, and that the enforcement of the militia act, far from aiding the object in view, would tend to paralyze the agricultural pursuits of the country, and it would thus prevent Canada from supplying to the Empire the foodstuffs needed to carry on the war.

NO RETIREMENT ON CANADIAN FRONT

No Signs that the Germans Contemplate a Move-Until They Are Forced.

Canadian Headquarters in France, March 23.—Evidence was supplied this morning by the enemy on the Canadian front that the German retirement south of Arras has not yet extended to the line held by the Canadians. The German guns, which have been returning a spasmodic fire to the increasing volume of our fire, suddenly opened up with great vigor yesterday. After artillery preparation, a raiding attack was made in the early dawn on the Canadians, who took a number of prisoners in the raid of the previous evening. The Canadians were ready for the enemy and a heavy fire was at once directed on the attacking force, which sustained considerable losses without at any point penetrating our lines.

CHILDREN'S AID RECEIVES OFFER

(Continued from page twelve.)
for destitute children in the country, outside of the city, is also to be looked into, as it was stated that parish officers in one instance had not given any encouragement that financial help would be given for the support of dependent children from that parish, for whose assistance application had been made to the society.

AMERICANS ARE LEAVING AUSTRIA

Geneva, March 23.—Two American engineers, who have just arrived from Vienna, after being delayed for a fortnight at the frontier, say that United States Ambassador Penfield, his staff, and many American families, have packed their belongings and are ready to leave the Austrian capital at any moment. The travellers say that Austrians generally believe that war with America is inevitable, but are not much concerned over the prospect. They added that food was very dear, but could be obtained in the hotels. The poorer classes, however, are suffering horribly.

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