

### Teuton Squadron Hastily Withdrawn

London, March 9.—The morning news papers published their correspondents in Holland such details as were available regarding the recent activity of the German fleet in the North Sea. According to these accounts the fleet included about 50 crafts of all descriptions, from the most modern dreadnoughts down to old-fashioned torpedo boats. The fleet was escorted by two Zepplins, which served as scouts to prevent a surprise attack by hostile vessels. One of them sighted this fleet 165

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miles due west of the mouth of the Elbe. Another saw it 35 miles northwest of Ymuiden. All the German ships were painted a war gray, and were invisible at a short distance. Heavy clouds of smoke frequently hid them completely.

One Dutch trawler is quoted as having made the following report: During the recent raid on England a Zepplin was seen scouting in advance of three cruisers and a fleet of destroyers and submarines, which were believed to have the intention of making a dash for English waters.

The Zepplin however, made certain discoveries regarding the watchfulness of the British fleet, and the German squadron hastily withdrew.

London, March 9.—German residents in Porto and throughout Portugal have been advised by their consul to proceed to Spain immediately, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Lisbon. It is supposed, says the correspondent, that the diplomats will leave this week, as a rupture between Germany and Portugal is considered inevitable.

Paris, March 9.—A rupture with Germany is regarded by the Portuguese government as inevitable, says a Lisbon despatch to the Matin. Special protective measures have accordingly been taken along the coast and at the entrance of the Tagus against submarine. The lighthouses have been ordered to remain dark.

Rome, March 8 (via Paris, March 9).—Two of the most powerful of Austria's dreadnoughts are being prepared in a Dalmatian port, the Tribuna says, with the intention of repeating the exploit of the former German vessels, the Goeben and Breslau, and forcing the Allies' blockade of the Adriatic, in order to reach the Dardanelles and bring assistance to Turkey, in the Black Sea, as the nation of the latter is growing desperate owing to Russia

...by in these waters. ... reason, the new-pur ... floating mine, which ... the Dispatch, have ... been swept up by the Turks and ... G ... in order to clear a ... the Asiatic battle line, ... which are expected

Paris, March 8 (via London March 9).—Previous statements of German losses in the battle of Verdun are relatively light seem to be corroborated in an official list of the casualties of the 24 hours' fight of Brandenburger, who were the hulk of the fighting of the beginning, and who stormed Fort Douaumont. The total casualties in the list are 202, whereof 50 are dead. Reports circulating in the town of Neureppin, the home garrison of the regiment, are to the effect that the total losses in the actual storming of the fort were only 18 killed and wounded.

### Turkish Attack On Egypt Remote

London, March 10.—A despatch from the British press representative with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force in Egypt says that the danger of a Turkish attack on Egypt is now regarded as very remote, if not entirely removed. The difficulties for the Turks of moving troops increase with the approach of the warm season, and it is believed in Egypt that the disaster at Erzerum has removed the last hopes on the part of the Turks of carrying out their plans against the Suez.

Amsterdam, March 10, via London.—The Telegraaf states that it has received reports of serious rioting in Cologne on Tuesday last in consequence of the heavy losses of German troops in the Battle of Verdun. The reports are further to the effect that artillery had to be placed in the streets to overawe the crowds.

Amsterdam, March 10 (via London).—Six French aeroplanes raided the railway lines over which the Germans have been transporting military supplies in Central Belgium, on last Monday and Tuesday, according to advices to the Telegraaf. They dropped many bombs, and caused extensive damage. All returned safely.

London, March 10.—Russia is making preparations to use the recently captured harbor of Rza as a naval base for the advance on Trebond, from which it is 35 miles distant, according to Petrograd despatch Rza is an ideal harbor for the purpose and offers ample shelter and anchorage. In this way the Russians will have the advantage of satisfactory communications by sea, while the Turks are handicapped by incredibly bad land communications. The Russians now enjoy complete mastery in the Black Sea, and are keeping ceaseless watch on the Bosphorus.

### Terrible Losses Of Germans Friday

London, March 11.—(Toronto Globe)—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing under Friday's date, says: "Not since the battle of Verdun have the German losses been so terrible as in yesterday's fighting. Whole brigades, which went into action against Douaumont, Vaux village and Vaux fort were practically wiped out of existence, and most of the German units engaged lost two thirds of their strength. They suffered heavily, always, in fighting the French infantrymen, mar-

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vellous with the bayonet, and the Zouaves, Turcos and Singalese, who figured prominently in yesterday's engagement, like demons let loose as they drove their bayonets home with an ever arm plunging stroke. Unlike British and French infantrymen, who usually thrust upwards, the French African troops rise their rifles above their heads and with the whole weight of the body bring it down with a thrust which sends the bayonet through the opponent.

"The Germans suffered even more cruelly from the French artillery and machine guns."

Paris, March 11.—(Toronto Globe)—The battle of 10,000 guns and half a million bayonets still rages furiously in the Meuse Valley. The nineteenth day of the conflict brought no perceptible diminution in the desperate encounter.

Tens of thousands of tons of melinite and cheddite continue to be exchanged between the French and Germans. The battle still ebbs and flows around a few disputed villages, woods and hills.

Exclusive information reaches me that the German casualties may now be reckoned in the neighborhood of 200,000. This includes a considerable number of prisoners, although the French staff policy forbids mention of the figures.

Never has a sterner call been made on the heroism of French infantrymen; never have they answered the call in a finer spirit.

Returns just compiled by the United States Bureau of Navigation prove that practically 400,000 persons—to be exact, 399,898—crossed the Atlantic ocean last year as passengers on various liners. The number going to Europe was 217,148, and coming from Europe 182,690. No less than 251,844 traveled on ships of the belligerent powers, a pretty clear demonstration of how thoroughly and completely the British navy kept control of the seas.—St. John Globe.

### German Mine Field South Of Falsterbo

Stockholm, via London, March 10.—The Swedish government has decided to remove the German mine held off Falsterbo, which caused the loss of the steamer Martha. The press supports the government in this decision, and several newspapers declare that the German object, in the laying of these mines is to prevent all traffic between the Baltic and the North Sea.

(It was reported in the end of February that a large German flotilla was engaged in laying mines to the south of Falsterbo, a small seaport of Sweden, near its other extremity, on the Baltic Sea. This new mine field was said to be intended to prevent traffic in contrast to the Swedish coast to Finnish ports. It was later stated that Sweden had made energetic representations on this subject to Germany, as not even Sweden's navy would be able to move from the North Sea to the Baltic, with out grave danger from these mines, unless accompanied by German pilots.

### Germans Failed To Bend Blue Line

Paris, March 10.—The situation at Verdun is regarded as much better, from the French viewpoint, as a result of yesterday's fighting. The public is greatly cheered by reports of successful resistance on the part of the defenders of the fortress. Notwithstanding an enormous expenditure of ammunition and untainted sacrifice of life, the Germans have failed to bend, much less break, the blue line.

The inference drawn by the general public is that the German wave has advanced as far as in its power, without further wastage on a large scale, which the German general staff hesitates to make, with four army corps already put out of action in the struggle of 18 days. Exhausted by three days of violent efforts, the assailants called a half rest to replenish the depleted ranks of infantry. The French took advantage of

the respite to sweep out the Germans still remaining in Corbeux. Success in this effort were almost assured.

The renewal of heavy fighting west of the Meuse, attended by a series of assaults on Douaumont, has centered interest once more on this portion of the front. A good road runs through the gently sloping ravine up to the plateau before Douaumont, possession of which would enable the attacking forces to take the defenses in the flank. Massed infantry, well supported by artillery, struggled hard to win command of this easiest approach to the famous position, but the French were able to hold off the assailants and at the same time to deal with attacks from the village of Douaumont.

### An Electric Catfish

A powerful electric battery which is actually alive and swims about at will—that is Dame Nature's champion electrical experiment. It is found in the River Nile and is known as the electric catfish. The fish often grows to a length of 4 feet, and has electrical plates all along its body. From these plates the fish can discharge a strong current, which kills other fishes instantly, is powerful enough to stun a horse and often gives a severe shock to a human hand.

Guinea pigs are descended from the wild cavies of South America.

### MERCURY BICHLORIDE

How to Prevent Accident by Mistaking For Other Medicines

Various methods designed to prevent the mistaking of bichloride of mercury for medicine, or some other harmless substance, have been proposed with the idea of making it possible to use this deadly poison as an antiseptic without incurring any danger. Two of the latest of these are extremely simple but evidently effective. One method consists in stringing the tablets together and then bottling them in the usual manner. A tablet can only be detached by cutting the string, and this apparently does away with all possibility of mistake. The other method is to incase the tablets in metal guards having sharp prongs, so that it is impossible to swallow them. The tablet can be dissolved with the guard in place or can easily be removed from the guard.

### To Economize With Gas

Always keep the main gas tap only half on. If it is turned on full the gas rushes through the pipes, and a great deal is wasted.

It is a great mistake to believe that the higher the gas is turned on the greater the heat and the quicker the saucepan will boil.

When the whole of the oven is not required, lower the "browner" or plain iron sheet half-way down, and use the lower half of the cooking. This will use very little gas.

Get a sheet of very thin iron the size of the top of the gas stove with narrow raised edges. Put this on the stove after lighting the largest burner, and several saucepans can be kept boiling with that one ring.

### Tea-growing in India

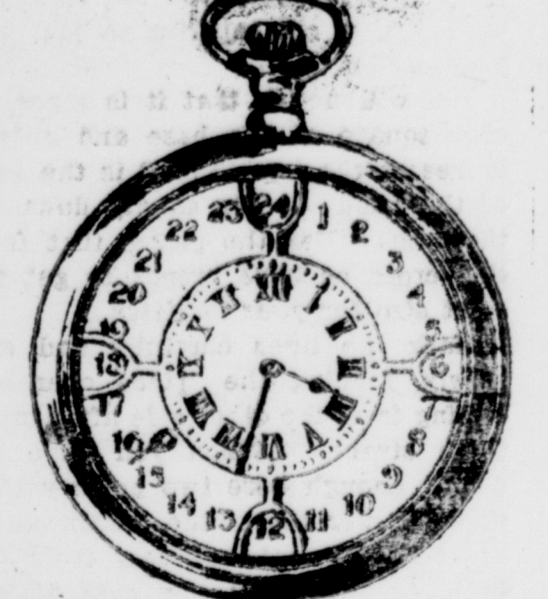
Scattered all over India we find the British-owned and managed tea gardens. From insignificant beginnings has grown up a huge industry, till we now have 600,000 acres growing tea, and employing 700,000 persons of both sexes. Producing 296,000,000 pounds, India sends her teas all over the civilized world. India is now the greatest tea-exporting country in the world. Australia, New Zealand, Canada—all the British dominions beyond the seas—have shared in this expansion of the tea trade.

### A TWO-FACED WATCH

It Shows Twelve Hours or Twenty-four, Whichever You Prefer

In France the straight twenty-four-hour system of time has been adopted on the railroads and in other commercial enterprises in place of the twelve-hour systems for the day that prevail here. There was considerable difficulty experienced in adapting the timepieces of the republic to the new regime and this was found to be especially difficult when it is remembered that to the ordinary run of people the twelve-hour system is still the standard.

It was necessary, therefore, to have watches and clocks that could be used to tell the time under both systems. A Paris jeweler solved the problem



with a watch made as shown in the sketch. It will be noted that there are two hour hands. It was not necessary to change the minute hand under the old system, as an hour hand is just as fast as the old hour hand. So another hand was added that moves over the circuit of the dial just half as fast as the old hour hand. Thus in the sketch it will be seen that by the old method the time is 25 minutes to 4 and by the new it is 25 minutes to 16 o'clock. Clock faces are made in the same way.

### A Profanity Preventer



A machinist whose work required him to make frequent use of a hammer was much annoyed by the grease that was constantly on his hands causing the hammer to slip from his grasp at the slightest provocation. He obviated the difficulty by cutting grooves in the handle that furnished the hammer with a very efficient grip as his fingers fitted into the grooves. This would be a good idea for housekeepers to follow, as they are also much annoyed by the hammer slipping from their grasp.

A good way for a man to discover that he doesn't know a woman is to marry her.

### THE LIGHTER SIDE

Dreams, unfortunately, have no cash value.

Almost anybody would rather be an unpopular talker than a popular listener.

There are some people who have no enthusiasm except when they sit down to dinner.

How many of us, when we say we are doing our very best are telling the strict truth.

Don't worry! No matter what you do, the thing called trouble is bound to come sometimes.

Some people never know the difference between right and wrong till they find out which pays best.

It is curious but true that the lazier your employer happens to be, the more work he expects you to do.

One of the worst things about life is the fact that there are so many stupid people who do not appreciate us!

People used to be proud if they owned a piano; but they are not now. That brand of pride was run over, long ago, by a motor car.

A man with a three-days' growth of beard may not be a pleasant sight, but he is a lot more attractive than a woman with about a quarter of an inch of powder all over her face.