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TIGHTEN THEIR RING

ABOUT BRIDGEHEAD POSITION BY FRENCH CAPTURES.

French Capture German Trenches in Carnes Forest—No Infantry Attacks North of Verdun Sunday Night.

(Special to the Whig.) Rome, March 13.—Over a lull of several months the Italians have suddenly become intensely active along the whole front.

Advices from the front to-day reported daily infantry actions around Goritz bridgehead. Heavy fighting has occurred in the past eight days. The Italians are making daily infantry attacks against the entrenched camp of the British at Goritz.

FRENCH CAPTURE TRENCHES.

Paris, March 13.—The Whig troops stormed and captured more than 200 yards of German trenches in the Carnes Forest taking twenty prisoners, the War Office announced this afternoon.

The official statement reported an intense German bombardment in the regions of Douaumont, Bethincourt, Woivre and Lepretre Woods, but no infantry attacks north of Verdun last night.

STEEL BRIDGES

FEATURE OF G. T. P.

Sixty-five Structures Measuring 5.3 Miles Between Winnipeg and Prince Rupert.

Montreal, March 13.—One of the remarkable features of the Grand Trunk Pacific, the bridges which span the various rivers and ravines, are not the least significant. They meet the highest Government specifications for heavy steel structures.

Between Winnipeg and Prince Rupert are sixty-five steel bridges, making the length of the bridge 5.3 miles. Three of the largest bridges on the line are on the Prairie Section, these being, South Saskatchewan bridge at Saskatoon, 1,500 feet long and 71 feet high; Battle River bridge, 5,410 feet long, including approach and 130 feet high; and Clover Bar bridge, over the North Saskatchewan River, 1,653 feet long and 138 feet high.

There are also three bridges on the Mountain Division over 1,000 feet in length, viz.: McLeod River bridge, 1,066 feet long and 13 feet high; Rau Shuswan Crossing, 1,030 feet long and 190 feet high; Fraser River, Fourth Crossing, 2,650 feet long and 36 feet high. The highest bridge on the system is that over Pembina River at Mile 860 from Winnipeg, height 98 feet. The Fraser River is crossed four times, steel bridges being at Miles 1073, 1187, 1233 and 1278 from Winnipeg. The mainland and Kalen Island (on which Prince Rupert is located), are connected by Zanard Rapids bridge, eight miles from Prince Rupert, 655 feet long and 32 feet high.

With construction of the highest standard—a road bed eighteen feet wide and with rails weighing eighty pounds to the yard the Grand Trunk Pacific is capable of handling the heaviest of traffic.

The territory through which it runs has wonderful resources. That it was rich in minerals and timber, that its lands were fertile and would produce bountiful crops was known to the men who planned the road. As construction went forward it has become evident that their optimism was justified. There is scarcely 100 miles of country threaded by the railway which is not possible of economic development.

Reichstag Visit To Bulgaria. Amsterdam, March 13.—A large number of members of Reichstag representing all the members of the German parties, intend to make an extensive tour of Bulgaria, during April for the purpose of studying conditions and business possibilities in that country, according to the Berlin Tageblatt, according to the parliamentarians will also visit Macedonia.

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TO DO AS KINGSTON DOES.

Toronto General Wakes Up Regarding Soldiers' Misbehavior.

Toronto, March 13.—Owing to recent disturbances, Brig-Gen. W. A. Logie and Chief Constable Lieut. H. J. Grasset of Toronto, have announced that in future one company of soldiers will be stationed down town in the evenings with a motor car patrol and the misbehavior of soldiers will be dealt with by soldiers themselves, instead of the civic police, thus eliminating trouble between the civic and military officials regarding arrest and punishment.

PORK AND BEANS FOR ARMY.

London, Ont., Company Awarded A \$3,000,000 Order.

London, Ont., March 13.—Willam Gray, M.P., for London, has secured for this city the biggest war order that has yet come to Western Ontario. A London canning company has been awarded an order for one million cases of pork and beans for the British army. The order amounts to \$3,000,000. The factory will have to be enlarged and much extra help secured.

SURE THAT VERDUN WILL NOT BE TAKEN.

The General Staff Will Have To Weaken Other Points.

Paris, March 13.—The fighting will continue as bloody as ever during the coming week, says Lieut-Col. Rousset, the foremost French critic, regarding Verdun.

The Kaiser will continue to hurl his best troops against our iron wall, but unless an entirely unexpected change occurs Verdun will remain impregnable, says Major Clivieux. Le Matin and The Echo de Paris point out that in order to pursue their titanic effort the German Staff must weaken other points of their front by withdrawing men and also deplete their reserves still in Germany.

W. F. CARROLL, M. P., ENLISTS.

Liberal Member for Cape Breton Has Joined Battalion.

Ottawa, March 13.—Another member of the House of Commons has joined the growing ranks of Parliamentarians who have enlisted for overseas service. W. F. Carroll, Liberal member for Cape Breton, one of the youngest members of the House, joined the 185th Battalion of New Brunswick, now being recruited.

Canadian Casualties.

2nd Battalion—Seriously wounded, William R. Parker, West River street, Paris, Ont.

Accidentally wounded, Pte. Lewis Strong, Notre Dame Bay, Newfoundland.

Wounded—Pte. Maurice Butten, Sussex, England; Lance-Corporal Charles Dagnall, Liverpool, England.

5th Field Co., Canadian Divisional Engineers—Shot, Sapper Henri Marcoux, Montreal.

Royal Canadian Horse Artillery—Seriously ill, Driver Thomas M. Lambert, 400 Barrie street, Kingston, Ont.

New Freighter Launched.

Detroit, March 13.—A steel bulk freighter constructed for the George Hall Coal Co., of Ogdensburg, N.Y., was successfully launched from the Wyandotte yards of the Detroit Shipbuilding Co. yesterday afternoon. The new steamer will be known as the George L. Eaton, and is to be used in the coal trade on the lower lakes and St. Lawrence river. She is of full Welland Canal size, 244 feet long, 43 feet beam, and 20.5 feet deep. Her carrying capacity is about 3,090 tons.

Died Of Scarlet Fever.

Belleville, March 13.—Mrs. Edith Adelaide Weese, wife of Benjamin Weese, died on Thursday of scarlet fever at her home in Ameliasburg near Rosemore. She was thirty years and eleven months old. Her maiden name was Edith A. Post and her early years she spent at Rosemore. A large family of young children survives besides husband. Several of the children are ill with the same malady. The remains were interred in Post's burying ground.

Early Season Probable.

Port Arthur, March 13.—Ice conditions seem favorable to an early opening of navigation. The ice-breaking tugs will be ready for orders to cut a channel any time after March 15th, and the first of April may see the boats moving.

Grain In The Elevators At The Head Of The Lakes Totals Approximately 35,000,000 Bushels.

To Lose One Lung.

Gananoque, March 13.—Pte. Joseph Lachapelle, of the 3rd Field Battery, who was seriously wounded in the big battle at Ypres, and who has been in hospitals in France and England since then, arrived home today. His injuries were such that an operation removing one lung and part of the shoulder blade had to be performed.

Three Years For Mail Clerk.

North Bay, March 13.—The sentence of three years, with hard labor, was meted out to T. W. Harrison, a mail clerk on the T. and N. O. Railway, by Magistrate Weagar for stealing letters containing money mailed on his run.

Officer Killed In Making Flight.

London, March 13.—Capt. G. C. Nicholson, only son of Sir Charles Nicholson, member of Parliament for the Eastern Division of Hampshire, was killed on Saturday while making a flight in England. Capt. Nicholson had seen several months' service at the front.

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.

One of Toronto's new units is likely to have a platoon of Jews. President Carranza tells the United States to stay out of Mexico.

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GAULT CASE OVER.

But Senate Committee Gives No Hint Of Its Decision.

Ottawa March 13.—The Gault divorce case was completed before the Senate Divorce Committee Saturday afternoon but no decision was reached. The case concluded with the evidence of Capt. Benson, Major Gault's brother-in-law, and with a re-examination on certain points of Major Gault himself.

Saturday morning Mrs. Gault occupied the stand for several hours. She denied the allegations contained in the petition and referred to differences which had occurred between herself and Major Gault for some time back.

Capt. Bruce Bain-Smith, the co-respondent in the case, also denied the allegations against him. He appeared with his right hand in a sling before him, and Dr. Laidlaw, who also testified, declared that he had not yet fully recovered from wounds received in the charge of the Machine Gun Section of the Princess Patricia's at the front.

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ANXIETY OF GERMANY

AS TO FINANCES A FEATURE OF WEEK-END.

German Bankers Are Particularly Nervous As To Result At Verdun Owing To The Impending Loan.

New York, March 13.—A special cable to the Evening Post from London, says: The violent and continued military activity on the western battle front has only anticipated by a few weeks what was commonly expected before the German attack began.

The belief is now generally held that the developments of the highest importance, regarding the war as a whole, are to be looked for in the next few months.

The best indication of the real position, in the city's judgment, is contained in the reports from the British press, and from the German sources that the Teutons no longer hold Vaux Fort. An official statement two days ago admitted that the French by counter-attacks had gained a foothold in the fort.

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Every Man On The Raider Honored By The Kaiser.

Berlin, via Sayville wireless, March 13.—Emperor William has awarded the Iron Cross to the entire crew of the raider Moeve, an acknowledgment of every man aboard a special leave of absence for several weeks, in recognition of the cruiser's exploits.

The Moeve's sailors have received orders to speak as little as possible of the Moeve's adventures during her raiding expedition.

Draw Double Pay.

Ottawa, March 13.—Premier Borden, in answer to a question as to whether members of Parliament serving with the forces drew both indemnity and service pay, said that they did, but the Government was considering whether it should follow Imperial precedent in the matter.

AFTER SO-CALLED GUNMEN

77 Men And 8 Women Are Arrested In Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., March 13.—Seventy-seven men and eight women were taken into custody by the police Saturday in the second raid in 24 hours on hotels and pool halls which have been under surveillance for several weeks. The announcement purpose of the raids is to break up a large bank of so-called gunmen and other alleged criminals who have been making Detroit their headquarters.

FIGHTING AT VERDUN CONTINUES VIOLENT.

Germans Apparently Preparing To Storm The French Positions.

(Special to the Whig.) London, March 13.—The battle of Verdun entered its fourth week today with reports of intense artillery battling around Forts Douaumont and Vaux and at Bethincourt on the west bank of the Meuse, evidently in preparation for heavy infantry attacks.

The Germans searched out the French front all day Sunday with a terrific hail of steel projectiles. The French accepted the cannonading as a forerunner of renewed attempts against Fort Vaux and the positions north-west of Verdun and made ready to meet the assault.

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