

GERMANS AGAIN ATTACKING NORTHWEST OF VERDUN

Open Terrific Fire on French Positions And Make Dangerous Loop in French Front--Bavarians Striving To Cut Through Intervening Four Miles.

London, March 24.—German troops have resumed heavy attacks against the French front north-west of Verdun, according to Paris despatches to-day.

Following a twenty-four-hour lull, the Germans turned a terrific fire on French positions on Malincourt and around Deadman's Hill. French guns roared in reply all day yesterday.

By battering through the French lines in Avocourt, the Crown Prince bent the French front in the shape of a dangerous loop. German artillery hoisted on a ridge near Deadman's Hill on the north-east side is sweeping four miles of wooded plain with heavy fire.

On the south-western side, Bavarian regiments are striving to cut through the intervening four miles, cutting off the French forces holding Bethincourt and Malincourt, the head of the loop.

French artillery kept up a heavy bombardment of German positions in the woods south of Malincourt last night, but the Teutons made no infantry attacks, the War Office reported this afternoon.

On the west bank of the Meuse an intermittent bombardment occurred around Douaumont and Damloup. In the Woivre regions the artillery fire was most violent near Moulinville and Eparges.

French troops occupied a mine crater near Hill 285 in the Argonne. Elsewhere there were no important actions during the night.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

BEING CONSIDERED BY THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT.

Municipalities May Be Allowed To Invest Funds in Hotel Proprietion And Give Tax Exemption.

Special to the Whig. Toronto, March 24.—The Provincial Government is understood to be giving consideration to legislation which will help to solve the problem of future hotel accommodation in towns and villages of the province, where the possibility exists that some hotels may operate under license.

This legislation, it is stated, will be in the direction of widening the powers of municipalities so as to give them authority to invest municipal funds in a hotel proposition or to grant exemption from taxation or other special privileges to an individual or company of individuals operating a hotel within the municipality.

With such encouragement given by municipalities to private enterprise, it is believed hotels can be operated profitably without the revenue of the bar and provide accommodation which will be satisfactory to the local and transient trade.

\$50,000 REWARD FOR VILLA'S BODY

The News Comes to Hand of Villa Holding Up a Train in Mexico.

San Antonio, Tex., March 24.—General Bell at El Paso sent to General Funston a message saying that his (Bell's) report that General Herrera had revolted had been confirmed. General Funston has advised the War Department.

Villa Held Up Train. El Paso, March 24.—Garcia Flores, a Spanish merchant of the city of Chihuahua, who arrived here last night, said Villa had held up a train on which he was travelling at Montezuma, eighty-five miles north-east from Namiquipa, where the Carranza authorities have insisted the bandit chief was located.

Reward For Villa's Body. Washington, March 24.—A resolution authorizing the Government to offer a reward of \$50,000 for the body of Francisco Villa, was introduced in the House yesterday by Representative Scott of Pennsylvania. It stipulated that the body of the bandit was to be turned over to the military authorities. The resolution was referred to the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Robert Proudfoot, father of William Proudfoot, K.C., M.P.P., died at his home in Goderich, at the age of ninety-one years.

Two hundred and twenty-five Canadian officers and men returned by the Sicilian and the Corinthian, reaching St. John, N.B.

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BRINGING CHEER TO THE WOUNDED ON BOARD THE HOSPITAL SHIP.



Photo shows a Red Cross nurse caring for the wounded on board one of the hospital ships in Saloniki. The soldiers are seen on deck enjoying coffee and cigarettes supplied by a Red Cross nurse.

SHACKLETON BACK AGAIN

From His Expedition To The Antarctic.

DETAILS OF HIS DOINGS

HAVE BEEN WITHHELD FOR THE PRESENT.

The Expedition Left England in September, 1914, And Set Out From Island East of Cape Horn.



SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON.

(Special to the Whig.) Sydney, N.S.W., March 24.—Lieut. Sir Ernest H. Shackleton has returned from his Antarctic expedition. News of the achievements of the expedition is withheld for the present. The expedition left England in two sections six weeks after the European war began, but it was not until early in January, 1915, that a delay due to unfavorable ice conditions, that the party, headed by Sir Ernest himself, set off on a 1,700 mile voyage from South Georgia, an uninhabited island in the South Atlantic ocean, about 300 miles due east of Cape Horn for Ross Sea, on the other side of the South Pole.

PITH OF NEWS.

Despatches From Near And Distant Places.

The British Government is contemplating the prohibition of the importation of hops.

Toronto Council tendered a farewell banquet to the officers of the 76th Battalion.

Mrs. Legget, Montreal, was run over and killed by a street car in front of her own door.

R. W. Allen, M.A., was appointed managing editor of the Canadian Churchman, which has been reorganized.

An effort to avert a vote on direct prohibition is said to be a possibility in connection with the Stevens-Marell resolution in the Commons.

The Mallory line steamer Alamo, sent out a wireless call for assistance Thursday night, and the coast guard cutter Onondaga went to her aid from Norfolk, Va. The steamer was reported to have been north-east of Cape Hatteras with a broken rudder and her engines disabled.

Four-year-old Wilbert Winslow was struck by a Toronto motor truck and may die.

Robert Davies, Toronto, left an estate estimated at \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

ORDERS NOT OBEYED

Cause of G. T. R. Fatalities Near Port Credit Station.

(Special to the Whig.) Toronto, March 24.—The failure to adhere to orders and through some apparent misunderstanding of verbal instructions on the part of the freight crew is given as the cause of three railroad men losing their lives when the G. T. R. Chicago Fly No. 16 crashed into a freight train at passing siding one mile east of Port Credit station last night.

MERELY A CLOAK FOR COWARDICE.

How Some Men Use the Word "Conscientious," Lloyd George Declares.

London, March 24.—David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, in the House of Commons vigorously defended the tribunal against frequent charges from a section of the House that they are unjust in their treatment of "conscientious objectors" against service in the army.

"Although it is inevitable that in some instances injustice occurs," said Mr. Lloyd George, "it is a fact that some men use the word 'conscientious' as a cloak for cowardice. If a man objects to helping the wounded then the tribunals are quite justified in putting his objection down to fear. There is national work for all. The whole destiny of the country depends on what happens in the near future and the Government has the right to ask these men to contribute something toward helping the country in an emergency."

Replying to a question by Philip Snowden, Socialist, as to whether the death sentence could be inflicted on conscientious objectors for refusing to execute orders in the army, Mr. Lloyd George said that he did not believe the death sentence could be inflicted under the circumstances. It was only inflected, he added, in the event of refusal to obey orders in the presence of the enemy, and never in this country.

REDUCTION OF CRIME CLOSURE TWENTY JAILS.

Prison Estimates of the British Isles Reduced \$500,000.

London, March 24.—A reduction in the prison estimates of the British Isles for the coming year of \$500,000, or about 12 per cent—and the shutting up, in whole or in part, of a score of prisons are some of the visible evidences of the reduction of crime owing to the war, according to the report of the committee on the reduction of crime in the House of Commons, which was published last night.

The biggest drop in crime was noticed in the year ending March, 1915, when the percentage was 281 per 100,000 population. The fiscal year now drawing to a close is expected to show a still further decrease in crime, the report says.

WAR TIDINGS.

The British steamer Sea Serpent and the Norwegian steamship Kanik were sunk by German submarines.

Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg, supported by the Kaiser and military leaders, will be victorious in the Reichstag over Von Tirpitz, whose policy has died since the Admiral's resignation.

TWO G. T. R. ENGINEERS WERE KILLED.

(Special to the Whig.) Toronto, March 24.—The International Limited, from Detroit, side-swiped a freight train near Port Credit. The engineers of both trains were killed and a fireman was fatally injured.

SPARKS FROM SHOE NAIL Cause Fire.

Parlin, N.J., March 24.—As the result of a recent fire all employees at the Dupont Powder plant here have been ordered to wear rubber-soled shoes or rubber overshoes. It is believed sparks from the nails of an employee's shoe caused the fire.

FOSTER'S CONFESSION.

"I have been in public life," he said, "for thirty-four years, and during that time I do not know of one case where political patronage ever helped the status of the Bench, the civil service, a member of Parliament, or the Government. On the other hand, it is always the cause of the dry rot which breaks out and destroys. I hope that in the white light of the present great struggle the two parties will agree to do away with the evil. In 99 cases out of 100 any laxity in public virtue or any corruption is due to the baleful effects of party patronage." —Speech in House of Commons.

41,500 British War Widows.

(Special to the Whig.) London, March 24.—The Parliamentary Secretary announces that forty-one thousand five hundred British women are left widows as the result of war.

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NEAR BREAK WITH KAISER

Vatican And Germany Are Now Involved.

THREAT TO MERCIER

HAS CREATED A MOST DELICATE SITUATION.

Should Cardinal Mercier Be Interred in Germany the Vatican Would be Placed in a Difficult Position.

Rome, via Paris, March 24.—The Messenger publishes a report to the effect that Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, has sent a long despatch to Cardinal Hartmann, Archbishop of Cologne, requesting him to intervene with the Emperor of Germany to prevent any measures being taken against Cardinal Mercier, and that he has also telegraphed to Cardinal Mercier, urging him to observe the greatest prudence.

The situation between the Vatican and Germany, the newspaper says, is most delicate as a result of what is happening in Belgium, and the Vatican may be placed in a difficult position should Cardinal Mercier, as feared, be interned in Germany.

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GERMAN SOCIALISTS DEMAND PEACE.

(Special to the Whig.) London, March 24.—A Berlin cable says the Socialists in Germany are demanding an early peace on threats of exposing Germany's true political condition.

WAR BULLETINS.

A despatch from Odessa reports that extensive food riots have occurred in Constantinople.

Roumania is said to be bound to the Allies by a treaty with Russia. The date of her intervention is not settled.

Liquid fire was so effectively used by the Germans in the Verdun battles that the Allies are now prepared to pay the Germans back in their own coin.

A despatch from Salonika says an order has been issued by the enemy for a general offensive on the Macedonian front.

The Orange Grand Lodge of New Brunswick adopted resolutions approving of prohibition and of conscription.

A DESTROYER IS GUILTY

Of Sinking The Three Dutch Vessels.

PALEMBANG'S CAPTAIN

SAYS THREE TORPEDOES WERE DISCHARGED AT HER.

Naval Officers Refuse To Disclose Evidence That It Was a Destroyer Which Fired the Torpedoes.

London, March 24.—The sinking of the Dutch liners Tubantia and Palembang is still being given much attention in naval circles. The latest development is in the form of a report from the captain of the Palembang to the Admiralty, which states that his ship was struck fore and aft by two torpedoes. He also expresses the belief that another torpedo, which failed to explode, hit amidships. This report is based on statements by the chief officer and boatwain, who swore they saw the streak made by both torpedoes. The liner almost stopped when the first warning of trouble came in the form of a blow amidships, the disposition state, but an examination showed no damage. A moment later the forward bulkhead blew in, and this was followed almost immediately by an explosion aft.

Naval officers here are quoted as stating that the Germans may be quite correct in their announcement that no German mines or submarines were at the time to near the Dutch coast as the spot where the Tubantia went down, as they are convinced she was sunk by a torpedo fired by a German destroyer. They refuse to disclose any evidence which leads to the conclusion, but point out that the Dutch tanker Artemis was torpedoed in the same vicinity by a German torpedo boat, Germany later admitting and apologizing for the act.

THE BEEF STEW CONTRACT.

Three-quarters of the \$61,000,000 Order Allotted.

New York, March 24.—Of the fifteen companies which have closed sub-contracts with the Imperial Canned Foods, Limited, of Toronto, for the \$60,000,000 one-pound cans of beef stew for Great Britain, thirteen are in the United States, according to the Journal of Commerce. Of the total contract, amounting to \$91,000,000, \$71,479,000 has been apportioned, or upwards of 490,000,000 cans. On the balance apportioned to date among the fifteen sub-contractors, deliveries are to run at the rate of about 9,800,000 cans a week.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

14th Band at the Palace Bank tonight. Band at Covered Rink to-morrow afternoon and evening.

See top page 4, right hand corner for probabilities.

The "Story of the Rosary," Grand, 8:15 p.m., and matinee 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Gibson's Book Store, Market Square
McAuley's Book Store, 55 Princess
McAuley's Clear Store, Cor. Prin. & King
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Medley's Drug Store, 250 University
Paul's Cigar Store, 76 Princess
Frouge's Drug Store, 111 Princess
Southport's Grocery, 105 Port St. W.
Valleau's Grocery, 348 Montreal

DIED.

COOPER—In Kingston, on March 22nd, 1916, William Thomas Cooper, aged eleven months. Funeral (private) from 459 Division St. on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to Calvary Cemetery.

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WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MANY THINKERS. No one is conquered till he yields. —Jas. Buchan.