

BRITISH GAINS AT YPRES AND BAGDAD

Fall of Bagdad Reported Imminent—Enver Pasha Wounded—Ground Held in Flanders

London despatches say: The British official communication issued on Sunday night says: "Grenade fighting continued last night in the craters northeast of Yermelles. To-day the enemy artillery has been active about Loos and northeast of Ypres. The situation in Ypres-Comines Canal is quiet, and our troops retain the ground gained there March 2." The Germans were heavily bombarding Sunday night the position known as the Bluff and the trenches taken by the British from them in the early morning assault on March 2. The British guns are retaliating with great intensity on the enemy's front line. The whole struggle there has revealed the distinctive power of the artillery on both sides and the extreme difficulty of maintaining a position on which a large number of guns are concentrated. The enemy must be firing with at least 200 guns of all calibres in the neighborhood of the Bluff, and since February 14 the artillery duel has slackened for only brief intervals.

Bosches Napping On the afternoon of March 1, cables a London newspaper correspondent, our men could hardly be restrained from leaving cover and rushing the enemy's position. The Germans were prepared to receive the assault, but it did not take place then, and instead our troops began to bombard their front line and communication trenches, so that they must have suffered heavy losses. Then suddenly our infantry launched an assault, a few minutes later. The enemy in the front line trenches which we took appeared dazed.

Good News From Orient The fall of Bagdad is considered imminent, according to an Athens despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company. Advances from a diplomatic source in Constantinople, adds the despatch, are to the effect that an attempt has been made to assassinate Enver Pasha, the war minister, who was wounded.

REFERENDUM IN ONTARIO

Measure For Prohibition of Liquor Endorsed by Party Leaders

Hon. W. H. Hearst, Prime Minister of Ontario, in the Legislature on Thursday announced that his Government would in the bill to be submitted to the people go to the limit of provincial powers in prohibiting the sale of alcoholics. The bill is to be brought down within ten days, and the referendum taken during the summer. The Opposition leader, N. W. Rowell, K.C., promised his fullest support in furthering the measure in the House and before the electorate. He would prefer to have the bill passed immediately by the House but would not press this suggestion. The bill will provide for resubmission to the voters after the end of the war and the return of the soldiers.

Canadian Prohibition

House of Commons Favorably Debates War-time Proposal

An Ottawa despatch says: It looks as if Parliament will pass some strongly prohibitive measure at its present session. That seemed to be the feeling at midnight Monday when the House of Commons rose after an all-day debate on the resolution of Mr. H. H. Stevens and Hon. Charles Marcil calling for the Dominion-wide total prohibition of the importation, manufacture and sale of all intoxicating beverages until the end of the war. The Government is believed prepared to offer a compromise when the discussion is resumed next Monday.

Wen Medal and Clasp

Canadian General Headquarters in France reported as follows on Saturday: In connection with the minor operation of our 10th battalion on the night of February 4, the following decorations have been awarded: Military Cross—Lieuts. S. S. Kent, A. S. Trimmer and L. Younger; Distinguished Conduct Medal—Sergt. A. O. Budd and Pres. F. S. Cox, G. F. Sixty and L. Zuidema; Clasp to Distinguished Conduct Medal—Sergt. E. R. Milne. Sergt. Milne is the first Canadian to achieve the distinction of winning a D.C.M. and a clasp in the present war.

B.C.'s Building Opened

A despatch from London says: Coincident with the retirement of Hon. J. H. Turner and the assumption by Sir Richard McBride of the Office of Agent-General in London, the Province of British Columbia on Monday quite unostentatiously opened up a building in the West End of London which surpasses any overseas building in the metropolis.

Trebizond Threatened

A Petrograd despatch says: The Russians have won yet another important victory over the Turks. On March 4 troops landed from transports under the cover of fire from the fleet and occupied the town of Atina, on the Black Sea coast to the east of Trebizond. Deploying rapidly southward, they forced the Turks to evacuate their positions.

Italians Get Revenge

A Geneva despatch says: Eight hundred Austrian soldiers in barracks were killed or wounded in the raid made by Italian aeroplanes Feb. 19 on the city of Laibach, according to information received here Monday. One of the Italian aeroplanes was destroyed.

400 Lost on Spanish Ship

A New York telegram says: "It is believed that more than 400 lives were lost in the wreck of the Spanish steamer Principe de Asturias off the Brazilian coast Sunday."

GERMANS TAKE FORGES ADVANCE NO FARTHER

French Counter-attacks Check Progress Along Meuse—Mining on British Front With Cannoning

A London despatch says: Forges, on the western bank of the Meuse, nine miles northwest of Verdun, was captured Monday by the Germans, in a violent attack, the French War Office announced Monday night. The enemy then made several attempts to debouch on Goose Hill, but French counter-attacks checked his advance and drove him back into the village. On the eastern bank of the Meuse an intermittent artillery action prevailed all day. No German infantry attacks were launched either Sunday or Monday. The enemy is reported to be bringing up more fresh divisions to replace those who were thrown into the fighting as reinforcements several days ago. The French continued to bombard the roads in the rear of the Germans. The German official statement of Monday afternoon reported that the night passed quietly on the front north of Verdun, as compared with previous nights and days. The British official communication issued Monday night says: "Last night we sprang a mine to the northeast of Vermelles. To-day the enemy sprang a mine near the Hohenzollern redoubt, but no attack followed. We suffered no casualties. Artillery on both sides has been active about Albert, Hulluch and Ypres."

Douaumont Undecided

Paris despatches on Sunday night said: It is stated semi-officially that the battle at Verdun continued to-day with the same intensity and without causing any change in the respective positions of the opposing armies. Fighting is still going on for definite possession of the village of Douaumont. Another attempt by the Crown Prince's army to break through the French line was made Saturday night, but the line held and the Germans fell back to their own trenches. Sunday morning a German force attacked in the woods just east of Vacherauville, but with no success. The midnight statement reports a furious artillery battle in this region. So far as changes of position go, however, neither side has extended or withdrawn its lines. The outskirts of Douaumont village are still in French hands, the Germans holding the shattered houses and shell-swept streets.

Horrible Statistics

French artillery officers who took part in the battle of Verdun estimate that during the first four days of the struggle the Germans discharged 2,000,000 shells, most of them of heavy calibres. The number of projectiles fired by the French probably was as great. In front of the village of Vaux alone 4,000 German corpses were counted after the eighth unsuccessful attack. Information from semi-official sources points out that it must be demoralizing to the Germans to see some 40,000 to 50,000 corpses of their comrades lying before the French lines. Reinforcements brought up by the Germans since the inauguration of the second phase of the battle on Wednesday are estimated here at 250,000 men. The Germans in their assaults are using several sorts of burning liquid projectors. The radius of action is ordinarily from sixty to ninety feet. Some French soldiers have been burned to a crisp by the flaming liquid. Other chemical weapons used by the Germans in this battle include asphyxiating shells, vapors which irritate the eye, and incendiary shells.

How Provence Sank

Terpedoed and Boilers Soon Exploded, Says a Survivor

A Paris despatch says: That the French auxiliary cruiser Provence, which was sunk in the Mediterranean on February 25 with the loss of over 3,000 troops, was the victim of a torpedo is made plain by the story told by one of the survivors, which, in part, has reached here. "Every man would have been saved," says the survivor, whose name is Bokanowski, "if it had been within human possibility and the physical capacity of officers and crew. Unfortunately, the ship settled rapidly. The water soon got to the boilers, which began exploding within a few minutes."

Moewe "Home" Again?

Raider Had Big Success, is the Berlin Claim

A Berlin despatch on Sunday said: Official announcement was made here to-day that the German cruiser Moewe arrived to-day in a German port. She had on board a large number of British prisoners and 1,000,000 marks in gold bars (about \$250,000). The announcement says 15 vessels were sunk by the Moewe. A London despatch said: "There is general suspicion here that German official announcement that the Moewe has reached a 'home port' is intended to put the British Admiralty off the scent."

School Boys For Farms

To meet the scarcity of farm labor in the Province caused by the number of men who have enlisted, and to insure no falling off this year in agricultural production, the Ontario Government has decided to release some 15,000 boys from the high schools during the summer months, and will make such provision if these boys engage in productive farm work they will receive cash standing without examination and promotion will follow in due course.

Brewster Won in Victoria

By a majority of 2,397 votes, H. O. Brewster, Liberal candidate, for Victoria in Saturday's by-election for the Provincial Legislature of British Columbia, was elected over Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt, Conservative, Provincial Treasurer. The returns were: Brewster, 4,324; Flumerfelt, 2,427. Majority for Brewster, 2,397. Mr. Brewster is leader of the Liberal party.

Forty thousand German cavalrymen are on their way to the front near Ypres.

THRIFT CAMPAIGN ON: KITCHENER'S DEMANDS

"Save" is New War-cry—Either People or Army Must Lack—Asquith's Illness

A great meeting was held in the Guild Hall at London on Wednesday to inaugurate a national savings campaign. Premier Asquith was to have spoken but he was suffering from the loss of his voice, and was unable to attend. A cold which he recently contracted settled in his throat. He will be unable to deliver any long speeches for several months, and may be unable ever again to engage in debate. Chancellor McKenna moved that the meeting recognize that no sacrifice was too great to insure victory, and that it pledged itself to use all means to that end. Lord Kitchener seconded this resolution, which was carried unanimously. The meeting represented the provincial authorities throughout the country. Lord Kitchener said: "We want just as many men as we can get as soldiers. We are bound to take all the men that can possibly be spared from industry, agriculture and commerce. We cannot produce all our ordinary peace-time requirements. Either the population must go short of many things or the army must go short of munitions and other indispensable things. If everyone works his hardest," Earl Kitchener concluded, "and produces everything the army needs, all save everything possible to invest in Government securities, they will be doing their bit. If they fail in this duty, they are injuring their friends in the trenches and injuring the national cause."

WAR OFFICE CONTROLS

Hon. Robert Rogers Describes Connection Between Ottawa and London

In a patriotic speech at Massey Hall, Toronto, on Sunday night, Hon. Robert Rogers gave an assurance that troops here were being raised, and all military operations carried out only after consultation of Canadian military authorities with those of England. If troops were not being moved as fast as some people thought they should, it was completely in accordance with the plans of the British war office. "We are now in the closest possible touch with Lord Kitchener and the war office. No steps have been taken and no policy adopted without the approval and endorsement of those authorities," he assured the audience. Everything, he said, was being done upon the advice and counsel of those who are responsible for the carrying on of this great struggle. "That has been our policy in the past and so it will be in the future. And if occasionally you do not seem to be able to understand just what is being done, let me assure you that we are being guided by the wisdom of those who are responsible for the work for the time being."

RUSS. STORM BITLIS

Twenty Good Krupp Guns Taken Near Trebizond

A Petrograd Despatch on Sunday said: The following official communication regarding the capture of Bitlis was issued by the war office: "Details of the capture of Bitlis show that our troops attacked the position without firing a shot. The attack was made at night during a snowstorm. About 5 o'clock in the morning a bayonet charge was ordered, and the Turks, after a desperate resistance, were dislodged. The few artillery positions were stormed after hand-to-hand fighting, with the result that the defenders, who fought with the greatest desperation, were all killed. On the position and in pursuit of the enemy we captured twenty guns of the latest Krupp type, all of which were in good condition. We also captured on the position a huge quantity of gun and rifle cartridges and in Bitlis itself a large depot of artillery munitions."

Zeppelins Roamed Widely

Twelve Killed and Many Injured in Eastern Counties

An official statement in London on Monday said: "The number of Zeppelins which took part in last night's raid is now believed to have been three. After crossing the coast the airships took various courses, and from the devious nature of their flight apparently were uncertain as to their bearings. The area visited included Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Essex and Kent. As far as is known, about forty bombs were dropped altogether. The casualties, so far as ascertained, amount to: Killed, three men, four women, five children; injured, thirty-three."

Turkey Seeking Peace

London despatches say: The correspondent of a news service learns on excellent authority that reports to the effect that the Turks are seeking separate peace are well founded. Athens reports that the Turks are clearing the Dardanelles of mines and will open the straits, with a view to seeking peace.

Italy Backs Salandra

A despatch from Rome on Saturday said: The Chamber of Deputies gave Signor Salandra's Government a vote of confidence of 278 to 49, on the occasion of a motion by the Socialist leader Turati to open a discussion on the whole conduct of the war on the Government's foreign policy.

Wilson Won in Senate

By a vote of 68 to 14 the Senate on Friday carried out President Wilson's wish, and killed Senator Gore's resolution to warn Americans off armed belligerent ships.

Vice-Admiral Ferdinand Jean Jacques de Bon has been appointed Chief of the General Staff of the French Marine, replacing Vice-Admiral de Vouquiers.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Wm. Nelson, of Kemble, and her son, Hezekiah, of Owen Sound, visited last week with the former's niece, Mrs. T. C. Morton. Mrs. Nelson is 79 years of age and has not seen Mrs. Morton for thirty-eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. Leggette and family left yesterday for New Chatelet, Alberta, where he intends to remain. We wish him success.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Bourne left Friday afternoon for their home at Invermay, Sask., Mr. Bourne has been out there for a number of years, but came east on a visit about Christmas and returns with a helpmate. We wish them every comfort, and a prosperous and happy life.

Mrs. Francis Green has returned from Victoria Memorial Hospital Toronto where she underwent a successful operation for throat trouble.

Miss Flo Limin has returned after spending a month in Galt, Hamilton, and Toronto.

Mr. Ed. Watson has gone to Windsor, where he has a position in an automobile factory.

Miss Devena Warrington has taken a position in Pickering for the spring millinery season.

Mr. Donald McLachlan of British Columbia was here at the funeral of his brother, Mr. Alex. McLachlan.

Rev. Mr. Moyer is in Toronto. P. G. Goleby left yesterday morning to commence training with the 14th Battalion in Owen Sound.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nicholls of Toronto, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McClocklin.

Eight Guelph lads under twenty have been sent home by the military authorities in London, England, as too young to endure the work in the trenches.

William Munro, manager of the Bank of Montreal at Chicago for 24 years, died suddenly at Bourne-mouth, England, aged 78. He was born at Perth, Ont.

As a result of complaints made by a farmer near Lake Erie, proceedings are to be instituted, against prominent professional men of Chatham on a charge of supplying drugs.

Earl Scrandrett, 25, a moulder at moulder at the McClary Manufacturing Company's factory at London, leaped through a second storey window and saved six-year-old Willie Woodley who had broken through the ice on the river.

Lady Drummond, superintendent of the Canadian Red Cross Society in London, says that the 22nd Battalion, have covered themselves with glory, "they are so brave and so clever at thinking out devices to catch the Germans."

There was considerable artillery activity around Ypres yesterday.

The Dutch Government may put on a tax of 25 per cent on war profits.

St. Louis Mo., voted yesterday to segregate negroes in separate blocks.

Unofficial reports say that 850 lives were lost when the steamer La Provence was sunk in the Mediterranean on Saturday.

"No secret treaty exists or ever existed between the Netherlands and Germany," is the positive statement of the Dutch Foreign Minister.

The captain of the Swedish steamer, Tolborg, sunk in the Mediterranean, says that it was an Austrian submarine that sent his vessel to the bottom.

The operation of Ireland's Home Rule Act has again been postponed by an order-in-council for six months, unless the war is ended before that time.

CORNER CONCERNS.

Mrs. Wm. Freeman of Teeswater spent last week with her brothers and sisters in this locality, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Holstein.

Mr. Thos. Tucker is in Hamilton, attending a provincial meeting of the Orange Order.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Holstein spent a couple of days last week with relatives in this neighborhood.

A party was given to the young people by Mr. Robt. Wilson and sister a few evenings ago, when a pleasant time was enjoyed by many guests.

Rev. Mr. Morris will hold a prayer meeting at Mr. Jas. Tucker's on Wednesday evening of next week. A number of St. Paul's young people took part in the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Wm Law-

rence on Friday night, and enjoyed the evening very much.

Mr. Robt. Nelson, had a number of friends at his home on Friday night and they all had a rousing good time.

To overcome the labor problem the farmers are co-operating by cutting their year's supply of wood with the aid of a gasoline sawing outfit.

BOTH SATISFIED

"The best thing that ever happened to me," sneered the young man to his former employer, "was when you fired me. I went out and got a regular job."

"That's all right," replied the old boss, "I'm glad you're satisfied. Firing you didn't hurt the firm a particle."

Advertisement for Homeseekers Excursions. Text: 'Every Tuesday, March to October "All Rail" Every Wednesday During Season Navigation "Great Lakes Route" Somewhere out on the prairies where last year Canada's Greatest Wheat Crop was produced there is a home waiting for you. THE CANADIAN PACIFIC will take you there, give you all the information about the best places, and help you to succeed. Particulars from any Canadian Pacific Ticket Agent, or write W. B. Howard, District Passenger Agent, Toronto.'

Advertisement for The Ontario Wind Engine and Pump Company. Text: 'The Ontario Wind Engine and PUMP COMPANY Manufacture the Cheapest and the Best Pumping Outfit on the Market. Sold by W. D. Connor Durham - Ontario'

Advertisement for Dressmaking Miss Shields. Text: 'DRESSMAKING Miss Shields well known in this district as an authority on style is in charge of our New Dressmaking Parlors and will be glad to meet her patrons and welcome new customers and give them the benefit of her wide experience. Let her help you choose your material and suggest a style. Materials must be purchased in the store. Style and fit guaranteed. Write for appointments Note new Address. Imported Dress Goods, Silks, Wash Goods Ready-to-Wear Garments Rugs and Draperies Neckwear, Hosiery, Corsets Swiss Embroideries, Etc. Allow Us to Mail You Samples Prompt Service Our Phone Number is 69 The Brookes-Kelley Store Owen Sound'

THE DURHAM CHRONICLE W IRWIN, Editor and PUBLISHER DURHAM, MARCH THE LABOR PROBLEM The labor problem from the end of the war will prove to be a problem to solve. The all classes, are sought in the trenches, and millions of players of all kinds of find it hard to fill the open with the right kind. Many murmurs are going the farmers and many old fears are entering help on the farm. The coming season will be more secure than it ever was. The idea as set forth in the column to allow the leave of absence that help in part to overcome difficulty and no doubt students from the big will find their way to during the coming summer. It must not be thought moment that brain and not essential to the highest class of farming. The brain and brawn that into any work the better the case of high school many of them are from originally, and having apprenticeship they will develop into useful help or most kinds of it. Though farming requires there are many employ the farm that the ambitious and untrained boy adapt himself to, and the dire need of assisting make himself willing to best that's in him. True not don the khaki, nor ed to work in the trench labor on the farm will factor in winning the w ducing the world peace we all hope so sincerely. The man in the trench bear the brunt of the man in the munition to supply the deadly e war, but the man-on-t to feed them both, and in the fight just as mu of the other classes. The farmer is not hit by the scarcity of we endeavored to point nature of the labor is than in many other kin ployment. We don't h women have to turn the work that should o by men. Circumstances force us to tolerate co would otherwise dis may be, in fact it will in 1916 for many of our mothers, and sisters, t the field as their g did a half a century honor to those who ca while it may seem har natural for the fair e rage in field labor, the ercise may have its co in the improvement and developing a str better womanhood. It's astonishing what can do when he has to belief has long been the work has never killed yet. If we only wor worrying we'll come o We must face conditi are, and the more uni pull together the soo turmoil end and the v stored to its natural condition. Dr. James L. Hughes through the press on the farm labor problem tary Department calls subjects between 15 an to enter the service, b ready arranged to farmers return to the assist at the time w men are most neede refers to the vast an years of age and abo that is below and abo tary age limit as at p The retired farmer available, and could sistance, either by v planning. He also teachers and minister lot of farm work and for it. To the school look for help. Hundre dreds of boys under e be made use of. He many of the young w teams could be taught machines, and could f by doing light hoeing work. He also points children of 12 years would be benefited by and that the school might with profit be during war time.