

BAPAUME EVACUATED BY THE GERMANS

Who Have Fallen Back to East And North-- The British Attacked the Retreating Enemy Vigorously With Light Field Guns.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, March 1.—Information here to-day is that the Germans have this morning fallen back to the east and north of Bapaume, closely pressed by the advancing British, who, however, did not immediately occupy the town of Bapaume, but attacked the retreating Germans vigorously with light field guns.

German Yield Commenced. British headquarters in France, Feb. 28.—Gommecourt, one of the German strong points which held out against the fury of the British offensive launched last July, is the latest of the French villages to be yielded by the Germans, whose retreating movement began a few days ago.

Ever since the beginning of the German withdrawal the British advance has largely been won after severe fighting. The Germans appear to have picked their best men and officers to cover the retreat, these being left in machine-gun groups approximately 90 men, protected by high-velocity guns far in the rear and linked up with the retiring headquarters by telephone.

It was with a sense of immense gratification that the British officers led their troops through what once had been a beautiful park, surrounding the chateau of Gommecourt, on the way to occupy the salient and points beyond. The assault launched against it last July was one of the most vicious of the war, the casualties on both sides being very heavy.

London, Mar. 1.—In London there is much speculation in the press as to the meaning of the enemy's retirement at the Aisne. The general view is that it means the beginning of a realignment, which will involve the evacuation of the entire salient, now dangerous and costly, held by the Germans in the region west of Bapaume and Arras. British guns now command the only railway by which the southern part of the salient can be provided with food and shells.

OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

French. Paris, Feb. 28.—The official communication issued by the War Office to-night reads: "Both armies were exceedingly active in all directions along the Aisne front. Enemy reconnaissances in the region of Roye failed. Our batteries effectively shelled the German organizations in the sector of Hill 304. There is nothing to report on the rest of the front."

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HEROES OF A YEAR AGO NOW ENJOY QUIETER LIFE.



On left is photo taken recently of le Marechal Joffre walking with his wife in Boulogne. On the right is Mr. Asquith with Dr. Lowe, his host's son at Ladybank, where the former Prime Minister recently addressed a gathering of his constituents. He appears to be enjoying civil life again.

WANTED JAPAN TO JOIN MEXICO

And Make War Against United States in Germany's Interests. JAPAN WAS INDIGNANT AND ORDERED MEXICANS OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

Foreign Secretary Zimmerman's Letter Seeking to Embroil Japan and Mexico Against U. S. Did Not Reach Its Destination. Washington, March 1.—The Associated Press is enabled to reveal that Germany, in planning unrestricted submarine warfare and counting its consequence, proposed an alliance with Mexico and Japan to make war on the United States.

Chasing the Turks. London, March 1.—Cavalry and gunboats are continuing the pursuit of the beaten Turkish troops retreating from Kut-el-Amara, an official statement from the Mesopotamian front to-day said.

Japan Indignantly Refused. Tokyo, Japan, March 1.—The revelations of plots of the Germans to get Japan to secede from the Allies and join Mexico and Germany in a plot against the United States recall a visit here, early in January, of a contingent of prominent Mexicans, with apparently a lot of money and authority. They made some indirect approaches to the Government, but it is understood all the advances were indignantly repulsed, and the Mexicans were ordered out of the country by the next boat.

Could Not Induce Japan. Washington, March 1.—Japanese Ambassador Sato here to-day said: "Germany is very much mistaken if she thinks that my country would combine with Mexico and herself to make war against United States. In this I speak authoritatively for my Government."

STANDS FLATLY BEHIND THE SENATE BILL

President Will Sign Measure When It Meets His Full Desires. Washington, March 1.—President Wilson has informed Congress that he stands flatly behind the Senate bill granting him full powers and a vote of credit to handle the international situation.

U. S. Army Appropriation. Washington, March 1.—An increase of \$27,500,000 to the Army Appropriation Bill was ordered yesterday by the Senate military committee in completing revision of the measure which passed the House.

Canadian Casualties. Killed in action—A. Forbes, Merrickville; C. S. Lett, Eganville. Seriously ill—Charles Nelson, Belleville; P. H. Gardner, Arnprior. Wounded—R. E. Wannamaker, Moira; M. Ayrhart, Carrying Place.

200,000 to Repel Invader. Washington, March 1.—An American army of slightly less than 200,000 men would be immediately available in event of invasion, United States army officials say.

BRITAIN BUSY IN CAPTURING SUBMARINES. New York, March 1.—Mailed advices from England to-day indicate that the British have sunk and captured an unprecedented number of submarines during the month of February, though the Admiralty censors still decline to permit the figures to be given out.

TO DISCIPLINE THE DRUGGISTS

AN ACT IS INTRODUCED IN LEGISLATURE TO EXTEND COUNCIL POWERS. Some Dealers Sell Cocaine to Soldiers Without the Authority of Doctors' Certificates—Special Reports Delayed.

Special Reports Delayed. Hon. Mr. Lucas informed Mr. Rowell that a number of amendments would be brought down to the Workmen's Compensation Act in about ten days.

Government House a Monument. Capt. J. L. Hartt, East Simcoe, resumed the budget debate. After lauding the Government for its management of the financial affairs of the province, he had something to say about the West Simcoe by-election campaign.

Two Canadian Women Saved. London, March 1.—Two Canadian ladies arrived in London yesterday, little the worse for their adventure. They are Mrs. Reed, wife of Capt. Reed, and daughter of Frederick Buscombe, former mayor of Vancouver, and Mrs. Gore Langton, also recently married to a Canadian officer.

NOT SO BAD! (Special to the Whig.) London, March 1.—In the last week of February 4,556 large vessels arrived or departed from British ports. Twelve were attacked, but fought off the submarines. Twenty-one were sunk. No submarine victims were reported yesterday.

NEW PENSION SYSTEM FOR BRITISH ARMY

Widows Given Half Sum to Which Husbands Were Entitled.

London, March 1.—An order-in-council establishing a new pension plan for the British army was issued to-day. Under it privates totally disabled will receive a minimum of 25 shillings 6 pence weekly. If this sum is insufficient to enable the soldier to live approximately up to his before-the-war standard he will be given an alternative pension based on his earnings previous to the war.

The allowance for children is five shillings for the first child and a sum slightly less for each subsequent child. A soldier not totally disabled will receive a pension based on the degree to which his disablement affects his earning powers. Widows will receive half the sum to which their husbands were entitled if totally disabled.

War Tidings. Germany notifies Holland that she will compensate her for the loss of seven Dutch ships last week. Officials at Berlin still declare Germany will give up nothing to United States.

FLYING CORPS DRAWS UPON NATIONAL SERVICE. There Are 12,000 Mechanics Eligible for Camps and Airdromes.

More Representation Wanted by Canada. Only One Member on War Settlement Committee—Aired in Commons.

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HOLLWEG SPEECH DID NOT IMPRESS

The Germans Think That the Chancellor Was Not Frank.

PEACE AND POLITICS STILL THE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS WITH THE HUNS.

Social Leader Claims Entente is Waging a War of Conquest—Conservative Leader Claims the Germans are Human Beings. London, March 1.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam says that telegrams received there from Berlin report that the Chancellor's speech did not make a deep impression upon the German public, it being felt this was no time for polemics, and that the speech lacked frankness and clearness in regard to the two leading questions—peace and the new orientation of German internal politics.

Philip Scheidemann, the Socialist leader, said: "Our enemies are waging a war of conquest. We are waging a war of defence. Our enemies declined our invitation to a peace conference more brutally and provokingly, and with a murder peace programme than anyone could have expected. Germany is unanimous that our power must be strained to frustrate the plans of the enemy."

Claims Germans are Human. Count Friedrich Von Westrap, Conservative leader in the Reichstag, said: "The refusal of our peace offer was a blow in the face of the German people. The Entente declined in its declaration to President Wilson to be compared with us as human beings. The German people understand that our national strength, armed to the teeth, will render possible what our enemies consider impossible."

DAILY MEMORANDUM. Band at Palace Bank tonight. Band at Covered Walk tonight cannot. See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities.

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MARRIED. BELL-WILSON—in Kingston, on Feb. 28th, 1917, by Rev. J. de Pender Wright, Kathleen Anna, daughter of the late T. C. and Mrs. Wilson, to Percy Aylesworth Bell, son of George Bell, of Belleville. KINGHAM-ELLSWORTH—in Kingston, on Feb. 28th, 1917, by Rev. J. de Pender Wright, Marion Ellsworth, daughter of George Ellsworth, Ontario, Ont., to Dr. A. Kingham, C. H. A., of London, Eng.

DIED. PITT—in Kingston, on Feb. 28th, 1917, Agnes Freda, daughter of Edward Pitt, aged 1 year and 2 months. Burial from South St., Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. IN MEMORIAM. In memory of Mrs. John Bushell, by her son, William John. A year it is away My mother left our midst. Her spirit stays unceasingly To see my earthly bliss. JAMES REID. The Old Firm of Undertakers. 254 and 256 PRINCESS STREET. Phone 147 for Ambulance. ROBERT J. REID. The Leading Undertaker. Phone 577. 230 Princess Street. Familiar Quotations. The ideal way is always the most practical way. The perfect way is always the most profitable way. —THOMAS DREIER.