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## French Recover Trenches Captured by the Germans

**Official Report Says There Was no Further Aggressive Movement by the Enemy Last Night West of the Meuse ---Successful Counter Attacks.**

PARIS, March 15.—The Germans last night made no further aggressive movement to the west of the river Meuse, according to announcement made this afternoon by the French War Office. French counter attacks between Bethincourt and Cumieres resulted in the re-occupation of certain trenches captured by the Germans yesterday. French troops still hold the heights of Mort Homme. The artillery exchanges have been active between Bethincourt and Cumieres, but elsewhere the night passed with relative quiet. The text of the official statement follows:

"To the west of the river Meuse the enemy made no further endeavor to advance last night. Along our front between Bethincourt and Cumieres, counter attacks with the bayonet and hand grenades made it possible for us to re-occupy a portion of the trenches captured yesterday by the enemy in the direction of Hill No. 265. We now hold Bethincourt, the height of Mort Homme, the southern boundary of the wood of Cumieres and the village of Cumieres. The bombardment has continued with intensity in all this sector, and the fire of the enemy has been answered with energy.

"There has been nothing of importance to report from the right bank of the Meuse, nor in the Woevre district, where the artillery exchanges have been intermittent.

### Turkish Military Situation is Critical

**And Peace Must Soon be Considred**

LONDON, March 15.—The Daily Telegraph's Athens correspondent quotes from a private uncensored letter from Constantinople, written by a reliable military man, whose judgment carried great weight, the following passage:

"Consideration of the Turkish military situation from every aspect leads one to the same conclusion, viz., it is extremely critical, and for this reason a separate Turkish peace must be considered as a likely development, and is not far distant.

"Authentic information reaches us from Sofia that the Bulgarian government is seriously alarmed at the turn events are taking in Turkey. The probability of the Turkish military collapse and capitulation to the Entente, is credited in Sofia, and there, too, our information is, ways and means are under consideration, should fears which are entertained materialize, as to how Bulgaria may also seek safety in a separate peace."

The correspondent further says: "I can add what an enemy diplomat said to an intimate friend: 'Turkey and Bulgaria are waiting to see the result of the German offensive in France. If it turns out that Germany is unable to accomplish anything on that front, and has to admit it, there will be a rush both of Turkey and Bulgaria to see who will be first to reach the Entente camp.'

### American Cotton Under Seizure is

**Bought by Dutch Firm at High Price**

SCHIEDAM, Holland, March 15 (via London).—Two thousand bales of American cotton which were forwarded by a Philadelphia company and destined for a Bremen firm, are about to be released from the Netherlands overseas trust embargo, under which they have been held here for months, owing to Great Britain's stipulation that none but Dutch industries would be permitted to receive them. Dutch spinners, who are badly in need of raw material, have bought the consignment from the Bremen firm at \$40 a bale in excess of the day's quotation.

### Turks Change Their Plans

PARIS, March 14.—The Turkish government has decided, in view of the danger of the Russian advance, to concentrate all the available forces of the empire against Russia, according to semi-official advices received in Athens from Constantinople, says a Havas correspondent. A majority of the troops in Thrace on the Smyrna coast, on the coast of the Sea of Marmora and in Asia Minor, the correspondent says, will be sent to Angoria. The Egyptian and Mesopotamian expeditions are said to have been completely abandoned.

### Roumania's Attitude Friendly.

LONDON, March 15.—The Daily Chronicle this morning prints the following from its special correspondent:

"Any doubt as to the attitude of the majority of the Roumanian people toward the belligerents who surround them on every side, is daily further dissipated. When the Verdun news appears in the evening papers and the newsboys enter the restaurants, customers make a rush for the papers. The smallest French success is greeted vociferously and with the singing of the 'Marseillaise.' The German, Austrian and Bulgarian legations are guarded by police."

## MISSANABIE ARRIVES IN ENGLAND

Ottawa, March 15.—It is officially announced through the chief press censor's office that the troopship Missanabie and Scandinavian, which sailed from Canada on March 14, have arrived safely in England. The Missanabie had on board the following troops: 10th Field Artillery Brigade, 25 officers, 129 men; 11th Field Artillery Brigade, howitzer, less ammunition column, 22 officers, 568 men; draft for artillery, 3 officers, 151 men; infantry from Halifax, 33 officers and 100 men; medical corps, 5 officers, 80 men; civilian doctors for regular army, 8; chaplains, for C. E. F., 3; naval flight lieutenants, 7; details, 14 officers, 4 men. Total, 120 officers and 1,632 men.

The Scandinavian had on board the following troops: Third divisional train, 26 officers, 456 men; No. 9 Field Ambulance, 9 officers, 180 men; draft for Army Service Corps, 8 officers, 250 men; draft for Army Medical Corps, 2 officers, 81 men; reinforcements for Army Medical Corps, 19 officers, 36 men; reinforcements for Army Medical Corps nurses, 47; details, 8 officers and 7 men. Total, 47 nurses, 82 officers and 1,239 men.

## Latest Returns From Manitoba

(Canadian Press)  
 Winnipeg, March 15.—The latest returns of the prohibition vote show the following figures: Dry, 49,325; wet, 25,848; dry majority, 23,477. The official returns will be published Friday.

## STORMY SESSION OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA HOUSE

**Government Forced Through a Bill Extending The Term Until June 1--Opposition Strenuously Fought the Measure--A Nice Legal Point Has Been Raised.**

Victoria, March 15.—Having discovered that through a technicality it was held by some that the life of the British Columbia Legislature expired yesterday, the government introduced last night a bill to extend the life of the Legislature to June 1st, which was passed after a stormy session.

Premier Bowser declared the opposition suggestion that he should dissolve the Legislature at once would mean his promise to the prohibitionists could not be carried out. He withdrew his offer to the opposition that nothing but non-contentious measures would be introduced at the present session.

May be Null and Void.

The opposition having obstructed until after midnight last night the passage of the bill prolonging the life of the Legislature to June 1st, now claim that inasmuch as the certificate of the election of S. A. Cawley, of Chilliwack, to the House four years ago was dated March 14, the Legislature expired at midnight, and that consequently the bill passed after midnight extending its life, and all subsequent legislation, is null and void.

Victoria, March 14.—A sensation in provincial political circles came this evening on the opening of the Legislature. It was in the form of an announcement from the Premier that in view of a legal doubt as to the exact date when the present Legislature run out by the fluxion of time, which may be tomorrow, that he would place himself in the hands of the opposition.

The question of the exact date depends on the interpretation of what is meant by the "return" writ of the last election. The legislature runs for four years from whatever was the date of that "return" in 1912. The bulk of the writs were undoubtedly "returned" on June 1, which would be the date this year when the legislature ends.

On the other hand, Mr. Cawley, of Chilliwack, had been elected by acclamation. The return in this one case was made on March 15. From this it is possible to raise the question whether or not the present legislature lapses automatically tomorrow.

The Premier said he would agree to prorogue at any time the opposition wished after supply had been voted and the non-contentious measures disposed of.

## No Ill Feeling Against The U. S.

Washington, March 15.—Administration officials still were without information early today that American troops had crossed the border in pursuit of Villa and his band of outlaws. Secretary of War Baker, who remained at his desk at the War Department, until an early hour today, going over official despatches and reports from the border, announced that no word had been received that troops were moving into Mexico.

Reassuring advices from Mexico continue to reach the government. These are that there had been no demonstration of ill-feeling against the United States because of the determination to hunt down the Villa outlaws.

## Mexicans Killed Their Commander

Marfa, Texas, March 15.—The reported death of Col. Rojas Carranza, commander at Ojinaga, at the hands of his own men, who attempted to mutiny last night, was confirmed by telephone advices here today. Rojas was trying to control his men, who were drinking and threatening to invade the United States, when he was shot from the crowd, according to the report.

### STOCKS GO UP.

C. P. R. sold up to 168½ in New York this morning. Other quotations were: Crucible, 33½; Mexican Petroleum, 103½; U. S. Steel, 86½; Scotia, 105½; Power, 227; Iron, 45½; Bridge, 212.

## GERMAN TROOPS BEGIN THIRD BIG DRIVE ON THE FORTRESSES AT VERDUN

**After Repeated Charges the Enemy Succeeded in Penetrating the French Trenches in Two Places---Advanced By a Series of Rushes.**

LONDON, March 15.—The Paris correspondent of the London Chronicle cables the following:

"The third great drive on Verdun has begun. Not at Douaumont, or Vaux, but at Le Mort d'Homme, the Germans have launched their assault. Having failed to pierce the centre, they now seek to crumple up the flank of the great fortress.

"After two days of intense artillery preparation, the infantry was sent forward yesterday. Three times they charged at Bethincourt and on the long slopes of Le Mort d'Homme. Finally, late in the afternoon, they succeeded in penetrating the French trenches in two small places. They were unable to go further. Even their hold here, officers assert, must be loosened at the first French counter attack.

### NEW PLAN OF CAMPAIGN.

"Thus the third phase of the Verdun battle has been opened. Instead of a sustained offensive, such as the French tried in Champagne last September, the German plan seems to be advances by a series of attacks or jumps. The objective is subjected to devastating artillery fire.

"After the defences have been levelled and every foot of ground searched for concealed batteries and machine guns, the infantry is sent forward. The first phase of the battle ended with the failure of the Germans to capture the Douaumont ridge, though they did succeed in taking the fort on its edge.

"The fighting then shifted, and the favorite German tactics of seeking to envelope the flanks of the fortress, followed. But the resistance of the French at the Cote du Poivre and Fresnes, in the Woevre, defeated this object, although partial successes were scored in the capture of Forges, the Bois des Corbeaux and Bois de Cumieres, west of the Meuse.

### PERMANENT FORTS ATTACKED.

"The third German objective, for which artillery fire had begun preparation, is the capture of Le Mort d'Homme, the Cote L'Oie and the Bois Bourrus, west of the Meuse. This latter wood lies directly in front of the forts of the same name, and only yesterday came the first intimation that it had been under fire. Fort Bois Bourrus, together with Fort de Marre, is the first permanent fortification the Germans have yet encountered west of the Meuse. Standing on a plateau overlooking the Meuse valley, they are the main defences of Verdun, against such flanking movements as that now in progress. With their fall, the advance to the citadel across a level plain, difficult of defence, is comparatively easy.

### ATTACK WAS FORESHADOWED.

"The present attack was foreshadowed by the capture of the Corbeaux wood on Friday. The Germans, who also hold Forges, are thus placed on two sides of Le Mort d'Homme, which not only renders their attack more formidable, but enables their batteries to isolate the French defenders of the hill and cut them off from all support. In a similar way, the capture of Bethincourt, which the Germans have been attempting for a week, would isolate the Cote L'Oie and make it untenable.

### TOOK GERMAN OFF SHIP.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Officers of the Spanish steamer Manuel Calvo, which arrived here today from Cadiz, reported that the ship was stopped just outside the Spanish port by the French auxiliary cruiser Almah, and her passengers carefully searched on February 29. Henry Meyer, a German 24 years old, a first class passenger, was taken off the ship. The Almah was formerly a yacht owned by the Rothschild family.

### GERMANY'S PIRACY CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, March 15.—According to an official statement made in Berlin, all rumors regarding the cancellation of the postponement of an intensified submarine campaign against armed merchantmen, as announced in the German memorandum to neutrals last month, are untrue. There has been no postponement, and abandonment of the campaign was never considered. On the contrary, the statement says, it is now in full swing.

### AUSTRIAN MINISTER RECALLED.

LONDON, March 15.—A Reuter despatch from Geneva says that Austria has recalled her minister at Lisbon and has handed passports to the Portuguese minister at Vienna.