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GERMANS READY FOR THE DRIVE

Airmen Report That Training Behind the Enemy Lines Has Ceased.

GREAT ARTILLERY BATTLE

IS RAGING ALL ALONG THE BRITISH FRONT.

The Weather is Favorable For Operations on a Gigantic Scale—Enemy Batteries Busy Over Seventy Miles of Front.

London, March 13.—Indications from the front in France last night pointed strongly to the probability that the long-anticipated German offensive is at last ready for launching.

BRITISH CABINET CHANGES.

They are Being Discussed by Press at Length.

London, March 13.—Reports of changes in the Cabinet are being discussed at length in the press.

Zepplines Made Raid.

London, March 13.—Three Zeppelins took part in an air raid last night on England.

The Germans have sustained such heavy losses in Zeppelins they have employed them only at frequent intervals in the last year for raids on England.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS.

British.

"We carried out successful raids north of Lens and brought back prisoners. South of Arras one of our posts was raided by a strong party of the enemy after heavy bombardment.

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AN AGREEMENT OVER FISHERIES

Has Been Reached by the American and Canadian Governments.

WILL REMAIN IN FORCE

FOR AT LEAST THE DURATION OF THE WAR.

It Will Do Away With Irritating Delays to Fishing Vessels of Either Country in Ports of the Other.

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BAILEY GOES TO JAIL FOR THREE MONTHS

For Making Statements Derogatory to the Soldiers at the Front.

Toronto, March 13.—Captain Geo. T. Bailey, C.A.M.C., was this afternoon sentenced by Magistrate Denison here to three months' imprisonment on the jail farm for making statements derogatory to the soldiers at the front.

W. K. Murphy, counsel for the accused, said that he would appeal the case to the Minister of Justice.

URGES THE UNION OF PRESBYTERIANS

President Wilson Writes a Letter to the Commissions on Union.

Atlantic City, N.Y., March 13.—A letter from President Wilson urging a union of the forces of Presbyterianism in the United States as "a very good thing for all Presbyterians," was to be read here to-day before the commissions on union of the Presbyterian church in the United States.

UNITED STATES COMMITTED

With All Its Resources to Winning the War.

Paris, March 13.—Newton D. Baker, United States Secretary of War, who to-day met a number of British, French and American newspaper men, said:

"There can be but one result when the forces of civilization in great countries like those now Allied are together to defend the vital principles of liberty.

FIRST PICTURE OF AMERICAN MACHINE GUN IN ACTION AGAINST PRUSSIAN IN FRANCE



This is a British official photograph and the only one received here thus far showing a United States gun actually firing on the Germans.

DRY AMENDMENT IS SIDETRACKED

New York State Assembly Votes For Referendum on Prohibition Measure.

ACTION IS A DEATH BLOW

TO RATIFICATION PROPOSAL FOR THIS YEAR.

Governor Whitman Declares His Belief That the Assembly Legislators Have Made a Mistake by Their Action.

Albany, March 13.—A proposal to ratify the federal prohibition amendment this year received what is considered a death blow in the New York Legislature late yesterday when the Assembly, by a vote of 84 to 64, and after one of the most spirited debates in years, adopted a substitute which would provide for a referendum this fall on the ratification question.

The Senate has not yet acted upon the proposal, but a committee of that body earlier in the day favorably reported a referendum bill.

CUTTING OUT MILITIA CLERKS AT OTTAWA

Four Hundred Go From One Branch—Records Staff Being Cut in Half.

Ottawa, March 13.—Striking reforms amounting in some instances to reorganization are taking place in the Militia Department under the regime of Major-General Newburn.

ARE BEFORE ODESSA.

This is the Announcement of the War Office.

Berlin, March 13.—German and Austro-Hungarian troops are now before Odessa, the War Office announced. It has been reported that the Austro-German advance was continuing in some regions, notwithstanding the conclusion of peace with Russia and Ukraine.

WILL FURNISH SUPPLIES.

The News Print Issue Has Been Arranged.

Montreal, March 13.—Manufacturers will trust to Government action in settling the news print question. They will concede to Commissioner Pringle's request and furnish necessary supply for the time being.

LEADER OF BLACKMAIL GANG PLEADS GUILTY

George Irwin Is Sentenced to Two Years at Atlanta Penitentiary.

New York, March 13.—George Irwin, leader of a band of blackmailers, was sentenced to a term of two years in the Atlanta penitentiary to-day when he pleaded guilty in the Federal Court to an indictment returned two years ago charging him with conspiracy to swindle Mrs. Regina Klipper of Philadelphia by representing himself as an agent of the Department of Justice engaged in enforcing the Mann Act.

BRITISH BOMB PRUSSIAN CITY

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IMMENSE PROFITS BY MUNITION MAKERS

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London, March 13.—The immense profits made by munition manufacturers, and even greater profits which they would have made had it not been for the supervision of their contracts, are disclosed in the report of the committee on national expenditure, issued to-day.

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BELGIANS ACCEPT GERMAN OVERTURE

Flemish Soldiers Were Invited to Go Over and Surrender.

Washington, March 13.—How Belgian soldiers in the trenches recently answered a piece of German propaganda is told in an official despatch received by the Belgian Legation here. The message said:

"At a point on the Belgian front near Nieupoort, on March 8th, the Germans, continuing their vain efforts to separate the Flemish from the Walloon population, put up a large proclamation inviting the Flemish soldiers of the Belgian army to come over and surrender.

"In one trench, which was strongly held, to the west of Nieuveldam, near the Passchendaele Canal, the Belgians took 22 prisoners and left behind them 30 dead Germans. In this raid the Belgians had only a few of their own men wounded and none killed.

THE GERMANS DIFFER ON JAPANESE ACTION

Some Papers Refuse to Be Disquieted While Others Exhibit Alarm.

Washington, March 13.—German newspapers are following closely the discussion of Japanese intervention in Siberia.

CHINESE COMMANDER WARNS BOLSHEVIKI

London, March 13.—The Chinese commander at Harbin, Manchuria, warned leaders of the Bolsheviki forces in Siberia that the invasion of China is a territory would be considered an act of war.

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DESTROY TOWNS IS GERMAN CALL

Amsterdam, March 9.—The destruction of four hundred English towns by German airplanes is demanded by the Berlin Tageszeitung as a reprisal for the action of the Allies in confiscating four hundred German merchant ships.

FIRE DAMAGES CENTRAL SCHOOL

Blaze Discovered in Paper Chute After Six O'Clock Tuesday Evening.

\$7,000 DAMAGE RESULTED

FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE SECOND STOREY.

The Roof Was Saved—The Fire Was a Difficult One to Fight—Building Out of Commission For the Present.

Fire, which started in a paper chute at 6:30 o'clock on Tuesday evening, did damage estimated at \$7,000 to the Central Public School on Sydenham Street.

As a result of the fire no classes were held on Wednesday, but arrangements will be made for the scholars as soon as possible.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Thursday night, when some definite plans will be undertaken.

The fire was discovered by Joseph Gould, the aged caretaker, while he was sweeping up in the basement. He was busy at his work, and was surprised to see flames break out in the paper chute.

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The school library was saved. A piano in one of the rooms was flooded with water, and will suffer. Many of the pupils will suffer as a result of books, pencils and other equipment being destroyed.

THE YOUNGSTERS TICKLED.

A big crowd was attracted to the fire, and naturally the "kiddies" were "tickled to death" over the fact that they were to have a few holidays even at the price of the loss of a school.

Several of the teachers were on hand, and lost no time in getting to their class rooms to see what damage had been accomplished.

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