

NEARS END OF TETHER

Lord Northcliffe Visits Battlefield at Verdun.

MANY FOE PRISONERS ARE UNDERSIZED AND VERY NARROW-CHESTED.

The French With Small Loss of Ground Have Warded Off Attacks of Three Times Their Number.

London, March 6.—The Times has received a special despatch from Lord Northcliffe, who has been at Verdun since Friday morning.

After giving a general description of the fighting, Lord Northcliffe said: "I lunched at the simple headquarters with General Petain. He discussed the battle as though only an interested spectator. He looks like Lord Roberts, though larger built."

"After another gathering of officers the tally touched on the question whether the British should attack now to relieve the Verdun pressure. The opinion was mostly adverse, but the French evidently feel that our army has reached the point of being able to bear Britain's full share in the future operations."

French officers agree that Verdun's failure is chiefly moral, and that they are confident the line would hold if the fortress fell.

Puny German Soldiers. "But if the neutrals could see the poor quality of the German soldiers they would be more impressed than by the fall of Verdun. What a pity your Highlanders can't meet them in a fair fight; it would end the war in a month," said a French captain as we passed a group of wretched, puny prisoners. Germany must be near the end of her tether when five-foot-four, narrow-chested youths are members of the elite corps like the 3rd or 5th Berlin Army Corps."

"It is known that the Germans intended an attack later, but premature spring seemed to dry the ground sufficiently and accelerated their plans by six weeks. Despatches give more than usually valuable information, and the French were fully prepared. So far the Germans have been effectively checked, with losses hard to exaggerate, while the French losses are really trifling. In interrogating scores of prisoners belonging to every corps engaged, their accounts agree that everywhere the losses are beyond anything known before."

Three Germans to One French. "The true moral of the Verdun fighting is that the French, with comparatively small loss of ground, have warded off the attack of armies outnumbering them originally three to one."

"There is no means of estimating how long the battle of Verdun may still rage. The French are confident that they have the measure of the enemy, both in men and material, and that unless the bombardment is followed by infantry attacks of far greater vigor and persistence than any yet executed by the enemy, the defending force will have time to make its positions practically impregnable."

"Verdun is not likely to be taken."

SOLDIERS ATTACKED PRO-GERMAN PASTOR. Police Court Case at Berlin, Ont.—Two Soldiers Pleaded Guilty.

(Special to the Whig.) Berlin, Ont. — Two soldiers, who assumed full responsibility for the attack made upon Rev. R. C. Tappert, alleged pro-German by a squad of fifty soldiers on Saturday night, were to-day found guilty of aggravated assault by Police Magistrate J. J. Weir, and were remanded until Wednesday for sentence. They are Sergeant-Major Granville Blood and Private Samuel Schaefer. Both men were allowed out on bond.

Italian Ship Torpedoed. Athens, March 6.—The Italian steamer Java has been torpedoed by a submarine.

The passengers and crew were rescued after being adrift in small boats for 24 hours.

A military guard has been placed around the jail and Court House property at Sandwich, where Charles Respa, charged with dynamiting the Peabody factory at Windsor some months ago, is confined.

USED THE BAYONET.

And Received \$25 For A German Officer.

Napanee, March 6.—Charles Barrett writing from France to his brother, F. W. Barrett, Chief of Police, says:

"About 150 of our company crept over into the German trench on the night of December 16th, but they did not seem to have any heart to fight, for if they had, they could have killed us all before we got there, as they heard us getting through the wire entanglements. However, we got a dozen of them and put six out of business. We dare not follow them into their supports, but we hunted their dugouts for about twenty minutes, but did not see any more."

The candles were burning and they left everything behind. I bumped into an officer, and got home with my bayonet fixed. It was like murder—it was awful. It made me sick when he groaned, but there was not much time, and a sentry was close by, but he put up his hands. We had about 200 yards to go, to get back to our trenches. I tried to bring back the officer, but he was as dead as a door nail, so I dropped him as he was so heavy. Got \$25 for him. I took his dagger, and made for our trench. I was offered 50 franc for the dagger, but would not part with it at any price. It is a beauty. One of the other fellows got his helmet, but lost it coming back. I also had a rifle which I got from another German, but did not think I would be allowed to keep it, so gave it away, and the fellow I gave it to got permission to take it home, when he goes on a furlough. It made me say things when he told me."

A MILLION SHELLS FIRED EACH DAY. Paris, March 6.—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 calibre. The number of projectiles fired by the French probably was as great.

Nothing like such an expenditure of munitions has been known before.

VIOLENT CANNONADE AROUND DOUAMONT. But No Infantry Action is Reported North of Verdun.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, March 6.—The War Office announces: "In the Argonne we have bombarded different sections of the forest of Cheppy and the Malancourt road in the region north of Verdun the night passed without any infantry action. Artillery actions continue violently on the left bank of the Meuse and at Douaumont and in the Woivre. Our batteries have actively bombarded communications of the enemy. The night was calm on the rest of the front."

MINOR ENGAGEMENTS, BERLIN REPORTS. (Special to the Whig.) Berlin, March 6.—Minor engagements occurred on the east bank of the Meuse north of Verdun last night, the War Office reported this afternoon. The Germans captured 14 officers and 334 men.

CHAPLAIN SHOWED HEROISM. Kept Canadians in Advanced Trench Supplied With Food.

Cobourg, March 6.—A Canadian boy in the trenches, in a letter to friends, says that he was one of a very small company who held an advanced trench for two days. The company was so small that if the enemy had known its strength they could easily have captured or killed them all. During these two days the only food the men got was brought in by their chaplain, who went through the firing line for it, escaping death in a way the soldiers could not understand. The chaplain who rendered this heroic service was Major (Rev.) William Beattie, of Cobourg.

12 WERE KILLED AND 33 INJURED In Zeppelin Raid Over English East Coast Sunday Night.

(Special to the Whig.) London, March 6.—Twelve persons were killed and thirty-three were injured in Sunday night's Zeppelin raid over the north-east coast of England, it was officially announced to-day.

Three raiding airships dropped bombs on Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Huntingdon, Cambridge, Norfolk, Essex and Kent.

The dirigibles dropped forty bombs destroying houses on two terraces and damaging several shops. The dead are three men, four women and five children.

Conscription Needed in Montreal. Montreal, March 6.—Gen. Wilson makes the statement that conscription will be necessary in Montreal if recruiting does not soon improve.

John F. Lindsay, arrested and later released on bail in connection with charges against the Saskatchewan Government, dropped dead of heart failure at the breakfast table at his home in Swift Current.

President Falconer of the University of Toronto was authorized to form a battery of artillery composed of students.

THE SUICIDE OF EUROPE

Is This War, Says Pope in Peace Appeal.

HE BEGS BELLIGERENTS TO SACRIFICE THEIR PRIDE AND END CONFLICT.

Pontiff Writes Special Letter For Lenten Season—Wants the War Ended in Accordance With Justice.

Rome, March 6.—Pope Benedict has again raised his voice for peace. In a special letter, written for the Lenten season, the Pontiff says he cannot be silent, indifferent to the terrible conflict which is rending Europe. He recalls all that he has done to induce the contending nations to lay down their arms, virtually throwing himself between the belligerents and conjuring them in the name of the Almighty to desist in their plan of mutual destruction.

The Pontiff again sets forth the proposal, which he made some months ago, as follows: "Each belligerent should clearly state his desires, but should be ready to make necessary sacrifices of pride and particular interests, thus ending the monstrous conflict in accordance with justice and re-establishing peace advantageous to neither side, but profitable to all, and, therefore, a just and lasting peace."

"This paternal voice," continues the Pope, "was not heard. Thus the war continues with all its horrors. I rejoice that our cry for peace has had a profound echo in the hearts of the belligerent peoples; indeed, the peoples of the whole world, and has aroused a deep desire to see the sanguinary conflict soon cease."

"I must, therefore, once more raise my voice against this war, which appears as the suicide of civilized Europe."

The second part of the letter deals with prayers, penance and alms for the neutral countries, the alms to be devoted especially to the relief "of the pitiful children of those dead in this horrible war."

THE ORANGEMEN SELL THEIR WELL-KNOWN HALL ON PRINCESS STREET

To H. D. Bibby — They Intend to Erect a Hall in the Vicinity of Barrie and Princess Streets.

The Kingston Orangemen have disposed of their building on Princess street and intend to erect a new hall in another section of the city. For years the Orangemen have held their meetings over the store occupied by H. D. Bibby Company. A short time ago the lodge had a chance to sell the building to Mr. Bibby and have closed the deal. It is understood that it is the intention of Mr. Bibby to occupy the three stores in the building. At the present time he has two stores in use.

Although nothing is being given out, it is understood that a committee has the present time a number of pieces of land, a sight of which would make an ideal location for the new building. There is a feeling on the part of the members that the new building should be erected in the centre of the city so that the members who live in the outskirts of the city would not have to walk to the foot of Princess street as they have been doing for years. They feel that a site on Princess street near the Y.M.C.A. or about one block north or south would be ideal. The committee had planned to purchase a piece of the real estate on Princess street, Division street, but the owners did not want to sell. A piece of property near the Laturney Carriage factory is under consideration.

It is likely that the building will be a brick structure two storeys high. The main floor will be used for recreation rooms, reading rooms and dining hall, while the second floor will be used for lodge meetings.

A Family With a Record. Pembroke, March 6.—A family with a proud record for one in the great war is that of W. B. Wilson, Pembroke, who now has three sons overseas while a fourth, Roy Wilson, tried unsuccessfully on four or five occasions to pass the medical examination. Allan is in France with the 21st Battalion; George is in England with the Army Service Corps at Clivedon Hospital, while Russell reached England a couple of weeks ago with his battalion for training. Now Mr. Wilson and his eldest son, Percy Wilson, have made application to join the new Forestry Battalion to be recruited in Ottawa, which will likely be accepted, which will make five members of the family in active service, one rejected, and only the youngest son at home, still a pupil at the High School and eager for the time when he too can qualify.

Hun Styles For The Turks. Berlin, March 6.—A leading Berlin firm of dressmakers has just opened an exhibition of "German Fashions for Women" at the Pera Palace in Constantinople. Four manikins employed by the firm arrived on the Balkan Express last week, and are now showing off "creations" made in Germany for the benefit of Constantinople women.

Justice A. Bullis, aged sixty-five, is dead at Watertown, N. Y.

TO VOTE ON TUESDAY.

House of Representatives To Define Powers of Congress.

Washington, March 6.—The House of Representatives will try its hand on Tuesday at saying whether or not Congress should mix into diplomatic problems. After a day of perplexity over what the Senate's action of Friday really amounted to, a threatened division over procedure and a fight within their own ranks on when the House was to attempt a vote, the Administration's supporters finally announced that the matter had been deferred until Tuesday.

IRISH AGAINST ENGLAND.

Feeling Of Irish In America, Says Justice Goff.

New York, March 6.—The supreme interest of the Irish people in America is the defeat of England in the world war, Justice John W. Goff, of the supreme court, declared Saturday here in an address before the Irish race convention.

"In the outcome of the great struggle we have one supreme interest and one only, and that is to see England, the tyrant and oppressor of Ireland and her people, the evil genius of France and every nation blighted by her alliance, defeated."

BIG LIBERAL VICTORY.

Victoria, B.C., March 6.—The Liberals on Saturday won another victory in this province. The result of the bye-election here was: Brewster (Liberal), 4,972; Flumerfelt (Conservative), 2,526.

COASTS OF THE U.S. OPEN TO ANY ENEMY.

Uncle Sam's Navy Absolutely Impotent to Check an Invasion. New York, March 6.—"If war should be declared to-morrow morning our navy, under Josephus Daniels, would be absolutely impotent to check the invasion of our coast," declared Former Secretary of the Navy George L. Von Meyer on Saturday.

"Congress is talking war," continued Meyer. "Thanks to Mr. Daniels' incompetence, war to-morrow with any one of four European nations would find the way open to the enemy."

"The public has not yet realized the deplorable conditions of our navy," Meyer went on. "Its confidence has not been fully shaken. But I say to you that Democracy already has tainted the personnel because military efficiency has not been Daniels' goal."

GRANDFATHER IN RANKS.

Toronto, March 6.—In the 170th Miscellaneous Battalion a grandfather has just been accepted for service. He is only thirty-five years of age, but he has a real live grandson, for his married daughter is a proud mamma at nineteen.

Would Take Foreign Prints.

London, March 6.—Many officers of the British army who have witnessed numerous attempts to personate soldiers fighting in the trenches, or reported missing, are convinced that the finger-prints of every fighting man should be taken as a certain means of identification.

Another British Steamer Sunk.

(Special to the Whig.) London, March 6.—British steamer Masunda has been sunk; all aboard were saved. The Masunda displaced 4,952 tons, built in 1909 and was owned by the Glasgow Shipping Company.

Dismissed From Service.

London, March 6.—The Gazette announces that Capt. W. B. Perry, 18th Battalion, and Lieut. O. B. Jones, 25th Battalion, have been dismissed from the service by a general court-martial.

PITH OF THE NEWS

Despatches From Near And Distant Places.

THE LATEST TIDINGS

PRESENTED IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

The Whig's Daily Condensation of The News of the World From Telegraph Service and Newspaper Exchanges.

Canadians in New York have given a motor ambulance to the Canadian Red Cross.

Sir Lomer Gouin is suffering from a bad attack of grippe, and is confined to his home.

A warning against embarking on armed merchantmen has been issued to Swedish citizens.

Authorization has been given for a new Highland battalion to be recruited in Vancouver, Toronto and other cities.

The 95th Battalion, Toronto, raised an additional one hundred men in two days' campaign.

The reduction in flour sales over the bar in Ontario during 1915, as compared with 1914, is nearly \$1,600,000.

Sert. Milne, Mont. Agt., is the first Canadian to achieve the distinction of winning a D. C. M. and a clasp in the present war.

Some two hundred bars singled out by the Ontario License Board to close will remain open as a result of decision to have a referendum.

King George has presented his famous stallion Amer to the Canadian Government for remount breeding purposes.

Hart A. Massey, Toronto, has provided \$50,000 to support fellowships for Canadian and American Methodist College at Washington.

It is said Admiral Lord Fisher will shortly return to a prominent post in the Government service, probably as a member of the war council.

At the Imperial Conference on trade, to be held in Toronto in September, Australia, New Zealand and India, as well as Great Britain, will be fully represented.

It is expected that the Ontario Government and the city of Toronto will materially increase their grants to the Toronto-Hamilton highway.

Vancouver Trades and Labor Council withdrew from the coming Provincial election campaign, but the Socialists have decided to put in a full ticket of six in the field.

FRANCE CHEERED BY ITALY.

Congratulations From Parliament To Parliament For Valor.

Paris, March 6.—When the Chamber of Deputies assembled Friday Paul Deschanel, its president, read a telegram from Giuseppe Marcora, President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, congratulating France, in the name of the Italian Parliament, for the valor displayed by her troops in the battle of Verdun, and for their having so successfully drove the German assault. The deputies at once rose to their feet and cheered M. Deschanel closed the stirring scene by requesting Gen. Gallieni, Minister of War, to transmit the Italian message to the French army.

EXPECT TURKISH INVASION.

Berlin Thinks Move On Egypt Is About To Begin.

Berlin, March 6.—Constantinople despatches, reporting the arrival at Jerusalem of Enver Pasha, the Turkish dictator, and Dymat Pasha, commander of the fourth Turkish army, are believed to signal the beginning of the Turkish campaign against Egypt.

Dymat Pasha has been frequently mentioned as the probable leader of the Turkish invasion.

PROHIBITION DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

H. P. Stevens' Resolution Before the House at Ottawa.

Ottawa, March 6.—The question of prohibition for the Dominion while the war is in progress will be debated in the House to-day, when H. P. Stevens, of Vancouver, will move, and Hon. Charles Maclellan will second a resolution asking the Government to take action.

The circumstance that the mover is a Conservative and the seconder a Liberal makes the issue to a certain extent non-political, but at the same time the responsibility for action rests upon the Administration.

It may be said that the sentiment of the members on both sides of the House is overwhelmingly in favor of prohibition.

THE MOEWIE RETURNS

To a German Port, a Berlin Despatch (Special to the Whig.) Berlin, March 5.—It is officially announced that the German cruiser Moewie arrived yesterday at a home port with four British officers, twenty-nine marines, and 166 men of the crew on board.

Count von Dohna, the Moewie's commander, has been awarded the Iron Cross of the First Class, and the members of the crew have received the Iron Cross of the Second Class.

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OPENS WAY TO BAGDAD

And Increases Security of Czar's Left Flank.

CAPTURE OF BITLIS

BY THE RUSSIANS IS MOST IMPORTANT.

Good For Allies, Bad For the Turk—Letter Must Take Roundabout Route To Reach Defeated Third Army.

Petrograd, March 6.—For the second time in a trifle over a fortnight the Russians have broken through the Turkish front. The importance of the taking of Bitlis, a military outpost, inasmuch as it notably increases the security of the Russian left flank in the Caucasian operations and also further opens the way to Bagdad, the goal of this southern movement, and a junction with the British forces near that point.

From Bitlis to Bagdad, a distance of slightly more than 400 miles, there are two routes, one through Diarbekr, 125 miles southwest of Bitlis, and the other through Sert, which is almost due south of Bitlis and about fifty miles distant. Over these roads the Turks were rushing reinforcements from Mesopotamia not only for the defense of Bitlis but to aid the Turkish troops retreating from Erzerum. These troops will now be forced to take a roundabout route to reach the defeated Turkish third army, if they are not directly checked by the Russian success in the Lake Van region.

Turk Forces Separated. Bitlis also served the Turks as a point of communication between the troops operating in the Mesopotamian district and those about Lake Urmiah, over the border in Persia. With the command of the whole Lake Van territory in their hands, the Russians now effectually separate these forces.

Bitlis is not a fortress, but its location in the narrow valley of the Bitlis-Chal River with the country on both sides extremely difficult to negotiate, gave it a strong defensive advantage. In addition it had been fortified by the Turks with a million marks in gold bars. It is claimed the Moewie sank fifteen vessels and laid mines at several points.

Emperor Summons Commander. London, March 6.—An Exchange Telegram despatch from Amsterdam says the Moewie reached Wilhelmshaven Saturday.

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Sidi Barani, a town in western Egypt, was captured without opposition by British forces after being for three months in the hands of tribesmen commanded by Turkish officers.

The German official statement says the French artillery is keeping up a very heavy artillery fire in the region of Douaumont and admits the evacuation of trenches in Lorraine. French markets closed very strong Saturday. Swiss reports say the German houses closed in a panic. The Germans continue to send whole battalions to death at the mouths of French guns defending Verdun. It is estimated the Germans lost two entire battalions on Saturday, and gained nothing.

The German artillery fire on the British lines is increasing in violence and a new German attack is expected there.

Athens despatches say the fall of Bagdad is considered imminent. Advice from Constantinople state that an attempt was made to assassinate Envoys Pasha, Minister of War, who was wounded. The Siva powder magazine at Constantinople was blown up. The British steamer Teutonlan, 4,824 tons, was sunk. The crew is safe. Information received at Athens from private sources says the Turks are removing mines from the Dardanelles, which appears to be a measure preparatory to opening the straits. In the Caucasus the Russians occupied the town of Bijar, fifty miles north-west of Hamada. A bill proposing confiscation of the property of persons who have evaded military duty by flight or residence abroad, will be introduced in the French Chamber of Deputies by M. Jenuvrier.

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DAILY MEMORANDUM. Band at Palace Bank to-night. 8th Batt. Band Concert, Grand, 8.15. Spring Assizes open 2 p.m. Tuesday. See top page 4, right hand corner for probabilities.

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BORN. LAIRD—In Kingston, on Monday, March 5th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Laird, 412 Johnson street, a son (Jack Winters).

DIED. RICHMOND—In Kingston, on March 5th, 1916, at the residence of Abraham, at the residence of Abraham, David Wellington Richmond, of Ottawa. Funeral notice later.

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