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MORE CAPTURES BY THE FRENCH

Who Have Taken Important Positions Near Leully And Neuville.

INDICATES A POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER FRENCH ENCIRCLING MOVEMENT.

Both Towns Are on the Main Road From Coucy to Soissons—A Heavy Artillery Duel Is in Progress.

(Special to the Whig) Paris, March 28.—French troops have captured important positions in the region of Leully and Neuville and made further progress north of Allette. The War Office reported a heavy artillery duel in progress in the region east of the lower forest of Coucy.

"All day yesterday and during the night, the statement said, "heavy guns on both sides raged in the region of Butte De Mesnil and Maisons de Champagne. The night was quiet between the Oise and the Somme and south of the Oise."

Leully and Neuville sous-Margival both lie to the south of the forest of St. Gobain. Progress reported here indicates the possibility of another French encircling movement. Here before fighting has been reported from the north of the forest. Both towns mentioned to-day are south-east of Coucy Le Chateau and on the main road from Chateau to Soissons.

GERMANY'S DISTRESS.

Amsterdam, March 28.—German Food Director Batoeki admitted to the Reichstag that there had been an over-estimate in the amount of Germany's food supplies. Batoeki is quoted as commenting on the seriousness of the German food situation, as saying that increased production "was impossible owing to the lack of labor and the enormous difficulties of transport."

SPARKS DESTROYS \$125,000.

Pulpmong, Sawmill And Car Barns Destroyed by Fire. Watertown, N.Y., March 28.—The 8,000-cord pile of pulpwood at the Norfolk plant of the Remington Paper and Power Co., valued at about \$125,000, has been consumed, and the company's sawmill, and the car barns of the Norwood and St. Lawrence Railroad are also in ashes as a result of a fire yesterday. The water main broke and left the property at the mercy of the flames, until the fire engines from Canton and Potsdam could reach there. A strong wind blew the flames away from the large paper mill. The fire is said to have caught from a passing engine.

Greece has presented a note to Italy, insisting upon the withdrawal of Italian troops from Epirus, to Avlona.

NOT RENUNCIATION BUT CO-ORDINATION

French War Minister Explains Reason of the Retreat From Somme.

Paris, March 28.—In defending the Government's bill providing for the calling out of the 1918 class of recruits in the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon, the new Minister of War, reminding the Chamber that while France was entering a decisive phase of the war, "decisive" did not mean "brief." "Successful as is the beginning of the spring campaign, great as is the joy at seeing part of our territory liberated, it would be puerile to consider the German retreat as renunciation," said the minister. "The retreat is evidently rather by reason of the force of the Anglo-French armies and the prudence of their co-ordination than because of weakening on the part of the German army. It is proof of the necessity of their bringing together their military energies. Germany is assembling an army, greater numerically, and more solidly equipped than ever before. That is the instrument of war over which we must triumph."

POWER TO MUNICIPALITIES

To Tax Up to 25 Mills Besides School and War Taxes.

(Special to the Whig) Toronto, March 28.—The municipal committee of the Legislature today passed an amendment to the Municipal Act giving all municipalities the power to assess up to 25 mills on the dollar irrespective of school and war taxes. The previous maximum was 20 mills. The municipal committee of the Legislature today finally adopted the clause of the Motor Vehicles Act providing that no person shall drive a motor vehicle without a driver's permit, in addition to the present auto license. This will enable a record of every person driving a motor in Ontario to be kept, and his permit cancelled when he deserves it. Under previous conditions there was no way of keeping reckless drivers out of cars unless they were kept imprisoned.

NOT IN PUBLIC INTEREST

To Tell About the Torpedoing of a Cunard Liner.

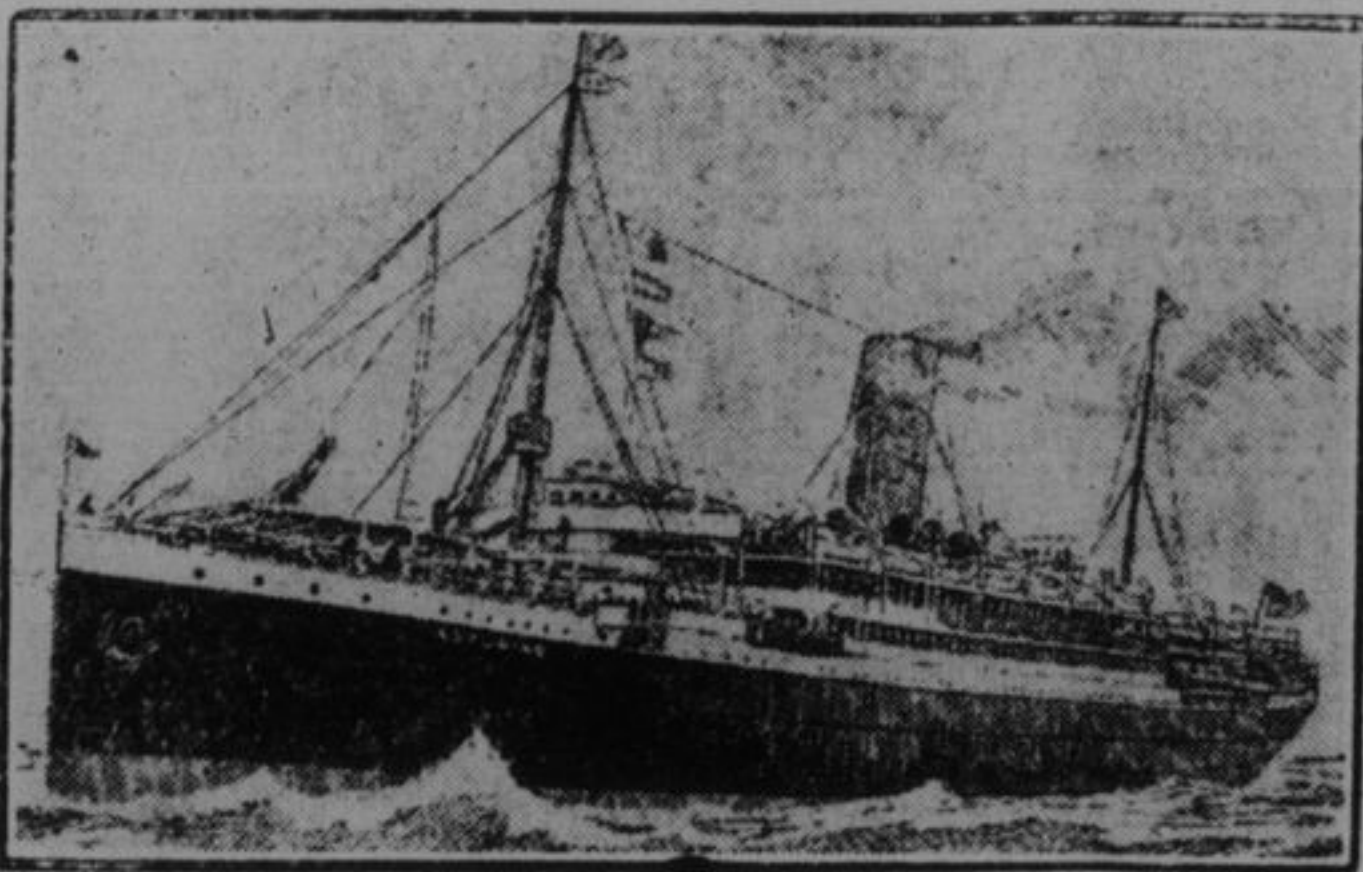
(Special to the Whig) London, May 28.—Queries concerning "a Cunard liner reported recently sunk," the number of casualties, and whether the ship was mined or torpedoed, were asked of the Government by the Irish Nationalist Ginnell in the House of Commons today. Secretary to the Admiralty McNamara replied such information "was not in the public interest," and he refused to disclose whether any inquiry was to be instituted.

U. S. COULD LOAN BILLIONS TO ALLIES.

New York, March 28.—The banking houses of the United States are able to loan the allies the staggering sum of five billions of dollars, without noticeably affecting the financial situation of this country. In the gold piled up in this country, lies the power, if loosed, to end the war.

Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues lunched with King George at Buckingham Palace to-day.

HOSPITAL SHIP ASTURIAS TORPEDOED BY GERMANS



The German Government to-day admit the sinking of this vessel, although they knew full well it was a hospital ship.

A BRITISH VICTORY WITH ARMORED CARS

Supported By Cavalry the British Capture Village of Boyelles—Swept Over the Germans Who Thought They Had Trapped Their Foe.

(Special to the Whig) With the British Armies Afield, March 28.—For the first time since the fighting in Belgium at the beginning of the war armored cars, supported by cavalry, achieved the capture of a village to-day. The place was Boyelles. The armored cars, supported on the north and south by British cavalry, swept over the Germans. The enemy fled precipitately, not having expected more than a clash with small advance forces. The Germans had laid a trap at Boyelles for what they supposed would be a reconnoitering guard of the British advance. But they were overwhelmed by the strength of the British no less than by the surprise at the bringing into action of the armored cars. Field Marshal Haig's men to-day held Boyelles in great strength.

A WIRELESS STATION AT TSARKOE-SELO SHIPS SUNK IN MARCH TOTALLED 420,000 TONS

Furnished Communication Between Pro-German Russian Ministers and Berlin.

Petrograd, March 28.—A secret wireless station at Tsarkoe-Sele, which is suspected of having furnished communication in the past between the pro-German Russian Ministers and Berlin, was discovered yesterday. Evidence which the new Government agents have collected shows, it is said, that this station was established by the former Minister of the Interior, M. Protopopoff, without the Czar's knowledge. The Government, it is declared, has other cumulative evidence forcing the conclusion that the old regime did not scruple to plot Russia's destruction.

ARREST MANY SPIES.

Steady Improvement of Conditions in Petrograd.

Petrograd, March 28.—A steady improvement in conditions was visible to-day. The new municipal militia is maintaining excellent order throughout the city. Provisions are now coming regularly into the city, and the volume is increasing. Prices are slightly reduced. All the new Ministers work day and night mapping out Government plans. One striking thing is the picture of the Chapmans and other squares in the city filled with recruits training for service at the front. The efficiency of the new regime is exemplified in hundreds of arrests of spies. There is complete chaos in nearly every department as to routine as yet, but there is every indication that the new State is firmly established.

THE KAISER'S ILLNESS.

Under Treatment for Mild Form of Diabetes.

(Special to the Whig) Berlin, March 28.—Kaiser Wilhelm is suffering from a mild form of diabetes and is undergoing treatment at Homburg, according to wireless dispatches received here to-day. His physicians were said to have given assurances that with a careful regime of treatment they can effect a cure, but worry is said to be retarding the Emperor's recovery.



THE RIGA-DVINSK FRONT. The Germans are preparing to launch an offensive on the line with Petrograd as their object. The relative position of the line to the capital is shown above.

WILSON MUST BE POSITIVE

And Definite And Specific in His Address to Congress.

SERIOUS DELAY POSSIBLE

UNLESS PRESIDENT DECLARES FORCIBLY WHAT HE WANTS.

Some Senators Claim the Majority of the American People Do Not Want War, But Will Do President's Bidding.

(Special to the Whig) Washington, March 28.—President Wilson will have to be positive, definite and specific in detail if he gets what he wants from Congress. This is the impression to-day "on the hill."

The vast majority of the forty per cent of the new Congressmen are here ready for the Monday opening. They say that if the President shows any inclination in his "coming war message" to be general or "timidly suggestive" of what he wants a wide difference of opinion will result, and perhaps a disastrous delay in real progress.

There is evidence that some western members brought a slight cooling of the war spirit with them. Certain representatives and some senators still maintain that "a majority of the people do not want war." They are ready, however, to do the President's bidding if he makes a strong statement.

716 ORDERS FOR LIQUOR.

One London Doctor's Record Since Sept. 16th, 1916.

London, Ont., March 27.—Four physicians of London and district were summoned to the Police Court yesterday to answer a charge of unlawfully giving prescriptions or orders for liquor in evasion of the Ontario Temperance Act. The names of the physicians are Dr. C. C. Ross, Dr. D. G. MacNeil, Dr. F. B. Clegg, and Dr. A. MacLaren.

The charge against Dr. Ross was that he had written 716 orders for bottles of liquor, which were supplied by the licensed vendor under the Act since Sept. 16th, when the Act went into force. The Crown Attorney contended that if twenty-five per cent of the doctors of the district had handed out as many there would have been no advantage of the Temperance Act. Dr. Ross declared on oath that in every case liquor was necessary for the health of his patients.

GERMANS PLACED TRAPS

To Catch The French But Did Not Succeed.

With the French Armies advancing from Soissons, March 28.—French soldiers don't pull down the carcasses of rabbits, crows, hawks, squirrels and the like which they find occasionally strung on wires dangling from ruins of houses destroyed by the Germans in their retreat. Here is the reason why: In several places north of Soissons the advancing French forces have found that when attempt was made to yank down these dead bodies, the pull on the wires to which they were attached set off mines ingeniously laid by the Germans.

But not everywhere have the Germans had time sufficient in which to plan such ingenious traps. The French pursuit has been so speedy that the enemy has been frequently forced to leave before completing its work of destruction.

CYCLONE IN ALABAMA.

Fourteen Persons Killed in Town of Petre, Which Was Wiped Out.

Birmingham, Ala., March 28.—The town of Petre, Ala., was wiped out early yesterday by a cyclone which killed 14 persons and injured 20. The storm struck about 1 a.m., destroying all wires.

TO TAX 'PHONE COMPANIES.

Bill Introduced by Premier of Nova Scotia.

Halifax, March 28.—Premier Murray introduced in the local legislature yesterday an act which places a tax on telephone companies and telegraph users.

Companies operating over a certain number of phones will be taxed 25 cents on each instrument. On all long distance telephone messages a tax of five cents will be charged. Companies will have to pay 75 per cent tax on all profits over 8 per cent on the amount invested. This in line with the Government's policy of increasing the provincial revenues. Last week a bill was introduced to impose a tax of from one cent to ten cents on all theatre and moving picture tickets.

THANKS GREAT BRITAIN

For Providing Individual Graves for Canadian Dead.

Ottawa, March 28.—The Canadian Government has sent through the Governor-General a message acknowledging the fine spirit which actuated the British Government in proposing to provide interment in single graves for all Dominion of soldiers and men dying in the United Kingdom.

"No act," says the message, "could more deeply touch the heart of Canada, as the knowledge that the graves of our overseas soldiers are under the perpetual care of the Motherland will contribute an enduring bond of intimate family relationship between us."

GERMAN SAILORS TAKEN TO GEORGIA

700 Members of Interned Crews Removed South Under Heavy Guard.

Philadelphia, March 28.—The seven hundred members of the crews of the German auxiliary cruisers Kron Prinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich, interned at the Philadelphia Navy yard since last October, started yesterday under a heavy guard of marines for Fort Oglethorpe and Fort McPherson, Georgia, where they will be kept until further orders from Washington. The first section of fourteen cars left shortly before 9 o'clock and another section of an equal number of cars departed later. A large crowd, held back by a cordon of marines and five hundred Philadelphia policemen, saw the departure of the sailors. In each car the guard of four men.

Capt. Thierichsen of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich; Capt. Thierfeldt, of the Kron Prinz Wilhelm, and Lieut. Berg, who brought the British steamer Appam to Chesapeake Capes a year ago, were among those removed from the ships.

There were no incidents during the entraining.

WAR BULLETINS.

It is reported Germans are retreating in Alsace.

British and French have taken seven more villages from the enemy.

The British blockade of Germany is drawn still tighter.

The Indian Empire has offered Britain five hundred million dollars to help fight the Germans.

London press advocates that the British carry German officers on hospital ships to prevent their sinking.

Grave fears at Petrograd that a counter revolt and massacre may be attempted.

The British government may provide a special ship to take stranded Canadian women and children back to Canada.

ANCIENT TREATIES SCRAPS OF PAPER

Hu's Disregarded Agreements of 1799 and 1825 With United States.

Washington, March 28.—Germany's clear violation of the treaties of 1799 and 1825, and her disregard of the canons of international courtesy," assigned by the United States as reasons for refusal to reaffirm or extend these agreements, "transmitted through Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss Minister, was made public yesterday by the State Department, and disclosed that this government "is seriously considering" whether Germany's conduct has not in effect abrogated these treaties.

The note says: "In view of the clear violations by the German authorities of the plain terms of the treaties in question, solemnly concluded on the mutual understanding that the obligations thereunder would be faithfully kept, in view of the disregard of the canons of international courtesy in the treatment of innocent American citizens, in the United States which would flow from further engagements, even though they were merely declaratory of international law, entered into with the Imperial German Government in regard to the meaning of any articles of these treaties or of supplementary to them."

DIED

BELLA—In Toronto on March 27th, 1917, Isabelle Davidson, wife of George W. Bell, aged 25 years. Interment at Toronto.

FRANKLIN—At 846 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg, on March 27th, 1917, Joseph Franklin, aged 76 years. Funeral will take place on Friday, March 30th, at 1:30 p.m. from the undertaking parlors of H. J. Reid. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

BORN

ELMER—At the Kingston General Hospital, March 28th, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Elmer, a son.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities.

GENERAL SMUTZ WILL RECEIVE THE FREEDOM OF EDINBURGH WITH PREMIER BORDEN NEXT MONTH.

Mrs. Cawthra Mulock's Claim. Toronto, March 28.—The settlement of claim of Mrs. Cawthra Mulock in her alimony action, claiming \$3,000 a month has been filed at Osgoode Hall. Mrs. Mulock alleged cruelty and impropriety on the part of her husband.

THE DAILY BRITISH WHIG

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Familial Quotations

Most of the shadows that cross our path through life are caused by our standing in our own light. —OLD PROVERB.

OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

French.

Paris, March 27.—The War Office report says:

"In the Argonne we made a successful surprise attack in the sector of Four de Paris, taking prisoners. In Lorraine enemy attacks on small French posts in the region of Letricourt were repulsed completely.

"In the Argonne a surprise attack on the German lines in the sector of Dignette enabled us to take about twenty prisoners.

"On the Verdun front the artillery fighting was quite violent in the direction of Hill 304 and north of Bezonvaux.

"Belgian communication: "Last night the field and trench artillery on both sides was very active along the Yser in the direction of Dixmude, Stenestraete and Betas. The Belgian batteries shelled various German assemblies before the front, and similarly directed successful fire on the enemy works near Bixchoote."

Russian.

Petrograd, March 27.—Tuesday's War Office report said:

"Western front: In the region of Postavy, south of Baranovich, German artillery displayed greater activity. In the region of Dorevolubazy, after artillery fire and mine-throwing, the enemy attacked our troops occupying positions on the western bank of the River Shara. The first attack was repulsed, but a second, accompanied by a discharge of asphyxiating gases, obliged our troops to fall back in an easterly direction.

"Enemy aeroplanes set fire to two of our captive balloons. In the region of the little town of Svotichi, east of Baranovich and northwest of Kimpoling, two enemy aeroplanes were hit by our fire and fell into our lines. The aviators were made prisoners.

"Roumanian front: There were scouting reconnaissances and rifle-firing."

Italian.

Rome, March 27.—Tuesday's War Office report said:

"In the Sugana Valley on Sunday night enemy detachments attempted to approach our positions on the left bank of the Maso torrent, west of Samone. They were driven off and dispersed by our fire.

"Yesterday there was considerable artillery activity on the Julian front. At dusk the bombardment was extremely heavy in the section between the Frigido and Dosso Fatti. After destroying our defences the enemy launched two attacks in force, one against Hill 126, where he succeeded in occupying some of our advanced trenches, and the other towards Dosso Fatti, which was immediately repulsed.

"A squadron of our aeroplanes dropped bombs on hutments in the Arsa Valley, in the neighborhood of Gerolt, with good results. All our machines returned."

- 1—Wilson Must Be Positive: Freshman Food Act Passed: A British Victory.
2—Local Club Fined: Censors Find Nothing: Here's a New Citizen.
3—Told in Twilight: Predicts a Revolution.
4—Editorial Notes: Random Reels.
5—Without Wrecks Train: Planning for Seeding: Ice Leaving.
6—Eastern Ontario News.
7—Amusements: Announcements: Military Matters: Theatrical Themes.
8—Gadsby's Letter: British Paid a High Price.
9—Told in Twilight: Roxane's Confession: Menu.
10—The Latest Market Reports.
11—The World of Sport: Mutt and Jeff.