

BIG GERMAN OFFENSIVE LAUNCHED AROUND VERDUN

Berlin War Office Claims That French Front Was Penetrated to Depth of Two Miles - Enormous Losses Were Inflicted Upon the Germans.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, Feb. 23.—The Germans have launched a heavy offensive around Verdun from the right bank of the Meuse to the Herbe woods, the War Office announced this afternoon. They are attacking with many infantry regiments on a 15-mile front. Entire German battalions have been annihilated in the fierce struggle, according to German prisoners. The French have evacuated Haumont forest, but have re-occupied Caures wood, which was evacuated yesterday. Violent fighting has also occurred in Givency woods, near Souchez. The French have recaptured several of the trenches occupied by the Germans in their sudden offensive of Monday night.

How the Attack Was Made. The violent onslaught of the Crown Prince's army was preceded by a rolling fire of artillery that began Sunday morning and continued throughout Monday and Monday night. The French replied vigorously to this bombardment, and brought up reserves to meet the expected attack. Heavy German infantry attacks which were launched yesterday were followed up last night by the inauguration of a general offensive movement designed to throw back the whole French front around Verdun. The attack was met by a terrific fire from the French guns, inflicting enormous losses on the advancing Germans.

The German Official Claim. The German official statement to-day on the operations near Verdun claims that the Germans penetrated to a depth of two miles on a six-mile front, and that three thousand French were captured. Neither London nor Paris official statements admit this, although they say the fighting is terrific in that section.

WHIG'S TOBACCO GIFTS REACHED THE FRONT

Packages of tobacco and cigarettes, collected through the Whig's Tobacco Fund are now being acknowledged. There has just been received, in care of the Bank of Toronto here, a large bundle of returned cards, acknowledging the receipt of the tobacco and expressing the thanks of the recipients. We will publish a list of these to-morrow. The tobacco so far acknowledged has been received almost entirely by Kingston boys in the 21st Battalion. These were among the first to be

SENT TO CORFU TO FIND SUB BASES.

Declared to Abound in Straits Separating Island and Albania.

Rome, Feb. 23.—Italian gendarmes have been sent to Corfu to discover the submarine bases declared to exist in the sheltered strait separating the island from Albania and to repress the running of contraband and espionage exercised by the Germans.

The Italians' work is resisted by the local authorities, who protest against the contraband traffic and the espionage, which they openly tolerated. This explains the outburst on the part of the member for Corfu in the Greek Parliament. He hoped, to frighten Italians from the island. Instead I have reason to believe their number has been increased with the object of garrisoning the whole island. Austro-German submarines thus will be deprived of a safe base near Avlona, while the Greek Government will be compelled to offer apologies for the unparliamentary language of the member for Corfu.

Dutch Tanker Sunk. (Special to the Whig.) Rotterdam, Feb. 23.—The Dutch tanker Lafratnafe of 2,018 tons, bound for New York, has been sunk by a mine. Only two survivors have been reported. Others are believed to have been lost.

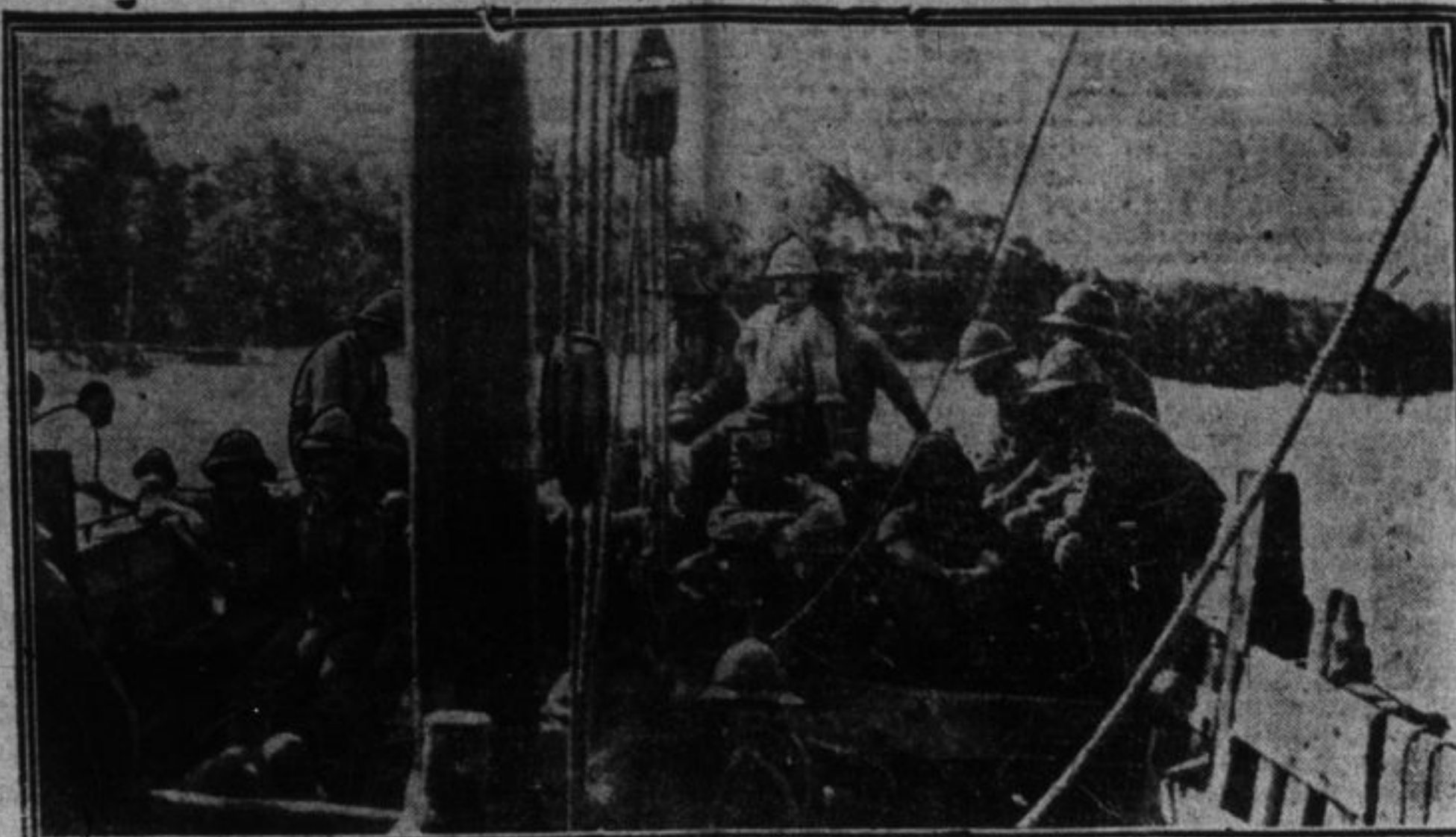
Denial that Henry Ward Beecher preached the "doctrine of incarnation" was made at Montreal, N. J., by John R. Howard, a close friend of the famous preacher and for twenty years his publisher.

STARTLING EVIDENCE AT OTTAWA INQUIRY.

Flame on Shelf—Two Members Saw Peculiar Looking Men.

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, Feb. 23.—In the Parliament buildings fire investigation this afternoon, W. G. Woodell, M. P. for North Waterloo, testified that on Tuesday before the fire he, with Col. Lochead, of the 118th Battalion, while standing at a newspaper rack in room 116, smoking cigars and reading Berlin papers, had noticed a flame about the size of two hands in papers on the lower shelf, which they extinguished. E. Macdonald, of Picton had heard two explosions, and told of seeing a peculiar looking man near the lobby door, who was very restless, and regarded the witness intently. On a second meeting with the stranger, Mr. Macdonald thought of calling a policeman's attention, but postponed it. W. B. Northrup also had seen a peculiar looking man, though not the same one by description.

"SOMEWHERE IN AFRICA."



A little band of British soldiers taking part in one of our "little packets" being disembarked for a campaign against the Germans at an outlying settlement in the Cameroons.

TRIAL AWARDS CONFIRMED

Kingston Street Railway Company Must Pay.

SPOONERS AGAIN WIN

BEFORE THE DIVISIONAL COURT AT TORONTO.

Which Confirms The Damages Awarded The Defendants At Kingston By Justice Lennox.

(Special to the Whig.) Toronto, Feb. 23.—The Divisional Court has confirmed the trial damage awards of Justice Lennox against the Kingston Street Railway.

Mrs. Bertha Spooner, wife of Reuben Spooner, farmer, was given \$2,000 for the death of her husband in a level crossing accident at the corner of Division and Princess street, and her daughter, Miss Georgina, recovered \$1,000. Miss Spooner was driving with her father at the time of the accident.

WOULD WELCOME RUSSIAN INVASION.

Bulgarians Are Disgusted With the Way Germany Has Acted.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Feb. 23.—Salonica despatches to London papers to-day brought reports of chaotic conditions in Bulgaria, arising out of alleged ill feeling of the Bulgarian people towards the Germans. This information, it was stated, was obtained from confidential sources.

Bulgarians freely admit they would submit joyously to a Russian invasion, said another Salonika despatch. Their country has been drained of cattle and grain in exchange for German paper. People generally are most pessimistic over the outcome of the war.

REMAINS OF B. B. LAW, M. P.

Found in the Ruins of the Parliament Building.

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, Feb. 23.—All that remains of Bowman B. Law, late M.P. for Yarmouth after the great fire had passed over him, was discovered in the ruins of the Parliament buildings by the workmen this morning. Only a portion of a thigh bone and a few other smaller bones were left and even these were badly charred.

Killed in Elevator.

Brantford, Ont., Feb. 23.—Overcome by a fainting spell, Edward Sredman, Sr., director of Sredman Brothers Limited, fancy goods and stationery, fell while running a freight elevator at the wholesale house on Tuesday. His head was caught between the elevator and the floor above and the skull was fractured, death was instantaneous.

A PRIEST OF HULL PREACHES SEDITION.

Tells His People Their Duty is to Stay At Home.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—That French-Canadian, boycott Ontario business houses was advocated by Father Guertin, parish priest of Hull, in a sermon there on Sunday. He told his congregation that it was time they woke up when efforts were being made in Ontario to "Prussiantize" the French. Incidentally he declared recruiting in Quebec is doomed.

"The school trouble," said Father Guertin, "is just starting and no one can say where it will end. The fight has gone so far that the Pope himself could not stop it now. The boycott against Ontario goods which has begun in Montreal should, in my opinion, extend all over the Province.

As far as recruiting in Quebec is concerned it is doomed. The Government can't ask us to go to the relief of Belgian against Germany when the Ontario Government is trying to Prussiantize us.

"No, our plain duty is to stay here and fight for our own flesh and blood. The clergy are a source of great strength in Quebec and we can only tell our people to stay here and fight their own battle. The French are a peace-loving people, but once they are aroused, watch out."

GERMANY NEARING STAGE OF FAMINE.

Shortage of Provisions in Berlin Indicates Greater Scarcity Elsewhere.

London, Feb. 23.—The Daily Mail's Rotterdam correspondent quotes German papers to show the shortage of commodities in the German Empire. In the Tagblatt for instance it is stated, he says, that there were only 274 pigs for sale in the Berlin market on February 19th, as compared to many thousands in times of peace. Conditions are worse elsewhere and cattle are also decreasing rapidly in numerous districts. It is supposed that many owners are holding them for speculative purposes.

A deadlock has arisen, the correspondent states, between Dutch potato exporters and German buyers over a dispute in prices. The exporters are now trying to sell their commodities to Great Britain.

In Hamburg the authorities have forbidden the feeding of oats to any horses not used for military purposes. Offenders are imprisoned.

HAS BRITAIN BROKEN FAITH?

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, Feb. 23.—Whether England has broken faith with the United States in questions affecting the arming of merchantmen was a new question raised to-day in the submarine warfare dispute with Germany. An examination of State Department archives disclosed a British pledge directly bearing upon the Teutonic-American controversy. If the officials believe this pledge has been broken, a protest to England is probable.

THE BRITISH PROMISE

was that England would not permit merchantmen to take the offensive against submarines. Against this, Germany is mailing copies of alleged secret orders of the British Admiralty to English merchant vessels to sink submarines of the Central Powers whenever possible, and under any conditions.

CURRIE AFTER NICKEL CO.

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ALLIES TO OCCUPY RAILROADS.

Decision Was Reached At Entente Council in Paris.

Berlin, Feb. 23.—"Reports from Constantinople state," says the Overseas News Agency, "that according to official telegrams from Athens the Ministers of Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy announced to Premier Skouloudis that the Entente Council, in Paris, had ordered the military occupation of all the Greek railroads and telegraphic stations in Thessalonica and Morea by Entente troops. The Ministers let it be known that in case Greece did not submit voluntarily to the measure, force would be used.

A Greek military council, the despatch adds, was immediately convened for discussion of the new situation."

Morea is the ancient Peloponnese, the peninsula which forms the southern part of the Kingdom of Greece, separated from the Hellenic mainland by the Gulfs of Patras, Corinth and Aegina. Thessalonica is one of the several names of Salonica, which has been an Allied base for many months, and in the region of which the Entente powers have massed strong forces and erected extensive fortifications.

ENEMY ABANDONED IDEA.

Nothing Remains But To Await Onset Of Allies.

London, Feb. 23.—The Athens correspondent of the Daily Mail in a despatch filed Feb. 19th expresses the opinion that any idea of Teutonic-Bulgarian-Turkish advance in Macedonia may be definitely abandoned.

"Nothing now remains for them but to wait as well as they may for the onset of the Allied troops. There are 120,000 Austro-German troops in the Balkans. They are giving the Bulgars a free hand, allowing them to do much as they please.

"This is most significant, because in any sphere where the Germans intend to remain they have taken the running of the military machine into their own hands. The Bulgars are disappointed because of the shortage of food, as all of it goes to Germany."

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RUSSIA WINS IN CAUCASUS

Skirmishes in Her Favor in Many Sectors.

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IN THE DUMA OVER THE SPLEN-DID NEWS.

In a Reconnaissance Many Germans Were Wiped Out and Prisoners Also Taken—Dropping Flaming Bags on a Village, But Without Effect.

(Special to the Whig.) Petrograd, Feb. 23.—Announcement of fresh successes in the Caucasus which brought enthusiastic demonstrations at the opening of the Duma, was followed by an official statement to-day that the Slavs have won skirmishes with the Austro-Germans on nearly every sector of the front from the Baltic to Roumania.

"North-west of Lake Sventen, one of our regiments made a successful reconnaissance, annihilating the occupants of a German trench, 150 men and two officers," said the report.

"Our forces repulsed a counter-attack by enemy reserves, and returned to their own lines, taking many prisoners.

"In the Smergen district we penetrated the enemy entanglements, bayoneting some of the trench-occupants and forcing others to flee.

"On the Upper Strya, the Austrians tried to approach our trenches, but were repulsed with heavy losses. We took a number of prisoners.

"Near Buccacza, in Galicia, an enemy aeroplane dropped flaming bags at the village of Khmelitska, without effect.

"We exploded a group of mines successfully near Boyana, north-east of Czernowitz, destroying the Austrian positions and occupying the mine craters."

War Tidings.

The Parliamentary Secretary of Munitions announced in the British Commons on Tuesday that a reduction in the cost of producing shells will save two million dollars weekly.

A Budapest despatch says the campaign for Salonika by an army of half a million will start early in March. Terrific battles are expected.

An official statement from the Turkish War Office admits the fall of Erzerum, though discounting Russian reports of the capture of eighty thousand men.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

Band at Palace Rink to-night. "Daddy Long Legs," Grand, 8.15. See up of date 1 right hand corner for probabilities.

Junior O.H.A. championship, Belleville vs. K.C.L. 8.15. Prince's Red Cross sale, 237 Brock street, Thursday, by St. Paul's Ladies.

THE DAILY BRITISH WHIG

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Bucknell's News Depot, 295 King St. Clarke, J. W. & Co., 563 Princess College Book Store, 113 Princess Coulter's Grocery, 209 Prince's Gullen's Grocery, Cor. Princess & Alfred Frontenac Hotel, 200 Ontario St. Gibson's Drug Store, 249 Prince's C.V.F. Southcott's Grocery, Portmouth McAuley's Book Store, 88 Princess McCall's Cutlery, 178 Prince & King McLeod's Grocery, 81 Union St. W. Medley's Drug Store, 150 University Paul's Club Store, 209 Prince's Prouse's Drug Store, 312 Princess Valleau's Grocery, 200 Montreal

BORN. WESTBROOK—At 354 Albert street, on Feb. 22nd, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Westbrook, a son (Victor James).

DIED. HAMILTON—In Kingston, on Feb. 22nd, 1916, Robert M. Hamilton contractor, aged 70 years. Funeral will leave the family residence 147 Pine street, at 9 o'clock Thursday morning for St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung for the happy repose of his soul.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend. SLEETH—On Feb. 22nd, at her home, 248 University Ave., Miss Nellie Sleeth.

Funeral from her late residence, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock to Catawag cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

SHIBBLEY—In Kingston General Hospital, Feb. 23rd, 1916, Jessie E. Winter, beloved wife of John D. Shibbley, aged 34 years. Funeral from her late residence, Harrowsmith, on Friday at 11 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

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FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS CHOSEN BY FAMOUS MEN AND WOMEN OF THE DAY. If you set out on a journey of ten miles, remember that nine miles is only half way.—From the Chinese. E. J. DILLON.