

BRITISH FORCE GERMAN TO RETIRE AT LABASSE

By Mining Trenches in Rear of Givenchy.

GEN. FRENCH REPORTS

INCREASED GERMAN ACTIVITIES AROUND YPRES.

Where the Enemy Destroyed a British Trench and Advanced Their Lines—South of Yps, the Fire is Increasing in Volume.

London, Feb. 23.—The Germans are increasing their activities around Ypres, General French cabled in an official report to-day. By mining and destroying a British trench early Sunday, the Kaiser's troops have advanced their lines, the British commander admitted.

This German gain near Ypres was offset by a British victory in severe fighting around Labasse. The British successfully mined German trenches in the rear of Givenchy. The enemy was forced to retire along the canal bank. South of the River Lys, the artillery and rifle fire is daily increasing in volume, General French reported.

Rhinets Again Bombarded.

Paris, Feb. 23 (3 p.m. official).—Under a heavy bombardment by German guns, the noted cathedral at Rheims has again suffered severe damage, it was announced in official dispatches this afternoon.

Renewed of the bombardment of Rheims was first reported to the war office in official dispatches received yesterday. To-day's despatches declared that after abandoning the attack on Sunday night, the German gunners again directed their shells into the historic town all day yesterday, hurling more than 1,500 shells into the city itself. The first bombardment opened early in the morning. Most of the civilians fled to their cellars, but twenty persons were caught in the streets and killed by bursting shells. A score of houses caught fire. The flames were fanned by a strong wind and for a time threatened the destruction of a large part of the city.

Elsewhere along the battle line there has been little activity in the last twenty-four hours. Near the sea-coast, west of Lombaertzyde, two German infantry attacks broke down under a heavy gun fire.

French artillery silenced a German battery in the east Argonne region, between Malancourt and the Meuse, blowing up several ammunition wagons.

War Tidings.

Emperor William, during his visit to Loetzen, East Prussia, at the time of the recent operations, spoke of the necessity of dealing sparingly with food supplies.

An attempt to establish English recruiting offices in Tokio has been forbidden by the Japanese government, according to an announcement by the German semi-official news bureau.

Sir Edward Grey has sent to the state department through the British embassy in Washington a recent statement from Berlin attributing to the British the intention to destroy an American ship in the naval war zone and charge it to a German submarine with the expectation of precipitating a crisis between the United States and Germany.

The death of the first British clergyman killed in the war, Capt. Rev. Lionel Studt, curate of Holford.

A party of sixty Canadian nurses who arrived by the S.S. Zealand have been all well and in good spirits. Some will proceed to the front and others will be retained for hospital services in England.

A Norwegian Schooner Sunk Off Dover

London, Feb. 23.—The Norwegian schooner Regin was sunk in the English Channel to-day. She is believed to have been torpedoed by a German submarine. The Regin was engaged in carrying coal from Tyne to Bordeaux. An explosion wrecked her while she was picking her way through the channel off Dover. Her crew of twenty-two men were taken off and landed at Dover by nearby vessels.

TO RECRUIT NEW BATTERY FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

Orders have been received to recruit at once a new battery in the city for overseas service. This battery will be on the same establishment as the 22nd Battery, that left here last Thursday. In the battery will be 188 officers and men and of horses for a four-gun battery. Another battery will be mobilized at Ottawa, and with two others will be

IT PLEASES BERLIN PRESS

To Imagine That Britain's Naval Power is Humbled.

Berlin, via Amsterdam, Feb. 23.—The English flag has disappeared from the North Sea. In five days Von Tirpitz's new submarine policy has achieved a wonderful victory. Britain's naval power has been humbled before the eyes of the entire world.

This declaration, voiced by a Berlin paper to-day, was typical of the attitude of the German press on the subject of Germany's new submarine war fare on British merchantmen.

The Mussulmans Are Massacring The Armenians

Petrograd, Feb. 23.—Not until now have details become available as to the horrors perpetrated by the Turks during their occupation of Ardannuch, near the Trans-Caucasian frontier.

At Tiflis, according to the correspondent of the Russko Slovo, the enemy at first confined himself to pillage and slew only fifteen civilians. After the news of the Russian occupation of Ardannuch was received, however, the Mussulman threw off his mask and the same evening organized a systematic massacre of 150 Armenians.

Turkish residents, for years on friendly terms with the Armenians, slew their old acquaintances.

Fifty Armenians were removed from prison and compelled to leap one by one into the Abyss of Jenemders, known as the Devil's Gap.

Two hundred and fifty men were massacred at Tambot and their women carried into slavery.

COL. W. D. GORDON APPOINTED

To Divisional Staff Position in England By War Office.

Word has reached here from London that the British war office has appointed Col. W. D. Gordon, of Kingston, to a divisional staff position in England. Col. Gordon, who was formerly in command of the third divisional area here, has been in England for the past year and nine months. When war broke out, he offered his services to the war office, which has now accepted them. Col. Gordon was one of the best divisional officers in the Canadian service.

SCANDINAVIAN ENVOYS.

Meeting in Copenhagen to Discuss the Blockade.

London, Feb. 23.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Copenhagen says that the conference between the representatives of the Scandinavian governments over the situation, created by Germany's submarine blockade, was begun yesterday, but that the questions at issue were so important that it will be prolonged.

The despatch adds that it is understood that the Scandinavian countries are not planning to act in concert with Holland and the United States as the interests of the latter countries are entirely different from those of Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

J. L. P. Sanders has been appointed postmaster for Kempsville, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. H. Anderson.

"For delicate children," Cod Liver Oil Emulsion, 50c. size 25c., at Gilbert's.

CANADA SENT BRITAIN MORE WHEAT THAN EVER

The Other Exports of Canadian Agricultural Products Showed Some Decline.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The department of Trade and Commerce reports that Canada last year sent more wheat than ever before to Great Britain, and more than any other country except the United States. The total arrivals of Canadian wheat in Britain during 1914 was 31,457,090 cwt., as compared with 21,747,940 cwt., in 1913.

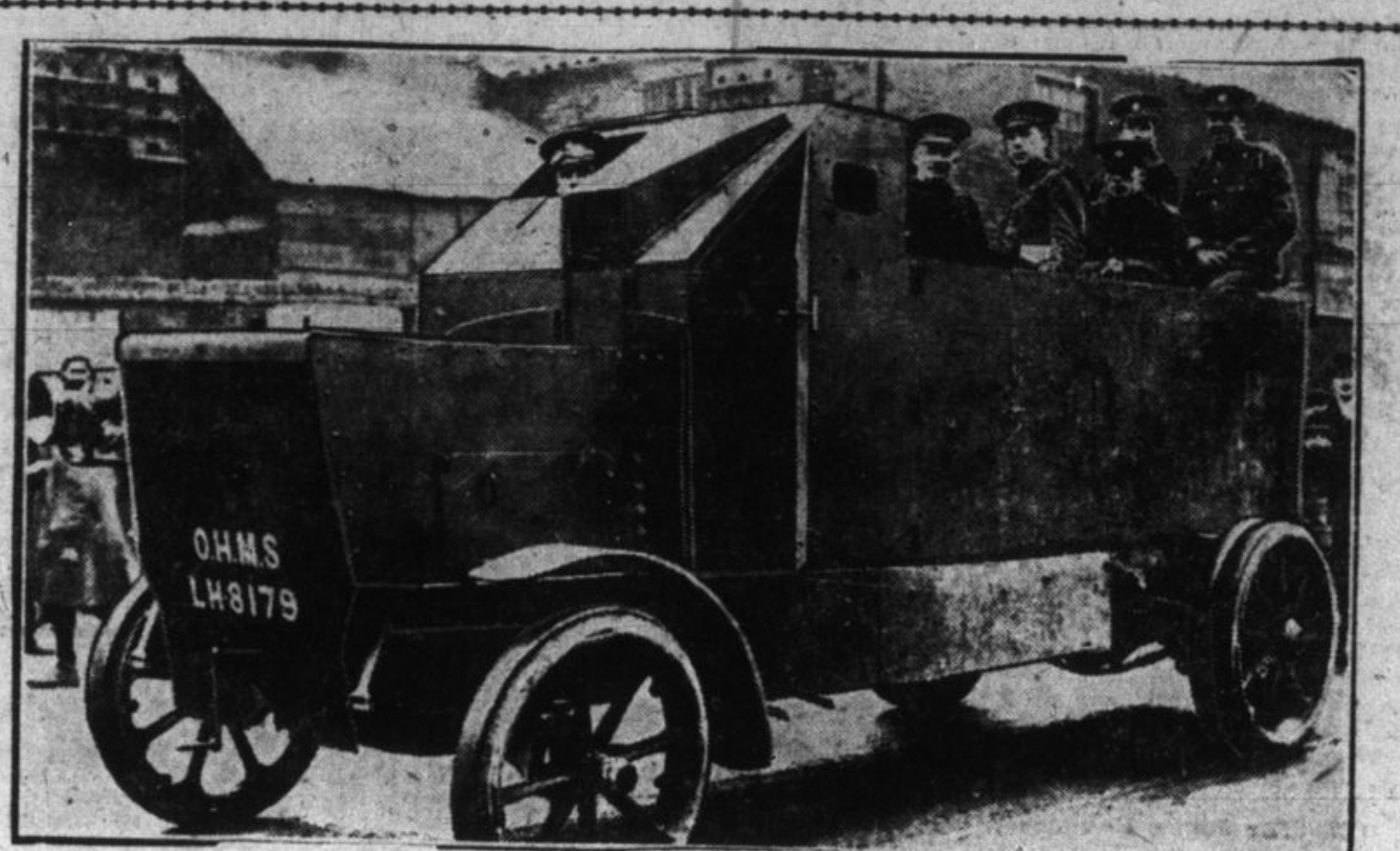
The United States sent 34,220,168 cwt., last year, out of a total of 193,944,542 cwt., imported by Great Britain.

Most of the other exports to Great Britain last year, however, showed a slight falling off. The exports of cheese were 1,167,778 cwt., as compared with 1,293,768 cwt., in 1913; of flour 3,227,933 cwt., as compared with 4,168,563 cwt., in 1913; of oats 1,753,263 cwt., as compared with 2,348,000 cwt., in 1913.

Forbidden Bishop to Read Pastoral Here, via Paris, Feb. 23.—The German military authorities have forbidden the reading of the Lenten pastoral letter issued by Monsignor Heylen, bishop of Namur, according to information received here, because it enumerates instances of indignities, which he accuses Germans of having inflicted upon the priests of the diocese.

Colonial's bacon, cured by maple shavings, and from hogs fed on grain not garbage, on sale at Gilbert's store.

ENGLAND PREPARING FOR COAST RAIDS



A British armored motor car in the streets of Yarmouth ready to protect that town against any possible landing of troops by the Germans.

LONDON VIEWS ON BUDGET.

Some Criticism of Increase in the Tariff.

London, Feb. 23.—Canada's war budget receives complimentary mention in most of the weekly financial papers here. The tax of one per cent., on letters and post-cards strikes the "Economist" as a sensible impost which might very well be adopted in this country. The same paper agrees with several other provisions of the Canadian budget, but, speaking of the seven and a half per cent. increase in the tariff, it says: "We are strongly of the opinion that this addition to the cost of living in a new country, where prices are already very high, will cause much hardship and discontent. Many of these taxes are protective, so that the revenue secured will be much less than the burden imposed on consumers, but in Canada manufacturing interests are powerful enough to extract advantage even from the embarrasments and difficulties of the nation."

The Investors' Review says: "We think it a pity the people of Canada should be further handicapped by indirect taxation which is more profitable, probably, to the trader and manufacturer within the Dominion than to the treasury. Discontent with the tariff is deep enough in the west already. A better way might surely have been found by men of courage. What of the land companies throughout Canada? Are powerful corporations like Hudson's Bay to be asked to pay only one per cent. on their gross incomes, or are they to escape altogether?"

CONDITIONS STEADILY IMPROVING.

New York, Feb. 23.—Destitution in Belgium has now passed its most distressing stage and conditions bid fair to improve steadily if conditions of food continue as heavy as in the past, in the opinion of former representatives Charles F. Scott of Kansas, a passenger on the steamer Cymric from Liverpool.

Mr. Scott went to Europe early in January to supervise the distribution of a cargo of foodstuffs sent by his state on the steamship Hannah. He said the Belgians were giving every assistance to the American commission.

Branch relief committees have been appointed in every district, and only those who are entitled to relief are beneficiaries. He also said that the German military authorities are assisting in every way possible in the handling of the relief supplies.

AEROPLANE FACTORY ABOUT TO BE STARTED

The Curtiss Brothers Will Build Machines and Instruct Aviators.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Canada is to have an aeroplane factory and instruction school in aviation. The Curtiss Aeroplanes and Motors Co., Limited, has been federally incorporated, with a capital stock of \$50,000, and head office at Toronto. The company, which is a branch of the Curtiss Brothers Aeroplane company in the United States, is authorized to manufacture and sell all kinds of aeroplanes, flying boats, dirigible balloons, etc., and conduct schools for theoretical and practical instruction of aviators. Hitherto all Canadian wishing to learn aviation have had to go to the United States, and a score of 30 now hold diplomas from the Curtiss school. Most of them have gone to the war. The new Canadian factory and school of instruction will probably manufacture machines and turn out pilots for the aviation corps of the allies as a first undertaking. Afterwards aviation may be added to the recognized list of Canadian sports.

The Germans Are Dodging Responsibility

London, Feb. 23.—Admiralty officials, to-day, characterized as absurd the report, wirelessly to America from Berlin, that the ill-fated American steamer Erylyn was directed into the mine field off Borkum Island by a British naval officer.

"The Germans are attempting to dodge responsibility for the sinking of the American steamer," said one admiral officer. There is still no word of the missing crew.

Died From Wounds.

London, Feb. 23.—Brigadier-General Gough is dead from wounds received last Saturday.

"Day Cough Syrup," Gibson's.

For delicate children," Gibson's Red Cross Emulsion has no equal. Size 25c.

Many a callow youth has been hand hit by a soft glance.

TO USE DESIGN IN THE SINKING OF A UNITED STATES SHIP.

BERESFORD'S VIEWS WILL HAVE BEEN AIMED AND FILLED BY BERLIN.

One Of the Clearest Naval Thinkers Gives a Brief But Vivid Statement—The Judgment of a Submarine Commander Will Not be Depended Upon.

London, Feb. 23.—"Germany will sink no United States ship—unless by design. The German torpedo finding as its mark the hull of an American vessel, will have been aimed and fired from Berlin. If an American merchantman is sunk, it will be for the express purpose of dragging the United States into the war."

The speaker was Britain's best loved sailor, Admiral Lord Charles Beresford. His name more than any other carries the picture of a typical British sea fighter. Also he is one of the clearest naval thinkers of the age. He made the above reply to the greatest question of the moment here—the one put by Americans hundred times daily: "Do you think Germany is trying to force America into war?"

"I don't predict what extremes Germany will go. But I am confident she will not leave to the judgment of a submarine commander the issue of whether or not America is to join the ranks of her enemies."

GERMAN YOKES AT LIEGE.

Writer Says Restrictions Are Increased With Severity.

Paris, Feb. 23.—The Journal des Debats prints a letter from Liege showing the heaviness of the German yoke. The letter says: "Never will you who are far away realize to the smallest degree our suffering since the first weeks of August."

The writer states that restrictions have recently increased. In severity. Passports are not given even for duties at the frontier. Public and private buildings, have been ransacked and unroofed in the search for copper and zinc. Prices are rising continually and the majority of the inhabitants are on the verge of starvation. It is charged that the German resort to trickery to subdue the spirit of the people. A supposed Belgian recruit visited recently Baroness Calwaert, whose charitable energies rendered her a suspect, and begged financial help to enable him to join his regiment, which the baroness accorded. Ten minutes later, she was arrested by the authorities and sentenced to five years' imprisonment for treasonable aid to Germany's enemies.

GERMAN FLIES U. S. FLAG.

Standard Oil Tanker Becomes an American Registry.

Norfolk, Virg., Feb. 23.—The former German tank steamer Delphin, at Newport News, yesterday unfurled the Stars and Stripes at her mast-head under the name of the Ardmore, having received American registry on Saturday afternoon. The tanker is the property of the Standard Oil company, with a home port at New York, and has been entirely refitted at the Newport News shipyards.

In order to avoid trouble at sea over her identity, the words "Ardmore, of New York, U.S.A." in letters two feet high have been painted on each side of the steamer back of the bow, and also across the stern. Officials declare the transfer is absolute in every detail.

The Ardmore, as the Delphin, arrived here on August 16th, after an exciting trip from Hamburg passing the Stars and Stripes at her mast-head under the name of the Ardmore, having received American registry on Saturday afternoon.

It is also reported that the tanker Jupiter will go under American registry.

THE ONTARIO BUDGET IS EAGERLY AWAITED

The Provincial Revenue is to be Augmented by Increased Taxation.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—This afternoon the budget will be the outstanding feature, and the government's proposals for augmenting the revenue by way of increased taxation are awaited in many quarters with some anxiety. The premier will also make a statement to the house, regarding the reorganization of the cabinet and the present constitution of the ministry.

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, the new minister of lands, forests and mines, will in all probability bring down his bill to exempt miners who are serving with the Canadian overseas forces from forfeiture if their claims are unworked in the meantime and to prevent loss of their mining licenses. Another bill to be brought down will give the minister power to settle disputes between water-power owners or lessees whose property may be damaged by lumbermen during the spring drive. There has been much trouble from this source in the past and sometimes conflict litigation has been involved. To avoid this the minister is to be empowered to sit in a quasi-judicial capacity and arbitrate between the parties.

It is expected that the select standing committees will be named at once, and as soon as they are organized private legislation may be proceeded with.

COLORS WERE PRESENTED TO THE 21ST BATTALION

Big Assemblage Witnessed Ceremony at Armouries.

COLORS WERE HANDED TO THE BATTALION COMMANDER BY MRS. HUGHES.

Wife of the Minister of Militia—Speeches Were Delivered by Governor-General's Representative, W. F. Nickle, K. C., Trooper L. W. Mulloy, and Lieut.-Col. Hughes.

A thousand people packed the balconies of the armouries on Monday to see one of the most unique and impressive military ceremonies that has ever been witnessed in the city of Kingston or in any other city in Ontario. The ceremony was the consecration and presentation of the colors to the 21st Battalion, this military area's contribution of men to the second Canadian Expeditionary force for overseas service. The event will long be remembered by those who had the privilege of witnessing it and of hearing the splendid speeches that were delivered by the prominent guests.

The words of Bishop Bidwell as he brought the dedication to a close might to advantage be remembered by every one of the soldiers who heard him on Monday night. His words were: "We do solemnly dedicate these colors to the 21st Battalion and in doing so are sure that they will be held sacred and be an inspiration for faithful work by the battalion for its king and country."

The music throughout was excellent and most appropriate, while the speeches were all of a patriotic nature. The speakers pointed out that the German auxiliary cruiser that the German auxiliary cruiser Kron Prinz Wilhelm is actually in the waters of the River Plate, having on board sailors from vessels which she has sunk.

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